



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 9

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

### Monday, February 10

6:00 pm Sit Happens

### Tuesday, February 11

### Wednesday, February 12

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, February 13

7:00 pm Choir  
7:30 pm NA

### Friday, February 14

#### Valentine's Day

10:00 am Wrapping cans for Flowers

### Saturday, February 15

9:00 am Set up for Friendship Dinner



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### The Amazing Depth of Jesus' Love

[KATIE MINTER JONES](#)

A reminder that His love for us is deeper than the ocean

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*“At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was.” John 21:4*

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Sunrise at the beach is my favorite place to worship and fully experience Jesus; I'm overwhelmed by His presence there. His majesty is displayed in the splendor of the sunrise as the rays paint the sky with beautiful shades of color. The roar of the waves proclaims His might. The smell of the salt in the air, the feel of the soft sand beneath my feet, and the cool mist all refresh me.

When Jesus was on earth, He must have loved the sea also. The Bible tells several stories where He's on the sea or at the beach. Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when He called two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, to be His disciples, making them fishers of men. In Matthew 8:24–27, Jesus was on the boat asleep when the disciples became afraid and woke him. A storm was threatening to sink the boat, and Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, unleashing His power on the sea. Jesus didn't stop there . . . He walked on the water. And after Jesus was resurrected, He stood on the beach at dawn, but the disciples did not recognize Him. They had been out all night, fishing without a single catch. He told them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat, and their nets became full. A miracle on the beach! Time after time, Jesus uses the backdrop of the sea to reveal His love to humanity. The Bible describes His love for us as being deeper than the ocean. The beach proclaims His majesty, His presence, and the depth of His love. Let the vastness of the ocean and the beauty of His creation remind you again today that His love for you is fathomless.



February 9, 2025

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Jimmy Gardner, Dave & Rita Strickler  
**Lay Assistant:** Kim Brofee; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman  
**Acolyte:** Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Carol Winter  
**Greeters/Presenters:** Paul Weaver, Jean Weaver; **Cantor:** Carol Waltz  
**Flower Delivery:** Marilyn Winter

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones.

February 2, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **87**; *Online:* **11**; Offering: **5,883.73**



**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.

**Bible Readings**

**Sunday, February 9:** *Isaiah 6:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*  
**Monday, February 10:** *Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40*  
**Tuesday, February 11:** *Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9*  
**Wednesday, February 12:** *Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32*  
**Thursday, February 13:** *Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34*  
**Friday, February 14:** *Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1*  
**Saturday, February 15:** *Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28*

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

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship. *All are Welcome!*



**This Sunday will be the last day** that we will be collecting for the Souper bowl of giving. You may place your donations in the bin marked with the team you are rooting for in the Super Bowl. Whose team will win? This is a fun way to help us win the fight against hunger in our community. You can visit our web site to download the list:

<https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Food-Pantry-List-of-Needed-Items-1.pdf>



**The choir is inviting you** to add your voice to our anthem on Sunday, February 16. We're planning to sing a spirited anthem that could use a few extra voices. Please join us this coming Sunday, February 9, for a rehearsal right after worship, or on Thursday, February 13, at 7 PM in the music room, or on Sunday, February 16, at 8:45 AM in the choir loft. We'll sing our praise to God together!



Thank You

Thank you to our Messiah Family for your thoughts and prayers during Paul's hospitalization and rehab at Valley View. We appreciate the visits with communion, flowers, cards and cookies. We especially enjoyed the cards and gifts made by the Kids in Mission and the Preschool.

With Love, Paul and Connie Vogel



**Friendship Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**Invite your friends and family** to join us for worship on this Sunday and immediately following the service we will go down to Shaheen Hall for a soup and sandwich luncheon along with some great conversation and getting to know our neighbors. This is hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many to set up for.

Women of the **ELCA**

**Messiah's Women of the ELCA** will meet on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 18, at 7:00 p.m. in Shaheen Hall. Janet Stroble will lead a Bible Study. Devotions will be led by Carol Winter. Carol and Marilyn Winter are Hostesses. *Everyone is welcome!*

Join us in Shaheen Hall, **Friday, February 14 at 10:00am** as we put the wallpaper on the flower cans. *All are welcome!*

**2024 Profit and Loss Summer**

Fund Name	2024 Budget Calendar	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Overage Or Shortfall
General Fund	\$180,000.00	\$249,614.48	\$194,262.97	\$55,351.51
Rebuilding Fund	\$83,000.00	\$41,195.00	\$134,896.34	<b>(\$93,701.34)</b>
Children Ministry	\$8,000.00	\$10,257.23	\$6,808.92	\$3,448.31
Preschool	\$37,260.00	\$21,801.47	\$23,279.77	<b>(\$1,478.30)</b>
<b>07/01/2024 – 06/30/2025</b>				
<b>Major Expenses for Rebuilding:</b>				
	Painting Inside/Outside		\$28,189.50	
	Air Conditioning		\$34,965.00	
	Organ Repair		\$25,950.00	
	Electrical Repair		\$8,400.00	
	Christian Ed Roofing Partial		\$11,572.00	
	Boiler/Water Lines		\$5,121.92	
			\$109,076.50	