

## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, May 5**

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Rehearsal for Special Anthem

### **Monday, May 6**

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee  
7:30 pm Worship and Music

### **Tuesday, May 7**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 8**

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

### **Thursday, May 9**

#### **Ascension of Our Lord**

11:00 am Jackson/Leach Wedding  
1:00 pm Backpacks Packing  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, May 10**

### **Saturday, May 11**

8am – Noon Spring Clean-Up  
“Rain Date”

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## Church Music Sunday Sunday, May 12

We will be celebrating the gift of church music on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with extra hymns, anthems and a selection with bells.

If you grew up in church in the 70's and 80's, you may remember some of the old Sunday School songs that we sang. Though they may not be used as often today, they helped us love God and have fun at church when we were kids. As you read some of these titles, you may recognize some of them and find yourself humming or singing as you travel down memory lane. I know I did.

- *Jesus Loves Me*
- *This Little Light of Mine*
- *Jesus Love the Little Children*
- *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*
- *Praise Him, Praise Him*



I remember singing all these songs in Sunday School, vacation bible school and in camp as a child. I also remember growing up singing specific hymns in church that became some of my favorite hymns today. Maybe some of these hymns are your favorites to.

- *Beautiful Savior*
- *Onward, Christian Soldiers*
- *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
- *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

This Sunday the ushers will be handing out papers to you, so that you may tell us some of your favorite hymns. We then will choose some of those hymns and include them in worship the next Sunday. Please place your slip in the offering plate.

***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 5<sup>th</sup> to rehearse. Please join us.***

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**


<b>Service Assistants</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Mike Gardner, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Kim Brofee
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Candy Watkins
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jordan Morris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher
<b>Greeters/Presenters</b>	Paul and Georgie Ulrich
<b>Cantor</b>	Virginia Amme
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Paul Weaver

**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.

**Sunday, April 28: Attendance: 83; Offering: \$2,776.38; Cap. Campaign: \$70.00**



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George, Annamary, Susan and David Hutchinson by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our sister Carol Riley's 67<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 10<sup>th</sup>, by her sisters Emily Bausinger and Connie Hess.



**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley Fullmer's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, by her family.



**We are in need of:** egg noodles, canned potatoes, pop tarts, rice, mac and cheese, pudding, canned vegetables and jello. We do not need canned beans at this time. **Please bring in only the items we need and can use.** Thank you!

**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!*

**SOLES4SOULS**  
Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

**WELCA is collecting shoes for SOLES4SOULS;** the goal is to collect 300+ pairs of shoes by the end of May. As of April 26<sup>th</sup> we have collected **75 PAIRS OF SHOES.** Thank you for your support.



**Wedding Banns:** Colleen Jackson and Brandon Leach have announced their intention to be married on May 9, 2024. Your prayers are encouraged.

## Bible Readings

**Sunday, May 5:** Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**Monday, May 6:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Tuesday, May 7:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16

**Wednesday, May 8:** Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20

**Thursday, May 9:** Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**Friday, May 10:** Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18

**Saturday, May 11:** Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

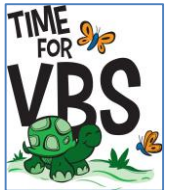


## The Library Corner



Children - **Mommy Promises** - From tucking them in at night to waving goodbye at the bus stop, from teaching them to tie their shoelaces to teaching them to lace their fingers in prayer, a mother's love for her child is reflected in so many ways. This book celebrates and affirms that love. In words and pictures this book takes a warm and wonderful look at the special relationship between mother and child and at the one of a kind relationship between our heavenly Father and His chosen children. Book is in the Children's section of our library.

Adult - **A Book of Blessings** by Helen Steiner Rice - poems in this collection explore what it means to bless and be blessed: blessings without end; blessings in times of trouble; open your heart to blessings; unending blessings. An encouraging collection of poems found in our Poems/Prayers/Devotions section.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is just around the corner. We will be holding VBS this year from **June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade VBS kids will be stringing Lutheran World Relief back packs and we could use your hands!! Grades 7-12, who aren't helping with VBS, are also invited to join us any time you are able.

Thanks, Kathryn Pratt



**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!*