



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am Worship/Communion

6:30 pm South Little League

Monday, August 18

6:30 pm Missional Outreach

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

Thursday, August 21

7:30 pm NA

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WELCA

Do your children have shoes they have outgrown?
Do you have shoes that are outmoded but still useful?
If so, SOLES4SOULS is in need of them.



Messiah's Women of the ELCA are once again asking for "good used shoes" for **SOLES4SOULS** ... shoes for children and adults. **The campaign runs from August 13 thru September 14 with a goal of collecting 200 pairs of shoes.** Please put your donations in the blue bin. Children's shoes are especially needed ... wearing shoes enables a child to attend school in a Third World country.

This non-profit organization was established in 2006 *to create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.* To date the organization has given 94 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing to people in 138 countries and all 50 US States.



Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. – Patio Picnic at Ruth Doran's home. Table Service, meats and beverages will be provided. Please bring food to share. **Spouses are welcome!** Bob Schweppenheiser has been invited to come and play for us as he did last year.



WELCA will sponsor a **COFFEE HOUR** for the congregation on Sunday, September 21, in Shaheen Hall, along with distribution of "Program Booklets for 2025-2026".



Dates have been set for our Saturday **TRIVIA NIGHTS** ... October 11, 2025, and April 18, 2026.

August 17, 2025

Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Carol Waltz; **Communion Assistant:** Susan Bryan
Acolyte: Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee; **Cantor:** Carol Waltz; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, August 10, 2025: Attendance: *In Church: 76; Online: 7; Offering: \$4,496.38*

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones gone too soon.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Nita and Eugene Hamm.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, August 17: *Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56*

Monday, August 18: *Psalm 32; Jeremiah 23:30-40; 1 John 4:1-6*

Tuesday, August 19: *Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:15-29; Acts 7:44-53*

Wednesday, August 20: *Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:30-38; Luke 19:45-48*

Thursday, August 21: *Psalm 103:1-8; Numbers 15:32-41; Hebrews 12:3-17*

Friday, August 22: *Psalm 103:1-8; 2 Chronicles 8:12-15; Acts 17:1-9*

Saturday, August 23: *Psalm 103:1-8; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Luke 6:1-5*



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Reminder: *Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.*



Preschool Mums Fundraiser! It's time to order your fall mums. This is our **Sixth** year working with the Potting Bench, for our Mums Fundraiser and the mums have been beautiful! The **\$10 tickets** for the mums will be available the next few Sundays after worship in the Narthex or church office. For more information, contact Linda Miller at 570-326-5405. You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324 Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport and choose your very own 9-inch potted mum(s). Mums should be picked up by September 30. **THANK YOU for your support!**



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Bible Birds and Beasties** - Did you hear about the donkey who talked? Or the man who lived inside a big fish? Children will love this collection of best-loved Bible Stories, with Noah, Jonah, Daniel, Elijah, the stories of Jesus--and a few surprises too, all quirkily illustrated by the amazing T. S. Spookytooth! Book on Children's shelf.

Youth - **Horsefeathers** - Fourteen-year-old Sarah "Scoop" Coop know horses better than she knows herself--especially Orphan, a mixed breed mare from her grandfather's stable. Scoop is kind of an orphan herself. She never knew her birth parents. She was raised by adoptive parents who died in a tragic accident. Now she and her brother live with Aunt Dotty. Grandfather Coop lives nearby and runs a horse stable, but Aunt Dotty is the one who helps Scoop understand life and learn about God. When Gran-dad becomes unexpectedly ill, the stable becomes imperiled. Will Scoop lose Orphan? Will the business fold? How can Scoop keep the things she loves best? God offers some surprising answers. Book on Youth Fiction shelf.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits ~ Last Week to Shop!

"Unbelievable" is the word that comes to mind when we go down to the stage to count supplies. As we have been saying, the response to our collection this year has again been overwhelmingly heartwarming. After counting what came in this weekend, we have exceeded the number of bags that the children have strung as well as the number of bags we filled last year. ***Goodness gracious, awesome God!*** That was our Bible School them a few years ago and it fits here! This is truly a church of good-hearted, Spirit-led people.

Our focus during this last week will be to catch up on the items with the lowest count. To do that, we need notebooks and scissors:

♥ **Spiral Notebooks (70-page, may be college ruled or wide ruled)** – *It is especially helpful if you shop for these as some stores have a limit on how many you can buy in one trip or they run out quickly. Four notebooks are needed for each backpack we fill.*

♥ **Safety Scissors (blunt ends)**

♥ **Monetary donations** *are especially helpful at this last stage of the game as this enables us to catch up on items for which we have a lower count.* Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church with LWR School Kits in the memo line. Cash should be placed in an envelope marked LWR School Kits.

Please note: *While we do have enough plenty of pens, pencils, and erasers, please do bring them in if you have already purchased them or if you find a fantastic deal on them. We will use them whether it is this year or next!*

Items may be placed in the schoolhouse in the narthex or brought to the church office from now through August 17. Happy shopping, and thank you for your support!



The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center. Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and the Rev. Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA and has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019.



The Preschool children would like to thank the **three Angels** who cleaned up their playground of all the weeds. Now when they start the school year, they will be able to play with no worries.



Singing Our Praise to God - Choir rehearsals will start on Thursday, September 4. We hope you will consider adding your voice to our worship services. We practice at 7 PM for about an hour and we would love to have you join us. If you like to sing, there's a place for you in the choir.

If you would consider singing with us occasionally, we will have several opportunities throughout the year for you to join us on "Saints in Song" Sundays. We would rehearse an anthem 1) after church on a given Sunday, 2) at the Thursday night rehearsal that week, and 3) at 8:45 on the following Sunday before the worship service. You need not attend all three rehearsals. You could sit with your family and friends in church and just move to the choir loft at the anthem time. No robe required. Our first "Saints in Song" Sunday will be October 19, so mark your calendar for October 12 and plan to stay after worship for a short rehearsal. We could lift our voices together to praise our God.

Daniel's Closet



Donations of gently used clothing and accessories for Daniel's Closet are being accepted at Messiah. Clothing and accessories, shoes, bags and purses, suitcases, and outerwear are accepted. You may place your donations in the large blue bin in the alcove outside of the Chapel whenever the church or the office is open. Please bag all items and try to limit the size of the bag to no larger than a kitchen sized trash bag as anything larger than that is very heavy and difficult for our volunteers to handle or to

lift out of the bin. Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need, regardless of income.

The next Closet is August 23, 8:30 – 11:00 am. Hope to see you there!



BB Bus Trips * 2025
Sight and Sound, Lancaster

All Shows are at 11:00 AM - Lunch following at Hershey Farms (STC)
CALL BETTY AT 570-323-5112 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

Noah
Thursday
Sept 25, 2025

Noah
Thursday
Oct 16, 2025

Noah
Thursday
Nov 20, 2025

*Plan Ahead! * Please keep all dates available to ensure a seat*



Camp Mount Luther is hosting a benefit 5K and 10K entry-level trail run race, **"The Dandelion Run,"** on Saturday, August 30, 2025. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. with "day of" registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$35. Register by midnight, August 10, to receive a T-shirt.



*Save the
date!*

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Save the Date! Saturday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. – Pack-A-Sack Event

This is when we finally see all the work we have done come to fruition.

Members of the congregation, those who attended Bible School, and friends are invited to join us for a pizza supper and to pack the bags assembly-line style. All ages may take part, but we ask that anyone under grade 3 be accompanied/supervised by an adult.

Watch for more information to come. *Plan now to join the fun!*

*Thank
you!*

An enormous thank you to all who showed up to the Knotty Party to finish the backpacks! Your help was so very much appreciated and the fellowship we all shared was truly a treasure. Thank you so much! ~ *Sal and Kath*

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. ~ *Ephesians 3:20-21*

