THE MESSIAH HERALD



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Thursday** – 9:0

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Friday - 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE -- 9:15 AM
WEEKLY SERVICE BROADCAST ON AM 1700 & FACEBOOK LIVE

USS-ARK NEWSLETTER

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

"Growing God's Love"

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THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

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

One of the activities which we are planning is the study of scriptures. To that end, I invite you to speak with me Sunday following church to share the days which would work for you, morning, afternoon, and/or evening. You could also email me at mlcsleister@gmail.com, call or text me at 717-348-1020, or let Judy know through the church office. We will set a time which works for as many as possible.

As for an initial study, let us look again at Matthew 28:16-20. ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Put yourself in the place of the disciples, after all you too are a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is a learner and follower of Christ. A disciple is NOT defined or dependent on gender, age, race, culture, place of origin, language, preferred foods, clothing, style of music, favorite color, or any other worldly trait and characteristic.

We are to baptize nations. Nations are people joined by customs or culture. Nations are NOT defined by geography, use of technologies, or prior beliefs. The "nation" is NOT required to be absorbed, assimilated, and/or eliminated through baptism into the body of Christ in this world.

We are commanded. This leads toward the end objective, the end result. This leads to what Jesus wants to see happen, NOT what we want to see happen or how we want the baptized nations to be. We do not baptize to make people in our own image.

Verse 20 is also a part of His Great Commission; "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-40 that the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. Baptizing the nations is only one part of the Great Commission. We are to teach the nations what Jesus taught us, to love God and to love our neighbors. How are we to achieve this commission?

As we at Messiah embark on a new journey together, let us all resolve to follow the words and will of Christ our Savior. Let us continue to serve others in need during times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in our 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.

May the Lord be with you all!

Pastor Sam Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Peace in Ukraine & Russia Victims of Gun Violence The Family of Tom Cargill Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton

Donna Barton
Michele Boniewicz
Dan Brackbill
Don Bratton
Dan Brown
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jane Cook
Vincent Cramer
Will DeLancy

Fred & Dot Dowling

Seth Dowling Freda Durio Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski Neil & Pat Fisher Janie Fogleman

Steve Freeman and Family

Mindy Fryer
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Edie Kay Gill
Deborah Gingrich
Beth Harris

Amy Hart
Joyce Hart
Sue Henderson
Lahryn Henry
Nox Hepburn
Jay Hockenbroch
Erin Husler

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Erin Husler
Brenda Imes
Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Andrea Kauffman
Pam Kennedy
Guy Kerstetter
Kevin Kilmer
Pam Lawson

John Lehman Ray Long Michael Lozano Zaden Mabey Anthony Martin

Carlen McClure Alice McClure Cecilia Miller Elwood Miller Larry Miller

Jim Minick Claire Mummah Ken Mummah

Shirley Miller

Paul Ogden

Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine Dave & Nancy Phelan

Sandy Pines Mia Raish Betty Ranck Blossom Ranck Keith Ranck Mike Rhoades Diane Rowles

Ron & Arlene Shearer

Althea Smith
Dave Smith
Vicki Souja
Mike Sparks
Andy Spigelmyer
Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Dorothy Towsey

Dorothy Tows George Trego Molly Ulsh

Todd Wert & daughter

Austin Willi Jim Woltman Mackenzie Wray Phillip Zendt George Zimmerman Linda Zimmerman

...AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

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

BROOKLINE MANOR

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Gail Henderson Carol Simonton

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE HOME

(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Alice Swartz Rich Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

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

WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

Sieber & Ona Stoner

AT HOME

Edith Nipple 1482 William Penn Hwy. Mifflintown, PA 17059 Ken Stuck 66 Eighth Street Mifflintown, PA 17059

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to **Pastor** Leister mlcsleister@gmail.com. Also, if anyone has any needs or concerns, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717email 348-1020 (cell). or mlcsleister@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

August 1 to 14

..... Sandy Pines, Michelle Stoner & Tammy Brackbill August 15 to 28

...... Sandy Pines, Michelle Stoner & Jenn Hutchinson August 29 to Sept. 25 Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

MANNA MAKERS

August 7	Tammy Brackbill
August 21	Barb Geedey

LECTORS

August 7	Slone Smith
August 14	
August 21	Ron Yorks
August 28	

ACOLYTES

August 7	Grace Miller & Harrison Mummah
August 14	Haley Mummah & Paige Martin
August 21	Brea Beward & Paige Martin
August 28	SSofia Reed & Julia Martin

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

August 7	Brea Beward, Julia Martin, & Sofia Reed
August 14	Evan Miller, Silas Smith, & Hope Miller
August 21	. Zeb Berry, Gabby Reed, & Olivia Mummah
August 28	Paige Martin, Silas Smith, & Grace Miller

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 7	Julia Martin & Nick Reed
August 14	. Olivia Mummah & Braedon Walton
August 21	Zeb Berry & Gabby Reed
August 28	Thea Beward & Hope Miller

FLOWERS

August 7 & 28	OPEN
<u> </u>	Edith Nipple
_	Dan & Michelle Stoner

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 particularly 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED!!!

It is now August and still, <u>no one</u> has offered to teach the one and only Sunday School class at Messiah. Can you not give one hour,



once a month, on a Sunday morning for Silas, Sofia, Stella, and Carter? These kids have attended almost every Sunday in the past. Are **YOU** going to let them

down? If you are willing and able to teach this Sunday School class, please contact Linda Clark at 717-348-8262 – for the kids!!! Thank you in advance!

VOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT NOVEMBER 3 to 6, 2022

Each year the ELCA brings young leaders from across our church to gather for a long weekend of leadership development, networking, and faith formation. The Youth Leadership Summit will equip young leaders through workshops, speakers, and experiential activities. Youth will be inspired through music and worship. Participants will be challenged to take home what they learn and inspire action in their own synods, congregations, and communities. Youth will also hear from leaders of young adult ministries across the ELCA to help our young people look ahead to their next faith community. This event is planned and led by the ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team and will be held at Carol Joy Holling Conference Center in Ashland, Nebraska.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AUGUST UPDATE



As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2022, the Food Pantry served 196 families in need – a total of 492 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 1,460 lunches for 73 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

Canned Potatoes, Canned Carrots, Dish Soap, any Cleaning Supplies and Laundry Detergent, School Supplies, especially Spiral Notebooks and Scissors. Monetary donations of cash/gift cards 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 <u>JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY</u>. (CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: <u>jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>
WEBSITE: <u>www.jcfoodpantry.com</u>

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!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

August's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will for Wings of Kindness. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to W.O.K. so they may continue to serve our local community. 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.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING LOCATION ANNOUNCED

The ELCA Youth Gathering is jazzed to announce that we will be heading to New Orleans for the 2024 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble! The Big Easy is filled with rich history, friendly locals, amazing food, and great music, and we just can't wait to go back. Mark your calendars for July 16-20, 2024, to join this transformational faith-formation event. MYLE and the tAble will take place immediately before the Gathering, from July 13 to 16. More information is available at www.elca.org/youthgathering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

AUGUST 1PSALM 127	AUGUST 18 ISAIAH 58:9B-14
ARCHITECTS, CARPENTERS, AND BUILDERS	HONEYBEES AND DAY LABORERS
AUGUST 2COLOSSIANS 4:2-6	AUGUST 19 PSALM 103:1-8
MISSION DEVELOPERS AND EVANGELISTS	PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
AUGUST 3 LUKE 12:22-31	AUGUST 20 HEBREWS 12:18-29
BIRD WATCHERS AND ORNITHOLOGISTS	LOGGERS, SAWMILL WORKERS, AND CARPENTERS
AUGUST 4 GENESIS 15:1-6	AUGUST 21 LUKE 13:10-17
THOSE WHO ARE QUESTIONING THEIR FAITH TODAY	THOSE WHOSE SUFFERING WE FAIL TO NOTICE
AUGUST 5 PSALM 33:12-22	AUGUST 22HEBREWS 3:7-19
PARENTS AND CHILDREN	THE HEALTH OF NEARBY RIVERS AND
AUGUST 6 HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16	OTHER BODIES OF WATER
THOSE WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE	AUGUST 23 PSALM 109:21-31
AUGUST 7 LUKE 12:32-40	THOSE DEALING WITH SELF-CONDEMNATION
STRUGGLING CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTRIES	AUGUST 24JOHN 1:43-51
	THOSE INVITING OTHERS TO "COME AND SEE" JESUS
AUGUST 8 PSALM 89:1-18	
THOSE STRESSED BY THE PACE OF LIFE	AUGUST 25PROVERBS 25:6-7
AUGUST 92 CHRONICLES 34:22-33	NURSING HOME STAFF
LECTORS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS	AUGUST 26 PSALM 112
August 10 Jeremiah 33:14-26	FOOD PANTRIES AND OTHER FEEDING MINISTRIES
TREE PLANTERS AND VINE GROWERS	AUGUST 27 HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16
AUGUST 11 JEREMIAH 22:23-29	THOSE WHO SERVE IN PRISON MINISTRY
THE ELCA'S YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION	AUGUST 28LUKE 14:1, 7-14
AUGUST 12 PSALM 82	BANQUET SERVERS AND VENUE STAFF
ALL WHO FEEL REJECTED OR OVERLOOKED	AUGUST 29 HEBREWS 13:7-21
AUGUST 13 HEBREWS 11:29 – 12:2	Police officers
COACHES, ATHLETES, AND STADIUM WORKERS	AUGUST 30 ISAIAH 2:12-17
AUGUST 14 LUKE 12:49-56	THE HEALTH OF TREES AND MOUNTAIN RANGES
FIREFIGHTERS, WELDERS, AND GLASS ARTISTS	AUGUST 31 LUKE 14:15-24
AUGUST 15LUKE 1:46-55	SPECIAL-EDUCATION TEACHERS
ALL WHO STRUGGLE WITH INFERTILITY	©
AUGUST 16PSALM 32	
LOVED ONES SEPARATED BY GRUDGE OR GUILT	
AUGUST 17LUKE 19:45-48 PEOPLE LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE	
FEUPLE LEAKINING A NEW LANGUAGE	

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR JULY 2022

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, July 3 (AM)	Worship – 47	\$2,477.00	\$2,021.00	Benevolence \$73.00 Building Fund \$243.00 Lutheran Disaster \$10.00 Central Juniata Pool \$50.00 World Hunger \$50.00
Sunday, July 3 (PM)	Worship – 146	\$597.00		Juniata Co. Ministerium \$298.50 Upper Susq. Synod \$298.50
Sunday, July 10	Worship – 36	\$1,740.00	\$1,485.00	Benevolence \$105.00 Building Fund \$65.00 Central Juniata Pool \$50.00 Ordination Meal Donation \$10.00 Flowers \$25.00
Sunday, July 17	Worship – 42	\$3,267.69	\$2,656.69	Benevolence \$58.00 Building Fund \$273.00 Central Juniata Pool \$25.00 Ordination Meal Donation \$60.00 Donation - Office Desk \$195.00
Sunday, July 24	Worship – 49	\$2,796.00	\$2,460.00	Benevolence \$53.00 Building Fund \$163.00 Donation - Office Desk \$120.00
Sunday, July 31	Worship – 42	\$2,020.00	\$1,649.00	Benevolence \$56.00 Building Fund \$66.00 Lutheran Disaster \$10.00 Flowers \$24.00 Central Juniata Pool \$120.00 Donation - Office Desk \$95.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JULY 24 - Christie Yorks (Belated!!)

AUGUST 5 - Ray Miller

AUGUST 6 - Andrea Cameron

AUGUST 8 - Kim White

AUGUST 9 - Kyle Martin

AUGUST 11 - Linda Leister

AUGUST 13 - Todd Grimm

AUGUST 15 - Dave Phelan

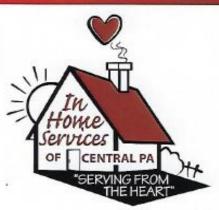
AUGUST 18 – Glenn Grimm AUGUST 23 – Bethanie Beward AUGUST 28 – Dennis Crissman AUGUST 31 – George Hazard, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

AUGUST 12 – Larry & Shirley Covert AUGUST 18 – Matt & Shelley Gross AUGUST 28 – Pastor Sam & Linda Leister

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 1: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7: -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION

MONDAY, AUGUST 8: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14: -9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION

MONDAY, AUGUST 15: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18: -1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21: -9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION

MONDAY, AUGUST 22: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION

MONDAY, AUGUST 29: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY



If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let Pastor Sam or the church office know so a class can be scheduled



Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

THANK YOU!

PASTOR SAM AND LINDA EXTEND A JOYOUS "THANK YOU" TO THE CONGREGATION OF MESSIAH AND ALL WHO ATTENDED AND VIEWED THE ORDINATION SERVICE. A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE MANY FOLKS WHO PLANNED AND COORDINATED THE CELEBRATION. MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US IN HIS GRACE NOW AND ALWAYS!

Women ELCA

The Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

Barb Geedey provided devotions from Genesis 12, Psalm 15, Hebrews 5 and 2 Corinthians 5.

Cynthia reported that our Treasury has a balance of \$481.33.

The Group reviewed the Newsletter information and there were no corrections or additions.

Old Business: We discussed the In-Kind items for the Convention on Saturday, July 23 at Camp Mt. Luther. Barb will present the list to the Congregation on Sunday, July 17 and since this notice is a little late, we will continue to collect the items through the middle of August. Because the items are going to the Lewistown shelter, we will be able to hand deliver them.

In June, the Group voted to give \$50.00 for the In-Gathering Offering that will be collected at the Convention. Cynthia will give the check to Barb on Sunday.

We will continue to collect items for Children's Services.

The items needed for the Personal Care Kits that will be sent in October are:

- 1 Light weight bath-size towel between (20" x 40" and 52" x 27") dark colors preferred
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush in its original packaging (multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business- size envelope) (**No plastic bags or wrap**).
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Cynthia and Barb will need to go to the Juniata Valley Bank in Port Royal to have both of our names placed on the WELCA checking account.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, at 1:30 P.M.

We closed our meeting with our Purpose Statement.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

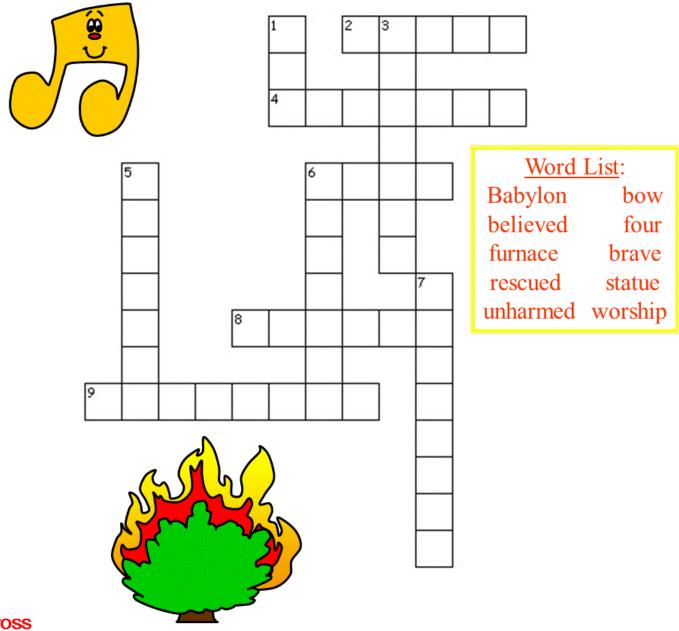
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 - 4:30 PM

Juniata County Fair Vesper Service at the Fairgrounds. If you plan to attend, please bring a lawn chair!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Juniata County CROP Walk at Walker Township Park. Registration begins at 1:30 PM and the Walk begins at 2:00 PM.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Crossword



Across

- 2. The three men were ____ because they didn't know if God would save them.
- 4. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego wouldn't do this to any other god.
- 6. Even though the king put three men in the furnace, he saw ____.
- 8. The king believed that his ____ was real and could hear him.
- 9. The three men were completely ____ as they came out of the hot furnace.

Down

- 1. When the music started to play everyone was ordered to do this.
- 3. God did this so that the men wouldn't burn in the furnace.
- 5. The name of the place where the story took place.
- 6. The three men were thrown into a very hot ____ for not bowing to a statue.
- 7. The three men ____ that God was real and that He listens to them.