



Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 17

9:30 am Worship/Communion
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6:00 pm SW Little League

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm Executive Committee
6:30 pm Missional Outreach
Committee

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 pm WELCA Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

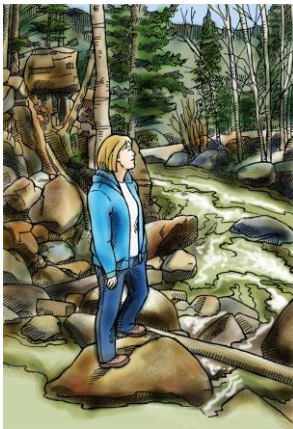
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 21

1:00 pm Back Pack Packing
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23



Advent Holy Hike December 15, 2024 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt Luther Ln, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.
We know that December can be a busy time. We know you need to take a breath and remember what the season is all about. What better way than to join friends and spend time with God in creation? Camp Mount Luther's Pastor Jim Vitale and Chad Hershberger invite you to join them on an Advent Holy Hike from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Join us for a meditative hike reflecting on the promises of the coming Messiah and the Christmas story. Christmas refreshments to follow.

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White Gift Project Begins

It is time to begin the White Gift Project. Candy Watkins is waiting for the guidance counselor, who is busy contacting all of the families to get an accurate count of children. In addition to the names we receive from the school, we want to help members of the congregation in need also. There are forms in the church office. If you need help with gift giving this year, fill out a form for each child and drop it off in the office mail slot.

Soon the Angel Tree will be up in the narthex. Each angel on the tree contains a gift request for a child. Please take an angel, purchase the gift, and bring it to Messiah. If you would like to provide all six gifts for one child, or you would like a whole family, please let Candy know before she places the Angels on the tree. It makes it much easier to do BEFORE than after. Please wrap the gifts in white paper so that it becomes a “White Gift”, a reminder to the giver and the recipient of the Christ Child who was given to us on Christmas.

Key Dates:

- ❖ Sunday, November 17 – The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex.
- ❖ Sunday, December 8 - **LAST DAY** to take an angel from the tree.
- ❖ Sunday, December 15 - **LAST DAY** to bring wrapped gifts to chapel.
- ❖ Saturday, December 21 – Parents will pick up their gifts and food baskets



More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Candy Watkins (570)998-4037 or Jeanette Green (570)916-7500. *Thank you for your support.*



Sunday, November 17, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Fred Harbaugh, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ
LAY ASSISTANT: Janet Stroble; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Sherri Holtzman
ACOLYTE: Doriann Morris; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Yvonne Kaiser, Rhonda Koch
CANTOR: Candy Watkins; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Marilyn Winter

Sunday, November 10: Attendance: **93**; Offering: **\$5,168.38**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by the Carol Armstrong family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard and Dorothy Yeager, by their daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Stosh Wisniewski and grandchildren, Kyle and Jenna.

Bible Readings

Sunday, November 17: *Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8*

Monday, November 18: *Psalms 13; Daniel 8:1-14; Hebrews 10:26-31*

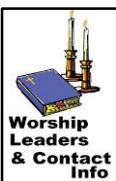
Tuesday, November 19: *Psalms 13; Daniel 8:15-27; Hebrews 10:32-39*

Wednesday, November 20: *Psalms 13; Zechariah 12:1-13:1; Mark 13:9-23*

Thursday, November 21: *Psalms 93; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a*

Friday, November 22: *Psalms 93; Ezekiel 28:20-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

Saturday, November 23: *Psalms 93; Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18; John 3:31-36*



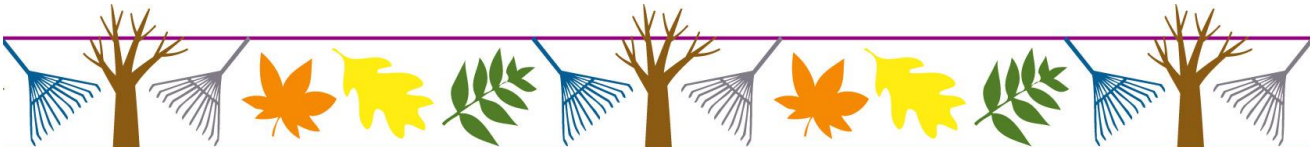
Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Please contact the church office if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff LeCrone is available for visits or phone calls (*see contact information above.*) The office will also contact our prayer chain leaders so that your fellow church members may pray to help you be restored to wellness. *Prayer is a powerful healer!*



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

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday, November 17.



The Library Corner



Visit our
Library

Children - **God's Little Devotional Book for Boys** - These pages are filled with fun devotions and stories with powerful scriptures for boys just like you. This cool book will help you find the road to an exciting, power-packed life with God! Found in the Children's section of our Library.

Adult - **God's Inspirational Promise Book** - This is a wonderful small book with a big inspirational message on Christian Living; personal relationships; assurance; special needs; guidance and so much more. There are Bible verses on one page with a brief meditation by Max Lucado on the next for each theme. This book is in our Poems, Prayers and Devotions section.



Dresses and Britches for Africa Remember to be working on your

Please have all finished items to the church by **December 1**. For questions contact Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message. *Thank you.*

The **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, December 8th**. This meeting will be held immediately after worship. Please plan on attending.



The Advent Kids in Mission will be held on December 7th and as always, we'll need some help. If you are able to help please let me know. More information will follow. Thank you for your support. Kathryn Pratt 570-244-6964



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



Attention Bell Ringers, Rehearsals for Christmas Eve will begin on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Please join us.



Soloists, instrumentalists or groups of people interested in playing an instrument or singing on Christmas Eve please contact Jared Gist at 570-447-7335. Thank you!



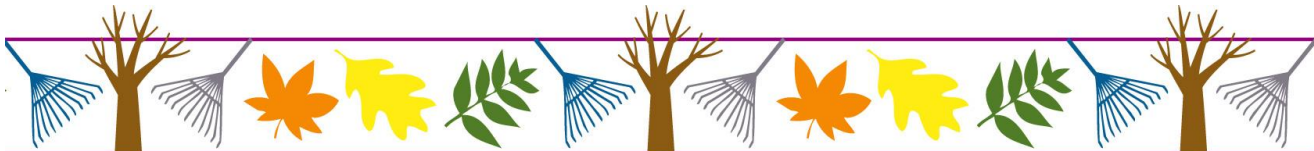
Mark your Calendars- Congregational Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 15 immediately following worship. More details to come.



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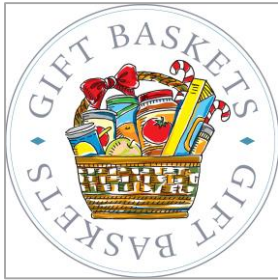
NOW IS THE TIME...to put in your reservation for memorial Poinsettias. Multiple bloom plants are being purchased, the cost per plant being \$8.50. Of course, many of these flowers are taken to homebound members of our congregation.

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BY MONDAY, December 9th. Please call the church office with any questions. *Thank you.*





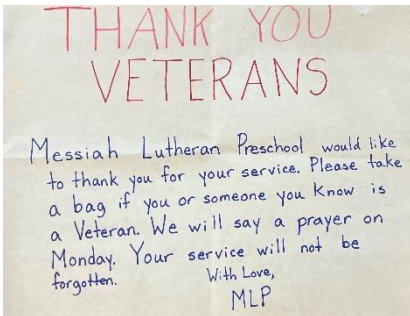
Council Report – 131 West Southern Avenue Property. As you are aware, the congregation voted to sell the property at 131 West Southern Avenue at a special congregational meeting. While the property has been used numerous times by staff and Family Promise, there was no clear path for its future. Council has spent untold hours since the meeting getting the property prepared for sale. Projects included vacuuming water that leaked into the basement each time it rained to removing bees that infiltrated the second floor apartment. After numerous showings and meetings with our real estate agent, we finally received an offer in mid-October. After several offers and counters, we agreed on a selling price of \$200,000. The Property Committee reviewed the offer, and based on the home inspection and list of deficiencies, felt it was a good offer. The proceeds of the sale will be invested for future projects at Messiah. Council would like to thank all who worked on the property over the years that got us to this point.



The Christmas Basket recipients are now being identified. If you know someone who could benefit from receiving a Christmas basket, please contact the church office by Friday, December 6. Saturday, December 21, 9:00 am-12:00 pm the baskets will be picked up.

How you can help –you may contribute any of the following items: green beans, cream of mushroom soup, corn, applesauce, canned milk, canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, turkey gravy, turkey stuffing mix, pie crust mix, sugar (5 lb. bag), flour (5 lb. bag), macaroni and cheese, chocolate or vanilla pudding, cranberry sauce and turkey broth. Place your contributions in the blue container located near the chapel by Sunday, December 8.

Monetary contributions for the purchase of perishable items are also needed. Place your gifts in an envelope marked “Christmas Baskets” and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by December 15. Checks should be made payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church.”



Sunday morning, we honored our Veterans at a coffee hour and the Preschool made bags filled with goodies along with a card. Thank you to our Preschool for remembering our church members.





Don't forget "TABLE TRIVIA NIGHT" this Saturday, November 16 at 6:00 pm.

A word of explanation ...

When George Jansson told me that he was unable to be the Quizmaster for the November 16th "Trivia Night" because of his eye problems, I shared this with my family ... and they volunteered to help. Daughter Lyn and son-in-law Jeff Reitz will be our Quizmasters until George is able to resume. Lyn and Jeff have been at previous "Trivia Nights" as players and want us to continue to aid the Backpack Program and the Pre-School Scholarship Fund ... and they have George's approval. Please come and welcome them!

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Doran, President

Messiah's Women of the ELCA

Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet on **Tuesday, November 19, at 7 o'clock in Shaheen Hall.** At that time, we will pack **Cookie Tins** for Messiah's home-bound members and **Cookie Boxes** for college students and military personnel ... according to the names and addresses received. **We are asking members of Messiah to donate cookies and other goodies.** Please bring them to the church kitchen on or before November 17.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas-at-Sea Project for Mission to Seafarers. Messiah collected 11 satchels. Great job everyone!

Daniel's Closet



Clothing for Daniel's Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.

As you clean out your drawers and closets to make room for new clothes, please consider donating gently used clothing to enrich the lives others. **Please note: During the White Gifts collection, a smaller blue bin has been placed in the elevator alcove.** Clothing and accessories may be placed in the bin whenever the church or the office is open.

Especially needed this time of year: winter coats and boots.

Please avoid over-stuffing bags so that our volunteers are able to handle them.

Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church (Washington Blvd, Williamsport) which offers a free clothing giveaway on the fourth Saturday of each month. **All are invited to "shop" the closet, regardless of need. Please take only what you can use.**

The next Closet will be held on Saturday, November 23, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

