



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 6**

9:30 am Worship w/communion

**Monday, August 7**

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

**Tuesday, August 8**

**Wednesday, August 9**

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study

**Thursday, August 10**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, August 11**

**Saturday, August 12**



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**“God’s work. Our hands.”**

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

On **Sunday, Sept. 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. *“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday* began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Our Participation in *“God’s work. Our hands.”* is done through our missional outreach projects, including:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ❖ LWR School Supply Kits          | ❖ Blanket Sunday          |
| ❖ Dresses and Britches for Africa | ❖ Messiah’s Food Pantry   |
| ❖ White Gifts for Christmas       | ❖ Shepherd of the Streets |
| ❖ Christmas Food Baskets          | ❖ Kids in Mission         |
| ❖ Mounties Backpack Program       | ❖ Soup Sale fundraisers   |

*“God’s work. Our hands.”* is an extension of **the work you do every day** to make your community a better place – both locally and globally!

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~ *Colossians 3:17*

***Thanks be to God!***

August 6, 2023

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Anita Bair
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Candy Watkins
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dylan Sherman
<b>Alter Guild</b>	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher
<b>Greeters/Communion Presenters</b>	Yvonne Kaiser, Kathy Stiber
<b>Cantor</b>	Bob Schweppenheiser
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Paul Weaver

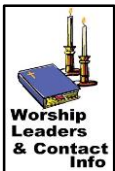
**Sunday, July 30, 2023, Attendance:88; Offering: \$2,658.00; Capital Campaign: \$70.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my daughter, Susan, on her birthday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, by Sylvia McCarty.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Fila on the anniversary of her birthday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, by her husband Carl and their families.

### **Bible Readings**

**Sunday August 6** *Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21*  
**Monday August 7** *Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Romans 1:8-15*  
**Tuesday August 8** *Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Acts 2:37-47*  
**Wednesday August 9** *Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35; Matthew 15:32-39*  
**Thursday August 10** *Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:1-16; Acts 17:10-15*  
**Friday August 11** *Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28*  
**Saturday August 12** *Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 16:1-4*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, will be Ray Huff, ALWL.**

**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.

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**Summer Bible Study class schedule for August;** August 9<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. *All are welcome!*

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**The Shelves are looking bare,** these items are needed: boxes of cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, noodles (not spaghetti), soup (not cream of mushroom), canned potatoes, canned tomatoes.



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - Youth - **A Horse of a Different Color** - Although business is looking up at Horsefeathers Stable, Scoop has made improvements that will raise property values--and taxes. Will she have enough money to cover the new costs? As she worries about the future of Horsefeathers, she has an unexpected encounter with Benson, owner of a skittish Appaloosa named Diablo. If she can help Diablo, he won't have to go to auction. Can she help the horse and save it from the auction block? And what about her friend Maggie? She has been making pretty bad decisions lately. Can Scoop help her too? Or is it too late for both Diablo and Maggie? Book is in the Youth Fiction section of our library.

Adult - **Thanking God for Your Servant Heart** - Service. It can be exhausting and challenging, but through Christ, the One who serves us, we can also take joy in serving! These 25 insightful and thought-provoking devotions remind the reader of that joy. Centered in Christ and anchored in dozens of favorite Bible passages, this small book is a great read. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.

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**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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The Synod Office has moved to the new location at 100 Mahoning Street, Milton. Staff are getting unpacked and settled, but please do not go to the Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, location to see a synod staffer. The sale of that building will happen at the end of this month. Internet and phone service are not yet up and running either so please be patient with synod communications.

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





Thank you for all the prayers, cards and flowers. It has been a slow process for my recovery, but doing better.

Holly and George McKay.



**Church Picnic is August 13**, S. Williamsport Park, The Lions Pavilion at 11:30 am. 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, yard games and 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. *In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Shaheen Hall.* Thank you!



### Camp Mount Luther Dandelion Run Coming Soon!

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5- and 10- kilometer trail run race at the camp on **Saturday, September 2, 2023**. This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run.

**Registration is \$35.** Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. ***There will also be a Kids Fun Run!*** The age groups are 6 and under and 7-10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. ***Again, this year there will be a one-mile fun walk!*** Same registration fees and amenities apply. Walk will be on a dirt road. Timing will be electronically done. To register, visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

***You must be registered by midnight, August 14 to receive a hoodie!*** There will be an awards ceremony following the races.



Y O U N G  
A D U L T  
F E L L O  
W S H I P

A reminder that Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. On September 27, 2023, we will meet at 8:15 pm for check-ins and bible study. If you consider yourself a young adult, you can join us! Questions or you want the link? Email [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org).







## ***Watch the ads for Back-to School Sales!***

The Missional Outreach Committee is collecting supplies for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief to make it possible for children around the world to attend school. Our goal is to fill 250 backpacks.

***Be on the Lookout this Summer for the following items:***

- 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks – wide or college ruled (**no loose-leaf paper**)
- 30-centimeter ruler with cm printed on one side, inches on the other
- Safety scissors
- Unsharpened #2 yellow pencils – with erasers
- Blue or black stick pens, (**not “click” pens, and no gel ink**)
- 16 or 24-count box of crayons
- 2 ½” eraser

Please place donated items in the little schoolhouse in the narthex by Sunday, August 28. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, (memo LWR School Kits).

**Also needed: volunteers to sew more backpacks.** Material (already cut to size) and instructions are available at the church office.

**Questions? Contact Sally Congdon (570) 547-6193 or Kathy Wither (570) 651-2802**

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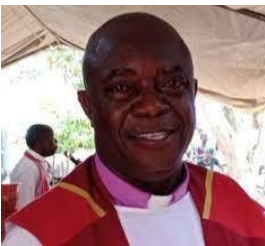


***Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 5:00p.m.***

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

*Please plan to join us to pack the items we are collecting into the backpacks. There is no upper age limit. Adults are needed to help guide the children and assure that the correct items are placed in each bag. There's a job for everyone, regardless of ability.*

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All are welcome to come and hear **The Rev. Bishop Victor Padmore** of the Lutheran Church of Liberia. He will be at Zion Lutheran Church (corner of Fifth and Market St. Sunbury) on Saturday, August 12. We will begin with a brief worship at 10:00 a.m. outside in the garden (in the air-conditioned chapel if it rains). Please bring a lawn chair. Following worship there will be Q and A and informal conversation about the current mission and ministry of the LCL. At noon a picnic lunch will be served in the

fellowship hall of Zion. We, the Global Team of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, hope you can join us. RSVP by August 7 to [annzimmerman@hotmail.com](mailto:annzimmerman@hotmail.com). It will help us in planning the picnic, however, reservations are not required.

