



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 27**

9:30 am Worship w/Communion

**Monday, August 28**

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"I have a Dream"  
Speech 1963

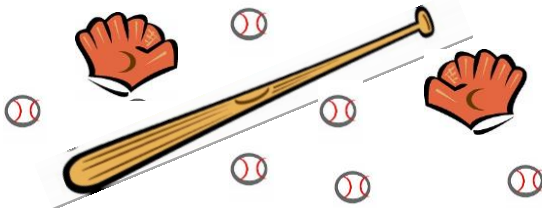


**Tuesday, August 29**

6:30 pm Call Committee

**Wednesday, August 30**

10:00 am Preschool Committee  
7:00 pm Summer Bible Study



**Thursday, August 31**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, September 1**

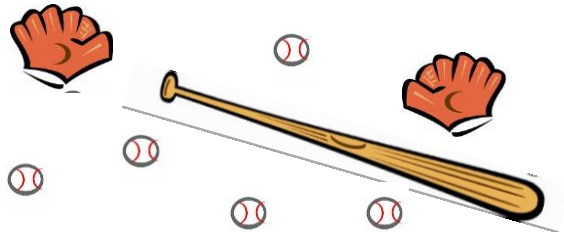
**OFFICE CLOSED**



The first ATM is installed in  
Rockville Centre, New York  
in 1969.

**Saturday, September 2**

11:00 am Young Baby Shower



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### **Yes, it is that time of year again!**

As I sit here pondering what to write for this week's cover page, I realized August is almost over and I need to start focusing on our Annual Reports. Yes, I am aware that the annual meeting does not happen until sometime in November or December, but there is a lot of work to do to get it ready.

Once the meeting is scheduled, I have a timeline of things that need to be done:

- Committee Chairs receive budget information to make requests for the 2024 budget.
- All budget requests will then be submitted to the Finance Committee.
- All staff members and committee chairs must submit their Annual reports to the office by the deadline date.
- Finance Committee meets in October to create budget, so that council can approve the budget at their November council meeting.
- Time and Talent Surveys will be sent out and then sorted through as they come in.
- Once the Annual Reports are in the office, the office creates an Annual Report booklet for the congregation to be mailed out.
- I, along with a group of volunteers, sort, address and mail out the Annual Reports for the congregation. (this must be done at least 10 days notice)

It doesn't stop at the Annual Meeting; each year the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) asks congregations to provide information about their people and activities. Once we receive the packets from the Synod we have to compile everything from the reports to the Synod. So all data from the Time and Talent surveys and the Annual Meeting the ELCA needs.

This is why it is very important for you to fill out and send back your Time and Talent forms. During the next few weeks I will include in the Messenger information about our committees to help you understand the importance of each committee, so when the time comes for you to volunteer your "Time and Talents" sheet you will have a better idea of what may be a perfect fit for you.

*"Each one Should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

**August 27, 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>	Carol Waltz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pam Eveleth
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brennen Hess
<b>Alter Guild</b>	Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
<b>Greeters/Communion Presenters</b>	Dan and Kathy Rasdorf
<b>Cantor</b>	Bob Schweppenheiser
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Arch Watkins

**Sunday, August 20, 2023, Attendance: 75; Offering: \$2291.10; Capital Campaign: \$10.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Gary and Connie Hess on their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, with love from their family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given the Glory of God and in loving memory of McClellan and Esther Denius by their family.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of Nita and Eugene Hamm.

### **Bible Readings**

**Sunday August 27** *Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20*  
**Monday August 28** *Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; 1 Samuel 7:3-13; Romans 2: 1-11*  
**Tuesday August 29** *Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39; Romans 11:33-36*  
**Wednesday August 30** *Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Isaiah 28:14-22; Matthew 26:6-13*  
**Thursday August 31** *Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 14:13-18; Ephesians 5:1-6*  
**Friday September 1** *Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12*  
**Saturday September 2** *Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:10-14; Matthew 8:14-17*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>,** will be Pastor Ron Montgomery. Next Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</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.

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

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



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



**Where is our library?** It's above our Shaheen Hall in the Education Wing. As you go in the alley door, instead of going downstairs, go one floor up and the door to our library is at the top of that one flight of stairs. (there is also an elevator that stops on that floor as well). Name of the room where the library sits is Jenson Lounge.

**Using our library is easy.** 1)select a book or video, 2) take the card out of the sleeve on the last page of the book or on the back of the video, 3) write your name on the card and place it in the small plastic box on the table in the library, 4) pick up a card with the due date in the lid of the small plastic box and place it in the sleeve of the book/video, 5) enjoy the book/video, 6) return the book/video by the due date, placing it in the large plastic box on the table. **DO NOT PUT IT BACK ON THE SHELVES.** 7)choose another book/video and begin the process all over again.

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**Summer Bible Study will be** next Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and our last class will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. *All are welcome!*

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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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**Messiah Church Office is Closed:**  
**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> & Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**for the Holiday.**  
**Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!**





## **Goodness *Gracious*, Awesome God!!!**

**It is so heartwarming to see how the congregation has come together to share their light with children around the globe ... YES! We have not only reached our goal; we have topped it!**

We have enough to fill at least 300 school kits, and likely more than that if we are still able to find a few items at the back-to-school sale prices. *Thank you all so very, very much for your heartfelt response*

*to support this effort. God's grace abounds! And he has shown it through all of you.*

If anyone still has items to donate, please bring them in as soon as possible to give us time to prepare the items and to get organized and set up for the Pack-a-Sack event.

***Again ... Thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love and support.***

*~ Sally and Kathy*

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### **God's Work. Our Hands.**

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

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

***(Younger children may help with the assistance of an adult.)***



Now the real fun begins. Please join us at a Pizza Supper followed by a work session to fill the LWR Backpacks with school supplies.

***We need you!***

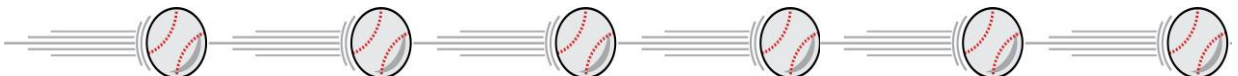
Please sign up in the narthex so that we know how much help is available and how much pizza to order. We have a lot of packs to fill – *hope to see you there!*

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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 Saturday 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.**



# 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:  
lplankenhorn@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."

