



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 18

Mother's Day

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

1:00 pm SW District 12 Meeting

Monday, May 19

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

1:00 pm Backpack packing

6:30 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, May 22

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24



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MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

This year marks the 50th anniversary for Messiah Lutheran Preschool. Our preschool provides a loving, Christian environment where children thrive as they learn. We believe the beginning formative years are significant in a child's development of a positive self-image and how they view people in their world.

Messiah Lutheran Preschool was founded as a ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church in 1974. According to the Constitution of the Preschool the purpose of the preschool is as follows: "Messiah Lutheran Preschool seeks to provide for the holistic development of preschool children, especially for their educational, social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth, in a climate of love and understanding". It is not the intention of the school to infringe upon the realm of regular public kindergarten, nor is it a pressured learning situation.

We invite you to celebrate with us this Sunday, May 18th for a coffee hour immediately following worship in the Jensen Lounge. The preschool will be open for anyone wanting to walk through and observe our school as it serves today's families.



May 18, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee

Lay Assistant: Carol Waltz; **Communion Assistant:** Georgette Copp

Acolyte: Weston Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner

Greeters/Presenters: Michael and April Gardner

Cantor: Member of the 'Ville Harmonic Ensemble; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, May 11, 2025: Attendance: *In Church: 78; Online: 12*; Offering: **\$3,087.38**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Cindy and Denny Bennett.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol Hessert's birthday, May 21, by her daughter Pam.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 18: *Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35*

Monday, May 19: *Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26*

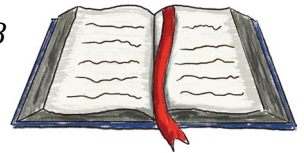
Tuesday, May 20: *Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:14-27; Acts 11:27-30*

Wednesday, May 21: *Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28*

Thursday, May 22: *Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41*

Friday, May 23: *Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8*

Saturday, May 24: *Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10*



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.



Hunger Knows No Season ... but with school letting out for the summer, families face more challenges to fill those hungry little bellies! With that in mind and our "Pack the Pantry" having received such a good response last year, we will be doing that again this June. Watch next week's Messenger for information! **In the meantime, we are finding ourselves a bit low on the**

following items: mac & cheese, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, Pop-Tarts, and instant oatmeal. If you're able to pick up even one or two of these items at the store to donate, it will get us over the hump. Food donations may be left in the blue bin in the elevator alcove on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the church office during the week. ***Thank you so much!***



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.



Montoursville Area High School is proud to have the 'Ville Harmonic Ensemble share their gift of music with you on Sunday, May 18th during our service. The 'Ville Harmonic Ensemble was first created in 2010, and in the decade since then, they have been honored to perform for the community and bring smiles to so many faces. 'Ville is the best of the best- students have to audition for membership and often rehearse before sunrise. This year, 'Ville has twelve students in grades nine through twelve under the direction of Mrs. Kirstin Gist.



This year's VBS will be held June 23rd - 27th. The topic will be "MAGNIFIED! Discovering the BIGNESS of God in the SMALLEST of things". Volunteers will be needed if you are available all week or just on certain days. Please call or text me at 570-244-6964 if you are interested. Further information will follow. Oh, and please start saving your toilet paper rolls and 16 oz. Whipped Topping or margarine containers and lids. We're looking forward to another great year at VBS. Thanks in advance. Kathryn Pratt



PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, May 18th will be the **last day for Sunday School** until the fall. Enjoy the summer and we hope to see you at VBS! Kathryn Pratt

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out this Sunday, May 18 immediately after worship.



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV