



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 25

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, May 26

**Memorial Day
OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 27

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 30

6:00 pm MLP Graduation

Saturday, May 31



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PACK THE PANTRY 30-DAY CHALLENGE



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 an overwhelmingly generous response last year, we’ve decided to host a collection again this year.

After worship this coming Sunday, May 25, please stop in the narthex to pick up a list of items for you to collect during the month of June.

If purchasing every item is not within your reach, perhaps you could team up with someone else - a neighbor, friend, co-worker or other family members ... or just purchase whatever you are able. No donation is too small and each donation is so very much appreciated.

Please do keep in mind how items are packaged if buying in bulk. Items that are packaged individually, such as a box of 50 instant oatmeal packets, can save money and add flexibility as we can give out the individual packets in quantities tailored to the size of the family that comes in. However, something that is packaged loose, such as bags of rice, are better purchased in 1-lb. packages rather than a 5-lb. bag as we cannot open and repackage food items that are not individually wrapped.

Monetary donations are welcomed any time of the year. Please remember to write “food pantry” in the memo line if donating by check, or on the envelope if donating cash.

On June 29, bring your filled bags to worship with you and place on the front pews in the sanctuary so we can see how much food will fill our pantry shelves to overflowing!

In the meantime, we do find ourselves extremely low or completely out of the following items: egg noodles, rice – completely out; canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, PopTarts, and instant oatmeal – low; spaghetti sauce, baked beans – need a few.

If you are able to bring in even a few of these items now before the collection begins, it will help to get us through the month of June until the pantry is once again “packed.”

Thank you for helping this important ministry to thrive! ~ Missional Outreach Committee

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ... ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ~ Matthew 25:35, 40

(You will find the list of food items inside the Messenger.)

May 25, 2025

Service Assistants

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

Lay Assistant: Georgette Copp; **Communion Assistant:** Mandy Feinberg

Acolyte: Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower

Greeter/Presenter: Barb Waltz; **Cantor:** Dave Bausinger; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

Sunday, May 18, 2025: Attendance: *In Church:* **108**; *Online:* **8**; Offering: **\$2,972.63**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Waltz, by his family.

Bible Readings

Sunday, May 25: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Monday, May 26: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14

Tuesday, May 27: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22

Wednesday, May 28: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38

Thursday, May 29: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Friday, May 30: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9

Saturday, May 31: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18



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.



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

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.

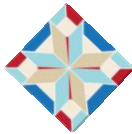


The Library Corner – Highlighted Books

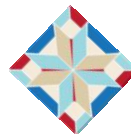


Where is our library? It's above our Shaheen Hall in the Education Wing. As you go in the alley door, instead of going downstairs, go one floor up and the door to our library is at the top of that one flight of stairs. (there is also an elevator that stops on that floor as well). Name of the room where the library sits is Jensen Lounge.

Using our library is easy. 1) select a book or video 2) take the card out of the sleeve on the last page of the book or on the back of the video 3) write your name on the card and place it in the small plastic box on the table in the library 4) pick up a card with the due date in the lid of the small plastic box and place it in the sleeve of the book/video 5) enjoy the book/video 6) return the book/video by the due date, placing it in the large plastic box on the table. **DO NOT PUT IT BACK ON THE SHELVES.** 7) choose another book/video and begin the process all over again.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Family Promise of Lycoming County

Craft Fair

May 31 | **SATURDAY** | 9am to 3pm

VENDORS WANTED

320 Park Ave, Williamsport Pa 17725

For more information or to register
Call: 570-567-7103
Email: office@lycofp.org

Strawberry Festival

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Hot Dogs, BBQ, Baked Beans, Cold Drinks
and **STRAWBERRIES** – any way you like them,
with shortcake & ice cream or just ice cream

– Tours of the church will be offered –

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL
844 W 4TH ST, WILLIAMSPORT
570-322-0126

The Bald Eagle Art Show will be held at
Way's Garden (across the street) from 11 to 4.

NOAH
BUS TRIP
SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE
LANCASTER, PA

Tuesday, June 17th
\$150 per person

Includes ticket to the show & seat on the bus
(We will be stopping at Kitchen Kettle Village
for supper/shopping on your own.)

To make reservations please call
Sherry Ault – 570-337-7095

Payments can be sent to:
Sherry Ault
c/o Redeemer Lutheran Church
1101 Washington Blvd
Williamsport, PA 17701

will leave from the parking lot of Messiah Lutheran Church,
ner of Howard St. and Southern Ave., South Williamsport at



St. Luke, Williamsport, invites applications for an individual to serve as **Church Office Coordinator**. This is a part-time, hourly position that serves as a primary front office staff member coordinating day to day operations of the church and supporting church leadership and rostered staff. Hourly rate is dependent on experience. Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to info@stlukeweb.com or by mail to 1400 Market Street, Williamsport PA 17701, Attn: Pastor Jeff LeCrone.

Pack the Pantry for the Summer

May 30	<i>box of cereal or PopTarts</i>	June 14	<i>canned mixed vegetables</i>
May 31	<i>peanut butter – large or small jar</i>	June 15	<i>canned green beans</i>
June 1	<i>jelly or marshmallow fluff</i>	June 16	<i>canned corn</i>
June 2	<i>boxed or canned potatoes</i>	June 17	<i>canned carrots</i>
June 3	<i>macaroni and cheese</i>	June 18	<i>canned peas</i>
June 4	<i>applesauce</i>	June 19	<i>box of crackers</i>
June 5	<i>canned tomatoes</i>	June 20	<i>egg noodles</i>
June 6	<i>canned tuna fish or chicken</i>	June 21	<i>pudding cups</i>
June 7	<i>pancake mix and syrup</i>	June 22	<i>beef-a-roni or spaghetti-o's</i>
June 8	<i>chicken noodle soup</i>	June 23	<i>cream of mushroom soup</i>
June 9	<i>baked beans</i>	June 24	<i>brownie or cake mixes; Jello (gelatin) mixes</i>
June 10	<i>1 lb. bag of rice</i>	June 25	<i>canned beans (black, pinto, kidney, garbanzo, etc)</i>
June 11	<i>box of oatmeal or instant oatmeal</i>	June 26	<i>packaged cookies</i>
June 12	<i>spaghetti or other pasta</i>	June 27	<i>canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc)</i>
June 13	<i>spaghetti sauce</i>	June 28	<i>tomato soup</i>

Bonus Item: *Microwave popcorn*

If you cannot make it to church on Sunday but wish to participate in the Pack the Pantry June Challenge, you can download the list of needed items/instructions from our web site:

https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Pack-the-Pantry_2025.pdf



Milestone Ministries ~ High School Graduation: During the worship service on **June 1st**, members of Messiah who will be graduating from high school this year will be recognized and presented with a memento from the congregation to mark this important milestone in their lives. This year we have one youth graduating from high school, Jordan Morris, who will be pursuing a career as a Corrections Officer for the State Prison Systems after completing a training program through the State. **College Graduation:** Olivia Welter graduated from the Commonwealth University out of Bloomsburg with a Masters degree in Speech Language Pathology. *Please keep Jordin and Olivia in your prayers as they prepare to embark on the next stage of their lives.*



Thank you to all who have taken part in preparing backpacks for our school kits this year! A great time was had by all at both of our sew-a-thons – sewing, marking and cutting fabric, ironing, etc. – and those of you who sewed at home gave us a big head start this year! While we don't have an official count as of yet, we predict that the number of packs sewn is in the neighborhood of

what we completed last year. Stay tuned to find out!

Next steps: Beginning the week of June 23, our older Bible School children will string the cords through the casings and soon after we will host another “knotty party” to finish the packs. Watch for more information! And again ... ***"Muchas gracias a todos/as!"***



Thank you to all who donated to Shepherd of the Streets during the season of Lent and/or brought in donations for the Kids in Mission “Kids Helping Kids” goodie bags that we put together.

We received this note which read in part: *“**Thank You!** Thank you so much for your generous donations to our ministry! The ‘goodie bags’ for children were a big hit! We appreciate your help in our service to the community!”*

~ Pastor Mark from Shepherd of the Streets



50 Years of Excellence! Sunday morning after worship the congregation and preschool families were invited to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of Messiah Lutheran Preschool. Thank you to all who came and were able to talk with the teachers and to see the preschool rooms and all that our preschool has to offer to our community. We hope to celebrate in another 50 years with you.

