

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM

June 28, 2015 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS:** Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Jean M., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Dottie S., Dorothy C.

**OTHERS:** Sarah S., Rick W., Avonel W., Jesse K., Jim W., Heidi W., Ed F., Allison S., Charlene A., Bob & Jeanette S., Charlie R., Allison G., Clara S., Anna S., Andy K., Seamus C., Gus K., Kaiden W., Tina H., John M., Connie P., Leah B., Michal G., Judy G., Jane B., Diana K., Carol, Jan B's father (Harry)., Sara Ann A., Jan & John M.

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" J. Southbridge

WELCOME

APPRECIATION FOR VBS CREW

MUSIC – "God's Plan 4 U Is Jesus!"

MUSIC – "We All Fall Down"

MUSIC – "It Is Good"

DAY 1 – Theme, Bible Verse, Bible Story, Games, Crafts, Snacks, Collection for Mission Project

DAY 2 – Theme, Bible Verse, Bible Story, Games, Crafts, Snacks

DAY 3 – Theme, Bible Verse, Bible Story, Games, Crafts, Snacks

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“Contemplation”

R. W. Thygerson

*[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].*

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, 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, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P Let us pray. Merciful God,*

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P For the church of Christ, that as we are strengthened in faith we will be sent forth in peace. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P For your Spirit flowing through the natural world, that we delight in creation's goodness and protect what is threatened. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P For those who govern, that they lead with wisdom and listen with compassion. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P For those who cry out from disease, distress, poverty, or powerlessness (especially all of our shut-ins, both at home and in nursing homes, and for Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Jim Woltman, Heidi Woltman, Ed Forney, Allison Saner, Charlene Aughey, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Charlie Rush, Allison Garver, Clara Shepps, Anna (Pontius) Sparks, Andy Kinzer, Seamus Cantwell, Gus Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina Hutchinson, John Miller, Connie Peer, Leiah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Jane Ann (Ziegler) Baney, Diana Kint, Jan Barber's father (Harry), Sara Ann Aurand, Carol, Jan and John Mahlin), that they be raised up in the arms of Christ. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P For ministries of healing in this congregation, that your Spirit's power flow through us. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P With thanksgiving for your mercy shown to your saints throughout the ages, that all be made well in your eternal keeping. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] **(all)**

*P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

\* BLESSING

*P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

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

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**MEAL**

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

*P Let us give thanks to the Lord.*

**C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

*P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.*

**C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

*P Let us come to his table with joy,*

**C for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.*

*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.*

*Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.*

**C Amen.**

*(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).*

DISTRIBUTION: "Reverie" C. Debussy  
["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VBS SONG

"God's Plan 4 U Is Jesus!"

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Briley Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines

**WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green 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 worshiping 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) worshiping 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of John and Helen Sieber by George and Kay Varner and family.

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 – Charles Wesley, English Methodist Reformer and Hymn Writer (1707 – 1788): Finish then Thy new creation,/Let us see Thy great salvation,/Perfectly restored in Thee.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THE JULY 2015 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com).

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM LEISTER on becoming an Authorized Lay Worship Leader at the Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 beginning with the worship service at the Mifflintown Playground followed by the picnic lunch. Mark the date on your calendar. Details will be in upcoming bulletins.

**JUMP START BLOG**: As we progress in "jump starting" children's and youth Sunday School at Messiah, the members of the Board of Christian Education have contacted all the parents of age eligible children and secured their commitment to support a Sunday School by assuring

their children attend regularly. We believe over 30 children are to be enrolled! At our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting some vital Sunday School dynamics were addressed:

1. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the traditional time for Sunday School will remain at 9:15 – to 10:15 AM.
2. Sunday School will break during the summer and restart in the fall for the obvious reason of allowing time for both children and teachers to regenerate.
3. We hope to have four classes: Nursery, K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. These cut-offs always involve a compromise of sorts. Our decisions were based on the actual numbers and ages of our children, the ease of adapting materials to span the ages, and the dynamic of older children opting for catechism training.
4. Our goal is to have TWO teachers assigned to each class so as to provide flexibility for them and ward off “burn-out.”
5. There will be a facilitator (or head teacher) to test the pulse of the workings of the Sunday School who can identify trouble spots and either eliminate them or refer them to the Board for resolution.
6. Act 34 was discussed. This is the new PA law that requires background checks for public school teachers and any volunteers directly interacting with children. Sunday School teachers fall under the umbrella of this law. Across the State hundreds of thousands of people will have to comply – the greater number have complied already. The Governor has recently waived the costs of these checks for the vast majority of volunteers involved. Like the rest of the churches in the commonwealth, we will have to comply – a sign of our times.
7. We will soon be recruiting teachers by way of personal contacts. EVERYONE in the congregation should have a “church job.” Being a Sunday School teacher is this and MUCH MORE. It is a calling and a privilege. It will require commitment and dedication. It is vital to the health of our church and to the spiritual growth of the next generation.

WEDNESDAY EVENING “INFORMAL COMMUNION” will be held during the summer months at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Church Room for those who cannot make it to the services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper.

CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED – Messiah has a position opening for church treasurer. Requirements are: the position of church treasurer must be held by an adult member of the congregation. A knowledge in proper accounting procedures is preferred. Any person interested in more information about this position may contact the church office in order to obtain a complete written job description. Further questions may be directed to PPC Executive Director, Kenneth Mummah or Pastor Esborn. Church office phone number is 436-6213, email address is [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net).

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.

THANK YOU – “I wish to thank you, our congregational family here at Messiah for your love and support throughout the past months as I pursued the Authorized Lay Worship Leader program for the Upper Susquehanna Synod. As I have served you through our worship

times, so I anticipate serving those beyond our community. Thank you also for the book, "Introducing the Bible" by John Drane. I would like to specifically thank our young folks who have helped as acolytes, crucifers, ushers, communion assistants and mentors of these children. You are our future worship leaders! And thank you to Pastor Esborn for the time and attention in meetings, discussions, and worship services during my training. Your mentorship was a huge aid in attaining the Authorized Lay Worship Leader designation."

Sam Leister

THANK YOU for supporting Vacation Bible School at Messiah this week. We had an ambitious crew of volunteers and a great group of kids. Thank you also for donating items for the snacks and the Pool Party.

Kate Swailes

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., 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 Adult Sunday School Room.

SEAFARERS PROJECT – Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Project. Items needed are: sweatshirts (preferably hooded sizes L-XL), thermal or white gym socks (no dress socks), casual pull-over T-shirts sizes M-L, and heavy knit winter caps. Please place items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will begin collecting items for School Kits in July as sales will be starting. Items needed are: 4—70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8" X 10½". One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, one pencil sharpener, one blunt pair of scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2½" eraser. Items should be placed on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

FAMILY FARM PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be raising money for ELCA Good Gifts and in particular, a Family Farm. The cost of the Family Farm is \$715.00 and will provide a cow, goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, agricultural training and marketing support. Checks or cash will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to WELCA with a note for "Farm Project."

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The theme is "Love is an Open Door." Anyone who is interested in attending may contact Barb Geedey, Cynthia Smith or Linda Leister.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will lead the devotions.

### **COMMUNITY**

LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – Gettysburg Seminary is again offering its Lay School of Theology this summer at Gettysburg Seminary, July 26 – August 1. This year's theme is

Traveling Grace: Land and Spiritual Geographies. Registrations for one day, several days or the whole week are available. Please see Ann Beaver if you are interested. Sign-up deadline is July 10, 2015.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals. **Cooks are especially needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.** If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

**JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE  
PAPER SUPPLIES: TISSUES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS,  
OVER-THE-COUNTER ALLERGY MEDICATIONS  
WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND  
GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES

**NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS OR EGG CARTONS! THANK YOU!**

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone #: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 2-6, Saturday 9-12

**Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to accept donations**

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**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., VBS Closing Program/communion.  
-PPC meeting following worship service.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall (meeting during Summer months for anyone who would like to help).  
-2 p.m., Board of Christian Ed. Meeting in Social Hall
- Wednesday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (during July & Aug.).  
-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/communion.