



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, September 15**

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School

### **Monday, September 16**

6:30 pm Executive Committee  
7:30 pm Worship and Music Comm.

### **Tuesday, September 17**

6:00 pm WELCA Picnic  
6:15 pm Life Long Faith Formation

### **Wednesday, September 18**

7:00 pm Bible Study

### **Thursday, September 19**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, September 20**

### **Saturday, September 21**



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## Harvest Home and Blanket Sunday

**On Sunday, October 6, 2024**, worshippers will be invited to bring forward their gifts of canned goods, boxes of pasta, or monetary offerings for the hungry during the singing of the Hymn of Praise.

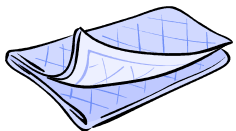
**Decorating for Harvest Home** will take place on **Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am.**

**Donations of fresh produce (pumpkins, potatoes, apples, squash, etc.), cornstalks and gourds to use in decorating are very much needed.**

*These perishable items* may be dropped off at the church office any time Thursday-Friday, October 3-4, or by 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 5.

*Where does the food go?* All perishable gifts of food received will be shared with the United Churches Food Pantry and the canned goods will stock our own food pantry and help to supply the Christmas baskets.

*Monetary gifts in lieu of in-kind gifts may be placed in plain envelopes marked “Harvest Home.” Checks should be made payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church” and be sure to include your envelope number if you would like your offering recorded.*



**Blanket Sunday: Donated blankets and quilts** will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Please place clean blankets or quilts in the **gray bin** located in the elevator entrance **no later than October 5.**

*Monetary gifts may be placed in an envelope on which you mark “Blankets.” Checks should be made payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church.”* These monetary gifts also will be received during the singing of the Hymn of Praise.

**ONE NOTE**, LWR does not want fleece blankets, BECAUSE people wash them in streams, and the lint pollutes the streams. Thank you for your help, *Carol Winter*



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

<b>Service Assistants</b>	
<b>USHERS</b>	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
<b>LAY ASSISTANT</b>	Kim Brofee
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Dave Bausinger
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Jordan Morris
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
<b>GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS</b>	Carol Hessert, Pam Eveleth
<b>CANTOR</b>	Virginia Amme
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Charles Luppert

**Sunday, September 8:** Attendance: **97**; Offering: **\$6,939.39**; Capital Campaign; **\$10**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James D. Wither III (Jamie) by his daughter and son-in-law, Vanessa and Brett Hollfelder and grandchildren, Ali Rudinski and Gordie Emick III.

**The Bud Vase** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James D. Wither III (Jamie) on the anniversary of his birth into heaven, September 20, 2014 by his wife, Kathy; son, Sean Wither; and grandson, Jackson James Summers.

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns** in loving memory of my dad Sam Hessert for his 83 heavenly birthday, with love Pam.

### Bible Readings

**Sunday, September 15:** *Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

**Monday, September 16:** *Psalms 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:11-25; Romans 3:9-20*

**Tuesday, September 17:** *Psalms 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:11-25; Colossians 3:1-11*

**Wednesday, September 18:** *Psalms 119:169-176; Isaiah 10:12-20; John 7:25-36*

**Thursday, September 19:** *Psalms 54; Judges 6:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

**Friday, September 20:** *Psalms 54; 1 Kings 22:24-40; Romans 11:25-32*

**Saturday, September 21:** *Psalms 54; 2 Kings 17:5-18; Matthew 23:29-39*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, September 15,** will be Ray Huff, ALWL.

Next Sunday, September 22, will be Janet Stroble, ALWL.

**Pastoral Care Number:** Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day)

During work hours' 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 mixed fruit or any canned fruit, and egg noodles, canned and boxed potatoes, granola bars, dessert mixes (brownies, cake mixes) and jello.



## The Library Corner



Youth – **Young Heroes of the Bible** – What makes a young person a hero? Is it standing up to a gigantic bully? Is it offering a thirsty stranger a drink of water? Or is it learning humility from your older brother? In 5 stories from the Bible you'll learn how little Abraham put his father's idol shop out of business; how Miriam saved her brother Moses from the pharaoh's death sentence; how Joseph overcame a bad case of self-importance to become a great leader; and how little David, the shepherd, slew the mighty giant Goliath. Great book found in the Youth Section of our library.

Adult – **Love's Unending Legacy** by Janeette Oke (another favorite author) – Marty and Clark Davis arrive home from a visit out west with daughter Missie knowing there are changes ahead for them. But are they prepared for the changes that already have taken place while they were gone? And what secret is Marty keeping from her family? This best seller is found in our Adult Fiction section.



**We Need You!** Would you be interested in serving on Messiah's Congregation Council?



NOMINATIONS

If you would like to submit your name or if you want to submit a name from the congregation at large (permission from that member must be obtained before submission) please let someone from the Nominating Committee or Council know asap. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Sherri Holtzman, Larry Solomon, Sue Christ.

*Please give some prayerful thought to serving in this important role.*



Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship on Wednesday evenings starting next Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We will start with Psalm 139. *All are welcome!*

## Dresses and Britches for Africa



Please help the needy children of Africa by sewing dresses and/or britches. Shirts, pillowcases and trim are available in the Narthex on and under the table displayed, also included are the instructions. For questions contact Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message. *Thank you.*



Coffee Hour This Sunday ~ Hosted by the WELCA  
Won't you please join us after worship?





**Preschool Mums Fundraiser!** It's time to order your fall mums. This is our **Fifth** year working with the Potting Bench for our Mums Fundraiser and the mums have been beautiful! The **\$10 tickets** for the mums will be available the next few Sundays after worship in the Narthex or church office. For more information, contact Linda Miller at 570-326-5405.

You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324 Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport and choose your very own 9-inch potted mum(s). *The deadline to pick up your mums is September 30.. **THANK YOU for Your Support!***

**Mums for loved ones:** If anyone would like to help the preschool by donating a mum to the church, Kathy will plant the mums around the church and the office building in memory of your loved ones. If you would like the name of your loved one listed in the Messenger, please provide the information to the church office. Your donation will add to the beauty of our church – possibly for years to come! Mums that were planted last year are thriving and now grace our entrance. TIP: The earlier you bring your mum to the church to be planted, the better chance it has of becoming established and blooming again next year!

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**Lutheran World Relief School Kits ~ God's Work. Our Hands.  
Pack-a-Sack ~ Part 1 ~ Saturday, September 14, 5:00p.m.**

Now the real fun begins. Please join us for a Pizza Supper followed by a work session to fill the LWR Backpacks with school supplies.



We have over 600 backpacks to fill ~ ***We need you!***

*Please call or text Kathy at 570-651-2802 by Friday to let us know if you are coming so that we know how much help we will have – AND how much pizza to order!*

**Pack-a-Sack ~ Part 2 ~ Sunday, September 15, after worship**

On Sunday, September 15, we will bless the backpacks during the worship service. Following worship, we invite anyone who is willing and able to stay after church to help pack the completed school kits into cartons for shipping. The boxed kits will then be safely stored until they are taken to the ingathering on October 19. Many hands make light work!

***Again – thank you ALL for the wonderful outpouring of love!***



**The Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday, September 15.**



**Thank you to all who came to our Welcome Back Picnic.** There was approximately 75 in attendance. The picnic started off with the Life Long Faith Formation Committee handing out bibles and prayer books to our youth ages 1-17, followed by a wonderful meal and ending with musical entertainment. The Committees had beautiful displays set up in the back of Shaheen Hall with helpful information and there was also a table set up with jewelry from the Connie DeWald estate. Below are some pictures from our picnic.

