



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, March 2**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

**Monday, March 3**

6:00 pm Sit Happens

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

7:30 pm Worship and Music

**Tuesday, March 4**

7:00 pm Congregation Council

**Wednesday, March 5**

 **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 pm Worship/Communion

*Lent*  
B E G I N S

**Thursday, March 6**

10:00 am Knitters for Neighbors

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, March 7**

**Saturday, March 8**



**Food Pantry – Most Needed Items this week:** The need for food assistance in our area is increasing and we are low on a few things for the food pantry. The items which are most needed this week are *canned potatoes, mashed potato buds, egg noodles, and white rice*. Thank you so much for your donations ... anything you can do to help is appreciated!

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### LENTEN DISCIPLINE BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025



## Lent begins

The church's call to begin a Lenten pilgrimage begins with Ash Wednesday's forceful reminder that "you are dust and to dust you shall return." We are in fact dependent upon God, who calls us both to repentance and to His love. There will be a liturgy of Word and Sacrament at 7:00 PM, including the imposition of ashes.

The liturgy for Ash Wednesday states "...we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. I invite you therefore to commit yourselves to this struggle."

**Lenten Evening Vespers** will begin on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Janet Stroble, ALWL will lead the service followed by a brief bible study of scripture reflection with Carl Gee. Please make a commitment to join us for prayer and the study of Scripture Wednesday evenings this Lent. Over the course of five weeks we will take the journey along with Christ to the cross.

**Kids in Mission: Lenten Bible School/Service Project** Saturday, March 29, 9:00 am – 12:00pm. Adult and teen helpers will be needed. More details to come!

Copies of *Servant of the Lord*, a **Lenten Devotional Booklet** are now available in the Narthex. Brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries. In *Servant of the Lord*, we see Jesus as God's Son and our Redeemer. He has made the Heavenly Father known to us. Proclaiming the kingdom of God, Jesus served us—lovingly, patiently, compassionately—as He died for our sins and rose three days later in Easter victory.

**Lenten Self-Denial Calendars & Banks** that benefit Shepherd of the Streets are also in the Narthex, plus current copies of the devotional booklets *Christ in Our Home* and *The Upper Room* are available.



## March 2, 2025 - Transfiguration Sunday

### Service Assistants

**Ushers:** Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker

**Lay Assistant:** David Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Mary Schultz

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Jordan Morris; **Torchbearers:** Doriann Morris, Jonathan Hess

**Altar Guild:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser; **Greeters/Presenters:** Georgette Copp, Ray Demarest; **Cantor:** Virginia Amme; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

## March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

### Service Assistants

**Ushers:** Dave & Rita Strickler, Larry Solomon, Brian Bair; **Lay Assistant:** Anita Bair;

**Communion Assistant:** Candy Watkins; **Acolyte:** Jonathan Hess; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Cantor:** David Bausinger

**February 23, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* 87; *Online:* 11; Offering: \$3,984.38**

### IN BLESSED MEMORY

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher G. Solomon, Naomi and Samuel Kreger and Carl, Annalie and Kathleen Solomon by their family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David L. Riley, Carol Riley and David Riley Jr. by David and Emily Bausinger, Connie and Gary Hess and their families.

### Bible Readings

**Sunday, March 2:** *Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a*

**Monday, March 3:** *Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a*

**Tuesday, March 4:** *Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1-2:1; Acts 10:23b-33*

**Wednesday, March 5:** *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

**Thursday, March 6:** *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34*

**Friday, March 7:** *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42*

**Saturday, March 8:** *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36*



**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.

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



*I always thought my Messiah members have been very caring towards others. I know that for sure now since I am in that position. I thank you to all my friends for the cards, prayers and calls.*  
*Blessings, Doris Butt*



## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Family – The Very First Easter= Christopher yearns for stories that are real; truth, not fiction. So in their home, far away from the city of Jerusalem, mom and dad tell Christopher about the sorrow and joy of Jesus' trial, death and resurrection. Christopher learns important details about this miraculous event. He also discovers his own special link to the very first Easter. Found in the Easter, holiday section of our library.



*The Fellowship Committee wanted to thank everyone who came to our friendship luncheon on Friendship Sunday. We had about 28 people who came for great soup, sandwiches and fellowship. The purpose of this luncheon was to bring people together in fellowship with our neighbors.*

*Thanks, Fellowship Committee*

## **Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.**

The program is Monday – Friday. We have a morning class 8:30 am – 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds (the child needs to be 3-years old by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) and the afternoon class is 11:30 am -2:30 pm this is the Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds who expect to begin kindergarten in Fall 2025. **For more information**, please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the volunteer preschool coordinator, Linda Miller

**preschool registration**



**Registration forms are also available in the church office.**

***Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you.***



Camp brochures are now available online

at: <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer-camp/> As we do not have a camp person this year, anyone who wishes to attend camp should contact the camp directly to register or with any questions. Anyone who may be interested in being camp person should contact Kathryn Pratt or the church office and you will be put in touch with the director of the camp, Chad Hershberger.

## **The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic, May 12, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam.**

Benefits Camp Mount Luther. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: <https://www.campmountluther.org>

**Deadline for Registration is May 1, 2024.**

**Please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).**

