



HOLY WEEK

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship/Communion

7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday



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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:30 pm

Worship Service with Holy Communion

The Passion According to St. Mark

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service of Christ's Seven Last Words

The Resurrection of Our Lord

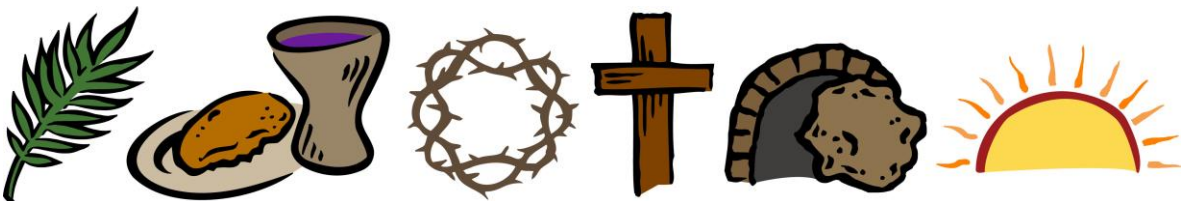
Easter Day, April 21

9:30 a.m. - Festival Service of Holy Communion

Festive music with Choir, Organ, Handbells

Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. All Children through Grade 6



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker
Lay Assistant	David Bausinger
Communion Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jonathan Hess
Altar Guild	Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
Greeters/Presenters	Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum
Flower Delivery	Paul Weaver



Thursday, March 28, 2024

Service Assistants	7:00 pm
Ushers	Bill Reasner, Fred Harbaugh, Sue Christ, Dave and Rita Strickler
Lay Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Communion Assistant	Candy Watkins
Acolyte	Karrah Bair
Altar Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Presenters	Sherri Holtzman, Doris Butt

Friday, March 29, 2024

Service Assistants	7:00 pm
Ushers	Jody Fullmer, Pam Eveleth
Acolyte	Alyx Taylor



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and wishing the congregation a blessed Easter, from Sylvia.

The Palms are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Hassler by his wife Jane.

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.

The office will be closed, Monday, April 1, 2024

Wed. Vespers - 3/13

Attendance: 15

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Attendance: 103

Offering: \$5,165.38

Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

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

Bible Readings

Sunday, March 24: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47;

Monday, March 25: Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11;

Tuesday, March 26: Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36;

Wednesday, March 27: Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32;

Thursday, March 28: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35;

Friday, March 29: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42;

Saturday, March 30: Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18



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 Library Corner



Children - **Jesus Washes Peter's Feet** - This is the famous story of the Last Supper. This book is one of our many Lent/Holy Week/Easter themed Arch Books. This entire series has a 3rd gr. reading level. Great to read together and there is always a page for parents at the end of each book. Book is on the Arch Book spinner in our library.

Adult - **The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop** - This is a book about the most dramatic day in the history of the world, the day on which Jesus of Nazareth died. It opens at 6 p.m. - the beginning of the Hebrew day -- with Jesus and ten of the apostles coming through the pass between the Mt. of Olives and the Mt. of Offense enroute to Jerusalem and the Last Supper. It closes at 4 p.m. of the following afternoon, when Jesus was taken down from the cross. This book is in the Easter Holiday Section of the library.



We are in need of: spaghetti and spaghetti 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.

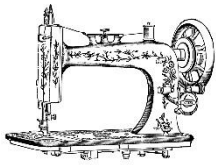
Save the Date: Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – Noon. Rain date will be Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am – Noon.



Organ/Trumpet Concert: The King of Instruments & The Instrument of Kings "Classics and a Tribute to Veterans". Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm, Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 West Fourth Street. Music by Handel, Vivaldi, Gershwin, Freddie Mercury, Irving Berlin, John Philip Sousa, among others. performed by Chuck Seipp and Randall Sheets from the Washington, D.C. area. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted to benefit Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors. Sponsored by the Williamsport Chapter, American Guild of Organists and Lycoming College.



There will be no Sunday School on Easter; there will be a Children's Sermon during the service. Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt held in Shaheen Hall. All school age children are invited to attend. Please bring a basket with you. Happy Hunting!



Lutheran World Relief School Kits: The shopping is done and sewing is underway. Our goal is to have plenty of backpacks sewn in time for the older class of kids to add the cords during Bible School week. Fabric pieces and instructions on how to sew the backpacks are now available at the church office or in the narthex. We have some exciting new colors this year, all in just the right weight to make sewing a breeze! *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.**



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. **Not just for women – guys, we have jobs for you, too!**

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. Remember to let us know if you can bring your own sewing machine, iron, etc. or if you will need us to supply those.

Sew-ers: Remember to bring plenty of bobbins along with your machine. We will have some thread and straight pins on hand, but if you are able to bring your own, that would be helpful.

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

Join us for a fun time ... we guarantee “we will keep you in stitches!”

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 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

preschool registration



YOU ARE INVITED
to a
SOLES4SOULS
INFORMATION GATHERING

at
Messiah Lutheran Church
(Shaheen Hall)
324 S. Howard Street, South Williamsport
on
Saturday, April 13, 2024
8:30-11:30 A.M.

Guest Speaker
ABBY YORKS
Pennsylvania Representative for SOLES4SOULS

Schedule

8:30 - Continental Breakfast

9:00 - Presentation – *An overview of SOLES4SOULS and Abby's involvement*

10:00 - Break

10:15 - Presentation – *How S4S is working to eradicate poverty here and around the world*

11:15 - Closing Devotions and Offering (designated for SOLES4SOULS)

SOLES4SOULS was established in 2006 as a non-profit in Nashville, TN.
Their mission is: *Creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through
the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.*

Please bring donations of SHOES -- shoes of all styles, sizes, genders that still have "life"
in them — but not with loose shoe laces, shoe stretchers/trees, socks or insoles.

To Register for this Event

Please call Messiah Church Office (570-326-9171) or Brenda Cromley (570-506-4698) by
April 1st There is no Registration Fee, just your free-will Offering and donations of shoes, if
you will.

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