



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
4:00 pm A Service of Prayer and
Remembrance

Monday, January 22

6:00 pm Sit Happens
7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, January 25

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27



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What is Going on, you ask?

Don't Mind the Mess.....

You'll be Happy with the end results.

The Painters...

Now that the Stain Glass windows and the bell tower room is no longer leaking, the painters have come in to brighten up the church.

What will they be doing?

1. Bell tower room, which is now done except for the floor. It looks fantastic!
2. Painting all the windows, repairing and fixing the wall with the Jesus painting.
3. Early Spring, they will start painting the outside of the church.



Bell Tower Room



Sanctuary



The Organ...

The organ repairs are now underway. What does that mean? This means the next 2 Sundays during worship Jared will be playing all the hymns and liturgy on the piano. They expect to be done with the organ by January 26th.

Lastly, the new Live Streaming equipment....



Yes, we have been doing Facebook Live for a few years, but with this new equipment you will be able to hear it better and have a clearer picture. We started using it this past Sunday and apologize for not streaming Live on Facebook. Until we fix all the glitches please be patient with us. Fingers crossed we get it

working for this Sunday. The new camera we will be using is hung on the front of the balcony as shown in photo and all the equipment is in the Usher's area.



January 14, 2024

Service Assistants

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner

Lay Assistant: Kim Brofee; **Communion Assistant:** Mandy Feinberg

Acolyte: Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt

Greeters/ Presenters: Paul Weaver, Jean Weaver

Cantor: Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Arch Watkins

Sunday, January 14, 2024, Attendance 119; Offering: \$7198.48; Cap. Campaign: \$10.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Luke Haefner on the anniversary of his 33rd birthday, January 25, by his mother, Patti, his brother John and sister-in-law Jennifer and nephew James.

Bible Reading

Sunday, January 21 – *Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*

Monday, January 22 - *Psalm 46; Genesis 12:1-9; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24*

Tuesday, January 23 - *Psalm 46; Genesis 45:25-46:7; Acts 5:33-42*

Wednesday, January 24 - *Psalm 46; Proverbs 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19a*

Thursday, January 25 - *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 3:23-29; Romans 9:6-18*

Friday, January 26 - *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 12:28-32; Revelation 2:12-17*

Saturday, January 27 - *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Matthew 8:28-9:1*



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.

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

Join us for Bible Study and Fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. *All are Welcome!*

Daniel's Closet



Clothing for Daniel's Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.

Daniel's Closet is currently in need of children's clothing. The boys' table is especially thin at this time and is in dire need of donations.

Donations may be placed in the large blue bin inside the church in the alcove near the Chapel. The next Closet will be held on January 27. **Thank you for your support!**



Food Pantry Needs: cereal/pop-tarts, spaghetti, pudding/jello, canned fruit, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, cream of mushroom soup, egg noodles, beef stew, chili, instant mashed potatoes, milk (powdered), popcorn and microwavable meals.

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Little visits with God-devotions for families** - Written especially for children ages 7-10, this book nurtures faith and sows seeds that enrich lives for years to come. With this best-selling collection, you can encourage your child to learn about God and develop love and trust in Him. This book includes a Bible verse/life related devotion/questions to help children get involved/suggested Scripture readings/a prayer relating to the day's theme. The book and the entire series can be checked out of our library from the Children/Toddler section of our library.

Adult - **Prayer - Moments with God** - This book is a small but powerful book of prayer. It has a wide variety of topics such as Spending Time with God; Power of Prayer; Teach and Guide us, Lord; Praying for others; expressing gratitude and praise; a plea for help; Seeking God's Grace and Mercy and a Closer Walk with God. This book has a nice variety of Bible passages that correspond with the topic and thought-provoking prayers. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.

CONTACT information



If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or updated/changed your email address, **PLEASE notify the church office with your new information.** When snail mail is returned to us we pay a small postage due fee. If we do not have a current phone or email, we have no way to contact you with important information. *Thank you.*



It's time to nominate students for Lutheran Summer Music. Each year, the primary way that music students find their way to LSM is through the encouragement of their church musician! LSM offers opportunities for musicians of all kinds: brass, winds, strings, percussion, piano, organ, voice, harp, guitar, handbells, and more. Know a young person (grades 8-12) who would benefit from the life-giving and joyful musical community at LSM? Nominate them for LSM today at LSMacademy.org/nominate.



Corrected from last week's cover: Mary Schultz is on council; her name was missed.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP AT MESSIAH

The following persons were elected as officers of the council:



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| President | Jody Fullmer |
| Vice president | Sylvia McCarty |
| Secretary | Jimmy Gardner |
| Assistant Secretary | Lauren Russell |
| Treasurer | Gary Hutchinson |
| Assistant Treasurer | Craig Kropp |

Serving on the body of the council are: Anita Bair, Cindy Bennett, AnnMarie Hohman, Rhonda Koch, Mary Schultz and Carol Winter.



Friendship Sunday, February 11, 2024

Invite your friends and family to join us for Worship on this Sunday and immediately following the service we will go down to Shaheen Hall for a Soup and Sandwich luncheon along with some great conversation and getting to know our neighbors. This will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee.



"TRIVIA NIGHT" sponsored by WELCA is Saturday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in Shaheen Hall to benefit Messiah Pre-School's Scholarship Fund. More details to come.



Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm **"Mardi Gras Appetizer Party and Games Night"**.

There will be a Service of Prayer and Remembrance Sunday, January 21st, at 4:00 p.m. At this service, the church will remember your loved ones who are now in the care of Christ. If you have a loved one you would like to have remembered by name in the prayers, please add their name(s) to the list in the narthex. Also add if you or a member of your family will be attending, since you are invited, but not required to light a single candle in memory of all your loved ones.

The Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday, January 21st, after worship.

Camp Mount Luther News



Young Adult Fellowship January 31, 2024 @ 8:15 pm–9:15 pm Online
If you consider yourself a young adult, you are invited to join us in a time of conversation, study, and prayer every last Wednesday of the month. Contact jim@campmountluther.org for more information!

A TASTE OF CAMP



Sunday, February 11 2-4pm
at CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

A taste of Camp. Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! On February 11, 2024, from 2:00 - 4:00p.m., you can get a Taste of Camp! Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2024 program, and more!

Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event (or sign up to be a camper with the director) will get Camel Bucks for all their congregation's Summer 2024 campers.

This year's summer camp season will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. Don't settle for second-rate summer programs. Camp Mount Luther has been giving kids fun, exciting, faith-filled, outdoor experiences for 60 years. If you have questions about our summer programs, feel free to reach out to us at cml@campmountluther.org

GROW IN THE SNOW — MARCH 15-16

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on March 15-16. This year's theme is "Break Forth in Song" based on Psalm 98. Experience your Creator, play winter games, and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$79 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. A flyer and registration form are coming soon!



Summer Staff

Every summer, Camp Mount Luther depends on responsible young people to serve as role models for our campers. Whether serving as a counselor, lifeguard, or kitchen personnel, a job at camp can be an amazing and rewarding work experience. Please spread the word and help us find quality candidates for Summer 2024. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to chad@campmountluther.org