



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 7

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 pm WELCA Event

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 pm Lenten Vespers/Bible Study

Thursday, April 10

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

9:00 am Palm Preparation

10:00 am Fellowship set-up for
Pie Social



*He sends you abundant
showers, both autumn and
spring rains, as before.*

Joel 2:23

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Messiah's Pastoral Care Minister, Pastor Jeff LeCrone



Originally from Altoona, Pennsylvania, Rev. Jeff LeCrone has recently made the transition from being ordained in the United Methodist Church to becoming a rostered leader in the ELCA. After a brief high school teaching career, Pastor LeCrone graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Over his ministerial career he has served churches near Bedford and Jersey Shore, with his longest tenure being ten years as the chaplain of Lycoming College. He was the interim pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in the fall of 2018, accepting a call there in the spring of 2021.

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Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Carol Waltz; **Communion Assistant:** Rhonda Koch
Acolyte: Jonathan Hess; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee ; **Cantor:** Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

March 30, 2025: Attendance: *In Church: 91; Online: 15*; Offering: **\$2,151.38**
Cap. Campaign: **\$100.00**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers and a Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Ream Sr. on the anniversary of his 75th birthday, April 5th, by his wife Sandy, his children; Dennis Jr and Kelley Reed and their families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Artman by her daughters Emily Bausinger, Connie Hess and families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Susie Bryan from her family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, April 6: *Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8*

Monday, April 7: *Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25*

Tuesday, April 8: *Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28*

Wednesday, April 9: *Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34*

Thursday, April 10: *Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9*

Friday, April 11: *Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18*

Saturday, April 12: *Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13*



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.*

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday 9:00am – Noon

Please Note **If you come to the office before 9:00am, please do not pull on or try to open the door (it will break the sensor in the door). PLEASE RING THE BELL** My hours start every day at 8:30am, so that I can get caught up on voicemails, emails or anything else I need to do before the office opens at 9:00. So I will be there to let you in if needed.

Thank you. Pam

The Library Corner - Highlighted Books



Children - **Mommy Promises** - From tucking them in at night to waving goodbye at the bus stop, from teaching them to tie their shoelaces to teaching them to lace their fingers in prayer, a mother's love for her child is reflected in so many ways. This book celebrates and affirms that love. In words and pictures this book takes a warm and wonderful look at the special relationship between mother and child and at the one-of-a-kind relationship

between our heavenly Father and His chosen children. Book is in the Children's section of our library.

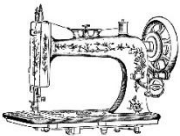
Adults - **Ideals Mother's Day** - This is a book that shares stories, poems, a recipe and even a craft for Spring and highlighting Mother's Day. A wonderful way to reminisce and look forward. Great book to share with mothers of all ages. Book is in the Other Holiday Section of our library.



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.



Kids Helping Kids! In addition to our Kids in Mission event on March 29, we are going to hold a **second springtime Kids in Mission this year on May 3**. Our service project for that event will be to decorate and assemble **Children's Care Kits for Shepherd of the Streets ... and we can use your help!** Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting items to fill the kits. The following ***children's*** items are needed: *toothbrushes and toothpaste, band aids, hair ties, combs, socks, kids' soap, kids' shampoo, crayons and coloring or activity books, and small toys or fun items* (think dollar store toys which will fit inside a large lunch bag). Please place your items in the container in the narthex on Sundays or drop them off at the church office during the week. We will accept donations through Sunday, April 27. *Thank you for your help!*



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

More fabric has been marked and cut. Fabric pieces as well as instruction sheets are available in the narthex or in the church office for those who wish to help by sewing at home ... either by simply sewing a hem around the edges or by sewing a complete bag.

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

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.



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!



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.



⌘ 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 **who is an active youth member of Messiah Lutheran Church**.

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.**



Bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to See *Noah* - Tuesday, June 17

Redeemer Lutheran Church will be hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, June 17. We will be leaving Williamsport at 7:00 a.m.

The exact pick-up location has not yet been determined ... *watch for details to come*.

The cost of \$150 per person includes the show ticket and a seat on the bus. On our way home, we will stop at Kitchen Kettle Village for a meal and shopping on your own.

To reserve your seats or for more information, please call Sharon Ault at 570-337-7095.

Once you have confirmed your reservations with Sharon, you may mail your payment.

Make checks payable to Sharon Ault. Mail payment to: Sharon Ault, c/o Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd, Williamsport, Pa. 17701

Along with your payment, please include names of each individual attending and a cell phone number for the seat(s) you are reserving

LIVE STREAM OPERATORS NEEDED!



The livestream of our worship services have been a great resource for many of our homebound members, friends of the congregation living far away from Williamsport, and as a low-stakes way of visitors to check out worship at Messiah. We are currently in need of a few more adults to facilitate the broadcast. It is a relatively simple operation; if you know how to point and click on a computer, you can learn how to run the livestream! Training will be provided. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Women of the **ELCA** 

Join us in April and May for these wonderful events



Messiah's Women of the ELCA have arranged for all interested persons to hear **Tammy Edkin** talk about the community outreach of the **United Churches of Lycoming County** ... also to learn how **Wendy and Marty McCormick** are teaching baking skills to ex-offenders (in their **Rise Up Village Bakery**) as these young people reenter the community. This event will take place on **Tuesday, April 8, at New Covenant UCC**, 202 E. Third Street, Williamsport. We will gather at New Covenant at **7 o'clock** to meet with Tammy and the McCormick's.



Everyone is welcome!



Saturday, April 26 (6:00 p.m.) on your calendar for **TRIVIA NIGHT** in Shaheen Hall, with George Jansson (we hope!) as our Quizmaster.

Registration is \$8.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple to benefit Messiah Pre-School's Scholarship Fund. Bring food to share; pizza and beverages will be provided. Tables of six will compete for the evening's championship ... *may the best wits win!*



Mark your Calendars now for our **MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**, Tuesday, **May 6 at 6:00 p.m.** in Shaheen Hall ... a Roast Turkey Breast Dinner with all the trimmings! Dave Bausinger is the Head Chef. Please reserve the date on your calendar. More info to come on this annual event.



Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry last week!

Most Needed Items This Week are: canned beans (baked beans, black beans, pinto beans, etc.), and dessert mixes (brownies, cake mix, jello mix). Every donation is appreciated – no donation is too small. *Thank you to all who help to keep our food pantry open!*