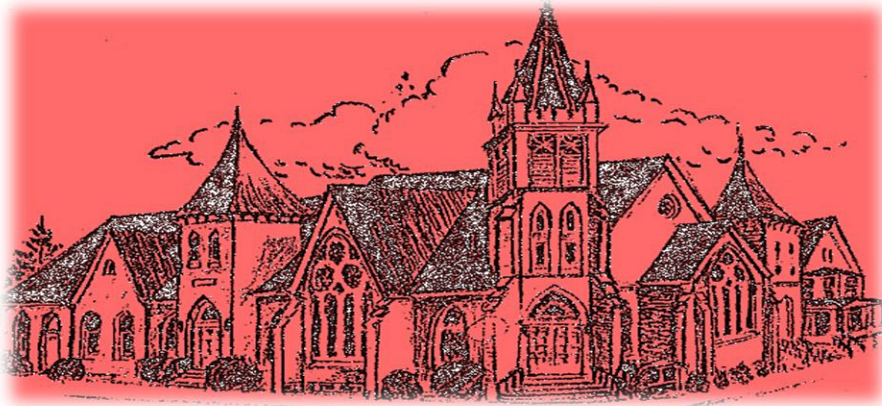


THE MESSIAH HERALD



FEBRUARY 2021

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

IN-PERSON WORSHIP / COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERMONS OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY!

FACEBOOK LIVE AND AM RADIO 1700 BROADCAST EACH WEEK

[USS-ARK NEWSLETTER](#)

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Messiah Family,

May the blessings of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit be with you all!

We have a busy month in our church year coming in February. First, we will celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord on February 14. Jesus takes three disciples with him up a high mountain, read Mark chapter 9 to check which three, parents read this with your children. These disciples witness a most revered prophet and bringer of the Law and another revered prophet speaking with Jesus. Who are these two figures from early in the Old Testament, see Mark again? As Luther states, "The whole, holy Trinity appears here to strengthen the believers; namely, Christ in his transfigured form, the Father in the voice, and the Holy Ghost in the bright cloud." What does the Father say to the disciples? We are also disciples of Jesus.

Second, we celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 17 and continue through the season of Lent. Why do we use ashes in our celebration on this day? The ELCA explains this with the following lines. Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life. Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God. Stay tuned for ways in which we can celebrate Ash Wednesday in this year of pandemic and remain safe and healthy.

And now, Messiah's Book of the Month Club is about to begin! I have chosen the Book of Jonah for the month of February. The first reading of scriptures on January 24 was from Jonah chapter 3. Your assignment, "If you decide to accept it," is to read the Book of Jonah. There are four chapters. Think about these questions: How quickly did Jonah answer God's call? Why do you suppose Jonah was afraid to share God's message? How was Jonah's message from God received by those to whom he spoke? What part of the Book of Jonah do you remember most from your childhood or what part of the Book would make a good child's Bible story? Share this and talk about the Book of Jonah with your children.

Please remember that we broadcast all services on AM 1700 for parking lot and local neighbors. Facebook live and YouTube are ways to connect over the Internet. We continue to record audio CD's as well. If you or someone you know would like to receive an audio CD, please call the church office. These are ways in which we share our worship services each week. Even as we return to in person worship, we will continue to offer God's Word via this technology.

Let us continue to serve others in need during these extreme times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in your faith in the Love of Jesus to bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you. Find ways to carry God's Love to others whom we must for now remain physically at a distance but can and must embrace with our spiritual arms and our souls.

May the Lord be with you all!

Vicar Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

All Front Line Workers, including medical personnel in all areas	Janie Fogleman	Elwood Miller
The Family of Jane Ann Baney	Jerald (Jerry) Foltz	Larry Miller
The Family of Kay Stuck	Bentley Fulkroad	Shirley Miller
The Family of Esther Rhine	Joan Fulkroad	Jim Minick
The Family & Friends of Margaret "Peg" Moad	E. Michal Gayer	Claire Mummah
The Family of Fred Marshall	Terri Gayer	Landon Musser
Shirley Aumiller	Ken Geedey	Carole Nace
Tyson Aurand	Edie Kay Gill	Darve Nace
Carole Baker	Paul Goss	Austin Parker
Donna Barton	Beth Harris	Noel Peachey
Lindsey Barton	Amy Hart	Dave Phelan
Donna Bell	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Butch & Sandy Pines
Julie Berryman and Gary Bechtold	Sue Henderson	Betty Ranck
Nick Beward	Nox Hepburn	Keith Ranck
Roxanne Boyer	Jason Hockenberry & Family	Mackenzie Shearer
Charlotte Burd	Curt & Judy Houtz	Ronald Shearer
Andrea Cameron	Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson	Bobby & Eva Sieber
Pam Campbell	Brenda Imes	Mike Sparks
Ruth Cisney	Annie Ingle	Donald Speece
Curtis Clark	Doc Johnston	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Randy Clark	Guy Kerstetter	Pastor Charlie Stump
Terry Coder	Denny King	Alice Swartz
Jean Compton	Darvin Krause	Dorothy Towsey
Leann Crimmel	Pam Lawson	Rich Walters
Will DeLancy	Gwen Swisher Lewis	Dr. Glen Webb
Guy Dillman	Carol Lyter	Erma Williamson
Fred & Dot Dowling	Anthony Martin	Jim Woltman
Renee Dzikowski	Carlen McClure	Mackenzie Wray
Neil & Pat Fisher	Alice McClure	George Zimmerman
	Charlie, Amanda & Isabel Meinsler	Linda Zimmerman
	Messiah Mutual Ministry	
	Cecilia Miller	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

FEBRUARY 6 – Ray Bramm
 FEBRUARY 14 – Christie Holderman
 FEBRUARY 20 – Warren "Red" Mummah
 FEBRUARY 21 – Jeanette St. Clair
 FEBRUARY 23 – Carol Simonton

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let the church office know at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

February 1 to 28 Linda Clark & Chris Martin
 March 1 to 28 Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

LECTORS

February 7 Slone Smith
 February 14..... Diana Wise
 February 21.....Andrea Cameron
 February 28..... Cynthia Smith



Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 virus in the area, WELCA did not meet during the month of January. We hope to meet soon in-person and that everyone stays safe and healthy and virus-free!

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE
(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Jane Marhefka

BROOKLINE MANOR
(2 MANOR BLVD., RM. 226, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Gail Henderson

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER
(3 ALEX CIRCLE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Carol Simonton

HONNEMAN HOUSE
(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)
Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

AT HOME
Max Ernest Margaret Guss
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Mona Lawson Minnie Minick
2792 William Penn Hwy. 187 JAM House Road
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflin, PA 17058

Edith Nipple Sieber & Ona Stoner
1482 William Penn Hwy. 23591 Route 35 North
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ken Stuck Kitty Walters
66 Eighth Street P.O. Box 61
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Port Royal, PA 17082

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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. Also, 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 as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

February's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will continue to be for our local missions, this month being the Central Juniata EMS. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to CJEMS. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This idea was born when budgeted funds were unused during the 2020 calendar year due to the shutdowns from the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY UPDATE

We are so grateful for the support of our local churches as we strive together to follow the Lord's commandment to "share our bread with the hungry" (Isaiah 58:7). With your help we have reached almost 600 families, almost 900 folks in need, with food and other supplies in 2020. Please continue to lift your voices in prayer and your hands in service as we share in this ministry to the Lord's beloved people.

In December 2020, the Food Pantry served 271 families - 721 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

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 items.

Donations of cash/checks are also APPRECIATED!

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12



*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.
(CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations. Cash, checks, or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot. *Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!

LWR FACEMASK CHALLENGE

Lutheran World Relief has launched the **75,000 Face Mask Challenge**, a request for volunteers to sew cloth masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, you can make as few or as many masks as you would like. If you are interested in participating or want more details, please call Cynthia Smith at 717-994-4999 or email her at gramcyn-thia49@yahoo.com.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 church offering envelopes are available to pick up in the Church Library. Please pick these up before or after Sunday morning services or contact the church office to make arrangements to pick yours up in the church office.

Also, anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2020 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

MORE TO CELEBRATE?

If Transfiguration, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, and Presidents' Day aren't enough to observe during the month of February, here are some other days you can celebrate.....

- FEBRUARY 1** – National Baked Alaska Day
- FEBRUARY 2** – National Tater Tot Day
- FEBRUARY 4** – National Thank a Mail Carrier Day
- FEBRUARY 11** – National Peppermint Patty Day
- FEBRUARY 18** – National Drink Wine Day
- FEBRUARY 20** – National Cherry Pie Day
- FEBRUARY 26** – National Toast Day
- FEBRUARY 28** – National Chocolate Souffle Day
and National Public Sleeping Day

FEBRUARY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 1 ----- PSALM 35:1-3
MARRIED COUPLES

FEBRUARY 2 ----- LUKE 2:22-40
THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 3 ----- PSALM 35:1-10
THE ELCA'S AMMPARO MINISTRY TO MIGRANT CHILDREN

FEBRUARY 4 ----- GALATIANS 5:2-15
BEGINNING BIBLE READERS

FEBRUARY 5 ----- HEBREWS 2:1-4
ELCA CREATION CARE ADVOCACY

FEBRUARY 6 ----- MATTHEW 12:9-14
PEOPLE REQUIRED TO WORK SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 7 ----- MARK 1:29-39
OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

FEBRUARY 8 ----- ACTS 14:1-7
PASTORS, DEACONS, AND OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

FEBRUARY 9 ----- PSALM 102:12-28
ELCA YOUTH GATHERING PLANNERS

FEBRUARY 10 ----- MARK 3:7-12
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

FEBRUARY 11 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-17
BAKERS

FEBRUARY 12 ----- 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20
ARTISTS AND OTHERS WHO EXERCISE CREATIVITY

FEBRUARY 13 ----- PSALM 50:1-6
THEOLOGIANS AND BIBLICAL SCHOLARS

FEBRUARY 14 ----- MARK 9:2-9
CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA

FEBRUARY 15 ----- HEBREWS 2:1-4
FOR THOSE SEEKING CLARITY AMID LIFE'S DISTRACTIONS

FEBRUARY 16 ----- JOB 19:23-27
THOSE WHO FEEL PERSECUTED

FEBRUARY 17 ----- PSALM 51:1-17
FOR ALL CHRISTIANS BEGINNING THE LENTEN JOURNEY

FEBRUARY 18 ----- 1 JOHN 1:3-10
THOSE WHO ARE BURDENED BY GUILT

FEBRUARY 19 ----- PSALM 25:1-10
PEOPLE SEEKING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

FEBRUARY 20 ----- MATTHEW 9:2-13
CHRISTIANS IN EUROPE

FEBRUARY 21 ----- MARK 1:9-15
COURAGE FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING A WILDERNESS TIME

FEBRUARY 22 ----- EPHESIANS 2:1-10
YOUTH WHO STRUGGLE FOR A SENSE OF SELF-WORTH

FEBRUARY 23 ----- PSALM 77
PEOPLE WHO FEEL CYNICAL AND HOPELESS

FEBRUARY 24 ----- MATTHEW 4:1-11
ALL HELD CAPTIVE BY LIFE'S "IDOLS"

FEBRUARY 25 ----- ROMANS 3:21-31
THOSE WHO WORK WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

FEBRUARY 26 ----- PSALM 22:23-31
THOSE HURT BY THE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27 ----- MARK 8:27-30
THOSE WHO LACK BASIC NEEDS FOR LIVING

FEBRUARY 28 ----- MARK 8:31-38
THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM TRAUMA

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up in the church office or in the Adult Sunday School Room and are FREE!

STORE GIFT CARDS

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.



MESSIAH ATTENDANCE OFFERINGS - JANUARY 2021

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
JANUARY 3	10	\$1,350.00	\$1,100.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$100.00 MATTHEW 25 -- \$100.00 MEALS ON WHEELS -- \$50.00
JANUARY 10	17	\$2,376.00	\$1,871.00	BUILDING FUND -- \$300.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$205.00
JANUARY 17	19	\$5,080.00	\$3,470.41	BENEVOLENCE -- \$90.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$20.00 MEALS ON WHEELS -- \$1,500.00
JANUARY 24	19	\$3,975.00	\$3,490.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$100.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$100.00 MEALS ON WHEELS -- \$100.00 FOOD PANTRY -- \$100.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$85.00

FEBRUARY 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11: -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14: TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDS., FEBRUARY 17: ASH WEDNESDAY (7 PM SERVICE???)
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE, MLCMIFFLINTOWN.ORG FOR ANY OTHER EVENTS OR UPDATES.

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank my church family at Messiah for the Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a good 2021 and hope you all stay well. *-ANDREA CAMERON*

Thank you so much to our friends at Messiah Lutheran for your generous donation to the Juniata County Food Pantry to help our neighbors in need. Winter is the most dangerous time of year for the 3,000 children, adults, and elderly living in poverty in Juniata County and struggling to survive. Daily choices include whether to buy food or heating oil; gas for the car or medicine for the kids. Your gift will help to provide many families not only with essential food and supplies, but also with hope in the knowledge that someone cares. *-YOUR FRIENDS AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY*

I wish to thank the Parish Planning Council and members of the congregation who shared with Linda and me the joys of Christmas through the gifts, cards, and messages of love and happiness that were given to us. May our congregation continue to grow in the spirit sharing blessings with others near and far! *--VICAR SAM*

SYNOD DELEGATES NEEDED!

Two delegates are needed for the annual Synod Assembly on June 19, 2021 (virtually on Zoom). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

EXTENDING OUR SYMPATHIES

Messiah has mourned the loss of two of our members during the month of January. Kay Stuck passed away on Tuesday, January 19th at home, while Esther Rhine died on Saturday, January 23rd at Locust Grove Retirement Center. Our thoughts and continued prayers are with both the Stuck and Rhine families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him

Forever in the next.

Amen.

--Reinhold Niebuhr



FEBRUARY

TRANSFIGURATION AND ITS IMPORTANCE

*"After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was **transfigured** before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead." **Mark 9:2-9***

What was the Importance of the Transfiguration?

It's impossible to appreciate what's going on with the Transfiguration unless you consciously factor in the reality that that remarkable scene takes place just a few days after Jesus had, for the very first time, told his disciples He was going to die. And when he told his disciples, in Matthew 16:21, He was going to die, they were offended and scandalized. Peter, speaking for the group, grabbed Jesus and said, "far be it from you [to die], it can't happen." Jesus was, of course, upset with Peter and told him, "you savor the things of man and not of God."

This (Transfiguration) is about three years into a three-and-a-half-year ministry. This is after for months and years those disciples had followed Jesus, they had seen his miracles, they had done miracles in His name. They knew something palpably and objectively about the power and the reality of who Jesus was, and yet, when He began to talk about dying it was staggering to the disciples and they began to wonder if He was really the Messiah. Therefore, for that reason, Jesus took three, Peter, James and John,

into a high mountain apart, away from the other apostles.

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John into a very secluded place and He begins to pray. He asked the disciples to pray and they fall asleep. Then, as they wake up, they see Jesus standing before them with an ineffable (indescribable) manifestation of light and glory which will be His when he reigns as King in days to come. He had laid aside that external glory and for just a few minutes as they watched they see him transfigured (metamorphized is the Greek word). The point is that the caterpillar had become a butterfly, the one who had so carefully veiled his physical glory took it to himself for a brief moment. The whole purpose of that experience was to reinforce the staggering faith of those apostles. That's exactly what Peter gets out of it when he remembers it and says we did not bring you cunningly devised fables, we made known to you the power of Jesus because we were with Him in the holy mountain. We know He is Messiah and will reign as Messiah because we saw His physical glory.

The point of the Transfiguration was to reinforce the staggering faith of the apostles. As Jesus, Peter, James, and John return from the mountain, they find the other apostles trying to drive a demon out of a man and unable to do so. When they ask why the exorcism won't work, Jesus says it is because of their staggering faith. In the context, what is it that has staggered their faith? It was Jesus' message that He is going to die and that is exactly what the Transfiguration is all about. In such an interesting and compelling way, the Transfiguration illustrates what a careful, sensitive, creative and resourceful teacher Jesus was.

He had been trying to get His impending death across to the disciples and sees how desperately crippled they are by the announcement. So He is sensitive enough, some days later, to provide that sort of a condescending object lesson, where God condescends to give him that physical glory just to reinforce their faith.

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What will it take to

end hunger?

Even in the most challenging times, we trust in God and hope in the work God is doing in the world. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed.

HOW TO GIVE

Online:
ELCA.org/40days

By mail:

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809,
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009


Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "40 Days of Giving" on the check's memo line.



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The world provides enough food for all, but nearly

690 million people

around the world face chronic hunger.

We believe in a God of abundance,
so as a church, we live out our baptismal call
to strive for a just world

Where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is our church's mission to end hunger and poverty. We journey alongside our partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with innovative and courageous action.

Over the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more people into hunger and poverty. Our work together is more important than ever, even as we feel separated from each other.

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we **"will hunger no more, and thirst no more — and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes"** (Revelation 7:16-17).

This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill.

This Lent, you're invited to join with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger together during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Your support is critically needed for people around the world facing hunger and poverty.

Bring ELCA World Hunger into the life of your congregation and family with resources that are available to use at home, online or in person.



- 1) A devotional calendar with daily ideas for reflection, giving and action.
- 2) A weekly study linking deep discernment and critical thinking with inspirational stories about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.
- 3) Additional resources, including an help and weekly email series.

You're invited to study, pray, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

Visit [ELCA.org/40days](https://www.elca.org/40days) to get started today.