



Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

6:00 pm WELCA Picnic

Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27

7:30 pm NA

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

3:00 pm Memorial Service for
Carol Dieffenbach



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Symbols in the Church - Mrs. Blair's Class on Symbols

The Baptistry

The baptismal font, or the baptistry, is a symbol of the church's belief in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. If the font or baptistry has seven sides, it symbolizes creation; eight symbolizes the new creation – regeneration. When the font is circular in shape, the beginning of eternal salvation is emphasized. [A quadrilateral font silently speaks of people coming from the four directions (Luke 13:29).] When the font is near an entrance to the church, admission into the church through baptism is signified. Because they symbolize God's reception of the baptized member as his own, representations of either the font or baptismal symbols are on the certificate.

A dove, symbolic of the Holy Spirit, sometimes adorns the font. When three fish are placed in the form of a triangle, they represent the triune God into whose named persons are baptized. If one fish is shown; in the days when it was dangerous to be a Christian, the followers of Jesus resorted to secret signs and symbols to keep from exposing themselves unnecessarily to the foes of Christianity. For example, a man sometimes drew a picture of a fish in the sand while talking with another. If the figure was recognized to signify more than an unconscious movement during the course of a conversation, the two would identify each other in the Christian faith. The fish as a symbol does not appear often today. But whenever you see it, we think of a heroic time when Christians underwent persecutions and trials for their faith and succeeded in spreading the gospel despite many obstacles. The scallop represents our Lord's baptism and the anchor is "The Anchor of the Soul".



Sunday, June 23, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Carl Gee; Dave and Rita Strickler, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Jimmy Gardner

LAY ASSISTANT: Susan Bryan; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Rhonda Koch

ACOLYTE: Doriann Morris; **ALTAR GUILD:** Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower

GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Gary and Connie Hess

CANTOR: Candy Watkins; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jody Fullmer

Sunday, June 16: Attendance: **87**; Offering: **\$2,844.93**; Cap. Campaign: **\$20.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David and Fae Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Mansel, Mrs. Kathy Thomas and Mr. William Thomas by Robert G. Thomas and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William and Charlotte Winter on the anniversary of their wedding in the Little Chapel of the Good Shepherd on June 29, 1944. Given by their daughters, Carol and Marilyn Winter.

Bible Readings

Sunday, June 23: *Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41*

Monday, June 24: *Psalms 65; Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38*

Tuesday, June 25: *Psalms 65; Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44*

Wednesday, June 26: *Psalms 65; Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52*

Thursday, June 27: *Psalms 30; Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16*

Friday, June 28: *Psalms 30; Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7*

Saturday, June 29: *Psalms 30; Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37*



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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.



Food Collection

Pack the Pantry for Summer – Join us for this June Challenge

You are invited and encouraged to join our June challenge. If you didn't get your bag and list after worship last Sunday, they are still available. On June 30, bring your filled bags to worship with you and place on the front pews in the sanctuary, so we can see how much

food will fill our pantry shelves to overflowing. Thank you for all your help, the Missional Outreach Committee.

This weeks items for your bags: **June 23** - *poptarts*; **June 24** - *box of crackers*; **June 25** - *canned soup*; **June 26** - *egg noodles*; **June 27** - *cream of mushroom soup*; **June 28** - *pudding*; **June 29** - *beef-a-roni*; **June 30** - *spaghetti's*.

The Library Corner

Youth book - **You Ask About...Faith - Questions Teens are Asking** -

When you ask questions about faith, it's because the answers you find affect your life for all eternity. With questions like these, you want to be certain the answers are correct. This book contains a bunch of questions and answers; it has its limits--there are a lot of questions that don't get answered here. But here's the best reason to read this book -- the answers are true. They are true because they follow God's Word, and it's the final authority. The book can be found in the Youth section of our Library.

Adult – **Every Breath –a novel** – In the romantic tradition of his beloved classic “The Notebook”, Nicholas Sparks returns with a story about a chance encounter that becomes a touchstone for two vastly different individuals—transcending decades, continents and the bittersweet workings of fate. Illuminating life’s heartbreaking regrets and enduring hope, this book explores the many facets of love that lay claim to our deepest loyalties—while asking the question, how long can a dream survive? This great summer read is in the Adult Fiction Section of the library.

United Lutheran Seminary The USSWO (Upper Susquehanna Synod Women’s Organization) is sponsoring a bus trip via Fullington Trailways on Saturday, October 12th to the *Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg*. The cost per person - \$50 (includes 2 meals and entrance to the Seminary Ridge Museum. Deadline for tickets are July 31. For more information contact Carol Winter or the church office.

Bible School has begun! Many, *many* backpacks have been sewn and we are in good shape to have the kids add the string. *If any of you still have backpacks at home, please try to finish and get them to the church as soon as possible, or call Sally if you need help to finish up* so that the kids can string as many as possible throughout the week. *To all who have sewn, measured, cut, ironed, offered the use of your machines, provided lunch, melted cord, cheered us on ...*

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your hard work!