



Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 18

Happy Father's Day

9:30 am Worship w/communion

Monday, June 19

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 pm Preschool Bingo Committee

Wednesday, June 21

Thursday, June 22

7:30 pm NA

Friday, June 23

Saturday, June 24

11:00 pm Private Birthday Party



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THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Weber Chapel

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA

June 16-17, 2023

“Baptized into Christ: United, Supporting, Serving”

“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:1-3

Assembly highlights:

- Elect a vice president, synod council members, and members for certain committees
- Bible Study both days led by Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, *“Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace (Ephesians 4:3)”* and *“Making Every Effort (Ephesians 4:3)”*.
- Annual business of the synod.
- Workshops both days will focus on leadership and congregation vitality.
- Installation of the 2023 Camp Mount Luther Staff.
- Installation of Conference Deans and Secretaries.
- Recognition of Holy Closures and the new Milton Lutheran Church



Carol Winter, voting member from Messiah will be attending. In your prayers and private devotions pray for the voting members and others gathering for the Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor, and doing God’s work in an ever-changing world.

Messiah thanks Carol for participating in this important aspect of our shared mission as the people of God.

June 18, 2023

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Carl Gee, Jimmy Gardner, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Arch Watkins; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Kim Brofee; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Rhonda Koch; **ACOLYTE:** Brennen Hess; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser; **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Doris Butt; **CANTOR:** Bob Schweppenheiser; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jody Fullmer

Sunday, June 4, 2023, Attendance: 101; Offering: \$7415.50; Capital Campaign: \$10.00

Sunday, June 11, 2023, Attendance: 72; Offering: \$3015.00; Capital Campaign: \$20.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judge and Mrs. H. W. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stearns and Eleanor Stearns Perciballi by their family.

Bible Readings

Sunday	June 18	<i>Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8-23</i>
Monday	June 19	<i>Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5</i>
Tuesday	June 20	<i>Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5</i>
Wednesday	June 21	<i>Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19</i>
Thursday	June 22	<i>Psalm 69:7-18; Jeremiah 18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9</i>
Friday	June 23	<i>Psalm 69:7-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26</i>
Saturday	June 24	<i>Psalm 69:7-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53-12:3</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.



Food Pantry: *Items most needed this week* are cream of mushroom soup, mixed veggies, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, fruit and cereal. Please note: NO spaghetti or other shapes of pasta, please - We currently have an overabundance of these.

Women of the ELCA are having their annual summer picnic at Sandy and Ed Grier's house, 1616 Lafayette Parkway on Tuesday June 27th at 6 p.m. (Rain date is Wed. June 28th; if it rains both days, the picnic will be canceled). Spouses are invited. Everyone is to bring food to share; also 2-3 wrapped gifts for Georgette's card game. Sandy and Ed will provide pork barbeque, beverages, ice cream and place settings. If you need directions, please call Sandy at 570-220-7063. *Hope to see you there!*



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Daddy Promises** - this book is about the special relationship between a father and his child. Most important, it is about the one of a kind relationship between our heavenly Father and His chosen children. This book is found in the Children's Section of our library.

Adult - **Day by Day We Magnify Thee** by Martin Luther - Martin Luther's religious classic is rightly famed as a unique manual for daily meditation life. Drawn from the vast collection of Luther's sermons and other works, these inspiring readings are conveniently serialized in accordance with a central theme for each week of the ecclesiastical calendar. Anyone desiring to know more about Luther, Lutheranism, and religious tradition will find this little volume a treasury of profound truths, simply expressed and still exquisitely relevant. Book found in the Reformation/Lutheran Church History section of our library.



Shepherd of the Streets is in need of the following **adult hygiene items**: combs, shampoo, conditioner, large bars of soap, and deodorant. **Children's and infants' hygiene items needed include**: children's toothbrushes, combs, hair ties, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby soap, and baby powder. Donated items may be placed in the gray bin in the elevator alcove or brought to the church office during normal business hours. ***Thank you for your support of this vital ministry to our community!***



Clothing Donations are being accepted at Messiah for Daniel's Closet. Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need. Clothing and accessories (belts, shoes, ties, gloves, purses, bags, etc.) may be placed in the large blue bin inside the alley entrance at Messiah on Sunday mornings or whenever the church is open for other functions. Please bag all clothing in kitchen size trash bags or smaller so that our volunteers can handle them ... clothing is heavy!

The next closet will be open June 25, 8:30-11 a.m. All are welcome!



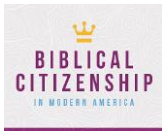


Many thanks to my Messiah family for the cards, calls and prayers my family and I have received since my surgery and hospital stay. I won't be in church for a while, but I will be watching.

Blessings,
Mandy Feinberg



There will be a special Congregational Meeting following the worship service on June 25, 2023. The item on the agenda will be to accept, then sell the real and personal property from the estate of Constance Dewald.



Our summer Bible Study Series, “Biblical Citizenship in Modern America”, will begin Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm and continue through August 30th in Shaheen Hall. Please note the dates of classes, they won't be every Wednesday. *All are welcome!*

Dates for summer Bible Study Series: June 14, 21 and 28.

July 12 and 26

August 9, 16 and 30th.



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.

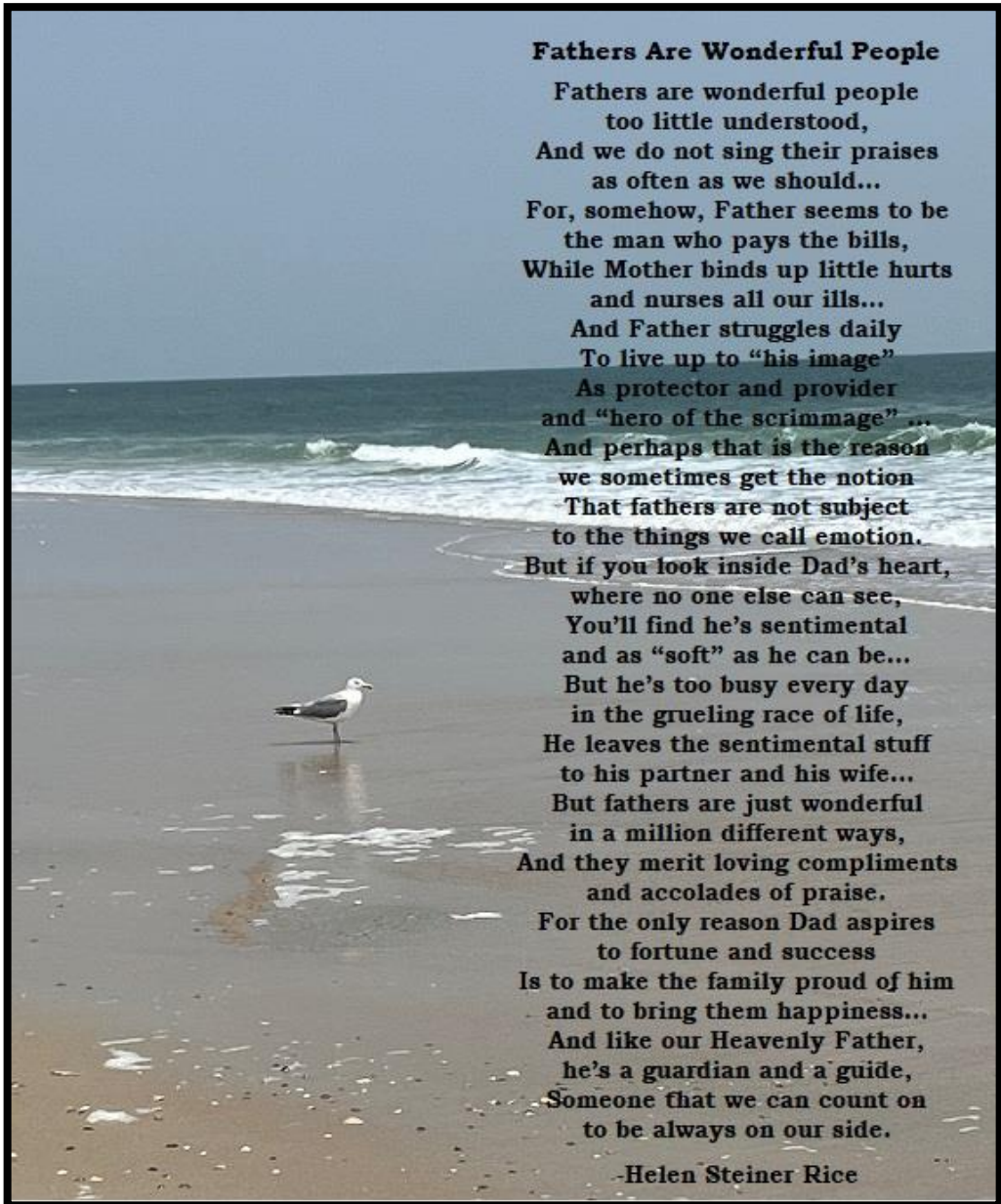
Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page



**Godliness with contentment
is great gain.**

1 Timothy 6:6, ESV

Happy Father's Day



Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
as often as we should...
For, somehow, Father seems to be
the man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
and nurses all our ills...
And Father struggles daily
To live up to "his image"
As protector and provider
and "hero of the scrimmage" ...
And perhaps that is the reason
we sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject
to the things we call emotion.
But if you look inside Dad's heart,
where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental
and as "soft" as he can be...
But he's too busy every day
in the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
to his partner and his wife...
But fathers are just wonderful
in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
and accolades of praise.
For the only reason Dad aspires
to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
and to bring them happiness...
And like our Heavenly Father,
he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
to be always on our side.

-Helen Steiner Rice

Picture taken by Pam Eveleth