



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

Wear Red to Church

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, May 21

6:15 pm Life Long Faith Formation

7:00 pm WELCA

Wednesday, May 22

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, May 23

7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25



“Geranium Garden Tea Party”

Watercolor painting by Olga Brereton, United Kingdom

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Day of Pentecost Sunday, May 19

This Sunday we are celebrating Pentecost Day, the birthday of church, which is exactly fifty days after Easter. We ask that everyone wears red to celebrate.

Why Wear red on Pentecost Sunday?

This is a tradition that is rooted in Christian history and holds a profound meaning that reflects the very essence of our faith. Pentecost commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus. This marks the inception of the Christian community and ignited the flames of faith across the world.

But why wear red on this special day?

The color red serves as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Just as flames of fire descended upon the disciples, enveloping them with divine power and inspiration, the color red ignites our hearts with belief and dedication for our faith.

Here at Messiah and many other churches, it is a tradition to wear red attire to church on Pentecost Sunday. This collective display of red symbolizes our unity as a community of believers, all touched by the same Holy Spirit and bound together in Christ's love.

The sea of red within our church walls serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, comforting, and inspiring us in our journey of faith. It is a visual proclamation of our shared commitment to living out the Gospel message and spreading God's love to the world.

So, let's come together in joyful anticipation, adorned in red, as we celebrate the birth of the Church and the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we echo the ancient prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful," may our souls be stirred, and may we be emboldened to go forth and proclaim the Good News to all corners of the earth.


WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Mike Larson, Pam Eveleth, Brian Bair, Mike Gardner, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon
Lay Assistant	David Bausinger
Communion Assistant	Fred Harbaugh
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dylan Sherman
Torchbearers	Weston Sherman, Brennen Hess
Bannerbearer	Owen Sherman
Altar Guild	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
Greeters/Presenters	Marlin and Brenda Cromley
Cantor	Bob Schweppenheiser
Flower Delivery	Susan Bryan

Sunday, May 12: Attendance: 103; Offering: \$2,761.14; Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our loved ones by Cindy and Denny Bennett.
The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol Hessert's birthday, May 21st, by her daughter Pam.
The Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our father Paul Emenheiser, for his 98th birthday on May 21st.

 **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.



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.

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday, May 19th. Please let the office know if you are not available to take communion. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.



Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards sent to me after my recent fall. They brightened my day and were a reminder of my many friendships at Messiah.

Jean Nolan

Bible Readings

Sunday, May 19: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Monday, May 20: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

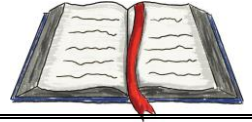
Tuesday, May 21: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wednesday, May 22: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

Thursday, May 23: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

Friday, May 24: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

Saturday, May 25: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27



The Library Corner



Visit our **Library** Children/Youth - **The Very First Christians** - Twelve-year-old Christopher has always tried to sort truth from fiction. Ever since The Very First Christmas and the Very First Easter, he has looked for the story behind the story. This time, Christopher's grandfather teaches him about the drama of Pentecost and the powerful change God brought to the world through Peter, Paul and the very first Christians. This book is in the Children's section of the library.

Adult Book - **15 Minutes of Peace with God** - Does your daily schedule have more appointments and commitments than you can keep? Do you desire a "time out" from your busy life? Emilie Barnes knows the need women have for peaceful times with their heavenly Father. And she understands how the pace of life can often squeeze out these important moments. Her solution? A simple yet effective plan that takes 15 minutes or less. Relevant scriptures and heart-to-heart stories will calm your spirit in the midst of your active day. The book is found in the Poems, Prayers, Devotionals and Meditation Section of our Library.



OUR GRADUATES **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!*



This Wednesday, May 22 will be our last Bible study until September.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday can be picked up after worship this Sunday. ***Any flowers not picked up after the service will be planted on the church grounds.***



Altar Flowers Openings: Do you have a special occasion or a special someone that you would like to remember or honor? We have 3 different Sundays in June available. Please call Cindy Bennett at 570-326-7944 to schedule. Thank you.

preschool registration



Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program is Monday – Friday. We have a morning class 8:30 am – 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds (the child needs to be 3-years old by Sept. 1st) and the afternoon class is 11:30 am -2:30 pm; this is the Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds who expect to begin

kindergarten in Fall 2025. **For more information**, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the volunteer preschool coordinator, Linda Miller.

Registration forms are also available in the church office. Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you!



A planning committee for the Gift Card Bingo benefiting the Preschool is scheduled for Monday June 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Jensen Lounge.

Fresh faces, new ideas are welcome.

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 May 25, 8:30-11 a.m. All are welcome!

If you would like to help sort the clothes, set-up will be on Thursday, May 23, 4-6 p.m.

Thank you to our choir and handbell ringers. Music Sunday was a beautiful service and everyone enjoyed all the familiar hymns and new ones too. We are blessed to have such talented and devoted musicians in this church.



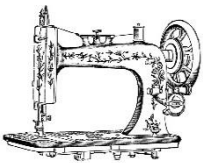
PSALM 146:2, NIV



The **Annual Memorial Service at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church**, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Ben Lander, currently serving at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Muncy, will be preaching and Mrs. Joy Barto will accompany on the church's antique pump organ. The public is invited to attend this service as well as to tour the historic church. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "Like" us on Facebook!!!



The third annual **Kars for Kamp** to benefit Camp Mount Luther will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Rain date is June 9. All cars, street rods, trucks, jeeps, and bikes are welcome. Registration is 9-12 the day of the event. Pre-enter by 5/28/24 for \$15. To register email dbrobst@dejazzd.com. Day of show entry is \$20. Spectators are free. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. There will be music, a 50/50 drawing, basket auction, food, and fun.



WE ARE "SEW" HAPPY! We are well on our way, but we can still use a few more bags for the **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**. If you like to sew at home, fabric pieces can still be picked up at the church during the week or in the narthex on Sundays. **BONUS** – all of the hems have been sewn, so it will be easier than ever for our home sewers to zip right through

the casings and the side seams. Bible School is just around the corner and our children are eager to do their part stringing the bags. Let's see how many we can have ready for them! **Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802 for more information.**



Save the Date! We will be holding VBS this year from **June 17th - June 21st**.

VBS NEEDS: Pool noodles any size/color, spray cans of foam insulation, decorative mesh, spray cans of paint-any colors other than dark blue or black, unused coffee filters. The insulation and paint do not need to be full cans. If you have any of these items and would donate them, it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off by May 30th in the church office.

We still have a need for VBS volunteers to be helpers. If you are able to help for the entire week or for just a few days your assistance would be welcomed! Please give me a call or text me at 570-244-6964. *Thanks, Kathryn*

