

THE MESSIAH HERALD



MARCH 2025

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP AND COMMUNION – 10:00 AM

CHILDREN’S SERMONS OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY!

FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST EACH WEEK

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



WHAT IS THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS?

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a New Testament event where Jesus' appearance changed and became radiant while on a mountain with three of his disciples. The event is described in the Gospels of Matthew (**Matthew 17:1–8**), Mark (**Mark 9:2–8**), and Luke (**Luke 9:28–36**).

WHAT HAPPENED?

- Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a mountain to pray
- Jesus' face and clothes became dazzlingly bright
- Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke to Jesus about his upcoming death
- A voice from a cloud said, *"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"*

WHY WAS IT SIGNIFICANT?

- It revealed Jesus' eternal glory, which was normally hidden during his life on earth
- It may have been an anticipatory appearance of Jesus' resurrection
- It may have signified Jesus' fulfillment of the Mosaic Law and the Hebrew Bible's prophecies

HOW IS IT CELEBRATED?

- The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated in the Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season
- It's considered a key milestone of Jesus' life and ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING.....

The Family of Jean Zimmerman	Amanda Gregg	Jan Reisinger
The Family of SSG Rabbitz	Fred Gross	Jeff & Lisa Rosenberry & Family
The Family of CPT Myers	Mark Harvey	Diane Rowles
Joedy Arnold	Bill Heck	Greysley Rowles
Linda Bahorik	John (Pat) Henry	Kelley Rusenko
Melissa Bargo	Sawyer Henry	Arlene Shearer
Jeremy Barnes	Nox Hepburn	Lowell Shearer
Ryan Barr	Nancy Howell	Gail Sherman
Donna Barton	Annie Ingle	Althea Smith
Bill Book	Guy Kerstetter	Jennifer Smith
Linda Brouse	Jesse Kint	Judy Smith
Jim Burdge	Pastor Sam Leister	Joyce & Todd Spangler
Andrea Cameron	Andi McDanel	Donna Stoner
Evitt Campbell	Cecilia Miller	Barry Strawser
Kenton Cohenour	Curt Miller	Vicki Suoja
Kim Dumais	Larry Miller	Amy Swartz
Freda Durio	Shirley Miller	Molly Ulsh
Cathy Dysinger	Marlin Milliken	George Varner
Renee Dzikowski	Claire Mummah	Roscoe Warner
Kevin Fetterhoof	Linda (Kerchner) Parks	Kathy Whitesel
Neil & Pat Fisher	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine	Jim & Heidi Woltman
Bentley Fulkroad	Cheryl Pinkerton	Tirzah Yeshulas
Terri Gayer	Betty Ranck	George Zimmerman
Deb Geede	Keith Ranck	Linda Zimmerman
Sheree Goss	Dave Reed	

.....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

Ray Bramm

(Apt. #112)

(Apt. #108)

WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

Ona Stoner

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.



WELCA met on Thursday, February 13 at 1:00 P.M.

Barb provided devotions from 1 Timothy 3:1-9 found in Christ in our Home for Tuesday, February 11. (Self-care and service).

There were no changes to the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Newsletter.

Cynthia reported our treasury has a balance of \$350.47.

Old business: Messiah's Lenten tea will be held on March 5 in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed what we will have for refreshments. Cynthia will provide the devotions. We don't have the rest of the schedule, but it will be printed in the bulletin as soon as we receive it. Linda will contact Kathy Whitesel to get the rest of the schedule.

New business: The group discussed the Maundy Thursday breakfast and decided we will have it this year. The attendance will determine whether or not we continue with the breakfast next year. The date of the breakfast is April 17 from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda reported that the In-kind offering for our WELCA synodical convention will be hygiene items to be sent to Church World Services. This service is in question at the moment due to government closures. Hopefully we will know more closer to convention time. We will get the list of needed items into the newsletter and the bulletin.

The Mission-Ingathering for the convention will go to LDR.

The convention will be held at Faith Lutheran in Lewisburg.

The group also discussed the Helping Hands project in September that we do with any members of the congregation who want to help. We usually do quilt knotting but decided to do something different this year. We are going to try to get enough school bags made to fill them to be

sent with our quilts in October. So about June we will be asking for school kit items as that's when we usually see them appear in the stores. If anyone has any type of material that would be strong enough for the bags and wants to donate it we would gladly accept it. If anyone would like to sew some bags we can get you a pattern and instructions. We will also need some type of cord for the drawstring. Then in September we can all get together to string the bags and fill them.

The Day of Learning this year will be held at Salem Lutheran in Selinsgrove on April 26th.

More information regarding these events will be given once we have it.

Cindy Van Gavree will provide devotions in March and Cynthia will do April.

The meeting closed with our Purpose Statement.

The next meeting will be held at the same time and place on March 13.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Charles "Chuck" Zimmerman and family on the passing of his mother, Jean Zimmerman, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Greenwood Village in Lewistown. Please keep Chuck and family and friends in your prayers.

A NEW SAINT!

God created a new saint through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 9, 2025, when we welcomed Adeline Jane Berry, daughter of Hunter and Savannah (Wood) Berry.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Feb. 17 to March 9.....Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
March 10 to April 6Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward
April 7 to May 4Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

MANNA MAKERS

March 2Tammy Brackbill
March 16 Barb Geedey
March 30 Jen Hutchinson

LECTORS

March 2 Olivia Mummah
March 9 Bob St. Clair
March 16 Kate Swailes
March 23 Marina Holderman
March 30 Andrea Cameron

ACOLYTES

March 2Hannah & Carter Ehrisman
March 9 Nick Reed & Thea Beward
March 16 Ella Harris & Olivia Mummah

March 23..... Evan Miller & Braedon Walton
March 30.....Hannah Ehrisman & Gabby Reed

OFFERING & COMMUNION PRESENTERS

March 2Ella Harris, Braedon Walton, Olivia Mummah
March 9 Gabby, Sofia, and Stella Reed
March 16..Silas Smith, Brea Beward, Carter Ehrisman
March 23..... Grace Miller, Zeb Berry, Ella Harris
March 30..... Nick, Sofia, and Stella Reed

FLOWERS

March 2, 9, and 16 OPEN
March 23 and 30 NO FLOWERS

OFFERING COUNTERS

March 2 Ron & Christie Yorks
March 9Clint Miller & Nick Beward
March 16..... Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
March 23..... Tammy Brackbill & Mary Grimm
March 30..... Don & Barb Geedey

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MARCH UPDATE



With your faithful support in 2024 we were able to reach 619 families (1653 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 2025, the Food Pantry served 256 families – 703 of your neighbors! We thank St Jude Catholic Church for sending volunteers for the month of January! 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 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

ELCA COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

MARCH 2 ----- LUKE 9:28-36 [37-43A]

MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND THEIR SUPPORTERS

MARCH 3 ----- EXODUS 35:1-29

INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND ARTISANS

MARCH 4 ----- EZEKIEL 1:1-2:1

ALL CALLED TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORK

MARCH 5 ----- MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

PARK RANGERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

MARCH 6 ----- DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

NATIVE PEOPLES DISPLACED FROM HOMELANDS

MARCH 7 ----- PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

FARMERS AND LABORERS WHO TOIL IN THE HEAT

MARCH 8 ----- ROMANS 10:8B-13

MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTIES, AND SISTERS

MARCH 9 ----- LUKE 4:1-13

THOSE WHO PROTECT WILD HABITAT

MARCH 10 ----- 1 CHRONICLES 21:1-17

ALL PREPARING FOR BAPTISM THIS LENT

MARCH 11 ----- ZECHARIAH 3:1-10

ARCHITECTS AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

MARCH 12 ----- PSALM 17

THOSE EXPERIENCING SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

MARCH 13 ----- GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES

MARCH 14 ----- PSALM 27

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

MARCH 15 ----- PHILIPPIANS 3:17 – 4:1

GODPARENTS AND ALL WHO NURTURE FAITH

MARCH 16 ----- LUKE 13:31-35

ELCJHL (LUTHERANS IN THE HOLY LAND)

MARCH 17 ----- ROMANS 4:1-12

THOSE WHO WORK WITH GENEALOGY

MARCH 18 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

THOSE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE

MARCH 19 ----- MATTHEW 1:16, 18-21, 24A

PARENTS WHO FOSTER AND ADOPT

MARCH 20 ----- ISAIAH 55:1-9

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

MARCH 21 ----- PSALM 63:1-8

COMMUNITIES WITH LIMITED WATER SUPPLIES

MARCH 22 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

THOSE WHO FEEL GOD'S ABSENCE

MARCH 23 ----- LUKE 13:1-9

THOSE WHO SUFFER UNJUSTLY

MARCH 24 ----- JEREMIAH 11:1-17

THOSE WITH LOW SELF-ESTEEM

MARCH 25 ----- LUKE 1:26-38

LAWYERS AND ALL WHO SPEAK FOR OTHERS

MARCH 26 ----- LUKE 13:18-21

THOSE WHO GROW AND PREPARE OUR FOOD

MARCH 27 ----- JOSHUA 5:9-12

THOSE WITHOUT A HOUSE OR HOME

MARCH 28 ----- PSALM 32

STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS

MARCH 29 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

THOSE WHO LONG FOR A DEEP RELATIONSHIP

MARCH 30 ----- LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

THOSE WHO FEEL UNDERAPPRECIATED

MARCH 31 ----- REVELATION 19:1-8

CHURCH MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MARCH 7 – Gavin Gross

MARCH 10 – Christina Martin

MARCH 16 – Shelley Gross

MARCH 17 – Jim Bahorik

MARCH 19 – Tammy Smith

MARCH 23 – Jessie Reed & Brian Arentz

MARCH 25 – Garrett Berry & Guy Dillman

MISSION OF THE MONTH

March's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will 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 9th, 2025, Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther's Executive 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 15 and will run until August 4. 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 <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf> and the camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Submit your camp registration online at [Camp Mount Luther Summer Camp Registration](#) and provide the \$50 payment to Kate Swailes or church treasurer Jen Hutchinson. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: The Camp Mount Luther 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/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf> to start planning. Brochures have also been mailed to campers and will soon be on their way to churches. Online registration for this summer is available too at [Camp Mount Luther Summer Camp Registration](#).

This year's summer camp season will begin on June 15 and run until August 4. 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.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY & TEMPLE TALK: The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as "Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on March 2, 2025. However, at Messiah we are celebrating ours on **Sunday, March 9th** as Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther and Director of Communications for the Upper Susquehanna Synod, will be visiting us. Chad will be speaking during the morning worship service about summer plans for Camp Mount Luther as well as progress on the new bathhouse and projected completion. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

2025 CAMPING SCHEDULE

WEEK	DAY CAMP Weekdays 9am-3pm Pick your days	MINI CAMP (Sun-Tues) Drop-off: First day 4pm Pickup: Last day at 4pm	WEEK-LONG CAMP Drop off: Sunday 4pm Pick up: Friday 4pm				
WEEK 1 June 15-20		Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Night Owl)				
			Ages 12-14 (Night Owl)				
			Ages 15-17 (X-Teen)				
WEEK 2 June 22-27			Ages 9-11 (Tracks)				
			Ages 12-14 (Tracks)				
			Ages 15-17 (Outdoor Quest)				
WEEK 3 June 29-July 2	Ages 6-8+ (Mon-Wed)	Family* (ends Wed at noon) Ages 12-14 (Buffalo Gap Adventure) Ages 15-17 (Buffalo Gap Adventure)					
	Ages 9-11+ (Mon-Wed)						
	Ages 12-14+ (Mon-Wed)						
WEEK 4 July 6-11		Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Water Adventure)				
			Ages 12-14 (Water Adventure)				
			Ages 15-17 (SALT)				
WEEK 5 July 13-18							
				WEEK 6 July 20-25			
Ages 9-11+	Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Classic Camp)					
	Ages 9-11	Ages 12-14 (Classic Camp)					
			Ages 15-17 (SALT)				

* Pick your length of stay if you cannot attend the whole program

+ Option for one overnight on Tuesday (week 3) or Thursday (week 7)

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS – FEBRUARY

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
February 2	44	\$2,385.12	\$1,874.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Building Fund -- \$70.00 Lenten Offering -- \$50.00 Local Missions -- \$20.00 Donation -- \$291.12
February 9	52	\$6,268.00	\$5,724.00	Benevolence -- \$40.00 Building Fund -- \$280.00 Flowers -- \$24.00 Building Use -- \$200.00
February 16	26	\$1,744.00	\$1,545.00	Lenten Offering -- \$75.00 Flowers -- \$24.00 Local Missions -- \$100.00
February 26	30	\$3,333.00	\$1,951.00	Lenten Offering -- \$102.00 Building Use -- \$600.00 Local Missions -- \$110.00 Needlers -- \$200.00 Building Fund -- \$20.00 Memorial Fund -- \$350.00

FEBRUARY EXPENSES – \$13,172.70

2025 PORT ROYAL MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS (HELD AT 7:30 AM AT THE PORT ROYAL COMMUNITY BUILDING)

Saturday, March 8 Rev. Charles McKee, Mexico Full Gospel Church
 Saturday, March 15..... Rev. William McNeal, Brown's Global Methodist Church
 Saturday, March 22..... Rev. Chad Weaver, Lost Creek Mennonite Church
 Saturday, March 29..... Rev. Caleb Burd, South Baptist Church
 Saturday, April 5 Rev. Nathaniel Mowery, Oakland Mills Methodist Church
 Saturday, April 12 Rev. Frank Swartz, New Beginning Community Church
 Saturday, April 19 Rev. Ron Shupe, River Church

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for your very kind donation of 2 house banks full of change, personal hygiene items, dryer sheets, dish soap, bath soap, 1 can opener and various food items. We appreciate everything you give as it goes a long way in helping those in need, both inside and outside our shelter. Thank you again for all you contribute. *JANE NEFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous donation to the Juniata County Food Pantry to help our neighbors in need. Winter is the most dangerous time of year for the 3,000 children, adults, and elderly living in poverty in Juniata County and struggling to survive. Daily choices include whether to buy food or heating oil; gas for the car or medicine for the kids. Your gift will help to provide many families not only with essential food and supplies, but also with hope in the knowledge that someone cares. *SINCERELY....YOUR FRIENDS AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY*

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, MARCH 2:** **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION (*BISHOP CRAIG MILLER PRESIDING*)
- MONDAY, MARCH 3:**
-5:00 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 4:**
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
-9:30 AM – LENTEN TEA AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
-7:00 PM – ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
- SATURDAY, MARCH 8:**
-**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE BED!)**
-7:30 AM – PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST AT P.R. COMMUNITY BLDG.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 9:** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION (*ANDREA CAMERON PRESIDING, CHAD HERSHBERGER, EXEC. DIRECTOR OF CAMP MOUNT LUTHER, DELIVERS THE MESSAGE*)
- MONDAY, MARCH 10:**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 11:**
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12:**
-9:30 AM – LENTEN TEA AT ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 13:**
-1:00 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- SATURDAY, MARCH 15:**
-7:30 AM – PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST AT P.R. COMMUNITY BLDG.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 16:** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MARCH 17:** **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**
-5:00 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 18:**
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:**
-9:30 AM – LENTEN TEA AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 20:**
-11:30 AM – JCPASR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, MARCH 22:**
-7:30 AM – PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST AT P.R. COMMUNITY BLDG.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 23:** **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
-6:00 PM – PPC MEETING
- MONDAY, MARCH 24:**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, MARCH 25:**
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26:**
-9:30 AM – LENTEN TEA AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
- FRIDAY, MARCH 28:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SATURDAY, MARCH 29:**
-12:00 NOON TO 6:00 PM – FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
-7:30 AM – PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST AT P.R. COMMUNITY BLDG.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 30:** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION /HEALING SERVICE

YOUTH FUNDRAISER SOUP SALE



Where: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church parking lot

Chicken Corn & Ham Bean

Saturday, March 29th

Pick up time: 2 PM – 4 PM

By the quart

COST: DONATION

Funds raised will be used to offset expenses for travel to attend a Group Mission Trip in Mission SD in June. Your support is greatly appreciated!

2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

- Ash Wednesday, March 5 – **7:00 PM** Ash Wednesday Service at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
TOPIC: Ash Wednesday **SPEAKER:** Dist. Sup. Leigy
- Wednesday, March 12 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
HYMN SOURCE: “Lamb of God” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Rick Adams
- Wednesday, March 19 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at Messiah Lutheran Church
HYMN SOURCE: “What Wondrous Love Is This” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
- Wednesday, March 26 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
HYMN SOURCE: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Sam Leister
- Wednesday, April 2 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church
HYMN SOURCE: TBA **SPEAKER:** Pastor Crystal Baumgardner
- Wednesday, April 9 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at Messiah Lutheran Church
HYMN SOURCE: TBA **SPEAKER:** Pastor Nancy McClure
- Wednesday, April 16 – **7:00 PM** Lenten Service at Grace United Methodist (Mexico)
HYMN SOURCE: “In the Hour of Trial” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Sam Leister
- Thursday, April 17 - **7:00 AM** Maundy Thursday Breakfast Church at Messiah
SPEAKER: Pastor Sam Leister
- Thursday, April 17 – **7:00 PM** Maundy Thursday PM Service at Trinity United Methodist (Mifflin)
SPEAKER: Bishop Craig Miller
- Friday, April 18 – **7:00 PM** Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Messiah Lutheran Church
HYMN SOURCE: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Rick Adams

HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- Monday, April 14..... **7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, April 15 **6:00 PM**
- Wednesday, April 16..... **1:00 PM**
- Thursday, April 17..... **10:00 AM**
- Friday, April 18 **3:00 PM**

2025 LADIES COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS

(SOCIAL TIME BEGINS EACH WEEK AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY AT 10:00 AM)

- Wednesday, March 5 Messiah Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, March 12 St. Jude Catholic Church
- Wednesday, March 19 Trinity United Methodist Church
- Wednesday, March 26 Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday, April 2..... St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, April 9..... Aldersgate United Methodist Church)

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025, 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 **Sunday, April 13, 2025**. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 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:

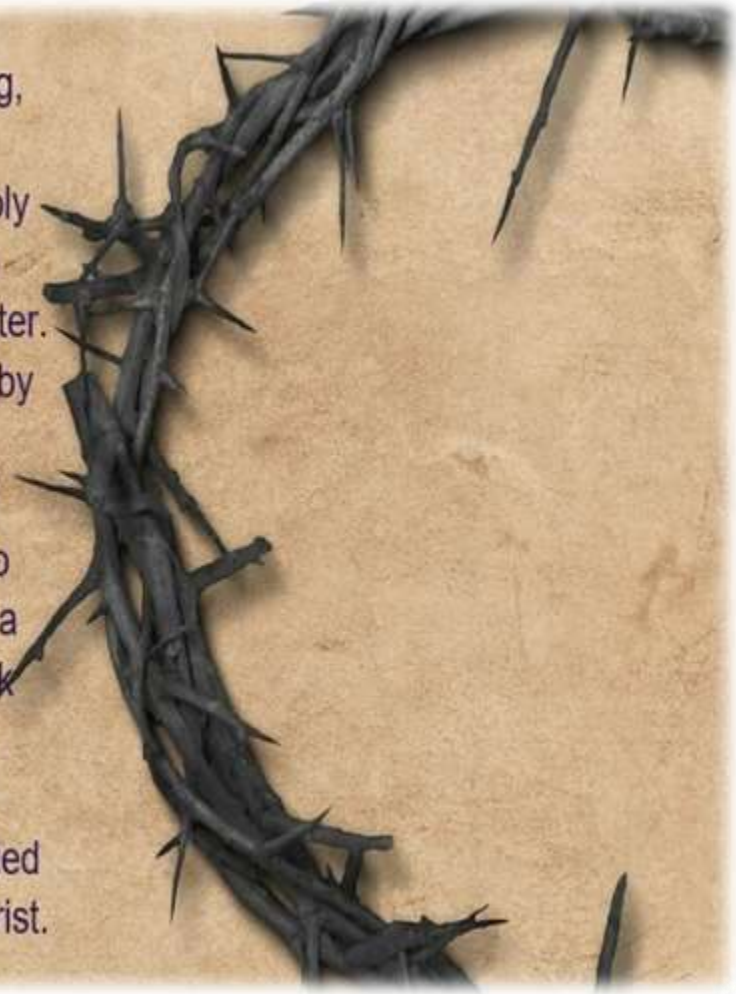
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Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$11.00 # of plants _____ X \$11.00 = \$ _____

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Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 7**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, [“God’s work. Our hands.”](#)

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service, we remember the words of Martin Luther, **“Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.”** With our hands, we do God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ’s name.

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*I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
Psalm 146:2*



DATE: Music Sunday, April 27th

TIME: 10 AM Worship Service

LOCATION:

**Messiah Lutheran Church
Mifflintown, PA**

The Season of Lent

- Easter Sunday
- Ash Wednesday
- Holy Thursday
- Palm Sunday
- Crucifixion
- Forgiveness
- Last Supper
- Good Friday



- Sacraments
- Forty Days
- Sacrifice
- Holy Week
- Disciples
- Fasting
- Penance
- Prayer
- Cross
- Bible
- Jesus
- Ashes

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