

# APRIL

## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, April 7**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

### **Monday, April 8**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

### **Tuesday, April 9**

### **Wednesday, April 10**

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

### **Thursday, April 11**

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, April 12**

### **Saturday, April 13**

8:30 am – 11:30 am Souls4Souls

WELCA Event



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### MESSIAH'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA APRIL EVENTS

Messiah's Women of the ELCA invite ALL church members and friends to attend several events:

**Saturday, April 13 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)** there is a SOLES4SOULS Information Gathering in Shaheen Hall with ABBY YORKS, Pennsylvania Representative and guest speaker, who will explain the crucial need for SHOES for children and adults world-wide ... good used SHOES so children can attend school and adults can walk without fear of soil contamination.



**Tuesday, April 16th (6:00 p.m.)** we will all meet at Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 1725 Holy Cross Lane, Williamsport, to meet with Father Seraphim Reyholds and learn about Orthodoxy and Ikons.



**Tuesday, April 30th (6:00 p.m.)** the annual **Mother's Day Dinner** will take place in Shaheen Hall. Chef Dave Bausinger will provide Roast Turkey Breast and all the trimmings. The musical program will be presented by the Ville Harmonic Ensemble, sixteen students from Montoursville Area High School, directed by Kirstin Gist and accompanied by Jared Gist. **TICKETS will be available in the Church Narthex on April 7, 14 and 21.** Prices are as follows: Adults (\$13.00); Children age 6-12 (\$6.00); Children age 5 and under (FREE).

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Charles Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry and Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Pam Eveleth
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sherri Holtzman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Weston Sherman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marie Welter, April Gardner
<b>Greeters/Presenters</b>	Mary Schultz, Kathy Stiber
<b>Cantor</b>	Bob Schweppenheiser
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Susan Bryan

**Thursday, March 28**  
**Attendance: 62**  
**Friday, March 29**  
**Attendance: 52**  
**Sunday, March 31**  
**Attendance: 181**  
**Offering: \$5213.38**  
**Cap. Campaign: \$10**



**The Altar flowers and a Basket of Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Ream Sr. on the anniversary of his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 5, by his wife Sandy, his children; Dennis Jr and Kelley Reed and their families.**

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

**Bible Readings**

- Sunday, April 7:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
- Monday, April 8:** Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11
- Tuesday, April 9:** Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17
- Wednesday, April 10:** Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27
- Thursday, April 11:** Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25
- Friday, April 12:** Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28
- Saturday, April 13:** Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30



**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.

**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.



## The Library Corner



Children - **Madame Blue's Easter Hullabaloo** - This Veggie Tale book has Madame Blue learn the real meaning and significance of Easter. There is also a button to press for singing along with her. This book is found in the Easter section of the library.

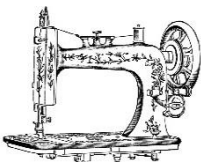
Adult - **Twelve Ordinary Men - How the Master shaped His disciples for Greatness and what He wants to do with you** - What is most amazing about the disciples is that Jesus ever selected them at all: among them, a handful of common fishermen, a hated tax collector, and an impulsive political zealot. When you take a fresh look at the disciples, you'll be faced with a stunning fact: The men the Savior chose were ordinary. Hopelessly human. Remarkably unremarkable. But they were available and obedient to the Master's call. And, under Jesus' teaching and touch, they became a force that forever changed the world. This book brings you face to face with the disciples as you've never seen them before. You'll walk in their shoes. You'll understand their doubts and hopes. And you'll hear the power of Jesus' words in a whole new way. The message of this book is clear. If Christ can accomplish His purposes through the lives of common men like these, imagine what He has in store for you! This book is in the Biography section of the library.



**We are in need of:** spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, cream of mushroom soup, rice, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, , crackers, snacks, cookies, canned potatoes and soup.



**Join us for Bible study and fellowship** on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We are finishing up our discussions on Angels and then begin our focus on the Psalms.



**Lutheran World Relief School Kits:** New 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, and the fabric is just the right weight and texture to make sewing a breeze! 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. *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.





To my Messiah family and friends,  
Thank you for the lily and flowers, cards and gifts of  
the Kids in Mission. They all brighten up my days. I  
really appreciate the thoughts and kindness.

Blessings to all,  
Margaret Huyck



The new 13-week cycle of GriefShare at Redeemer  
will begin **Monday, April 15, 2024, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

We will be using the new 4.0 GriefShare program. We encourage any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one to stop in and let us offer you God's gift of hope. There is a charge for the new workbook, if you choose to purchase one. *There is no cost for the program, but donations are welcome.*

We are located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the main Washington Blvd entrance. Please register at [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org). Call Barb Horn if you have questions. **(570) 974-3744**

*What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.*

**Camp Mount Luther is gearing up for the 2024 summer camping season.**

Registrations are now being accepted for all programs until they are filled. Campers who register before midnight on April 15<sup>th</sup> will receive an exclusive T-shirt. Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, or sign up for multiple weeks, you can get a discount off your registration fee. Program information and registration is available at [www.campmountluther.org/summer](https://www.campmountluther.org/summer).



**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.



... he has given us a new birth  
into a

**LIVING HOPE**

through the

**RESURRECTION**  
of **JESUS CHRIST**

from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV