

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



**MAY 2023**

## **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS – 9:15 AM**

**WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH – 10:30 AM**

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# "Growing God's Love"

## The Messiah Herald



### PONDERINGS OF THE PASTOR

Dear Messiah Family,

Practically the whole of the month of May is devoted to the liturgical season of Easter. What are some of your favorite hymns that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus? Perhaps among them are ones such as "Now the Green Blade Rises", "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" or "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" I invite you to listen to hymns of Easter on a CD or the internet, perhaps through YouTube. Another way to experience these hymns is by reading them in a hymnal – read the lyrics and listen with your heart to the meaning. If you need to borrow a hymnal, contact the church office; we'll get one to you.

On Thursday May 18, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Take a moment and read Luke 24:44-53 one more time. Note there is more to the Ascension than Jesus simply being lifted into Heaven. Look at verse 47 and imagine Jesus saying this not to his disciples, but **directly to you**. How does that image make you feel?

Pray now: *Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for the entire world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

As Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Each Tuesday, a number of us join to share a time of Bible study and reflection on the Gospel message from the previous Sunday. The subjects are for May 2, "You are an instrument of acceptance" for May 9, "You are an instrument of courage", for May 16 "You are an instrument of change", for May 23 "You are an instrument of wisdom" and for May 30 "You are an instrument of the Holy Spirit."

May the blessings of God the Creator, Jesus Christ our Lord, and The Holy Spirit be with you all!

*Pastor Samuel Leister*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Peace in Ukraine & Russia	Janie Fogleman	Bobby Lillis	Kelley Rusenko
Victims of Gun Violence	Steve Freeman & Family	Michael Lozano	Harold Shearer
Mississippi Tornado Victims	Mindy Fryer	Zaden Mabey	Ron & Arlene Shearer
The Family of Randy Clark	Bentley Fulkroad	Anthony Martin	Jan Smith
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Terri Gayer	Carlen McClure	Vicki Souja
Jeremy Barnes	Deb Geedey	Alice McClure	Joyce Spangler
Donna Barton	Bob & Edie Kay Gill	Cecilia Miller	Todd Spangler
Gary Bechtold	Arrin Gilson	Elwood Miller	Andy Spigelmyer
Michele Boniewicz	Deborah Gingrich	Larry Miller	Barry Strawser
Dan Brackbill	Sylva Grimm	Shirley Miller	Ken Stuck
Don Bratton	Sue Henderson	Claire Mummah	Dorothy Towsey
Dan Brown	Nox Hepburn	Ken Mummah	Molly Ulsh
Terry Coder	Erin Husler	Paul Ogden	Doug Wagner
Fred & Dot Dowling	Terry Imes	Ron & Linda (Kirchner) Parks	Roscoe Warner
Seth Dowling	Annie Ingle	Shade Parks	Jim Woltman
Freda Durio	Curt Kauffman	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine	Gary Zeiders
Cathy Dysinger	Guy Kerstetter	Sandy Pines	Phillip Zendt
Renee Dzikowski	Jesse Kint	Betty Ranck	George Zimmerman
Ettlinger Family	Pam Lawson	Keith Ranck	Linda Zimmerman
Neil & Pat Fisher	Norma Leach	Diane Rowles	

## AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

### BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

### BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE HOME

(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Alice Swartz                      Rich Smith

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney                      Ray Bramm  
(Apt. #112)                      (Apt. #108)

### WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

Ona Stoner

### AT HOME

Edith Nipple  
1482 William Penn Hwy.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com). Also, if anyone has any needs or concerns, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

## CHRIST IN OUR HOME

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up in the church office or in the Adult Sunday School Room and are FREE!

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME!

Another reminder that beginning on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** and going through **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, our worship service will begin at **9:15 AM** each Sunday for the summer season!

## STORE GIFT CARDS

Weis and Giant gift cards are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

## UPCOMING SERVANTS

### ALTAR GUILD

April 10 to May 14... Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith  
May 15 to June 4 .... Michelle Stoner & Sandy Pines

### MANNA MAKERS

May 7 .....Jean Berry  
May 21..... Tammy Brackbill  
May 28 (*Pentecost*) ..... Barb Geedey

### LECTORS

May 7 .....Harrison Mummah  
May 14..... Kate Swailes  
May 21.....  
May 28.....Ron Yorks

### ACOLYTES

May 7 ..... Nick & Sofia Reed  
May 14 ..... Olivia Mummah & Paige Martin  
May 21 ..... Slone Smith & Thea Beward  
May 28... Brea Beward, Paige Martin, & Grace Miller

### COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

May 7 ..... Stella & Gabby Reed, Paige Martin  
May 14 ... Julia Martin, Harrison & Haley Mummah  
May 21 ..... Hope, Grace, & Evan Miller  
May 28..... Carter Ehrisman, Sofia & Stella Reed

### FLOWERS

May 7 ..... OPEN  
May 14 ..... OPEN  
May 21 ..... Debbie Meinsler  
May 28..... Bethanie & Thea Beward

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday** – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday** – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER AT OIP

The second and final Fundraiser Wednesday is on May 10th to benefit 2023 workcampers going to Westfield, In on June 18-24. Coupons may be found below or on the tables in the narthex, entryway and sanctuary. Please take one and present at the OIP on Tyson Hill to donate 20% from each sale to the workcampers from Messiah and St. Stephens.

Fundraiser Wednesday 5/10/2023

**OIP**  
Tyson Hill, Mifflintown  
(717) 436-2184

Benefits St. Stephens/Messiah 2023  
Group Work Campers

Coupon is good for eat-in or take  
out. 20% from each sale is donated  
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# JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE



In March 2023 the Food Pantry served 212 families - 537 of your neighbors! We thank Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers for the month of March.

The Food Pantry's Summer Backpack Program will begin its 11<sup>th</sup> year starting in June. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced-price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months as their families struggle to provide the extra meals. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the Backpack Program!** Call the Food Pantry, 436-9718, to sign up.

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS:**

Single-serve, non-perishable lunch items such as 15 oz cans of pasta meals or ready-to-heat soup, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, and pudding cups. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

\*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**.  
(CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)

**Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations. Cash, checks, or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot. \*Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!**

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

May's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will for Teacher Appreciation in our Community and our Synod. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE BEING COMPLETED FOR '23- '24

The new lector schedule for July 2023 through June 2024 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MAY 1 ----- JOHN 14:8-14

THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

MAY 2 ----- EZEKIEL 34:23-31

TEENAGERS

MAY 3 ----- PSALM 100

CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

MAY 4 ----- ACTS 7:55-60

PEOPLE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

MAY 5 ----- PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

MAY 6 ----- 1 PETER 2:2-10

NEWBORNS AND THEIR PARENTS

MAY 7 ----- JOHN 14:1-14

MAPMAKERS AND GPS DEVELOPERS

MAY 8 ----- EXODUS 13:17-22

THOSE PREPARING TO TRAVEL THIS SUMMER

MAY 9 ----- PROVERBS 3:5-12

GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

MAY 10 ----- PSALM 102:1-17

AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

MAY 11 ----- ACTS 17:22-31

ELCA MISSIONARIES

MAY 12 ----- PSALM 66:8-20

CREATORS OF COMIC STRIPS AND ANIMATED FILMS

MAY 13 ----- 1 PETER 3:13-22

THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

MAY 14 ----- JOHN 14:15-21

PEOPLE WHO ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS

IN HEALTH-CARE SETTINGS

MAY 15 ----- LUKE 6:12-16

ELCA WORLD HUNGER MINISTRY

MAY 16 ----- PSALM 93

THOSE WHO WORK TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

MAY 17 ----- DEUTERONOMY 31:1-13

THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS

MAY 18 ----- LUKE 24:44-53

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

MAY 19 ----- ACTS 1:6-14

THOSE WHO MAKE CLOCKS OR DEVELOP TIME-KEEPING APPS

MAY 20 ----- 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

CHURCH LEADERS TRANSITIONING BETWEEN CALLS

MAY 21 ----- JOHN 17:1-11

CHRISTIAN AUTHORS, SINGERS, AND SPEAKERS

MAY 22 ----- PSALM 99

ALL WHO WORK IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

MAY 23 ----- 1 PETER 4:7-11

THOSE WORKING IN LOW-WAGE POSITIONS

MAY 24 ----- 1 KINGS 8:54-65

THOSE WHO FEEL FAR FROM GOD'S LOVE

MAY 25 ----- NUMBERS 11:24-30

LAY LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

MAY 26 ----- PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS

MAY 27 ----- ACTS 2:1-21

STUDENTS STUDYING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

MAY 28 ----- JOHN 20:19-23

HEALING IN RELATIONSHIPS

MAY 29 ----- JOEL 2:18-29

AFFORDABLE, STABLE HOUSING FOR ALL

MAY 30 ----- ROMANS 8:26-27

RESPIRE FOR CAREGIVERS

MAY 31 ----- LUKE 1:39-56

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MAY 1 – Claire Grimm

MAY 17 – Brown Berger

MAY 18 – Mary Grimm

MAY 21 – Nick Beward

MAY 23 – Bria Beward

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

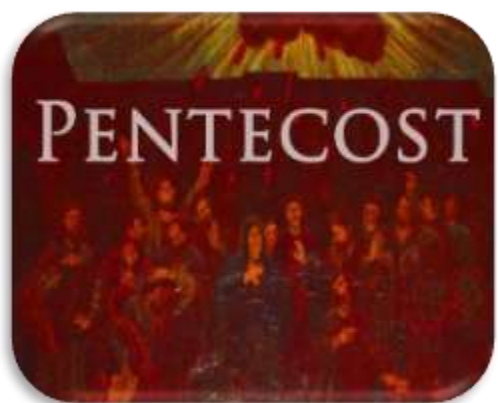
MAY 12 – John and Kim White

MAY 23 – Jim and Brenda Bahorik

MAY 29 – Glenn and Jean Compton

# MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR APRIL

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, April 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	S.S. - ?? Worship - 63	\$5,409.00	\$4,786.00	Benevolence -- \$13.00 Building Fund -- \$48.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$25.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Flowers -- \$99.00 Food Pantry -- \$45.00 AED Project -- \$358.00 Use of Building -- \$25.00
Friday, April 7 <i>Good Friday</i>	Worship - 44	\$107.00		Food Pantry -- \$107.00
Sunday, April 9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	S.S. - ?? Worship - 110	\$5,237.00	\$3,587.00	Benevolence -- \$43.00 Building Fund -- \$668.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$410.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Summer Camp -- \$100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$250.00 AED Project -- \$157.00
Sunday, April 16	S.S. - 5 Worship - 38	\$1,812.00	\$1,514.00	Benevolence -- \$43.00 Building Fund -- \$108.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$100.00 AED Project -- \$41.00 Sunday School -- \$6.00
Sunday, April 23	S.S. - ?? Worship - 31	\$2,883.00	\$1,977.00	Benevolence -- \$133.00 Building Fund -- \$43.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$10.00 AED Project -- \$100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$370.00 Summer Camp -- \$250.00
Sunday, April 30	S.S. - 4 Worship - 42	\$2,655.00	\$2,097.00	Benevolence -- \$23.00 Building Fund -- \$113.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$100.00 AED Project -- \$320.00 Sunday School - \$2.00



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Pastor Sam is looking for Worship assistants to read parts of the liturgy during the season of Easter - May 7, 14, & 21. Note that this is completely voluntary! There are 2 parts.

Part 1 is from the "Greeting" through and including the "Prayer of the Day." Part 2 is to lead the Nicene Creed, pray the "Prayers of Intercession" and announce the "Sharing of the Peace." The prayers change a little each week. You may serve with Part 1 or Part 2 - or BOTH. Please talk to Pastor Sam if interested!



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# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAY, MAY 1:** -6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL **AND** KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MAY 2:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 3:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 4:** -5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MAY 7:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, MAY 8:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MAY 9:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 10:** -**ALL DAY – YOUTH WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER AT OIP ON TYSON HILL**  
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 11:** -1:30 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, MAY 14:** **MUSIC SUNDAY AND MOTHER’S DAY**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, MAY 15:** -6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL **AND** KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MAY 16:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM  
-6:30 PM – JUNIATA VALLEY QUILTERS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 18:** **ASCENSION DAY**  
-5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, MAY 20:** -8:00 AM – SPRING WORK DAY AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER  
-9:00 AM – JUNIATA VALLEY QUILTERS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MAY 21:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, MAY 22:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-6:30 PM – PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING IN CHOIR ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MAY 23:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 24:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, MAY 26:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, MAY 28:** **PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEARING OF THE RED)**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, MAY 29:** **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MAY 30:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 31:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

WELCA met on Thursday, April 13th at 1:40 due to a minor conflict. Barb provided devotions from “24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton. The topics were Giving Peter Credit and A Failure of Nerve.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented in the April newsletter.

Cynthia presented the Treasurer’s report with a balance of \$657.33.

Old Business: We all agreed that the Maundy Thursday breakfast went well but we hope for a larger attendance next year. We had plenty of good food and the service of communion and stripping of the altar added to the meaningful events of Holy Week.

Barb received a reply from Lutheran World Relief. The kits most needed are the school kits and the personal care kits which we collected last year. We decided to ask for items for the personal care kits from May to July and then the school kits from August to October when they will be sent with the quilts. Items needed are listed below.

Our convention will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 22nd. Barb, Linda and Cynthia have copies of the registration form if anyone is interested in attending. The cost is \$45.00 which covers a light breakfast, lunch, speaker and any activities. We will be collecting items for Haven Ministry which is a homeless shelter and food pantry which services the Sunbury area. Items needed are also listed below.

Cynthia will provide devotions and lead the May meeting.

We closed with our Purpose Statement.

## HAVEN MINISTRY “WISH LIST”

### PAPER SUPPLIES

Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Plates  
Napkins  
Tissues

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Liquid Hand Soap  
Dish Sponges and Scrubbies  
Brillo Pads  
Rubber Gloves for cleaning  
Trash Bags  
Dawn Brand Dish Detergent (*Dawn is used for cleaning jobs*)

## PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS

- **ONE** Lightweight bath-size towel (20” x 40” to 52” x 27”).....*dark color recommended*
- **TWO OR THREE** Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (*any brand in original wrapping....NO mini or hotel size bars*)
- **ONE** Adult-size toothbrush (*in original packaging....multi-packs may be used as long as each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope.....no plastic bags or wraps*)
- **ONE sturdy** comb (*NO picks or fine-toothed combs*)
- **ONE** metal nail clippers (*attached file optional, remove packaging*)

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Randy's meal and the everyone who donated food. We appreciate your hard work in preparing for and cleaning up after the meal. -Cade, Kalea, Jerry and Linda

18th annual

# Bishop's Open Golf Classic

to benefit Camp Mount Luther

## May 8, 2023

### Schedule

11:00 a.m. Registration starts

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Golfing shotgun start

*\*Immediately after all golfers are finished, there will be snacks, drinks, and prizes!*

### Participants enjoy:

lunch • souvenir gift • four person scramble with three flights • prizes for each flight • hole in one winner prizes up to \$5,000 • closest to pin • longest drive • straightest drive • team that has most fun • free putting contest winner • Mulligans • forward tees • "beat the pro"



**Individuals, businesses, and congregations can be sponsors!**

**Susquehanna Valley Country Club  
Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf**

rain-or-shine • dress code: shirt with collar, no cut-offs, no jeans.

### REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle appropriate level for this registration or sponsorship. All levels (except golfers) include hole sponsorship sign and program mention.*

- Bishop Level \$1500 (includes 8 players, program mention with logo)
- Gold Level \$1100 (includes 4 players, program mention with logo)
- Silver Level \$700 (includes 4 players)
- Bronze Level \$450 (includes 2 players)
- Hole Sponsorship \$125
- Individual Golfer \$125 (includes golf, cart, and lunch)

Player #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Register online at

<https://www.campmountluther.org/golf-registration/>

Or make checks payable to  
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**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118

E-Mail: [cmi@campmountluther.org](mailto:cmi@campmountluther.org)



## **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>.**

In memory of my grandparents by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of our beloved wife and mother, Kay Stuck, by Ken and Kenton Stuck.

In memory of George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn (Nootie) Davis by family.

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In loving memory of Abram and Ruth Shoener and Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis by the Stephen Dreibelbis family.

In honor of Sandy Alexander by Debbie Meinsler.

In honor of my mom, Florence Williams, by Debbie Meinsler.

In honor and memory of loved ones by Larry and Diana Wise.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair and Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In loving memory of my father, Robert St. Clair, Sr., by Bob St. Clair.

In loving honor of my mother, Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of loved ones by Herman and Judy Armstrong.

In memory of Warren 'Dutch' and Kitty Walters by Cyndi and Bob Stiles and Deb Walters.

In honor of our children, Susan, Carol and Kenneth and their spouses, Reg, John and Tawny, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In honor of our grandchildren, Harrison, Haley and Olivia, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of our parents, Dale H. and Charlotte Henry and Harry and Martha Mummah, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of our parents, John and Helen Sieber and Martin and Ruth Varner, by George and Kay Varner.

In memory of our parents, Harry and Martha Mummah, and Charles and Mary Knisely, by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In honor of our 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In memory of our parents, Paul and Dorothy Patterson, and Richard and Daisy Van Gavree, by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In memory of loved ones by Ray and Jane Miller.

In loving honor of our parents, Warren and Claire Mummah and Sylva Grimm, by Mary and Glenn Grimm.

In honor and love of our children, Claire, Todd, Shane and Kailey and grandson Reece, by Mary and Glenn Grimm.

In memory of Dorothy and Karen Swab and Rick Fultz by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In memory of Johnny, Donald Sr., Margaret 'Peg,' Donald Jr., and Ronnie Beward by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In honor of Pappy and Mam-Maw Leister and Nanny Beward by Thea and Brea.

In honor of the families of our children and grandchildren: Holdermans, Kints and Beward, by Sam and Linda Leister.

In memory of Hap and Dottie Smith, Clarence and Beulah Leister, and Lloyd and Flossie Showers by Sam and Linda Leister.

In honor of Messiah's congregation by Sam and Linda Leister.

## MUSIC SUNDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

As we celebrate the music of our church during the worship service on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, here are some interesting facts about why we commemorate music in our church, courtesy of [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

### WHAT IS CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY?

For centuries, the Introit for the Fourth Sunday of Easter was from Psalm 98, “Sing to the Lord a new song” (“Cantate Domino”). This day was often known as “Cantate Sunday” and, in some traditions, became a day to celebrate music in the church. The Introit no longer exists in today’s Lutheran worship. However, in current lectionaries, Psalm 98 is appointed to be sung between the first and second reading on the Sixth Sunday of Easter during Year B. For that reason, since the publication of Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978, that Sunday has often been known as “Church Music Sunday.”

Since this Sunday often falls near the end of the choir season, some congregations use this opportunity to publicly thank all who make music in their congregation. This usually takes the form of festive music and specific prayers. A luncheon or party may follow the liturgy.

Although the connection to a particular Sunday in the church year is no longer strong, the idea of publicly recognizing ministries in the church is an excellent idea. This can be done on any appropriate Sunday or festival as long as it does not detract from the central focus of the day.

### DID MARTIN LUTHER REALLY USE TAVERN TUNES IN CHURCH?

It has been claimed by many people over the years that Martin Luther boldly seized songs commonly sung in taverns, changed the lyrics and then made them the basis of congregational song. In the interest of historical accuracy, in fairness to the reformer, and for the purpose of conversation about worship music today, this

claim must be challenged, or at least be carefully qualified. At its worst this claim is a misrepresentation of fact. At its best, it is a misleading oversimplification of Luther’s intention and his practice of liturgical music.

Comparing the music situation of Luther’s time with our own is like comparing apples with oranges. At the time of Luther, there were no sharp distinctions between secular and sacred musical styles. When we speak today of “popular music,” we mean it in a way not familiar to sixteenth-century Germany. (*For more on German hymnody, see Hymnal Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship in Resources*)

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN THE LUTHERAN LITURGY?

Music, especially singing, has been inextricably linked to our story as God’s people. All God’s people have sung throughout recorded history. The Israelites sang after their deliverance from Egypt. David sang in time of trouble and rejoicing. Mary and Simeon sang songs of thanksgiving. John, on the island of Patmos, heard the glorious songs of the angels in his vision. The psalms, the Bible’s hymnbook, testify to the link of story to song: “Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.” (Psalm 89:1).

While Scripture and Christian history attest to the gifts of instruments and dancing, the human voice has been given central place in the Church’s music. *Principles for Worship*, an ELCA document on worship, guides the church in its use of music in the assembly and will be the basis for much of what follows here. Of the human voice, it states: “In the church, the primary musical instrument is the human voice, given by God to sing and proclaim the word of God”. Consideration for the role of music in worship takes as its starting point the singing of the whole congregation.

### MUSIC AS GIFT

The question about music’s role can

portray music exclusively as a kind of tool, suggesting that music exists only for the sake of something else. That is why the first role of music is not really a “role” at all. Luther regarded music first and foremost as gift, one of the principles of music listed in *Principles for Worship*: “God creates music as part of the whole creation and gives it to humankind to develop and shape.” We receive music as a gift of God.

What is music’s role in the service of God’s people, the liturgy? These key roles are listed below partnered with a principle from *Principles for Worship* or *The Use of the Means of Grace*.

### **Building community**

*Music is a communal and relational activity. The assembly is the primary musical ensemble, and its song is the core of all music in.*

“Build us up, Lord...form and shape your new creation” (ELW #670). When the church sings together, it remembers its common story and this story binds the baptized together as one people. When much of our society focuses on individual values and concerns, the church makes the claim that we are a community in Christ. Music shapes this community over time.

Such community is best served by music that encourages participation and uplifts the congregation’s voice. An application of the above principle states:

“Regardless of musical style or instrumentation, leadership confidently supports and enables the voice of the congregation. Likewise, the voice of a soloist, cantor, assisting minister, or presiding minister is most effective when it does not overwhelm or dominate the congregation’s voice.”

The church benefits from many people using their diverse musical talents in service of the assembly’s common song.

### **Forming and Expressing Christian Identity**

*The assembly’s song contributes to the spiritual formation of the assembly itself and its individual*

*members. Used carefully over time, the song forms communal and individual memory and serves to nurture the faith from one generation to another.*

We often use the phrase “you are what you eat.” We also are what we sing. For this reason, it is best to make careful choices about the tunes and texts an assembly will sing.

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHOIR IN WORSHIP?**

Put simply, a choir’s role is to lead the assembly’s song. This sounds simple enough, but what does this look and sound like?

**Cantor and Choir** -- The tradition of a choir leading worship is an ancient one that has been renewed and reformed over the centuries. The Old Testament refers to choirs of men and boys. Choirs in the early Christian church were modeled on choirs that led synagogue worship. With the advent of more complex, multi-layered music, choirs began to dominate worship music, leaving the assembly to simply listen. Martin Luther valued the choir but encouraged such groups to lead the assembly’s song rather than dominate it. Even today, choirs and other singing ensembles need to be aware of their presence in worship, being careful to lead rather than usurping the assembly’s singing.

**Who sings in a choir?** -- Men and women, young and old, professional musicians and amateurs who love to sing all can find a place in the choir. Some congregations have one choir for all ages; others have a graded choir program for children and one or more singing groups for adults. In some congregations, paid professional singers serve as section leaders and volunteers comprise the remainder of the choir, while in most other congregations, all members volunteer their time.

“*But I can’t sing.*” Many people will say they cannot sing, but in most cases, this is not true. Many may not know how to read music, but still enjoy singing. Some choir directors welcome those who learn by ear rather than reading music notation. In the rare situation that a person is tone-deaf or for some other reason cannot contribute to the choir in a beneficial way, the leader will want to steer that person into other areas of worship leadership.

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

# SPRING WORK DAY

## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SPRING WORK DAY

The Camp Mount Luther Annual Spring Work Day has been set for Saturday, May 20th. Since our congregation has adopted Pine cabin #4 and Pine cabin #5, our congregation members are invited to participate in this event. Work Day is scheduled on May 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the camp office (570) 922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) by May 15th so that appropriate arrangements can be made for lunch.

This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy the outdoors and support the efforts of Camp Mount Luther, possibly for the first time. We want to make sure our adopted cabins are ready for the summer season. Messiah will be sending eight youth to Camp Mount Luther this year.

Please take any supplies for washing windows, sweeping floors, or raking leaves around the cabins. Thank you for your continued support of Camp Mount Luther. If you have any questions, please speak to Kate Swailes or Pastor Leister.



Campers are getting ready and excited to have their BEST. SUMMER. EVER. here at camp!

Join us as we spend a day getting camp ready for them!

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 AT 8AM**





# 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

including **MYLE** the t**ABLE**  
Young Adult Gathering

The mission of the ELCA Youth Gathering is faith formation in high school age youth! The 2024 Gathering is being held in

**New Orleans, Louisiana on July 16-20, 2024.**

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world.

The 2024 Gathering theme is “*Created to Be*” which is centered around Psalm 139 with emphasis on verse 14 “*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well*”. We have been created by the Holy One.

#### Daily Themes:

- Called to be BRAVE
- Called to be AUTHENTIC
- Called to be FREE
- Called to be DISRUPTIVE
- Called to be DISCIPLES

Questions? Comments? Laments? Celebrations?

Contact the Upper Susquehanna Synod Gathering Synod Champion, Charlene Rineer, who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with you.

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# T I M E L I N E

## **SPRING 2023:**

- Have an informational meeting in your congregation for current 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders, who are the ones that will be eligible to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer (2024)
- Identify a Primary Leader for your congregation and Contact Charlene Rineer (Gathering Synod Champion) to let her know your congregation is planning on going! There is a Facebook group for all Youth Gathering leaders from our Synod that they can be added to.
- Begin brainstorming fundraising ideas and meet with families to create a game plan for fundraising.

## **JUNE 15, 2023**

- Volunteer applications open. They will be open from June 15 to August 15.

## **SEPTEMBER 15, 2023:**

- On-line registration opens. Deposits are \$150 per person.  
(You will need your congregational ID number)
- Financial assistance opens.

## **FALL, 2023**

- Priority registration deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Begin using Pre-Gathering materials (can be used with youth going & those not able to go but can be part of your prayer team)

## **JANUARY 15, 2024:**

- Housing assignments are announced for those who used priority registration.

## **APRIL 30, 2024**

- Final balances due (registration & housing)

## **MAY 15, 2024**

- Final details released

## **July, 2024**

- July 13-16 - MYLE and the Table
- July 16-20 - ELCA Youth Gathering & Young Adult Gathering



## HOW DO I BUILD A BUDGET?

**REGISTRATION:** Registration fees support the Gathering's programmatic, logistical and administrative operations. A \$150 deposit is required at the time of registration. A deposit is not required for MYLE or the Table. A limited amount of money is set aside for assistance with registration fees.

	ELCA Youth Gathering	MYLE (pre-event)	the tAble (pre-event)	Young Adult Gathering
Priority Registration (Sept. 15 – Nov. 1, 2023)	\$375 (Deposit: \$150)	\$190	\$190*	\$260 (Deposit: \$150)
Regular Registration (Nov. 2, 2023 – Feb. 14, 2024)	\$425 (Deposit: \$150)	\$190	\$190*	\$310 (Deposit: \$150)
Late Registration (Feb. 15 – April 15, 2024)	\$475 (Deposit: \$150)	\$190	\$190*	\$360 (Deposit: \$150)

**HOTEL:** We suggest that you budget about \$200/night for a room. Rooms assigned will be a variety of doubles, triples and quads so please budget for three to a room. Four nights of hotels at triple occupancy is approximately \$270 per person.

**FOOD:** This number can vary based on whether you bring breakfast foods and/or snacks, and whether you want fast food or sit-down meals or a combination. A good budget number would be \$40-60 / day for a total of \$200 - \$300 per person

**TRAVEL:** This number will vary based on the number of kids, whether you rent vans, rent a charter bus, or fly. etc...and of course the economy. (For the sample budget I put in \$400.00)

**SHIRTS / MISC:** I would budget \$50 person for shirts and random group goodies.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL:** \$1395.00

Registration	\$375
Hotel:	\$270
Food:	\$300
Travel:	\$400
Shirts/Misc	\$ 50

**SO.....** If you add a buffer and say the cost is \$1450/person you would have a little wiggle room.



## Frequently Asked Questions

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- ❖ **I have never led a group and don't know where to start?** *We have lots of resources and experience and will walk you through every step of the process! We can provide power-points, handouts, fundraising ideas etc. The Gathering Website is a wonderful place to begin. The Gathering staff will also have on-line trainings for all leaders.*
  
- ❖ **We are not a wealthy congregation so how can we fund a Gathering?** *We understand and are happy to sit down with you and chat about your context and brainstorm ways to fund your trip. Maybe other churches in the area that have no current youth would be happy to help your youth. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to start early. Both for fundraising and to build momentum.*
  
- ❖ **We have 3 or less youth and no adult chaperone, what do we do?** *Most of the conferences in the synod work together so I would suggest joining with another church from your conference would be a great way for the youth from your church to go.*
  
- ❖ **What is the Young Adult Gathering?** *Due to the cancellation of the 2022 Youth Gathering, many young people were not able to participate in these life-changing faith formation events. We are excited they are hosting the first-ever ELCA Young Adults gathering. This Gathering for young people who will be 18-35 at the time of the Gathering. We recognize that 18-35 is a wide age range and anticipate that most of our programming will be geared to 18-25 year olds. Programming and content are still being discerned. We do know that they will gather with the Youth Gathering each night for the Mass Gatherings. The Young Adult Gathering participants can NOT double as chaperones for the high school youth attending the Youth Gathering.*

# Pentecost Word Search

R E W O P C S M P M T F E S S  
B V S E L P I C S I D I C E Y  
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CHURCH  
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OFFERING  
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