



Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, July 7

Tuesday, July 8

Wednesday, July 9

Thursday, July 10

7:30 pm NA

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12



Reminder

OFFICE HOURS

Week of July 7 – July 11

9:00 am - Noon



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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

It's that time again ... time to do our "back to school" shopping!

This coming Sunday, July 6, we will kick off the shopping portion of our Lutheran World Relief School Kits project. Our teams have been as busy as can be getting ready up until this point. The sew-ers have been busy sewing both at home and at the sew-a-thons, along with those who came to mark and cut fabric, iron casings, turn the bags right-side-out, and various other tasks. The older class of Bible School kids eagerly strung the cords through the casings this past week. There is yet one step remaining to finish the bags ... a "knotty" party to tie the knots in the drawstrings. (See inside for details.) And then it's time to fill them!

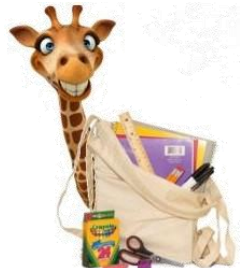
So ... how many bags are we aiming to fill?

Last year, we were blessed to be able to send 606 school kits around the world. It was a Spirit-led effort and that's what we will do again ... we will see where the Spirit leads. By God's grace, we will fill as many packs as we are able. But we have to start somewhere, so here are the numbers:

- * Bible School offerings totaled an amazing **\$512** for the week, enough to fill **102** of the packs to start us off.
- * We have 72 sets of notebooks left over from last year as well as a small assortment of other supplies.
- * The children strung **590** backpacks.
- * And the number sewn? Hold onto your hats ... **773 ... and counting!**

We had a few happy sew-ers who could not put down their needles, and we are told that one of them still has a few bags at home that she needs to bring in, so we will have an official total for you later.

Will we fill them all? Only the Spirit knows. If we collect more supplies than we need for the 590 that the children strung, then we will string some more. So, let's put those shopping carts in gear and watch for the back-to-school sales for the best deals! The lists of what we collect will be available on Sunday and in next week's Messenger. *Happy shopping!*



July 6, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ

Lay Assistant: Dave Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Candy Watkins

Acolyte: Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser

Greeters/Presenters: Mike and Dianne Larson; **Cantor:** Dave Bausinger

Flower Delivery: Charles Luppert



Sunday, June 29, 2025: Attendance: *In Church: 87; Online: 7*; Offering: **\$4,097.00**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Miller with love by Linda, Mike, Nathan, Tammy and their families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carl E. Fenstermacher on the fifth anniversary of his passing on July 6th, by his wife and family.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, July 6: *Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatian 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

Monday, July 7: *Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27*

Tuesday, July 8: *Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41*

Wednesday, July 9: *Psalm 119:73-80; Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16*

Thursday, July 10: *Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:1-36; James 2:14-26*

Friday, July 11: *Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:37-49; Acts 7:9-16*

Saturday, July 12: *Psalm 25:1-10; Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37; John 3:16-21*



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.*



Knot-A-Sack Event – because it's "not" a sack until it's "knotted!"

590 backpacks have been strung so far for our school kits project, with a "few" more sitting in the wings if needed. One step remains to complete the sacks before we fill them – to thread the cord through the loops and tie knots to secure the two ends together. That would be quite a task for one or two people, but working together we can accomplish so much more – and the fellowship we share is the icing on the cake! ***Come and join us for our "Knotty Party" on Wednesday, July 23, 9-11 a.m.***

Light refreshments will be offered. If you would like to help out but do not feel that you can manage the knots, please come anyway ... we can put you to work checking the knots, counting, and stacking the finished packs neatly on the cart. ***Many hands make light work!***

We had such a great time last year ... we really hope to see you there!

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children – **Tiny Baby Moses** – This is the story of Baby Moses in the River Nile. Great for parents reading to their children and super for those who want to read this Old Testament story for themselves. 3rd grade level reader. Found in the Arch Book spinner in our library.

Adults – **Tuesdays with Morrie** – Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, helped you see the world as a more profound place, gave you sound advice to help make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago. This book is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift with the world. Found in the Biography section of our library.



The Third Annual Gift Card Bingo benefiting the Messiah Lutheran Preschool has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2025. Before this can take place, volunteers are needed to help make this event a great success. If you are interested in helping, please attend the initial meeting **MONDAY, JULY 14 at 7:00 PM in JENSEN LOUNGE.**



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Pack the Pantry Challenge! As you can see (in the insert) we have an over-abundance of food for our pantry shelves. This will definitely keep us stocked for a few months. After many trips from the sanctuary to the office it is now done. We were able to collect \$370. in monetary donations and 630 food items that everyone was so generous to donate.



A BIG thank you to all of the activity leaders, class leaders and helpers for a wonderful week of VBS. Also, thanks to Chris and Pam for all the behind-the-scenes things they do to support us. Everyone had an exciting time and the children learned that God sees us, cares for us, loves us, forgives us and keeps His promises. What a great week it was, and it just wouldn't be possible without you!!! Thanks again, Kathryn Pratt



YOUTH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED: Details are still being worked out, but it would be great to have someone volunteer soon so they can be part of the discussions and decision making. There are a number of fourth and fifth grade youth already interested, and we would also like to offer something for high school youth. Contact Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964 if you have any questions. Please prayerfully consider helping with this very worthwhile opportunity.

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out Sunday, July 13th. 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.

Vacation Bible School photos...



"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

June Pack-the-Pantry was a success again!



↑ Before and After ↓



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Mathew 25:35