



Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 23

9:30 am Worship w/communion

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study Series

Thursday, July 27

7:30 pm NA

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29



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Church Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2023

11:30 A.M

South Williamsport Area Community Park
At the Lions Pavilion

Dress casually – bring a lawn chair!

Picnic Lunch will be Served at 11:45 A.M.

Hot dogs, Barbeque, Drinks, and Table Service Provided

Bring your favorite covered dish/dessert to share!

Games and Activities continue thru 2:00 P.M.

✧ Cards ✧ BINGO! *(Please bring a White Elephant Gift)*

Please use the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex with how many will be attending and what dish you will be bringing. Thank you!

In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Shaheen Hall.



July 16, 2023

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Fred Harbaugh, Pam Eveleth, Ann Marie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker and Sue Christ; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Dave Bausinger; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Pam Eveleth; **ACOLYTE:** Weston Sherman; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser; **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Fred and Meg Harbaugh; **CANTOR:** Candy Watkins; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Marilyn Winter

Sunday, July 16, 2023, Attendance:77; Offering: \$3723.10; Capital Campaign: \$10.00
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William F. Gilbert Sr. by his wife Suzanne and family.

The Sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Dennis Ream on the first anniversary of his passing on July 28th, 2022 by his wife Sandy and family.

Bible Readings

Sunday July 23 *Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24- 30, 36-43*

Monday July 24 *Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20*

Tuesday July 25 *Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1*

Wednesday July 26 *Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21*

Thursday July 27 *Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20*

Friday July 28 *Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53*

Saturday July 29 *Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42*



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 class continues on Wednesday, July 12th and Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm.



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.



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 Ann Marie Hohman at (570)244-1226 (please leave a message) or the church office (570)326-9171. Thank you.**



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



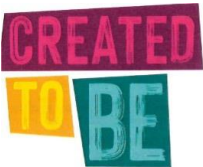
Children/Family - **The Berenstain Bears Go to Sunday School** - Sundays find the Bear family busily enjoying all sorts of activities, but church isn't one of them. This book helps children discover the value of going to church and Sunday School as a family. Book found in our Children's section of the library.

Adult - **Everyday Blessings** by Max Lucado - This is a small hardbound book; however, it has a big impact. This is a daily devotional with corresponding scripture for each day. It's a wonderful way to begin each day. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.

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Annual Hymn Sing will be led by Mr. Gary Womelsdorf, Authorized Lay Evangelist associated with Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown, at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy, on Sunday, September 24, 2023. The service, starting at 2:30 pm, will be centered around the topic "Faith and Commitment." Mrs. Joy Barto will accompany the service on the church's antique pump organ. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "Like" us on Facebook!!!



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July 26-20, 2024: ELCA Youth Gathering "Created to Be"

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 16-20, 2024. Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged, and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world. The 2024 Gathering theme is "Created to Be" which is centered around Psalm 139 with emphasis on verse 14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well". Questions? Comments? Laments? Celebrations? Contact the Upper Susquehanna Synod Gathering Synod Champion, Charlene Rineer (ckrorange@yahoo.com or 717-880-2872), who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with 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.**

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!




Camp Mount Luther Update: We are pleased to learn that *Dylan Sherman* is also attending camp the week of July 16-21. Please keep all of the campers in your prayers as well as camp staff throughout the summer. Camp continues through August 8. Follow the summer adventures on the camp's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mountluther>.



Because so many were interested in Donna Britton's art work at the Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffles, she has brought these prints in the office to make available for anyone to purchase. For more information, call the church office.



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Synod Office Communications Due to the synod office move that is happening this month, the synod office email is currently down. As new internet and phone service is hooked up at the Milton location, communication with the synod office will be slower. The staff will not have access to email and phone during the transition. Please be patient in the coming weeks. We hope the move will be completed by August 1st.
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Women of the ELCA  **The 35th Convention of the Women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod**, will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Camp Mount Luther. It is a great time to get acquainted and reacquainted with women throughout our synod, make decisions concerning our organization, share in worship and Bible study, and have some fun. We hope you will plan to attend and bring a friend or two. Cost for the entire day is only \$45.00 per person. Get registration information here: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/March 2023-Share.pdf>

