



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
6:30 pm SW Little League

### Monday, April 20

5:30 pm Sit Happens  
6:30 pm Executive Committee  
6:30 pm Missional Outreach Committee

### Tuesday, April 21

### Wednesday, April 22

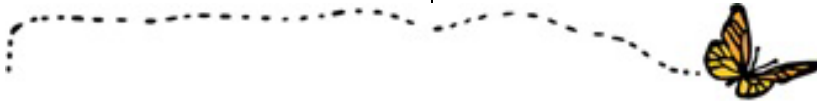
### Thursday, April 23

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

### Friday, April 24

### Saturday, April 25

9:30 am WELCA – USSWO Event



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### JENSEN LOUNGE

*The why and who of the naming of this room!*



Miss Kirsten Marie Jensen was a missionary whom Messiah Lutheran supported for many years. She dedicated her life to helping orphans and children in Liberia, Africa. She adopted and raised 8 of them herself! There is more information on this incredible woman in the bio on the wall near her picture.

In her honor, the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee used leftover 2025 budget money to do some much needed refreshing to the room. Please come take a look and take a moment to reflect on how much of an impact one person can have on so many others.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is right around the corner. If you would like to volunteer to help, please give me a call at 570-244-6964 or call the church office. Even if you can only do it for a day or two, it would be helpful. The theme this year is "Tropical Trek" and it will be held June 15-19 from 9:00-noon.

**THINGS WE NEED:** If you have any artificial ivy, ferns or other house plants/trees that we can borrow or have, it would be appreciated (no Christmas trees or evergreen garlands). If you do want them returned, please make sure to put your name on them somewhere. We will also be collecting brown packaging paper like what comes in Amazon shipments. There will be a box put in the alcove near the elevator. More to come.... Thank you in advance, Kathryn Pratt

Sunday, April 19, 2026

**SERVICE ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers:** Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Asst:** Susan Bryan; **Comm. Asst.:** Fred Harbaugh; **Acolyte:** Weston Sherman  
**Altar Guild:** Rita Strickler, Carol Winter; **Greeters/Presenters:** Ron Yeagle, Mary Schultz  
**Cantor:** Virginia Amme; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

**Sunday, April 12:** Attendance: *In Church:106; Online:5*; Offering: **\$3,989.00**

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of William and Jean Reasner's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary by John and Brett Reasner, Rhonda Hopkins and Raven Cooley.  
**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kirstin Gist's birthday and Jared and Kirstin Gist's 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with love from Yvonne and Bob Gist.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday, April 19:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35  
**Monday, April 20:** Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25  
**Tuesday, April 21:** Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6, 1 Peter 2:1-3  
**Wednesday, April 22:** Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14  
**Thursday, April 23:** Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12  
**Friday, April 24:** Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17  
**Saturday, April 25:** Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7



**Presiding over our worship Sunday, April 19** 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.*



*Dear Messiah Lutheran,  
Thank you very much for the beautiful bouquet of Easter flowers and for sending me the Palm Sunday Passion booklet. I always appreciate you continuing to think of me.*

*Sincerely, Arlene Stahl*



*Thank you for the Palm Sunday Altar flowers and thank you to the Kids in Mission for the Easter card.*  
*Fay Seltzer*



**We are looking for some help to paint Pastor Kliner's office** before he arrives. If you are available to help between 8:30 and noon on April 23rd or the 24th please contact Dave Bausinger 570-772-4500 to let him know when you are available. You don't need to be there both days. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Youth - **Horsefeathers** - Fourteen-year-old Sarah "Scoop" Coop know horses better than she knows herself--especially Orphan, a mixed breed mare from her grandfather's stable. Scoop is kind of an orphan herself. She never knew her birth parents. She was raised by adoptive parents who died in a tragic accident. Now she and her brother live with Aunt Dotty. Grandfather Coop lives nearby and runs a horse stable, but Aunt Dotty is the one who helps Scoop understand life and learn about God. When Gran-dad becomes unexpectedly ill, the stable becomes imperiled. Will Scoop lose Orphan? Will the business fold? How can Scoop keep the things she loves best? God offers some surprising answers. Book on Youth Fiction shelf.

Adult - **Garden of Madness** - For seven yrs. the Babylonian princess Tiamat has waited for the mad king to return to his family and to his kingdom. Driven from this throne to live as a beast, he prowls his luxurious Hanging Gardens secreted away from the world. Since her treaty marriage at a young age, Tia has lived an indulgent palace life. But when her husband dies and a nobleman is found murdered in the palace, Tia must discover who is responsible for the macabre death, even if her own newfound freedom is threatened. As the queen plans to wed Tia to another prince, the powerful image Shadir plots to expose the family's secret and set his own man on the throne. Tia enlists the help of a reluctant Jewish captive, her late husband's brother Pedaiah who challenges her notions of the gods even as he opens her heart to both truth and love. In a time when few gave their hearts to Yahweh, one woman must decide if she is willing to risk everything--her possessions, her gods, and her very life--for the Israelite's one God. Madness, sorcery and sinister plots mingle like an alchemist's deadly potion and Tia must dare to risk it all--to save the kingdom and to save herself. Book on Adult Fiction Shelves.



### **Trivia Night is Saturday, April 18 (6:00 p.m.)**

Registration fees are \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. All monies go to the beneficiary - Messiah Pre-School's Scholarship Fund. Please bring food to share; pizza and beverages will be provided. George Jansson is our Quiz-master.

**The USSWO will hold its Day of Renewal on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport. The theme of the day will be "Meditating with God". Registration will begin at 9:30 am, and closing will be around 2:00 pm. The fee for the day is \$35.00; this includes lunch and craft materials. The program will have 2 sessions. One will be a presentation by Rev, Ken Elkin (former Pastor at St. Mark's) speaking about his experiences on an inspirational trail in Spain, Camino De Santiago. The other session will be a hands –on activity of making a stained glass angel ornament.



**Sunday, April 19**, is your last opportunity to get tickets for the **TABER MUSEUM TOUR on Sunday, April 26 (12:15-2:15 p.m.)** ... to see historic artworks, Victorian dresses, antique implements, toy trains ... all for only \$6.50 per person. Tickets available in the narthex AND lunch in Shaheen Hall for all "tourists" following the Service

**Tickets are also available** (on April 19 and 26) for the **"WOMEN'S BANQUET"** on Tuesday, May 5 (6:00 p.m.) in Shaheen Hall. It is a "red-white-blue" night with table decorations, a quilt display, and special music geared to America's 250th Anniversary. Ticket prices are ... Adults - \$13.00; Children (age 6 to 12) - \$6.00; Children (age 5 and under) - Free. A challenge ... wear something "patriotic"!