



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 4

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, May 5

1:00 pm Preschool Committee
6:30 pm Fellowship Committee
7:30 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

6:00 pm Mother's Day Dinner

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, May 8

1:00 pm Backpack packing
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

9:00 am Spring Clean-Up Day



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A message on the occasion of this week's death of Pope Francis

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14)

Our Lord spoke these words to his disciples as his time of betrayal and death drew near. They come to mind now as we remember the beloved Pope Francis who proclaimed a message of peace to all the world, calling not only on Catholics but for all peoples and nations to work toward peace—peace between peoples, and peace with our creation.

In the spirit of our synod's Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic covenant, let us join our Catholic siblings in mourning the death of Pope Francis and praying with and for them through this time of transition. May the Lord, who is faithful and kind, raise up for us all another shepherd to guide and govern with compassion and humility.

✠ Rev. Craig A. Miller
Bishop, Upper Susquehanna Synod – ELCA

May 4, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee; **Lay Assistant:** Carol Waltz; **Communion Assistant:** Rhonda Koch; **Acolyte:** Doriann Morris
Altar Guild: Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Dave and Rita Strickler
Cantor: Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Marilyn Winter

Sunday, April 27, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **82**; *Online:* **11**; Offering: **\$4,852.38**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George, Annamary, Susan and David Hutchinson by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow Families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our sister Carol Riley's 68th birthday on May 10th, by her sisters Emily Bausinger and Connie Hess.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley Fullmer's 91st birthday, by her family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the anniversary of David and Martha Larson, May 3rd, by their son Mike and daughter-in-law Dianne and family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, May 4: Acts 9:1-20; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Monday, May 5: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31

Tuesday, May 6: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18

Wednesday, May 7: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 51-11

Thursday, May 8: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10

Friday, May 9: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4

Saturday, May 10: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32



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.



Most Needed Items for the Food Pantry this week: tuna fish and canned chicken, and crackers. *Thank you for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry!*



Seeking Names of Graduates: Please call the church office by June 1st, with the name/address of anyone in your family who is graduating from High School and Undergrad or Grad School this spring. Your Messiah family would like to recognize your accomplishment. *Thank you!*

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.

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out Sunday, May 18th. Please let the office know if you are not available to take communion. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.



To My Messiah Family,

I would like to thank you so much for the Easter Blessing and prayers, and to the children for the cards and picture for my refrigerator.

Love, Gail O'Brien



To the Kids in Mission,

Thank you so much for my beautiful Easter card. "The Good News of Easter" and your wonderful decorations did fill my heart with joy.

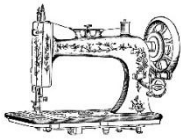
Thank you also to my Messiah family for the lovely Easter card. It was so wonderful to see the full church on Easter Sunday.

Vonnie Kaiser



Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!





Lutheran World Relief School Kits “Sew-A-Sack” ~ PART TWO! Monday–Tuesday-Wednesday, May 12-13-14, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.-???

One ...Two ... Three! Yes, *three* days of fun and camaraderie. Join us for a time of fellowship as we work together to sew the backpacks needed for the school kits.

Come for one day or all three or any portion of the event that you can - even if it's just for an hour or two! *Come when you can, leave when you must!*

Can't sew, or don't have a machine? No problem! We can put you (GUYS – you, too!) 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. ***Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday or in the church office during the week.***



Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:00 pm



Messiah's women of the ELCA will host our Annual Mother's Day Dinner.

The men of Messiah with Dave Bausinger as head chef will prepare for us a Roast Turkey and gravy dinner with all the trimmings, cake for dessert.

Musical entertainment by Bob Schweppenheiser and Quinn Kline



Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 am – Noon.



Rain Date: Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am – Noon

Volunteers needed for outdoor projects. Bring wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, brooms, blowers, weed whackers, gloves, etc. **Hope to see you there!**



In addition to wearing red on Pentecost Sunday, Messiah will be decorating the chancel with red geraniums. If you would like to sponsor a geranium, please submit the order form to the church office by June 4th. Those who order geraniums may pick them up immediately after the Worship Service on Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th, or on Monday, June 9th. Call the church office at (570) 326-9171 if you have any questions.



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. **Please note,** include names and years on all pictures shared so you are sure to get them back. Thank you, the Preschool Board.



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.



The annual Memorial Service at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, Muncy, will be held this year on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 2:30 pm. Old Immanuel is recognized as being the “Mother Church of Lutheranism” in Lycoming County. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn. The Rev. Carol Johnson, of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Williamsport, will be leading the service. The DAR will be present also to formally dedicate plaques marking the final resting place of some of the patriots buried in the cemetery. **This historic church, founded in 1791, is located at 2366 Lime Bluff Road, outside of Muncy.** Everyone is invited to participate in the service, tour the historic church, and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards. Please be advised that there is no electricity or running water available on site. We hope to see you there!

