



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 10

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
6:00 pm South District 12 Meeting

Monday, March 11

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm WELCA

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

11:00 am Rogers/Eisner Baby Shower
11:00 am – 6:00 pm South District 12
Jr. Baseball/Softball Registration



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Soup Sale Results are in....

It was a **SUCCESS!** In fact it raised
\$1,136.00
for our Christmas food baskets.

Thank you to the many volunteers who took the time to make soup for our sale, for those who came out in the rain to sell the soup and to our Congregation for stepping up to purchase our soup on both Saturday and Sunday morning after worship.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20



Kids in Mission: Lenten Activities/Service Project

on Saturday, March 2 was a fun filled morning for children ages 4 - grades 6. They enjoyed story telling, games and crafts, making pretzels and decorating and filling 20 bags to give to the Shepherd of the Streets. Ray Huff blessed the bags on Sunday morning during worship.



A Friendly Reminder:
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed.

March 10, 2024

Service Assistants

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker;
Lay Assistant: Sandy Ream; **Communion Assistant:** Candy Watkins;
Acolyte: Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner;
Greeters/Presenters: Dave and Rita Strickler; **Cantor:** Candy Watkins;
Flower Delivery: Arch Watkins

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones.



Lenten Vespers and Bible study are 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.

Wed. Vespers' - 2/28

Attendance: 21

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Attendance: 100

Offering: \$8,227.38

Cap. Campaign: \$10.00



Bible Readings: Sunday, March 10: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21; **Monday, March 11:** Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6; **Tuesday, March 12:** Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13; **Wednesday, March 13:** Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20; **Thursday, March 14:** Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13; **Friday, March 15:** Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4; **Saturday, March 9:** Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11.



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.

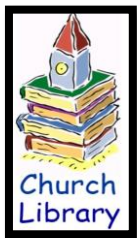
Copies of the Lenten Devotional Booklet and the Lenten Self-Denial Folders are available in the Narthex and in the office.

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

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out Sunday, March 17th. Please let the office know if you are not available next Sunday. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.



The Library Corner



Children – The Easter Story, a board book. Parents can use this book with its simple words and colorful illustrations to gently introduce even very young children to the meaning of Easter. The events surrounding the first Easter are explained in a way that little ones will understand. Found in the Easter section.

Adults – Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado – Once again the author takes us to the foot of the cross where we find hope for life's tough issues. In the cross we find purpose, forgiveness, and rest. Book is in the Easter section in 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.

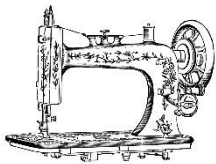
Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting preschool registration registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

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 2025. **For more information**, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the volunteer preschool coordinator, Linda Miller



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





Sewing is underway for 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!

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?**





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.

