



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 11

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, August 12

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

7:00 pm Bingo Committee

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 pm Missional Outreach
Committee

Wednesday, August 14

Thursday, August 15

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17



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Have you ever wondered what happens to all of the school kits we make?

We recently were in contact with Mary Tereskiewicz, Associate of Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Ministry. Following is a snapshot of what happens to the school kits we make.

After filling the backpacks, we package them securely in cartons and label them. Volunteers from the congregation then deliver the cartons to our synod's central drop-off location in October. Kits of all kinds as well as quilts donated by Messiah and other participating churches in the synod are all taken to this location. (This is also where the blankets we collect for Blanket Sunday go.) These are called Ingatherings. Last year our local Ingathering was in Lewisburg.

From the Ingathering, the kits are trucked to one of two warehouses. Lutheran World Relief has a warehouse in South St. Paul, Minnesota and a warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. Our kits go to the Maryland location.

The cartons are then opened and processed at the warehouse. Kits are checked and uniformly boxed for shipping in large containers. The shipping containers are filled with what the field country has requested. Thousands of School Kits are shipped out in one container at a time.

Travel time to destination countries varies. A ship may be at sea for a month or more depending on its destination. Then the shipment needs to clear customs. Next, our partners on the ground transport the shipment to a local warehouse. Then the material goods are distributed to our neighbors in need through an approved program or center. Kits are not handed out randomly. The recipients have verifiable need.

LWR reports back to donors in many ways: through their website (LWR.org), blogs, Facebook page, God's Love in Action magazine, Faith in Action flyer, congregational visits, videos, and end of year distribution reports. (*See inside for some video links.*)

Mary states: *"Please know how much we appreciate all that you and the people at Messiah Lutheran do to put your faith in God into action; and share God's love and compassion with our neighbors in need around the world."*



See inside for a current progress report on our collection as well as more information about where our backpacks go.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Service Assistants

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

Larry Solomon; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Georgette Copp

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Mandy Feinberg; **ACOLYTE:** Doriann Morris

ALTAR GUILD: Marie Welter, Doris Butt

GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Paul & Georgie Ulrich

CANTOR: Candy Watkins; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, August 4: Attendance: 75; Offering: \$8,682.88; Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Munro and Gladys Webb Munro on the anniversary of their wedding, August 15, 1941, by their nephews Nelson, John, Gary, Andy and their families.

Bible Readings

Sunday, August 11: *1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*

Monday, August 12: *Psalm 81; 1 kings 17:1-16; Ephesians 5:1-14*

Tuesday, August 13: *Psalm 81; Ruth 2:1-23; 2 Peter 3:14-18*

Wednesday, August 14: *Psalm 81; Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 6:35-40*

Thursday, August 15: *Psalm 34:9-14; Job 11:1-20; Acts 6:8-15*

Friday, August 16: *Psalm 34:9-14; Job 12:1-25; Romans 16:17-20*

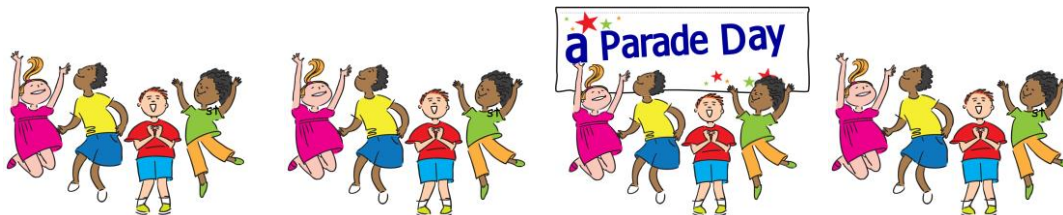
Saturday, August 17: *Psalm 34:9-14; Job 13:1-19; John 4:7-26*



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for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



Your Epic Adventure Awaits! We are thrilled to announce DAVID will stream for free on Sight & Sound TV Friday, August 9th through Sunday, August 11th! Gather your loved ones and join viewers from around the globe to witness this young shepherd's legendary ascent to the throne, exclusively on Sight & Sound TV.



The Library Corner



Visit our
Library

Children – **Amazing Tales and Strange Stories from the Bible** – The Bible is full of amazing and wonderful stories—from a boy fighting a giant to a man swallowed by a big fish! All the stories have this in common: They teach us about God. This book will make reading Bible stories exciting and sometimes surprising! Found in the Children’s section of our library.

Adult – **Just Like Jesus** – God loves you just the way you are, but refuses to leave you there. Isn’t that good news? You aren’t stuck with today’s personality. You aren’t condemned to grumpy-dom. You are changeable. You are tweakable. Even if you’ve worried each day of your life, you needn’t worry the rest of your life. This book helps you understand God’s wonderful ways of transformation. The book is in the Max Lucado section of our library.



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



Food
Pantry

Food Pantry: Items most needed this week are tuna fish, canned chicken, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, dry milk, jello, popcorn, dessert mixes, granola bars, tea and coffee.



The **Preschool Bingo Committee** is asking for your help. On October 26, the committee will be having their 2nd Gift Card Bingo event. During this event there will be themed baskets for the Chinese Auction. Please consider donating a basket or items to make a basket to help us raise funds for our preschool. Thank you!

UPMC in North Central Pa.

The Pastoral Care Department will be hosting a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant Training at UPMC Williamsport Hospital on September 26, 2024, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. If you desire to be a spiritual companion for those who are sick at UPMC care facilities in North Central Pa. (Williamsport, Muncy or Lock Haven), please consider becoming a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant. Contact Sister Gabrielle Nguyen at 570-321-2213 or nguyens4@upmc.edu by September 5, 2024. We hope you can join our mission of extending God’s healing love by providing and extraordinary patient experience throughout North Central Pa.

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





Lutheran World Relief School Kits Update!

The response to our collection this year has been overwhelmingly heartwarming. We are *so close* to being able to fill all of the backpacks that have been sewn!

Most Needed: Notebooks! This is where we really need your help – *shopping* for *70-page spiral notebooks*. Some of the local sites that offer the best prices have a limit on the number that can be purchased at one time. While there are ways around this, it does make it a bit more challenging. You can help by doing the actual shopping for the notebooks and bringing them in.

Also still needed: Crayons and UN-sharpened pencils.

Please note: We have enough pens and erasers. If you have already purchased some of these, 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 remaining items we are collecting.

Monetary donations are welcome! Please 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.

The School Kits we make will be sent to children around the world who are in need due to poverty, natural disasters, conflict, or other issues that make it difficult to attend school. For many of these children, ***these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.***

In 2023, over 551,000 Quilts and Kits were distributed in 14 countries. 190,043 of those were School Kits. Watch for the [current distribution map](#) to be displayed in the narthex soon. The 2024 distribution map will be available in January 2025.

[This video](#) shows the importance of School Kits, especially in places like Tanzania. The children can't go to school unless they bring their own supplies. Parents often can't afford supplies. Because of your love, LWR can help. <https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=40720&k=7203909f0b>

[This powerful video](#) shows how refugees from Ukraine are being helped. This Refugee Center was given Quilts, Personal Care Kits, Baby Kits, and School Kits. <https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=47765&k=b4b599f50a>

[This video](#) is a general overview of the mission and ministry of Lutheran World Relief that is only made possible because of people like you who are putting their faith in God into action and loving our neighbors. <https://photos.lwr.org/pages/view.php?ref=45025&k=bfc8c482ad>

God is great ... all the time! Thank you for answering the call!

Thank you to all who came out for our Ice Cream Social. We may not have had many in numbers, but we had great conversation and played a few games. The ice cream and all the toppings were great.

