



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pie Social
6:30 pm South Little League

Monday, April 14

6:30 pm Missional Outreach

Tuesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship/Communion
7:30 pm NA

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

7:00 pm Worship

Saturday, April 19

10:00 am Decorating the Sanctuary



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Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Holy Communion and The Passion According to St. Luke

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Confession and Forgiveness, Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Worship Service of Christ's Seven Last Words

The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day, April 20

9:30 a.m. - Festival Service of Holy Communion

Reminder – please remember to bring in your Lenten self-denial banks this Sunday. You may place them in the offering plate or bring in to the church office. Thank you!



April 13, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Janet Stroble; **Communion Assistant:** Georgette Copp
Acolyte/Crucifer: Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Carol Winter;
Greeters/Presenters: Carol Winter, Marilyn Winter; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Smith by Vonnie Kaiser and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mirian E. Blackburn by her family.

The Palms are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Hassler by his wife, Jane.

April 6, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **94**; *Online:* **10**; Offering: **\$8,795.38**; Cap. Camp.: **\$100.**



April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday

Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Dave and Rita Strickler, Susan Christ;
Lay Assistant: David Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Mandy Feinberg
Acolyte: Jonathan Hess; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner

April 18, 2025 – Good Friday

Service Assistants

Ushers: Larry & Donna Britton, Susan Christ, Larry Solomon; **Acolyte:** TBD



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.



Blessed to Be a Blessing ... *Thank you to all* who have been bringing in food donations to help keep our food pantry open! We currently have been helping around 7-10 households each month who are facing food insecurity. *We at Messiah are truly blessed to be able to provide this ministry to the community.*



Bible Readings

Sunday, April 13: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday, April 14: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 16: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 17: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 18: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 19: Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Miss Fannie's Hat** - Miss Fannie is 99 years old. And very small. In fact, she's grown to be about the same size she was as a little girl. Miss Fannie has lots of hats. And each one is her favorite. But when she gives up her very favorite hat to help raise money in the church auction, Miss Fannie--and the reader--is in for a real treat. Readers young and old will be enchanted by Miss Fannie. They'll also discover wonderful truths about trust and faith and the rewards of unselfish love. Beautiful book and story. This book is found in the Easter section of our Library.

Adult - **Martin Luther's Easter Book** - This powerful book of passages from Martin Luther's Easter sermons portrays the reformer's lasting thought on faith, human imperfection, salvation through grace, and the wonder of God. The sermons explore events from Holy Week through the Resurrection. They combine marvelous insights with inspiring calls to action that are so characteristic of the great reformer: "The resurrection consists not in words, but in life and power." This book is found in the Easter Section.



Put **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!*



The **Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 6**, will be a time for fellowship and remembering. Bob Schweppenheiser, Guitarist, will bring us vintage, nostalgic songs that recall happy memories and modern tunes to sing along.





Dear Messiah Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers during worship and the wonderful reception which followed on March 30th as we celebrated together my 25 years as a Deacon within the ELCA. It was so nice to talk with so many people and such a terrific event. I am truly blessed to have you as my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you again,

Deacon Sandy Grier



Sunday - May 4 The choir is inviting you to raise your voice with ours in an anthem about God's unending love for us. The anthem is based on "Amazing Grace" and is easy to learn. If you like to sing and would consider joining us, come to rehearsal:

Sunday, April 27, following worship in the choir loft

Thursday, May 1, at 7 PM in the music room or

Sunday, May 4, before worship at 8:45 in the choir loft.

We hope you will add your voice to our praise.

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.



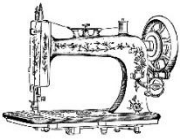
May Friendship Day - "Friends love at all times", May 2, at St. John Newberry UMC. Lunch starts at noon. RSVP by April 24th at (570)322-1110. The cost is \$20/person.



Kids Helping Kids! Another Kids in Mission is coming up 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!*

Volunteers are needed to help with the May 3rd Kids in Mission. *If you are able to help, please contact Kathryn Pratt as soon as possible to let her know. Watch for more information to come!*



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. **We do plan to host another sew-a-thon this spring.** Having the edges sewn makes it so much easier and quicker to complete an entire bag ... *thank you to all who have been helping at home with this important prep step!*

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



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 from the parking lot **at Messiah** at 7:00 a.m. Please park at the back of the lot. 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.

