

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST* *SERVICE OF HEALING*

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF HEALING September 29, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "It Is Well With My Soul" R. W. Thyngerson  
[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**C Amen.**

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our helper,

**C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

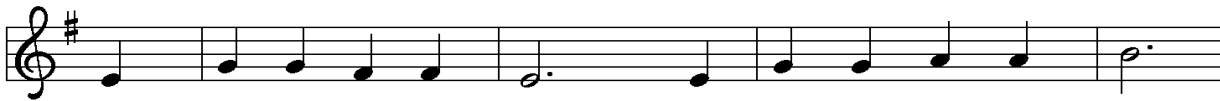
\* GATHERING HYMN "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" #429 Green Hymnal (vss. 1-3)

\* 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

**C O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

FIRST READING ..... Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: ..... Psalm 146 (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

SECOND READING..... 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The word of the Lord.  
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

\* GOSPEL ..... Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up

and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Kampa

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beautiful Savior”

#518 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 Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

## THE RITE OF HEALING

### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may receive the gifts of prayer and of the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. The church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing--with prayer, the laying on of hands, and

anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

P Let us pray, Loving God, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created. In your great mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people. In your great mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Restoring God, your Son Jesus brought the gift of healing and wholeness. Bring your healing presence now to all who are in any distress. In your great mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care. In your great mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Sustaining God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of all who are suffering. In your great mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

(Then for each individual the following is said with the laying on of hands):

P I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

**C Amen.**

P (Name), I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (for all)**

P Living God, through the laying on of hands and with the anointing of oil, grant comfort to all those in suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\* BLESSING OF HEALING**

P Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

J. Boeringer

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

ANTHEM:

"How Beautiful"

by Twila Paris

\* 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. God our provider,

**C We bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION:

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

R. C. Wilson

[“**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,

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **BLESSING**

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

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

\* **SENDING HYMN** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #429 Green Hymnal (vss. 4-6)

\* **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (9/30/19—10/27/19)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Hope Miller & Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Hannah Ehrisman & Julia Martin

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Stephen Rodgers

### **PRAYER LIST**

Carole Baker  
Jane Ann Baney  
Donna Barton  
Lindsey Barton  
Bob Bell  
Joyce Bradley  
Andrea & Bob Cameron  
Don Clark  
Terry Coder  
Leann Crimmel  
Will Delancey  
Fred Dowling  
Deanna Fawver  
Ed Fraker  
Joan Fulkroad  
Eddi Kay Gill  
Joyce Gilson  
Angelica Hannon & Family  
Pastor Charlie Hershberger

Josh Hohol  
Matt Hutchinson  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Denny King  
Gavin Kint  
Kevin Kint  
Carol Lyter  
Mike Maugans  
Carlen McClure  
Anne McNaught  
Charlie, Amanda &  
Isabel Meinsler  
Tami Metz  
John Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Jim Minick  
Messiah's Call Committee  
Minnie Minick

Edith Nipple  
Austin Parker  
Noel Peachey  
Butch & Sandy Pines  
Betty Ranck  
Mary Sanders  
Mackenzie Shearer & Family  
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair  
Sieber & Ona Stoner  
Kay Stuck  
Dorothy Towsey  
Rich Walters  
Sandy Wert  
Dottie Wilson  
Jim Woltman  
Dorothy Zeiders  
Linda Zimmerman

### **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

Ray Bramm  
Ruth Cisney  
Max & Mary Ernest  
Mona Lawson

Jane Marhefka  
Carol Simonton  
Kitty Walters  
Jim Yetter

### **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.

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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Rev. Paul Kampa. We welcome him and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

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

JUST A THOUGHT – Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury (1904 – 1988): Calvary is the key to an omnipotence which works only and always through sacrificial love.

### **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.

COPIES OF JULY 28, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed-up for September snacks for Sunday mornings. The October sign-up sheet is now available. Monetary contributions would also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

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 Swailes at 717-649-0820 if you are able to donate one of these items.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>	
Worship Service –	63
Sunday School –	16
Total Offering	\$2,440.00
Other Funds	\$ 451.00
General Fund	\$1,989.00

<u>Other Funds</u>	
Flowers	\$ 25.00
Benevolence	\$ 65.00
Building Fund	\$305.00
Sunday School	<u>\$ 56.00</u>
Total	\$451.00

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.

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who attended the Apple Festival last Sunday. The next event will be the meal following the Thankoffering Service on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

BLANKET SUNDAY will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope that will be included with your bulletin that Sunday. Blankets/quilts/and kits will be taken to the Synod Office parking lot in Lewisburg on October 12<sup>th</sup> (anyone who has a truck and would be willing to help deliver the blankets/quilts/and kits, please contact Barb Geedey).

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION Fall Women’s Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther. *“We All Are One In Mission”* will be presented by Pastor Sarah Hershberger. Cost will be \$20.00 and includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch and the program. Registration deadline is **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. All women are invited to attend. Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form.

ACTION DAY will be held at the Synod Office on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Topics covered will be sexual assault, rape, and sexual trafficking. A Continental Breakfast will be provided.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. We will be putting together our kits and get them ready for delivery to the Synod Office on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY**

THE 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNIATA COUNTY 5k Fun Walk/Run will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Walker Township Park, Mifflintown. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. CROP Walks support Church World Service as they partner with hunger ministries in the United States and around the world. As part of that partnership, 25% of the funds the local CROP Walk raises will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry and Juniata County Meals-on-Wheels. There is no registration fee. Instead, walkers are asked to collect donations from friends and turn in those donations on the day of the walk. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. You can register online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa). Your supporters can make their donations online if they would like, or get a collection envelope by emailing Graham Fowler at [gfwolter66@gmail.com](mailto:gfwolter66@gmail.com) or by calling the Lost Creek Presbyterian Church Office at 717-463-3138. If you have friends that like to walk together, form a team. You can include team information with your online registration or when you register the day of the walk. For more information or for promotional materials, check out our Facebook page: Juniata Co CROP 5k Fun Walk/Run.

SUNDAY'S SOLDIERS – In lieu of meeting on the first Sunday of October, our Sunday's Soldiers will be walking in the Juniata County Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have lunch immediately after church service and then go to the walk together. This is our first group act of kindness, kicking off our new, year long project. We ask for your support! Please consider joining our team, **Messiah Lutheran Sunday's Soldiers**, or donating toward our \$500 goal. You can go online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa/](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa/) to join or donate by entering our team name. You can also put donations in the wooden box next to the sound system or see Tawny Mummah for more information. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY – Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

### **HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS**

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, (OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!).

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church/Service of Healing. (Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa).  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting in Library following worship service.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
-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.  
-4:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40400 in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers).