

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



**MAY 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



### PONDERINGS OF THE PASTOR

Dear Messiah Family,

Much 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 9, 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 blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as He promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

On May 12, we will celebrate the Confirmation of three of our members, Brea Beward, Paige Martin, and Grace Miller. They each have chosen favorite scriptures as follows:

Brea - **Ephesians 5:15-17** <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Paige - **John 20:14;16** <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Teacher".

Grace - **1 John 4:19** We love because he first loved us.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Revelation 22:13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

We will also celebrate the graduation of three of our high school seniors, Haley Mummah, Harrison Mummah, and Slone Smith. They have certainly been a blessing as we watched them grow in faith and love in the Body of Christ. May they continue to carry the Gospel throughout their journeys to come!

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

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

Steve & Linda Bahorik  
Jeremy Barnes  
Ryan Barr  
Donna Barton  
Gary Bechtold  
Tony Beward  
Linda Brouse  
Andrea Cameron  
Terry Coder  
Kenton Cohenour  
Heather Compton  
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  
Sylva Grimm  
Fred Gross  
Hannah Hart  
Bill & Jan Heck  
John (Pat) Henry  
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  
Abby Myers & Cody Lauver  
Donna Parks

Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks  
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Dave Reed  
Diane Rowles  
Kelley Rusenko  
Arlene Shearer  
Joyce & Todd Spangler  
Donna Stoner  
Barry Strawser  
Vicki Suoja  
Tonya Tabb  
Molly Ulsh  
George Varner  
Doug Wagner  
Marsha 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

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney

(Apt. #112)

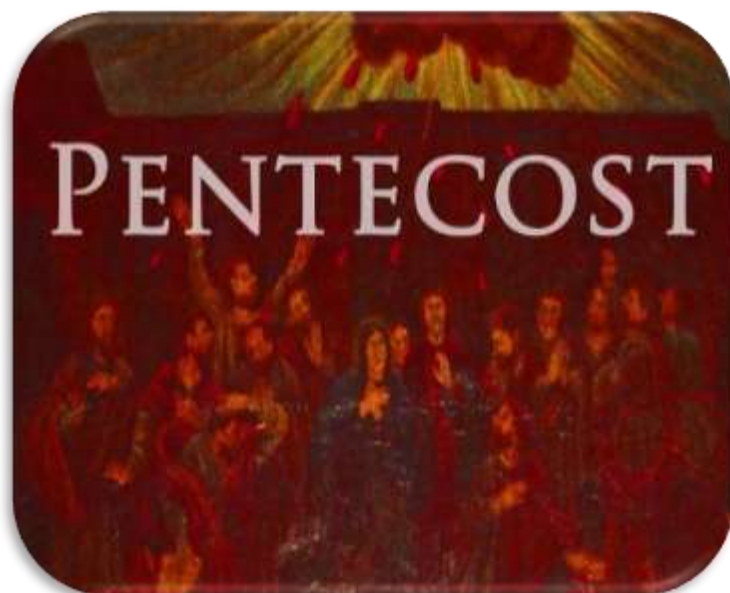
Ray Bramm

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Ona Stoner



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** and going through **Sunday, August 25<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 8 to May 5.....Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed  
May 6 to 19 ..... Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith  
May 20 to June 2..... Michelle Stoner & Sandy Pines

### MANNA MAKERS

May 5 ..... Christie Yorks  
May 19 (*Pentecost*) ..... Tammy Brackbill  
May 26 (*Holy Trinity*)..... Diana Wise

### LECTORS

May 5 ..... Harrison Mummah  
May 12 ..... Diana Wise  
May 19 ..... Cynthia Smith  
May 26 ..... Kate Swailes

### ACOLYTES

May 5 ..... Zeb Berry & Braedon Walton  
May 12 ..... Paige Martin & Brea Beward  
May 19 ..... Nick & Gabby Reed  
May 26 ..... Julia Martin & Thea Beward

### COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

May 5 .... Julia Martin and Harrison & Haley Mummah  
May 12 ... Grace Miller, Silas Smith & Carter Ehrisman  
May 19 ..... Stella & Sofia Reed and Zeb Berry  
May 26 ..... Brea Beward, Hope & Evan Miller

### OFFERING COUNTERS

May 5 ..... Ron & Christie Yorks  
May 12 ..... Jean Berry & Mary Grimm  
May 19 ..... Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward  
May 26 ..... Larry Goss & Don Geedey

### FLOWERS

May 5 ..... OPEN  
May 12 ..... Don & Barb Geedey  
May 19 ..... Debbie & Ron Meinsler  
May 26 ..... OPEN

# JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE



In March 2024 the Food Pantry served 241 families - 614 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 12<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: [jcfp122017@gmail.com](mailto:jcfp122017@gmail.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.

## MORE BLOOPERS BY STUDENTS WRITING ABOUT THE BIBLE

- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.
- He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- When Mary heard that she was to be the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

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

**THOSE EAGER TO SEE GOD**

MAY 2-----ACTS 10:44-48

**STORYTELLERS AND WRITERS**

MAY 3-----PSALM 98

**GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN**

MAY 4-----1 JOHN 5:1-6

**RESPECT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

MAY 5-----JOHN 15:9-17

**COACHES, ATHLETES, AND NON-ATHLETES**

MAY 6-----1 TIMOTHY 6:11-12

**CONGREGATIONAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES**

MAY 7-----PSALM 93

**THE HEALTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION**

MAY 8-----DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21

**ALL WHO TEACH CHILDREN**

MAY 9-----LUKE 24:44-53

**PEOPLE DISCERNING NEXT STEPS**

MAY 10-----PSALM 1

**THOSE WHO MUST WALK FOR WATER**

MAY 11-----1 JOHN 5:9-13

**CARDIOLOGISTS**

MAY 12-----JOHN 17:6-19

**HOW WE SHARE JESUS IN THE WORLD**

MAY 13-----PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

**TEACHERS, TRAINERS, AND LIBRARIANS**

MAY 14-----ACTS 1:15-26

**THOSE IN DIFFICULT VOCATIONS**

MAY 15-----JOHN 16:16-24

**LAY LEADERS AND EVERYDAY DISCIPLES**

MAY 16-----EZEKIEL 37:1-14

**GOVERNMENT LEADERS**

MAY 17-----PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

MAY 18-----ACTS 2:1-21

**LANGUAGE TRANSLATORS**

MAY 19-----JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4-15

**THOSE OVERWHELMED WITH CHORES**

MAY 20-----ROMANS 8:22-27

**PEOPLE WHO ARE GRIEVING**

MAY 21-----GENESIS 11:1-9

**MEDIATORS AND LANGUAGE TEACHERS**

MAY 22-----PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

**GARDENERS AND WEAVERS**

MAY 23-----ISAIAH 6:1-8

**CARPENTERS AND STORE OWNERS**

MAY 24-----PSALM 29

**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND LISTENERS**

MAY 25-----ROMANS 8:12-17

**THOSE WHO ARE EXHAUSTED**

MAY 26-----JOHN 3:1-17

**THAT ALL MAY KNOW GOD AS LOVING, NOT CONDEMNING**

MAY 27-----PSALM 20

**OUR LEADERS AND SERVICE MEMBERS**

MAY 28-----1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-10

**THOSE HURT BY ABUSE OF POWER AND CONTROL**

MAY 29-----NUMBERS 6:22-27

**THOSE WHO NEED TO BE LIFTED UP**

MAY 30-----DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

**PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME**

MAY 31-----LUKE 1:39-57

**CHILDREN MAKING NEW DISCOVERIES DAILY**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**MAY 1** – Claire Grimm

**MAY 17** – Browen Berger

**MAY 18** – Mary Grimm

**MAY 21** – Nick Beward

**MAY 23** – Brea Beward

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

**MAY 12** – John and Kim White

**MAY 23** – Jim and Brenda Bahorik

**MAY 29** – Glenn and Jean Compton

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# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

**SUNDAY, MAY 5:** **MUSIC SUNDAY – SOLOIST JEREMY GOODLING**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION  
-AFTER WORSHIP – PPC MEETING

**MONDAY, MAY 6:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA

**TUESDAY, MAY 7:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

**THURSDAY, MAY 9:** -1:00 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA

**SUNDAY, MAY 12:** **MOTHER’S DAY/RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS AND GRADUATES**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

**MONDAY, MAY 13:** -6:30 PM –KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA

**TUESDAY, MAY 14:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

**WEDNESDAY MAY 15 TO**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19:** -PASTOR SAM OUT OF TOWN

**THURSDAY, MAY 16:** **ASCENSION DAY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19:** **PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEARING OF THE RED)**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

**MONDAY, MAY 20:** -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 DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA

**TUESDAY, MAY 21:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

**SUNDAY, MAY 26:** **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION

**MONDAY, MAY 27:** **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA

**TUESDAY, MAY 28:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**THURSDAY, MAY 30:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



There was no WELCA meeting for the month of April. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 1:00 PM.



# MUSIC SUNDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

As we celebrate the music of our church during the worship service on Sunday, May 5<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?

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.

## 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.

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

**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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to the White family, who was blessed with another granddaughter. Davi Elizabeth White was born Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 8lbs, 10 oz, 21½ inches. She is welcomed into the world by parents Jonathan and Dani White, big sister June and big brother Knox.

Congratulations to all and blessings of Joy! Welcome Davi Elizabeth White!!!



Also, please pray with happiness following the birth of Adeline Jane Berry on April 17 at 10:13 pm. Weighing in at 9 pounds and 12 ounces and 20 and 1/5 inches, she is the daughter of new parents, Hunter and Savannah Berry, granddaughter of Steve and Jean Berry and great granddaughter of George and Marylou Hazard. Uncles are Garrett and Zeb Berry.

Congratulations and blessings from Messiah to both the White and Berry families!!

**If you want to hear from God, come inside; if you want to meet God, text Him while driving.**

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

# SPRING WORK DAY

## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SPRING WORKDAY

The Camp Mount Luther Annual Spring Workday has been set for **Saturday, May 18th**. Since our congregation has adopted Pine cabin #4 and Pine cabin #5, our congregation members are invited to participate in this event. Workday 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!

April 15, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Messiah Lutheran Church,

One of the finest Lutheran organizations in Central Pennsylvania is Camp Mount Luther. For more than 60 years, this wonderful camp and retreat facility has provided us a “place apart” for renewal and spiritual growth.

Congregations, such as Messiah, look to Camp Mount Luther as a resource in providing a valuable ministry to our youth and families.

Because of the need for Camp Mount Luther to upgrade and modernize its facilities, the congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, including our congregation, are conducting a three-year Capital Campaign to help raise \$1.6 to \$2 million. Once the “Foundations for the Future” Capital Campaign is successfully completed, the much-needed upgrades and improvements to their facilities will help provide even stronger ministry. **Our congregation has accepted a goal of \$7,500 toward this effort and we are asking every member to respond generously in helping us reach the goal.**

Messiah designated Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as Camp Mount Luther Commitment Sunday. We were hopeful that you would join us on this exciting day, when you had an opportunity to join in this effort by making your commitment to the Campaign. If you were unable to join us on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and you are considering a generous commitment to the “Foundations for the Future” Capital Campaign or you would like to learn more about the Campaign, please contact Judy in the church office at 717-436-6213. Please also visit the Campaign website at <https://www.campmountluther.org/capital-campaign>.

As you consider your commitment level, be aware that a gift of only a dollar-a-day will amount to \$1,080 over three years or that a gift of \$10 per month will result in a \$360 gift. Gifts of any amount will be gratefully received.

We are excited about our congregation’s part in this special effort. Please prayerfully consider your part in this important work.

Yours in Christ,

Kate Swailes  
CML Campaign Liaison

Rev. Samuel J. Leister  
Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church

May 1, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Messiah Lutheran Church

Thank you for going above and beyond with your contribution to the Camp Mount Luther "Foundations for the Future" capital campaign!! Camp Mount Luther has served Messiah youth and adults for many years. Over the past few weeks, we have heard stories from both campers and leaders and how Camp Mount Luther has provided a space for relationships and faith to grow. Messiah set a campaign goal for our congregation of \$7,500. As of Sunday, April 28th, congregation members plan to commit \$11,394 over a three-year period. Your gifts will support the new bathhouse and a renovated Maple Hall which will serve many generations to come.

Once again, THANK YOU!!

Kate Swailes  
Congregation Campaign Leader



For over 60 years, Camp Mount Luther, nestled in the mountains of beautiful Central Pennsylvania, has been providing ministry to youth, families, and adults from the congregations and communities of Central Pennsylvania and beyond. Owned and operated by the Upper Susquehanna Synod, more than 100 congregations and hundreds of people benefit from the ministry opportunities each year.

Youth ministry is Camp Mount Luther's specialty, serving hundreds of children in summer camp, day camp sites in local communities, and weekend retreats and workshops.

A week of camp at Camp Mount Luther builds confidence in kids. Their experience provides them with a sense of independence and inner strength that cannot be replicated in many other endeavors.

Kids make new, Christian friends when they attend a week of camp at Camp Mount Luther. Children who are shy meet new friends in an environment where they experience acceptance and

encouragement.

Camp Mount Luther is providing church leaders for the future. Over the past 60 years, many of the Camp Mount Luther summer staff has moved on to church-related careers or fields of study.

Dr. Rollie Martinson, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, as part of a Lilly Foundation study, discovered the increasing importance of summer bible camp in passing on the faith to the next generation. In fact, camp rates second to mothers as "faith factor."

The goal of the "**Foundations for the Future**" Capital Campaign is \$1.6 to \$2.0 million. Our goal at Messiah Lutheran Church is \$7,500, **which you have now pledged over \$11,000!!** For more information as to what this capital campaign will cover, please visit us at <https://www.campmountluther.org/capital-campaign/>.

## MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OFFERING BREAKDOWN
APRIL 7	43	\$2,833.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Local Missions -- \$90.00
APRIL 14	38	\$2,891.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$410.00 Local Missions -- \$500.00 Memorial Fund -- \$200.00
APRIL 21	49	\$2,765.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Local Missions -- \$1,060.00 Summer Camp -- \$200.00
APRIL 28	36	\$2,465.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$200.00 Summer Camp -- \$10.00 Local Missions -- \$455.00

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Pentecost Anagram



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# Emergency Preparedness Class for Kids

No matter how hard we try to prevent them,  
**EMERGENCIES HAPPEN!**

Sign up for this **FREE** class to make sure your kids are prepared and know how to help! Open to kids ages 8—16.

**May 4, 2024, 9:30am - 2pm**  
**Port Royal Community Building**  
**212 N. 4th St., Port Royal**

Lunch is  
provided

- ★ Talk with a 911 dispatcher and learn what questions they ask, and how they help child callers (*Juniata County 911 Center*)
- ★ Learn basic CPR and First Aid skills (*Geisinger Lewistown Hospital*)
- ★ Explore common tools used on the ambulance and watch fire safety demonstrations (*Port Royal EMS & Friendship Fire Company #1*)
- ★ Learn to recognize and handle dangerous situations/people (*A Warrior Woman Self-Defense*)
- ★ And more!



Pre-registration is preferred. Text or call Heather with Helping Hands @ **717-953-6212**



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