



Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am First Communion Class
9:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, October 23

6:30 pm Missional Outreach
Committee
7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, October 24

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 26

1:00 pm Mountie Back Pack packing
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, October 27

4:00 pm Haefner Baby Shower

Saturday, October 28



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Thank you! *Appreciative!* Thanks! *Grateful!* Thanks so much!

The preschool would like to thank the congregation for all the help and support they were given through all the fundraisers they have had and will be having.



The Mum Sale did very well this year; they sold 440 mums and with that many sales they were able to collect \$1292.00. This along with the money they receive from the Texas Road House fundraiser will help fund the playground, field trips, and much needed items for the teachers and their classrooms. November 4th will be our Gift Card Bingo which will support the Preschool Scholarship Fund so that those families that need help will have it so their children can come to preschool.

October 22, 2023

Service Assistants

Ushers: Carl Gee, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jody Fullmer, Jimmy Gardner, Arch Watkins

Lay Assistant: Susan Bryan; **Communion Assistant:** Sandy Ream

Acolyte: Alyx Taylor; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner

Greeters/Communion Presenters: Jean Weaver, Paul Weaver

Cantor: Virginia Amme; **Flower Delivery:** Jody Fullmer

Sunday, October 15; Attendance: **81;** Offering: **\$3,043.00** Cap. Campaign: **\$10.00.**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Shirley Shaffer's 95th birthday, with love, from Ed and Merlene Young.

Bible Readings

Sunday, October 22 – Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Monday, October 23 – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday, October 24 – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday, October 25 – Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday, October 26 – Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16

Friday, October 27 – Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday, October 28 – Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47



Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the 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 egg noodles, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, baked beans, dry milk, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, tuna fish, crackers, jello, beef stew and chili, syrup, pancake mix and pudding cups.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study and Fellowship at 7:00 pm. *All are welcome*

Note to all committee chairs, please get your annual reports to the church office by no later than October 20th. *Thank you!*

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Youth - **Lies and Deceptions** - "I guess I just want everyone to be happy-sometimes I have to lie a little to make it all work." Whether she's trying to impress her crush, Matt, talking to her parents, or dealing with school, Caroline feels like she needs to please everyone-even if it means being dishonest with them and herself. Every lie Caroline tells leads to another-then another and another-she's just praying she doesn't get caught! This is a wonderful read-fast-pasted story with brief devotions at the end of each chapter if you'd like to read. This book is in the Youth Fiction section of our library.

Adult - **Treatise on Good Works 1520 - The Annotated Luther Study Edition** - In sermons and pamphlets, Luther and his colleagues claimed that salvation came by faith alone and not by works. Although the better-known pamphlets of 1520—*To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation Concerning the Improvement of the Christian Estate*, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, and *The Freedom of a Christian*—would also appear, Timothy J. Wengert shows how Luther's *Treatise on Good Works* fulfilled Luther's own prediction that it would be one of the clearest and most accessible introductions to Luther's reforming work and theology. Luther's main goal was to commend a new, down-to-earth piety to all Christians. This piety was new, because at its center was a radically different meaning of good works that would transform the way believers practiced their faith. This book is in the Reformation/Lutheran History section of our library.



January – September 2023 Profit and Loss Summary

| Fund Name | 2023 Budget 9 months | Actual Income | Actual Expenses | Overage or Shortfall |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$136,500.00 | \$166,866.20 | \$145,104.24 | \$ 21,761.96 |
| Rebuilding Fund | \$ 33,750.00 | \$ 28,607.27 | \$ 38,838.21 | \$ 10,230.94 |
| Children's Ministry | \$ 6,825.00 | \$ 11,170.34 | \$ 4,104.42 | \$ 7,065.92 |
| Preschool | \$ 6,900.00 | \$ 12,442.04 | \$ 9,502.99 | \$ 2,939.05 |
| 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024 | | | | |



October 28th, 10:00 am thru 3:00 pm - There will be an open house at the property of Constance DeWald's townhouse (23 Hoover Street, Williamsport) – interested persons, items are available to purchase prior to putting the property on the market.



First Communion class will be held at 8:30 AM on Sunday, October 22 in Jensen Lounge. Any young people in third grade or higher are welcome to attend. First Communion will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 29, during the worship service. Please contact the church office to register.



The nominee for Congregation Council 2024 is Mary Schultz. Any voting member may now make Nominations-at-Large. These nominations must contain written assurance that the nominee will serve if elected. Contact Sandy Ream with nominations by October 20. ***No nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual meeting on December 3rd. Thank you.***



Dresses and Britches for Africa

November 1st is the completion date for the **Dresses and Britches** project for this year. Please finish any dresses and britches you are working on and turn in by that date or call to let me know about delays. Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message. *Thank you.*



Tickets for the Preschool "Gift Card Bingo" on Saturday, November 4th at 11:30am will be available before and after church this Sunday, October 22nd and next Sunday, October 29th. They are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. If you are donating baked goods please drop off on Friday, November 3 by noon in the church office or bring to Independent Fire Company on the day of the event.

***Please Note* The venue change** for the gift card bingo. It will now be held at the Independent Fire Company **NOT** the Duboistown Fire Hall. If you already purchased tickets they will still be accepted at the event.



Next Closet will be held on Saturday, October 28, 8:30-11:00 a.m.
Hope to see you there!



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will pack **"Cookie Boxes"** in November for college students and military personnel. PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES to the Church Office by November 10. We will also pack **"Cookie Tins"** for Messiah's home-bound members and ask that the congregation help to provide "sweet treats" (and some "non-sugar") to be brought to the Church Kitchen on or before November 12 and marked "for WELCA".



The new 13-week cycle of GriefShare at Redeemer will begin **Monday, October 16, 2023, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one or friend is welcome to join us each Monday. **Contact Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 if you have questions.** We are located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the main Washington Blvd entrance. *What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.*

MISSION TO SEAFARERS



Did you realize that **90% of everything we wear, use, and consume**, come to us by merchant ships, operated by 1.5 million seafarers? On ships for 9 to 10 months at a time, the seafarers face many hardships: storms, piracy, abandonment, and loss of contact with their families. Often the only contact they have beyond the ship, the Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support.

Join in the Chaplains' mission of showing Christ's love.

Remember Matthew 25: 35, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Help fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers, in the weeks before Christmas. Each satchel should contain the following:

- 1 sweatshirt, unhooded or hooded (the preferred) – size M, L or XL**
- 3 pair of socks, thermal or white gym**
- 1 casual pullover T shirt – size M, L or XL**
- 1 heavy knit winter cap**
- 1 can of nuts or large bar of chocolate**
- Christmas card**

NO ADDITIONS AND NO SUBSTITUTIONS

Items need to be at the church by **October 30**. *Thank you.*

