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### Calendar of Events

#### **Sunday, March 17**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

#### **Monday, March 18**

6:30 pm Executive Committee

#### **Tuesday, March 19**

6:15 pm LLFF Committee



#### **Wednesday, March 20**

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

#### **Thursday, March 21**

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

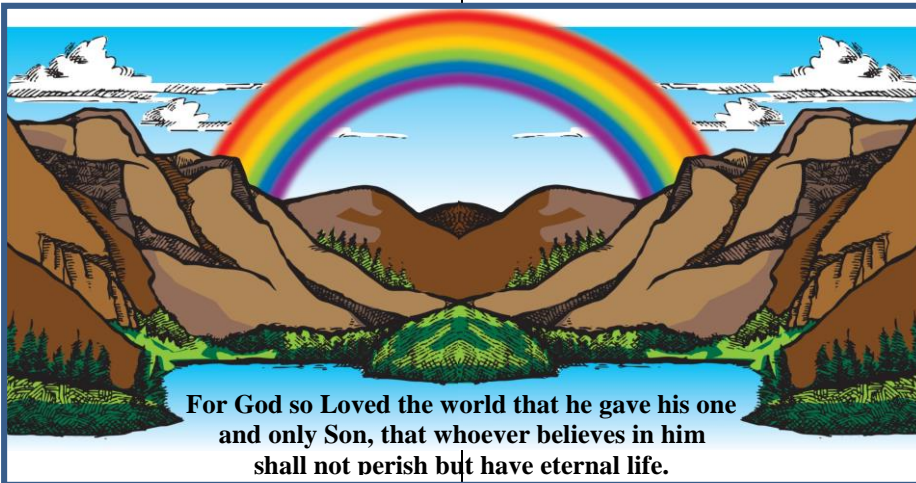
#### **Friday, March 22**

#### **Saturday, March 23**

9:00 am Palms Preparation

2:00 pm Boyles Birthday Party

7:00 pm Bausinger Birthday Party



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***It's that time of year again – time to kick off our annual LWR School Kits project!***

The School Kits we make will be sent to children around the world who are in need due to poverty, natural disasters, conflict, or other issues that make it difficult to attend school. For many of these children, **these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.**

This is a 9-month project involving folks of all ages. Beginning in February, our volunteers shop for fabric and begin marking and cutting the pieces to make the backpacks. Throughout the Springtime, a dedicated group of women work diligently to sew the backpacks.

We then reach out to the local community by involving the children who attend Bible School to take part in the project. Bible School offerings are used to help purchase supplies for the packs, and children in grades 4-6 spend part of the morning helping to string the drawstring cords through the casings of the packs.

Over the summer, the congregation takes advantage of the back-to-school sales to shop for supplies. Then the children are invited back to attend the “Pack-a-Sack” event in September to see their efforts come to fruition as folks of all ages work together as a team to fill the packs. Once assembled, the school kits are packed into cartons and taken to the local LWR ingathering in October, from where they are then delivered to the LWR warehouse in Maryland for distribution to those in need around the world.

Last year, we were blessed to be able to complete 374 school kits, thanks to God's grace, and thanks to YOU. Whether you offered support by sewing, making donations, helping at Bible School, through prayer, or just cheering us on from the pews, God did His work through each of YOU. How will you hear and respond to God's call as we undertake this project again this year?



**NEW this year ~ “Sew-A-Sack” Event ~ See inside for details.**

To learn more about LWR, visit <https://lwr.org/about-lwr>

March 17, 2024

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker; **Lay Assistant:** Anita Bair;  
**Communion Assistant:** Rhonda Koch; **Acolyte:** Owen Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower;  
**Greeters/Presenters:** Dan and Kathy Rasdorf; **Cantor:** Dave Bausinger; **Flower Delivery:** Jody Fullmer

**Wed. Vespers' – 3/6**

**Attendance: 14**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Attendance: 92**

**Offering: \$4,320.63**

**Cap. Campaign: \$70**



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nelson Silverstrim and Doris Webb Silverstrim, on the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding, March 17, 1945, by their sons and their families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol Hessert and in loving memory of what would have been Sam and Carol's 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 16, with love from their daughter Pam.



**Bible Readings: Sunday, March 17:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10;

**Monday, March 18:** Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11;

**Tuesday, March 19:** Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24;

**Wednesday, March 20:** Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50;

**Thursday, March 21:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11;

**Friday, March 22:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18;

**Saturday, March 23:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52.



**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.***



**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.**



## The Library Corner



Children/family - **DVD - The Story of Easter** - The story of Jesus' resurrection comes alive for children in this animated video. Based on the award winning Spark Story Bible. The Story of Easter will captivate children as they learn about God's love for the world through the miraculous life and ministry of Jesus. This DVD is in the Easter Holiday Section of our library.

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**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.

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**Easter flower orders are due this Sunday, March 17. Your Lenten Self-Denial folders are due on Palm Sunday, March 24. You may put them in the offering plate or drop off to the office.**

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

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**Save the Date:** Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – Noon. Rain date will be Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am – Noon.

St. Patrick's  
Day





## **Lutheran World Relief School Kits “Sew-A-Sack” Event** to be held on **Wednesday, April 3, 9 a.m.-???** We are going to try something new this year. While there will continue to be plenty of fabric pieces available for those who prefer to sew at home, we thought it would be fun to host a sort of “sew-a-thon” during which we will enjoy a morning of fellowship with one another as we work together to sew the backpacks needed for the school kits. Can’t sew, or don’t have a machine? No problem! We can put you to work marking fabric, cutting, pinning, and ironing hems (it’s easy and we’ll show you how). At noon, we will share conversation over a light lunch. We will need the use of some sewing tools if you’ve any to share (or to bring for your own use). A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex. If you can attend, please sign up and indicate whether or not you will join us for lunch along with which items you can bring. *Join us for a fun time ... we guarantee “we will keep you in stitches!”*

**Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802 for more information.**



### **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?**





**Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting preschool registration** 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. 1<sup>st</sup>) 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**



**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.

