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All Saints Sunday November 6, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP
MEDITATION AND PRAYER
PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy calls us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

RECOGNITION OF ALL SAINTS

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Sam Zeiders, Rita Smith, Floyd Covert, Helen Coder, and Arlene McLain. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"This Is the Day" "Everybody Ought to Know"
"Jesus Loves the Little Children" "Sing and Celebrate"

Jim Bahorik
Jr. Choir

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of abundant mercy,

C we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

P God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "For All the Saints"

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit 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 be-gun 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 Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Revelation

THE LESSON READS:

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and

where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Ps. – Intoned by Choir

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

I will bless the LORD | at all times; the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

2I will glory | in the LORD; let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD; let us exalt God's | name together.

4I sought the LORD, who | answered me and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, and let not your faces | be ashamed.

6I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles. R

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de- | livers them.

8Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD, for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

10The lions are in want and | suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. R

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of John

THE LESSON READS:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

(read by the Pastor from the center aisle)

* GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Jim Bahorik

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

* 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 Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P God of the generations, God of the saints in every time and place, make your whole church bold to proclaim the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of the universe, nourish the land with sun and rain. Fill all who hunger and thirst for your righteousness with good things, that we and your whole creation may be blessed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of all nations, of all tribes and peoples and languages, send your Spirit among all your children. Inspire all peacemakers and those who work for justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of compassion, tenderly care for those in need of your hope and comfort. Wipe away the tears from their eyes. Give shelter to all who call upon your name (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Cassie Smith, Denny King, Dorothy Patterson, Thea Beward, Robert Watkins, Sis Stetler, Mark Krobath, Patsy Crawford and Jeanette St. Clair). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of love and strength, bless the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. Make us pure of heart, transparent in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of the living and the dead, accept the praise we bring with all the saints and angels, with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. We remember today all the faithful departed who are with the Lord forever (especially Sam Zeiders, Rita Smith, Floyd Covert, Helen Coder and Arlene McLain). Bring us, together with them, before your throne. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

[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

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards') **(sung)**

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 Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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: **(sung)***

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.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

* 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 God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith
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: Sam Zeiders, Rita Smith, Floyd Covert, Helen Coder, and Arlene McLain. 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."

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Jim Bahorik, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the Bishop of the Synod to preside at the Lord's Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Jim as our worship leader today and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us today.

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!

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

JUST A THOUGHT – Neils Bohr – Atomic Physicist: “There are some things that are so serious that you have to laugh at them.”

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at ebeaver41@yahoo.com or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING – The next Property Committee meeting will be **Monday, November 14, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. We will not be meeting in October unless there is an emergency. In the meantime all business will be conducted via email and phone.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 following the morning worship service. Business: vote on 2012 budget. Copies of the proposed 2012 budget are available in the Adult Sunday School Room for members to take home and review. Please bring copies back with you to church on November 20th for the Voters Assembly meeting.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2012 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, October 30, 2011: \$600.00. This brings the total received to \$62,862.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

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 \$8.00 for a 6-1/2" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 7, Original Italian Pizza 20% Day (10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.) at OIP, Tyson Hill, to benefit the Juniata County Food Pantry.

November 13, Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service at 10:30 a.m. Speaker, Elizabeth Yencho.

November 13, Messiah Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall following the Thankoffering Service.

November 20, Community Thanksgiving Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

November 27, Light lunch after worship service in Fellowship Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 doz. Cookies. Decorating of the church following lunch.

December 3, Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon & evening) for Civil War re-enactors fashion show.

December 6, "The Needlers" Christmas Luncheon.

December 8, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

December 11, Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 a.m.

December 18, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee will provide cookies and beverage.

December 18, 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 7, Undecorating the church (morning)

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Linda Leister as devotional leader.

Christmas Angel Project – Messiah Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 2 families this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Sunday School Room by December 4, 2011.

THANKOFFERING SERVICE – The speaker for the Messiah Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service on November 13, 2011 will be Elizabeth Yencho, Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. A special offering envelope was included in your November newsletters throughout the church (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Offerings help Women of the ELCA with their various projects and service to those in need. Please make checks payable to “Messiah Women of the ELCA.”

COMMUNITY

THE TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL GIFTS FESTIVAL will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church on Friday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 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.

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).*

Monday, November 7
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, November 22
Monday, December 5
Tuesday, December 13

This year's 15th annual Christmas Cantata performance “*Dawn of Redeeming Grace*” will be held **Sunday, December 18, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-1—5 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
-November 3—12, Pastor Esborn on vacation.
- Monday:** -OIP 20% day to benefit Food Pantry.
-7 p.m., Community Chorus rehearsal at Juniata High School.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9 a.m.—2 p.m., Family Resource Program in Fellowship Hall.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
-7 p.m., NA group meeting in Youth Area.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.
-7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -THANKOFFERING SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.

