



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 25**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

**Monday, August 26**

6:30 pm Picnic Committee

**Tuesday, August 27**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Thursday, August 29**

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, August 30**

**Saturday, August 31**



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Church  
Picnic

## WELCOME BACK PICNIC September 8, 2024 11:00 am



This year the Fellowship Committee, Life Long Faith Committee and the Missional Outreach Committee joined together to make our Church Picnic and Rally day one big event.

**Immediately following worship**, we will join together in Shaheen Hall for fellowship, food, entertainment, games and for you to view our committee displays. Fellowship will provide the food, so all you will need to do is come. Come, experience the joy of being with other members and reconnect with the various activities of the church, and think about joining, Sunday school, adult bible study, choir and the various committees the church offers.



**Sunday School will start again on 9/8 at 9:30 am** and we can't wait to see you. Hope everyone has had a great summer!

As part of **Messiah's Milestone Ministry** we will be presenting gifts to all of our children and youth as part of the Welcome Back Picnic. Other than gifts to our children at baptism, we have not kept up to date with their Milestones so we will be giving each one an age appropriate Bible and/or Bible Story book. If you are not contacted by someone from the Life Long Faith Formation Committee within the next week and are interested in receiving the gift, please call the church office or Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964.

Please sign **the sign-up sheet** in the Narthex, fill your name and amount of people attending so that we will be sure to get the right amount of food.

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Dave Bausinger

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Georgette Copp; **ACOLYTE:** Karrah Bair

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Bair, April Gardner

**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Arthur & Candy Watkins

**CANTOR:** Dave Bausinger; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, August 11:** Attendance: **67**; Offering: **\$1,844.38**

**Sunday, August 18:** Attendance: **95**; Offering: **\$4,439.64**; Cap. Campaign: **\$20.00**

**Memorial Flowers**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Gary and Connie Hess on their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding Anniversary, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, with love from their family.

**The Basket of Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of McClellen and Esther Denius by their family.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, August 25:** *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69*

**Monday, August 26:** *Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:1-15; Ephesians 5:21-6:9*

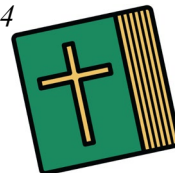
**Tuesday, August 27:** *Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:16-31; Ephesians 6:21-24*

**Wednesday, August 28:** *Psalm 119:97-104; Isaiah 33:10-16; John 15:16-25*

**Thursday, August 29:** *Psalm 15; Exodus 32:1-14; James 1:1-8*

**Friday, August 30:** *Psalm 15; Exodus 32:15-35; James 1:9-16*

**Saturday, August 31:** *Psalm 115; Exodus 34: 8-28; John 18:28-32*



**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.



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



*Thank you to my Messiah family for the flowers and visit during my recent illness. It was very much appreciated.*

*Betty Fenstermacher*



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

## **The Library Corner**

Children/Youth - **The Real Story of the Flood** - One vessel large enough for a pair of every kind of animal in creation. One faithful man and his family. One global catastrophe, and one God capable of creating, destroying, and ultimately, saving our world and everything in it. In this book, scholar and author Paul L. Maier explains the Great Flood in a unique way. No myth or romanticized version, here is the true story of mankind's second chance and our loving God's promise to preserve us for all time. This book is in the children's section of the library.

Adult - **The Gift to Listen - The Courage to Hear** - This book interweaves listening techniques with spiritual principles that emphasize the importance of listening and provide a framework for more effective listening. Using real-life anecdotes drawn from her experience as a minister, counselor, and organization development consultant, Cari Jackson explores common causes of communication breakdowns and offers strategies for moving toward communication breakthroughs. This practical and inspiring book will deepen the rewards of human relationships in business, love and family life. The book is found in the topical issues section of our library.

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### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

***We are in the home stretch!*** This past Sunday was our final official week to collect supplies for the school kits. If you have already purchased supplies, please bring them in as soon as possible so that we can finalize the count and begin making plans to pack the bags. **The response this year has been AMAZING!**  
**Thank you all so very, very much!**