Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 1
9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, March 2
6:30 pm Fellowship Committee
7:30 pm Worship and Music

Tuesday, March 3
12:00 pm Piano Tuning
7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, March 4
6:30 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 5
1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

PLEASE NOTE: THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE $8.00

NOW IS THE TIME to put in your reservation for memorial Easter Flowers. Several varieties of flowers are available. More information can be found on the order form. The flowers may be picked up immediately after Worship on Easter Sunday, April 5th. **PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER FORM BY SUNDAY, MARCH 29th.** Call the church office 570-326-9171 if you have any questions.

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Mark your calendars!

Meet and Greet – Open House
Saturday, March 14, 2026
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join us in Shaheen Hall for a **Meet and Greet**.
This will give you an opportunity to meet with the candidate for Senior Pastor**.**
Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 9:30 am

Sunday, March 15, 2026, all members are invited to attend Worship and a special congregational meeting. A candidate for senior pastor will lead the worship service.

Your vote matters! Immediately, following the service, we encourage all members to remain for a special congregational meeting to vote on extending an official call to this candidate. We look forward to seeing you on ***Sunday, March 15, 2026.***

The Kids Lent Event will be held Saturday, March 21st from 9 - noon. Registration forms can be found online or in the alleyway entrance. We are still in need of volunteers so if you are able and willing to help please contact me as soon as you can. Thank you in advance for your continued support of these wonderful outreach programs for the children in our communities.

Are you handy with a screwdriver? If so, we could use some help putting together a couple of table games for in the Harry Seltzer Room. Please contact me or the office.

Kathryn Pratt

Sunday, March 1, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ, Greg Eckenrod
Lay Asst: Georgette Copp; **Comm. Asst.:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte:** Doriann Morris
Altar Guild: Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser; **Greeters/Presenters:** Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum; **Cantor:** Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery**: Charles Luppert

Wednesday, February 18: Attendance: *In Church: **60***; Offering: **$974.00**
Sunday, February 25: Attendance: *In Church: **69***; *Online:* **11**; Offering: **$3,702.23**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher G. Solomon, Naomi and Samuel Kreger, Carl, Annalie and Kathleen Solomon by their family.
The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David L. Riley, Carol Riley and David Riley, Jr. by David and Emily Bausinger, Connie and Gary Hess and their families.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, March 1: *Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17*
Monday, March 2: *Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6*
Tuesday, March 3: *Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13*
Wednesday, March 4: *Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11*
Thursday, March 5: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23*
Friday, March 6: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22*
Saturday, March 7: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6*

Presiding over our worship this Sunday, March 1 will be Pastor Amme.

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.*

Copies of *Behold Your King!* a Lenten Devotional Booklet are now available in the Narthex. Brought to you in partnership with the Lutheran Hour Ministries, in ***Behold Your King!*** Jesus comes to us in flesh and blood as a Man, as God's own Son, and as the lowly Servant-King bearing the sins of the world. Though He was forlorn and forsaken, He did not abandon His mission or shirk His obedience to the Father. He followed through- and in so doing He won for each of us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in His presence.

Lenten Self-Denial Calendars & Banks that benefit Habitat for Humanity are also in the Narthex; plus current copies of the devotional booklets The Upper Room and Christ in Our Home are available in the Narthex and the church office.

World Day of Prayer service and celebration, this year prepared by the women of Nigeria, and sponsored by Church Women United of Lycoming County, will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 10 am, at the Clarkstown United Methodist Church. The theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come." All women are invited.

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books

Family - **Family Countdown to Easter** - The perfect get-ready-for-Easter book: a day-at-a-glance calendar filled with fun and fascinating facts. Beginning with the day before Lent begins--Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras--and ending on Easter Sunday, this book turns each day of the season into a celebration. Every colorful page is packed with crafts, recipes, activities, and information about the holidays. This is a wonderful book for entire families to share the meaning of the Lenten and Easter season through a variety of activities. Book is found in the Easter section of our Library.

Children/Youth - **The Very First Christians** - Twelve-year-old Christopher has always tried to sort truth from fiction. Ever since The Very First Christmas and the Very First Easter; he has looked for the story behind the story. This time, Christopher's grandfather teaches him about the drama of Pentecost and the powerful change God brought to the world through Peter, Paul and the very first Christians. This book is in the Children's section of the library.

WELCA in March - STATIONS are places where people wait while they are going from one place or another. Stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus and His journey to the cross. We will take that journey and look at our own lives and pray to be more like him. Please come along with us on March 17 at 7:00 pm.

Saints in Song will lift our voices to sing praise to God during worship on Sunday, March 15th. If you like to sing, you are invited to join with the choir that day for an anthem that is easy to learn and is based on "Amazing Grace". Rehearsals will be after worship on March 8 and before worship on March 15 at 8:45. Please join us.

Mountie Backpack Program

The Mountie Backpack Program continues into the Spring Semester to make sure no child goes hungry. We are in need of volunteers to take a turn to deliver the food bags each Thursday after we pack the bags. We are now scheduling for March through May, 2026. To schedule a Friday please contact Connie McLaughlin, 570-326-3618. We pack the food bags in Shaheen Hall on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. if you would like to come join us. *Thank you in advance*.

Mountie Backpack Program

The Mountie Backpack Program continues into the Spring Semester to make sure Messiah Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 school year. The program is Monday – Friday. We have a morning class 8:30 am – 11:30 am for 3 and 4 year olds (the child needs to be 3-years old by Sept. 1st) and the afternoon class is 11:30 am -2:30 pm this is the Pre-K class for 4 and 5 year olds who expect to begin kindergarten in Fall 2026. **For more information,** please call 570-326-9171 (option 2) to speak with or leave a message for the volunteer preschool coordinator, Linda Miller. **Registration forms are also available in the church office.** ***Since space is limited early registration is encouraged. Thank you***.

Messiah Soup Sale, Saturday, February 28th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Don't want to cook this day, come support Messiah and buy a quart of homemade soup. $10 a quart.