



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, July 14**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

**Monday, July 15**

4:00 pm Senior Travel Group Picnic

6:30 pm Executive Committee

**Tuesday, July 16**

**Wednesday, July 17**

9:00 am – 11:00 am Knot-A-Sack

**Thursday, July 18**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, July 19**

**Saturday, July 20**



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

### **Symbols on the Altar**

Front of the Altar, middle row, from left-right



**CHRISTMAS ROSE** (Messiah's promise, Christ is still alive)

You will see this on the front and back of the altar. The rose refers to the prophecy of Isaiah, where it is stated that the desert shall blossom as the rose at the coming of the Kingdom of Righteousness. The rose is said to date back only to the thirteenth century.

The Christmas rose symbolizes the Nativity of our Lord. The rose was first called the white rose when people began to notice that it would stand the ravages of the winter; later it was named the Christmas rose when they noticed that it bloomed just at Christmas time.

“Despite wars which shook the whole earth, there still exists a might power which can shape a rose or lead shepherds to a king.”



**THE PELICAN-IN-HER-PIETY** (Atonement)

This is one of the most widely used, and most striking symbols of our Lord's atonement. A pelican shown plucking open her breast, feeding her young with her own blood. Several explanations are given. In times of famine, the female pelican is supposed to tear open her breast and feed her young with her own life blood. She dies in order that they may live. In like manner our

Blessed Lord died upon the cross that we might live. Another variation of this legend of the pelican is that the serpent is the enemy of the pelican and that his sting brings death to the young. The mother mourns over her dead brood, and then vulns herself, and her warm blood flowing upon them restores their lives.

The symbol is a touching one, reminding us that our Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us, delivering us from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.



**THE SUN** (Sun of Righteousness)

**I H S** (Latin) Jesus

**I H C O Y C** (Greek) Christ



**THE UNICORN** (symbol of a sinless life)

The unicorn is a familiar symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ. This fabled animal is pictured as a graceful creature with a horse's head, a goat's beard, an antelope's legs and a lion's tail. From the center of his forehead rises a great spiral horn. It is a symbol of our Lord's incarnation and His sinless life. The unicorn of olden times was said to evade asked efforts to capture it, and the only possible manner of overtaking it was to place an undefiled virgin in the forest.

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**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Fred Harbaugh, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ

**LAY ASSISTANT:** Dave Bausinger; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Fred Harbaugh

**ACOLYTE:** Weston Sherman; **ALTAR GUILD:** Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher

**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Dan and Kathy Rasdorf

**CANTOR:** Virginia Amme; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, July 7:** Attendance: **101**; Offering: **\$6,799.13**; Cap. Campaign: **\$10.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gary and Hali Fullmer by their family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carl E. Fenstermacher on the fourth anniversary of his passing on July 6<sup>th</sup>, by his wife and family.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of Nancy Porter.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, July 14:** *Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29*

**Monday, July 15:** *Psalm 142; Amos 5:1-9; Acts 21:27-39*

**Tuesday, July 16:** *Psalm 142; Amos 9:1-4; Acts 23:12-35*

**Wednesday, July 17:** *Psalm 142; Amos 9:11-15; Luke 7:31-35*

**Thursday, July 18:** *Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Colossians 1:15-23*

**Friday, July 19:** *Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Acts 17:16-31*

**Saturday, July 20:** *Psalm 23; Jeremiah 12:1-13; Luke 18:35-43*



**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.

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

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The unicorn was said to run to her and lay his head in her lap. This was regarded as a symbol of our Lord, whom the heavens could not contain, but who humbled himself and was born of a virgin, and was made man. Ancient writers, both pagan and Christian, had a great faith in the unicorn, and several of them give minute descriptions of this animal.



**THE FLEUR-DE-LIS**

The fleur-de-lis with its three divisions is a widely used symbol of the Trinity, despite the fact that it is also symbolic of the Virgin Mary.

**THE FLEUR-DE-LYS**

This is another symbol of the Annunciation of Our Lord, likewise of His human nature, and of the Virgin Mother. (this is also found on the back of the Altar)



## **The Library Corner**



Children - **Bible Birds and Beasties** - Did you hear about the donkey who talked? Or the man who lived inside a big fish? Children will love this collection of best-loved Bible Stories, with Noah, Jonah, Daniel, Elijah, the stories of Jesus--and a few surprises too, all quirkily illustrated by the amazing T. S. Spookytooth! Book on Children's shelf.

Adult - **The Great House of God - a home for your heart**- In this book Max Lucado takes you on a tour of the home God intended for you. Warm your heart by the fire in the living room. Nourish your spirit in the kitchen. Seek fellowship in the family room. Step into the hallway and find forgiveness. It's the perfect home for you. After all it was created with you in mind. No house more complete, no structure more solid. This great read is in the Max Lucado section.

**Eucharistic Ministers** will be sent out Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## **Free Summer Meals for Kids**

Many kids right here in our community who rely on school meals struggle to get enough to eat during the summer months. Many churches and organizations have programs that help with summer meals. Find a program near you that provides free summer meals by either going to the government website <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids> or by texting the word 'FOOD' to the No Kid Hungry organization's number 877-877.



**The Pack the Pantry Challenge** was able to collect 942 food items. Thank you so much for all your help.

## **Profit and Loss Summary**

**January - June 2024**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>2024 Budget Jan - June</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Overage or Shortfall</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$104,225.00	\$121,560.00	\$105,803.41	\$15,757.23
<b>Rebuilding Fund</b>	\$41,500.00	\$19,665.00	\$64,321.90	<b>(-\$44,656.90)</b>
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	\$4,000.00	\$4,528.98	\$2,563.55	\$1,965.43
<b>Preschool</b>	\$62,100.00	\$72,577.56	\$59,504.43	\$13,073.13



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits Summer Collection

Throughout the summer, we will continue to collect school supplies to fill school kits to be sent to children in need around the world. **These supplies often mean the difference between getting an education or not.**

Nearly 600 backpacks are available to be filled. ***How will you hear the call to help this year?***

***Needed items:*** Please see the insert in last week's Messenger for a list of needed items. You can also pick up the list in the narthex or from the church office.

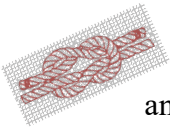
***Be a good steward!*** Please watch for the sales to get "the best bang for your buck" and donate as you are able.

***Shopping tip:*** Are you good with a computer? Sometimes the best deals are available online if you shop in bulk. For example, we found erasers on the online site for a local chain store at \$4.99 for 100 ... and often the "ship to store" option offers free shipping.

***Monetary donations are welcome!*** Don't like to shop or unsure what to get? We'll do the shopping for you! 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.

***We will track our progress*** by placing backpacks on the paper doll children on the display in the narthex. Each backpack represents five children who can go to school, thanks to you!

**Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex from now through August 18.**



**Knot-A-Sack Event** – because it's "not" a sack until it's "knotted!"

The women (with a few men helping) have sewn more than 575 backpacks and the Bible School children have strung the cord through the casing. One step remains to complete the sacks before we fill them – to thread the cord through the loops and tie square knots to secure the two ends together. That would be quite a task for one or two people, but working together we can accomplish so much more – and the fellowship we share is the icing on the cake! ***Come and join us for our "Knotty Party" on any of the following Wednesdays in July: July 10 ~ July 17 ~ July 24 ~ 9-11 a.m.***

Light refreshments will be offered. If you would like to help out but do not feel that you can manage the knots, please come anyway ... we can put you to work checking the knots, counting and stacking the finished packs neatly on the cart. ***Many hands make light work!***

➤➤➤ **Pack-A-Sack ~ Saturday, September 14, 5 p.m.-???** ~ Save the Date! <<<

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

**Thank you for your support!**





Remember these tips for staying safe in extreme heat:

**H**ydrate. Whether you feel thirsty or not, drink plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated, *especially* when you're working or exercising outside.

**E**ducate yourself. Keep up with the latest temperature and heat index forecasts and current readings (take actions to stay cool and safe when the temperatures hit 85 degrees or the heat index hits 90 degrees). Know the warning signs of a heat illness, and how to stay cool.

**A**ct quickly when a heat illness is suspected. Seek medical attention immediately for any of these warning signs: cramping, rapid pulse, heavy sweating, hot red skin, dizziness, confusion, nausea, vomiting.

**T**ake it easy. Anyone working or exercising outdoors should avoid overexertion, especially between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm. Take hourly breaks in the shade or in the air conditioning.

