

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6th, 2019

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord’s point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 6, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[Please use the Prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for Worship]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING FOR BLANKET SUNDAY

L Gracious God, as we present these gifts of our hearts and hands; quilts, Seafarers' Kits fabric kits, and soap, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all the people of God.

C We celebrate being the children of God.

L We give thanks for the soap and the variety of gifts needed for these quilts, Seafarers' Kits and fabric kits and the talents of the hands that sewed the quilts and the patience of those who filled and assembled the Seafarers' Kits and fabric kits. We also give thanks for the time donated by those who deliver the soap, quilts and kits to their pick-up point.

C We celebrate generosity.

L We give thanks for the fellowship of all those who work together on our projects, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of doing something with our hands and hearts for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

C We celebrate community.

L We send this soap, quilts, Seafarers' Kits, and fabric kits as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives, trusting that these gifts will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of God's love to those who suffer,

a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God. May the gifts serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient and may it be a step in recovering one's life and be a message of caring from someone they may never meet.

C We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

L We remember those who have received our gifts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

C We celebrate the gift of life.

L We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are joined together in the unity of one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** 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.

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

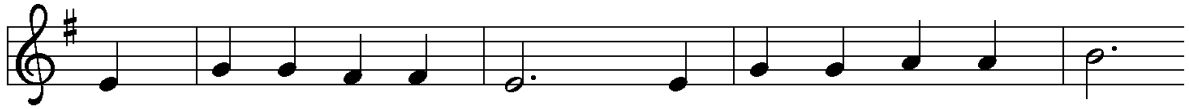
*** GATHERING HYMN** "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" #433 Green Hymnal

*** 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



- 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 **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

FIRST READING.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM.....Psalm 37:1-9 (**responsively**)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**
⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING.....2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our

Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

*GOSPEL.....Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a

mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stephen Rodgers

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus Loves the Little Children" "B-I-B-L-E"
"Do Lord"

SERMON

Stephen Rodgers

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

#257 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

* 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:

[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. 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 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

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

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

[**“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.**

* 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 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 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” #492 Green Hymnal

* 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 – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (Sept. 30 to Oct. 27)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Braedon Walton & Grace Miller

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Olivia Mummah & Hope Miller

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADER – Rev. Rosalie Smith

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
Jerry Foltz
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
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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) 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 honor of Ona Stoner's birthday by Dan and Michelle Stoner.

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 – D. L. Moody, Evangelist (1837 – 1899): The way to be saved is not to delay, but to come and take.

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 OCTOBER 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 (mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair (stclairb@embarqmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at www.mlcimiffintown.org. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY and along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope that is included in your bulletin today (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and place in the offering plate or give to Cynthia Smith.

OUR THANKS TO “THE NEEDLERS” for sewing all of the lovely quilts you see today and for decorating the chancel and nave this morning. The quilts on display will be donated by “The Needlers” as their Blanket Sunday offering. Blankets/quilts/and kits will be taken to the Synod Office parking lot in Lewisburg on October 12th (anyone who has a truck and would be willing to help deliver the blankets/quilts/and kits, please contact Barb Geedey). The quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now in nursing homes. A report of the total number of quilts made and other items being sent will be printed in the bulletin after everything is packed for shipment. The covers on the altar and lecterns were made by Carole Nace.

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 29, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 64		Flowers	\$ 22.00
Sunday School – 26		Benevolence	\$ 70.00
		Building Fund	\$ 160.00
Total Offering	\$2,613.03	World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 345.03</u>	Sunday School	<u>\$ 43.03</u>
General Fund	\$2,453.03	Total	\$ 345.03

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 – “I truly appreciated all of the cards, prayers and thoughts I received during and following my hip surgery in July.

Anne McNaight

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 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 25th**. 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 9th 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 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. We will be putting together our kits and getting them ready for delivery to the Synod Office on October 12th.

COMMUNITY

THE 46th ANNUAL JUNIATA COUNTY 5k Fun Walk/Run will be held Sunday, October 13th 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. Your supporters can make their donations online if they would like, or get a collection envelope by emailing Graham Fowler at 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 13th. 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/ to join or donate by entering our team name. You can also 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:** -World Communion/Blanket Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon. (Lay Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers).
- Monday:** -6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.
-6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR TODAY.
-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -7:00 p.m. WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Worship Leader: Rev. Rosalie Smith).
-1:00 p.m., Juniata County Crop Walk at Walker Township Park.
-7:00 p.m., Meeting with Mike Messimer on details of heating and air conditioning upgrades.