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All Saints Sunday November 7, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Helen C., Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Arlene M., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Kevin R., Mary Martha G., Sara D., Avonel and Rick W., Dorothy S., Fred T., Sam Z., Mac M., Rich S., Sam L., and Norman G.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

“Beyond The Sunset”

Brock

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Today the church commemorates the missionaries John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, and Ludwig Nommensen.

RECOGNITION OF ALL SAINTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Holy and gracious God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "For All the Saints"

* GREETING

P Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

* HYMN OF PRAISE (**sung**)

Regular Print -- Choir

Bold print - All Congregation

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**sung**)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And al-so with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**spoken in unison**)

P *Let us pray...*

C **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

The book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C.E., when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

THE LESSON READS:

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149

Ps. – Intoned by Choir

R – Sung by congregation (Rise, O chil – dren of sal – va – tion, All who cleave to Christ the head!)

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song, God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- | rine

and harp.

4For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. R

5Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds.

6Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand,

7to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples,

8to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron,

9to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful people. |

Hallelujah! R

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

THE LESSON READS:

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (intoned by Choir)

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Alleluia. [Revelation 7:15]

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

(read by the Pastor from the center aisle)

* GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "The Church's One Foundation"

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In communion with the holy ones of every time and place, let us pray for the church on earth, the stewardship of creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P We bless you, God of glory, for the power of your Spirit working in the church. Give us courage to serve you faithfully in our time, for the sake of the world you love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We bless you for the abundant beauty of all that you have made. Guide us to restore and protect the living earth, that future generations may praise you with joy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We bless you for the hope of peace on earth. Raise up leaders of integrity who will strive for justice and reconciliation among nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We bless you for your tender care for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and those who weep (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Kevin Reynolds, Mary Martha Gilbert, Sara Dressler, Avonel and Rick Waller, Dorothy Swab, Fred Towsey, Sam Zeiders, Ray Bramm, Mac McLaughlin, Rich Smith, Sam Leister, and Norman Gloss, Jr.). Sustain the hope of refugees, exiles and prisoners, the wounded, the oppressed, and all who face danger. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We bless you for the saints of this congregation—past, present, and yet to come. Enlighten our hearts, so that we may minister in and beyond this place to the praise of your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We bless you for the immeasurable greatness of your love, holy God, and for those who have died in the faith (Polly Lewis, Janet Oberlin, Mary Margaret (Marhefka) Keresey, and Doris Shirk). Keep us also in your grace, that, with (John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, and Ludwig Nommensen, missionaries, whom we commemorate today, and) all the saints, we may receive the glorious inheritance of eternal life. Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you, trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Haven of Rest"

Moore

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM

Choir

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of our salvation, your faithfulness extends from generation to generation. Receive these gifts, signs of your gracious love, give us a foretaste of the feast to come, and lead us to the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Remember us, and all the faithful, when you come into your kingdom, O Lord. As you have fed us with holy food and drink, send us into the world to live as your holy people, until we come to the full vision of your glory, for you are Lord, now and forever.

C Amen

* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The church is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. May you find strength and courage in their presence.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Departing Blessing”

Swedish Melody

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY and on this day we remember, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honor those of the congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Polly Lewis, Janet Oberlin, Mary Margaret (Marhefka) Keresey, and Doris Shirk. A white carnation has been placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members may come forward after the service and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents by Joe and Pat Forney.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON. DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – Walter Adams (circa 1950), Anglican Priest and Monk who served as a spiritual director to C. S. Lewis: "...look after the roots and the fruits will look after themselves."

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS to Clinton and Jamie Miller on the birth of a daughter, Grace Rosalie, born on October 28, 2010 at Lewistown Hospital. Grandparents are Ellwood and Rosalie Miller and Harry and Carole Swanger.

CHURCH ORGANIST is needed for weekly services, beginning January 1, 2011, at Messiah Lutheran Church. Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, except during summer months. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com or at 436-0279 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. for

information, including salary. Position is for fulltime employment. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmefflinton.org.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, October 31, 2010: \$300.00. Total received in fund to date: \$47,905.00.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES of the October 17, 2010 PPC meeting are available to members of the congregation. They are placed on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the “can tree” in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$7.50 for a 6 & ½” plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213. Please order no later than December 15th.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. ALL the youth of the church are invited to attend a holiday activity full of fun and the spirit of giving. We will be baking cookies and packing “trail mix” in gift bags. Pizza will be served followed by caroling and delivering cookies. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us here at Messiah.

THE NEXT VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 following the morning worship service. Business: vote on 2011 budget.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet November 22, 2010 (fourth Monday) in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is extremely important; please attend if you can. We will not meet in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 14, Messiah Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall following Thankoffering Service.

November 20, Men's Prayer Breakfast at Stop 35.

November 21, Community Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Pastor Gay Irwin preaching.

November 28, Light lunch after worship service, prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Decorating of the church following lunch.

December 5, Youth holiday activity day at 2 p.m. (Baking cookies and packing “trail mix” in gift bags. Pizza will be served, followed by caroling and delivering cookies).

December 9, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

December 11, Men's Prayer Breakfast at Stop 35.

December 12, "Hanging of the Greens" Service at 10:30 a.m.

December 19, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m.

December 19, Christmas Cantata at 2 p.m. at Juniata High School.

December 24, 7 p.m., Family/Youth Service; 9:30 p.m., Prelude Concert with Louis Lynch; 10 p.m., Candlelight/Communion Service.

January 8, Undecorating the church.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area, with Linda Leister as devotional leader. Plans are to repair banners.

THANKOFFERING SERVICE – The speakers for the Messiah Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service on November 14, 2010, will be a group from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church who will speak on their trip to Tanzania. A special offering envelope was included in your November newsletter. Offerings help Women of the ELCA with their various projects and services to those in need. Please make checks payable to "Messiah Women of the ELCA." Additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – A sign-up sheet will soon be posted on the bulletin board in the kitchenette with names and sizes of the children for the Women of the ELCA Christmas Angel Project for those who wish to participate. Please have gifts wrapped and delivered to the church by early December. Include the child's name and family number on the outside of the box.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY needs for November: All Non-Perishable Foods. Paper products: toilet paper, facial tissues, and paper towels. We also need plastic and paper grocery bags. Since the Food Pantry is in great need of non-food items for needy families, your unused coupons would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Juniata High School music room. *(Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the group.*

Tuesday, November 9

Tuesday, November 16

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, December 7

Monday, December 13

This year's 14th annual Christmas Cantata performance "A Light Still Shines" will be held Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

THE TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES' International Gifts Festival will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church on Friday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Invest in the world. Shop fair trade. Discover unique home décor, musical instruments and jewelry at the festival. Your participation in this sale will help skilled artisans in 32 countries receive a fair price for their products. Featured items include hand loomed textiles, pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys and a variety of nativities and Christmas decorations. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit fair trade organization based in Akron, PA. For more information contact Deb Richmond at 717-348-6364 or debrichmond@nmax.net.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-2—4 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study.
-8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7 p.m., Community Chorus rehearsal at JHS.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY.
-7 p.m., WELCA in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Thankoffering Service/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m. Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.