

**THE MESSIAH HERALD**



**April 2025**

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP / COMMUNION – 10:00 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,

Have you ever taken time to examine the hymns that we sing, verse by verse, and follow the message of Good News contained within the lines?

Let us look at "*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*" written by [John Bowring](#), in 1825.

**VERSE 1:**     *In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story, Gathers round its head sublime.*

How often do we see the "Cross" towering over "wrecks of time?" Even within our lifetimes, we can identify many wrecks of time! For 2000 years, the Cross stands in spite of damage, persecution, use, and miss-use.

**VERSE 2:**     *When the woes of life o'ertake me—, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me, Lo! it glows with peace and joy.*

No matter what befalls us in this life, the Cross is the rock, the steadfast anchor on which we can always depend.

**VERSE 3:**     *When the sun of bliss is beaming, Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming, Adds more luster to the day.*

AND, when all is well in this life, the Cross lights our way, making the good even better as our paths shine in the light of the Cross.

**VERSE 4:**     *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified.  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.*

Bane is a cause of great distress and annoyance. Blessing is a thing conducive to happiness or welfare. Sanctified is made legitimate; free from sin; purified. In the Cross, all that is good, all that is bad, all that is ugly are made legitimate through the Cross and we are freed from sin, purified through the Cross. The Cross provides peace that passes all human understanding. Peace that cannot be measured by earthly thought, words, comprehension. The Cross brings joy, happiness, blessedness, that transcends time and space.

**Galatians 6:14** "*As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for by means of his cross the world is dead to me, and I am dead to the world.*" *Good News Bible.* Let us always glory in the Cross of Jesus and exclude all worldly temptations!

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

*Pastor Samuel Leister*

# FEAR, FAITH, & THE CALL TO COMMUNITY

BY PRESIDING BISHOP REV. ELIZABETH EATON

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=ATJTIEVZLL8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATJTIEVZLL8)

Dear Church,

How are you doing - really?

Many of us are carrying burdens. Farmers wonder what will happen with their contracts cancelled. Immigrants worry about being swept up without notice. Our LGBTQIA+ family is being dehumanized as declaration after declaration erases their existence. Others in the ELCA are reluctant to leave their homes for fear they will be questioned or separated from their families. Many in our pews and communities are suffering in silence, wondering if anyone notices, if anyone cares.

I want to encourage all of us our entire church to bear one another's burdens. Take a moment to reach out and check in on one another. We cannot presume our friends and neighbors are okay. I am reminded of the words in Isaiah when God says, "Do not fear for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God." We are not alone. We are the body of Christ, called to bear one another's burdens, to be present, to listen, to love. We may not know what tomorrow brings, but we have each other. And we have the promise of a God who meets us in our fear, who walks with us in our struggles, and who calls us to be beacons of hope.

So, church let's show up for one another at home and in our communities. Let's remind the world that God's promise, a promise of love, calls us together and moves us to action.

Be well, dear church.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING.....

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

## .....AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

### BROOKLINE MANOR

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

Jane Marhefka

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

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(Apt. #112)

Ray Bramm

(Apt. #108)

### WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

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!

## UPCOMING SERVANTS

### **ALTAR GUILD**

March 10 to April 6 ....Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward  
April 7 to May 4.....Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

### **MANNA BREAD MAKERS**

April 6 .....Jamie Miller  
April 13 ..... Cynthia Smith  
April 20 ..... Diana Wise

### **LECTORS**

April 6 ..... Julia Martin  
April 13 ..... Barb Geedey  
April 20 ..... Beward Family  
April 27 ..... Tawny Mummah

### **ACOLYTES**

April 6 ..... Grace Miller & Paige Martin  
April 13 .....T.B.A.  
April 20 .....T.B.A.  
April 27 .....T.B.A.

### **OFFERING/COMMUNION PRESENTERS**

April 6 .... Silas Smith, Olivia Mummah, & Thea Beward  
April 13 .....T.B.A.  
April 20 .....T.B.A.  
April 27 .....T.B.A.

### **FLOWERS**

April 6..... NONE  
April 13 ..... NONE  
April 20 ..... Pines, Walton, & Stoner Families  
April 27 ..... Deb Meinsler

### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

April 6..... Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss  
April 13 ..... Ron & Christie Yorks  
April 20 ..... Slone Smith & Nick Beward  
April 27 ..... Clint Miller & Nick Beward

## 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 continuing support of this very worthwhile project.

## THANK YOU!

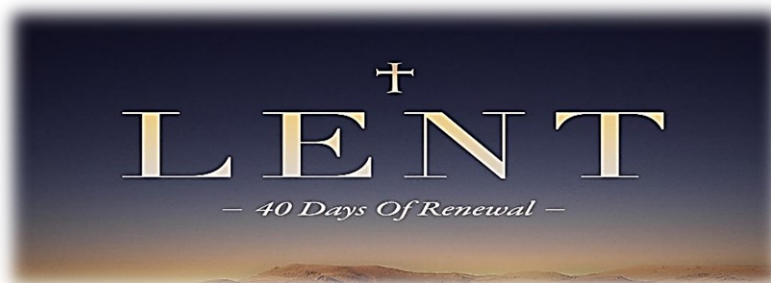
Thank you so much for the altar flowers that were given to me on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. They really brightened up my week! --ANDREA CAMERON



Thank you for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, and goodies that I received after my surgery and recuperation. All were greatly appreciated. --PASTOR SAM



Lenten Fish Dinners, sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus, will be held every Friday in Lent until Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Jude's Catholic Church. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids ages 6 to 12. Kids aged 5 and under are FREE.



# JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE



In February 2025, the Food Pantry served 267 families – 721 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; paper towels.

***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: [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 food only when someone is here to receive it. Thank you!**

## WHAT ARE THE “STATIONS OF THE CROSS”?

1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus carries his cross.
3. Jesus falls for the first time.
4. Jesus meets his mother.
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls the second time.
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus falls the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
12. Jesus dies on the cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.



DO YOU KNOW ALL 14

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

# MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

MARCH'S OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN MAY'S NEWSLETTER.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

April's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Juniata County Food Pantry to continue assisting our friends and neighbors, supplying necessary items and food for their tables. 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 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
<b>WEEK 1</b> June 15-20		Ages 9-11	Ages 9-11 (Night Owl) Ages 12-14 (Night Owl) Ages 15-17 (X-Teen)
<b>WEEK 2</b> June 22-27			Ages 9-11 (Tracks) Ages 12-14 (Tracks) Ages 15-17 (Outdoor Quest)
<b>WEEK 3</b> June 29-July 2	Ages 6-8+ (Mon-Wed) Ages 9-11+ (Mon-Wed) Ages 12-14+ (Mon-Wed)	Family* (ends Wed at noon) Ages 12-14 (Buffalo Gap Adventure) Ages 15-17 (Buffalo Gap Adventure)	Ages 9-11 (Water Adventure) Ages 12-14 (Water Adventure) Ages 15-17 (SALT)
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 6-11		Ages 9-11	
<b>WEEK 5</b> July 13-18			
<b>WEEK 6</b> July 20-25			Ages 6-8 (Classic Camp) Ages 9-11 (Classic Camp) Ages 12-14 (Classic Camp)
<b>WEEK 7</b> July 27-August 1	Ages 6-8+ Ages 9-11+	Ages 6-8 Ages 9-11	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)

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

APRIL 1 ----- LEVITICUS 25:1-19

**THOSE OVERWHELMED BY DEBT**

APRIL 2 ----- 2 KINGS 4:1-7

**CHILD TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS**

APRIL 3 ----- ISAIAH 43:16-21

**THOSE DISCERNING A VOCATIONAL PATH**

APRIL 4 ----- PSALM 126

**THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM FROM PERSECUTION**

APRIL 5 ----- PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

**A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION IN OUR COMMUNITY**

APRIL 6 ----- JOHN 12:1-8

**BEGGARS, PANHANDLERS, AND SIGN FLYERS**

APRIL 7 ----- EXODUS 40:1-15

**THOSE FEELING OVERWHELMED**

APRIL 8 ----- 1 JOHN 2:18-28

**CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN EVERY SPHERE**

APRIL 9 ----- PSALM 20

**SOMEONE YOU KNOW FACING A STRUGGLE**

APRIL 10 ----- ISAIAH 50:4-9A

**UNITY AMONG CHRISTIANS**

APRIL 11 ----- PSALM 31:9-16

**THOSE WHO FEEL ALONE AND FORGOTTEN**

APRIL 12 ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

**THAT VOLUNTEERS DO NOT GROW WEARY**

APRIL 13 ----- LUKE 22:14 – 23:56

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

APRIL 14 ----- ISAIAH 42:1-9

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

APRIL 15 ----- PSALM 71:1-14

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

APRIL 16 ----- JOHN 13:21-32

**PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN**

APRIL 17 ----- JOHN 13:1-7, 31B-35

**HUMILITY FOR OURSELVES AND OUR LEADERS**

APRIL 18 ----- JOHN 18:1 – 19:42

**THOSE HAUNTED BY DOUBT**

APRIL 19 ----- JOHN 20:1-18

**TO FEEL JESUS' RISEN JOY**

APRIL 20 ----- LUKE 24:1-12

**JOY FOR THE REBIRTH OF CREATION**

APRIL 21 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 5:6B-8

**NATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS IN CONFLICT**

APRIL 22 ----- REVELATION 12:1-12

**THOSE EXPERIENCING NATURAL DISASTERS**

APRIL 23 ----- PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

**FARMERS AND RANCHERS**

APRIL 24 ----- ACTS 5:27-32

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE AMERICAS**

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

**TRAVELERS BY AIR, RAIL, AND ROADS**

APRIL 26 ----- REVELATION 1:4-8

**STUDENTS**

APRIL 27 ----- JOHN 20:19-31

**THOSE SUFFERING FROM BURNOUT OR DEPRESSION**

APRIL 28 ----- REVELATION 1:9-20

**THOSE IN DROUGHT OR LOW-WATER AREAS**

APRIL 29 ----- ESTHER 8:1-17

**ELCA GLOBAL MISSION PERSONNEL**

APRIL 30 ----- LUKE 12:4-12

**WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS AND ZOOKEEPERS**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**APRIL 1** – Zeb Berry

**APRIL 3** – Shirley Covert

**APRIL 5** – Jan Smith

**APRIL 11** – Anne B. McNaight

**APRIL 20** – Slone Smith

**APRIL 24** – Hunter Berry

**APRIL 26** – Steve Berry

**APRIL 27** – Debbie Meinsler

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

**APRIL 1** – Ray and Jane Miller

**APRIL 10** – Dave and Jan Smith

**APRIL 20** – Gene and Lois Crissman



**JEREMY  
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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**

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TUESDAY, APRIL 1:** -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- SUNDAY, APRIL 6:** -10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, APRIL 7:** -5:00 PM – LIONS CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA  
-7:00 PM – COMMUNITY CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR GOOD FRIDAY
- TUESDAY, APRIL 8:** -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
- THURSDAY, APRIL 10:** -1:00 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, APRIL 13:** **PALM SUNDAY**  
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, APRIL 14:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 15:** -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – LENTEN SERVICE AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (MEXICO)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 17:** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
-7:00 AM – MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST & CLEARING OF THE ALTAR  
-8:30 AM -- JCPASR BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- FRIDAY, APRIL 18:** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
-7:00 PM – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
- SUNDAY, APRIL 20:** **EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, APRIL 21:** -5:00 PM – LIONS CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- SATURDAY, APRIL 26:** -9:00 AM -- MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, APRIL 27:** **MUSIC SUNDAY – SOLOIST JEREMY GOODLING**  
-10:00 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION  
-AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY
- MONDAY, APRIL 28:** **-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY



WELCA met on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:00. Cindy VanGavree provided the devotions from the February 25th scripture of Christ In Our Home. Cindy presented a very meaningful personal story related to the Lost Treasure.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$552.47. Those present voted to send USSWO \$100.00 rather than the usual \$50.00 for the quarter because nothing was sent for the last quarter.

The February report in the March newsletter was approved.

Old Business: The first Lenton Tea was held at Messiah. There were 17 in attendance. Refreshments were provided and enjoyed by all. Cynthia provided the program and did a great job. Thank you Cynthia.

New business: We discussed our Maundy Thursday breakfast to be held at 7 A.M. on April 17th. Cindy will provide sweets. Cynthia will provide the juice as she will not be home. Linda and Barb will provide casseroles. Barb will contact Christie and Diana to see what they would like to donate.

Day of Learning will be held on April 26 at Salem Lutheran Church in Selinsgrove.

The WELCA convention will be held at Faith Lutheran in Lewisburg on Saturday, July 26th. The theme will be "For All the Faithful Women." The In-gathering will go to LDR. The In-kind collection will be items for "period packs" which contain super absorbing tampons or packs of 12 pads that are unscented, long, super, ultra-thin. We are hoping to be able to complete 200 kits at the convention. We will be collecting from now until the convention in July. If you are able to purchase either of these items you can place them on the round table in the adult Sunday School room. If you would like to donate money

for the purchase you may do so by giving your donations to Barb, Cynthia, Linda, Christie or Cindy. Anyone who is interested in attending the convention contact Barb and she will give you a copy of the registration form. The cost will be \$40.00 which covers lite refreshments upon arrival, lunch and any item needed for the program.

Blanket Sunday will be October 5.

Cynthia will have devotions for our April 10th meeting.

We closed with the WELCA purpose statement.

## DAY OF LEARNING

The Day of Learning will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Salem Lutheran Church in Selinsgrove. The cost to attend is \$25.00 and the deadline to register is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Barb Geedey if you would like to attend.

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## 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 are 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](mailto: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.



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.

# 2025 PORT ROYAL MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

*(HELD AT 7:30 AM AT THE PORT ROYAL COMMUNITY BUILDING)*

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

## REMAINING 2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

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 Service at Messiah Lutheran Church  
**HYMN SOURCE:** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **SPEAKER:** Pastor Rick Adams

## HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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!

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**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

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

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I would like to order the following:

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

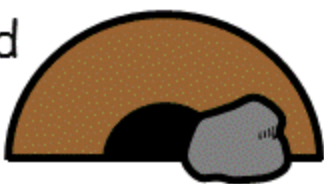
**LOCATION:**

**Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mifflintown, PA**

# Easter Word Search

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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  
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alive  
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betrayed  
bread  
cross  
crucify  
died  
donkey  
empty  
forgiven



Gethsemane  
guards  
hosanna  
life  
nails  
palms  
Pilate  
prayed  
risen  
rooster



sacrifice  
sin  
son  
stone  
thorns  
tomb