



Calendar of Events



Sunday, February 8
9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10
6:30 pm Preschool Committee

Wednesday, February 11



God
demonstrates
his own
love for us...

ROMANS 5:8



Thursday, February 12

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14
10:00 am fellowship committee
set-up for Soup & Sandwich luncheon



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**SALT &
LIGHT**

This Sunday's Gospel is Matthew 5:13-20, The "Lutheran Hour Ministries"
devotion for February 6, 2020 reflects on Matthew 5:13-16.

(Jesus said) "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

It's good to know we can make a difference. We may wonder sometimes if what we do matters, if our words and actions really carry any weight in this world. Jesus' words above tell us they do.

To say, "You are the salt of the earth," is to place a unique value on your life. You're essential. Salt was a treasured mineral for thousands of years well before Jesus hit the scene. Used by the Egyptians and traded throughout the ancient Mediterranean world, it's an essential ingredient in the diets of both humans and animals.

And it's what we are to be in the lives of others. As followers of Jesus, we can and should be vital, necessary, and beneficial to those in our orbit. But like salt, our impact may not always be immediately obvious. It's the little things that can make a big difference; —the patience we show a child or the time we take to listen to a friend who's got a problem.

Our words, as the apostle Paul says, should be warm and inviting toward others. We can learn to speak in ways that bless and edify. We can point toward God's grace in our conversations as the Holy Spirit uses us to open doors for the Gospel. *"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person"* (Colossians 4:6).

And light; —what could be more crucial than being the light for someone else? That's what Jesus says we are to be: "the light of the world," beaming brightly, giving "light to all in the house." The responsibility is awesome, and God has entrusted it to us. Furthermore, He has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us, inspire us, and keep us essential in the lives of others.

What a tremendous role to have in God's kingdom on earth. As He has saved us by grace through faith in Christ's triumphant victory over the powers of darkness, He now empowers us to freely share His Gospel. He knows this commission is a challenge, but He gives us the grace to be indispensable; —salty and bright for Christ.

May we rise to the occasion, keeping our eyes on the cross, as we tell the world about Jesus.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Jimmy Gardner, Paul Ulrich, Dave and Rita Strickler
Lay Asst: Carola Storrs; **Comm. Asst.:** Mary Schultz; **Acolyte:** Doriann Morris
Altar Guild: Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Jean Weaver, Paul Weaver
Cantor: Virginia Amme; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, February 1: Attendance: *In Church: 81; Online: 6;* Offering: **\$10,709.02**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Shirley and Donald Fullmer's wedding anniversary, on February 7th, by their family.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, February 8: *Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20*
Monday, February 9: *Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10*
Tuesday, February 10: *Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12*
Wednesday, February 11: *Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30*
Thursday, February 12: *Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7*
Friday, February 13: *Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28*
Saturday, February 14: *Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, February 8, will be Janet Stroble, ALWL.

Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

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



The "Soup and Sandwich" luncheon is on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**. Please join us in Shaheen Hall for food and great conversation. This will be hosted by the fellowship committee.

Tuesday, February 17 – WELCA – Mardi Gras Appetizer Party and Games – 6:00 pm
Ruth Doran will talk about Eleanor Roosevelt, with musical selections from Candy Watkins.
Carol Winter will lead with devotions, and Marilyn and Carol Winter will be the hostesses for the evening.



Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday. Join us for Worship this evening at 7:00 pm to receive your ashes.



I would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, and calls during my recent hospitalization. It's very much appreciated. Don Rosenbaum

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/Youth book - **Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy Valentine** - Hurray! Feb. 14-Valentine's Day, as Junie B. calls it--is just around the corner, Junie can't wait to see all the valentines she'll get. But she never expected a big, mushy card from a secret admirer! Who is this secret mystery guy, anyway? Junie is determined to find out. This book is found in the Other Holiday book section of our library.

Adult Book - **Ideals Valentine** - This is a wonderful book if you like poems and stories that take you back to your childhood. There are a number of stories and poems that share the love of Valentine's Day. The pictures are unique and take you back to an earlier time. Found in the "other holiday" book section.



The Super Bowl is February 8! This year we will be collecting the following non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves for our **Mountie Backpack Program**. *Please bring your donations by February 8*, and place them in the bin marked with your favorite team's name. "Vote" for the team you wish to win.



Cash Donations are also welcome! Please make checks payable to *Messiah Lutheran Church* and write *Souper Bowl* along with your team name in the memo line. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked *Souper Bowl* along with your team name.



Thank you for your help in our fight against hunger!



SOUP SALE: FEBRUARY 28, 2026 - Are you a soup maker? Please consider donating to our soup sale. Sign-up on Sundays after worship, and specify what kind of soup you will make and the number of quarts you are donating. Quart containers will be available in the church office for your convenience. If you have a place to help advertise the soup sale, take a flyer and share that information. **Thank you! Drop off for the soup will be on Friday, February 27, 6pm-8pm or on Saturday morning, February 28th before the "drive-by sale" begins in the Bald Eagle Alley at 9am. The sale continues until noon or until all the soup is sold. Volunteers are needed to set up/tear down and help with the sale. HELP MAKE IT A "SOUP-ER DAY!"**

Ladies it is time again for fun, fellowship, and food! We will meet for the Ladies' monthly breakfast at Perkins, Tuesday, February 10 @ 9 am. Hope to see you there.

Do you have a card table, either round or square, that is in good shape and you no longer use it? If so, we would love to take it off your hands for use in the Harry Seltzer Room. Please call either the church office or me at 570-244-6964. Thanks! Kathryn Pratt

