



## Calendar of Events

### Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Worship w/communion  
10:30 am Easter Story and Egg Hunt

### Easter Monday, April 10

**OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

### Tuesday, April 11

6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm Congregation Council

### Wednesday, April 12

7:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, April 13

1:00 pm Backpacks packing  
7:30 pm NA

### Friday, April 14

### Saturday, April 15



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**“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3**

What better way to say thank you to the Lord for the glorious gift of your children than to bring them to Sunday School. They will learn about Him and how He guides and teaches us through stories, songs and activities.

Bible stories, singing and activities will be age-appropriate. We began with stories about Jesus’s miracles, then after Easter we will focus on Jesus’s teachings through His Parables.

Not only does Jesus want us to *let the children Come to Him*, He wants us to *Bring them to Him*. There is no greater gift you can give children than to share the love of Jesus and His teachings with them!

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be talking about the Parable of the Mustard Seed and what a wonderful example of His teachings this is! Sunday School starts at **9:30**. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School this week. Enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt and we will see you next Sunday!

## Thursday, April 6

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Arch Watkins, Jean Nolan
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Georgette Copp
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Candy Watkins
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marie Welter, April Gardner
<b>Acolyte</b>	Weston Sherman
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave and Rita Strickler

## Friday, April 7

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Larson, Pam Eveleth
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Anita Bair
<b>Acolyte</b>	Owen Sherman

## April 9, 2023

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry & Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Anita Bair
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sandy Ream
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marie Welter, April Gardner
<b>Greeters/Communion Presenters</b>	Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dylan Sherman
<b>Crucifer</b>	Owen Sherman
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Jonathan Hess, Brennen Hess
<b>Cantor</b>	Janet Stroble
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Charles Luppert

**Sunday, April 2, 2023 Attendance: 111; Offering: \$8,402.00 Capital Campaign: \$20.**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Artman by her daughters Emily Bausinger and Connie Hess and Families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Ream Sr. by his wife Sandy, his children Dennis Jr. and Kelley Reed and their families.



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During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a  
Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



## Bible Readings

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

*Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10*

### **Easter Monday, April 10**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11*

### **Tuesday, April 11**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17*

### **Wednesday, April 12**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-7; Matthew 28:1-10*

### **Thursday, April 13**

*Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5*

### **Friday, April 14**

*Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

### **Saturday April 15**

*Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20*

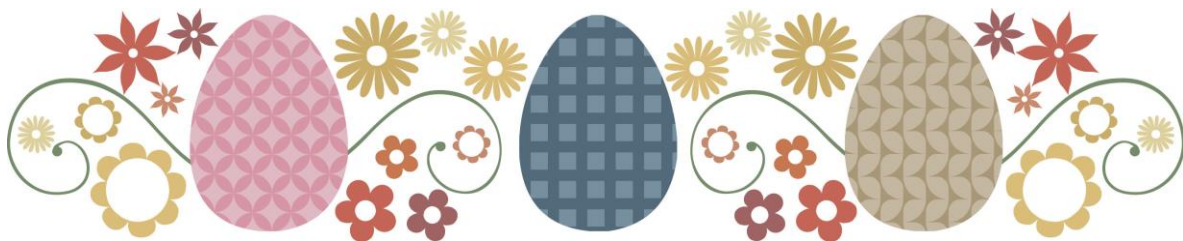
## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children - **God's Easter Promise** - This book walks young readers through Holy Week in new fashion. See how it contrasts our way with God's way. This book is in the Easter Section of our library.

Adult - **The Story of Easter - a 21 Day Devotional** - This book is a whole new way to experiencing the Easter Story and learning how your story intersects with God's story. This book reveals the depths of God's great love for you. Each devotion is only 1-2 pages long, but is very thought provoking. It's found in our Easter section of the library.

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



## 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 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 on the here:

[https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/01\\_Golf\\_Tournament\\_Flyer-2023.pdf](https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/01_Golf_Tournament_Flyer-2023.pdf)

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



### 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







Thank you for all the visits, flowers, cards and prayers that you provided to our Mom throughout the years. The two most important things to her were her family and her church. We talked about Messiah and her memories continually. Trust me when I tell you after her 99 years on this earth, she had wonderful memories of this church and its congregation.

*The family of Mae Hampton.*



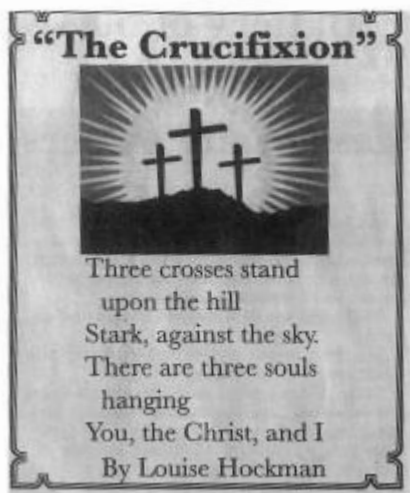
**Messiah's annual MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** will be on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. The program will feature Lucy Henry and her hammered dulcimer. She will also favor us with some vocals. Make sure to include this evening of fun and fellowship in your schedule. This is entertainment for all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



### ***Where have all the Lutheran World Relief School Kits gone?***

Information on where last year's school kits have gone is unavailable as of yet because the kits can sometimes take long as 9 months to ship. However, following is a list of where our donations of school kits have made an impact in the past: March 2017 – El Salvador and Jordan; June 2018 – El Salvador; February 2020 – Honduras; & June 2020 – Georgia

***Thank you to all who have contributed! God's Work. Our Hands.***



*Shared by Louise's daughter Linda Smith*

