

***“Proclaiming God’s Love
in Christ and His people”***



ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

November 6th, 2016

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All Saints Day

November 6, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to “Prayers of Intercession.”

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry
Arr. by Larry Shackley

[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.

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 Marian Gross, Warren ‘Dutch’

Walters, Ethel Bossinger, Earl 'Whitey' Lawson and Betty Fleisher. 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

Pastor Chris Mathiason

ANTHEM: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" "The B-I-B-L-E"
"Jesus Loves Me"

Junior Choir

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and + forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN

"For All the Saints" (vss. 1-4)

#174 LBW

* GREETING

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace 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 mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & II Choir C – Congregation)

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you

C And also 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:

¹In 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: ¹⁷As 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 children of salvation, All who cleave to Christ the head!)

¹Hallelujah! 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.

⁴**For 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.

⁶**Let 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,

⁸**to 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 ones. | 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:

¹¹In 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 (Sung 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 Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

²⁰Then [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.

²²Blessed 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. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷But 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 Chris Mathiason

- * HYMN OF THE DAY “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” #328 LBW
- * 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 With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God’s gifts, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness (especially we pray for all of our

shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Mary Ernest, Josh Delancey, Ellwood Miller, Marylou Hazard, Letha Swab, John Miller, Brady Mingle, Belva Fulton, Edith Nipple, Joan Foltz, and Velma Suloff, that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized, that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, 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:

But the Lord is Mindful

Felix Mendelssohn

[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:

Glory Bound!

John Carter

* SUNG OFFERTORY (‘vineyards’) (sung) (all)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste 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 also 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 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

* 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 unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

* 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 Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.

* LAMB OF GOD (sung) (all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel).

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 everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer 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 God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

* CLOSING HYMN

“For All the Saints” (vss. 5-8)

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* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Lani Smith

Next Week's Lector – Andrea Cameron

Next Week's Altar Guild – Linda Clark (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

Next Week's Crucifer – Nathan Swailes

Next Week's Acolytes – Hannah Ehrisman & Haley Mummah

Next Week's Greeters – John & Kim White

WELCOME

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 or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. 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.

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.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. Wine and wheat wafers are used and if you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

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.

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.

WE WELCOME Pastor Chris Mathiason as our worship leader and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our Grandson and Nephew, Braedon Walton, by the Pines and Stoner families.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS DAY 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: Marian Gross, Warren 'Dutch' Walters, Ethel Bossinger, Earl 'Whitey' Lawson and Betty Fleisher. 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."

JUST A THOUGHT – J. B. Phillips, Bible Translator (1906 – 1982): I sometimes wonder what hours of prayer and thought lie behind the apparently simple and spontaneous parables of the gospel.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

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.

THE DEADLINE for all items to be included in the Sunday bulletin is **Thursday noon**.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY FLEISHER, who passed from this earthly life to the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, will be held here at Messiah Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. (Friends and family will gather from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the banquet room at the Port Royal OIP.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW CHOIR/CRUCIFER/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.

PLEASE NOTIFY the church office for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. At this time of the year, in particular, there are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email messiahlutheran@pa.net for any changes or requests.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING - Sunday, November 27, 2016 following the worship service. Business: Vote on proposed budget for 2017 and board reports.

PPC MEETING CHANGE OF DATE - Sunday December 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS **THURSDAY NOON**.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

October 30, 2016 Worship Service

Attendance – 59

Total Offering - \$3,234.00

468.00

General Fund - \$2,766.00

Sunday School

Attendance – 37

Other Funds

Sunday School - \$ 68.00

Benevolence - 50.00

Building Fund - 300.00

Choir Gowns - 50.00

\$ 468.00

MESSIAH'S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Any Messiah member who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please send Ann Beaver (annbeaver@embarqmail.com) your email address.

HARD COPIES OF THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY are now available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COPIES OF SEPTEMBER PPC MINUTES are available on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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 6½” plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

HOME COMMUNION – The Compassionate Services Committee is again looking for people who would like to give Communion to our shut-ins. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins is used on a quarterly basis. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey. Phone: 436-6433 or Email: geedey@centurylink.net.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with pink covers) are available on the piano. If you have any questions, call Ann Beaver at 436-9382.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to press quilt tops for “The Needlers.” Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of “The Needlers.”

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

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.

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected 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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

ITEMS FOR THE SEAFARERS BAGS will be collected through next summer, that way everyone will get to take advantage of any holiday saving and after Christmas sales for the winter items. Items needed 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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Bishop Barbara J. Collins, newly elected Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be the speaker for the service. The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry so they can be displayed in the altar area on Thankoffering Sunday. Special Thankoffering envelopes will be included with your bulletin that Sunday for your offering to 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” and place in the offering plates or give to Cynthia Smith. Additional envelopes will be available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

A PORT ROYAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING TEA will be held in the Social Room of the Port Royal Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. on November 17th. Everyone is invited to join in the holiday spirit with an uplifting message, food and fellowship.

A CHRISTMAS TEA will be held in the Social Room of the Port Royal Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. on December 15th. Everyone is invited to join us for carols, food and fellowship in celebration of the Christmas Season.

JUNIATA VALLEY INTERNATIONAL GIFTS AND BAKE SALE will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church at 287 Deerville Road, Mifflintown on Friday, November 18th from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit us on Facebook or at www.juniatainternationalgiftssale.com.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(Food items still needed)

TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS (AROUND 12 LBS.), HAMS (3-5 LBS), STUFFING,
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES,
GRAVY MIX OR CANNED GRAVY, CAKE MIX AND
READY-MADE ICING OR OTHER DESSERT MIX, CANNED FRUITS OR
A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. Worship Leader: The Rev. Chris Mathiason.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Saturday:** -11 a.m., Memorial Service for Betty Fleisher.
- Sunday:** -Thankoffering Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School /Confirmation Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara J. Collins, Bishop
-Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall following worship service.

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 _____