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CLOSE-YOUR-EYES-AND-FALL-BACKWARDS FAITH (FOR

CHILDREN)

Do you like storms? Some children find the cracks of thunder, flashes of lightning and howling winds frightening. Other children think storms are exciting, if they can watch them out the window of a sturdy house, snuggled up with mom or dad. But what if you were outside in the storm? Would you like it then? Imagine you were in an open boat, in the dark, tossed about by the wind and the great waves it created. Would you be frightened? Here's a true story from the Bible about some men who were in just that situation.

One evening, after Jesus had been teaching in the city of Capernaum all day, He got into a boat with His disciples and said, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." You need to understand that this was not a little lake or a pond, but a large body of water called the Sea of Galilee. It's about seven miles across and 160 feet deep, but the water is fresh like a lake and not salty like the ocean. It's near the top of Israel.

Some of the disciples-Peter, Andrew, James and John-were fishermen from Capernaum, which is a town on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. They knew all about boats and all about this sea. They probably felt very comfortable setting sail as Jesus lay down to go to sleep. They might have even been showing off a little! But before they arrived on the other side of the sea, a terrible windstorm came up. The wind blew so hard that the disciples couldn't control the boat. It rocked violently and great waves came crashing over the sides. The boat began to fill with water. It was dark outside, so the disciples couldn't see the shore or if there were other boats nearby. They all thought the boat might sink there in the middle of the sea, with no one around to help The disciples ran to wake Jesus, who was still asleep. (Can you imagine sleeping though a violent storm like that?) They must have all been talking at once! "Lord, save us. We're going to drown" someone said. Another disciple cried, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Someone else shouted, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

Jesus woke up and spoke to His disciples. "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" He asked, gently pointing out to the disciples that they were not trusting Him as they should. It's important that you know that Jesus was not correcting the disciples for waking Him up. Calling on Jesus to save us in times of trouble is always the right thing to do. The problem was that they were so very frightened, even though Jesus was right there in the boat with them! They were not showing real faith in Jesus.

I played a game with some children to help them understand what the disciples did wrong and what real faith in Jesus is like. I told each child that if they fell backwards into my arms, I would catch them. All the children *said* they believed that I would catch them. They even *thought* they believed me. But when it came time for them to close their eyes and let themselves fall backwards into my arms, not all the children could do it. Some of them didn't *really* trust me they didn't really have faith in me to catch them. They were afraid.

The disciples were afraid, too. Even though they believed that Jesus was the Messiah and that God had a special plan to accomplish through Him, they didn't trust Him in the storm. They acted as if God might allow all of them (including Jesus) to die before Jesus did what He came to Earth to do. Like some of the children I played the game with, the disciples only had hear-it-and-agree-with-it faith. They didn't have close-your-eyes-and-fall-backwards faith in Je-sus.

After Jesus corrected the disciples, He did something that no one else has ever done, something that no mere man could do. He said to the wind and waves, "Peace, be still." Immediately the wind stopped and the water was calm. (Close your eyes and picture what that was like: The violent storm, the great crashing waves, the wind blowing so strong it was hard to stand up, the boat being tossed around the sea like a carnival ride and suddenly—stillness!) Jesus showed His disciples that *He* is the one who rules the wind and the waves. He showed them that He is God. The disciples were amazed, and asked each other, "What kind of man is this?"

Do you think the disciples trusted Jesus more after seeing Him calm the storm? I'd like to think they did. When I played the falling backwards game with my little friends, I noticed that the children who knew me better had an easier time falling into my arms. I think it was like that for the disciples, too. As they learned more about who Jesus is by watching what He did and listening to Him teach, they had more reasons to trust Him. And as we learn more about Jesus, about all the wonderful things recorded in the Bible about Him, and as we hear others tell of how He answers prayers, we will trust Him more. It will be easy to have close-your-eyes-and-fall-backwards faith because we know Jesus.

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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!

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.

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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE

FOLLOWING...

Jane Ann Baney	Jamie Miller
Donna Barton	Minnie Minick
Bob Bell	Austin Parker
Joyce Bradley	Noel Peachey
Andrea & Bob Cameron	n Butch & Sandy Pines
Don Clark	Elienai Ramierz
Terry Coder	John Robinson
Mary Ernest C	Carolina Rubio and Family
Ed Fraker	Mary Sanders
Joan Fulkroad	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Megan Hart	Sieber Stoner
Josh Hohol	Ben & Dorothy Towsey
Leslie Lloyd	John Towsey
Tom Lyter	Avonel Waller
Lysha Maldonado	Rich Walters
Mike Maugans	Barbara Wengard
John Miller	Jim Woltman
Larry Miller	Jean Zimmerman
Shirley Miller The Fa	mily of Lester Eisenacher
The Family of James Grah	am The Family of Ed Singer
Messiah's Call Committee	e



<u>BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE</u> (92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059) Jane Marhefka

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059) Carol Simonton

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

AUGUST 5 – Ray Miller AUGUST 6 – Andrea Cameron AUGUST 8 – Kim White AUGUST 12 – Max Ernest AUGUST 13 – Todd Grimm AUGUST 18 – Glenn Grimm AUGUST 26 – Bob Cameron AUGUST 28 – Dennis Crissman AUGUST 31 – George Hazard, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

AUGUST 4 – Bob and Andrea Cameron AUGUST 12 – Larry and Shirley Covert AUGUST 18 – Matt and Shelley Gross If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let the church office know at <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>.

AUGUST SERVANTS

LECTORS

- 5 Andrea Cameron
- 12 Barbara S. Geedey
- 19 Kate Swailes
- 26 Ron Yorks

ALTAR GUILD

July 30 to August 19	Barb Geedey
August 20 to 26	Tawny Mummah
August 27 to September 2	Diana Wise

ACOLYTES

- 5 Harrison Mummah & Julia Martin
- 12 Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry
- 19 Haley Mummah & Slone Smith
- 26 Julia Martin & Hannah Ehrisman

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5 Carole Nace
- 12 Edith Nipple
- 19 & 26 OPEN

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

August 5	Jim Bahorik
August 12	Andrea Cameron
August 19	Sam Leister
August 26	Rev. Paul Kampa

MESSIAH PRAYER LIST

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Sam Leister at <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.





WELCA met on Thursday July 12th at 7 P.M. Cynthia Smith presented the program and led the meeting. The group again decided to collect for the school kits. Watch the bulletin for information on items to be collected. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9th at 7 P.M.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

If you would like a copy of the most recent monthly financial reports for our church, please see our treasurer, Carolyn Bryner, before or after our morning worship service and give her your request, or please contact her at <u>mlchurchtreas-</u> <u>urer@gmail.com</u>. Extra copies have been made and put on the table in the Adult Sunday School room, but very few, if any, are picked up and paper is being wasted, so we will try to go with this approach for the time being. THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

The American Cancer Society is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. The Society provides Road to Recovery, a free program to people undergoing cancer treatment so they can get to their treatments free of worry or cost. Volunteers can choose how far they wish to drive, how often, what days, etc.. You must be between 18 and 20, have a good driving record, a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, have access to a safe and reliable vehicle (a car is also provided for our drivers to use), be willing to have a DMV and background check, take an online 45minute training, have access to a computer, and be available Monday through Saturday during the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345.

KITS FOR L.W.R.

WELCA is continuing to collect items for Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are: 2 light-weight cotton T-shirts (NO ONESIES), 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (WITHOUT FEET), 2 receiving blankets (medium-weight cotton or flannel, crocheted, or knitted with light-weight yarn up to 52 inches square), 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, 2 pairs of socks, 1 hand towel (dark color), 2 diaper pins or large safety pins. Sizes are to be from 6 months to 24 months.

SAVE THE DATE!

Dear colleagues in ministry,

Please save the date **Sunday**, **Sept. 9**, **for** "**God's work. Our hands.**" **Sunday**. As members of the ELCA, we believe we are called, gathered and sent into the world to embody the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection – called into relationship with God, gathered together as a community of believers and sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

¹ Corinthians, Chapter 12, reminds us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

On "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, we join together to use our various gifts in service to our communities – this is work you do every day, sharing the love of Christ with all of God's people.

Save the date and visit ELCA.org/dayofservice for updates to our resources. We look forward to working together on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. God's peace......Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (MORE INFO ON PAGES 11-12)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

& PRAYER FOCUS

AUGUST 1	EXODUS 12:33-42
Those wh	IO WAIT
AUGUST 2	EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15
THOSE ENDURING STR	ESSFUL SITUATIONS
AUGUST 3	PSALM 78:23-29
FARMERS AND FOO	
AUGUST 4	Ephesians 4:1-16
THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOY	YED OR UNDEREMPLOYED
AUGUST 5	JOHN 6:24-35
THOSE WHO HUNGER A	ND THIRST FOR GOD
AUGUST 6	NUMBERS 11:16-23, 31-32
Work of the ELC	
AUGUST 7	ROMANS 15:1-6
, Those with eath	2
AUGUST 8	GALATIANS 6:1-10
THOSE AFFECTE	ED BY SUICIDE
AUGUST 9	1 KINGS 19:4-8
WIDOWS AND	
AUGUST 10	PSALM 34:1-8
TREASURERS AND FIN	2.
AUGUST 11	EPHESIANS 4:25 - 5:2
THOSE WHO A	
AUGUST 12	JOHN 6:35, 41-51
BAKERS AND FOOD S	
AUGUST 13	Ephesians 5:1-14
NURSES AND OTHER HE	ALTH CARE WORKERS
AUGUST 14	RUTH 2:1-23
WOMEN VULNERAE	BLE TO VIOLENCE
AUGUST 15	GALATIANS 4:4-7
FAMIL	IES
AUGUST 16	PROVERBS 9:1-6
ТЕАСН	ERS
AUGUST 17	PSALM 34:9-14
CHILDREN IN C	
AUGUST 18	EPHESIANS 5:15-20
THOSE WHO HAVE TERMINAL ILL	
AUGUST 19	
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET HEARD THE	
AUGUST 20	Acts 6:1-7
COOKS AND FO	•

AUGUST 21 LUKE 11:5-	13
Those who do not pray	
AUGUST 22 JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-2	18
FAMILIES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES	
AUGUST 23PSALM 34:15-2	22
Those who are broken-hearted	
AUGUST 24 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-32	1A
THOSE UNHAPPY IN THEIR DAILY WORK	
AUGUST 25 EPHESIANS 6:10-2	20
THOSE WHO ARE FACING DANGER TODAY	
AUGUST 26 JOHN 6:56-6	59
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	
AUGUST 27NEHEMIAH 9:1-	15
GRANDPARENTS	
AUGUST 28 EPHESIANS 6:21-2	24
THOSE WHO ARE FEELING DISCOURAGED TODAY	
AUGUST 29 EXODUS 32:11-2	14
Those learning to listen to God	
AUGUST 30 DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-	-9
CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS	
AUGUST 31PSALM	15

THOSE WHO FEAR THEY'RE OUTSIDE GOD'S MERCY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Messiah for the altar flowers, cards, prayers, and everything you do. It is very much appreciated. *–JANE MARHEFKA*

DID YOU KNOW??

August is named in honor of the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.- A.D. 14), who was the grandnephew of Julius Caesar.

August 1 traditionally marked the beginning of the serious harvest. "After Lammas Day, corn ripens as much by night as by day."

Seeds nearly ripe must be gathered from the birds, such as cabbage, fennel, lettuce, mustard, etc. Cucumbers for pickling should now be gathered.

August's full moon, the Full Sturgeon Moon, rises on August 26 at 7:56 a.m. EDT. It is also a wonderful month for star gazing! It's also the month of the Perseid meteor shower, which reach their peak between August 11 and 13.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS – JULY 1 TO 29, 2018				
DATE	ATTENDANCE	Total Offering	General Fund Offering	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
July 1	39 - Worship	\$2,116.00	\$1,906.00	Benevolence \$45.00 Building Fund \$10.00 Summer Camp \$100.00 World Hunger \$50.00
JULY 8	44 - Worship	\$3,079.50	\$2,749.50	Benevolence \$45.00 Building Fund \$285.00
JULY 15	52 – Worship	\$3,178.00	\$2,878.00	Benevolence \$155.00 Building Fund \$145.00
JULY 22	40 – Worship	\$2,213.00	\$1,963.00	Benevolence \$55.00 Building Fund \$195.00
JULY 29	49 - Worship	\$2,521.00	\$2,256.00	Benevolence \$35.00 Building Fund \$230.00



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JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AUGUST UPDATE

As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2018, the Food Pantry served 335 families in need – a total of 920 individuals! In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided 2,560 lunches for 128 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST

Dish soap, any cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Baby Items, especially wipes and diapers size 5 and 6.

DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED! 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

REMINDER! 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 nonfood 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 <u>JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY</u>. (CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: <u>jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>

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.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE....

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands. With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven: there, spread out upon newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

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Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His parched lips parted; the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth; seemingly bringing him back to life. The aged and withered hand, shockingly made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said, "they're for the funeral."

AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday <mark>,</mark> August <mark>2:</mark>	-1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal -THRU AUGUST 16 – Pastor Chris on Vacation (Pastor Jim Bricker is on call)
Sund <mark>ay, August</mark> 5:	-9 <mark>:15 a.m., Wo</mark> rship/Communion Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik
Mon <mark>day, Augus</mark> t 6:	-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 7:	-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Th <mark>ursd</mark> ay, August 9:	-7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Sun <mark>day,</mark> August 12:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion Worship Leader: Andrea Came <mark>ron</mark>
Mon <mark>day,</mark> August 13:	-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 14:	-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
W <mark>ednes</mark> day, August 15:	-7:00 p.m., Worship & Music Meeting in Church Office
Th <mark>ursday, Augus</mark> t 16:	-1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
Sunday, August 19:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion Worship Leader: Sam Leist <mark>er</mark>
Mo <mark>nday</mark> , August 20:	-8:oo p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 21:	-9:oo a.m <mark>., "T</mark> he Nee <mark>dlers"</mark> in Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 24:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sunday, August 26:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa
Monday, August 27:	-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 28:	-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 31:	-11:00 a.m., Memorial Service at Messiah for Jean Brackbill Petkoff

PASTOR CHRIS ON VACATION

Pastor Chris will be on vacation in Minnesota, leaving August 2 and returning August 17. Pastor Jim Bricker will be available if you have a pastoral emergency. He can be reached at on his mobile 717-512-1026 or home 717-535-5416 or you can email him at gymbri@embarqmail.com.



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Save the date! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018! View the video (<u>https://youtu.be/TTYyhlalqLk</u>) and access resources (<u>https://elca.org/Resources/GWOH-Sunday</u>) to guide your congregation's planning, promotion and more.



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SCHOOL KITS



SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks."
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x17") and General Assembly Instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- · Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- · Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- · Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the drawstring together.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes.
 Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- · Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

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