

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
6:00 pm SW Little League

### Monday, October 21

5:30 pm Sit Happens  
6:30 pm Missional Outreach  
7:00 pm Executive Committee

### Tuesday, October 22

6:15 pm Life Long Faith Formation

### Wednesday, October 23

6:30 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, October 24

1:00 pm Back Pack Packing  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm NA

### Friday, October 25

### Saturday, October 26

11:30 am Preschool "Gift Card Bingo"



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### **Be a good Steward!**

In the next month or so you will be receiving your Time and Talent forms and financial pledge cards that will be handed in by Sunday, December 8, the day of the Annual Congregation meeting.

Stewardship should be an opportunity, not an obstacle. We ought to be giving God back some of the time, talents and treasures He has given us in a spirit of joy. We ought to be thankful that the Lord provides us the opportunity to thank Him in this awesome way.

Because of your gifts of time and talent, we have a worship service every Sunday, Christian education and fellowship for all ages, a property to use for our congregation and to share with the community, and we do untold amounts of service and witness. Your financial gifts support our leaders/Pastor, dedicated church staff, and provide instruments and music, equipment and supplies, electricity, heat and air conditioning, outreach through the Upper Susquehanna Synod and ELCA, and benevolent ministries around the nation and world.

Please take the time to review your Time and Talent forms when you receive them. Indicate in what areas you are able to assist in our ministry of the Gospel. Even if you have served in a capacity for many years, please mark your willingness to continue to serve. Whatever the amount of your previous pledges – I urge you to increase it. The pledge is a reminder and sign of your commitment to the mission we share.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also.” He said this because we sinful people think we can separate where we put our money from what’s really important to us. But Jesus knew – and we should as well – that if we want to see what’s important to us, we follow the money. As you consider your participation in the ministries of the congregation and amount of your weekly pledge, ask yourself: If someone else looked at the commitments I’m making, would that person know that I am a person who believes that Jesus Christ died for me? Would that person see by the way I handle my time and finances that Jesus Christ is the heart of, the center of my life?

We know that we need God. But what we may not understand is how much God needs us. Make no mistake: the choices you make with your time and your money have a direct impact on the life and health of the Gospel in our congregation and community. I urge you – not for my sake but for your sake and most especially for God’s sake, to open your heart to the call of God – to renew your commitment to the spread of the good news of Jesus and to offer your time and money as a concrete expression of that commitment.

*(Inserts from previous messengers)*

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

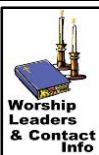
**USHERS:** Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Rita and Dave Strickler, Jimmy Gardner  
**LAY ASSISTANT:** Kim Brofee; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Candy Watkins  
**ACOLYTE:** Brennen Hess; **ALTAR GUILD:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt  
**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Rita and Dave Strickler  
**CANTOR:** David Bausinger; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Paul Weaver

**Sunday, October 13:** Attendance: **84**; Offering: \$; Capital Campaign: \$

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Shirley Shaffer's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from Ed and Marlene Young.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, October 20:** *Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45*  
**Monday, October 21:** *Psalms 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 8:1-18; Hebrews 6:1-12*  
**Tuesday, October 22:** *Psalms 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 10:17-25; Hebrews 6:13-20*  
**Wednesday, October 23:** *Psalms 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 12:1-25; John 13:1-17*  
**Thursday, October 24:** *Psalms 126; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Hebrews 7:1-10*  
**Friday, October 25:** *Psalms 126; Jeremiah 26:12-24; Hebrews 7:11-22*  
**Saturday, October 26:** *Psalms 126; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Mark 8:22-26*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, October 20,** will be Pastor Amme.


**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 peanut butter, canned potatoes, baked beans, canned vegetables, tomato sauce and rice.



**Please join us for Bible Study** and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.  
*All are welcome!*

 **Hearts that Care** This is part of the Seasoned Helpers Ministry. God's Helping Hands, Serving Family, Friends, and Neighbors during times of change or unexpected need. This committee reaches out to those who are elderly, home-bound, in nursing homes or those who just need a friendly visit. For more information please contact the Church Office at 570-326-9171.



**The Missional Outreach Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with "Hearts that Care", a part of the Seasoned Helpers Ministry. This committee will do occasional wellness checks, home/hospital visits, provide transportation if needed. If you are interested in this mission please sign up on the sign-up sheet provided in the Narthex, please take note, this is not an every day occurrence. You are not required to be available 24/7. For more information call the church office.

## The Library Corner



Children/Youth - **Martin Luther-A Man who Changed the World** - More than anything, Martin Luther wanted peace with God. His search led him to the Bible, where he learned about salvation through faith. This discovery caused Luther to challenge the church to return to the roots of the Christian faith. The church leaders liked things the way they were, however, and tried to stop Martin Luther. But he stood his ground and his tireless work led to the Reformation of the church and to far reaching changes in society. Here is a story of adventure, courage and most of all--faith. Here is the story of a man who changed the world. Book in other Holidays shelf.

Adult themed - **Here I Stand** - This is the story of Martin Luther's life. This is a great book to learn more about the man behind the Reformation, who he was and the influence he had and still has in the church today. Book in the Reformation/Lutheran History shelf.



**Tickets for the Preschool "Gift Card Bingo" on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am** are still available. You can purchase your tickets before or after worship on Sunday or get them from the church office.



**MISSION TO SEAFARERS** Did you realize that **90% of everything we wear, use, and consume**, come to us by merchant ships, operated by 1.5 million seafarers? On ships for 9 to 10 months at a time, the seafarers face many hardships: storms, piracy, abandonment, and loss of contact with their families. Often the only contact they have beyond the ship, the Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support. Join in the Chaplains' mission of showing Christ's love.

Remember Matthew 25: 35, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Help fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers in the weeks before Christmas. Each satchel should contain the following:

- 1 sweatshirt, unhooded or hooded (preferred) – size M, L or XL**
- 3 pairs of socks, thermal or white gym**
- 1 casual pullover T shirt – size M, L or XL**
- 1 heavy knit winter cap**
- 1 can of nuts or large bar of chocolate**
- Christmas card**

## NO ADDITIONS AND NO SUBSTITUTIONS

Items need to be at the church by **October 30**. *Thank you*



### *Dresses and Britches for Africa*

October 30<sup>th</sup> is the completion date for the dresses and britches project for this year. Please finish any dresses and britches you may be working on and turn in by that date or call to let me know about delays. 570-244-1226. Thank you, AnnMarie Homan.