

## Calendar of Events



### **Sunday, November 12**

9:30 am Worship w/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Coffee Hour  
6:00 pm South District 12 Meeting

### **Monday, November 13**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

### **Tuesday, November 14**

7:00 pm WELCA

### **Wednesday, November 15**

7:00 pm Bible Study

### **Thursday, November 16**

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

### **Friday, November 17**

### **Saturday, November 18**



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**Big  
Thank  
You!**

### Gift Card Bingo and Chinese Auction

The Gift Card Bingo/Chinese Auction was a success. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser in any way from donating your time, baskets, food and buying tickets to play. We were happy to go over our goal of 100. Approximately 125 people came out. In total we were able to collect \$4,720.91 to benefit the preschool scholarship fund. We would like to especially thank the Bingo Committee and all the volunteers who helped organize, set up, work the tables, sell the tickets and work the kitchen. This event would not have been as successful without your help. Thank you!



**November 12, 2023**

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Mike Larson, Pam Eveleth, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ; **Lay Assistant:** Dave Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman  
**Acolyte:** Jonathan Hess; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt  
**Greeters/Communion Presenters:** Kathy Stiber, Doris Butt  
**Cantor:** Janet Stroble; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

**Sunday, November 5;** Attendance: **106**; Offering: **\$3,116.00** Cap. Campaign: **\$10.00**.  
**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our son, Eric Bennett, by his parents, Cindy and Dennis Bennett.  
**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, David C. Reigel and Gladys Reigel Batey, by their daughters, Evelyn, Merry and Penny.  
**Last Sunday, November 5, the Basket of Flowers** was given to the Glory of God and in honor of Emily and David Bausinger's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, November 12 –** Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13  
**Monday, November 13 –** Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25  
**Tuesday, November 14 –** Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
**Wednesday, November 14 –** Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35  
**Thursday, November 15 –** Psalm 90:1-12; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7  
**Friday, November 16 –** Psalm 90:1-12; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Revelation 16:8-21  
**Saturday, November 17 –** Psalm 90:1-12; Ezekiel:7:10-27; Matthew 12:43-45



**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, mac and cheese, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, baked beans, dry milk, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, tuna fish, crackers, jello, beef stew and chili, syrup, pancake mix and pudding cups.

**A Coffee hour** will be held this Sunday, November 13, after worship to honor our Veterans in Shaheen Hall.





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

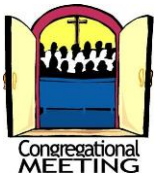


Youth - **All the King's Horses** - Scoop doesn't want the summer to end before she has a chance to make a significant contribution to the world. Then she stumbles on a chance to do something important, involving horses and kids--what could be better? She rounds up some friends and they work together to make it happen. But not all is well. Some faulty thinking hurts the friends and makes it difficult to work as a team. Can they solve the problem without risking or endangering the project? Find out, by checking out this book in the Youth Fiction section of the library.

Adult - **Light from Heaven by Jan Karon** - You'll find characters and themes both old and new, and answers to questions asked by millions of readers since the series began. You'll also find a heartfelt surprise. After a debilitating blow to the head, Edith Mallory is speaking again--and what she says is shocking. This book is in the Adult Fiction section.



**The Annual Meeting** will be on December 3, 2023. The meeting will be held immediately following the 9:30am Worship Service. Agenda items include the 2024 budget and the election of 2024 council members and 2024 Nominating Committee.



**This Sunday morning 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.**



*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas-at-Sea Project for Mission to Seafarers. Messiah collected 17 satchels meeting. Great job*

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



**The Eucharistic Ministers** will be sent out on Sunday, November 19, 2023.





To My Messiah Church Family,  
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and the beautiful flowers during my recent surgery. It is greatly appreciated and I am truly blessed.

Sincerely, Ron Yeagle



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7 o'clock in Shaheen Hall.** At that time we will pack **Cookie Tins** for Messiah's homebound members and **Cookie Boxes** for college students and military personnel ... according to the names and addresses received. **We are asking members of Messiah to donate cookies and other goodies.** Please bring them to the church kitchen on or before November 12. We will also make "**shrinkies**" ... bring colored pencils and scissors; also a picture to turn into a "shrinkie". Devotions will be led by Georgette Copp. Hostesses are Georgette Copp and Bonnie Sheasley. Everyone is welcome!



**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.*



**ADVENT KIDS IN MISSION** - December 2nd from 9 am - noon. In addition to the service project, games, and story we will be making Christmas cookies. **ALL children** ages 4 through grade 6 are invited. Come join us for a morning of fellowship and fun. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. 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.



## White Gift Project Begins

It is time to begin the White Gift Project. Candy Watkins is waiting for the guidance counselor, who is busy contacting all of the families to get an accurate count of children. In addition to the names we receive from the school, we want to help members of the congregation in need also. There are forms on the Bald Eagle entrance bulletin board. If you need help with gift giving this year, fill out a form for each child and drop it off in the office mail slot.

Soon the Angel Tree will be up in the narthex. Each angel on the tree contains a gift request for a child. Please take an angel, purchase the gift, and bring it to Messiah. If you would like to provide all six gifts for one child, or you would like a whole family, please let Candy know before she places the Angels on the tree. It makes it much easier to do BEFORE than after. Please wrap the gifts in white paper so that it becomes a "White Gift", a reminder to the giver and the recipient of the Christ Child who was given to us on Christmas.

### Key Dates:

- ❖ Sunday, November 12 - The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex.
- ❖ Sunday, December 3 – **LAST DAY** to take an angel from the tree.
- ❖ Sunday, December 10 - **LAST DAY** to bring wrapped gifts to chapel.
- ❖ Saturday, December 16- Parents will pick up the gifts at the Bald Eagle entrance. Times TBA.



More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Candy Watkins (570)998-4037 or Jeanette Green (570)916-7500. *Thank you for your support.*



**The Christmas Basket Ministry** is accepting monetary donations to purchase needed items for Christmas dinners. Checks made out to Messiah Lutheran Church with Christmas Basket in the memo may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the office. 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. Please have both names and donations to the office by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you.*

