



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, January 28**

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 pm Acolyte Training  
6:00 pm South District Meeting

### **Monday, January 29**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

### **Tuesday, January 30**

7:00 pm WELCA

#### **\*PLEASE NOTE\***

WELCA- rescheduled their Bible  
Study by Janet Stroble to January 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Wednesday, January 31**

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

### **Thursday, February 1**

10:00 pm Knitters for Neighbors  
1:00 pm Backpacks Packing  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, February 2**

### **Saturday, February 3**



**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## *Did you know.....*

The Messiah Messenger was not our first publication. ***Messiah's Missionary*** ran from December 1, 1887-November 1, 1891. This was a monthly journal published by Rev. W. G. Thrall, Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church. Pastor Shaheen started publishing ***Messiah Messenger*** in November 1940 as a weekly publication, except during July and August. July 5, 1970, we started publishing the Messenger every week including July and August. The Messiah Messenger always included the Sunday's order of worship and different articles the Pastors would like to share with us. In January 1979, the format of the messenger changed. It no longer included the Sunday's order of Worship; it included more information on the church including service schedules and calendar of events.

### ***Insert is from the January 14, 1979, "Messiah Messenger"***

NEW MESSENGER - As you can see, the format of our Messenger is somewhat changed as we enter the New Year. We hope you will find the new format pleasing and informative. By eliminating the need for photographic reducing we can reduce costs by better than \$1,000 per year and the Messenger is more readable for you. The Order of Worship, previously printed in this paper, will now appear only in the Sunday Bulletin. But we plan for timely reminders for Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, and others to always appear.

Since January 14, 1979, the Messiah Messenger has not changed too much other than the headings and designs. It seems that with every Pastor and Secretary we've had, things would change per their own styles and interests, but the one thing remains the same with each issue of the ***Messiah Messenger*** you receive, it provides information of the church and our needs to bring you and the church closer to one another. It is very interesting to look back in years past and see all the changes that have taken place in the church; all publications of both the ***Messiah Missionary*** and ***Messiah Messenger*** are available for anyone to look through, in the church Office.

I have included some photos of the past Messiah's Missionary and the Messiah Messenger and take notice of the differences. If you happen to see changes with your Messenger don't panic, it's just me adding my own style to the Messenger.

January 28, 2024	Service Assistants
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant	Susan Bryan
Communion Assistant	Rhonda Koch
Acolyte	Owen Sherman
Altar Guild	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher
Greeters/Presenter	Howard and Jean Wilt
Cantor	Dave Bausinger
Flower Delivery	Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**Attendance: 73**  
**Service of Remembrance**  
**Attendance: 15**  
**Offering: \$2,182.00**  
**Cap. Campaign: \$10.**



**Pastoral Care**

**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.*



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my brothers, Dave and Chuck Hallow by the Carol Armstrong family.  
**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Francis A. Gephart, Jr. by his family.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, January 28** – Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28  
**Monday, January 29** – Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26  
**Tuesday, January 30** – Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
**Wednesday, January 31** – Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20  
**Thursday, February 1** – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Proverbs 12:10-21; Galatians 5:2-15  
**Friday, February 2** – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Job 36:1-23; 1 Corinthians 9:1-16  
**Saturday, February 3** – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 46:1-13; Matthew 12:9-14



The shelves are looking Bare...Can you help us to restock it?  
We are in need of: spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, poptarts, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned or dry milk, baked beans, jello, beef stew, crackers, snacks, cookies, canned potatoes and soup.

## **The Library Corner**



Church  
Library

Children - **God Loves You** - Who is God? Why does He love us? And what does that mean for us? This inviting picture book answers questions every child has about God and our relationship to Him. Using an engaging, conversational style and vibrant illustrations, this book offer simple, understandable answers about the triune God. Book is in the Children's section of our library.

Adult - **Christ in Our Home - Devotions for Every Day of the Year** - This book is for every day of the year. Each day includes a Bible text and key verse, a devotional reflection, a prayer and prayer concern. In addition to the 365 daily devotions, special devotions are provided for six occasions, including Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. This is a wonderful thought-provoking book, great for leading devotions as well as for yourself. Book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditation section.

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!*



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

Women of the **ELCA** 

**WELCA presents:**



**"TRIVIA NIGHT" is Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm In Shaheen Hall. \$8 per person, \$15 per couple.**

**All proceeds benefit Messiah Preschool's Scholarship Fund.**



**Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm**

**"Mardi Gras Appetizer Party and Games Night".**



*Thank you to our Messiah Family for the cards, flowers, and Christmas basket.*

*Thanks, Holly and George McKay*



Mountie  
Backpack Program

**The Mountie Backpack Program** is in need of **two people** to deliver food bags to South Williamsport High School, Rommelt, and Central Elementary on the following days:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

If you can help please call Mary Schultz 570-772-8021. Thank you!



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

## **Super Bowl of Caring ~ February 11, 2024**

This year we really need your help! In past years we have had one item be selected per team playing in the Super Bowl, but our shelves in the food pantry are bare and need our attention. So we will accept any food or monetary donation.

You can still put your donations in the box of your favorite team and in the end it we see who wins. Starting Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> you can bring in your donations to the office or to church Sunday mornings. You have from January 29<sup>th</sup> –February 11<sup>th</sup> to bring in your donations. Will your team win? Maybe, but in the end the food pantry will be the winner with all your donations.

## **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](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org) for more information!**

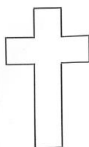
## **Summer Staff**

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](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org)



**Sunday, January 28th** there will be an Acolyte training class immediately following worship. Any youth in grades 5 and up that would like to become an Acolyte or would like a refresher course on it, please plan on attending.





"Teach us thus Thy steps to trace,  
Strong to follow in Thy grace;  
Learning how to love from Thee,  
Loving Him Who first loved me."



I had walked Life's path with easy tread,  
Had followed where comfort and pleasure led,  
And then one day in a quiet place,  
I met the Master, face to face.  
With station, and rank, and wealth for a goal,  
Much thought for the body, but none for the soul,  
I had thought to win in life's mad race,  
When I met the Master, face to face.  
I had built my castles and reared them high,  
Till their towers pierced the blue of the sky,  
I had vowed to rule with an iron mace,  
When I met the Master, face to face.  
I met Him and knew Him, and blushed to see  
That eyes full of sorrow were turned on me,  
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,  
While my castles all melted away.  
Melted and vanished, and in their place,  
I saw naught but my Master's face;  
And I cried aloud, "O make me meet,  
To follow the path of Thy tired feet!"  
And now my thoughts are for the souls of men,  
I've lost my life to find it again,  
E're since that day, in a quiet place,  
I met my Master, face to face.

—Selected.

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1. "To keep in close touch with God and  
secure food for our souls through the regular  
use of His Word in the public service. Un-  
frequently regular church attendance is a su-  
preme obligation of membership and a ri-  
cious privilege. Due to the need of ste-  
divine guidance our church cannot cond-  
irregular church attendance."

—The Duties of Members

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY — January 23, 1972

THE SERVICE — 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

### Preparation for Worship—

The Prelude — *Chaconne in f*.....Pachelbel  
\*Proclamation Hymn No. 163 — *O Worship the King*.....Hanover  
\*Public Confession .....from the insert *Celebrate*

### In Praise of Our God—

\*Introit for The Day .....p. 81  
\*Kyrie .....p. 44  
\*Gloria in Excelsis .....p. 49  
\*Collect for The Day .....from the insert *Celebrate*

### God Speaks To Us—

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Anthem— 8:30 a.m. *Wondrous Love*.....Southern Hymn  
10:45 a.m. *Almighty and Everlasting God*.....Orlando Gibbons  
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\*Gospel Lesson — Matthew 8:1-13 .....p. 5  
\*Apostles' Creed .....p. 5  
Dedication of the New Lectern at 10:45 a.m.  
Hymn No. 342 — *In Christ There Is No East or West*.....St. Peter (2)  
The Sermon — "Christian Love — Christian Hate".....VICAR HESS

### We Offer Ourselves to God—

Reception of Tithes & Offerings  
\*Offertory — *Create in Me a Clean Heart*.....p. 27  
\*Prayer, Lord's Prayer and Benediction  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 152 —  
*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*.....Austrian Hymn (2)

Postlude — *Prelude and Fugue in a minor*.....J. S. Bach

\*Congregation please stand

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## A FILLED CHURCH!

EVERY LORD'S DAY!



THIS HAS BEEN THE WITNESS AT MESSIAH'S

## God Be Praised!

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**Sunday, January 16, at Messiah: Church Attendance—348; Sunday School At-  
tendance—173; Offering—\$1,815.27.**