



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, November 26**

9:30 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

### **Monday, November 27**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

7:00 pm Property Committee

### **Tuesday, November 28**

### **Wednesday, November 29**

### **Thursday, November 30**

1:00 pm Mountie Back Pack packing

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, December 1**

### **Saturday, December 2**

9:00 pm Kids in Mission



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### Kids in Mission

### Children's Baking Day/Mini-Christmas Bible School

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 ✦ 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon**

**Age 4 through Grade 6**

Come join us for a morning filled with a Christmas story,

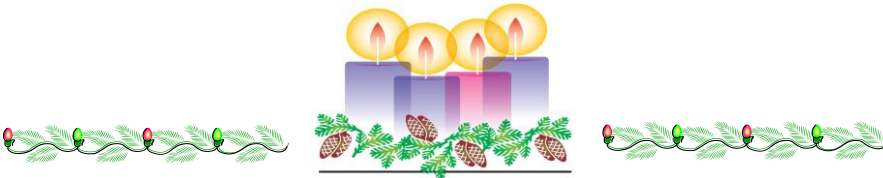
Christmas songs, activities AND  
**CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING!!!!**



We'll sample some then include the rest in  
Christmas Baskets delivered to area families  
in need.



For more info, please contact the Church Office or  
Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964, email @ [dellpratt@hotmail.com](mailto:dellpratt@hotmail.com)



Registration forms will be at the alley entrance bulletin board and/or on the church's website. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964 or the church office.

**November 26, 2023**

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Mike Larson, Pam Eveleth, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ; **Lay Assistant:** Georgette Copp; **Communion Assistant:** Mandy Feinberg  
**Acolyte:** Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner  
**Greeters/Communion Presenters:** Kathy and Dan Rasdorf  
**Cantor:** Dave Bausinger; **Flower Delivery:** Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, November 19;** Attendance: **96;** Offering: **\$3,273.10** Cap. Campaign: **\$35.00.**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by David and Emily Bausinger.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, November 26** – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**Monday, November 27** – Psalm 7; Esther 2:1-18; 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Tuesday, November 28** - Psalm 7; Esther 8:3-17; Revelation 19:1-9

**Wednesday, November 29** - Psalm 7; Ezekiel 33:7-20; John 5:19-40

**Thursday, November 30** – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13

**Friday, December 1** – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

**Saturday, December 2** - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31



**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 mac and cheese, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, dry milk, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, jelly, canned chicken, tuna fish, syrup, pancake mix and soup and cream of mushroom soup.



**NOW IS THE TIME...**to put in your reservation for memorial Poinsettias. Multiple bloom plants are being purchased, the cost per plant being \$8.50. Of course, many of these flowers are taken to homebound members of our congregation.

**PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please call the church office with any questions. *Thank you.*

**The Bible Study and Fellowship is done** for the fall session. We will return on January 17, 2024 for our Winter Bible Study. *Happy Holidays!*

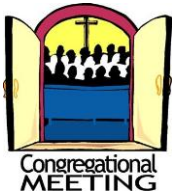


## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children – **The Lights in the Church** – This is a sweet book about a brother and sister who are lost in the snow, find a church in the woods to shelter and find the love and stories of Jesus. Book is in the Children's section of the library.

Adult - **The Story of God with Us - an Advent devotional** - this devotional offers a revealing, insightful look at Advent. Compelling and powerful, it shares the Christmas Story in one seamless narrative. Each devotional is only 1-2 pages long and is found in our Christmas section of the library.



**Official Notice** is hereby given of the Annual Congregational Meeting on December 3, 2023. The meeting will be held immediately following the 9:30am Worship Service. Business will include the approval of a budget for 2024, the election of new council members and the selection of a Nominating Committee for next year's council.

**Please pick-up** your annual reports in the east alcove of the church. Please be sure to take the packet with your name on it. Those that are unable to pick up their packet will be mailed. **Also don't forget to get your offering envelopes if you have not yet gotten them.**

**Estimate of Giving Cards and Time and Talent Surveys** are now being received. Place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning or by returning them to the office by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**It's time to start practicing the music for the Christmas Eve services.** If you are not in the choir but would like to sing please join us on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, (immediately following the Annual Meeting) and Sundays, December 10, December 17 and December 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.



**Soloists, instrumentalists or groups of people** interested in playing an instrument or singing on Christmas Eve please contact Jared Gist at 570-398-1674. Thank you!





**The Christmas Basket Ministry** needs the following items to fill our Christmas Basket; Green beans, applesauce, canned milk, canned pumpkin, turkey stuffing mix, pie crust mix, sugar (5 lb. bag), flour (5 lb. bag), macaroni and cheese, chocolate or vanilla pudding and Jell-O and placing them in the bin market Christmas bin. **Monetary contributions are also needed.** Mark envelopes “Christmas Baskets” and place it in

the offering plate or send to the church office. Make checks payable to “*Messiah Lutheran Church.*” **All donations should be received by December 10<sup>th</sup>.** You may also use your Thrivent account to give a gift. If you know of anyone who could use a Christmas basket, please call the office with their names. ***Thank you.***



**The White Gift Trees are up!** Please take an angel tag with a gift from the tree, purchase the gift, and return to Messiah. Please be sure to sign the sheet on the table by the trees with your name, number and the ID information of the child.

This will be helpful for the final count and as a gentle reminder about a child you picked, if you lost your tag. **Last day to take an angel is Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Please return ALL gifts by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.** Gifts and food baskets will be picked up on **Saturday, December 16 from 9 am- noon.** If you have any questions, please contact Candy Watkins (570)998-4037. ***Thank you for your support.***

**Traditionally** we decorate the Nave after the service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, this year we will decorate on Sunday, December 17 immediately following worship. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.



Decorating needs are:

- ❖ Lights on the tree in the Chancel.
- ❖ Lights and Crismons on the tree in the East Portico
- ❖ Wreaths, garland & other lights hung in the church

Poinsettias will be set out on Friday, December 22 at 11:00am.

**Many hands make quick work. Please share your time and talents.**



**“Christmas Music by Candlelight”** The Williamsport Music Club will present its 85<sup>th</sup> Annual “Christmas Music by Candlelight” program on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm at Pine Street United Methodist Church, 441 Pine Street. Mariyn Burget and Kay Huffman will serve as co – chairpersons for this musical gift for the community. An offering will be taken to benefit The American Rescue Workers of Williamsport.





## Messiah's Annual Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Christmas is coming** and we are planning the Christmas dinner for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Ham and scalloped potatoes are on the menu, please bring a covered dish to share. We hope you will come to share the meal and the fellowship. Entertainment for the evening will be a Christmas Bingo game and singing carols. Please sign-up by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or contact church office. Please give number of attendees.



**From Camp Mount Luther ~ Advent Holy Hike:** We know that Advent can be a busy time. We know you need to take a breath and remember what the season is all about. What better way than to join friends and spend time with God in creation? We invite you to join us on an **Advent Holy Hike** from **2:00- 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, 2023**. Bring your family and friends as we walk the camp trails and share scripture, song, and reflection during this season of preparation for Christ's coming. We start and end at the Evergreen Center and we'll have hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and Christmas cookies to warm you up!

**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. **Please note: During the White Gifts collection, a smaller blue bin has been placed in the elevator alcove.** Clothing and accessories may be placed in the bin whenever the church or the office is open.

Especially needed this time of year: winter coats and boots.

***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.***

**The next Closet will be held on Saturday, December 16, 8:30-11:00 a.m.**

