



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, July 28**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

**Monday, July 29**

**Tuesday, July 30**

**Wednesday, July 31**

**Thursday, August 1**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, August 2**

**Saturday, August 3**

6:00 pm Ice Cream Social and  
Game Night



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

### Symbols on the Altar

Back of the Altar



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**1. FLUER-DE-LIS**

**2. PELICAN-IN-HER PIETY** (Atonement)

**3. PHEONIX** (newness of life)

**4. GLADIOLUS** (Word made flesh)

**5. THE OX**

This is based upon our Lord's words in St. Matthew 11:30 "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The ox is the symbol of strength, of patience, and of sacrifice. Ready either for the plough or for the altar. For this reason, the ox is symbol for our Redeemer.

**6. THE ANCHOR**

An anchor is a symbol of a hope "sure and steadfast".

A story is told of a rural church in Maine where there is a painting of an anchor on the wall in back of the pulpit. Most of the people who worship in this church are connected with the trade of fishing and know the dangers of the sea fro, experience. The anchor is especially fitting to these folk because it speaks of hope and salvation in the midst of howling winds on a perilous sea. Our Lord, who saved Peter from drowning and who answers the prayers of the modern man as well, is the source of their s and our hope.

**7. THE AGNUS DEI AND BANNER OF VICTORY**

**8. CIBORIUM** (The Last Supper)

**9. LION** (Bravery)

**10. GLASTONBURY THORN**

**11. BURSTING POMEGRANATE** (Resurrection)

**12. CHRISTMAS ROSE**

**13. FLEUR-DE-LIS**

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

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

**LAY ASSISTANT:** Carol Waltz; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Sherri Holtzman

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

**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Dennis and Sue Shoemaker

**CANTOR:** Carol Waltz; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Paul Weaver

**Sunday, July 21:** Attendance: **83**; Offering: **\$1,893.03**; Cap. Campaign: **\$10.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Hockman Thomas, who passed away 13 years ago, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, by her sister Linda and nephews Matthew, Michael, and grandson Michael who is currently deployed overseas with the military.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Ream on the two-year anniversary of his passing July 28, 2022, by his wife Sandy and children Dennis Jr., Kelley and their families.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, July 28:** *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21*

**Monday, July 29:** *Psalm 111; Genesis 18:1-15; Philippians 4:10-20*

**Tuesday, July 30:** *Psalm 111; Exodus 24:1-11; Romans 15:22-33*

**Wednesday, July 31:** *Psalm 111; Isaiah 25:6-10a; Mark 6:35-44*

**Thursday, August 1:** *Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:33-42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22*

**Friday, August 2:** *Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:43-13:2; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34*

**Saturday, August 3:** *Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12*



**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.*

**Messiah Messenger Newsletter notes**



Did you know that the Messiah Messenger is available in different formats? The Messenger is available on Messiah's webpage: [www.MessiahSouth.org](http://www.MessiahSouth.org) or the Messenger is delivered by email every week to your inbox. Finally, we also publish **large print** issues. If you are interested in receiving your Messenger by email or if you would like to receive a **large print** issue, please contact the office. *Thank you.*



## **The Library Corner**



Youth - **Horsefeathers** - Fourteen-year-old Sarah "Scoop" Coop know horses better than she knows herself--especially Orphan, a mixed breed mare from her grandfather's stable. Scoop is kind of an orphan herself. She never knew her birth parents. She was raised by adoptive parents who died in a tragic accident. Now she and her brother live with Aunt Dotty. Grandfather Coop lives nearby and runs a horse stable, but Aunt Dotty is the one who helps Scoop understand life and learn about God. When Granddad becomes unexpectedly ill, the stable becomes imperiled. Will Scoop lose Orphan? Will the business fold? How can Scoop keep the things she loves best? God offers some surprising answers. Book on Youth Fiction shelf.

Adult themed - **Daily Life in the Time of Jesus** - This is a great book for reference and/or to read about the daily life during the life of Jesus. This book shares the political context as well as religious beliefs, habits and customs as well as the various people of the time period. If you want to delve into the reasons and rational for the time period, this is a great book. Book is in the Teacher Helps section of our Library.



### **SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS for Lutheran World Relief**

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?*

*At this time, we have enough supplies to fill 260 backpacks – we are nearly halfway there!*

**Items we are collecting are as follows:**

- ✓ 70-sheet notebooks (wide-ruled or college-ruled, approx. 8" x 10 ½") – 4 per backpack
- ✓ **UNSHARPENED** #2 pencils - 5 per backpack)
- ✓ black or blue ball point pens (STICK pens – NO gel ink) – 5 per backpack
- ✓ safety scissors      ✓ 2 ½" eraser      ✓ box of **24** crayons

**Whether you choose to buy multiples of one item or to buy all the items needed to fill a pack is up to you ... all donations are so appreciated.**

**Don't like to shop? Monetary donations are also welcome!** Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line and place in the offering plate or in the smaller schoolhouse at the back of the church.

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

Especially needed to even out the piles at this time are notebooks, scissors, and crayons.

***260 and counting – good job, everyone! Keep 'em coming!***

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

**Thank you for your support!**



## Upper Susquehanna Synod

United as Christ's Disciples, we Support one another  
and Serve God in the world

### 2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 37th Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod was held at Susquehanna University, June 14 -15, 2024. The theme of the Assembly was "Fed by Jesus to Feed the World." It was based on John 21: 15 -17.

The Assembly began Friday morning, June 14, with workshops and conversations. These workshops covered the current issues and work of the church, such as civic life and faith, youth ministry, the changing landscape of Christian Education, the lack of pastors, and ministry in divided times.

The Bible Study leader for the Assembly was Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnes. Rev. Barnes' topic was "Food, Faith, and the Sea." Rev. Barnes' presentation spoke to how people of faith follow God's teaching to care for all, and have used food to show care, build fellowship, and express their faith, from the beginning of time.

The Assembly conducted the business of the Synod.

The Assembly held elections for Synod Council, Consultation Committee, and the 2025 Church wide Assembly.

Chad Hershberger gave an update on improvements being made at Camp Mt. Luther.

Resolutions were adopted that changes the quorum for Synod Assembly from 50% to 40% of eligible voting members and to review the Synod constitution regarding quorum and voting membership.

The Rev. Chad Hebrink, Synod treasurer, presented his report for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31 2024. In his report, he noted Mission Support from congregations was 97.7% of the budgeted amount. Total expenses were 103.32% of the budgeted amount. However, due to higher than budgeted interest income and the onetime gain from the sale of the Synod office building in Lewisburg, revenues over expenses showed a surplus \$22,553.55.

The Assembly approved the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2026. This budget shows a projected deficit of \$1272.34, but due to adjustments and onetime expenses, the Finance Committee is comfortable with the relatively small projected deficit.

The Assembly also approved the 2025 salary and housing guidelines for pastors and deacons.

The Assembly recognized the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger, representing it in the theme of this year's Assembly, "Fed by Jesus to Feed the World." Over these 50 years, the Synod has given \$94,350. The Assembly collected an in- gathering offering of \$2, 191.

Carol A. Winter



## 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.



**Mark your calendars! September 8, 2024 immediately following worship.** The Fellowship, Life Long Faith Formation and Missional Outreach Committees are working together to have a Welcome Back Picnic in Shaheen Hall. More details to come.



**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** There have been no candidates in our search for a new pastor. The Call Committee welcomes your suggestion of possible candidates. Only a member of the clergy roster of the ELCA may be called as a pastor. Clergy on the roster of our full communion partner churches may be considered under special circumstances and with the approval both of our synod's bishop and the candidate's bishop/judicatory head. If you know of someone, please contact one of the Call Committee members so we may proceed according to our synod guidelines. We ask that you continue to pray for our church and for this congregation as we continue on this journey. Committee Chairperson - Kathryn Pratt, Committee members - Cindy Bennett, Jimmy Gardner, Carl Gee and Kirstin Gist. Thank you, Kathryn

