

THE MESSIAH HERALD



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"Proclaiming God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and his People"

The Messiah Herald



95 THESES MARTIN LUTHER NAILED ON THE CHURCH DOOR AT WITTENBURG. OCTOBER 31, 1517

Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and Lecturer in Ordinary on the same at that place. Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally with us, may do so by letter. In the Name our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Matthew 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh.
4. The penalty of sin remains as long as the hatred of self (that is, true inner repentance), namely till our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.
5. The pope neither desires nor is able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canons.
6. The pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring and showing that it has been remitted by God; or, to be sure, by remitting guilt in cases reserved to his judgment. If his right to grant remission in these cases were disregarded, the guilt would certainly remain unforgiven.
7. God remits guilt to no one unless at the same time he humbles him in all things and makes him submissive to the vicar, the priest.
8. The penitential canons are imposed only on the living, and, according to the canons themselves, nothing should be imposed on the dying.
9. Therefore the Holy Spirit through the pope is kind to us insofar as the pope in his decrees always makes exception of the article of death and of necessity.
10. Those priests act ignorantly and wickedly who, in the case of the dying, reserve canonical penalties for purgatory.
11. Those tares of changing the canonical penalty to the penalty of purgatory were evidently sown while the bishops slept (Matthew 13:25).
12. In former times canonical penalties were imposed, not after, but before absolution, as tests of true contrition.
13. The dying are freed by death from all penalties, are already dead as far as the canon laws are concerned, and have a right to be released from them.
14. Imperfect piety or love on the part of the dying person necessarily brings with it great fear; and the smaller the love, the greater the fear.
15. This fear or horror is sufficient in itself, to say nothing of other things, to constitute the penalty of purgatory, since it is very near to the horror of despair.
16. Hell, purgatory, and heaven seem to differ the same as despair, fear, and assurance of salvation.
17. It seems as though for the souls in purgatory fear should necessarily decrease and love increase.
18. Furthermore, it does not seem proved, either by reason or by Scripture, that souls in purgatory are outside the state of merit, that is, unable to grow in love.
19. Nor does it seem proved that souls in purgatory, at least not all of them, are certain

- and assured of their own salvation, even if we ourselves may be entirely certain of it.
20. Therefore the pope, when he uses the words "plenary remission of all penalties," does not actually mean "all penalties," but only those imposed by himself.
 21. Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is absolved from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences.
 22. As a matter of fact, the pope remits to souls in purgatory no penalty which, according to canon law, they should have paid in this life.
 23. If remission of all penalties whatsoever could be granted to anyone at all, certainly it would be granted only to the most perfect, that is, to very few.
 24. For this reason most people are necessarily deceived by that indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalty.
 25. That power which the pope has in general over purgatory corresponds to the power which any bishop or curate has in a particular way in his own diocese and parish.
 26. The pope does very well when he grants remission to souls in purgatory, not by the power of the keys, which he does not have, but by way of intercession for them.
 27. They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory.
 28. It is certain that when money clinks in the money chest, greed and avarice can be increased; but when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone.
 29. Who knows whether all souls in purgatory wish to be redeemed, since we have exceptions in St. Severinus and St. Paschal, as related in a legend.
 30. No one is sure of the integrity of his own contrition, much less of having received plenary remission.
 31. The man who actually buys indulgences is as rare as he who is really penitent; indeed, he is exceedingly rare.
 32. Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.
 33. Men must especially be on guard against those who say that the pope's pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to him.
 34. For the graces of indulgences are concerned only with the penalties of sacramental satisfaction established by man.
 35. They who teach that contrition is not necessary on the part of those who intend to buy souls out of purgatory or to buy confessional privileges preach unchristian doctrine.
 36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.
 37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.
 38. Nevertheless, papal remission and blessing are by no means to be disregarded, for they are, as I have said (Thesis 6), the proclamation of the divine remission.
 39. It is very difficult, even for the most learned theologians, at one and the same time to commend to the people the bounty of indulgences and the need of true contrition.
 40. A Christian who is truly contrite seeks and loves to pay penalties for his sins; the bounty of indulgences, however, relaxes penalties and causes men to hate them -- at least it furnishes occasion for hating them.
 41. Papal indulgences must be preached with caution, lest people erroneously think that they are preferable to other good works of love.
 42. Christians are to be taught that the pope does not intend that the buying of indulgences should in any way be compared with works of mercy.
 43. Christians are to be taught that he who gives to the poor or lends to the needy does a better deed than he who buys indulgences.
 44. Because love grows by works of love, man thereby becomes better. Man does not, however, become better by means of indulgences but is merely freed from penalties.
 45. Christians are to be taught that he who sees a needy man and passes him by, yet gives his money for indulgences, does not buy papal indulgences but God's wrath.

46. Christians are to be taught that, unless they have more than they need, they must reserve enough for their family needs and by no means squander it on indulgences.
47. Christians are to be taught that they buying of indulgences is a matter of free choice, not commanded.
48. Christians are to be taught that the pope, in granting indulgences, needs and thus desires their devout prayer more than their money.
49. Christians are to be taught that papal indulgences are useful only if they do not put their trust in them, but very harmful if they lose their fear of God because of them.
50. Christians are to be taught that if the pope knew the exactions of the indulgence preachers, he would rather that the basilica of St. Peter were burned to ashes than built up with the skin, flesh, and bones of his sheep.
51. Christians are to be taught that the pope would and should wish to give of his own money, even though he had to sell the basilica of St. Peter, to many of those from whom certain hawkers of indulgences cajole money.
52. It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security.
53. They are the enemies of Christ and the pope who forbid altogether the preaching of the Word of God in some churches in order that indulgences may be preached in others.
54. Injury is done to the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or larger amount of time is devoted to indulgences than to the Word.
55. It is certainly the pope's sentiment that if indulgences, which are a very insignificant thing, are celebrated with one bell, one procession, and one ceremony, then the gospel, which is the very greatest thing, should be preached with a hundred bells, a hundred processions, a hundred ceremonies.
56. The true treasures of the church, out of which the pope distributes indulgences, are not sufficiently discussed or known among the people of Christ.
57. That indulgences are not temporal treasures is certainly clear, for many indulgence sellers do not distribute them freely but only gather them.
58. Nor are they the merits of Christ and the saints, for, even without the pope, the latter always work grace for the inner man, and the cross, death, and hell for the outer man.
59. St. Lawrence said that the poor of the church were the treasures of the church, but he spoke according to the usage of the word in his own time.
60. Without want of consideration we say that the keys of the church, given by the merits of Christ, are that treasure.
61. For it is clear that the pope's power is of itself sufficient for the remission of penalties and cases reserved by himself.
62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.
63. But this treasure is naturally most odious, for it makes the first to be last (Matthew 20:16).
64. On the other hand, the treasure of indulgences is naturally most acceptable, for it makes the last to be first.
65. Therefore the treasures of the gospel are nets with which one formerly fished for men of wealth.
66. The treasures of indulgences are nets with which one now fishes for the wealth of men.
67. The indulgences which the demagogues acclaim as the greatest graces are actually understood to be such only insofar as they promote gain.
68. They are nevertheless in truth the most insignificant graces when compared with the grace of God and the piety of the cross.
69. Bishops and curates are bound to admit the commissaries of papal indulgences with all reverence.
70. But they are much more bound to strain their eyes and ears lest these men preach their own dreams instead of what the pope has commissioned.
71. Let him who speaks against the truth concerning papal indulgences be anathema and accursed.
72. But let him who guards against the lust and license of the indulgence preachers be blessed.
73. Just as the pope justly thunders against those who by any means whatever contrive harm to the sale of indulgences.

74. Much more does he intend to thunder against those who use indulgences as a pretext to contrive harm to holy love and truth.
75. To consider papal indulgences so great that they could absolve a man even if he had done the impossible and had violated the mother of God is madness.
76. We say on the contrary that papal indulgences cannot remove the very least of venial sins as far as guilt is concerned.
77. To say that even St. Peter if he were now pope, could not grant greater graces is blasphemy against St. Peter and the pope.
78. We say on the contrary that even the present pope, or any pope whatsoever, has greater graces at his disposal, that is, the gospel, spiritual powers, gifts of healing, etc., as it is written, (1 Corinthians 12:28).
79. To say that the cross emblazoned with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy.
80. The bishops, curates, and theologians who permit such talk to be spread among the people will have to answer for this.
81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity.
82. Such as: "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church? The former reason would be most just; the latter is most trivial.
83. Again, "Why are funeral and anniversary masses for the dead continued and why does he not return or permit the withdrawal of the endowments founded for them, since it is wrong to pray for the redeemed?"
84. Again, "What is this new piety of God and the pope that for a consideration of money they permit a man who is impious and their enemy to buy out of purgatory the pious soul of a friend of God and do not rather, because of the need of that pious and beloved soul, free it for pure love's sake?"
85. Again, "Why are the penitential canons, long since abrogated and dead in actual fact and through disuse, now satisfied by the granting of indulgences as though they were still alive and in force?"
86. Again, "Why does not the pope, whose wealth is today greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers?"
87. Again, "What does the pope remit or grant to those who by perfect contrition already have a right to full remission and blessings?"
88. Again, "What greater blessing could come to the church than if the pope were to bestow these remissions and blessings on every believer a hundred times a day, as he now does but once?"
89. "Since the pope seeks the salvation of souls rather than money by his indulgences, why does he suspend the indulgences and pardons previously granted when they have equal efficacy?"
90. To repress these very sharp arguments of the laity by force alone, and not to resolve them by giving reasons, is to expose the church and the pope to the ridicule of their enemies and to make Christians unhappy.
91. If, therefore, indulgences were preached according to the spirit and intention of the pope, all these doubts would be readily resolved. Indeed, they would not exist.
92. Away, then, with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Peace, peace," and there is no peace! (Jeremiah 6:14)
93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Cross, cross," and there is no cross!
94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell.
95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).

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in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S
 GRACE IN ACTION

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 the church office at 717-436-6213 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair	Jim Woltman
Avonel & Rick Waller, Sr.	Michal Gayer
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Seth Arentz
Letha Swab	Joyce Doyle
John Miller	Randy Clark
Mary Ernest	Joan Fulkroad
Don Clark	Jeff Sanders
Margaret Lowrey	Audrey Peters
Butch & Sandy Pines	Tammy Metz
Tom Lyter	The Family of Charlie Stouffer
Janet Fultz	Pat Fisher
Joyce Bradley	Barbara P. Geedey
Jacob Jones	Minnie Minick
Chad Hershberger	Paul Goss
Ken Stuck	Dr. Laurie Cox
Pat Forney	Messiah's Call Committee
Bob Bell	Sheree Goss and Family
Hurricane Victims	

... AND ALSO FOR OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

(190 JAM HOUSE RD., COTTAGE #5, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)

Jean McNaight

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Sara Ann Aurand, Reba Sigler

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

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

Jim Yetter	Betty Karstetter
128 Manbeck Drive	918 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059	Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters	Mona Lawson
P.O. Box 61	2792 William Penn Hwy.
Port Royal, PA 17082	Mifflintown, PA 17059

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!

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.**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER 1 -----MATTHEW 21:23-32
THOSE WONDERING HOW TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL

OCTOBER 2 -----COLOSSIANS 2:16-23
THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE YOUR DISCIPLESHIP

OCTOBER 3 -----PHILIPPIANS 2:14-28; 3:1-4A
THOSE SERVING IN OUTREACH MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 4 ----- JEREMIAH 6:1-10
THOSE WHO RESIST THE LOVE OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 5 ----- ISAIAH 5:1-7
THOSE IN NEED OF FORGIVENESS

OCTOBER 6 ----- PSALM 80:7-15
HOSPITAL WORKERS

OCTOBER 7 ----- PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14
NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

OCTOBER 8 ----- MATTHEW 21:33-46
THOSE WHO FEAR GOD'S JUDGMENT

OCTOBER 9 ----- 1 PETER 5:1-5, 12-14
THOSE WHO MISUSE THEIR AUTHORITY

OCTOBER 10 ----- JAMES 4:4-10
THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD'S WAYS

OCTOBER 11 ----- MARK 2:18-22
THOSE WHO DOUBT GOD'S PRESENCE

OCTOBER 12 ----- ISAIAH 25:1-9
WORSHIP PLANNERS AND LEADERS

OCTOBER 13 ----- PSALM 23
THOSE WHO COULD HELP OTHERS, BUT DON'T

OCTOBER 14 ----- PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9
THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS LOVES THEM

OCTOBER 15 ----- MATTHEW 22:1-14
CATERERS AND EVENT PLANNERS

OCTOBER 16 ----- 3 JOHN 9-12
TRANSLATORS & INTERPRETERS

OCTOBER 17 ----- MATTHEW 14:1-12
THOSE FACING A DIFFICULT DECISION

OCTOBER 18 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 4:5-11
EVERYDAY EVANGELISTS, HERE & ABROAD

OCTOBER 19 ----- ISAIAH 45:1-7
LONG-HAUL TRUCK DRIVERS

OCTOBER 20 ----- PSALM 96:1-9, (10-13)
CHURCH MUSICIANS

OCTOBER 21 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10
THOSE LONGING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

OCTOBER 22 ----- MATTHEW 22:15-22
GRANDPARENTS

OCTOBER 23 ----- MATTHEW 19:16-22
THOSE NOT WILLING TO SHARE THEIR TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

OCTOBER 24 ----- PSALM 1
RESIDENTS & STAFF OF SENIOR LIVING CENTERS

OCTOBER 25 ----- JEREMIAH 31:31-34
NEW MOTHERS & FATHERS

OCTOBER 26 ----- PSALM 46
TRAVELERS

OCTOBER 27 ----- ROMANS 3:19-28
THOSE SERVING IN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 28 ----- JOHN 14:21-27
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

OCTOBER 29 ----- JOHN 8:31-36
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & TEACHERS

OCTOBER 30 ----- MATTHEW 22:34-46
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

OCTOBER 31 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8
PREACHERS AND MODERN-DAY PROPHETS

OCTOBER SERVANTS

LECTORS

1 Linda Bahorik
8 Diana Wise
15 Bob St. Clair
22 Andrea Cameron
29 Ron Yorks

ALTAR GUILD

September 25 to October 15 Diana Wise
October 16 to 22 Linda Clark
October 23 to 29 Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
(Cup Communion: Jamie & Clint Miller)
October 30 to November 5 Linda Clark
(Cup Communion: Jamie & Clint Miller)

ALTAR FLOWERS

1 OPEN
8 OPEN
15 Cindy Miller
22 Dan & Michelle Stoner
29 Butch & Sandy Pines

ACOLYTES

1 Maia Kepler & Hannah Ehrisman
8 Zeb Berry & Braedon Walton
15 Haley Mummah & Hope Miller
22 Harrison Mummah & Sloan Smith
29 Braedon Walton & Hannah Ehrisman

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

October 1 Andrea Cameron
 October 8 Sam Leister
 October 15 The Rev. Paul Kampa
 October 22..... Sam Leister
 October 29 Andrea Cameron

STORE GIFT CARDS

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY!

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017

....BIRTHDAYS!

OCTOBER 1 – Dave Smith

OCTOBER 10 – Lois Crissman

....AND ANNIVERSARIES!

OCTOBER 12 – George & Marylou Hazard

OCTOBER 18 – Steve & Jean Berry

OCTOBER 30 – Glenn & Mary Grimm

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.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – SEPTEMBER 3 TO 24, 2017

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
SEPT. 3	52 - Worship	\$3,965.01	\$2,593.01	Benevolence -- \$235.00 Summer Camp -- \$375.00 Building Fund -- \$230.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Memorial Fund -- \$185.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$325.00
SEPT. 10	66 – Worship 36 – S.S.	\$2,981.50	\$2,187.00	Benevolence -- \$140.00 Sunday School -- \$79.50 Building Fund -- \$105.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$170.00 World Hunger -- \$100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$200.00
SEPT. 17	55 – Worship 22 – S.S.	\$3,823.00	\$3,186.00	Benevolence -- \$115.00 Summer Camp -- \$25.00 Building Fund -- \$235.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$120.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00 Sunday School -- \$25.00
SEPT. 24	58 – Worship 27 – S.S.	\$2,925.00	\$1,889.00	Benevolence -- \$155.00 Building Fund -- \$215.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 Memorial Fund -- \$100.00 Sunday School -- \$41.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$500.00

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE

Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Salvation Army and **YOU** to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without **your** help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And if you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2017, the Food Pantry served 342 families in need – a total of 985 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(These are the foods that are hard for us to get) TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, 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;

OR, A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

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

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. *Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!

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



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at our local Juniata County Food Pantry. The following positions need such volunteers:

- ✚ **FOOD BOX PACKER** – Organized person who works well without supervision to pack supplemental food boxes for our elderly and children's programs.
- ✚ **CLEANING ANGEL** – Person with a God-given talent for cleaning and organizing. Approximately 4-6 hours per week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT LOCUST GROVE

Locust Grove Retirement Home outside of Mifflin, along Route 35 North, is looking for volunteers (individuals or groups) to spend time with our residents. Some of the ways you can volunteer are: assist with activities, read, bingo caller, religious activities, music, pet visits, crafts, nail painting, games, birthday parties, and visits with residents. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call 717-436-8921.



WELCA met on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 P.M. in Sunday School area of the basement to determine what was still needed for our School Kits and our Seafarers' bags. We were able to put many of the kits together with just a few items still needed. We will see what comes in yet during the next week before we are able to give a final count. The School Kits will be taken to the drop-off site on October 14 along with the quilts. The Seafarers' Bags will go to the Synod Office sometime in October.

Cynthia will be sending \$1400.00 to the "Send A Girl to School" project sponsored by the ELCA.

We will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 P.M. Cynthia Smith will present the program. All women of the congregation are invited to attend and we would be thrilled to see all of you. Our meeting does not last long; maybe an hour or hour and a half.

THANK YOU!!!

DEAR MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY.....thank you for the support you showed our Camp Mount Luther campers and families this summer. We had several youth who were able to go to Day Camp or the week long Overnight Camp. Your donations and generosity helped make this possible. Camp is a valuable experience for our youth. They were able to spend time with friends, become a little more independent, and grow in their faith. Below you will see how the campers responded when reflecting on their favorite part of camp: **Braedon** - Swimming, **Hannah** -- Spending time with friends and family, **Olivia** -- Arts and Crafts, **Haley** -- Gaga Ball, Harrison -- Down and Out, and **Slone** - Kayaking.

Thank you for your continued support of Messiah's youth. Sincerely --2017 CAMP FAMILIES

THANK YOU...

... for the lovely flowers we received. They were very much appreciated. -SIEBER & ONA STONER

...for the bouquet of flowers that I received from church members. They were very lovely and very much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of me. --DOROTHY TOWSEY

CONTINUED SUPPORT

APPRECIATED

DEAR FRIENDS OF MESSIAH.....as you may know, Randy has been placed in the Camp Hill State Correctional Institution. Inmates can receive greeting cards, but they may not contain electronics or be multi-layered. Never embellish your letter or envelope in any way. This means you may not place stickers, glitter, glue, lipstick, perfume, or any other items in or on your correspondence. Stamps and envelopes may not be sent to an inmate, these items must be purchased by the inmate through the commissary. Always include your complete name and return address in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. Furthermore, you should format the inmate's address as follows:

Randal Clark NB5960
Camp Hill State Correctional Institution
PO Box 200
Camp Hill, PA 17001

We graciously thank you for all the support you have given to Randy and to us throughout the many years, and we ask for continued prayers for Randy, that he will receive the help he needs in order to control his addiction problem. In Christian Love, *JERRY, CADE, & LINDA CLARK*

SYMPATHY TO....

... Sheree Goss and family on the death of her brother, Mick Reese. Please keep Sheree and her family in your prayers.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

“A Study of Luther’s Small Catechism For Adults” is being offered in a Bible study format with Sam Leister as the discussion leader. Anyone interested in participating in this study group, please contact the church office. Dates and times will be determined by the group.

JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK

The Annual Juniata County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. (registration at 12:30 p.m.) at Walker Township Park (rain or shine). Twenty-five percent of money collected goes to the Juniata County Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels. Please make checks payable to CWS / CROP and mail donations to Graham Fowler, P.O. Box 91, McAlisterville, PA 17049.

LIBERIAN HAND IN HAND TRIP - 2018

The Liberian Committee of the USS Synod is now planning another “Hand in Hand” trip for January or February of 2018.

This is a basic overview trip, taking a tour of principal sites and meeting leaders of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. This trip will aim to last 10-14 days on the ground and will cost



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approximately \$2,500-\$3,000. There are two other kinds of trips that could also be planned. One is a Work Trip working on reconstruction of buildings. The other is Shadowing for people who have been to Liberia before and who would like to shadow someone in a similar profession during their stay in Liberia. Anyone with any interest in going on one of these trips is invited to contact **Esther Bratton (717) 436-8856** or **Sandy Nelson (570) 995-9327** know of your interest.

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Any young people who might be interested in attending the ELCA youth gathering June 27 to July 1, 2018 in Houston Texas, please contact the church office. We will plan a meeting if there is any interest.



2018 WORK CAMP

Any young people who might be interested in attending a work camp July 22 to July 28, 2018 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, please contact the church office. We will plan a meeting if there is any interest.

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to members and friends of Messiah for all of the cards, prayers, and phone calls I received for my birthday. All was very much appreciated. -MINNIE MINICK



OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, October 1: -BLANKET SUNDAY/WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Choir & Church (Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron)
-After Worship, Voter's Assembly
- Monday, October 2: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 3: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 4: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
-7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Session meeting (Graham Fowler) in Youth Area
- Thursday, October 5: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Sunday, October 8: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)
-After Worship, Music & Worship Committee Meeting
-1:00 p.m., Juniata County CROP Walk at Walker Park
- Monday, October 9: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 10: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 11: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
-7:00 p.m., Juniata County 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area
- Thursday, October 12: -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting
- Sunday, October 15: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa)
- Monday, October 16: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 17: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 18: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, October 19: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 21: -9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 22: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)
-7:00 p.m., PPC Meeting in Youth Area
- Monday, October 23: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 24: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 25: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, October 26: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Sunday, October 29: FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY / REFORMATION SUNDAY (500th Anniversary)
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron)
- Monday, October 30: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 31: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall