

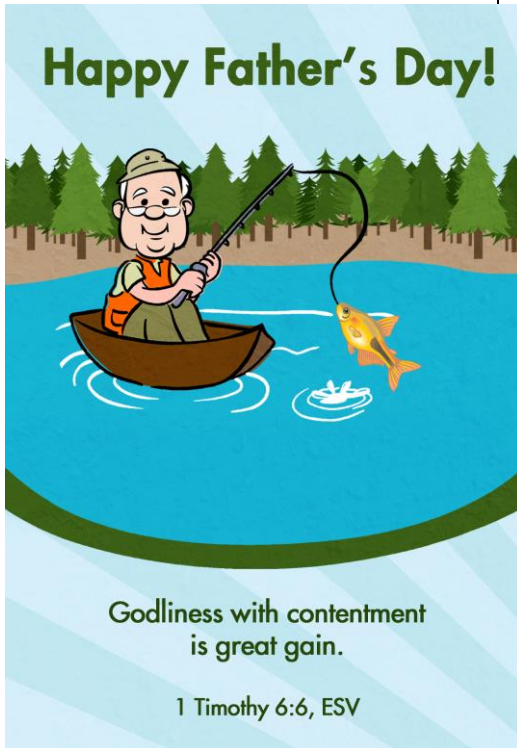
## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, June 15**  
*The Holy Trinity*



**Father's Day**

9:30 am Worship/Communion



**Monday, June 16**

**Tuesday, June 17**

**Wednesday, June 18**

**Thursday, June 19**

7:30 pm NA

**Juneteenth**

**Friday, June 20**



**Saturday, June 21**

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## 2025 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly

The 2025 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will meet June 13-14, 2025, at **Camp Mount Luther (CML)** under the theme, “Living into the Good News.” This theme reminds us of our baptismal calling to bear witness to the faith we profess as priests anointed by the Holy Spirit. Our witness comes out of our life together in the church in which we “hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper” and from which we learn to “serve all people, following the example of Jesus” (*Affirmation of Baptism*, elw p. 237).

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6*

Our church wide representative will be Rev. Norma Malfatti. Malfatti and Director of Evangelical Mission Sue Ellen Spotts will lead our Bible studies. Other highlights will include:

- Workshops on Friday morning with practical ministry take-aways.
- Installation of the CML Summer Staff and dedication of the new Maple Village Bathhouse at the camp.
- Festival Eucharist service on Saturday morning with some different ways to worship while honoring the traditions of our Lutheran Church.
- Consideration of a resolution to merge synods.
- Adoption of budget, salary guidelines, constitution amendments, and the election of a synod secretary.
- Blessing those who will attend this summer's Church Wide Assembly.

Carol Winter, voting member from Messiah, will be attending. In your prayers and private devotions pray for Carol and others gathering for the Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor, and doing God’s work in an ever-changing world.

Messiah thanks Carol for participating in this important aspect of our shared mission as the people of God.

**June 15, 2025**

**Service Assistants**

**Ushers:** Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner

**Lay Assistant:** Susan Bryan; **Communion Assistant:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte:** Weston Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Carol Winter; **Greeters/Presenters:** Sherry Holtzman, Gary Hutchinson; **Cantor:** Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, June 8, 2025:** Attendance: *In Church: 71; Online: 12*; Offering: **\$5,671.38**

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judge and Mrs. H. W. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. William Mansel, Mrs. George L. Stearns and Eleanor Stearns and Henry Perciballi by their family.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday, June 15:** *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15*

**Monday, June 16:** *Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16*

**Tuesday, June 17:** *Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20*

**Wednesday, June 18:** *Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55*

**Thursday, June 19:** *Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 56:9-12; Romans 2:17-29*

**Friday, June 20:** *Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22*

**Saturday, June 21:** *Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 59:1-8; Matthew 9:27-34*



**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.*



**Food Pantry Needs:** Our June 30-Day Pack the Pantry Challenge continues! If you haven't yet picked up your list, you can get one in the narthex on Sunday morning or from the church office during the week, or you can download one from our web site:

[https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Pack-the-Pantry\\_2025.pdf](https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Pack-the-Pantry_2025.pdf)

**Bring your filled bags to worship on June 29** so that we can celebrate together our offerings.

**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.

**Immediate Needs:** In the meantime, we are out of or very low on 1-lb. bags of rice, egg noodles, cream of mushroom soup, and tomato soup. If you are able to help provide any of these, please bring them to the office during the week or put them in the bin in the elevator alcove on Sunday.



**For All the Faithful Women** (*Luke 1:45*) This is the theme for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod that will be held on July 26, 2025, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Road., Lewisburg, Pa. For the in kind offering this year, we will be putting together *Period Packs*, which will be sent to CWS (Church

World Service) for distribution. Each WELCA group, attending the convention, is asked to bring the following items: **Regular Tampons, Super Absorbency Tampons, Packs of 12 Pads (unscented, long super thin)** Messiah has also been asked to provide *bath-sized soap* (3 oz. or larger). No Ivory or Jergens soap, since they have a shorter shelf-life and mold faster. Our plan is to pack 200 kits to send to CWS. Any extra items will go to a local Shelter. A box will be placed in the Narthex for donations, of above items. **All donations need to be made by July 20.**

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**Camp Mount Luther News:** The summer camping season is soon to begin and staff training is well underway. The camping season will run from June 15 through August 1.

You don't want to miss a chance this summer to get outside, make new friends, and feel God's love at camp. There are still openings for all **Camp Mount Luther** programs. Bring your family to Family Camp to reconnect with God and others and get away from routine life.

- **June 29** - Camp in the Bald Eagle State Forest during Buffalo Gap Adventure and explore waterfalls, rock formations, and beautiful foliage).
- **July 6** - Water Adventure (get wet with fishing, creek hikes, slip and slides, and canoeing).
- **July 27** - Classic Camp (with special stuff themed around Dr. Seuss).
- **Weeks of July 6 and July 27** – Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) camp for senior high who want to learn what it's like to be on staff.

Please keep the camp staff, volunteers, and those attending camp in your prayers throughout the summer! If your child is attending camp please let the office know what week they are attending so that we can put their names in the Messenger.

*Go, my children, off to camp with Christ by your side. May He go before you, let His light be your guide. May He go behind to guard you, stand beside you to befriend you. May you know His peace, and in His love e'er abide.*



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**VBS – “Magnified”** discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things. **Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – Noon.** Walk-ins are welcome, but... you can help us plan if you register early. ***Please start saving your toilet paper rolls and 16 oz. Whipped Topping or margarine containers and lids. Also needed are some artificial flower petals and leaves if you have any you no longer want.*** There is a bin located outside the

main floor elevator designated for your donated VBS items. We're looking forward to another great year at VBS. Thanks in advance. **Kathryn Pratt**

