

July



Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Worship w/communion

10:30 am "Run, Hide, Fight"

Presentation

Monday, July 17

6:30 pm Executive Committee

6:30 pm Preschool Bingo Committee

Tuesday, July 18

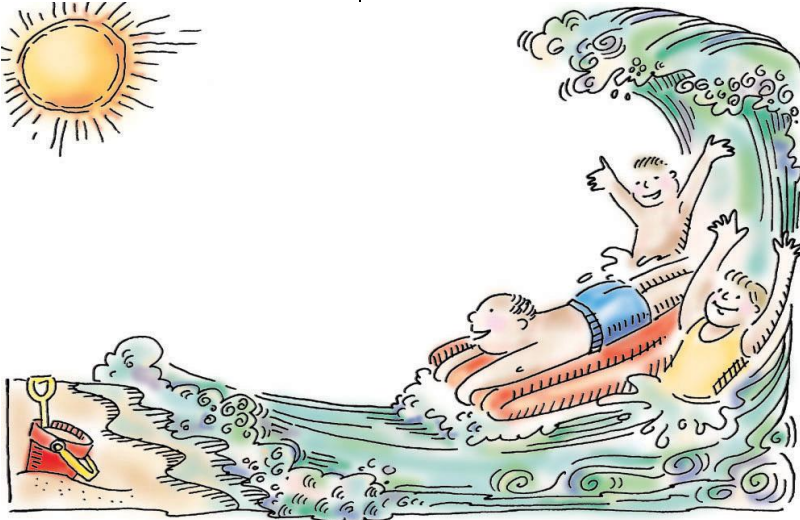
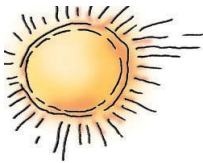
Wednesday, July 19

Thursday, July 20

7:30 pm NA

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22



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“RUN, HIDE, FIGHT”

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

**"Run, Hide, Fight" presentation.
Sunday, July 16, 2023**

Please join us immediately following worship this Sunday in the Nave, for a presentation by Pennsylvania State Trooper Lauren Leshner. She will be presenting a program on procedures to follow in the event someone would enter our church during a service and would want to cause harm to us all. While her program is designed specifically for churches, it is also pertinent to everywhere we go in our daily lives.

It behooves all of us to be prepared for the unthinkable and know what we are going to do, prior to it happening.



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SERVICE ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Fred Harbaugh, Pam Eveleth, Ann Marie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker and Sue Christ; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Georgette Copp; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Debbie Day; **ACOLYTE:** Jonathan Hess; **ALTAR GUILD:** Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower; **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Michael and April Gardner; **CANTOR:** Virginia Amme; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Arch Watkins

Sunday, July 2, 2023, Attendance: 72; Offering: \$8,211.10; Capital Campaign: \$30.00
Sunday, July 9, 2023, Attendance: 70; Offering: \$3,628.10; Capital Campaign: \$10.00
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Fullmer and Hali by their family.

Bible Readings

Sunday	July 16	<i>Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>
Monday	July 17	<i>Psalms 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8</i>
Tuesday	July 18	<i>Psalms 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2</i>
Wednesday	July 19	<i>Psalms 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17</i>
Thursday	July 20	<i>Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9</i>
Friday	July 21	<i>Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20</i>
Saturday	July 22	<i>Psalms 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20</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.

Summer Bible Study classes this month are Wednesday, July 12th and Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm.

Looking for someone to lead the card committee. Please contact Pam at the church office for more information 570-326-9171.



Food Pantry Needs: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Cans of Soup (all varieties), Mushroom Soup, Pudding Cups, Boxed Potatoes (Scalloped etc.), Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Pancake Mix, and Pancake Syrup.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **A Friend from Galilee** - Through these rhyming, read-together verses, children are invited to seek a deeper friendship with Jesus, reminding children that Jesus asks us to seek, and he promises that we will find. This colorful book builds an intimate, approachable portrait of Jesus, who longs for our friendship as we long for his. Book is in the Children's section of the library.

Adult - **A HIGHER JUSTICE** - Award winning novelist James Scott Bell offers up another captivating legal thriller as Kit Shannon takes on two parallel cases, both pivotal in the burgeoning City of Angels of a century ago. The first involves a woman tragically bereaved of her young son; the second has the feisty and determined lawyer defending a down and outer accused of attempted murder. As the two cases move forward, Kit soon finds herself up against a powerful coalition of railroad men and politicians--all of whom seem to have something to hide, a scheme Kit sets out to bring to light. As she continues her pursuit of justice, certain people of great influence will stop at nothing to keep her from discovering the truth. Book is in the Adult Fiction section of our library.

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Report from the Council Treasurer, Craig Kropp January – June 2023 Summary

Fund Name	2023 Budget 1 st & 2 nd Quarter	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Overage or Shortfall
General Fund	\$91,000.00	\$109,525.99	\$ 99,473.41	\$10,052.58
Rebuilding Fund	\$22,500.00	\$ 18,792.77	\$ 13,924.12	\$ 4,868.65
Children's Ministry	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,339.34	\$ 1,783.62	\$ 2,555.72
Preschool 7/1/2022- 6/2/2023	\$37,260.00	\$ 49,887.62	\$ 40,082.17	\$ 9,805.45





Thank you to the members and friends of Messiah Church for your generous gifts and kind wishes on the event of our 50th wedding anniversary.

Pastor and Ginny Amme



CALL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, July 9th, we had our first Call Committee Meeting. The members of the Committee are Kathryn Pratt - Committee Chairperson, Cindy Bennett - Committee Secretary, Carl Gee - Committee Chaplain, Marlin Cromley, Jimmy Gardner and Kirstin Gist. We met with Pastor Stina Schaeffer from the Synod who will help guide us through the Call Process. We feel humbled to have been given this responsibility and are eager to work together to do the best we can for our members. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward. Thank you, Kathryn



Attending Camp Mount Luther, the week of July 16: *Brennen Hess and Alyx Taylor* Please keep Brennen and Alyx in your prayers this week, as well as camp staff and all those attending camp! Follow the summer adventures on the camp's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mountluther>.

Messiah Messenger Newsletter notes



Did you know that the Messiah Messenger is available in different formats? The Messenger is available on Messiah's webpage: www.Messiahsouth.org or the Messenger is delivered by email every week to your inbox. Finally, we also publish **large print** issues. If you are interested in receiving your Messenger by email or if you would like to receive a **large print** issue please contact the office. *Thank you.*



Please contact the church office if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff LeCrone is available for visits or phone calls (*see contact information inside cover.*) The office will also contact our prayer chain leaders so that your fellow church members may pray to help you be restored to wellness. *Prayer is a powerful healer!*

Church Picnic: Sunday, August 13. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come. All are welcome, whether or not you have signed up, but this gives us an idea how many supplies are needed. More details to come.

The Eucharistic Ministers are being sent this Sunday, July 16.





Dresses and Britches are being made. If you like to sew, please join us! Once you do, you will see how fun they are to make! Shirts, pillowcases and trim are available in the Narthex. **For more information, call AnnMarie Hohman at (570)244-1226 (please leave a message) or the church office (570)326-9171. Thank you.**



SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS for Lutheran World Relief

Throughout the summer, we will continue to collect school supplies to fill school kits to be sent to children in need around the world. **These supplies often mean the difference between getting an education or not.**

The sales are on! Pro shopping tip for the week: When looking for better prices on items depending on package size, ***sometimes*** the multi-packs containing a smaller quantity of an item are actually a better deal than packages containing a larger quantity. ***Do the math!*** 😊

Items we are collecting are as follows:

- ✓ 70-sheet notebooks (wide-ruled or college-ruled, approx. 8" x 10 ½") – 4 per backpack
- ✓ **UNSHARPENED** #2 pencils - 5 per backpack)
- ✓ black or blue ball point pens (STICK pens – NO gel ink) – 5 per backpack
- ✓ safety scissors ✓ 2 ½" eraser ✓ box of **24** crayons

Whether you choose to buy multiples of one item or to buy all the items needed to fill a pack is up to you ... all donations are so appreciated.

Don't like to shop? Monetary donations are also welcome! Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line and place in the offering plate or in the smaller schoolhouse at the back of the church.

Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex from now through August 20.

Questions? Call Sally at (570) 547-6193 or call/text Kathy at (570) 651-2802

Thank you for your support!

