

THE MESSIAH HERALD



March 2024

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM..... WORSHIP/COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY – 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY – 12:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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"Growing God's Love"

The **Messiah Herald**



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

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

We have a busy month in our church year coming in March. Wednesday evening Lent services are held at 7:00 pm rotating between St. Stephen's, Aldersgate and Messiah. Pastors Mindy Petrovic, Richard Adams, and I are providing the messages which center on the wounds which Jesus Christ endured through the crucifixion. The sermon topics are "Scourging" on February 28, "Crown of Thorns" on March 6, "Hands" on March 13, "Feet" on March 20, and "Side" on March 27. Check the schedule in this newsletter and the Sunday bulletins for more details.

We celebrate Palm Sunday on March 24. With his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem Jesus follows the path to the Cross and to our salvation through God's grace and the forgiveness of all our sins. We are preparing for the sharing of the Passion of Christ according to Mark during the worship service. We will once more hold a Maundy Thursday breakfast at 7 am on March 28 in the Fellowship Hall. This is followed by the stripping of the Altar showing the emptiness of Good Friday. Let us rejoice with the somberness of Lent, the excitement of Palm Sunday, and the total abandonment of Holy Week as we approach the joys and celebrations of the resurrection on Easter Sunday on March 31.

For the month of March to read the four chapters of the Book of Ruth. Think about these questions: What do you think Ruth must have felt through her experiences and the experiences of her mother-in-law and sister-in-law? If you were teaching a Sunday school class of children about Ruth, what would you tell them about her? If you were teaching a Sunday school class of adults, what would you include in your lessons about Ruth? Now, take some time and "practice" sharing the Book of Ruth with others. If you have children in your group, talk with them about Ruth.

Let us continue to serve others in need during these extreme times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in your faith in the Love of Jesus to bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you. Find ways to carry God's Love to others and embrace them with our spiritual arms and souls.

May the Lord be with you all!

Pastor Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING.....

The Family of Ronald Shearer
The Family of Ellwood Miller
The Family of Rich VanGavree
The Family of Pat Naylor
Ettlenger/von der Osten Family
Steve & Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Gary Bechtold
Linda Brouse
Andrea Cameron
Terry Coder
Rob Davis
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Kim Dumais
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Kathie Eichenberger
Rev. Jodi Ellis
Kevin Fetterhoof
Neil & Pat Fisher
Bentley Fulkroad

Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill
Sheree Goss
Silva Grimm
Fred Gross
Hannah Hart
Nox Hepburn
Judy Hosler
Nancy Howell
Erin Husler
Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Guy Kerstetter
Jesse Kint
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Andi McDanel
Cecilia Miller
Curt Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Claire Mummah
Carole Nace
Donna Parks

Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Dave Reed
Diane Rowles
Kelley Rusenko
Arlene Shearer
Rich Smith
Joyce & Todd Spangler
Donna Stoner
Barry Strawser
Vicki Suoja
Tonya Tabb
Dorothy Towsey
Molly Ulsh
George Varner
Doug Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Mary Jane Williamson
Jim & Heidi Woltman
Gary Zeiders
Paul Zeiders
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

.....AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE MANOR

(2 MANOR BLVD., ROOM 221, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

ARTIS MEMORY CARE

(150 NORTH 12TH STREET, LEMOYNE, PA 17043)

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

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!

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. 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.



The Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 1:00 in the Young Adult Sunday School room.

Barb presented a program on Lent: Penitence, Pilgrimage, and Preparation from the WELCA website. Barb focused primarily on Preparation ending with a litany on Penitence and Forgiveness. Everyone present received a copy of the litany to take home to use during lent.

The Treasurer, Cynthia, gave her report with a balance of \$563.33.

Old Business: Discussion was held on the Lenten Tea at our church on February 21 with Cynthia Smith as our leader. Barb reminded everyone what they are bringing for refreshments. Further information is in our church bulletins and our newsletter.

New Business: We are going to look into the newly formed organization, Communities Connected, to see what our church can do to help.

We agreed to collect items for the School Kits later this year.

Following our meeting, Barb and Linda discovered that we still have some items to put together for baby kits so during our March meeting we will pull together the items we have and determine what is needed yet. The Needlers group has flannel that we can make into baby blankets for these kits.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 1:00. Cynthia Will provide the program.

We closed our meeting with the WELCA Purpose statement.

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

Feb. 12 to March 10 Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
March 11 to 24 Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward
March 25 to April 7.....Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith

MANNA MAKERS

March 3 Tammy Brackbill
March 17 Jean Berry
March 24 Jenn Hutchinson
March 31 Cynthia Smith

LECTORS

March 3 Haley Mummah
March 10 Barb Geedey
March 17 Diana Wise
March 24 Cynthia Smith
March 31 Kate Swailes

ACOLYTES

March 3 Grace & Evan Miller
March 10 Julia Martin & Thea Beward
March 17 Gabby & Sofia Reed
March 24 Hope Miller & Braedon Walton
March 31 Julia Martin & Thea Beward

OFFERING & COMMUNION PRESENTERS

March 3 Hope Miller, Hannah & Carter Ehrisman
March 10 ... Paige Martin, Brea Beward, Olivia Mummah
March 15 Nick & Stella Reed, Hannah Ehrisman
March 24...Thea Beward, Zeb Berry, Harrison Mummah
March 31...Brea Beward, Braedon Walton, Paige Martin

FLOWERS

March 3, 10, & 17 NO FLOWERS – LENT
March 24 OPEN
March 31 OPEN

OFFERING COUNTERS

March 3 Tammy Brackbill & Jean Berry
March 10 Barb & Don Geedey
March 17 Nick Beward & Ron Yorks
March 24 Larry Goss & Clint Miller
March 31 Cynthia Smith & Mary Grimm

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MARCH UPDATE



With your faithful support in 2023 we were able to reach 544 families (1419 individuals) struggling with hunger in Juniata County, and provide them with nutritious, life-giving food and hope! What a wonderful blessing and example of the Lord's command to "feed my sheep!"

In January 2024, the Food Pantry served 239 families – 621 of your neighbors! We thank all the volunteers that helped for the month of January, we could not do it without you! If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

BASIC NEEDS FOR MARCH:

**All non-perishable foods especially canned beets and cereal;
Toilet paper, paper products and cleaning supplies.**

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: jcfp122017@gmail.com
WEBSITE: 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!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MARCH 1 ----- PSALM 19
SCIENTISTS WHO RECORD CREATION'S SONGS

MARCH 2 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25
FOLKS SERVING WITHOUT POWER OR PRESTIGE

MARCH 3 ----- JOHN 2:13-22
USERS OF ELCA RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY RESOURCES

MARCH 4 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-23
SEMINARY PROFESSORS AND THEOLOGIANs

MARCH 5 ----- HEBREWS 9:23-28
THE ELCA E-ADVOCACY NETWORK

MARCH 6 ----- PSALM 84
DATA ANALYSTS WHO AID DECISION-MAKING

MARCH 7 ----- NUMBERS 21:4-9
SAFETY FOR PEOPLE ON ROAD TRIPS

MARCH 8 ----- PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22
PEOPLE WAITING FOR LIFE-CHANGING NEWS

MARCH 9 ----- EPHESIANS 2:1-10
ELCA MINISTERS OF WORD AND SERVICE (DEACONS)

MARCH 10 ----- JOHN 3:14-21
PEOPLE WHO THINK GOD ONLY CONDEMNS THEM

MARCH 11 ----- EXODUS 15:22-27
ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO CARE FOR CREATION

MARCH 12 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:6-13
PEOPLE WHO FEEL ALONE DURING STRUGGLES

MARCH 13 ----- JOHN 8:12-20
ELCA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADVISORS

MARCH 14 ----- JEREMIAH 31:31-34
MEDIATORS WORKING TOWARD RECONCILIATION

MARCH 15 ----- PSALM 51:1-12
PEOPLE WORKING TO REPENT WITHOUT EXCUSES

MARCH 16 ----- HEBREWS 5:5-10
PRESIDENTS OF CONGREGATION COUNCILS

MARCH 17 ----- JOHN 12:20-33
REFUGEES SPONSORED BY CHURCHES

MARCH 18 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-11
HEALTH CARE WORKERS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS

MARCH 19 ----- MATTHEW 1:16, 18-21, 24A
THOSE WHO LIVE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

MARCH 20 ----- HAGGAI 2:1-9, 20-23
RURAL CHURCHES STRIVING TO GROW

MARCH 21 ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11
CHILDREN IN TROUBLED FAMILIES

MARCH 22 ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18
HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

MARCH 23 ----- MARK 10:32-34, 46-52
THOSE WHO LONG TO SPEAK MORE BOLDLY ABOUT THEIR FAITH

MARCH 24 ----- MARK 11:1-11
WORSHIP PLANNING TEAMS

MARCH 25 ----- JOHN 12:1-11
TREASURERS OF CONGREGATIONS

MARCH 26 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31
THOSE WHO STRIVE TO INVOLVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MARCH 27 ----- HEBREWS 12:1-3
SIBLINGS WHO STRUGGLE TO FEEL VALUED

MARCH 28 ----- JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35
RESIDENTS AND WORKERS AT HOMELESS SHELTERS

MARCH 29 ----- JOHN 18:1 - 19:42
ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, AND LAY READERS

MARCH 30 ----- ROMANS 6:3-11
THOSE WHO MOURN LOVED ONES AT EASTER

MARCH 31 ----- MARK 16:1-8
THOSE WHO QUESTION THEIR FAITH



MISSION OF THE MONTH

March's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Camp Mount Luther. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Camp Mount Luther to continue assisting in their children's ministries. 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.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER TEMPLE TALK COMES TO MESSIAH!

GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER! On Sunday, March 10th, 2024, Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther's Director, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs. Campers are welcome to share camp stories.



UPDATED NEWS FROM CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Kate Swailes will be serving as our congregation's camperson with Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year's summer camp season at Camp Mount Luther will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. The camp brochures are available on the Camp Mount Luther site www.campmountluther.org and the camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. You could also register online and provide the \$50 payment to Kate. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: Our website now has information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp brochure at <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Booklet-1.pdf> to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to campers and will soon be on their way to churches. Online registration for this summer is available too on our website. This year's summer camp season will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.

MARCH 15-16, 2024: GROW IN THE SNOW: WADE IN THE WATER

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on March 15-16. This year's theme will "Break Forth in Song" based on Psalm 98. Experience your Creator, play winter games, and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$79 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. A flyer and registration form can be found at <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-GITS-flyer-and-registration-form.pdf>



MARCH 13-14, 2024

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

is once again participating in Raise the Region and we need YOUR support! Your donations made through raisetheregion.org will help Camp Mount Luther continue to provide quality spiritual formation, outdoor adventure, intentional community, and leadership development experiences for people of all ages. The more donors and donations we raise the better our chances of receiving incentives, stretch dollars, and awards!

Please go to raisetheregion.org March 13 at 6pm through March 14 at 11:59pm to make your contribution.

Thank you for your generosity!



campmountluther.org
355 Mt Luther Ln, Mifflinburg PA 17844
cml@campmountluther.org
(570) 922-1587



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

GROW IN THE SNOW presents...



March 15 at 6:30pm to
March 16 at 4pm

A Winter Youth Retreat for Grades 6-12
at Camp Mount Luther

PACKING LIST

- sleeping bag
- pillow
- toiletries
- towel
- flashlight
- warm outdoor play clothes
- a snack/drink to share at our Junk Food Buffet
- Please no personal electronic devices

CHAPERONES

- Registered groups need one adult (over 21) for every 7 youth.
- Cabin assignments are based on available adults and number of youth attending.

COST

- Both days: \$79
- Saturday only: \$51 (please arrive after 8:45am)
- Please register by March 8, 2024. Checks can be made out to Camp Mount Luther at the address below.

Questions? Contact us at

355 Mt Luther Ln, Millifield, PA 17844

cm1@campmountluther.org

P: (570) 922-1587

F: (570) 922-1118



GROW IN THE SNOW 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

All participants need a signed registration form

Congregation: _____

Youth Grade: _____ or Adult _____ (circle gender) Male Female

Adults are asked to pay the full registration fee (we encourage churches to pay for their leaders). It is requested that adults have their required state clearances as required by law.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permission to take part in program: I am interested in the policies, goals, and programs of Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod and hereby give consent and give permission to participate in this program. My child may be driven by an insured adult and will be restrained while in the vehicle by a seat belt. Any photos or video recordings taken in which I or my child might appear may be used for promotion of the camp/synod free of any claims. I authorize emergency treatment as necessary in the event that I cannot be contacted immediately, should the need arise. Prescription medicine will be handled by the person designated by a child's parent or legal guardian. Adult Supervisors cannot give other medications or medical treatment, other than that which may be deemed necessary in an emergency and will not be held liable. If my child misbehaves, I authorize the adult supervisor to contact me and I will pick up my child from the activity.

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance Provider: _____

Policy/Group Identification Number: _____

Known Allergies/Restrictions/Dietary Needs/Special Diet: _____

Signature (of parent/legal guardian if under 18): _____

Date: _____

Total registration fee should be paid when you register. Questions? Contact Camp Mount Luther for more information.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
January 7	No Report	\$1,550.00	\$1,450.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Local Missions -- \$10.00
January 14	No Report	\$5,775.00	\$2,275.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$110.00 Local Missions -- \$310.00 Matthew 25 Fund -- \$3,000.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00
January 21	44	\$2,519.00	\$1,965.00	Benevolence -- \$110.00 Building Fund -- \$260.00 Flowers -- \$24.00 Local Missions -- \$35.00 Memorial Fund -- \$125.00
January 28	47	\$2,900.00	\$2,500.00	Benevolence -- \$50.00 Building Fund -- \$40.00 Memorial Fund -- \$75.00 Building Use -- \$225.00 Local Missions -- \$10.00

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY...

We extend our sympathy to Cindy, Phillip, and Susan VanGavree on the passing of their husband and father, Rich VanGavree, on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at his home. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

We also extend our sympathy to Arlene and Mary Grace Shearer on the passing of their husband and father, Ronald Shearer, on Friday, February 23rd at William Penn Healthcare and Rehab Center in Lewistown. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A community blood drive will be held at the Mifflintown Hose Company at 510 Washington Avenue in Mifflintown on **Monday, March 4, 2024**, from **2 to 7 PM**. Appointments are highly encouraged; however, walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be taken first, which may result in a significant wait time. To make an appointment, either call **1-800-771-0059**, email the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank at centralpennbloodbank@cpbb.org or visit <http://www.cpbb.org/>. A form of identification is REQUIRED in order to donate. Everyone donating will receive a \$5.00 gift card from Giant Stores and a certificate for a FREE medium Ice Cream Cone from Harshbarger's Sub 'N Malt! Give the gift of life on March 4th!



MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, MARCH 3:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MARCH 4:** -5:00 TO 8:00 PM – LION’S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 5:** -10:00 AM – LADIES’ LENTEN TEA AT PORT ROYAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-9:30 AM – COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
-7:00 PM – COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- SATURDAY, MARCH 9:** -**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE BED!)**
- SUNDAY, MARCH 10:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/CHAD HERSHBERGER: TEMPLE TALK
- MONDAY, MARCH 11:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 12:** -**ALL DAY** – YOUTH FUNDRAISER AT HARSHBARGER’S
-10:00 AM – LADIES’ LENTEN TEA AT PORT ROYAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-9:30 AM – COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
-7:00 PM – COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AT ALDERSGATE U.M. CHURCH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14:** -1:00 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, MARCH 17:** **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
-6:30 PM – PPC MEETING
- MONDAY, MARCH 18:** -5:00 TO 8:00 PM – LION’S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19:** -10:00 AM – LADIES’ LENTEN TEA AT PORT ROYAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-9:30 AM – COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA AT ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
-7:00 PM – COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21:** -7:00 AM TO 12 NOON – JCPASR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MARCH 24:** **PALM SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CONTINUED....

- MONDAY, MARCH 25:** -12 NOON, 4 PM, AND 6:30 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
 -7:00 PM – AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26:** -1:00 PM AND 7:00 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -10:00 AM – LADIES’ LENTEN TEA AT PORT ROYAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
 -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
 -10:30 AM, 12 NOON AND 2 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -7:00 PM – COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 28:** -7:00 AM – MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST AT MESSIAH
 -10:00 AM, 1 PM AND 4 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -7:00 PM – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT ALDERSGATE U.M. CHURCH
- FRIDAY, MARCH 29:** -**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 -11 AM, 12 NOON, 1 PM AND 3 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 -7:00 PM – GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
- SUNDAY, MARCH 31:** **EASTER SUNDAY / RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**
 -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
 -10:00 AM – EASTER EGG HUNT??
 -10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

Coded Words for The People Honored Jesus

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

16	1	12	13								
15	12	9	22	5	19						
4	15	14	11	5	25						
2	18	1	14	3	8	5	19				
10	5	18	21	19	1	12	5	13			
8	15	19	1	14	14	1	20	15	20	8	5
19	15	14	15	6	4	1	22	9	4	!	

2024 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

- Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00 PMLenten Service at Messiah
TOPIC: Crown of Thorns SPEAKER: Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
- Wednesday, March 13 – 7:00 PMLenten Service at Aldersgate U.M. Church
TOPIC: Hands SPEAKER: Pastor Sam Leister
- Wednesday, March 20 – 7:00 PMLenten Service at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
TOPIC: Feet SPEAKER: Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
- Wednesday, March 27 – 7:00 PM.....Lenten Service at Messiah
TOPIC: Side SPEAKER: Pastor Rick Adams
- Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 AMMaundy Thursday Breakfast Church at Messiah
- Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday PM Service at Aldersgate U.M. Church
- Friday, March 29 – 7:00 PM..... Good Friday Tenebrae Service at St. Stephen’s Luth. Church

HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(ALL SERVICES AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH)

- Monday, March 25..... 12:00 Noon, 4:00 PM, and 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 26 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 27 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 PM
- Thursday, March 28..... 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 4:00 PM
- Friday, March 29 11:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM

2024 LADIES COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS

- Tuesday, March 5.....Port Royal Lutheran Church (10:00 AM)
- Wednesday, March 6.....Trinity United Methodist Church (Social Time at 9:30, Bible Study at 10 AM)
- Tuesday, March 12Port Royal Lutheran Church (10:00 AM)
- Wednesday, March 13.....Westminster Presbyterian Church (Social Time at 9:30, Bible Study at 10 AM)
- Tuesday, March 19 Port Royal Lutheran Church (10:00 AM)
- Wednesday, March 20Aldersgate United Methodist Church (Social Time at 9:30, Bible Study at 10 AM)
- Tuesday, March 26 Port Royal Lutheran Church (10:00 AM)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Messiah for the altar flowers to honor Rich. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your many, many prayers of support. I am blessed to have such a supportive church family. *Sincerely.....Cindy Van Gavree*

SENIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Congratulations to Harrison Mummah of Troop 124 who was awarded scouting's highest

rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

In addition, congratulations to Slone Smith who not only advanced to the Regional Band Festival at Bald Eagle High School, but then scored high enough to advance to the State Band Festival to be held in Erie the weekend of April 18, 19, and 20.....his birthday weekend!

Congratulations to both Harrison and Slone on their accomplishments!!

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Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **March 27, 2024**. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

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