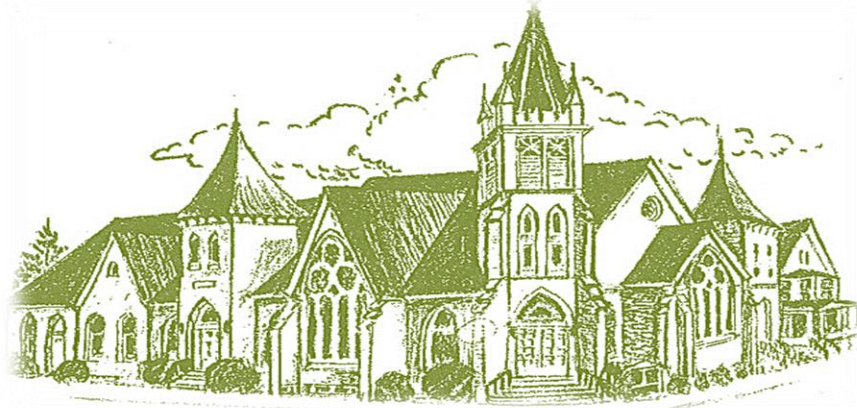


THE MESSIAH HERALD



December 2021

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The Messiah Herald



THE VOICE OF THE VICAR

Dear Messiah Family,

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

Happy New Year!!! The church New Year began with the First Sunday in Advent, November 28. This leads us through one of the busiest months of the church year and one of the most exciting. The four candles of the Advent wreath each symbolize a special gift of God. They are hope, love, joy, and peace. Each week another candle is lit on the wreath.

Advent is a time of preparation and in our case, we are preparing to celebrate the coming birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Advent is an exciting time for all of us. Decorations go up inside and outside the building that include wreaths, crèche displays, candles, trees, and banners. The Sunday morning worship services grow and evolve as we approach the Nativity of our Lord. Hymns emphasize a sense of watchfulness for God to be with us.

One hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is sung during Advent and when we bring forward a wooden crèche figure to the front of the nave. Emmanuel is from a Hebrew word meaning "God is with us." The first candle of Advent, "Hope" shines through in this hymn. Love, Joy, and Peace glow in the realization that "**God IS with us**" now and to the end of time.

Regarding the "Book of the Month" studies, we are continuing to read one psalm each day. On December first, Psalm 92 is the reading for that day. Simply add 91 and use a calendar to mark off the psalms you are reading.

Whether you count chapters or verses, through December you are reading through center of the Bible. Different sources based on various counting rubrics list the middle as Psalm 103, Psalm 117, or Psalm 118. One source shares that Psalm 117, the shortest chapter, is the 595th Chapter. Reading Psalm 117, who should praise the Lord and are we a chosen people? According to a "middle verse" in Psalm 118:8, is it better to trust others or to trust God?

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	Terri Gayer	Ken Mummah
The Family of Gary Snyder	Edie Kay Gill	Darve Nace
The Family of Ron Chambers	Sam & Dianne Goshorn	Paul Ogden
The Family of Cam Sweigart	Beth Harris	Austin Parker
The Family of Dan & Darlene Varner	Amy Hart	Noel Peachey
The Family of Darvin Krouse	Joyce Hart	Rick & Audrey Peters
The Family of Max Ernest	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine
The Family of Pat Hess	Sue Henderson	Dave Phelan
Tim Arentz	Nox Hepburn	Butch & Sandy Pines
Shirley Aumiller	Jay Hockenbroch	Mia Raish
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Allison Holderman	Betty Ranck
Donna Barton	Brenda Imes	Keith Ranck
Donna Bell	Annie Ingle	Mike Rhoades
Andy Berrier	Doc Johnston	Claudette Satzler
Ken Berrier	Guy Kerstetter	Angie Sieber
Roxanne Boyer	Denny King	Mackenzie Shearer
Don Bratton	Pam Lawson	Ronald & Arlene Shearer
Dan Brown	Michael Lozano	Vicki Suoja
Andrea Cameron	Carol Lyter	Mike Sparks
Karen Centini	Zayden Mabey	Andy Spigelmyer
Randy Clark	Mike Maclay	Alice Swartz
Terry Coder	Ryan Marker	George Trego
Vincent Cramer	Anthony Martin	Dorothy Towsey
Leann Crimmel	Mike Maugans	George & Kay Varner
Will DeLancy	Carlen McClure	Austin Willi
Fred & Dot Dowling	Alice McClure	Erma Williamson
Renee Dzikowski	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Harry Williamson
Tom Ernest	Cecilia Miller	Zachary Wise
Neil & Pat Fisher	Elwood Miller	Jim Woltman
Janie Fogleman	Larry Miller	Mackenzie Wray
Derek Fry	Shirley Miller	George Zimmerman
Bentley Fulkroad	Jim Minick	Linda Zimmerman
Joan Fulkroad	Claire Mummah	

AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

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PRAVERS & 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.

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!



Women of the ELCA met Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 7 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School Room.

Barb Geedey provided the program from an Ideals magazine. The two topics were Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving. She closed the program with “Choosing to be Content” by Max Lucado.

Cynthia Smith gave the Treasurer’s report stating that the Blanket Sunday money still had to be sent to Synod.

Old Business: Barb reported that the Thankoffering Service has been completed. Linda Leister gave her report on the Convention from September. Deb Hackenberger was elected as our Synodical President with 3 new board members: Tonya Tabb, Rita Avery, and Ann Spicer. Sue Baylor was elected Vice President. Next year’s convention will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at Camp Mt. Luther. The In-gatherings have been reinstated and one will be held in the

Spring near Milton.

New Business: The group decided to have their traditional Christmas Program at our next meeting on Thursday, December 9th at 7 P.M. Barb will contact Ona and Claire to see if they would like to attend. Cynthia said she would pick them up. We will have readings and bring Christmas snacks, cookies, etc.

With no further business to be discussed our meeting closed with our Purpose Statement.

AREA AGENCIES PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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. If you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

The Women of the ELCA will once again be sponsoring six children for the Christmas Angel Project. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by **December 5th**, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

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.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY DECEMBER UPDATE

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

With your help, by the time you read this notice we will have distributed over 150 Thanksgiving meals to our Juniata County neighbors in need! In December we'll attempt to do it all again-for Christmas!

The Food Pantry served 173 families in October – 414 individuals. Many thanks to Bunkertown Brethren in Christ Church for providing volunteers in October.

BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

Canned beets, Canned mixed vegetables, Canned pineapples, laundry detergent, and other Cleaning Supplies



HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Turkeys, turkey breasts; hams (3-5 lbs) or a \$20 donation will purchase one complete meal!

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

WEBSITE: www.jcfoodpantry.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!

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.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Nov. 29 to Dec. 26 Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith
Dec. 27 to Jan. 30 Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner

LECTORS

December 5Harrison Mummah
December 12.....Cynthia Smith
December 19.....Diana Wise
December 26..... Linda Bahorik

ACOLYTES

December 5 Slone Smith & Zeb Berry
December 12.....Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman
December 19 Grace Miller & Harrison Mummah
December 24..... T.B.A.
December 26..... Gabby Reed & Thea Beward

OFFERING PRESENTERS

December 5Nick Reed & Haley Mummah
December 12..... Thea Beward & Sofia Reed
December 19 Brea Beward & Julia Martin
December 24..... T.B.A.
December 26... Harrison Mummah & Braedon Walton

FLOWERS

December 5 Don & Barb Geedey
December 12.....Judy Armstrong
December 19 & 26..... POINSETTIAS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

DECEMBER 1 ----- PSALM 90
PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

DECEMBER 2 ----- LUKE 1:68-79
PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH FEAR

DECEMBER 3 ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26
THOSE WHO FEAR DEATH

DECEMBER 4 ----- LUKE 9:1-6
ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

DECEMBER 5 ----- LUKE 3:1-6
THOSE WHO DOUBT THAT GOD LOVES THEM

DECEMBER 6 ----- ISAIAH 40:1-11
THOSE WITH BROKEN HEARTS TODAY

DECEMBER 7 ----- PSALM 126
ALL WHO REMAIN STEEPED IN GRIEF

DECEMBER 8 ----- LUKE 7:18-30
ALL WHO SUFFER INJUSTICE

DECEMBER 9 ----- ISAIAH 12:2-6
THOSE EXPERIENCING WORK TRANSITIONS

DECEMBER 10 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15
*THOSE WHO FEEL UNWORTHY OF
GOD'S GIFT OF A SAVIOR*

DECEMBER 11 ----- ISAIAH 12:2-6
*ORGANIZATIONS THAT BUILD WELLS SO
PEOPLE CAN HAVE CLEAN WATER*

DECEMBER 12 ----- LUKE 3:7-18
THOSE MISSING LOVED ONES FAR AWAY

DECEMBER 13 ----- ISAIAH 11:1-9
ALL WHO ARE SERVING AS HELPERS

DECEMBER 14 ----- ACTS 28:23-31
THOSE WHO ARE SILENCED BY FEAR

DECEMBER 15 ----- ISAIAH 11:1-9
MODERN-DAY PROPHETS

DECEMBER 16 ----- PSALM 80:1-7
ELECTED OFFICIALS

DECEMBER 17 ----- ISAIAH 42:10-18
LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

DECEMBER 18 ----- LUKE 13:31-35
CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

DECEMBER 19 ----- LUKE 1:39-45
THOSE WHO YEARN TO BE PARENTS

DECEMBER 20 ----- COLOSSIANS 1:15-20
*MINISTRIES THAT REACH BEYOND
CHURCH-BUILDING WALLS*

DECEMBER 21 ----- PSALM 113
FOOD PANTRIES

DECEMBER 22 ----- MICAH 4:1-5
NATIONAL PARKS AND PARK STAFF

DECEMBER 23 ----- LUKE 1:46B-55
THOSE PASSING THE FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

DECEMBER 24 ----- ISAIAH 9:2-7
NEWBORNS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 25 ----- LUKE 2:1-20
*GIVING THANKS FOR JESUS,
WHO SWADDLES US IN GOD'S LOVE*

DECEMBER 26 ----- LUKE 2:41-52
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

DECEMBER 27 ----- JOHN 21:20-35
THOSE WHO LIVE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

DECEMBER 28 ----- MATTHEW 2:13-18
ALL WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

DECEMBER 29 ----- ACTS 6:8-7:2A, 51-60
ELCA DEACONS (MINISTERS OF WORD AND SERVICE)

DECEMBER 30 ----- 2 CHRONICLES 1:7-13
*PEOPLE SEEKING WISDOM IN A
PARTICULAR MATTER TODAY*

DECEMBER 31 ----- JOHN 8:12-19
THOSE IN NEED OF A REMINDER OF GOD'S PEACE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

DECEMBER 4 – Jean Berry
DECEMBER 5 – Silas Smith
DECEMBER 11 – Gene Crissman
DECEMBER 15 -- Jane McNaught Shearer
DECEMBER 25 – *OUR SAVIOR, JESUS*
Barbara S. Geedey
DECEMBER 26 – Emma Arentz

MESSIAH'S DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS
PLEASE INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN US AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES IN
ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH: Second Sunday of Advent. “**Hanging of the Greens**” program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year’s program will be *The Manger*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH: Third Sunday of Advent.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH: Fourth Sunday of Advent. The morning worship service will include the annual **Children’s Christmas Program**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: -6:30 PM – Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service -7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin with a **Prelude Service** at **6:30 PM**, featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith, as well as Shibhan Cameron on harp. **The Candlelight/Communion service will begin at 7:00 PM** and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs featuring our senior choir director, Andrea Cameron, who will be performing “Ave Maria” during the lighting of the “candles.” *(We are asking everyone this year to please bring their cell phone (flash)lights to use or a small flashlight to use in place of candles during our candlelight service this year.)*

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
NOVEMBER 7	S.S. – 11 WORSHIP – 49	\$2,751.00	\$2,212.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$70.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$240.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$360.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$9.00 FLOWERS -- \$34.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$50.00 WORLD HUNGER -- \$100.00
NOVEMBER 14	S.S. – 14 WORSHIP – 65	\$3,519.00	\$3,078.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$76.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$143.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$56.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$31.00 FLOWERS -- \$35.00 FOOD PANTRY -- \$100.00
NOVEMBER 21		NOT	REPORTED	
NOVEMBER 28		NOT	REPORTED	

MISSION OF THE MONTH

December's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will continue to be for the Juniata County Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to these local organizations. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. 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.

JAM HOUSE NEED

We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

REMINDER: The ELCA Youth Gathering, "Boundless: God Beyond Measure," is coming up on

July 24-28, 2022. It will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering starts on September 22. There are registration worksheets on the gathering website on the resources page. The forms are helpful to have when sitting down at the computer to input all information for church groups, the youth, and the leaders. New this cycle is that the ELCA is taking payment online for the gathering. The getting ready material is also on the gathering website. It is helpful to use these materials with youth groups to enhance their whole gathering experience. The material is very flexible on how it can be used with groups. For more information, go to the website at www.elca.org/youthgathering.

SUNDAY SOLDIERS NEWS

The Sunday Soldiers will be meeting after church on December 12, 2021, to assemble gifts for Messiah's shut ins. We will be assembling toiletry kits and are seeking donations. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tawny Mummah at 717-363-7406.

OUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

ATTENTION SINGERS!!! MESSIAH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!! We are going to try a new schedule of rehearsals to try to get more people to join our choir. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, the choir will rehearse immediately after the worship service. On the 2nd and 4th weeks, we will rehearse on Wednesday evenings. No matter when we rehearse, people of all ages are invited to sing, even if it means just walking up to join the choir during the anthem or sitting up front for the full worship service. Robes will not be required to be worn to sing – just your voice! So, join us with the following schedule in mind:

- ✚ Wednesday, December 1st – 7:00 PM
- ✚ Sunday, December 5th – After worship
- ✚ Wednesday, December 15th – 7:00 PM
- ✚ Sunday, December 19th – After worship
- ✚ Wednesday, December 22nd – 7:00 PM
(prepare for Christmas Eve service)

- ✚ Wednesday, December 29th – No rehearsal
– Merry Christmas!
- ✚ Sunday, January 2nd – After worship
- ✚ Wednesday, January 12th – 7:00 PM
- ✚ Sunday, January 16th – After worship
- ✚ Wednesday, January 26th – 7:00 PM
- ✚ Sunday, January 30th – After worship

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2: -5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: **HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE – “THE MANGER”**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 6: -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9: -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA (*CHRISTMAS PROGRAM*)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12: -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 13: -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16: -5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19: -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
-AFTER WORSHIP – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 20: -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: **-6:30 PM – PRELUDE CONCERT BY MESSIAH’S “IN-HOUSE” MUSICIANS**
-7:00 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26: -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 27: -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29: **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Messiah Lutheran Church
Poinsettia and/or Lutheran Disaster Response
Order Form



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many weather disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach a check for either type (payment or donation), made payable to "Messiah Lutheran Church" and print Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 10, 2021**. **PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, December 19th and on Christmas Eve

Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettia/Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

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

I would like to order and/or donate as follows:

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) **\$9.00 each:** # of plants _____ x **\$9.00** = \$ _____

Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 7th, we observed All Saints' Sunday, a day where we remembered, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honored those of our congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Velma Suloff, Jim Yetter, Kay Stuck, Esther Rhine, Kitty Walters, Paul Goss, and Mona Lawson. A white carnation was placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members were invited to come forward after the service that morning and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2022 church offering envelopes are now available to pick up in the church library. Please pick these up before or after Sunday morning services or stop by the church office during business hours to pick yours up!

Also, anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2021 for tax purposes should contact the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

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Christmas Child

by Mary E. Carpio

Turn your eyes this Christmas
To the Child who was born
He came into the world
Only to find sorrow and scorn

He knew we needed a Savior
To set us free from sin
No other way to redemption
But to open your heart to Him

Remember this Christmas season,
Material things cannot satisfy
They are but temporary
They disappear and die

But the love of our Savior
A gift that lives eternally
He is that brightest Star
Which shines upon the tree!





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