

THE MESSIAH HERALD



APRIL 2023

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM

WORSHIP / COMMUNION / JR. CHURCH – 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERMONS ARE OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY!

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

We transition from Lent to Holy Week to the Passion of Christ to the Resurrection and Easter. Please join us Sunday morning, April 2 for the "*The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew*" as read by the congregation and by the following individuals:

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Narrator – Haley Mummah	Peter – Gabby Reed
Jesus – Andrea Cameron	Servant I – Olivia Mummah
High Priest – Hannah Ehrisman	Servant II – Hope Miller
Judas – Julia Martin	Pilate – Cynthia Smith
Witness – Thea Beward	

In addition, receive and celebrate with palm branches the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Please join us again this year for a Maundy Thursday breakfast. This begins at 7:00 am Thursday April 6 in our Fellowship Hall. We begin this Eucharist meal with the breaking and sharing of bread as the Body of Christ. Our breakfast will consist of casseroles and other items. We finish our meal with the sharing of the Blood of Christ. Following our time at the meal, those who are able may join us as we remove the items from the altar in the sanctuary visually demonstrating the emptiness left through the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday.

On Good Friday we gather at 7:30 pm for a Tenebrae service. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word for "shadows." The Tenebrae service commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The gradual extinguishing of the light symbolizes the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus, and the gathering darkness of the Crucifixion. At the close, one candle will remain lit to indicate that death only seems to triumph over Christ, who is the Light of the World. This service will include a combined choir with readers Andrea Cameron and Kevin Cunningham sharing the scriptures and prayers through the service.

The Resurrection of Our Lord is celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 9. There are two Gospel scriptures listed for this year's liturgy; they are Matthew 28:1-10 and John 20:1-18. Take some time to read these verses. How are they alike? How are they different? These will be a focus at our Bible study on April 11.

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	Rev. William Esborn	John Lehman	Betty Ranck
Victims of Gun Violence	Ettlenger Family	Jimmy Leister	Keith Ranck
Mississippi Tornado Victims	Neil & Pat Fisher	Bobby Lillis	Diane Rowles
The Family of John Kipp	Janie Fogleman	Michael Lozano	Harold Shearer
The Family of Clifton "Clif" A. Reikin	Steve Freeman & Family	Zaden Mabey	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Mindy Fryer	Anthony Martin	Vicki Souja
Jeremy Barnes	Bentley Fulkroad	Carlen McClure	Joyce Spangler
Donna Barton	Terri Gayer	Alice McClure	Todd Spangler
Gary Bechtold	Deb Geedey	Cecilia Miller	Andy Spigelmyer
Michele Boniewicz	Bob & Edie Kay Gill	Elwood Miller	Barry Strawser
Dan Brackbill	Arrin Gilson	Larry Miller	Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Don Bratton	Deborah Gingrich	Shirley Miller	Dorothy Towsey
Dan Brown	Gracie Goshorn	Brian Mullen	Molly Ulsh
Randy Clark	Sylva Grimm	Claire Mummah	Doug Wagner
Terry Coder	Sue Henderson	Ken Mummah	Roscoe Warner
Jean Compton	Nox Hepburn	Paul Ogden	Jim Woltman
Fred & Dot Dowling	Erin Husler	Lillian Parks	Gary Zeiders
Seth Dowling	Terry Imes	Ron & Linda (Kirchner) Parks	Phillip Zendt
Freda Durio	Annie Ingle	Shade Parks	George Zimmerman
Cathy Dysinger	Guy Kerstetter	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine	Linda Zimmerman
Renee Dzikowski	Pam Lawson	Richard Pines	
	Norma Leach	Sandy Pines	

....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

Ken Stuck

1482 William Penn Hwy.

66 Eighth Street

Mifflintown, PA 17059

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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.

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!

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

March 27 to April 9Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith
 April 10 to May 14Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith

MANNA BREAD MAKERS

April 2Jenn Hutchinson
 April 9.....Cynthia Smith
 April 16Diana Wise

LECTORS

April 2Slone Smith
 April 9.....Cynthia Smith
 April 16 Andrea Cameron
 April 23..... Barb Geedey
 April 30.....Diana Wise

ACOLYTES

April 2 Sofia & Gabby Reed
 April 9 Braedon Walton & Brea Beward
 April 16 Carter Ehrisman & Evan Miller
 April 23..... Grace Miller & Haley Mummah
 April 30 .. Hannah Ehrisman & Harrison Mummah

OFFERING/COMMUNION PRESENTERS

April 2 Nick & Stella Reed and Evan Miller
 April 9 Silas Smith, Zeb Berry & Thea Beward
 April 16 .. Hannah Ehrisman, Olivia Mummah, & Zeb Berry
 April 23..... Harrison & Olivia Mummah and Zeb Berry
 April 30 Sofia, Stella, & Gabby Reed

FLOWERS

April 2 NO FLOWERS -- LENT
 April 2 & 9.....NO FLOWERS – EASTER LILIES
 April 16 Don & Barb Geedey
 April 23..... Sandy Pines
 April 30 OPEN

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.

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 golfer) include hole sponsorship sign and program mention.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Level	\$1500 (Includes 8 players, program mention with logo)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level	\$1100 (Includes 4 players, program mention with logo)
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level	\$700 (Includes 4 players)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level	\$450 (Includes 2 players)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hole Sponsorship	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 and mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
 Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1115
 E-Mail: cmli@campmountluther.org



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE



In February 2023, the Food Pantry served 211 families – 525 of your neighbors! A big thank you to Matamoras UMC for volunteering on Saturdays in February.

Join our family! We are always looking for a few good volunteers!

IF YOU COULD HELP BY DONATING THE ITEMS BELOW, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

BASIC NEEDS FOR APRIL:

All non-perishable foods; Shampoo, deodorant; Cleaning Supplies: Laundry detergent, dish soap, all-purpose household cleaners.

DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS 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

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

APRIL 1 ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

LUTHERAN CAMPING MINISTRIES

APRIL 2 ----- MATTHEW 21:1-11

QUILTING MINISTRIES

APRIL 3 ----- JOHN 12:1-11

THOSE BOUND BY PAINFUL MEMORIES

APRIL 4 ----- JOHN 12:20-36

THOSE FACING DEATH

APRIL 5 ----- JOHN 13:21-32

THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED

APRIL 6 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

THOSE RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION

APRIL 7 ----- ISAIAH 52:13 - 53:12

THOSE DENIED JUSTICE

APRIL 8 ----- ROMANS 6:3-11

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

APRIL 9 ----- JOHN 20:1-18

ALL WHO GRIEVE

APRIL 10 ----- PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

PEOPLE LIVING WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

APRIL 11 ----- COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

CLOTHING DONATION MINISTRIES

APRIL 12 ----- MATTHEW 28:1-10

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE

APRIL 13 ----- ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

PEOPLE FACING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CHALLENGES

APRIL 14 ----- PSALM 16

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

APRIL 15 ----- 1 PETER 1:3-9

PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE

APRIL 16 ----- JOHN 20:19-31

ALL WHO GRAPPLE WITH FAITHFUL DOUBTS

APRIL 17 ----- PSALM 114

ALL WHO DO NOT KNOW OF GOD'S LOVE

APRIL 18 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-28

GRIEF COUNSELORS AND MORTICIANS

APRIL 19 ----- MATTHEW 12:38-42

ASTRONOMERS, ECOLOGISTS, AND OTHER SCIENTISTS

APRIL 20 ----- ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

PEOPLE BETRAYED IN RELATIONSHIPS

APRIL 21 ----- PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

PEOPLE LIVING WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS

APRIL 22 ----- 1 PETER 1:17-23

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS AND TEACHING MINISTRIES

APRIL 23 ----- LUKE 24:13-35

BAKERS

APRIL 24 ----- PSALM 134

ALL WHO WORK BY NIGHT

APRIL 25 ----- MARK 1:1-15

ELCA CHURCHWIDE STAFF

APRIL 26 ----- JOHN 21:1-14

LEADERS OF CONGREGATIONS IN DECLINE

APRIL 27 ----- ACTS 2:42-47

CONGREGATIONS IN CONFLICT

APRIL 28 ----- PSALM 23

GENEROSITY IN THE MIDST OF ABUNDANCE

APRIL 29 ----- 1 PETER 2:19-25

**SHEPHERDS, BOTH LITERAL (*SHEEP HERDERS*) AND
FIGURATIVE (*PASTORS*)**

APRIL 30 ----- JOHN 10:1-10

ELCA GLOBAL MISSIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

APRIL 1 - Zeb Berry

APRIL 3 - Shirley Covert

APRIL 5 - Jan Smith

APRIL 11 - Anne B. McNaught

APRIL 15 - Steve Bahorik

APRIL 20 - Slone Smith

APRIL 24 - Hunter Berry

APRIL 26 - Steve Berry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

APRIL 10 - Dave and Jan Smith

APRIL 20 - Gene and Lois Crissman

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR MARCH

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sun., March 5	S.S. – 23 Worship – 58	\$3,943.00	\$3,032.00	Benevolence -- \$83.00 Building Fund -- \$108.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$75.00 Lenten Offering -- \$10.00 Lutheran Disaster Relief -- \$10.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 Use of Building -- \$600.00
Sun., March 12	S.S. – 10 Worship – 53	\$2,317.00	\$2,098.00	Benevolence -- \$36.00 Building Fund -- \$91.00 Sunday School -- \$7.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Camp Mount Luther -- \$25.00 Youth Workcamp -- \$50.00
Sun., March 19	S.S. – 7 Worship – 43	\$3,005.00	\$2,387.00	Benevolence -- \$130.00 Building Fund -- \$285.00 Sunday School -- \$7.00 Camp Mount Luther -- \$110.00 Flowers -- \$86.00
Weds., March 22	Worship – 47	\$90.00	\$0.00	Food Pantry -- \$90.00
Sun., March 26	S.S. – 12 Worship – 43	\$3,906.00	\$2,460.00	Benevolence -- \$110.00 Building Fund -- \$85.00 Sunday School -- \$3.00 Camp Mount Luther -- \$650.00 Flowers -- \$88.00 DeLauter Youth Ctr. -- \$10.00 AED Project -- \$500.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH

April's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for the Central Juniata Pool in Mifflin. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Central Juniata Pool to continue assisting in their local efforts. 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter

Sunday morning, April 9th, at 10:00 AM. Children should bring baskets to collect eggs. Also, there will be a basket on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room for any candy donations on or before Palm Sunday.

WRITER NEEDED!

The Board of Witness and Outreach is seeking a volunteer to help keep our community informed of current events at Messiah by sending newspapers in our area an email of what is happening, upcoming events, and Sunday School and worship times. Please reach out to Christie Yorks, Mary Grimm, or Diana Wise for more information! This is a great service to our church and community!

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SATURDAY, APRIL 1:** -7:00 AM – PORT ROYAL MENS’ PRAYER BREAKFAST AT PR COMM. BUILDING
- SUNDAY, APRIL 2:** **PALM SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, APRIL 3:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 6:** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
-7:00 AM – MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-5:30 PM – GIRLS SCOUTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- FRIDAY, APRIL 7:** **GOOD FRIDAY**
-7:30 PM – GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
- SATURDAY, APRIL 8:** **HOLY SATURDAY**
-7:00 AM – PORT ROYAL MENS’ PRAYER BREAKFAST AT PR COMM. BUILDING
- SUNDAY, APRIL 9:** **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:00 AM – EASTER EGG HUNT IN CHURCH YARD
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, APRIL 10:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 13:** -1:30 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, APRIL 16:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY – HVAC FOR OFFICE “AREA”
- MONDAY, APRIL 17:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 20:** -5:30 PM – GIRLS SCOUTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, APRIL 23:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, APRIL 24:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, APRIL 28:** -**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SATURDAY, APRIL 29:** -9:00 AM – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, APRIL 30:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH/SERVICE OF HEALING

REMAINING PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held each Saturday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for breakfast which will go to the Fire Company Auxiliary to cover the cost of the meal.

2023 SPEAKERS

April 1	Rev. Parrish Munro	McAlisterville United Methodist Church
April 8	Rev. Ron Shupe	First Baptist Church

REMAINING 2023 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 PM.....Lenten Service at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 AM.....Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast at Messiah
Friday, April 7 - 7:30 PM.....Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Messiah

NEWS FROM CAMP 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 page at <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/> 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.

A TASTE OF CAMP: This year's summer camp season will begin on June 18 and run until August 8. 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.

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation's camperson with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camperson, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail.

For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. 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. 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. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate **prior to April 12th** so that we receive the early registration discount.

Also, if you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.



Women ^{of the} ELCA

WELCA met on Thursday, March 9th at 1:30 PM in the Young Adult Sunday school room. Barb Geedey led the group in devotions from Grace Unbounded devotions for Lent and Faith as a Mustard Seed by Diane Skinner from Easter Ideals.

Barb read the report in the March newsletter from our February minutes. Cynthia Smith gave the Treasurers report of \$641.33.

Old business: Barb reported that our first Lenten Tea went very well, and she thanked Cynthia for leading the program.

Barb has not heard from LWR regarding the most needed kit. She will contact them again.

We discussed items to collect for the Shelter services and decided on laundry detergent, Clorox,

dryer sheets, dish soap, shaving cream, deodorant, and body wash. These items can be for men or women. We will be collecting these items until the end of this year. There will be a container in the Adult Sunday School room for these items.

New business: We will be holding our Maundy Thursday breakfast on April 6 at 7 A.M.

We will be serving several breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and tea. For anyone who works our breakfast and communion are over before 8:00. All are welcome.

Our next meeting will be held on April 13th.

We closed our meeting with the WELCA purpose statement.

Fundraiser Wednesday 4/5/2023

OIP

Tyson Hill, Mifflintown
(717) 436-2184

Benefits St. Stephens/Messiah 2023
Group Work Campers

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Fundraiser Wednesday 5/10/2023

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

CAROLE NACE has moved, and her new mailing address is 202 Old York Road, Apt. B, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Her phone number remains the same.

RAY BRAMM and RUTH CISNEY both have new addresses. Both still reside at 58 Honneman House Dr, Thompsettown, PA 17094; however, RUTH is now in Apartment #112 with phone number (717)-922-9442, and RAY continues to be in Apartment #108 with phone number (717)-994-3207.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our congregation would like to congratulate our very own musician extraordinaire, Slone Smith. At the Regional Band Festival held during March 22 to 25 in Altoona, Slone qualified to represent Juniata High School and Juniata County on alto saxophone at the All-State Band Festival, which will be held April 19 to 22, 2023 at the Kalahari Resort in the Pocono Mountains! As proud as we are at Messiah, we are certain that his little brother, mom and dad, and grandmothers, let alone the rest of his family and many friends are **SO VERY PROUD** of this personal accomplishment!! Good luck at All-States, Slone!!!



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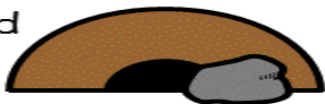
Messiah's PPC has authorized the purchase of two AED's (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to purchase these life saving devices. Pictured to the left is a chart showing envelopes with numbers inscribed upon them. The number is the amount of a contribution a person can make. Please take an envelope and bring it and your contribution to church.



Easter Word Search

T	H	O	R	N	S	W	Y	S	M	L	A	P	N	G
K	R	I	S	E	N	Y	C	E	N	O	T	S	E	C
R	E	T	S	O	O	R	D	R	K	H	O	T	V	R
B	E	L	I	E	V	E	S	E	O	N	H	B	I	U
Y	T	P	M	E	Z	D	X	S	Y	S	O	C	G	C
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S	I	N	U	I	N	N	A	I	L	S	C	T	F	Y
W	V	G	F	A	E	N	P	I	L	A	T	E	E	S
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empty
forgiven



Gethsemane
guards
hosanna
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Pilate
prayed
risen
rooster



sacrifice
sin
son
stone
thorns
tomb

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Easter Sunday is April 9, 2023, 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 **April 4, 2023**. *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

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

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () OR In Memory Of ()

I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$11.00 # of plants _____ X \$11.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



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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717-880-2872



T I M E L I N E

SPRING 2023:

- Have an informational meeting in your congregation for current 7th – 11th 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 1st.
- 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

- ❖ **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.*