

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2nd, 2018

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 2, 2018 – 9:15 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:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” #369 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (sung)

P Kyrie, eleison: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Christe, eleison: **C Christ, have mercy.**

P Kyrie, eleison: **C Lord, have mercy.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace
to God’s people on earth.**

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

FIRST READING

A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

THE LESSON READS:

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 15 (responsively)

L – LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

All – LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

SECOND READING

A reading from James 1:17-27

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

* GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephen Rodgers

SERMON

Stephen Rodgers

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #559 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') **(all)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vacations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow. Today we pray especially for our shut-ins, the sick, and those who may be grieving who are in our hearts and minds listed here: Kitty Walters, Jane Marhefka, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, Barbara Wengerd, Rich Walters, Sieber Stoner, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Lysha Maldonado, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio and family, Josh Hohol, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Jean Zimmerman, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Mike Maugans, Jamie Miller, Leslie Lloyd, Ed Fraker, Ben & Dorothy Towsey, Tami Metz, Dottie Wilson, and family of Tom Lyter. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gracious accompanying God, the One in whom we live and move and have our being, give us a vision of the times of our lives, the new situations in which we live out our faith in Jesus. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as our Call Committee continues to work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we all welcome according to your Spirit the one you may send to us to lead us at the appropriate time into the new days ahead. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service (including Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, renewer of the church). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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:

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

* SUNG OFFERTORY (‘vineyards’)

Let the 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, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

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

MEAL

* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.

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

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

P Let us come to his table with joy,

C for we come as God’s invited guests!

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

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

C Amen.

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

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

* SENDING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

#518 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Slone Smith & Hope Miller

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Andrea Cameron

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) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Denise Hower by family.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Stephen Rodgers an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers. Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the congregations in this synod, synodically authorized lay worship leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – Dave Veerman, Christian Thinker: Biblical application means allowing the truth of the scripture to penetrate our lives, to make a difference in how we live.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

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 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. 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.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Sam Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. 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 mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

THE SEPTEMBER 2018 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com and bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at www.mlcmiffintown.org Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

MEETING – There will be a meeting of the Call Committee and the Parish Planning Council with Pastor Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop, on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah. The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas, thoughts, and goals of the call process.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, September 16, 2018 following the worship service.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS – If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – Please let the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES – A reminder that the summer worship services will continue through today, with worship beginning at 9:15 a.m. Regular worship service, with service time at 10:30 a.m. will return on September 9th.

THE BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC has added another Sunday each month for our children of Messiah to receive God's Word. Children's sermons will be offered on the first and third Sundays of each month...with the option of the addition of even more "in church" activities which will include our kids. So, spread the word, and bring your family, friends, neighbors and their children to hear the word of the Lord!

WELCA AND MESSIAH'S YOUTH are joining forces to participate in God's Work on "Our Hands Sunday," September 9, 2018 and we invite you to join us. Following our worship service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon of pizza, chips and beverage and then begin working on two WELCA projects. First, we will be assembling School Kits for needy children. For this project, WELCA is in need of ball point pens (blue or black ink – no gel), blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, notebooks (70 sheet, wide or college ruled) and rulers (either 30 centimeters or both centimeters and inches). In addition, we will be making Fleece Tied Blankets. Donations that are needed for the blankets are two pieces of fleece measuring 58-60 inches by 80 inches for each blanket. LWR asks that there are no religious symbols or messages on the blankets as well as the U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. If you can't join us, perhaps you can assist with a donation of any of these items or money to be used to purchase these items. Thank you for your help and we are looking forward to celebrating God's Work, Our Hands as a congregation!

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS are currently available in the church office for a discounted price of \$34.50. Regular price is normally \$67.80 per ticket. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call the church office at 436-6213. If you have any questions regarding the tickets, please contact Kate Swales.

HERSHEY PARK TRIP – For the second year, Messiah Youth is sponsoring a trip to Hershey Park on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2018. Admission will be free for our youth members with parents, other family members or friends paying the discounted ticket price of \$34.50. Please contact Tawny Mummah at (717) 363-7406 or tmummah@icloud.com for details.

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."

COPIES OF JUNE 3, 2018 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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

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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 26, 2018

Attendance

Worship Service – 55

Total Offering \$3,205.50

Other Funds \$ 500.00

General Fund \$2,705.50

Other Funds

Benevolence - \$ 125.00

Building Fund - \$ 375.00

Total \$ 500.00

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.

WELCA IS COLLECTING 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.

WELCA is collecting donations for the Oxen and Plow project through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Please place your donations in the box provided in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on September 13th. Barb Geedey will have brief devotions and the group will package the baby care kits to be sent in October along with the school kits, soap, quilts and fleece blankets. Cynthia Smith and Barb Geedey will have refreshments.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE AND ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,
BABY WIPES, DIAPERS (SIZE 5 & 6), AND ANY KIND OF CLEANING ITEMS
SUCH AS DISH SOAP, LAUNDRY SOAP, ALL PURPOSE CLEANER, ETC.

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF
CASH/CHECKS & GIFT CARDS.

JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held this evening at 4:30 p.m. ‘rain or shine.’ **The service will be held under a large tent located on the upper Juniata County Fairgrounds** in the general area of the George Settlemyer Livestock Building...along the Fairgrounds roadway that is adjacent to 8th Street and leads toward the free stage area. Juniata County Ministerium members/pastors will lead the community worship service. Special music will be provided by combined JHS & EJHS student brass players with special thanks to JHS band director Brad Eargle and EJHS band director Kevin Milliken. **Please bring your own lawn chair** and arrive at 4:00 p.m. to secure a parking space and seating position. A free-will offering will be collected to help support our local Juniata County Food Pantry and Meals-on-Wheels. **This annual community worship service is held thanks to the generous support of the Juniata County Agricultural Society.** After initially paying the admission fee to enter the Fairgrounds, those attending the worship service will receive reimbursement for their paid admission fee following the end of the service. **Those attending will simply exchange their Fairgrounds admission ticket for cash reimbursement.**

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers).
 -4:30 p.m., Juniata Co. Fair Vesper Service – “Upper” Fairgrounds area...bring a lawn chair!
- Monday:** -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
 -5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 meeting.
- Sunday:** -GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY.
 -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
 -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron).