



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, August 20**

9:30 am Worship w/communion

### **Monday, August 21**

6:30 pm Executive Committee

### **Tuesday, August 22**

### **Wednesday, August 23**

10:00 am Missional Outreach  
Committee

### **Thursday, August 24**

7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, August 25**

### **Saturday, August 26**



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On Sunday, August 13, we had our annual picnic. A great time was had by all. We had great weather, food, fellowship and a game of Bingo with winners all around. Here are some photos that were taken that I would like to share.



August 20, 2023

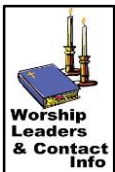
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| Service Assistants            | 9:30   |
| Ushers                        | Chuck Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon |
| Lay Assistant                 | Sandy Ream   |
| Communion Assistant           | Rhonda Koch  |
| Acolyte                       | Alyx Taylor  |
| Alter Guild                   | Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower   |
| Greeters/Communion Presenters | Mary Schultz, Pam Eveleth  |
| Cantor                        | Carol Waltz  |
| Flower Delivery               | Susan Bryan  |

Sunday, August 13, 2023, Attendance: 65; Offering: \$4521.10; Capital Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones gone too soon.

### Bible Readings

Sunday August 20 *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28*  
Monday August 21 *Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21*  
Tuesday August 22 *Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29*  
Wednesday August 23 *Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13*  
Thursday August 24 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11*  
Friday August 25 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18*  
Saturday August 26 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>,** will be Janet Stroble, ALWL. Next Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Ron Montgomery.  
**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.

**There will be no Summer Bible Study class next Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



Food Pantry is in need of **cereal**, canned fruit, **spaghetti sauce**, **peanut butter**, **jelly**, mixed vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, scallop potatoes, tuna fish and canned chicken.

*Reminder: Articles for the Messenger are due in the office by Monday at Noon.*



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **This is the Ark that Noah Built** - This book presents a traditional faith story in a fun, effective way. Readers will delight in vibrant illustrations as well. Book is in the Children's section of the library.

Adult - **Stranded** - Darcy St. James returns to Alaska to join a journalist friend undercover on the trail of a big story. But when Darcy arrives, she finds her friend has disappeared. Troubled by the cruise ship's vague explanation, Darcy uses her cover as a travel reporter to investigate further. The last person Gage McKenna expects to see during his summer aboard a cruise ship leading adventure excursions is Darcy. And in typical Daray fashion, she's digging up more trouble. He'd love to just forget her--but something won't let him. And he can't help but worry about her as they are heading into more remote regions of Alaska and eventually into foreign waters. Something sinister is going on, and the deeper they push, the more Gage fears they've only discovered the tip of the iceberg. Book on Adult Fiction Shelves



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**The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii** have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors and how

Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. By standing with Maui's wildfire survivors, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

### Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**

**P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or [online](#).







Please note that the office is updating our various spreadsheets and databases to bring them as current as possible. In the next several months, if you don't receive a Messenger, or envelopes or any other church correspondence you usually get, please call the church office. If members have any updates to your address, telephone number or email, also, please call the church office. Thanks!

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### **Goodness Gracious, Awesome God ...**

**Y'all have done a fantastic job "sharing your light with others" ...**

**YES! We are so close to our goal!**

We have enough to fill at least 210 school kits. *Thank you all so very, very much for your heartfelt response to support this effort.*

If you have already purchased items, or had intended to and still wish to do so, the collection will continue and we will keep adding to the total. Please try to have all of your donations in by this coming Sunday, **August 20**, so that we can shop for any extra items needed to complete the kits. By Little League weekend, the shelves will be almost bare and the stores will be crowded with last minute shoppers.

*Most needed items are notebooks and cash to shop for missing items.*

*Again ... Thank you so much for your support! ~ Sally and Kathy*

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**Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 5:00p.m.**

**Pack-a-Sack ~ Grades 3 thru Adult**

Pizza Supper followed by a work session to fill the LWR Backpacks with school supplies



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**Clothing for Daniel's Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.** As you clean out your drawers and closets to make room for new clothes, please consider donating gently used clothing to enrich the lives others. Clothing may be placed in the blue bin in the alcove near the Chapel (*inside the church*) whenever the church or the office is open.

*Please avoid over-stuffing bags so that our volunteers are able to handle them.*

Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church (Washington Blvd, Williamsport) which offers a free clothing giveaway on the fourth Sunday of each month. *All are invited to "shop" the closet*, regardless of need. Please take only what you can use. This month's Closet will be held on **Saturday, August 26, 8:30-11:00 a.m.**



**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.**

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## *Strengthening Families Program 10-14*



**Is your family prepared for the journey through the adolescent years?**

**Let's face it: It's Hard for Everyone! There is, however, actual evidence that this program really helps families of all kinds!**

### **WHAT? FREE 7 week program**

**The Strengthening Families Program focuses on strengthening parenting skills, building family strengths and preventing teen substance use and other behavior problems.**

### **WHO? 10 to 14 year-olds & Caregivers**

### **WHEN & WHERE?**

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**Tuesdays 5:30-8:00 PM**

**Beginning September 12th 2023**

**Pine Street United Methodist Church**

**441 Pine Street Williamsport**

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**To register, call Lydia at 570-337-4269 or email:**  
**[lpankenhorn@wbdaac.org](mailto:lpankenhorn@wbdaac.org)**

**Registration Deadline: September 1st**

- Childcare provided for younger siblings
- Hearty family meals provided by local caterer
- \$150 gift card for attending minimum of 6 weeks

### **Comments from local families who participated in the program:**

"The Strengthening Families Program helps with strategies and ways to handle difficult situations."

"I enjoyed the ease of the environment; everyone was very helpful and friendly."

"I enjoyed spending time with my son and getting to know him better."

"The Strengthening Families program is a lot of fun, and you can learn a lot."

"The Strengthening Families Program is helpful for making families stronger than they were before."