



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 15

6:00 pm Sit Happens

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 pm WELCA –meet at the
Holy Cross Orthodox Church

6:15 pm Life Long Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, April 18

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20



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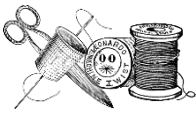


**Sew-A-Sack
April 3, 2024**



**Photos taken by:
Sally Congdon**

The sewers, cutters and ironing volunteers hard at work at the Sew-A-Sack Event



Lutheran World Relief School Kits “Sew-A-Sack” Event Update: Our first sew-a-sack event was so well received that our sew-ers and other helpers would like to have another one! Our next group sewing session will be held on **Wednesday, April 17, 9 a.m.-???** We will take a break at noon for a pizza lunch, and then continue sewing for a bit longer.

New sew-ers welcome: Most of our jobs for non-sewers are covered, but we have room for more folks who sew. If you were unable to join us last time but are available on the 17th, we’d love to include you!

Do you own a portable sewing machine but no longer sew or are unable to attend? Would you consider lending it to us for the day? We have a few experienced sew-ers who wish to take part but do not currently own a machine of their own. *Also needed: several ironing boards and irons.*

Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 if you can lend us any of the needed items, or to let us know you are attending so that we can set up enough stations.


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




Sunday, April 14, 2024

Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Charles Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry and Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Susan Bryan
Communion Assistant	Debbie Day
Acolyte	Karrah Bair
Altar Guild	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
Greeters/Presenters	Dennis and Sue Shoemaker
Cantor	Candy Watkins
Flower Delivery	Arch Watkins

Sunday, April 7: Attendance: 93; Offering: \$6,848.38; Cap. Campaign: \$10.




The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Smith by Vonnie Kaiser and family.
The Basket of flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marian E. Blackburn by her family.




Pastoral Care **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.


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.



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.



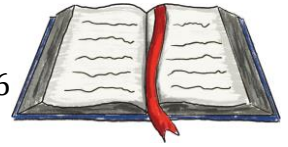
Join us for Bible study and fellowship on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. *All are Welcome!*



What comfort it is to know, when in time of need, someone is praying for us. That is what our prayer chain does. Call the church office if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain. 570-326-9171

Bible Readings

Sunday, April 14: Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
Monday, April 15: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16
Tuesday, April 16: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1-6
Wednesday, April 17: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18
Thursday, April 18: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26
Friday, April 19: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4
Saturday, April 20: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34



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. Call Barb Horn if you have questions. **(570) 974-3744**

What is shared at GriefShare stays at GriefShare.

Daniel's Closet



Did you know ... that Messiah accepts clothing donations year-round for Daniel's Closet? Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran

Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need. Clothing and accessories (belts, shoes, ties, gloves, purses, bags, etc.) may be placed in the large blue bin inside the alley entrance at Messiah on Sunday mornings or whenever the church is open for other

functions. Please bag all clothing in kitchen size trash bags or smaller so that our volunteers can handle them ... clothing is heavy! Questions? Call Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802.

All are welcome to "shop" the closet, too! Please take only what you can use personally or share with a friend. The next closet will be open April 27, 8:30-11 a.m. All are welcome



Please notify the church office if a family member is in the hospital. Or if you are the one in the hospital, let the hospital chaplain know to notify your church. The chaplain's office does not always contact us. For more information, contact the office 570-326-9171.



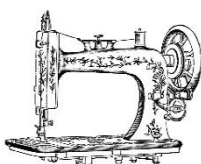


*I would like to say how moved and impressed I was with our Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship services. Thank you to Pastor Amme, the choir, ushers, readers, office staff, greeters and everyone who participated in this wonderful week. It was **AMAZING!** I can still hear the messages we were given. Thank you all!
From a Blessed Member of Messiah*

To ALL VOTING members of Messiah! There will be a vote on April 21, to determine the final outcome of 131 West Southern Avenue. A ballot will be distributed to vote (1) Sell the house or (2) to demolish the house. Thank you, Congregation Council.



Seeking Names of Graduates: Please call the church office by June 1st, with the name/address of anyone in your family who is graduating from High School and Undergrad or Grad School this spring. Your Messiah family would like to recognize your accomplishment. *Thank you!*



Lutheran World Relief School Kits ~ For all our sew-ers who like to sew at home: The fabric has all been cut and new fabric pieces along with 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. **Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802 for more information.**



Church Women United will be holding their World Day of Prayer Celebration at Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church, 235 South Main Street, Jersey Shore, Pa on May 3rd, luncheon 12:00 PM, \$16. and celebration 1:15 PM. The theme for the 2024 May Friendship Day Celebration is **“What Does the Lord Require of CW-You”** based on the scripture, Micah 6:8. The collection for our newest project...**Busy Bags**. Items needed for **Busy Bags:** coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, finger puppets, fidget toys, socks, slinky, Nerf balls, sticker books, slime, play-doh, small puzzles and monetary donations. There is an urgent need for **Lap Robes, catheter bag covers and walker bags.** Reservations are due by April 25, 2024.





On **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.

On **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.

On **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 Kristin Gist and accompanied by Jared Gist. **TICKETS will be available in the Church Narthex on April 14 and 21** or in the church office. Prices are as follows: Adults (\$13.00); Children age 6-12 (\$6.00); Children age 5 and under (FREE).

☞ **Scholarship Available to the Pennsylvania State University**

The Jane Elizabeth Newlin and Everett Mason Batschelet Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to an incoming first year student who will be enrolled at any campus of the Pennsylvania State University *including the Pennsylvania College of Technology*. To qualify for the Newlin-Batschelet scholarship, an applicant must be a public high school graduate or prospective graduate. The recipient will be nominated by a committee appointed by our Congregation Council. Nominees will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State University in order to verify the nominee's financial eligibility as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Approved candidates will be informed by Penn State and will receive an annual scholarship of \$5,000.00 for a maximum of four years, as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student on a Penn State campus, remain eligible, and funds are available.

Applications for this scholarship may be obtained by calling the church office. **All applications are due in the church office by Monday, May 15th**. Because references, SAT scores, and transcripts must also be filed, applicants should obtain an application as soon as possible.

Camp Mount Luther LAST CHANCE to sign up for camp before April 15 to get the Early Bird Discount! To see all of the camping opportunities available, visit <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/>.

Messiah will pay a portion of the cost for members to attend camp.