



Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 26



Reformation

Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion

8:30 am Confirmation Class

Monday, October 27

5:30 pm Sit Happens

7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, October 28



Wednesday, October 29

6:30 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, October 30

1:00 pm Back Pack Packing

6:30 pm Hand bell Choir

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

Friday, October 31

Halloween

Saturday, November 1



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This Sunday, October 26 is Reformation Sunday



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a German monk and University Professor, issued a challenge to debate any fellow professor regarding 95 points of concern about the teachings of mother church. As was the custom, this challenge was posted on the door of the University Church. This challenge was discovered by someone who was at the cutting edge of technology, a printer, and these 95 Theses for debate were circulated to the general public.

Under the leadership from Rome the church had developed into a huge power, a combination of religion and politics with the church holding the ace card, the keys to heaven.

It was this power that Martin Luther faced when he nailed his 95 Theses to the door in Wittenberg in October of 1517. The Reformation was launched.

Over 500 years later on this October 31 we celebrate the story of the Reformation and the roots of the Lutheran tradition. We remember Martin Luther and the other men and women who boldly proclaimed the good news of God's grace. And we remember the gift that they gave us: not a denomination or even a congregation, but the insistence that God's amazing love is given to us freely. Every time we proclaim that God's love is more powerful than our sin and shortcomings, we honor them.

Please wear red to commemorate the occasion.



October 26, 2025

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Rita and Dave Strickler, Jimmy Gardner
Lay Assistant: Dave Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Mary Schultz
Acolyte/Crucifer: Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Presenters: Howard and Jean Wilt; **Cantor:** Carol Waltz
Flower Delivery: Paul Weaver

Sunday, October 19, 2025: Attendance: **88**; Online: **4**; Offering: **\$2,468.63**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dwain Butt with love from his family.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 26: *Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36*
Monday, October 27: *Psalms 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19*
Tuesday, October 28: *Psalms 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11*
Wednesday, October 29: *Psalms 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32*
Thursday, October 30: *Psalms 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11*
Friday, October 31: *Psalms 32:1-7; Job 22:21-23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11*
Saturday, November 1: *Psalms 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47*



Presiding over worship this Sunday, October 26, will be Pastor Amme.

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.



Bible Study and fellowship continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome!



Reminder to all committee chairpersons to get your committee reports to the office for the Annual Report. *Thank you!*



A very special thank you to all the saints who added their voices to our anthem praising God on Sunday, October 12. We will schedule another Saints in Song Sunday in the coming weeks. There's an open invitation for anyone who would like to join us. Watch for the newsletter and bulletin for details.

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Youth - **Young Heroes of the Bible** - What makes a young person a hero? Is it standing up to a gigantic bully? Is it offering a thirsty stranger a drink of water? Or is it learning humility from older brothers? In these 5 stories from the Bible, we'll examine how the greatest Biblical characters performed deeds of heroism even at young ages.

Adult – **On Journey with Christ: Homilies for Life's Seasons** –This collection of messages for all seasons of our church year is enlightening and inspiring. This book is written by our own Rev. A. Bruce Amme. This book is in our Adult non-fiction section of the library.



Official Notice is hereby given of the **Annual Congregation Meeting** to be held on **Sunday, November 23rd**. This meeting will be held immediately after worship. Please plan on attending.

The nominees for Congregation Council 2026 are Lauren Russell, Jimmy Gardner, and Rhonda Koch. Any voting member may now make Nominations-at-Large. These nominations must contain written assurance that the nominee will serve if elected. Contact Lauren Russell, Cindy Bennett, Carol Winter or Gary Hutchinson with nominations by October 27. ***No nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual meeting on November 23rd. Thank you.***



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will pack "**Cookie Boxes**" in November for college students and military personnel. PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES to the Church Office by November 11. We will also pack "**Cookie Tins**" for Messiah's home-bound members and ask that the congregation help to provide "sweet treats" (and some "non-sugar") to be brought to the Church Kitchen **on or before November 14** and marked "**for WELCA**".



A note from WELCA ...

TRIVIA NIGHT was unique! We had Quiz-master George Jansson's usual wide-ranging questions plus occasional football scores (Penn State did not do well!). With five tables of players we were able to collect \$214.00 for Messiah's Backpack Program. THANKS!



*Dear Messiah Family,
Thank you so much for the card and for thinking of me.
I was so glad to be back in church with you all this past Sunday.*

Love, Gail O'Brien



White Gifts Project Soon to Begin ... Each year, Messiah has put up an angel tree to provide gifts to those in the local community and in our congregation who can use a helping hand. Families in our congregation who are experiencing a need and can benefit are encouraged to call the church office. ***Forms will be provided for gift suggestions, which will need to be returned to us no later than October 31*** so that we have time to prepare the tags for the tree.



Christmas Basket Food Donations: We are beginning our food collection early this year to fill the baskets we give to families in need at Christmas time.

Donations of the following items are needed:

- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Canned yams
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit (applesauce, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail)
- Pie crust mix
- Canned pumpkin
- Evaporated milk
- Canned gravy or gravy packets
- Stove Top stuffing
- Dessert mixes (cake, brownies, JELLO, pudding, etc.)
- Cash donations

Food donations may be placed in the bin in the narthex on Sunday mornings or in the specially marked bin in the elevator alcove during the week. **Monetary donations** are also needed for the purchase of perishable items. Please place your gifts in an envelope marked “Christmas Baskets” and place it in the offering plate during worship or mail to the church office. Checks are to be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church with “Christmas Baskets” written in the memo line. **All donations are due no later than Sunday, December 14.**

Thank you for opening your hearts to help those in need!



Unfortunately, we will not be holding Sunday School until further notice. We look forward to seeing the kids at our Saturday morning events.



Our Advent Kid's Event will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 9 until noon. As usual we will need your assistance with volunteering. Please contact Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964 if you are able to help. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share

God's presence with the children in our community. Thank you, Kathryn.



Food Pantry: Items most needed this week are jello, mac and cheese, baked beans, fruit, popcorn, applesauce, cocoa and snacks.

Blessed to Be a Blessing



And...it's a wrap!

825 school kits are on their way to the Maryland warehouse this week after being taken to the Ingathering in Lewisburg – along with 14 cartons of various types of kits and quilts from our sister church, St. Mark's – by the Sherman family this past Sunday.

Thank you to all who played a part in the LWR School Kits Project this year!

This is what family does!

