



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, August 19

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24



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.

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Council Report – Constance “Connie” DeWald Estate



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As you are aware, Constance “Connie” DeWald included Messiah Lutheran Church in her estate planning. Council members have spent untold hours over the last year getting us to this point. We have been receiving portions over the past year which included a sale of her personal property to the congregation, followed by an estate auction of the remaining items. The sale of her townhouse was completed on August 2nd in the amount of \$159,900. The remaining jewelry will be offered to the congregation on Sunday, September 8th as a final tribute to her. It should be remembered that from the time we took ownership in August 2023, we have paid to maintain the townhouse in good order (lawn cutting, snow removal, utilities, etc.).

Council has prayerfully considered the best uses of Connie’s gift. Some of the projects we think she would appreciate are the upgrades to the livestream equipment and the ongoing maintenance of our wonderful pipe organ. Remaining funds have been invested for future projects. Council would again like to thank Connie for her faith in Messiah to use her gifts to the Glory of God!



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 6:7

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon **LAY ASSISTANT:** Anita Bair **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Rhonda Koch; **ACOLYTE:** Weston Sherman; **ALTAR GUILD:** Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher **GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Barb Waltz AND Alyx Taylor **CANTOR:** Dave Bausinger; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Arch Watkins

Sunday, August 11: Will be posted in next week's Messenger.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones gone too soon.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Nita and Eugene Hamm.

Bible Readings

Sunday, August 18: *Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

Monday, August 19: *Psalm 36; Genesis 43:1-15; Acts 6:1-7*

Tuesday, August 20: *Psalm 36; Genesis 45:1-15; Acts 7:9-16*

Wednesday, August 21: *Psalm 36; Genesis 47:13-26; Mark 8:14-21*

Thursday, August 22: *Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Friday, August 23: *Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:10-20; Romans 13:11-14*

Saturday, August 24: *Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 22:21-34; Luke 11:5-13*



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.**

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

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 an extraordinary patient experience throughout North Central Pa.

The Library Corner



Children – **Otis and the Puppy** – Trusty Tractor Otis brings his new puppy friend to safety while playing hide-and-seek on the farm. This book is great for parents with young children with ideas on reading the story and follow up ideas with game, a field trip and questions. Book is in the Children's section.

Adult – **Twenty Wishes – a Blossom Street Book**- Author Debbie Macomber is a #1 NY Times bestseller. Anne Roche wants to find happiness again. At 38 her life's not what she'd expected-she's childless, a recent widow. She owns a successful bookstore on Seattle's Blossom St, but despite her accomplishments, there's a feeling of emptiness. On Valentine's Day, Anne and several other widows get together to celebrate...what? Hope, possibilities, the future. They each begin a list of 20 wishes, things they always wanted to do but never did. Find out what happens by reading this entertaining, fast moving book. It's in our Adult Fiction section.



The **Preschool Bingo Committee** is asking for your help. On October 26, the committee will be having our 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!



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.

