



Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am Worship/Communion
10:30 am Saints in Song Rehearsal
5:45 pm SW Little League

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 pm Preschool Committee
6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 12

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
5:00 pm Preschool Open House
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

1 pm – 3 pm – Meet and Greet
Open House



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Kid's Lenten Event

Saturday, March 21st 9 A.M. - 12 Noon

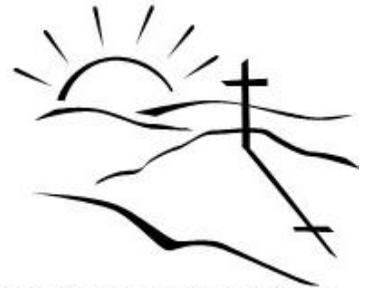
Age 4 through Grade 6

Teen Helpers Appreciated

Join us on a Lenten journey to Easter:



- ☞ **Story Time**
- ☞ **Pretzel Baking**
- ☞ **Service Project**
- ☞ **Crafts and Games**



Contact the church office at 570-326-9171 with any questions or to register.



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. *Kathryn Pratt*

Sunday, March 8, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Fred Harbaugh, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ, Greg Eckenrode
Lay Asst: Anita Bair; **Comm. Asst.:** Mary Schultz; **Acolyte:** Malory Klemick
Altar Guild: Vicki Bair; Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Kathy Stiber, Nicole Morris
Cantor: Carol Waltz; **Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

Sunday, March 1: Attendance: *In Church: 90; Online: 9;* Offering: **\$9,127.95**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

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

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, March 8: *Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42*

Monday, March 9: *Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1-13*

Tuesday, March 10: *Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4*

Wednesday, March 11: *Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39*

Thursday, March 12: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32*

Friday, March 13: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9*

Saturday, March 14: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, March 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.

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.



To all of Messiah,

I have you - one by one - in my heart. Thanks for all my gifts, thoughts and prayers. Amen. Blessings to all! **Roberta Merrick**



Thank you so much for the flowers and the delicious soup that was brought to me. It was so thoughtful! **Margaret Huyck**

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children/family - **DVD - The Story of Easter** - The story of Jesus' resurrection comes alive for children in this animated video. Based on the award winning Spark Story Bible, the Story of Easter will captivate children as they learn about God's love for the world through the miraculous life and ministry of Jesus. This DVD is in the Easter Holiday Section of our library.

Adult - **Journeying through Lent with Luke - Daily Meditations** - Vivid word pictures, crisp retelling of text and creative allegory spark delight in the beauty of Luke's Gospel and a desire to follow Christ. Each of the 47 devotions is free standing, but themes--such as prayer, healing, forgiveness and teaching--link groups of devotions together, lending depth and continuity to them. Each meditation focuses on a key point from the reading in Luke and offers excellent questions for individual reflection. A prayer for each day draws readers closer to the Gospel. Book in the Easter Holiday Section of our library.

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.



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.*

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 Lutheran Preschool will have an Open House on Thursday, March 12th, 5:00pm – 7:00 pm



Pie Social

Calling all pie makers!! If you like to bake, especially pies, please share your favorite pie with us at our **pie social**. The fellowship committee will be hosting a pie social on **March 29th**, immediately following worship and would love to see how many pies we can get. If you would be willing to make a pie for our social, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. The fellowship committee will provide the beverages and cool whip; we just need the pies.

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**.



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.



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.

Did you see the Sun-Gazette's front-page article about the art display at the THOMAS T. TABER MUSEUM to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary? Well, members and friends of Messiah have an opportunity to see these art-works and other exhibits on **SUNDAY, APRIL 26 (12:15-2:15 p.m.)** for just \$6.50 per person (instead of the usual \$9.50). Tickets will be available in the narthex on April 12 and 19.

Save the date! Saturday, April 18th at 6:00 pm "Trivia Night"



If you would like to help get the Palms ready for Palm Sunday Worship, please join us Saturday morning, March 28th at 9:00 am.



Daniel's Closet at Redeemer – Saturday, March 28, 8:30-11 a.m.

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. ***All are welcome to come and "shop" the closet*** ... all they ask is that you take only what you need personally or can share with a friend.

Donations are accepted at Messiah in the blue bin in the alcove by the Chapel.

Daniel's Closet is especially in need this month of ...

♥ **Clothing for Infants and Children** ♥ **Winter Coats for Men** ♥

Please note: Winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots will be accepted year round so that we have enough in storage once winter hits again next year.

Raise the Region 30 Hours of Giving

March 11 at 6:00 p.m. until March 12 at 11:59 p.m.

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP), in collaboration with the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, will host ***Raise the Region 2026*** on March 11 & 12 to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, and Union counties support local nonprofit fundraising efforts.



Orchestrated by FCFP and conducted entirely online, the event is a 30-hour giving campaign designed to raise important funds for area nonprofits. FCFP organizes the event and provides an online giving platform, while participating nonprofits rally the community to support their organizations. Sponsors contribute stretch prizes and special incentives to maximize the impact of donations. For more information, visit <https://www.raisetheregion.org/>.

There are many great non-profits to support through this online fundraising event. including Camp Mount Luther, Newberry Branch of NGA, Next Step Ministries (Code Blue initiative), West Branch Chorale, United Churches of Lycoming County, and many others.

