



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 13

9:30 am Worship w/communion
11:30 am Church Picnic

Monday, August 14

6:30 pm Preschool Bingo Committee

Tuesday, August 15

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study Series

Thursday, August 17

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

National Honey Bee Day



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Reflections and Prayers on Exodus 23:12

¹²Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed. Exodus 23:12

REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY
BY KEEPING IT HOLY.
EXODUS 20:8

Refreshed! Boy, that's often hard any time, but being refreshed is especially hard in August. It's either the dead of summer or the dead of winter, depending on which side of the equator we find ourselves. Either place, we need to follow God's example of taking a day to rest each week and keep it as a holy time to draw near to him (Exodus 20:11). We need to hear God's desire for us to be refreshed by resting on a day dedicated to him, and to allow those around us to rest and be refreshed in his presence, grace, and rest, as well.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Exodus 20:11

My Prayer:

Forgive me, God, for allowing myself to become so busy at being busy that I don't intentionally take time to be refreshed in your rest. Teach me gently, Father, that I need this weekly rest in your presence and with my family to be all you want me to be and all I can be. Restore my soul, dear Father, and fill me with your restoring and refreshing joy from the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The Thoughts and Prayer on Today's Verse are written by Phil Ware.

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Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Chuck Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Susan Bryan
Communion Assistant	Sandy Ream
Acolyte	Karrah Bair
Alter Guild	Marie Welter, April Gardner
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Doris Butt, Kim Brofee
Cantor	Virginia Amme
Flower Delivery	Charles Luppert

Sunday, August 6, 2023, Attendance: 82; Offering: \$7,438.10; Capital Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Munro and Gladys Webb Munro on the anniversary of their wedding, August 15, 1941, by their nephews, Nelson, John, Gary, Andy and their families.

The Sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Don Bower's 100th heavenly birthday on August 19th, by his wife Bobby and his family.

Bible Readings

Sunday August 13 *1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33*
Monday August 14 *Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11-8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10*
Tuesday August 15 *Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29*
Wednesday August 16 *Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27*
Thursday August 17 *Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4*
Friday August 18 *Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28*
Saturday August 19 *Psalm 67; Isaiah 5:-1-5; Matthew 14:34-36*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, August 13th, will be Ray Huff, ALWL. Next Sunday, August 20th will be Janet Stroble, 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.



Thank you to everyone for your expressions of concern and prayers as I work thru my back surgery.

Hallie Luppert



Thank you for the prayers and cards that have been sent, I really appreciate them all.

Don Rosenbaum



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **In the Beginning** - This book is a delightful, rhyming retelling of the creation story in simple words and vivid illustrations. Great for early readers or non-readers. Very colorful book. This is in the Children's section of our library.

Adult - **For Such a Time as This - Epistles** - This devotional book has the Epistles theme. So, each Bible verse is from the Epistles and the one page meditation works perfectly with the scripture verse(s). There is also a prayer at the end of each meditation. Great for using alone, with family or in a group for openings or discussion starter. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.



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.**

Y O U N G
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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.



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!

Summer Bible Study class continues next Wednesday, August 16th and August 30th at 7:00pm. *All are welcome!*

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





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.



Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 11:30 am
South Williamsport Area Community Park

Worship at Messiah Lutheran at 9:30 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.
⚙ **BINGO! (Please bring a White Elephant Gift)**

All are Welcomed, even if you have not signed up.

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





Pardon our slip! The wrong School Kits blurb was sent to the office last week, (thinking the changes had been saved but instead mistakenly sending last year's blurb.) Sorry for any confusion it may have caused! See below for the correct list and deadline for supplies to be in ... and we do not need to sew any more backpacks this year (thanks again to all of our sew-ers!)



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. While our goal is to fill 250 backpacks, there are 371 sewn -- so if we get extra supplies, we will fill as many as we can! ☺

We currently have enough supplies to complete 173 kits. Last year we were able to send 270.

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

Most needed items are scissors, erasers, pencils, and pens.

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!



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.

