



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 7

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

Monday, May 8

6:00 pm Sit Happens

Tuesday, May 9

6:00 pm Mother's Day Dinner
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 11

1:00 pm Backpacks packing
7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13



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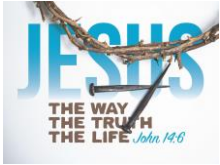
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Daily Devotions – Lutheran Hour Ministries

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Written by Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, *Speaker of the Lutheran Hour Ministries*, May 16, 2017



John 14:6-7 - Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him."

During the building of the Golden Gate Bridge over San Francisco Bay, construction fell badly behind schedule because several workers had accidentally fallen from the scaffolding to their deaths. Engineers and administrators could find no solution to the costly delays. Finally, someone suggested a gigantic net be hung under the bridge to catch any who fell. Finally, in spite of the enormous cost, the engineers opted for the net. After it was installed, progress was hardly interrupted. A worker or two fell into the net but all were saved. Ultimately, the time lost to fear was regained by replacing fear with faith in the net.

When it comes to faith, it doesn't matter how strong your faith is. It doesn't matter how intensely or passionately you believe in something; rather, the power of faith is the object. It's whether that person or thing in which you place your faith is worthy of faith, is capable of delivering on that faith, whether it has the capacity to hold on to you when your grip is about to perilously slip. On that Golden Gate Bridge, many very talented people did the very best to not fall, but fall they did. But when they fell into a net that could hold them -- that could break their fall and even protect them -- it changed how they worked.

They now worked by faith, not fear.

So, let me say it about as clearly as I can say it. When it comes to life and salvation, truth and wisdom, there is no object of faith that can match Jesus Christ. And if you are seeking to know God, His blessing, His protection, His grace -- there is only one way to be certain of that. Ready? Look to Jesus and Him alone.

That's a pretty bold statement, isn't it? But before trying to challenge it, or deny it, or setting that claim aside, please take a good, hard look at Jesus in the Bible. Listen to what He says of Himself today. He says He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one

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else is that for you. Please read the book of John for a clearer picture of Him, it's less than 50 pages long. That's it! You could come to grips with Jesus today. I guarantee you will not find anyone like Him. There may be other religious teachers, philosophers, leaders, gurus, but there is no Savior like Jesus. You can work on that bridge of life yourself, or you can put your faith in the safety net of Jesus, the power of the cross, and the resurrection of Jesus, and then live life now in the fearlessness of knowing Him as Savior. To that end, God bless you.



April 23, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant	Sandy Ream
Communion Assistant	Sherri Holtzman
Altar Guild	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Susan Shoemaker
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jordan Morris
Cantor	Bob Schweppenheiser
Flower Delivery	Jody Fullmer

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Attendance:76; Offering: **\$2262.00**; Capital Campaign: **\$80.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George, Annamary and Susan Hutchinson by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow Families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our sister Carol Riley's 66th birthday on May 10th, by Emily Bausinger and Connie Hess.

Bible Readings

Sunday, May 7	<i>Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14</i>
Monday, May 8	<i>Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40</i>
Tuesday, May 9	<i>Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56</i>
Wednesday, May 10	<i>Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38</i>
Thursday, May 11	<i>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12</i>
Friday, May 12	<i>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38</i>
Saturday, May 13	<i>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29</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.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - Mommy Promises - From tucking them in at night to waving good-bye at the bus stop, from teaching them to tie their shoelaces to teaching them to lace their fingers in prayer, a mother's love for her child is reflected in so many ways. This book celebrates and affirms that love. In words and pictures, the book takes a warm and wonderful look at the special relationship between mother and child and at the one-of-a-kind relationship between our heavenly Father and His chosen children. Found in the Children's section of the library.

Adult - God's Little Devotional Book for Moms - This book offers you a powerful devotional that features tender and heart-warming stories illustrating the principle behind each quote and Scripture combination. It provides not just man's insight, but also the wisdom of God into one of life's most challenging jobs--being a mom. It will give you cause to ponder on motherhood, but it will also make you laugh. Book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditation section.



Attention former choir members, we are trying to get the choir room organized and all the music put away. You may return the anthems or books to the collection boxes that will be placed by the choir room door and one in the Narthex for the next couple of weeks. Thank you!



Looking ahead. The church picnic will be held on Sunday August 13th. Be sure to mark your calendars. We are looking for someone to cook on the grill and volunteers to help. If interested, please call the church office. Hope to see you there.

The annual Memorial Service at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, Muncy, will be held this year on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:30 pm. The Rev. Ben Lander, pastor at St Andrew Lutheran, Muncy, will be preaching at the service. Old Immanuel is recognized as being the “Mother Church of Lutheranism” in Lycoming County, Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn. Everyone is invited to participate in the service, tour the historic church, and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards. Please be advised that there is no electricity or running water available on site. We hope to see you there!



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

This Sunday, May 7th our confirmation students will serve as greeters, ushers, and readers. They have been learning about serving the church as they prepare for confirmation on the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 28.

Attention Sew-ers! This year's Vacation Bible School date has been set for June 12-16. It's now crunch time to get as many backpacks sewn that we can, so the older VBS kids can string them. We know you've been working hard on bags because the pile over in the office is growing. Won't you please consider taking even more material from the office/Narthex to make the pile even higher? Last year the VBS kids had the bags strung in 3 1/2 days. Each day they challenged themselves to string more bags than the previous day; they were disappointed when we ran out. **If you haven't tried** making the bags and would like to give it a shot, call Sally at 570-547-6193, and she will coach you! They are very easy! So... let's put the "pedal (sewing pedal, that is) to the metal" and try to beat last year's total of 219 bags!



Vacation Bible School – June 12-16! We are 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.



Enrollment for Camp Mt. Luther is still open. Families will need to pay the initial registration fee(s) and the church will pay the remaining cost of the camp. ***The Registration fee(s) will be reimbursed following camp attendance.*** If there are financial concerns with the Registration fee(s) please contact the church office.

“A Musical Evening “it was. Candy Watkins and Carol Waltz planned an entertaining even for WELCA last Tuesday. We enjoyed the evening playing trivia, doing sing-alongs and playing name that tune. Well done ladies!



Requested by Ruth Doran, Pam Eveleth took a group photo after the meeting.



*Dear Messiah Family,
I have wonderful news! Because of all your prayers for me this past year, I'm happy to tell you that my surgeon has cancelled my back surgery that was planned for May 16th at Geisinger. Your faith and mine has brought me full circle from having back pain levels way over 10, using a cane and jazzies in the stores, and the difficulty in scheduling two surgeons at the same place within an hour or two of each other, to me no longer needing the cane or jazzies, and a pain level of 2 and that's on a day where I'm trying to do too much. I can't thank you all enough for praying for my improvement. We truly have a great and awesome God!*

God's peace to you all,

Sally Congdon



In addition to wearing red, Messiah will be decorating the chancel with **red geraniums**. **If you would like to sponsor a geranium, please submit the order form to the church office by May 19**. Those who order geraniums may pick them up immediately after the Worship Service on Pentecost, Sunday, May 28th, or on Tuesday, May 30th. Call the church office at (570) 326-9171 if you have any questions.

Scholarship Available to the Pennsylvania State University

The Jane Elizabeth Newlin and Everett Mason Batschelet Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to an incoming first year student who will be enrolled at any campus of the Pennsylvania State University *including the Pennsylvania College of Technology*. To qualify for the Newlin-Batschelet scholarship, an applicant must be a public high school graduate or prospective graduate. The recipient will be nominated by a committee appointed by our Congregation Council. Nominees will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State University in order to verify the nominee's financial eligibility as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Approved candidates will be informed by Penn State and will receive an annual scholarship of \$5,000.00 for a maximum of four years, as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student on a Penn State campus, remain eligible, and funds are available.

Applications for this scholarship may be obtained by calling the church office. **All applications are due in the church office by Monday, May 15th**. **Because references, SAT scores, and transcripts must also be filed, applicants should obtain an application as soon as possible.**

