



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, March 17

6:00 pm Sit Happens

6:30 pm Executive Committee

6:30 pm Missional Outreach



Tuesday, March 18

7:00 pm WELCA

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, March 20

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22



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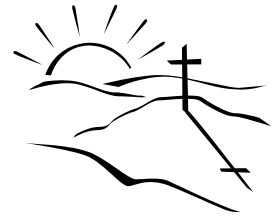
Kids in Mission: Lenten Activities/Service Project Saturday, March 29, 9 A.M. - 12 Noon

Age 4 through Grade 6

Join us on a Lenten journey to Easter:



~ Story Time ~
~ Pretzel baking ~
~ Story Time ~
~ Crafts and Games ~



Contact the church office at 570-326-9171 with any questions or to register. Registration forms can be acquired on our website shown above. **COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING AND RETURN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025***

**Walk-ins accepted, but please pre-register to help us plan and to better serve your child.*

There will be a Kids Easter Event on Saturday, May 3 from 9 – noon focusing on Easter. More information to come.



Did your child ever attend Messiah Preschool? This marks the 50th year, and a celebration will take place May 18th immediately following worship. We would love to have photos, name of your child or children, year they attended Messiah preschool and the teacher at that time. If you recall any interesting stories your child experienced during their years at Messiah preschool and would like to share, drop off the information to the church office by April 30th. **Please note**, include names and years on all pictures shared so you are sure to get them back. Thank you, the Preschool Board.



March 16, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, Susan Christ, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker
Lay Assistant: Susan Bryan; **Comm. Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte:** Doriann Morris;
Altar Guild: Marie Welter, April Gardner; **Greeters/Communion Presenters:** Mary Schultz,
Ron Yeagle; **Cantor:** Carol Waltz; **Flower Delivery:** Cindy Bennett

March 5, 2025: Ash Wednesday: Attendance: *In Church:* **49**; Offering: **\$326.00**

March 9, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **76**; Offering: **\$6,026.38**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nelson Silverstrim and Doris Webb Silverstrim, on the 80th anniversary of their wedding, March 17, 1945, by their sons and families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol Hessert and in loving memory of what would have been Sam and Carol's 63rd wedding anniversary on March 16th, with love from their daughter Pam.

Bible Readings

Sunday, March 16: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35*

Monday, March 17: *Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12*

Tuesday, March 18: *Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Wednesday, March 19: *Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31*

Thursday, March 20: *Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:2:8-11*

Friday, March 21: *Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6*

Saturday, March 22: *Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45*



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.*



FOOD PANTRY - Most needed items this week: canned fruit, canned tomatoes, cream of mushroom soup, mashed potato buds, peanut butter, pudding cups. While we are not completely out of these items, they are running low. Even if all you can give is one can or jar, *all* help is appreciated – no donation is too small. ***Thank you to those who brought in donations last week!***



Sending a heartfelt thank you to my Messiah family for all the prayers, cards, and words of comfort during my recent surgery.

God Bless, Emily Bausinger

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Quigley's Village - The Wonder Kids Colossal Cash Caper DVD** - Learning to be courageous is fun when Danny, Bubba and Spike imagine themselves as the Wonder Kids looking for adventure. On assignment from Mr. Quigley they find a money purse in the park and are faced with the dilemma of keeping it or giving it back. This DVD is found in the Religious themed DVD section.

Adult themed - **Traveling on Holy Ground - Pocket Devotions for Lent -Year C** - Travel through Lent and upon holy ground. Does holy ground really extend beyond biblical times and places to the times and places in which we live? This book provides the "map" for a journey to discover Jesus Christ through scripture readings, meditation, and prayer. By word and story, we reflect on Jesus: How does Jesus relate to Simon or Martha? How does Jesus speak to us in these texts? This resource follows the Gospel of Luke from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Book in the Easter section of our library.



Lenten Vespers and Bible study are Wednesday evenings during Lent. Vespers will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel followed by a brief Bible study. Please make a commitment to join us for Wednesday prayer and the study of God's Word this Lent.

Copies of *Servant of the Lord*, a Lenten Devotional Booklet are 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.

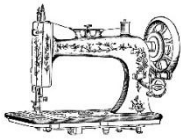


Order your Easter Flowers now; several varieties of flowers are available. More information can be found on the order form. Pick one up from Ushers' table in the back of the Sanctuary. The flowers may be picked up immediately after Worship on April 20th. **PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER FORM BY SUNDAY, MARCH 30th.** Call the church office 570-326-9171 if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday after worship. Please let the office know if you are not available on Sunday. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.



On **Tuesday, March 18 (7:00 p.m.)**, Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet in Shaheen Hall for "Show and Tell". Each person is invited to reminisce (3-5 minutes) ... growing-up memories ... family adventures ... first jobs ... favorite books ... whatever ... and/or bring a favorite memento to talk about ... lots of fun!! Hostesses are Becky Pryor and Sandy Jansson; Ruth Doran will lead devotions. All are welcome!



Lutheran World Relief School Kits 2nd Annual “Sew-A-Sack” Tuesday, March 25, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.-???

Our sew-a-thon was such a big hit last year that we have decided to hold another marathon sewing event again this year. Come on out and enjoy a morning of fellowship as we work together to sew the backpacks needed for the school kits.

Can’t sew, or don’t have a machine? *No problem!* We can put you to work marking fabric, cutting, pinning, pressing casings (it’s easy and we’ll show you how), or helping in other ways. At noon, we will share conversation over a light lunch.

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex. We will need the use of some sewing tools if you’ve any to share (or to bring for your own use). If you can attend, please sign up and let us know if you are staying for lunch and which items you can bring. *Join us for a fun time ... we guarantee “we will keep you in stitches!”*

For our Home Sew-ers: *Volunteers are needed to do a little sewing on their own in advance of the Sew-A-Sack.* The task consists of merely turning under the edges of the fabric and doing a zig-zag stitch all the way around – that’s all! This simple preparation will make it easier for us to get off to a productive start the morning of the sew-a-thon. ***Please note:*** *Those who may not be able to attend the sew-a-thon but would still like to make complete backpacks at home are more than welcome to do so!*

Fabric pieces and instructions may be picked up in the narthex or at the church office. Remember to add your name to the sign-out sheet as well as the number of pieces you take home (and also be sure to indicate on the sheet that you have returned them when you bring them back!) so that we can keep track of the number of backpacks and where they are.

Questions?? Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802.



Calling all pie makers!! If you like to bake, especially pies, please share your favorite pie with us at our **pie social**. The fellowship committee will be hosting a pie social on April 13th immediately following worship and would love to see how many pies we can get. If you would be willing to make a pie for our social, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. The fellowship committee will provide the beverages and cool whip; we just need the pies.



What comfort it is to know, when in time of need, someone is praying for us. That is what our prayer chain does. Call the church office if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain. 570-326-9171



If you would like to help get the palms ready for Palm Sunday Worship, please join us Saturday morning, April 12 at 9:00 am.



We are looking for volunteers to deliver Easter flowers to our homebound members. If you are able please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. The program is Monday – Friday. We have a morning class from 8:30 am – 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds (the child needs to be 3-years old by Sept. 1st) and an afternoon class from 11:30 am -2:30 pm. This is the Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds who expect to begin kindergarten in the Fall 2026. **For more information**, please call to speak with or leave a message the preschool volunteer coordinator Linda Miller at 570-326-5405.



Registration forms are also available in the church office. *Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you.*

Scholarship Available to the Pennsylvania State University

The Jane Elizabeth Newlin and Everett Mason Batschelet Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to an incoming first year student who will be enrolled at any campus of the Pennsylvania State University *including the Pennsylvania College of Technology*. To qualify for the Newlin-Batschelet scholarship, an applicant must be a public high school graduate or prospective graduate. The recipient will be nominated by a committee appointed by our Congregation Council. Nominees will be submitted to the Pennsylvania State University in order to verify the nominee's financial eligibility as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Approved candidates will be informed by Penn State and will receive an annual scholarship of \$5,000.00 for a maximum of four years, as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student on a Penn State campus, remain eligible, and funds are available.

Applications for this scholarship may be obtained by calling the church office. **All applications are due in the church office by Monday, May 5th.** **Because references, SAT scores, and transcripts must also be filed, applicants should obtain an application as soon as possible.**



USSWO Day of Learning and Renewal "Brushstrokes of Faith and Strength:" The USS Women's Organization invites you to join us on Saturday, April 26th at Salem Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, for a day of Learning and Renewal while helping Women at Risk Survivors. The event will begin with registration at 9:30 am. The cost for the day is \$25.00 which will include all of your painting supplies and lunch. Pre-registration and payment are due by April 1st.



Donations of gently used clothing and accessories for Daniel's Closet are being accepted at Messiah. Clothing and accessories, shoes, bags and purses, suitcases, and outerwear are accepted. You may place your donations in the large blue bin in the alcove outside of the Chapel whenever the church or the office is open. Please bag all items and try to limit the size of the bag to no larger than a kitchen sized trash bag as anything larger than that is very heavy

and difficult for our volunteers to handle or to lift out of the bin. Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need, regardless of income. **The next Closet is March 22, 8:30-11:00 a.m.**