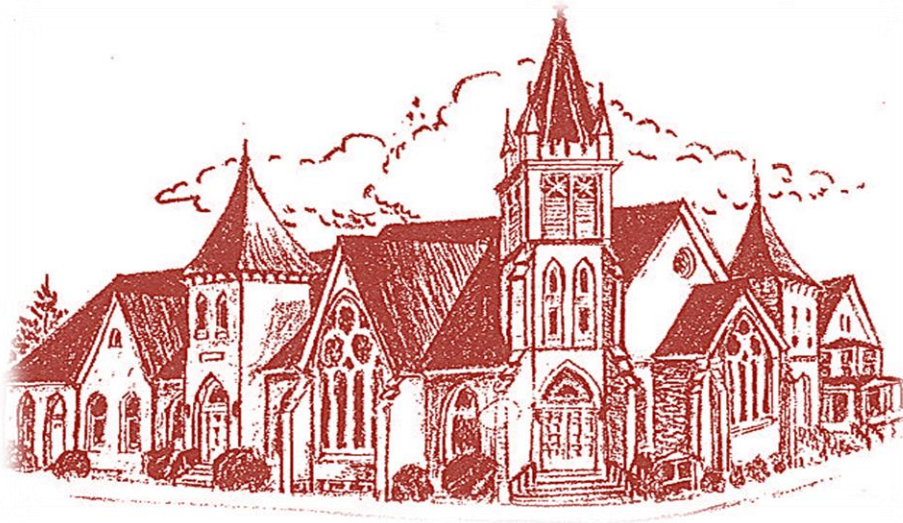


THE MESSIAH HERALD



NOVEMBER 2016

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM
WORSHIP, JR. CHURCH, & COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

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A NOTE FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR, CHRIS MATHIASON

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

These are the words that the Apostle Paul often uses to begin his letters to the churches of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). Check it out in Romans 1:7. He is simply offering his Blessings as he speaks on behalf of Jesus Christ.

I want to speak a word of greeting to you, the people of Messiah Lutheran Church. My name is Pastor Chris Mathiason and I am the called Pastor to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Licking Creek. After meeting with Messiah's PPC, I agreed to serve as Intern Pastor for Messiah Lutheran Church, Mifflintown starting Aug 1, 2016. Because of my ministry at St. Stephen's I am unable to be with you Sunday mornings for worship, but I am working with the PPC, other committees as needed, providing emergency visitation and officiating at funerals for the people of Messiah. I am excited to be with you in worship Sunday November 6 to preach and share the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

A little about myself. I have served St. Stephen's for the last 10 years, my wife is Pastor Erin Bovendam who serves Trinity Lutheran, McAlisterville. We live in the Trinity Parsonage in McAlisterville with two sons. Henry, who will be 9 this month and Ben, who will be 7 in Feb. Our home is guarded by a black lab named Netta. I grew up in Southern Minnesota, went to college at a good Lutheran School, St. Olaf, in Northfield, MN. These days, I keep busy doing

ministry with the great people of St. Stephen's and try to keep up with my boys on the soccer and baseball fields. I am active in the Juniata County Ministerium and have served on the Juniata County Food Pantry Board in the past. When I have time, I enjoy Superhero stories in comic books and the movies.

During this time of Interim Ministry, my hope is to be a help as the people of Messiah began to look at the future. As I have shared with the people of St. Stephen's, my willingness to help out a neighbor Lutheran congregation, does not mean there are plans for a merger of these congregations or a two-point parish arrangement.

I give thanks for your faithfulness in doing the ministry of Jesus Christ and look forward to the things God has in store for the Congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church!

God Bless,
Pastor Chris Mathiason



DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 1	-----	ZECHARIAH 7:1-14
		<i>THOSE STRUGGLING AT WORK</i>
NOVEMBER 2	-----	LUKE 19:11-27
		<i>THOSE WHO LACK THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE</i>
NOVEMBER 3	-----	DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18
		<i>THOSE WHO ARE NEAR DEATH</i>
NOVEMBER 4	-----	PSALM 149
		<i>THOSE WHO ARE JOYLESS</i>
NOVEMBER 5	-----	EPHESIANS 1:11-23
		<i>THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED RECENTLY</i>
NOVEMBER 6	-----	LUKE 6:20-31
		<i>THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE</i>
NOVEMBER 7	-----	JOB 20:1-11
		<i>COUNSELORS AND ADVISORS</i>
NOVEMBER 8	-----	JOB 21:1, 17-34
		<i>THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER TODAY</i>
NOVEMBER 9	-----	JOHN 5:19-29
		<i>THOSE MOURNING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE</i>
NOVEMBER 10	-----	MALACHI 4:1-2A
		<i>THOSE INJURED BY OTHERS' DEEDS</i>
NOVEMBER 11	-----	PSALM 98
		<i>CHOIR MEMBERS OF ALL AGES</i>
NOVEMBER 12	-----	2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13
		<i>THOSE WHO SERVE BEHIND THE SCENES, WITHOUT RECOGNITION</i>
NOVEMBER 13	-----	LUKE 21:5-19
		<i>CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH</i>
NOVEMBER 14	-----	EZEKIEL 11:14-25
		<i>THOSE WHO HAVE LOST HOPE</i>
NOVEMBER 15	-----	EZEKIEL 39:21 - 40:4
		<i>THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE FAITH IN GOD</i>
NOVEMBER 16	-----	EZEKIEL 43:1-12
		<i>ARCHITECTS AND URBAN PLANNERS</i>
NOVEMBER 17	-----	JEREMIAH 23:1-6
		<i>HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS</i>
NOVEMBER 18	-----	PSALM 46
		<i>THOSE LIVING WITH PTSD</i>
NOVEMBER 19	-----	COLOSSIANS 1:11-20
		<i>THOSE LONGING TO LIVE IN PEACE</i>
NOVEMBER 20	-----	LUKE 23:33-43
		<i>THOSE ON DEATH ROW AND THEIR CHAPLAINS</i>
NOVEMBER 21	-----	JEREMIAH 46:18-28
		<i>PEOPLE AND NATIONS WITH HUGE DEBTS</i>
NOVEMBER 22	-----	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
		<i>NURSES AND ORDERLIES</i>
NOVEMBER 23	-----	JOHN 6:25-35
		<i>COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS AND ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS</i>
NOVEMBER 24	-----	PSALM 100
		<i>PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS WHO ARE WORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE</i>

NOVEMBER 25	-----	ISAIAH 2:1-5
		<i>LUTHERAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES</i>
NOVEMBER 26	-----	ROMANS 13:11-14
		<i>FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DON'T GET ALONG</i>
NOVEMBER 27	-----	MATTHEW 24:36-44
		<i>MASS TRANSIT WORKERS</i>
NOVEMBER 28	-----	GENESIS 8:1-19
		<i>WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS AND PARK RANGERS</i>
NOVEMBER 29	-----	GENESIS 9:1-17
		<i>THOSE WHO DO NOT TRUST GOD'S WORD</i>
NOVEMBER 30	-----	ROMANS 10:10-18
		<i>BIBLE STUDY LEADERS</i>

PRAYER REQUEST REMINDER!!

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact Judy directly at the church office at 436-6213 or at messiahlutheran@pa.net! If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

UPCOMING PASTORS AND LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

November 6	The Rev. Chris Mathiason
November 13	Bishop Barbara Collins
November 20	Stephen Rodgers
November 27	Sam Leister

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

LECTORS

6 Briley Holderman
13 Andrea Cameron
20 Bob St. Clair
27 Diana Wise

GREETERS

Randy Clark
Kim & John White
Ray & Jane Miller
Don & Barb Geedey

ACOLYTE

6 Garrett Berry &
Caden Swailes
13 Nate Swailes &
Hannah Ehrisman
20 Jace White &
Harrison Mummah
27 Tai Kepler &
Braedon Walton

CRUCIFER

Braedon Walton

Haley Mummah

Caden Swailes

Hannah Ehrisman

ALTAR GUILD

October 31 to November 6Barbara S. Geedey
(Cup Communion Nov. 6 – Jamie & Clint Miller)
November 7 to 20.....Linda Clark
(Cup Communion Nov. 20 – Jamie & Clint Miller)
November 21 to December 4.....Diana Wise

ALTAR FLOWERS

6 In honor of our grandson, Braedon Walton,
by the Pines and Stoner families
13 OPEN
20 OPEN
27 OPEN



WELCA met on Thursday, October 8 at 7 P.M. Barb Geedey led the group in devotions and the business meeting.

The knitting group is going to work on caps for the Seafarers bags which we are going to continue with through next summer. That way everyone will get to take advantage of any Holiday savings and after Christmas sales for the sweatshirts, socks, etc. Barb will put a list of all the needed items for the bags in the newsletter for the next several months and the bulletins.

Items for the Seafarers bags are:

- 1 sweatshirt, preferably hooded, sizes L-XL

- 3 pairs of socks-thermal or white gym socks
- 1 pull-over T-shirt sizes M-L
- 1 knit heavy winter cap

Our group has lost its Indian child that we have been sponsoring for the past several years so we are going to have to decide whether we want to sponsor a child from another country as we have done in the past or locate a child from the United States. We tabled this decision until we can obtain more information.

We came up with a list of people for Barb to contact to help with the Thankoffering service. We will need 4 ushers and 2 communion assistants.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 7 P.M.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

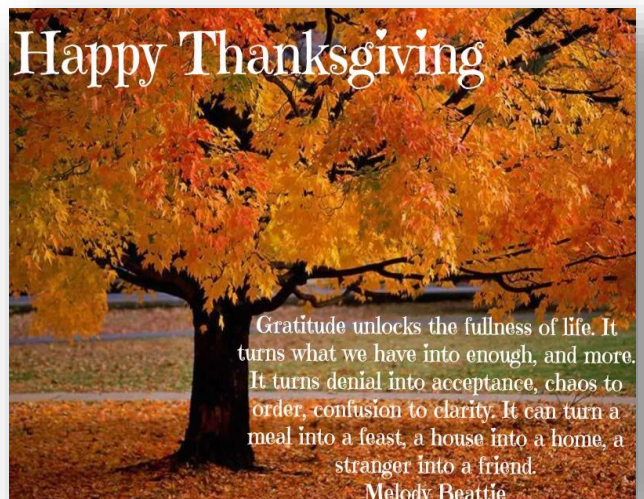
Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to contribute to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

Juniata Meals-On-Wheels
P.O. Box 251
Mifflintown, PA 17059

STORE GIFT CARDS



Giant Store Gift Cards are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT INS

LOCUST GROVE

(69 COTTAGE DRIVE, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)

Jean McNaight

190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5

Mifflin, PA 17058

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Flo Beale, Sara Ann Aurand, Reba Sigler

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jane Marhefka

92 Village Drive

Mifflintown, PA 17059

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Carol Simonton

NORTHRIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING

(99 NORTHRIDGE DR., MCALISTERVILLE, PA 17049)

Dorothy Cleck

Dottie Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108,
THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney

Ray Bramm

LEHIGH CENTER

(1718 SPRING CREEK ROAD, ROOM 205B, MACUNGIE,
PA 18062)

Lura Aughey

AT HOME

Fay McCormick

38 Wagon Wheel Lane

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Jim Yetter

128 Manbeck Drive

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters

P.O. Box 61

Port Royal, PA 17082

Craig Walker

7016 Rt. 333

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Mona Lawson

2792 William Penn Hwy.

Mifflintown, PA 17059

PRAYER LIST (AS OF OCTOBER 28TH)

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair

Rick Waller, Sr.

Avonel Waller

Jim Woltman

Bob Cameron

Michal Gayer

Joan Foltz

Edith Nipple

Mary Ernest

Josh Delancey

Ellwood Miller

Letha Swab

Marylou Hazard

Brady Mingle

Velma Suloff

Belva Fulton

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.

"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 and are FREE.....and are located at the back of the adult Sunday school room. Get yours today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.....

November 15 – Zach Smith

November 17 – Jacob White & Olivia Arentz

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let Bob St. Clair know at stclairb@embarqmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please notify Judy in our church office for any address, email address, or phone number updates for those in our congregation, friends or families, as well as any requests for building usage. At this time of year, in particular, a lot of activities are going on, and some coordination is needed as to not "overbook" any specific areas of the church. This also goes for changes in (church) groups who meet at the church. Please contact Judy at the office at 436-6213 or at messiahlutheran@pa.net to share this information. **THANK YOU!**

OUR SYMPATHIES TO....

...the family of **Betty Fleisher**, who passed from this earthly life to the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Services will be held at Messiah on Saturday, November 12th at 11 AM for those wishing to attend.

...and to the family of **Ramelle Macoy**, who passed away on Monday, October 10, 2016. Please keep Marilyn, Malissa, and family in your prayers.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS –OCTOBER 2 THRU 23, 2016

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
October 2	66 – Worship 31 – S.S.	\$4,555.00	\$3,810.00	Sunday School -- \$63.00 Benevolence -- \$330.00 Building Fund -- \$340.00 Jr. Church -- \$12.00
October 9	67 – Worship 37 – S.S.	\$2,767.00	\$2,039.00	Sunday School -- \$88.00 Benevolence -- \$95.00 Building Fund -- \$545.00
October 16	56 – Worship 24 – S.S.	\$2,878.00	\$2,382.00	Sunday School -- \$66.00 Benevolence -- \$60.00 Building Fund -- \$70.00 Choir Gowns -- \$300.00
October 23	68 – Worship 28 – S.S.	\$2,795.00	\$1,957.00	Sunday School -- \$73.00 Benevolence -- \$295.00 Building Fund -- \$320.00 Summer Camp -- \$150.00



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE

Dear Friends, here we are careening through the calendar towards Thanksgiving. Our stockpile of Thanksgiving and Christmas foods is growing steadily, but we are far behind where we need to be to pack 350 or more Thanksgiving boxes for local families by our distribution date of Nov 19. We would be so grateful for your help. And speaking of Nov 19th, Don't miss the 9th annual "Save Thanksgiving Benefit Concert" on that same day at 6:00 at the CJEMS building. Many local bands will be performing, and admission is a donation of cash or food to benefit the food pantry!

In September we assisted 313 families (843 individuals). Many thanks to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for September.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS-ITEMS STILL NEEDED ARE:

Turkeys or turkey breasts (around 12 lbs); hams (3-5 lbs); stuffing; Canned fruits, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, Cake Mix or other dessert mix;
or a \$20 donation will purchase one complete meal!

CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!
No More Plastic Bags, PLEASE (although we will gladly accept clean cloth bags)



Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

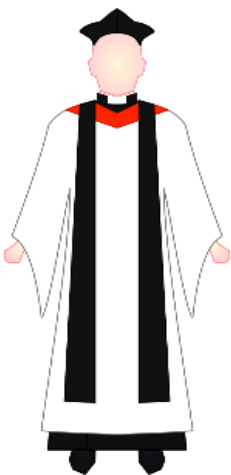
Phone: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

Once again, 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.

*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY.
(CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

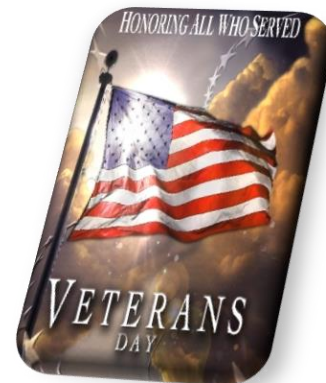
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW CHOIR, CRUCIFER AND ACOLYTE GOWNS



We have had our current gowns for about 15 years. They have become worn, and some have stains that can't be removed. We also need more/different sizes for the crucifers and acolytes. They will be the same style and in white, but a little lighter, cooler fabric. We already have \$1000 (from a memorial in memory of Sam Zeiders) and still need \$1368 towards a total bill of \$2368 for 19 gowns and 2 more rope cinctures. We will be keeping the salvageable gowns as backups as needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your check on the note line "CHOIR GOWNS" or if giving cash, put in an envelope also marked "CHOIR GOWNS." We thank you in advance, and appreciate any amount you feel you can contribute to this project.

NOVEMBER 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 2:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
Thursday, November 3:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
Sunday, November 6:	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion (Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Mathiason) -2:00 to 6:00 PM – Fellowship Hall Reserved
Monday, November 7:	-6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 8:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 9:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
Thursday, November 10:	-7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
Friday, November 11:	VETERAN'S DAY
Saturday, November 12:	-11 a.m., Betty Fleisher Memorial Service
Sunday, November 13:	THANKOFFERING SUNDAY & FALL FEST -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church
Monday, November 14:	-6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 15:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 16:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
Thursday, November 17:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
Sunday, November 20:	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY / VOTER'S ASSEMBLY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers) -7 p.m., PPC Meeting in Youth Area
Monday, November 21:	-6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 22:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 23:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
Thursday, November 24:	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
Friday, November 25:	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sunday, November 27:	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT and FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)
Monday, November 28:	-6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area -7:00 p.m., Property Committee Meeting in Choir Room -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 29:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 30:	-7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room



HISTORY OF THE THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thankoffering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering service in 1889 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.

Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Giving Thankofferings is grounded in scripture and in our constitution. "All income, whether received by the unit, cluster or conference, synodical or church wide organizations, shall be viewed as being given to the total program of Women of the ELCA. ... Thankofferings shall be gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings. These offerings shall be received by the unit and transmitted in full to the

church wide organization for the support of the ministries of this organization and the church" (Article X, Church wide Women's Organization Constitution, Section 4, Item 1). The living words of our purpose statement further encourage our stewardship.

And stewardship is not just about providing assistance to others. It is also about provoking others to recognize their power to implement change through their offerings. It was this hope of change that motivated the women's cent societies 200 years ago, and it is the same today. Inspired by our spiritual foremothers, we continue to see our witness to the gospel, our capacity to serve and our community of women grow through our offerings.

The daily acknowledgement of God's blessings through mite boxes has been a spiritual benefit to more than one soul, and the committee recommended their use not only once in ten years, but every day of the year.

—American Lutheran General Synod Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Thankoffering committee report: 1889

WHAT IS WELCA?

It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL FEST

NOVEMBER 13, 2016



You are invited to attend the Fall Fest at Messiah on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** in the Fellowship Hall following the Thankoffering Service. The menu will consist of 4 different kinds of home-made soups and chili as well as sandwiches, cider, coffee, and tea provided by the Board of Parish Fellowship. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert or fruit of their choice, (but it is not necessary if you are unable to do so as there is always plenty of food for everyone). Mints, chips, etc. are always needed and don't need to be prepared.

Reservations can be made by detaching the bottom portion of this sheet and placing it in the offering plate by **November 6th** or calling the church office at 436-6213.

MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s)_____ Number attending _____

Bringing dessert or fruit? () YES () NO_____