



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Worship/Communion
12:15 pm WELCA trip to Taber Museum

Monday, April 27

5:30 pm Sit Happens
6:30 pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 pm Property Committee

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2



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“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’”

“First words” are incredibly important. Once you say (or write) them, you never can get them back. The first words you utter set the stage for everything that will follow, so pay attention to them and chose them with care.

Our Lord greets his disciples by bestowing his peace upon them. A blessing, if you will. In the Church, we have a fancy, “churchy” way of saying this: Benediction. Usually, we “save” the benediction “for the end” ...it is our “last words” if you will...but our Lord greets his disciples with benediction. Remember, the “last” time he saw his disciples, one of them had betrayed him, another had denied him three times, and all the rest had scattered in fear for their lives, but our Lord greets them by saying, “Peace be with you!” What a strange and wonderful greeting! He does not recall their sins, but rather chooses to greet them with his Peace.

If it is good for our Lord to do so, let me greet you likewise: Peace be with you! You do not know me yet, but doubtless we will grow to know each other over the next days. I ask for your patience and grace as we “get established” here as Pastor and parishioner. I am so excited to begin our journey together and to begin discovering Messiah Lutheran Church and the wider Williamsport community.

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which surpasses all understanding, bless us and strengthen us as we begin this work together!

Pax Christi;
Pr. Jerry Kliner, STS

Sunday, April 26, 2026

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Asst:** Carola Storrs; **Comm. Asst.:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte:** Doriann Morris
Altar Guild: Jody Fullmer, April Gardner; **Greeters/Presenters:** Howard and Jean Wilt
Cantor: Dave Bausinger; **Flower Delivery:** Charles Luppert

Sunday, April 19: Attendance: *In Church: 107; Online: 11;* Offering: **\$3,520.00**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harold C. Kropp by his wife, Martha and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Lee Waltz.

Please Note that the one **Basket of Flowers last week** was in honor of Kirstin Gist's 35th birthday by her husband and family.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 26: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Monday, April 27: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, April 28: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, April 29: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, April 30: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 1: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 2: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59



Presiding over our worship Sunday, April 26 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.

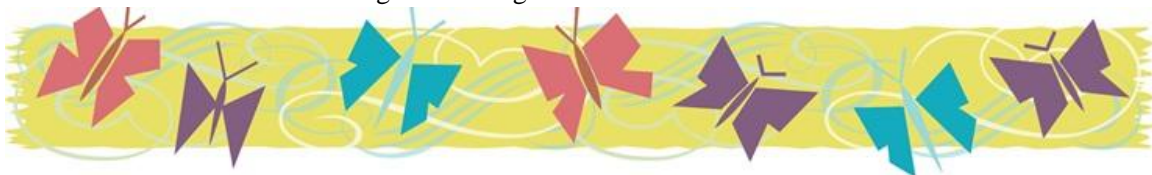
Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.



Tickets will be on sale in the narthex on April 26th for the **Women's Banquet** (formerly the "Mother's Day Dinner") to be held on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in Shaheen Hall. We will celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with red-white-blue table decorations. We invite those attending to come in one or more of our patriotic colors to add a more festive touch. Ticket prices are as follows: \$13.00 (Adults); \$6.00 (children age 6-12) and no fee for children age 5 and under.



The tour of the THOMAS T. TABER MUSEUM is SUNDAY, APRIL 26 (12:15-2:15 p.m.) A sandwich/salad lunch—provided by WELCA—will be available in Shaheen Hall for all "Museum Tourists" immediately following the Service on the 26th and then we'll car-pool to the Museum and meet with Wilma Reeder to begin our self-guided tour.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Youth - **Dangerous Roads** - A million things swam through my head. If my dad hadn't remarried, he would've driven me here. If my mom cared about me, she would have given me a good-bye send off with some extra cash. If Zak weren't so self-centered, he would've taken part of the blame instead of just leaving me. It felt like everyone was attacking me--and I had no choice but to take it. Who would bail me out? This book is about people just like you. This book is about you and God. The devotions at the end of each chapter help you grow in your relationship with Him and challenge you to look more closely at your life to see how God is working in it every day. Book on Youth Fiction shelf.

Adult - **Painted Desert-Love Flourishes in the Picturesque Desert** - As modern life takes unexpected turns, love comes knocking on the doors of three Arizona women. Story one - City girl, Blaire MacKenzie has inherited her uncle's ostrich ranch, but how can she keep it when everyone, including the handsome manager, thinks her incompetent? Even as she starts to enjoy the ranch--and Burke Dunham--can she really find contentment there? There are two other stories in this book as well. As each couple allows faith to rework their futures, will love bring healing and paint new days full of promise for each woman? - book on Adult Fiction Shelf.



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



Thank you to all who have taken part in preparing backpacks for our school kits this year! A great time was had by all at both of our sew-athons – sewing, marking and cutting fabric, ironing, cutting and knotting cord. While we don't have an official count as of yet, we predict that the number of packs sewn is in the neighborhood of what we completed last year. Stay tuned to find out!

And – thanks to you - we're all set for Bible School! Beginning the week of June 15, our older class of Bible School children will string the cords through the casings and soon after we will host another “knotty party” to finish the packs. Watch for more information! Again ... ***"Muchas gracias por todo!"*** ~ Sal and Kath

