



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 3

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, March 4

11:00 pm Organ Tuning

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

7:30 pm Worship and Music

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

10:00 am Knitters for Neighbors

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

11:00 am Rogers/Eisner Baby Shower



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Seasoned Helpers Ministry

Seasoned Helpers Ministry's very special mission is to be God's helping hands serving family, friends and neighbors during times of change.



Indoor and Outdoor Chores

Missional Outreach have a group of people who can help with household tasks and simple yardwork. Everyone has experienced times in their life when a little additional help is needed. They will help those who may be unable to perform these tasks due to illness, injury, or time constraints in the face of adjustment to changes in family structure. If you or someone you know could use a helping hand (or two!), please contact the church office; we will make the recommendation to the committee so that they can match the need with the appropriate volunteer(s).

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. ∞ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

This ministry can only be successful if we are made aware of the needs – so we need you to be our eyes and our ears! Many times, people experiencing challenges are unwilling or unable to reach out for help, or unaware that help is available. If you become aware of a need, please contact us! **How may we serve you?**

Do good and...

share what you have,

for such sacrifices

are pleasing

to God.

Hebrews 13:16



March 3, 2024

Service Assistants

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, Pam Eveleth, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker; **Lay Assistant:** Susan Bryan; **Communion Assistant:** Debbie Day; **Acolyte:** Karrah Bair; **Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher; **Greeters/Presenters:** Gary and Connie Hess; **Cantor:** Virginia Amme; **Flower Delivery:** Arch Watkins



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher G. Solomon, Naomi and Samuel Kreger and Carl, Annalie and Kathleen Solomon by their families.

The Basket of Flowers is Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David L. Riley, Carol Riley and David L. Riley, Jr. by David and Emily Bausinger, Connie and Gary Hess and their families.

Wed. Vespers' - 2/21

Attendance: 21

Sunday, February 25,
2024 Attendance: 100

Offering: \$3,236.63

Cap. Campaign: \$10.00



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



Bible Readings: Sunday, March 3: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;

John 2:13-22; **Monday, March 4:** Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22;

1 Corinthians 3:10-23; **Tuesday, March 5:** Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11,

16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28; **Wednesday, March 6:** Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19;

Thursday, March 7: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6; **Friday,**

March 8: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14; **Saturday, March 9:**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13



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.



Lenten Vespers and Bible study
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.

The Library Corner



Children - We have many **Arch Books** which are geared for third grade readers. These are short and easy read books about many of our Biblical heroes including Old Testament figures. These are on the Arch Book Spinner in our Library.

Adult – **The Faces of Jesus** - With timeless insight, Dr. Buechner introduces us to the Jesus of the Gospels. The old, old story begins to ring new as he revisits the ancient stories and shows us different aspects of the face of Jesus, reminding us that to see Jesus afresh is to be changed and challenged and put back on our feet. Book is in the Adult Non-fiction section of our library.



We are in need of: spaghetti and sauce, cream of mushroom soup, cereal, rice, baked beans, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned or dry milk, crackers, snacks, cookies, canned potatoes and soup.



Order your Easter Flowers now; 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.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program is Monday – Friday. We have a morning class 8:30 am – 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds (the child needs to be 3-years old by Sept. 1st) and the afternoon class is 11:30 am -2:30 pm this is the Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds who expect to begin kindergarten in Fall 2024. **For more information**, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the volunteer preschool coordinator, Linda Miller

preschool registration

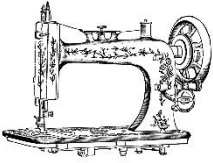


Registration forms are also available in the church office. *Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you.*



I would like to thank my Messiah Family for helping me celebrate my birthday.

Martha Kropp



Rev your engines ... your sewing machine engines, that is!

The time has come to kick off our "School Kits for Lutheran World Relief" project. It's time to get sewing so that they are ready in time for the older class of kids to add the cords during Bible School week.

Leftover fabric pieces from last year - along with instructions on how to sew the backpacks - are now available at the church office or in the narthex, and new colors will be coming soon! *And ... for those of you who do not sew but would like to help, we have plenty of jobs for you, too!* **Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802 for more information.**



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet in the Choir Room on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. as we focus on celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Candy Watkins and Carol

Waltz will present "**Irish Ballads**" and lead a sing-along. Becky Pryor will lead devotions; Barb Houseknecht and Susan Nadeau will provide refreshments. A special guest at our meeting will be Yvonne Shenuski, President of Church Women United of Lycoming County, who will explain CWU's "Celebrations" and its many community projects. Everyone is welcome!



The Lenten KIM is this Saturday, March 2nd from 9 -12.

For ages 4 through grade 6. Activities will include a story, craft, pretzel making, service project and games/songs. Registration forms can be acquired in the church office or on our website. www.messiahsouth.org

The Soup Sale will be Saturday, March 2nd, 9 am – Noon. Containers are available in the church office. Please have your soup containers to the church Saturday, March 2 by 8:30 am. This year's sale will benefit our Christmas baskets. **Help make it a "Soup-er Day!" Thank you!**





Donations of gently used clothing and accessories for Daniel's Closet are being accepted at Messiah. Clothing and accessories, shoes, bags and purses, suitcases, and outerwear are accepted. You may place your donations in the large blue bin in the alcove outside of the Chapel whenever the church or the office is open. Please bag all items and try to limit the size of the bag to no larger than a kitchen sized trash bag as anything larger than that is very heavy and difficult for our volunteers to handle or to lift out of the bin. 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. *Thank you for your support!*



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!*



Camp brochures are available in the back of the church for those who might wish to attend camp this summer. You can also access the information online at: <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer-camp/>. As we do not have a camp person this year, anyone who wishes to attend camp should contact the camp directly to register or with any questions. Anyone who may be interested in being camp person should contact Kathryn Pratt or the church office and you will be put in touch with the director of the camp, Chad Hershberger.

The 18th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic, May 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam.

Benefits Camp Mount Luther. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: <https://www.campmountluther.org>

Deadline for Registration is May 1, 2024.

Please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587

or cml@campmountluther.org.

