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Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day

6:30 pm Executive Committee
6:30 pm Missional Outreach
Committee

Tuesday, February 20

6:15 pm Life Long Faith Formation
Committee
6:00 pm WELCA

***Please Note* This is rescheduled due to
inclement weather**

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

3:30 pm Odyssey of the Mind



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ATTENTION SOUP MAKERS!

SOUP SATURDAY – MARCH 2nd, 2024 – This year's sale will benefit our Christmas baskets.



Are you a soup maker? Please consider donating to our soup sale. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex; please specify the kind of soup that you will make and the amount (3 –5 quarts). **Quart containers will be available at the church office** for you to pre-package your soup at home.

Bring your soup to Shaheen hall on Friday, March 1st, noon-3 pm or Saturday morning from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. The committee will provide crackers to go with the soup and we will have printed tags

for your soup containers also. If you are unable to deliver the soup to the church, call the church office to arrange a time for pick-up at your home.

Volunteers are needed for the “Drive-by Soup Sale” that starts Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 am & continues until sold out. Soup will be \$9.00 per quart.

No pre-orders will be taken.

Call the church office, 570-326-9171 or Gary Hutchinson, 570-220-1305 for more information.

Help make it a “Soup-er Day!”



The annual Lenten Kids in Mission will be March 2nd, 9 – Noon. Activities will include a story, craft, pretzel making, service project and games/songs. We also need people to move the groups from one activity to the other. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Kathryn Pratt, 570-244-6964, or the Church office.

It's always a fun morning not only for the kids but for the volunteers, as well! Thanks for your prayerful consideration. Kathryn



February 18, 2024	Service Assistants
Ushers	Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner, Arch Watkins
Lay Assistant	Janet Stroble
Communion Assistant	Georgette Copp
Acolyte	Jonathan Hess
Altar Guild	Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
Greeters/Presenters	Michael and April Gardner
Cantor	Dave Bausinger
Flower Delivery	Charles Luppert

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Attendance: 106
Offering: \$5,295.39
Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

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.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Weaver on the anniversary of his passing, February 21, 2012, by his wife, Jean and family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, February 18 – *Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*
Monday, February 19 – *Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10*
Tuesday, February 20 – *Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a*
Wednesday, February 21 – *Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11*
Thursday, February 22 – *Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31*
Friday, February 23 – *Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12*
Saturday, February 24 – *Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30*



Lenten Vespers and Bible study is on Wednesdays during Lent. Vespers will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by a brief Bible study. Please make a commitment to join us for Wednesday prayer and the study of God's Word this Lent.



Lent Self-Denial Folders are now available in the Narthex and in the office. All donations will benefit Shepherd of the Streets.



Copies of *Lamb of God*, a Lenten Devotional Booklet are now available in the Narthex or the church office. Brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The Library Corner



Children -DVD- **Twass the Night Before Easter by Veggie Tales** -It's Easter time in Crisper County and cable news reporter Marlee Meade is hunting for a way to help others. On a tip that the old town theater will be shut down, Marlee cooks up a plan to save the stage and make a difference through the power of musical theater! With a cast of costume-clad townies, massive props and a 20 ft. robot rabbit. "Up with Bunnies" is hatched. When news spreads that singing sensation Cassie Cassava is arriving to perform in her hometown church's Easter service, Marlee gets worried. Concerned about the competition, she schemes to steal the starlet for her own pageant! But when things go haywire, will it be curtains for Marlee's dreams-or will she discover the true meaning of Easter and what helping others is really all about? This DVD is in the Easter Section of the library.

Adult – **He Chose the Nails** by Max Lucado – Much has been said about the gift of the cross itself, but what about the other gifts? What of the nails, the crown of thorns, the garment taken? Have you taken the time to open these gifts? He didn't have to give them. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. Let's examine them. Let's unwrap these gifts of grace. Book in the Easter section.



The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will be held on June 14-15, 2024, at Susquehanna University. In acknowledgement of the ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary, our theme will be "Fed by Jesus to Feed the World." Our ELCA Representative will be Norma Malfatti. Registration for the assembly will open in February. Serve your church by being part of this historical event! Talk to your Congregation Council, about being your congregation's representative. Cost is \$80 before April 15, \$100 after that. Visitors cost \$15 and meals and housing are billed separately.

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





Gail and I would like to thank our Messiah Family for all your prayers, cards, flowers and in-home communion that we have received. God bless you all!
Gail and O'B

To our prayer warriors, thank you for your prayers for our cousin Pauline White, who left this life for a better place on February 8, 2024.
Marilyn and Carol Winter

Thank you to all who came out for Trivia Night. We had 10 tables of teams and were able to collect \$500.00 for the preschool fund.
WELCA

The Fellowship Committee wanted to thank everyone who came to our friendship luncheon on Friendship Sunday. We had well over 30 people who came for great soup and sandwiches. The purpose of this luncheon was to bring people together in fellowship with our neighbors.

Thanks, Fellowship Committee



Souper Bowl Results

The containers were overflowing with food. The winner was obvious with the food in the Kansas City Chiefs as the winner in our Souper Bowl and they also were the winners in the real Super Bowl. I believe the Food Pantry was the all-time winner.



Thanks to all who donated!

Grant dollars were awarded from the Andrew and Elizabeth Spuler Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.



It was great to see the children at the end of Sunday's worship putting the Alleluia away for the Lenten Season. They did a great job!



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

NOW IS THE TIME to put in your reservation for memorial Easter Flowers. Several varieties of flowers are available. More information can be found on the order form. Pick one up from Ushers' table in the back of the Sanctuary. The flowers may be picked up immediately after Worship on Easter, March 31st. **PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER FORM BY MONDAY, MARCH 17th.** Call the church office 570-326-9171 if you have any questions.

