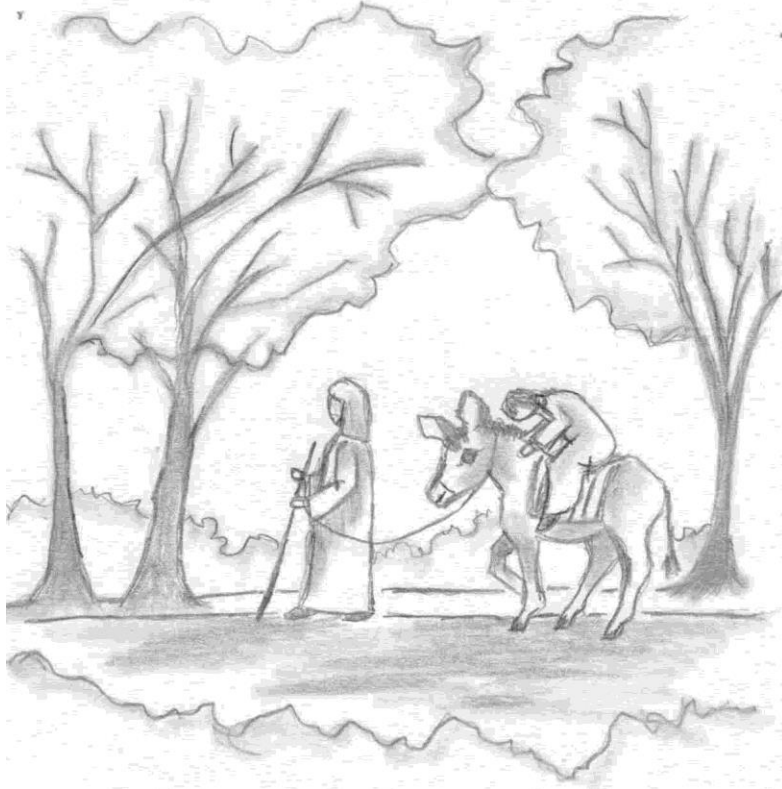


# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## ***EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 4, 2019 – 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: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

T. Kendall

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

### \* 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**

\* GATHERING HYMN                      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”                      #479 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.**

\* CANTICLE 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 **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

FIRST READING

A reading from Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12 (responsively)

L – My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**<sup>2</sup>you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**<sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

**<sup>6</sup>the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

**<sup>8</sup>for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**<sup>10</sup>For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**<sup>12</sup>Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

**All – My mouth shall speak of wisdom.**

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

## SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians 3:1-11

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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.**

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Jim Bahorik

Jim Bahorik

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life, that I May Be"

#406 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**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 THE PEOPLE

P Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

P Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. 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, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, John Miller, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, Rich Walters, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio, Josh Hohol, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Ed Fraker, Dorothy Towsey, Tami Metz, Dottie Wilson, Sieber Stoner, Carol Lyter, Kay Stuck, Jasmine Vazquez, Jim Minick, Bob Bell, Curt & Judy Houtz, Linda Zimmerman, Edith Nipple, Will Delancey, Fred Dowling, Eddi Kay Gill, Mike Maugans, Deanna Fawver, Matt Hutchinson, Dorothy Zeiders, Betty Ranck, Kevin Kint, Mary Ernest, Mackenzie Shearer and family, Sandy Wert, Carlen McClure, Gloria Arnold, Lindsey Barton, Denny King, Pastor Charles Hershberger, and Carole Baker. Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **“Peace be with you.”**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“Be Thou My Vision”

R. W. Thygerson

[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.**

DISTRIBUTION:

“Sanctuary Prayer”

E. Lewis

[“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].

[Gluten Free? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

\* 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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#370 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barb Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (7/29/19—8/25/19)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Gabby Reed & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Julia Martin & Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister

## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

With Christ's Love, and God's Grace, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record 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. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

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

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Nace by Carole, Heidi and family and Jennifer and family.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Jim Bahorik 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 – Henry Edward Manning, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster (1808 – 1892): A priest ought to be in no place where his Master would not go, nor employed in anything which his Master would not do.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

THE AUGUST 2019 "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](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair at [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at [www.mlcmiffintown.org](http://www.mlcmiffintown.org). Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER has a need for small bookshelves and night stands for the counselors to use when staying in each of the cabins. Please contact Kate Swales at 717-649-0820 if you are able to donate one of these items.

COPIES OF JUNE 2, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.

REMINDER – Next Sunday (August 11<sup>th</sup>) will be the closing program for Vacation Bible School. Worship service will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TRAINING FOR NEW ACOLYTES AND USHERS will be held in August for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up to begin serving after September 1. Volunteers may notify Sam Leister at 717-436-8589.

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.

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.

A REMINDER that the summer worship services will continue through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, with worship beginning at 9:15 a.m. Regular worship service, with service time at 10:30 a.m. will return on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

GIVING REPORT FOR JULY 28, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 42		Benevolence -	\$ 40.00
		Building Fund -	\$ 210.00
Total Offering	\$2,031.00	Other - Donation - Use	
Other Funds	\$ 450.00	of Building	\$ 200.00
General Fund	\$1,581.00	Total	\$ 450.00

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

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., 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 the Seafarers’ Kits. Anyone who would like to contribute can bring items to the church and place them in the container provided for them. The items needed are: one sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded in sizes L-XL), 3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks), one casual pull-over T-shirt in sizes M-L, and one heavy winter cap. The Seafarers enjoy sports teams and NASCAR heroes.

COLLECTION for Fabric Kits includes: 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO KNITS OR 100% POLYESTER). Each piece of fabric is to be 2¼ yards of 58”—62” wide fabric, or 3 yards of 42”—45” wide

fabric, or 4 yards of 34"—37" wide fabric, and 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

THE AUGUST MEETING of Women of the ELCA will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Claire Mummah will present the program.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST**

DISH SOAP, CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BABY WIPES, BABY PRODUCTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, (ESPECIALLY SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS), AND SISSORS. DONATIONS OF CHECKS/CASH AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

HELP WANTED – The DeLauter Youth Center in Mifflintown needs an Activities Director beginning in September through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It would be 2 nights a week from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for \$50 per night. Director would be responsible for coordinating and supervising youth activities at the center. If you are interested, contact Ed Beaver at 717-436-9382 or Jim McLaughlin at 717-436-2526 for more information.

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik).
- Monday:** -6:15-8:15 p.m., VBS.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-6:15-8:15 p.m., VBS.
- Wednesday:** -6:15-8:15 p.m., VBS.
- Thursday:** -6:15-8:15 p.m., VBS.
- Friday:** -6:00 p.m., Splash Party at Mifflin Pool with St. Stephen's VBS.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., VBS Program during worship service. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).  
-Congregational Picnic following VBS Program.

JOIN US FOR A  
CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

When - Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> - following the VBS Program

Where - outside in the grassy area next to the parking lot at Messiah (weather permitting)  
(in Fellowship Hall if raining)

Please bring a covered dish (if you are able) and a folding chair for each family member  
(Drinks and paper supplies will be provided)

A pop-up tent or folding table is needed. Anyone who has either of these items that we  
can use is asked to sign-up on the sheet in the Kitchenette

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



(Please tear off bottom of sheet and place in offering plate)

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MESSIAH'S CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Bringing covered dish ( )YES ( )NO\_\_\_\_\_