



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation

9:30 am Worship w/communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 29

OFFICE CLOSED



**Memorial
★ Day ★**

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service

Thursday, June 1

7:30 pm NA

Friday, June 2

5:00 pm Blessed Beginnings
Graduation

Saturday, June 3



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Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 28th

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism, May 28th
Four young adults are prepared to affirm their
Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on May 28th.

The young adults who have worked diligently to complete their instruction requirements are Karrah Lynne Bair, Brennen Michael Hess, Dylan Floyd Sherman and Owen Michael Sherman.

We pray that God the Holy Spirit will be with these confirmands to gift and nurture them in faith and in life. Confirmation provides these young adults an opportunity for affirmation of the covenant that God made with them in Holy Baptism. As parents, sponsors, and fellow members, we recognize them as adult members of the church and rejoice with them.



May 28, 2023

Service Assistant

USHERS: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner

LAY ASSISTANT: Janet Stroble, **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Sandy Ream

ACOLYTE: Ray Demarest **CRUCIFER:** Jonathan Hess, **TORCHBEARERS:** Jordan Morris, Weston Sherman, **ALTAR GUILD:** Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher

GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTER: Carol Winter, Marilyn Winter

CANTOR: Virginia Amme, **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, May 21, 2023, Attendance: 130; Offering: \$2817.25; Capital Campaign: \$20.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude to the men and women who lost their lives so we could all be free.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of OB O'Brien for his time serving our Country.

Bible Readings

Sunday	May 28	<i>Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23</i>
Monday	May 29	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24</i>
Tuesday	May 30	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27</i>
Wednesday	May 31	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39</i>
Thursday	June 1	<i>Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a</i>
Friday	June 2	<i>Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14</i>
Saturday	June 3	<i>Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17</i>



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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



Food Pantry: *Items most needed this week* are cereal, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, fruit, peanut butter. Granola bars and crackers. Please note: NO spaghetti or other shapes of pasta, please, and NO applesauce - We currently have an overabundance of these.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



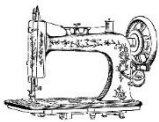
Youth - **Temptations** - Lately all of Caroline's relationships seem confusing. Are she and her boyfriend moving too fast? Why is she so jealous of her best friend? Why do her parents still treat her like a little kid? This book is about people just like you. This book is also about you and God. The devotions at the end of each chapter will help you grow in your relationship with Him, and challenge you to look more closely at your life to see how God is working in it every day. This book is in the Youth Fiction section of our library.

Adult - **The God Catchers - Experiencing the Manifest Presence of God**
Flesh cannot physically catch God--but when the hungry heart of a God chaser cries out for Him alone. those desperate cries capture His heart. At that moment, the Pursued becomes the Pursuer and the God chaser becomes a God catcher. When worship arrests His attention, He changes our future. Humanity has encountered divinity. This is the sequel to the Bestselling book "The God Chaser". Book is found in the Adult Non-fiction section of the library.



I will be going on vacation the first week of June; the office will not be closed while I am away, but the volunteers who will be working for me will not be in charge of doing the Messenger and

Bulletins. If you need anything in the Messenger or Bulletin for the first week in June please have that information to me as soon as possible so that I am sure it will be in on time. Thank you, Pam Eveleth



Time to Start Sewing! Our “School Kits for Lutheran World Relief” project is now officially underway. Pre-cut fabric pieces are available at the church office along with instructions on how to sew the backpacks. Our aim is to have as many backpacks sewn as possible before Bible School in June so that the older kids can put the strings in them that week. To all our cutters and sewers, *thank you!*

For questions or to volunteer, call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193.





Over my years of ministry, I've occasionally been asked for a copy of a sermon. Spurred on by that, I decided to publish a small collection of my sermons. They're contained in a book that

I've just published and entitled "On Journey With Christ: Homilies For Life's Seasons." Over the next couple of Sundays, I'll have copies available in the church narthex for anyone who might be interested in having one. I'm requesting a donation of \$10 per book. That would cover the cost of production and allow me to make a contribution to our seminary in Philadelphia.

Pastor Bruce Amme

Vacation Bible School, STELLAR, Shine Jesus' Light – June 12-16! Registration forms are now available; you can get one off the Bald Eagle entrance bulletin board or in the church office. We are still looking for volunteers, both adults and youth. If you are interested please contact Kathryn Pratt, 570-244-6964 or the church office 570-326-9171.



*Thank you to Mrs. Amme for teaching the catechism class and for all the time and effort put into helping each individual youth grow in their faith journey.
The families of Karrah, Brennen, Owen and Dylan and
the Life Long Faith Formation Committee*

Sunday morning after worship, the Life Long Faith Committee will hold a special coffee hour in Shaheen hall for the confirmation students, their families and the congregation. Please plan on attending this to congratulate our young adults in this next milestone of their faith.



Seeking Names of Graduates: Please call the church office, (570)326-9171, with the name/address of anyone in your family who is graduating from High School and Undergrad or Grad School this spring.





Can't make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

If you are unable to join us live, videos will be made available to be viewed later.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to both the web site and the Facebook page each week so that you can follow along.

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Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page
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CAMP MOUNT LUTHER NEWS

Now is the time to sign up for camp!

To see all of the camping opportunities available, visit <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/>.

Camp Discounts and Incentives:

- Sign up before the early bird deadline of April 15 and receive \$30 off a week of camp.
- OR invite a friend to camp and you **both** get a discount.
- Members of Messiah will also be able to attend camp at a reduced rate with help from the church. ***Contact our camperson, Kathy Wither, for more information.***
witherhaven@verizon.net or 570-651-2802 talk or text

Camp perks: "Camel Bucks" are available to all campers for spending in the camp store. Please contact Kathy or the church office to let us know when you are attending camp so that we can be sure you get yours on time!

HELP WANTED - COUNSELORS MUCH NEEDED!!

Camp Mount Luther is taking applications for both male and female counselors. You must be a high school graduate by the time camp starts. If hired, you will need to obtain the necessary clearances. ***Questions?*** Contact chad@campmountluther.org

Applications can be submitted online at www.campmountluther.org/applications.

