



Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 25

9:30 am Worship w/communion

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

7:00 pm WELCA Picnic

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study Series

Thursday, June 29

7:30 pm NA

Friday, June 30

10:15 am Faith Lilley Viewing

11:00 am Lilley Memorial Service

5:00 pm Holtzman-McWilliams
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 1

2:30 pm Holtzman-McWilliams
Wedding



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Shining Jesus' Light

What a great week of VBS we had learning about SHINING JESUS' LIGHT! Each day there was a new Bible Story and Bible Verse: When life feels dark; When people don't get along; When good things happen; When people are sad; When people need help; shine Jesus' light. There were 36 children in attendance, 8 teen helpers and 16+ adults who volunteered. Throughout the week the children donated an unbelievable \$ 325.00 . This money will be used to purchase school supplies to fill backpacks sewn by congregation members for Lutheran World Relief. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who was a part of the week's activities. VBS has a large missional outreach which enables us to minister to many children that are not normally subjected to Jesus' teachings. We are a blessed congregation that year after year, makes this happen! Here are some photos that were taken throughout our week.

Thank you again, Kathryn Pratt



SERVICE ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Carl Gee, Jimmy Gardner, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Arch Watkins; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Anita Bair; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Carol Waltz; **ACOLYTE:** Owen Sherman; **ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Marlin and Brenda Cromley; **CANTOR:** Carol Waltz; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, June 18, 2023, Attendance: 80; Offering: \$; Capital Campaign: \$

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dave and Fae Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Mansel, Mrs. Kathy Thomas and Mr. William Thomas by Robert G. Thomas and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William and Charlotte Winter on the anniversary of their wedding in the Little Chapel of the Good Shepherd on June 29, 1944. Given by their daughters, Carol and Marilyn Winter.



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There will be a special Congregational Meeting following the worship service this Sunday, 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.



African Dresses & Britches It's time to make Dresses and Britches again. Look for pillow cases, no white, please. Also we need colored tee shirts. Then the fun begins. If this interests you, call Doris Butt, 570-326-0483.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Update: The children who attended Bible School last week "shared their light with others" through offerings of cash donations and through service. Over \$325 was collected toward our efforts to fill School Kits for Lutheran World Relief, while our Grades 4/5/6 class worked diligently to put the drawstrings in the backpacks. A total of 318 backpacks were strung during the week! Thanks be to God!

Watch for more information to come as we kick off our summer collection of school supplies beginning with a temple talk this coming Sunday, June 25



Bible Readings

Sunday, June 25 *Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39*

Monday, June 26 *Psalms 6; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 2:1-7*

Tuesday, June 27 *Psalms 6; Jeremiah 26:1-12; Revelation 2:8-11*

Wednesday, June 28 *Psalms 6; Jeremiah 38:1-13; Matthew 10:5-23*

Thursday, June 29 *Psalms 89:1-4,15-18; Jeremiah 25:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6*

Friday, June 30 *Psalms 89:1-4,15-18; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Galatians 5:7-12*

Saturday, July 1 *Psalms 89:1-4,15-18; Jeremiah 28:1-4; Luke 17:1-4*

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **I Will Not Be Afraid** - Storms. Strangers. The dark. Childhood fears are common but they don't have to be a problem. This picture book helps 4-7 year olds face their fears with the confidence that God promises to be with them, protect them, and be gracious to them. Book is in the Children's section of the library.

Adult - **DEADLOCK** - Special Forces veteran-turned-billionaire Brendan Page has some dirty not-so-little secrets. He's built an empire on supplying futuristic weapons and highly trained soldiers to the world's most powerful armies. But he's saved his most destructive weapons for himself. John Hutchinson, a Denver newspaper columnist and avid bow-hunter, has figured out the truth about Brendan and is determined to bring him down. But he's up against a warmonger linked to assassinations, kidnappings, and terrorist activities. Hutchinson quickly uncovers a plan that seems unfathomable in its recklessness and loss of life. Yet he's just one man up against impossible odds--with no Plan B. Thankfully, it's just the kind of environment Hutchinson thrives best in... if he can survive the next three days. This book will grab you from the riveting first page to its white-knuckle climax. Book is in the Adult Fiction section of our library.

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Many kids right here in our community who rely on school meals struggle to get enough to eat during the summer months. Many churches and organizations have programs that help with summer meals. Find a program near you that provides free summer meals by either going to the government website

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids> or by texting the word 'FOOD' to the No Kid Hungry organization's number 877-877.

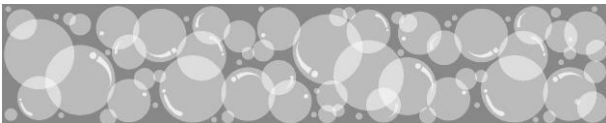




Group Shots from VBS



ages 4 – grade 6





We are sew, sew, sew thankful for you! Thanks to all those who helped to measure and cut fabric and to those who sewed the backpacks, we were able to keep our older Bible School class busy all week inserting the drawstrings. A **whopping total of 353 bags were sewn** and the class was able to finish all but 35 of them during the week. To say we are blown away is an understatement.

Thanks so much to you all! ~ Sally and Kathy

Thank you everyone for the cards, flowers and prayers while I was in the hospital and at home recovering. I hope to get back to church very soon.

Betty Fenstermacher



Wedding Banns: Lexi Holtzman and Nicholas McWilliams have announced their intention to be married on July 1, 2023. Your prayers are encouraged.

Our summer Bible Study Series, “Biblical Citizenship in Modern America”, continues this Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm.

Camp Mount Luther News: The summer camping season is underway, having begun on June 11 and continuing through the first week of August. Please keep the camp staff, volunteers, and those attending camp in your prayers throughout the summer! We will publish the names of Messiah members who are attending camp each week so that you may especially remember them in your prayers.



Go, my children, off to camp with Christ by your side.

May He go before you, let His light be your guide.

May He go behind to guard you,

Stand beside you to befriend you.

May you know His peace, and in His love e'er abide.

