



## Calendar of Events



**Sunday, April 2**  
**Palm Sunday**

8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship w/communion  
9:30 am Sunday School

**Monday, April 3**

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Wednesday, April 5**



**Thursday, April 6**  
**Maundy Thursday**

11:00 am Food Pantry  
7:00 pm Worship w/ Communion  
7:30 pm NA



**Friday, April 7**  
**Good Friday**

7:00 pm Worship Service

**Saturday, April 8**



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## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.**

Worship Service with Holy Communion and The Passion According to St. Matthew

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Confession and Forgiveness, Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday, April 7**

**7:00 p.m.** - Worship Service of Christ's Seven Last Words

**The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day, April 9**

**9:30 a.m.** Festival Service of Holy Communion

Festive Music with the Easter Choir and Handbells

**Easter Story and Egg Hunt**

**10:30 a.m.** Children Age 2 through Grade 6

**PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office is closed Easter Monday, April 10.**



April 2, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Chuck Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry & Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Communion Assistant	Fred Harbaugh
Altar Guild	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Gary & Connie Hess
Acolyte	Karrah Bair
Crucifer	Jonathan Hess
Flower Delivery	Cindy Bennett

**Sunday, March 26, 2023 Attendance: 100; Offering: \$4185.26 Capital Campaign: \$80.**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kirsten Gist's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday by her husband and children.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mirian E. Blackburn by her family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving and living memory of Susie Hutchinson by her grandchildren, Audry, Ryan, Leo and Ivy.

**The Palms** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Hassler by his wife, Jane.



**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



**Rehearsal for our Easter Choir** will be Sunday after worship.

**The anthems for this Sunday will be** "Antiphonal Hosana" and "Why Does He Seem to Be So Sad". If you would like to join in the singing, please come to rehearsal at 8:45 in the music room.

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**Food Pantry:** *Items most needed this week* are canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, mixed vegetables); canned fruit (all sizes); peanut butter; pudding cups; egg noodles (for tuna noodle casserole). Please note: NO spaghetti or other shapes of pasta, please - We currently have an overabundance of these.

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**The Sunday School hour has returned** to its previous start time of 9:30 am. This Sunday the children will learn about Jesus entering Jerusalem with Palms and other activities. Hope to see you there.



### Bible Readings

#### **Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27::66*

#### **Monday, April 3 – Monday in Holy Week**

*Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11*

#### **Tuesday, April 4 – Tuesday in Holy Week**

*Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36*

#### **Wednesday, April 5 – Wednesday in Holy Week**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13: 21-32*

#### **Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday**

*Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

#### **Friday, April 7 – Good Friday**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42*

#### **Saturday April 8 – Vigil of Easter**

*Exodus 15:1-2; Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18*

### **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children - **God Made Feelings** - We all have feelings, and we all have our own ways of showing them. The Bible gives us plenty of examples of God's people being angry, sad, excited and lonely--feelings that help them sort out problems or turn to God for help. Talking about feelings early in a child's life helps them understand that feelings are natural and normal.

This book is in the Children's Board Book section of our library.

Adult - **Living the Psalms - Encouragement for the Daily Grind** - We all have those days: when small problems become crises, when doubt begins to overwhelm faith, when exhaustion hits and depression colors the world black. Fact is, the daily grind of life is not going away! Since we cannot escape it, we must find a way to live beyond it. And the book of Psalms holds the answers, offering words of surpassing strength and comfort for those difficult and demanding times. Book found in the Adult Non-fiction section of our library.



**Messiah's annual MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. The program will feature Lucy Henry and her hammered dulcimer. She will also favor us with some vocals. Make sure to include this evening of fun and fellowship in your schedule. This is entertainment for all ages.





**Thank you to all members who made soup for our Annual Soup Sale.** Over 130 quarts of soup were made and a total of \$1300 raised to send kids to Camp Mount Luther.

Gary Hutchinson and the Soup Committee

**PRESCHOOL**



**Registration**

**Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.**

The program is Monday through Friday for 3 hours each morning. There are two classes. The younger class is for 3 and 4 year old children. (The child needs to be 3-years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.) The Pre-K class is for 4 and 5 year old children who expect to begin kindergarten in the Fall of 2024.

**For more information, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the Preschool Coordinator, Linda Miller.** Registration forms are also available in the church office. *Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you.*



**The new 13-week cycle of GriefShare at Redeemer will begin Monday, April 3, 2023, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

We encourage any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one to stop in and let us offer you God's gift of hope. There is no cost involved, but donations are welcome.

Please register at [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org). Call Barb Horn if you have any questions. **(570) 974-3744**

We are located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the main Washington Blvd entrance.

*What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.*

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**Please return your Lenten Banks this Sunday or Easter Sunday** in the box in the Narthex. **Please** have all contributions into the church office no later than **Tues., Apr. 11.**  
**Thanks.**





## *Getting it Right at the End*

A TALK WITH DR. NESBITT AND STAFF

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

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Alexander Nesbitt, MD, Medical Director, Family Hospice, Part of UPMC Home Healthcare of Central Pennsylvania and the hospice team will discuss hospice care options including The Gatehouse inpatient unit in Williamsport. The team will provide guidance on various end of life questions and opportunities that are available to volunteer with the hospice team.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call 570-326-8952.



### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER NEWS

**Sign up for camp before April 15 to get the Early Bird Discount!**

To see all of the camping opportunities available, visit

<https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/>.

Messiah will pay a portion of the cost for members to attend camp.

***Contact our camperson, Kathy Wither, for more information.***

[witherhaven@verizon.net](mailto:witherhaven@verizon.net) or 570-651-2802 talk or text



**The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic** is set for May 8, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. Information and registration form are here:

[https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01 Golf Tournament Flyer-2023.pdf](https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01%20Golf%20Tournament%20Flyer-2023.pdf)

***The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers.*** If you can help, please call 570-922-1587 or email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Register online here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/golf-registration/>

