

THE MESSIAH HERALD



MARCH 2021

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

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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 March. Wednesday evening Lent services are held at 7:00 pm. These are in-person with all the precautions we use on Sunday worship services. The central theme during this time is fasting but the emphasis is not on food but on our actions from which we desire to repent and change our ways. The sermon topics are "Fast from Anger" on March 3, "Fast from Pessimism" on March 10, "Fast From Bitterness" on March 17, and "Fast From Selfishness" on March 24. These topics are selected from the document from Pope Francis titled, "*Do You Want to Fast this Lent?*"

We celebrate Palm Sunday on March 28. With his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem Jesus follows the path to the Cross and to our salvation through God's grace and the forgiveness of all our sins. Holy Week is the time between Palm Sunday and Easter. Let us rejoice with the somberness of Lent, the excitement of Palm Sunday, and the total abandonment of Holy Week as we approach the joys and celebrations of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

And now, we read through the Book of Jonah in February for Messiah's Book of the Month Club. As a brief summary, Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh to share God's message and tried to avoid this task for God. Finally, after being swallowed by a whale (the children's story) Jonah goes to Nineveh and successfully delivers the message of impending destruction of the city. An amazing outcome is the way in which the people of Nineveh reacted to Jonah and God's message. Check this out again!

I have chosen for the month of March to read the four chapters of the Book of Ruth. Think about these questions: What do you think Ruth must have felt through her experiences and the experiences of her moth-in-law and sister-in-law? If you were teaching a Sunday school class of children about Ruth, what would you tell them about her? If you were teaching a Sunday school class of adults, what would you include in your lessons about Ruth? Now, take some time and "practice" sharing the Book of Ruth with others. If you have children in your group, talk with them about Ruth.

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. 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
The Family of George Hazard, Sr.
Shirley Aumiller
Tyson Aurand
Carole Baker
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Donna Bell
Julie Berryman and Gary Bechtold
Nick Beward
Roxanne Boyer
Charlotte Burd
Andrea Cameron
Pam Campbell
Dan Carlin
Ruth Cisney
Cade Clark
Curtis Clark
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jean Compton
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Dixie Dressler
Renee Dzikowski
Neil & Pat Fisher
Janie Fogleman
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz

Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
E. Michal Gayer
Terri Gayer
Ken Geedey
Edie Kay Gill
Paul Goss
Beth Harris
Amy Hart
Harry & Jennifer Heikes
Sue Henderson
Nox Hepburn
Jason Hockenberry & Family
Curt & Judy Houtz
Dean Hutchinson
Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson
Brenda Imes
Annie Ingle
Doc Johnston
Guy Kerstetter
Denny King
Darvin Krause
Pam Lawson
Carol Lyter
Anthony Martin
Zayden Mabey
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Charlie, Amanda & Isabel Meinsler
Messiah Mutual Ministry
Cecilia Miller
Elwood Miller

Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Claire Mummah
Landon Musser
Carole Nace
Darve Nace
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Dave Phelan
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mackenzie Shearer
Ronald Shearer
Bobby & Eva Sieber
Mike Sparks
Donald Speece
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Sieber Stoner
Pastor Charlie Stump
Alice Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Dr. Glen Webb
Erma Williamson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

March 1 to 28..... Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed
March 29 to April 25..... Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith

LECTORS

March 7 Harrison Mummah
March 14 Barb Geedey
March 21 Randy Clark
March 28 Diana Wise

FLOWERS

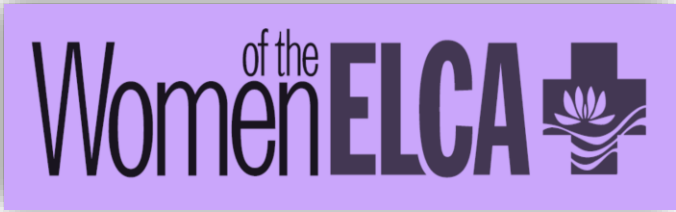
March 31 and April 4..... Vicar Sam & Linda Leister

ACOLYTES / OFFERING PRESENTERS

March 7 Brea Beward & Julia Martin
March 14..... Paige Martin & Gabby Reed
March 21..... Nick Reed & Hannah Ehrisman
March 28..... Haley Mummah & Braedon Walton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MARCH 7 – Gavin Gross
MARCH 16 – Shelley Gross
MARCH 17 – Jim Bahorik
MARCH 19 – Tammy Smith
MARCH 23 – Brian Arentz
MARCH 25 – Garrett Berry & Guy Dillman
MARCH 27 – Randy Clark



Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 virus in the area, WELCA did not meet during the month of February. We hope to meet soon in-person and that everyone continues to stay 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
1099 William Penn Hwy.	20 South Third Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059	Mifflintown, PA 17059

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"

March's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for our brothers and sisters without the necessities of life due to the severe cold and winter weather in Texas in February. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the ELCA. 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.

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.



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MARCH UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful support in 2020, especially with the pandemic, we were able to reach 588 families (858 individuals) struggling with hunger in Juniata County, and provide them with nutritious, life-giving food and hope! What a wonderful blessing and example of the Lord's command to "feed my sheep!"

In January 2021, the Food Pantry served 211 families – 518 of your neighbors! If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER THE COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES,
PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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!

2021 LENTEN SERVICES

Vicar Leister will be conducting weekly Lenten services at Messiah this year, with the assistance of Lay Leader Andrea Cameron. The services will continue each Wednesday during Lent (March 3, 10, 17, and 24), all starting at 7:00 PM. The sermon topics are selected from the document from Pope Francis titled "Do You Want to Fast this Lent?"

MARCH 3 - FAST FROM ANGER

MARCH 10 - FAST FROM PESSIMISM

MARCH 17 - FAST FROM BITTERNESS

MARCH 24 - FAST FROM SELFISHNESS

As with our Sunday services, masks and social distancing will be required. More information will be forthcoming regarding Holy Week services, so stay tuned!

SYNOD DELEGATES NEEDED!

Messiah needs you!

We need two members to serve as voting members at this year's Synod Assembly. The date is Saturday, June 19, 2021 and will be all digital. You may check for information at <https://www.uss-elca.org/assembly/>.

We need two voting members while others may attend as visitors - digitally.

Our two voting attendees also need to attend the Juniata Valley Conference assemble on Sunday, April 25 at 6:00 pm. At this point we would attend this meeting digitally also. The intent is to use the conference meeting as a training/dry run for the Synod Assembly voting process.

The registration fee of \$65.00 is paid by the church.

Please email or call Vicar Leister if you have any questions and would like to attend.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MARCH 1 -----PSALM 105:1-11, 37-45
WORSHIP LEADERS

MARCH 2----- HEBREWS 11:1-3, 13-19
REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING HOME

MARCH 3----- JEREMIAH 30:12-22
PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES

MARCH 4----- EXODUS 19:1-9A
CHRISTIANS IN AUSTRALIA

MARCH 5----- PSALM 19
EARLY RISERS

MARCH 6-----MARK 9:2-8
SOON-TO-BE-MOTHERS

MARCH 7-----JOHN 2:13-22
PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE BODY SHAME OR A LOW SELF-IMAGE

MARCH 8-----1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-23
CEMENT MASONS AND CONCRETE FINISHERS

MARCH 9----- HEBREWS 9:23-28
BIOLOGICAL AND CHOSEN FAMILIES, AS THEY CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

MARCH 10----- PSALM 84
THOSE IN NEED OF JOY

MARCH 11 ----- EPHESIANS 1:3-6
ADOPTIVE PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

MARCH 12 ----- EPHESIANS 1:7-14
GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

MARCH 13 -----JOHN 3:1-13
CHILDREN, WITH THEIR WONDER AT THE WORLD

MARCH 14----- JOHN 3:14-21
PEOPLE WHO WORK NIGHT SHIFTS

MARCH 15----- HEBREWS 3:1-6
ARCHITECTS

MARCH 16----- NUMBERS 20:1-13
THOSE CRYING OUT TO GOD TODAY

MARCH 17-----PSALM 107:1-16
SONG LEADERS AND SINGERS

MARCH 18-----HEBREWS 4:1-13
SURGEONS AND THEIR PATIENTS

MARCH 19----- HEBREWS 4:14 - 5:4
THOSE WHO HESITATE TO PRAY

MARCH 20-----JOHN 12:1-11
PASTORS AND OTHER PROCLAIMERS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

MARCH 21 -----JOHN 12:20-33
THOSE WHO LONG TO KNOW GOD'S PRESENCE

MARCH 22----- ISAIAH 43:8-13
THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID

MARCH 23 ----- ISAIAH 44:1-8
THOSE WHO WONDER ABOUT THE FUTURE

MARCH 24----- PSALM 119:9-16
INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES

MARCH 25----- PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11
MEDICAL WORKERS

MARCH 26----- PSALM 118:1-2, 13-29
THOSE WHO MOURN

MARCH 27----- MARK 10:32-34, 46-52
TRAVELERS

MARCH 28----- MARK 14:1 - 15:47
PRISON GUARDS AND WARDENS

MARCH 29----- ISAIAH 42:1-9
CHRISTIANS IN LATIN AMERICA

MARCH 30----- ISAIAH 49:1-7
THOSE DISCERNING THEIR FUTURE

MARCH 31 -----JOHN 13:21-32
THOSE WHO ARE BROKENHEARTED

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS - FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
January 31	11	\$4,855.00	\$2,405.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$150.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$1,350.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$850.00 CJEMS -- \$100.00
February 7	23	\$1,960.00	\$1,310.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$20.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$530.00 CJEMS -- \$100.00
February 14	23	\$4,670.00	\$3,540.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$280.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$200.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$650.00
February 17	18	\$510.00	\$510.00	
February 21	38	\$5,227.00	\$4,637.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$190.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$100.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$200.00 CJEMS -- \$100.00
February 24	16	\$390.00	\$270.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$40.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$80.00
February 28	32	\$3,094.00	\$2,456.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$120.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$450.00 CJEMS -- \$50.00 FLOWERS -- \$18.00

MARCH 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAY, MARCH 1:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:** -7:00 PM -- WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- SUNDAY, MARCH 7:** **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MARCH 8:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10:** -7:00 PM -- WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- THURSDAY, MARCH 11:** -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, MARCH 14:** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MARCH 15:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17:** -7:00 PM -- WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**
- SUNDAY, MARCH 21:** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
-6:30 PM -- PPC MEETING IN ADULT SS ROOM
- MONDAY, MARCH 22:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** -7:00 PM -- WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- FRIDAY, MARCH 26:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, MARCH 28:** **PALM SUNDAY / PASSION OF OUR LORD**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION

2021 CAMP MOUNT LUTHER UPDATE

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. 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 attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail.

For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form,

visit 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. 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. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15th so that we receive the early registration discount.

Because Camp Mount Luther is accepting a lower number of campers this summer, Chad Hershberger recommends that families register their campers as soon as possible. Registration will not be accepted within the two weeks prior to each camp week.

2021 CAMP MOUNT LUTHER TEMPLE TALK VIDEO



O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on those who prepare food here, and make us all ever thankful for daily bread.



Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.



O God, grant that those who learn in this place may use knowledge to heal & help your world. Draw us together through our technology for every good purpose.



O God, you make holy what is ordinary and earthly. Bless us as we care for our ordinary, marvelous bodies.

THE COLOR OF LENT

The color most commonly associated with the Easter season (or more specifically the season of Lent that precedes Easter Day) is purple. It is the color found in church sanctuaries throughout the world during the season.

Interestingly purple was one of three colors of yarn (blue, purple, and scarlet) used in abundance throughout the Jewish temple and in the clothing of Jewish priests (Exodus 25-28 and 35-39). Quite possibly these colors are significant in their meaning. The color blue is thought to represent God in the heavens, whereas scarlet/red represents man (the name for “Adam” in Hebrew can be translated “man” or “red”) and purple (the combination of red and blue) is prophetic of the coming Messiah who would be both God and man and who would serve as the mediator between God and man as a result of his suffering on the cross:

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men” (1 Timothy 2:5-6a).

In ancient times, purple was considered a precious dye. Because it was so costly to make, it came to be associated with kings and royalty making it especially intriguing that the Roman soldiers placed a purple robe on Christ before his crucifixion:

“The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him” (Mark 15:16-20).

The term for purple used in the Gospel of Mark refers to a shade that varies from rose to purple (Thomas and Gunry, A Harmony of the Gospels). The Gospel of Matthew uses a term that is translated scarlet (Matthew 27:28). Using

a robe made of a “cheap” or “fake” purple dye added to the mockery of the soldiers who intended to imply that Jesus was a “fake” king; if only they knew that they were about to crucify the “author of life” (Acts 3:15) and the King of all kings. The Apostle John wrote about his vision of Jesus at the end of time as follows:

“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God . . . On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:13, 16).

More costly than any purple robe is the robe dipped in the precious blood of Christ!

EXTENDING OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathy to George and Marylou Hazard and family on the passing of their father and grandfather, George Hazard, Sr. on February 19, 2021 in Florida. Sympathy is also extended to Edith Nipple on the passing of her brother, Franklin Davidheiser also on February 19, 2021 at Geisinger Lewistown Hospital. Please keep the Hazard family and Edith in your prayers.

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.

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February 9, 2021

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Dear Messiah Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in January 2021.

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring*
(*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,* ELW 254).

This season, we remember a time before Christ's birth, when humanity waited to be delivered from fear and sin. But, we also remember the day the waiting ended. Our Savior arrived, and now we live in a world transformed by God's grace. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing the everlasting joy of that transformation with your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now, you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown
Mission Funding Director, Congregations

Gifts are designated for:

Date	Program	Amount
11/30/2020	U.S. Wildfires	\$1,720.00

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday is April 4, 2021 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **March 25, 2021**. *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () OR In Memory Of ()

I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$9.00 # of plants _____ X \$9.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____