



Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

9:30 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

Happy Halloween



Wednesday, November 1

7:00 pm Bible Study



Thursday, November 2

1:00 pm Mountie Back Pack packing

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4



Please wear red on Sunday to commemorate Reformation Sunday



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UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Reformation Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday will be observed as we remember the day our founding father, Martin Luther, began a movement of reform and renewal within the church.



First Communion



On Sunday, October 29, 4 children in grade 3 and older will receive First Holy Communion. While we do allow younger children to take communion, it has been a long-standing tradition at Messiah to offer more detailed instruction when a child reaches third grade and is therefore better able to understand the sacrament. We then recognize those children at a special service as taking their "First Holy Communion." This is a time to lift them up and set them apart in celebration of their reaching an important milestone on their faith journey. Please join us in praying for the following children as they receive ***First Holy Communion*** this Sunday that they may be strengthened as they continue living in the covenant of their Baptism:

Alivia M. Klemick, Doriann R. Morris, Cole P. Reed, Knox F. Reed

Following the service, the children, their extended families and the congregation are invited to celebrate this special day in Shaheen Hall, for a coffee hour hosted by the Worship and Music Committee.

All Saints Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day will be observed Sunday, November 5th. This annual feast day is a celebration of the entire Christian community, living and dead. It recognizes that those who have gone before us in the faith have blazed a trail for us and reminds us that they, too, are in the care of Christ. All Saints Sunday is the celebration of what our ancestors have meant to us, how their lives have enriched ours, and how our communion with one another in the body of Christ reaches even beyond the grave. Join us as we remember those who can never be separated from us, because they have been forever united to Christ.



October 22, 2023

Service Assistants

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

Lay Assistant: Pam Eveleth; **Communion Assistant:** Georgette Copp

Acolyte: Brennen Hess; **Crucifer:** Owen Sherman; **Torchbearers:** Dylan Sherman, Weston Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower

Greeters/Communion Presenters: Carol Winter, Marilyn Winter

Cantor: Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, October 22; Attendance: **96**; Offering: **\$2509.10** Cap. Campaign: **\$10.00.**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dwain Butt with love from his family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, October 29 – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Monday, October 30 – Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 20-25; James 2:8-13

Tuesday, October 31 – Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26

Wednesday, November 1 – Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, November 2 – Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29

Friday, November 3 – Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3

Saturday, November 4 – Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28



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*

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.*



To Messiah Church,

Thank you for your support during our difficult time. I couldn't have made it through this without it.

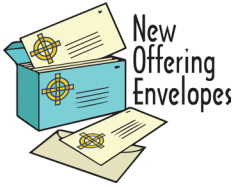
Sincerely, Lauren Russell and the Siegfried Family

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/Youth - **Martin Luther-A Man who changed the World** - More than anything, Martin Luther wanted peace with God. His search led him to the Bible, where he learned about salvation through faith. This discovery caused Luther to challenge the church to return to the roots of the Christian Faith. The church leaders liked things the way they were, however, and tried to stop Martin Luther. But he stood his ground and his tireless work led to the Reformation of the church and to far reaching changes in society. Here is a story of adventure, courage most of all--faith. Here is the story of a man who changed the world. Book in Other Holidays shelf

Adult themed - **Here I Stand** - This is the story of Martin Luther's life. As we think of the anniversary of the Reformation, this is a great book to learn more about the man behind the Reformation. Who he was and the influence he had and still has in the church today. Book in the Reformation/Lutheran History shelf.



The finance committee and Council are working hard to save the church money in many different ways. One of the ways for us to save money is by getting our church envelopes for the whole year, instead of having them mailed out every other month. This starts with our January envelopes. The 2024 offering envelopes will be available for pickup in the east alcove of the Sanctuary starting Sunday, October 29th.



The Property Committee is looking for people to remove snow from the sidewalks and steps of the church property. A snow blower will be available. If interested, please contact the Church Office.

Tickets for the Preschool "Gift Card Bingo" on Saturday, November 4th at 11:30am will be available before and after church this 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.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS



This is the Upper Susquehanna Synod's 11th year of providing Christmas-At-Sea gift sacks for ships' crews that come into East Coast ports during Advent and Christmas. Please continue to help with this important mission. Fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers. 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,

Holiday or Christmas card NO ADDITIONS/NO SUBSTITUTIONS. Please bring all items to church by **October 30th. Thank you.**