

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 9<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:*** *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 9, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PREPARATION

#### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "The Festive Trumpet" B. Glyncannon  
[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**C Amen.**

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God who searches us and knows us,

**C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**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.”**

**GATHERING**

\* GATHERING HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#400 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (spoken responsively)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

**Come, Let Us Join**



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;  
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

**C Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [<sup>b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 112:1-9 [10] (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**[<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



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.

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

\* GOSPEL.....Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Vicar Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#327 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

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

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

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"Offertory on 'Restoration'"

T. Birchwood

[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 ("Create in Me")

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

**C Amen.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

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.

We remember his death, we celebrate his resurrection, and we trust in his presence in every time and place.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. You are Bread: feed us with yourself. You are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. You are Fire: transform us with hope.

**C Amen.**

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!**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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.**

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

DISTRIBUTION:

“Hour of Communion”

D. Paxton

[“**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,

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

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

\* SENDING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #482 Green Hymnal

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Kate Swailes

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner & Kim White (12/29/19—2/23/20)

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Hope Miller & Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING USHERS – Brea Beward, Gabby Reed, Julia Martin & Nick Reed



## PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker  
Jane Ann Baney  
Donna Barton  
Lindsey Barton  
Bob Bell  
Joyce Bradley  
Andrea & Bob Cameron  
Pam Campbell  
Terry Coder  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Guy Dillman  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Esther & Richard Dunkelberger  
Neil Fisher  
Jerald Foltz  
Ed Fraker  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Joan Fulkroad

Bill & Christie Holderman  
Terri Gayer  
Eddi Kay Gill  
Jeanette Gross  
Josh Hohol  
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Curt & Judy Houtz  
Denny King  
Curt Kint  
Kevin Kint  
Pam Lawson  
Carol Lyter  
Carlen McClure  
Messiah's Teem  
Tami Metz  
John Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Jim Minick

Dave Phelan  
Madison Norman  
Austin Parker  
Noel Peachey  
Butch & Sandy Pines  
Betty Ranck  
Mary Sanders  
Mackenzie Shearer  
Tim Smith  
Mike Sparks  
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair  
Dorothy Towsey  
Rich Walters  
Family of Ronda Walters  
Tim Weston  
Dottie Wilson  
Jim Woltman  
Mackenzie Wray  
Linda Zimmerman

## PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm  
Ruth Cisney  
Margaret Guss  
Gail Henders  
Minnie Minick  
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson  
Jane Marhefka  
Carol Simonton  
Edith Nipple  
Ken & Kay Stuck

Kitty Walters  
Jim Yetter  
Max & Mary Ernest  
Velma Suloff

## 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 Vicar 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 Vicar.**

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Tammy Pines Walton's birthday by the Walton, Pines and Stoner families.

JUST A THOUGHT – Charles Colson, Evangelist, Special Counsel for President Nixon (b. 1931): The Church is an organism, not an organization – a movement, not a monument.

### **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 Vicar 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.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

CHURCH ORGANIST – Due to the “retirement” of June Bricker, Messiah will again have an opening for a Church Organist for weekly services starting in mid-April, which includes Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, except during the summer months. The organ is an Allen Digital Electric Organ and upright piano. Candidates should contact Bob St. Clair at [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com) for more information, including salary. This is currently a half-time position. Additional information about our church and congregation can be found at [www.mlcmiffintown.org](http://www.mlcmiffintown.org).

THE FEBRUARY SNACK SHEET is now posted in the Kitchenette. There will be NO SNACKS during Lent. Snacks will return on Easter Sunday, April 12. We are asking for 3 people to sign-up for Easter Sunday to make this day extra special (and also because a lot of people attend church on Easter). Snacks will then continue until the end of May.

THE NEXT VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 following the worship service.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Among this year’s speakers and guests will be **The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

THIS YEAR’S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in McAlisterville. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion and Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be delivering the message for the evening. Please plan to attend as we begin our journey through Lent.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Licking Creek each Wednesday from March 4 to April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST – Messiah will be having a Maundy Thursday breakfast and Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion, the meal of Jesus, will be celebrated in, with, and among the meal of the people. Following the meal, those who can remain will move to the sanctuary to remove all items from the altar including the cross in preparation for Good Friday which marks Christ’s crucifixion. More information will be shared as this event comes closer.

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.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation’s camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who have attended camp at Mount Luther in the past, will soon be receiving the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> so that we receive the early registration discount. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther, will be at our church to share information about this year’s programs as part of our Children’s Service.

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

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.

**UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:**

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly to approve 2019 audit.  
Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.  
Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

**WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 65		Benevolence	\$ 135.00
Sunday School – 23		Building Fund	\$ 285.00
		Sunday School	\$ 28.00
Total Offering	\$4,055.00	World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$1,007.00</u>	Flowers	\$ 22.00
General Fund	\$3,038.00	Camp	\$ 100.00
		Youth	\$ 20.00
		Memorial Fund	\$ 200.00
		Souper Bowl (Food	
		Pantry)	<u>\$ 217.00</u>
		Total	\$ 1,007.00

**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.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women are welcome to attend.

**COMMUNITY**

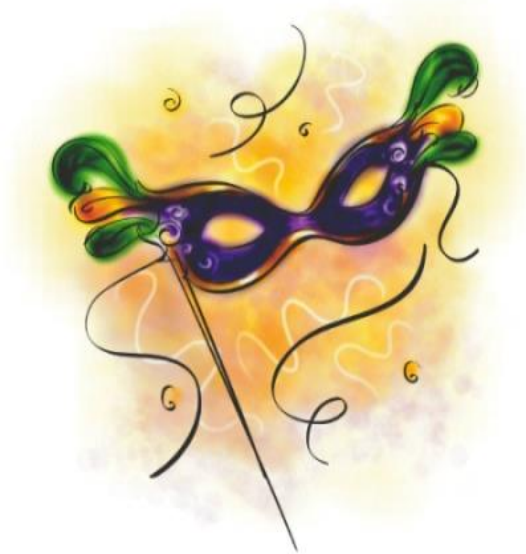
**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
- 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:** -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon/Junior Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Voters’ Assembly.

Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mardi Gras Congregational Dinner



Sunday, February 23, 2020  
Following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish (if you are able). Be creative—let's try some new flavors! Check out Mardi Gras/Creole Food online! Also, keep in mind that Mardi Gras colors are green, yellow, and purple. Come and enjoy this fun event!

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



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Mardi Gras Congregational Dinner

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

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