



Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, September 3

Thursday, September 4

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6



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Gift Card Bingo



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

INDEPENDENT FIREHALL

306 Clark Street | S. Williamsport, Pa 17702

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | GAMES START AT 12:30 PM

PRE-SALE \$20 | \$25 AT THE DOOR

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD

For more information, Contact Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES TO BENEFIT

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



Tickets will be available, before and after each service in the Narthex on these dates:

Sunday, September 21st and 28th or anytime in the church office.

To make this event a success we are asking the congregation for your support.

Other ways you can help:

- Donate a gift card of your choice for our Gift Card Bingo
- Make a themed basket to donate for our Chinese Auction
- Make baked goods to sell during the event

Deadline for gift cards and themed baskets is **October 17th.**

Baked good items are due **Friday, October 24th by NOON** in the church office.

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE



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Service Assistants

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Dave Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Candy Watkins
Acolyte: Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Marie Welter, April Gardner
Greeters/Presenters: Fred and Meg Harbaugh; **Cantor:** Bob Schweppenheiser
Flower Delivery: Marilyn Winter

Sunday, August 24, 2025: Attendance and offering will be put in next week's Messenger

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lawrence and Alice Gee's wedding anniversary, with love by Debbie and Carl.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, August 31: Proverbs 25:6-7; Sirach 10:12-18; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
Monday, September 1: Psalm 119:65-72; 2 Chronicles 12:1-12; Hebrews 13:7-21
Tuesday, September 2: Psalm 119:65-72; Isaiah 2:12-17; Titus 1:1-9
Wednesday, September 3: Psalm 119:65-72; Isaiah 57:14-24; Luke 14:15-24
Thursday, September 4: Psalm 1; Genesis 39:1-23; Philippians 2:25-30
Friday, September 5: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 7:12-26; Colossians 4:7-17
Saturday, September 6: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 29:2-20; Matthew 10:34-42



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.



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). **THANK YOU for your support!**



Church Picnic

Please join us for our **Welcome Back** picnic on Sunday, September 7th at 11:00 am. This year we will be recognizing all of our volunteers within the church. How many volunteers are there? Come to the picnic and see for yourself. Please fill out the reservation slip and return it to the office or place in the offering plate by August 31.

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - DVD - **Quigley's Village - The Super Shoot for the Stars Space Ship** - The Quigley's Village kids want to buy a Super Shoot-for-the-Stars Space Ship for their treehouse, so they decide to have a lemonade sale to raise money. But when Bubba accidentally breaks Mr. Quigley's glass pitcher, they have to decide on the responsible thing to do. This DVD is in the Quigley's Village section of the library.

Adult - **Either Way, I Win - God's Hope for Difficult Times** - Lois Walfrid Johnson had long relied on the Lord for strength and comfort. But when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she discovered an even greater need to turn to God. As she felt God's love around her in this difficult time, it soon became clear to her that either way---whether she lived or died--she would win. The Lord's love would always be present for her. "God never promised that as a Christian I would live without problems," says Lois. "Yet because I seek God, I find greater resources for dealing with whatever crisis or problem I face." In this book, Lois encourages readers facing difficult times to turn to the Lord again and again. By seeking God, we receive comfort and guidance. This book is found in the Poems, Prayers, Devotionals and Meditation section of our Library.



Singing Our Praise to God - Choir rehearsals will start this 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.



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.



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.



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 a sign-up sheet in the narthex soon. *We are really going to need all hands on deck this year - plan now to join the fun!*