



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 29

6:00 pm Sit Happens

Tuesday, April 30

6:00 pm Mother's Day Dinner

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, May 2

10:00 am Knitters for Neighbors

1:00 pm Backpack Packing

6:30 pm Bell Choir

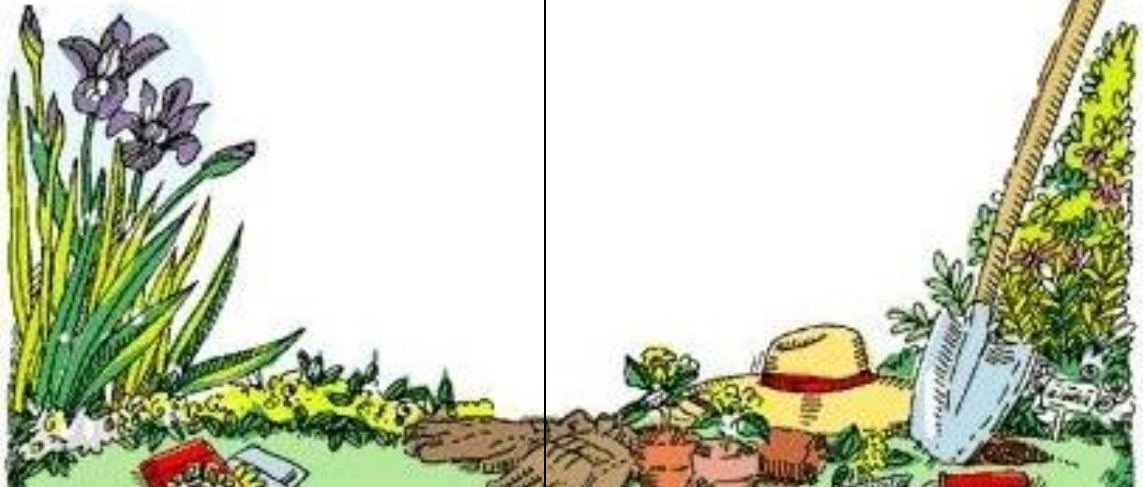
7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

8am – Noon Spring Clean-Up



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Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6:00 pm

Messiah's women of the ELCA will host our Annual Mother's Day Dinner.

This year's theme is "Colors". Let's see how colorful you can all be.

The men of Messiah with Dave Bausinger as head chef will prepare for us a Roast Turkey and gravy dinner with all the trimmings, cake for dessert.

Musical entertainment by the Ville Harmonic Ensemble from the Montoursville Area High School, directed by Kirstin Gist and accompanied by Jared Gist.



The closing will include a sing along with Carol Waltz accompanying on the piano.



Spring Clean-Up



Saturday, May 4th, 9:00 am – Noon.


Rain Date: Saturday, May 11th, 8:00 am – Noon

Volunteers needed for outdoor projects. Bring wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, brooms, blowers, weed whackers, gloves, etc. **Hope to see you there!**




Sunday, April 28, 2024

Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Charles Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry and Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Carol Waltz
Communion Assistant	Rhonda Koch
Acolyte	Owen Sherman
Altar Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Presenters	Paul Weaver, Jean Weaver
Cantor	Janet Stroble
Flower Delivery	Jody Fullmer



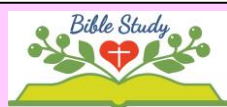
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Sunday, April 21: Attendance: 122; Offering: \$4023.70; Cap. Campaign: \$10.00



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harold C. Kropp by his wife, Martha and family.
The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the anniversary of David and Martha Larson, May 3rd, by their son Mike, daughter-in-law Dianne and family.

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



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



We are in need of: pop tarts, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, cream of mushroom soup, rice, pancake mix and syrup, egg noodles, canned fruit, jello, baked beans and soup. **Please no canned beans at this time.**



Sunday, May 12, will be Church Music Sunday. We will be celebrating the gift of church music with extra hymns, anthems and a selection with bells. If you enjoy singing, you are invited to add your voice for a special anthem. There will be a short rehearsal after church on May 5th to rehearse. Please join us.



Seeking Names of Graduates: Please call the church office 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!*

Bible Readings

Sunday, April 28: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Monday, April 29: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, April 30: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

Wednesday, May 1: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, May 2: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 3: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

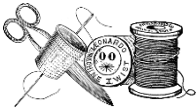
Saturday, May 4: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45



The Library Corner



We've been truly blessed the last year for the donations of so many to our library. Many of you said that you really enjoy reading Max Lucado books, so we have a whole section of his books available to borrow. We've had additional children's Christian books, holiday books as well as those of you who enjoy poetry and short stories donated. Each week we highlight one or two books from our library in the newsletter. Stop in to our library and find a good read for yourself.



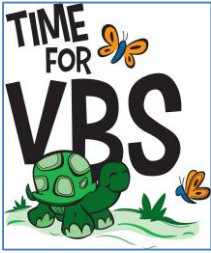
CHANGE OF PLAN ~ Lutheran World Relief School Kits "Sew-A-Sack" Event Rescheduled: Our next group sewing session will now be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 9 a.m.-???** We will take a break at noon for a pizza lunch, and then continue sewing for a bit longer. **New sew-ers welcome:** Most of our jobs for 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!"





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is just around the corner. We will be holding VBS this year from **June 17th through June 21st**. Adult and Teen volunteers are needed so please contact me if you are able to help out. We are very appreciative of the time and effort you provide. More details to follow!!!

GRADES 4 - 12: As we usually do, the 4th-6th grade VBS kids will be stringing Lutheran World Relief back packs and we could use your hands!! Grades 9th-12th, who aren't helping with VBS, are also invited to join us any time you are able.

Thanks, Kathryn Pratt



The votes are in! On Sunday, April 21 at Sunday worship, every voting member was given a ballot to hand in during the offering, but we never were able let everyone know how it turned out. There were 67 votes to sell 131 Southern Avenue and 27 votes to demolish the property. Since the majority was to sell the property, we will now move forward with selling it.



A Dialysis Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 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.

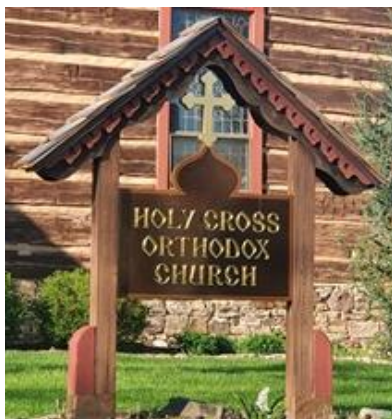


Church Women United will be holding their World Day of Prayer Celebration at Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church, 235 South Main Street, Jersey Shore, Pa on May 3rd, luncheon 12:00 PM, \$16, and celebration 1:15 PM. The theme for the 2024 May Friendship Day Celebration is "**What Does the Lord Require of 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 **Tuesday, April 16th WELCA met at Holy Cross Orthodox Church** and met with Father Seraphim Reyholds to learn about Orthodoxy and Ikons. They asked me to share pictures that were taken by Barbie Harbaugh. What a beautiful church.



You can view all the pictures at the Mother's Day Dinner.

