



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, April 21**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

### **Monday, April 22**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

7:00 pm Property

### **Tuesday, April 23**

### **Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

### **Thursday, April 25**

1:00 pm Backpacks packing

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, April 26**

### **Saturday, April 27**



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## The Lord is My Shepherd

### A Psalm of David.

**23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Photos of stain glass windows in the Chapel  
Pictures taken by Pam Eveleth

**Sunday, April 21, 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>	Dave Bausinger
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Mandy Feinberg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Doriann Morris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
<b>Greeters/Presenters</b>	Yvonne Kaiser, Rhonda Koch
<b>Cantor</b>	Dave Bausinger
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Marilyn Winter



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**Sunday, April 14:** Attendance: **115**; Offering: **\$4,519.63**; Cap. Campaign: **\$10.**



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Robert Schooley's anniversary of their wedding, from their children, Tom, Jack and Nancy.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kirstin Gist's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday by her husband and family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of William and Jean Reasner's 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by John and Brett Reasner, Ronda Hopkins and Raven Cooley.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Debbie Day's birthday on April 22nd, by her mother.

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns** in loving memory of Lee Waltz.

*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!*

## Bible Readings

**Sunday, April 21:** Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Monday, April 22:** Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5

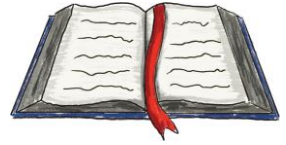
**Tuesday, April 23:** Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17

**Wednesday, April 24:** Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

**Thursday, April 25:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

**Friday, April 26:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

**Saturday, April 27:** Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32



## The Library Corner



Youth – **Before the Dawn** – Charlotte Stevenson’s world is turned upside down by the death of her daughter Denise. Denise ran away from home as a teenager, and Charlotte has never forgiven herself. Now, Denise’s three children are coming to live on Heather Creek Farm. Is this Charlotte’s chance to make things right? Found in the

Youth fiction section of the library.

Adult – **Christ the Lord Out of Egypt** – Anne Rice writes this book as a cross between a historical novel and an update of Tolstoy’s *The Gospels in Brief*. It presents Jesus as nature mystic, healer, prophet and very much a real young boy. Essentially it’s a mystery of the child grappling to understand his miraculous gifts and luminous birth...As he ponders his staggering responsibilities. Read this page turner. It’s in our Adult Fiction section.



**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!*



*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!*



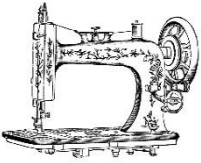


**THANK YOU**

*Thank you to my Messiah Friends for their thoughts, cards and prayers.*

*Much love to all, Doris Butt*

**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.



**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.**



**CHANGE OF PLAN ~ Lutheran World Relief School Kits “Sew-A-Sack” Event Rescheduled:** Our next group sewing session will now be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 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 1st, we’d love to include you!

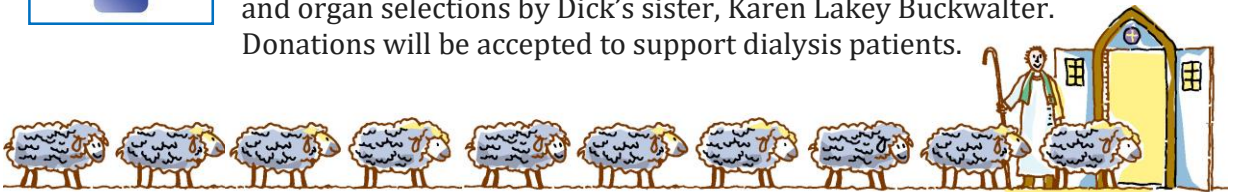
**Do you own a portable sewing machine but no longer sew or are unable to attend?** Would you consider lending it to us for the day? We have a few experienced sew-ers who wish to take part but do not currently own a machine of their own. *Also needed: several ironing boards and irons.*

**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!”*



**A Dialysis Benefit Concert** will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 4:30 pm, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1400 Market Street. The concert will also celebrate the life of Richard “Dick” Lakey, who organized and presented similar concerts for over 28 years. The program features a brass quintet and organ selections by Dick’s sister, Karen Lakey Buckwalter. Donations will be accepted to support dialysis patients.





**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



**SOLES4SOULS CHALLENGE.** Messiah's Women of the ELCA have challenged other churches to collect 300 pairs of shoes during the month of May.

These shoes do not need to be new; they can be used shoes or boots that still are wearable. The only condition is no mold. We need **MESSIAH'S** congregation to help reach this goal. Look for the collection bin during May.

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 Kirstin Gist and accompanied by Jared Gist. **TICKETS will be available in the Church Narthex on April 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 15<sup>th</sup>.** Because references, SAT scores, and transcripts must also be filed, applicants should obtain an application as soon as possible.