



Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 25

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, February 26

7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 pm South Little League Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, February 29

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

9 am – Noon Lenten KIM

9 am – Noon Soup Sale



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Kids in Mission: Lenten Activities/Service Project Saturday, March 2, 9 A.M. - 12 Noon

Age 4 through Grade 6

Join us on a Lenten journey to Easter:

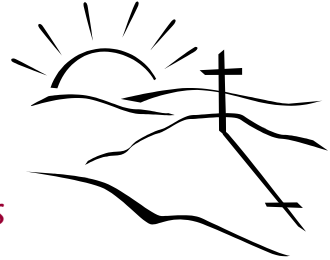


Story Time

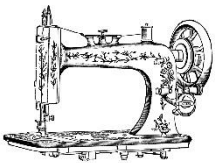
Pretzel Baking

Service Project

Crafts and Games



Contact the church office at 570-326-9171 with any questions or to register. Registration forms can be acquired on our website shown above.



It's almost that time again ... time to get sewing!

We will soon be kicking off our “School Kits for Lutheran World Relief” project. For all of our sew-ers out there, warm up your machines and watch for more information in next week’s Messenger. *And ... for those of you who do not sew but would like to help, we have plenty of jobs for you, too!* See Kathy Wither or Sally Congdon for more information.

Shepherd of the Streets is in need of the following **adult hygiene items:** combs, shampoo, conditioner, large bars of soap, and deodorant. **Children’s and infants’ hygiene items needed include:** children’s toothbrushes, combs, hair ties, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby soap, and baby powder. Donated items may be placed in the gray bin in the elevator alcove or brought to the church office during normal business hours. *Thank you for your support of this vital ministry to our community!*

February 25, 2024	Service Assistants
Ushers	Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner, Arch Watkins
Lay Assistant	Kim Brofee
Communion Assistant	Sherri Holtzman
Acolyte	Weston Sherman
Altar Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Presenters	Carl Gee and Jody Fullmer
Cantor	Bob Schweppenheiser
Flower Delivery	Susan Bryan

Wed. February 14, 2024

Attendance: 60

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Attendance:

Offering: \$4,003.43

Cap. Campaign: \$10.00



Lenten Vespers and Bible study will be on Wednesday evenings 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.

Copies of the Lenten Devotional Booklet and the Lenten Self-Denial Folders are now available in the Narthex and in the office.

**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 honor of Martha Kropp's 95th birthday on February 22nd by her son Craig Kropp.

The Basket of Flowers is Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Fila by her husband and family.

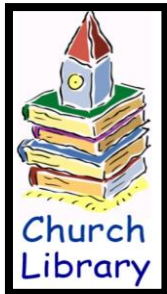


There will be an open house on Sunday February 25th from 1 pm – 4 pm at 210 Summer Street, South Williamsport to honor Martha Kropp on her 95th birthday. Please stop by for a moment to wish her a Happy Birthday.

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



The Library Corner



Family - **Before and After Easter - Activities and Ideas-Lent to Pentecost** - For each day of Lent, each week of Easter and the Day of Pentecost, there are... activities, service projects, crafts and recipes, Bible readings, fascinating facts, family worship ideas...and full color illustrations on every page make activities and projects a snap! Book is in the Easter section of our Library.

Adult - **Journeying through Lent with Luke - Daily Meditations** - Vivid word pictures, crisp retelling of text and creative allegory spark delight in the beauty of Luke's Gospel and a desire to follow Christ. Each of the 47 devotions is free standing, but themes--such as prayer, healing, forgiveness and teaching--link groups of devotions together, lending depth and continuity to them. Each meditation focuses on a key point from the reading in Luke and offers excellent questions for individual reflection. A prayer for each day draws readers closer to the Gospel. Book in the Easter Holiday Section of our library.

Bible Readings

Sunday, February 25 – *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*

Monday, February 26 – *Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12*

Tuesday, February 27– *Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19*

Wednesday, February 28–*Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43*

Thursday, February 29 – *Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10*

Friday, March 1 – *Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40*

Saturday, March 2 – *Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8*

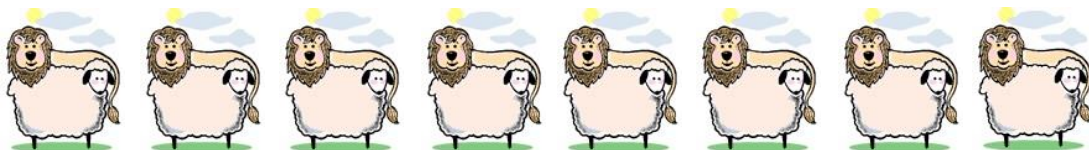
Daniel's Closet



Daniel's Closet at Redeemer – Saturday, February 24, 8:30-11 a.m.

Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need, regardless of income. **All are welcome to come and "shop" the closet** ... all they ask is that you take only what you need personally or can share with a friend.

Donations are accepted at Messiah in the blue bin in the alcove by the Chapel. You may also drop off donations at Redeemer this Thursday, February 22, from 4-6 p.m. Help is needed to sort the clothing, so if you are looking for a way to serve during Lent (or any other time!), please feel free to join in ... it's always a fun and rewarding time!



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 SUNDAY, MARCH 17th.** Call the church office 570-326-9171 if you have any questions.



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!”





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

Final Stewardship Report 2023

Thank you for all your generous support!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2024

GENERAL FUND:

2023 Total	43 Pledges	\$101,963.84
2024 Total	32 Pledges	\$ 74,702.70

REBUILDING FUND:

2023 Total	27 Pledges	\$ 24,485.25
2024 Total	19 Pledges	\$ 15,042.00

2023 Total	19 Pledges	\$ 6,230.75
2024 Total	15 Pledges	\$ 5,134.00

