

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, August 5

Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 7

Thursday, August 8

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

3:30 pm Sutkins/Dempsey Wedding



ICE CREAM SOCIAL/GAME NIGHT

Saturday, August 3

6:00 pm – 8:00pm



The Fellowship committee invites you to our Ice Cream Social and Game Night. Come and enjoy a night creating your own ice cream Sundae or just having a bowl of ice cream. There will be games to play for all ages. No need to bring anything but yourself and a friend.

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Symbols in the Church - *Mrs. Blair's Class on Symbols (the end of her class)*

Odds and Ends of Church Symbols



THE CELTIC CROSS

Sometimes called the Irish Cross, Cross of Iona, or Wheel Cross. It has a circle signifying eternity around the middle part of the cross. This type of cross is often seen on covers of hymnals and other publications, on tombstones in cemeteries, in church steeples, altars and church doors.

THE BUDDED CROSS

Also known as the Botonee Cross, is a very beautiful cross often used on top of the Christian flag, and may be of either Latin or Greek type, with trefoil ends.



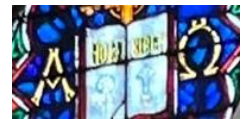
An open book, often pictured on religious publications and stained glass windows in our churches, refers to the Holy Bible, the Word of God. The opened book indicates that the Bible is accessible throughout most of the world. Translations of the Bible, or portions of it, have been published in more than a thousand tongues.



SIX POINTED STAR

Also called the Creator's star or the symbol of creation, it doubly emphasizes the Holy Trinity in the process of creation. The six pointed star is also used by the Jews as the star of David and the symbol of Zionism.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA stand for Jesus Christ, "the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Reb 22:13) the same yesterday and today and forever.



IHS Another popular symbol is IHS. Six interpretations are given to the letters IHS; the first is the one preferred, since it is historically correct, but the others are not to be ignored. They have several centuries of tradition behind them. The first explanation is that the letters are formed from the Greek word (IHCOYC) for Jesus. As knowledge of Greek became rare, the Greek C was changed to a Latin S, so the abbreviation was often IHS instead of IHC.

CHI RHO The CHI ROH symbol, an ancient monogram of Christ. It often appears on altars, book marks and stoles. Where does it come from? What does it mean? The most usual form consists of the P within the X. The monogram has been in Christian use for at least 1600 years. Constantine the Great had the monogram of Christ placed on the shields of his soldiers. The symbol is derived from the first two letters of the Greek word XPICTOC (pronounced Christos). The letters abbreviate the name of Christ.



Sunday, August 4, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty,

Larry Solomon; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Susan Bryan

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Candy Watkins; **ACOLYTE:** Dylan Sherman

ALTAR GUILD: Pam Eveleth, Yvonne Kaiser

GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Dave & Rita Strickler

CANTOR: Virginia Amme; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Charles Luppert

Sunday, July 28: Attendance: 91; Offering: \$3,288.88; Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my daughter, Susan, on her birthday, August 9th, by Sylvia McCarty

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Fila on the anniversary of her birthday, August 7th, by her husband, Carl and family.

The Sanctuary IAMP burns in loving memory of Joy Keefer's birthday on August 10th and of Clair and Joy's wedding anniversary on August 1st.

Bible Readings

Sunday, August 4: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35*

Monday, August 5: *Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24*

Tuesday, August 6: *Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31*

Wednesday, August 7: *Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 8:1-10*

Thursday, August 8: *Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Samuel 28:20-25; Romans 15:1-6*

Friday, August 9: *Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Samuel 17:15-29; Galatians 6:1-10*

Saturday, August 10: *Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 2:1-9; Matthew 7:7-11*



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.

**Bulletin
and
Newsletter
Deadline**

*Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by
Monday at noon.*



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

Food Pantry: Items most needed this week are tuna fish, canned chicken, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes and dry milk.



The Library Corner



Children/families/adults/teachers - Have you ever wondered how to explain to children about the church year? What does each season mean and information about each of those seasons of the church year? Well, there is a great book called **THE TIME OF THE CHURCH**. There is a reading book as well as an activity book (which can be copied) to help children understand the church year with a variety of puzzles, games, coloring sheets, prayers, etc. Both books are found in Teacher Helps of our library.

Adult – **Anxious for Nothing – finding calm in a chaotic world**- Do you feel weighed down with worry? Does the road you're traveling loom large with mountains to cross, obstacles to avoid and hairpin curves to navigate? Could you use some calm? Let's invite God to reframe the way we face our fears and win the war on worry. By His power we will "be anxious for nothing" and experience the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding". This wonderful book is in the Max Lucado section of the library.

**In the presence of our Lord
As we start our Sabbath Day,
Some people choose a place to sit
And then begin to pray
And others choose to read a hymn
And others read a Psalm
Preparing heart and mind and soul
In Worshipful, peaceful calm.**

**We certainly like to greet each other
And share our thoughts and news,
But maybe we could be more mindful
Of those who are in the pews.**

**We could use our smaller voices
Before our worship starts
Maintaining a reverent quiet
That speaks to our souls and hearts.**

**We need your help to lower the level
As we enter God's holy house.
We could all just talk in whispers.
Be as quiet as a mouse.**

Author Unknown





PLEASE TAKE NOTE: I will be on vacation August 11 – August 18. In order for me to have the Messenger ready to mail out the week I am on vacation, I ask that you **please** have any articles you would like in the messenger for that week to me **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 BY NOON!** Although I won't be in the office that week, the office will still be open. Thank you! Pam



Wedding Banns: Cara A. Sutkins and Christopher A. Dempsey have announced their intention to be married on August 10, 2024. Your prayers are encouraged.



School Supply Kits Collection for Lutheran World Relief

Someone cast the net on the right side of the boat this week ... we were amazed at the number of donations that came in!

We do not have an exact progress update as of the time of this writing as we have some shopping to do with the donations that came and we need to see how many sets we can complete before the tally is official. We will definitely top 300 and probably more, assuming the availability of the items we hope to purchase. *Stay tuned!*

Please note: *We have more than enough erasers. If you already purchased erasers, please bring them in. We can put them aside for next year, or – possibly – use them this year if we exceed our goal with the other items we are collecting.*

Especially needed at this time to even out the piles are **70-page spiral notebooks**. We do still need all of the other items as well – **safety scissors, UN-sharpened pencils, black or blue stick pens** – but we have far fewer sets of notebooks than anything else.

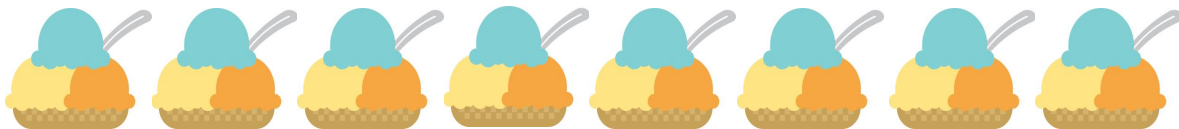
Monetary donations are welcome! Don't like to shop or unsure what to get? We'll do the shopping for you! We can shop the local deals with our tax-exempt status to save money, and we can get great deals online when we shop in bulk and buy enough to get free shipping. Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope marked LWR School Kits.

Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex or in the large black bin under the table from now through August 18.

Questions? Call Sally at (570) 547-6193 or call/text Kathy at (570) 651-2802

To all who have donated or volunteered, thank you for heeding the call!

The Spirit is truly at work here!



BECAUSE WE CARE...

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When your home phone number or address changes. Church records need to be updated. There is a small fee from the USPS every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- When a member of your family is sick or admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- When a member of your immediate or extended family dies.
- When a family member leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

Please note: If you have been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the Pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one notified us. You or a family member should notify the church of illness or hospitalization. Please also get permission before sharing information with the church if the person is NOT a family member. Thank You!!



Can't make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to the web site each week so that you can follow along.

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Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page.

