

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole humdn family.*



\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (“Lord God, Heavenly King” -- In Unison)

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

FIRST READING.....Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

**<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

SECOND READING.....1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia.**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

\* GOSPEL.....John 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN' SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister  
Pastor Sam Leister

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY      *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"*      (vss. 1-4) #157 Green Hymnal
- \* NICENE CREED (In Unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

- \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

- \* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

OFFERING PRESENTATION

- \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

\* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(sung) **C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* **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.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

\* **LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**["At The Chancel Rail"]** – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. **(Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)**

\* **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

\* **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)**

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**



## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

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

\* SENDING HYMN      *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”*      (vss. 5-7) #157 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Slone Smith & Thea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Hope, Grace & Evan Miller

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner & Sandy Pines (5/15/23 – 6/4/23)

NEW WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Barb Geedey

## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother-in-law, Sandy Alexander, on her birthday and my nephews, Chandler and Ashli, who were just married on May 19<sup>th</sup>, by Debbie Meinsler.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Ruth Mummah, Carol, Susan, and Ken on the passing of husband and father, Ken Mummah, on May 15, 2023 at his home. Please keep the family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Francis August Scheaffer, Christian Thinker: Man still stands in the image of God – twisted, broken, abnormal, but still the image bearer of God.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS **THURSDAY NOON.**

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

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.

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 Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

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.

MAY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for Teacher Appreciation in our Community and our Synod. 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.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July 2023 through June 2024 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship Service.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME will begin on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, our worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday for the summer season.

MESSIAH’S PPC has authorized the purchase of two AED’s (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000.00. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of these life saving devices. There is a chart showing envelopes with numbers on them in the Adult Sunday School Room. The number is the amount of a contribution you can make to help with this purchase. Please take an envelope and return it when you come to church.

BIBLE STUDY continues in the Library on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This ELCA *Daily Discipleship* follows the gospel lessons from our worship. Next week’s topic will be “*You Are an Instrument of Wisdom.*”

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

FOOD PANTRY – June is Messiah’s month for sending volunteers to help at the Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. A group has volunteered for the first Saturday of the month so just the 3 remaining Saturdays will need to be covered. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve your neighbors in need!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at msgoss@gmail.com.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

May 14, 2023    Worship Attendance – 67    Sunday School - 0

Total Offering    \$2,366.00  
Other Funds        557.00  
General Fund      \$1,809.00

<u>Other Funds</u>	
Benevolence	\$ 53.00
Building Fund	103.00
Central Juniata Pool	10.00
Summer Camp	100.00
Youth Group	100.00
AED Project	95.00
Flowers	46.00
Memorial Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 557.00

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 to 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](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. 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. Also, if you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.

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.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care as requested by Children's Services. The list of clothing items is included below. If you would like to purchase an item or two to donate, please place them in the appropriate storage containers located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

**0-3 Years**

- Socks (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- Onesies (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

**4-7 Years**

- Socks (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Underwear (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Sweatshirts (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)

### 8-12 Years

- Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

### 13-17 Years

- Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

(Additionally, we are requesting donations of plastic storage containers to help store and organize all donated items).

OUR CONVENTION will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone is interested in attending, the cost is \$45.00 which covers a light breakfast, lunch, speaker and any activities. Contact Barb, Linda or Cynthia for copies of registration forms.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| --Laundry Detergent | --Shaving Cream |
| --Clorox            | --Shampoo       |
| --Dryer Sheets      | --Deodorant     |
| --Dish Soap         | --Body Wash     |

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

COLLECTION FOR HAVEN MINISTRY "WISH LIST" (a Homeless Shelter and Food Pantry serving the Sunbury area).

### Paper Supplies

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|--------------|---------|
| Paper Towels | Napkins |
| Toilet Paper | Tissues |
| Paper Plates |         |

### Cleaning Supplies

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Liquid Hand Soap | Dish Sponges and Scrubbies                                 |
| Brillo Pads      | Rubber Gloves for cleaning                                 |
| Trash Bags       | Dawn Brand Dish Detergent (Dawn is used for cleaning jobs) |

PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS (collecting May—July)

- ONE** lightweight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27").....dark color recommended.
- TWO OR THREE** bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand in original wrapping.....no mini or hotel size bars).

- ONE** adult-size toothbrush (in original packaging.....multi-packs may be used as long as each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope.....no plastic bags or wraps).
- ONE** sturdy comb (NO picks or fine-toothed combs).
- ONE** metal nail clipper (attached file optional, remove packaging).

## *WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

### COMMUNITY

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY:**

BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS: SINGLE-SERVE NON-PERISHABLE LUNCH ITEMS SUCH AS 15 OZ. CANS OF PASTA MEALS OR READY-TO-HEAT SOUP, MICROWAVEABLE MEALS, FRUIT CUPS, AND PUDDING CUPS. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED.

#### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.  
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m., Bible Study in Library.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:** -Pentecost Sunday (wearing of red)  
-Confirmation Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Steve & Linda Bahorik	Sylva Grimm	Shade Parks
Jeremy Barnes	Sue Henderson	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Donna Barton	Nox Hepburn	Sandy Pines
Gary Bechtold	Judy Hosler	Betty Ranck
Michele Boniewicz	Erin Husler	Keith Ranck
Dan Brackbill	Terry Imes	Diane Rowles
Don Bratton	Annie Ingle	Kelley Rusenko
Dan Brown	Curt Kauffman	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Terry Coder	Guy Kerstetter	Jan Smith
Fred & Dot Dowling	Jesse Kint	Joyce & Todd Spangler
Seth Dowling	Pam Lawson	Andy Spigelmyer
Freda Durio	Norma Leach	Barry Strawser
Cathy Dysinger	Bobby Lillis	Family of Rick Stuter
Renee Dzikowski	Michael Lozano	Vicki Suoja
The Ettlinger Family	Zaden Mabey	Dorothy Towsey
Neil & Pat Fisher	Anthony Martin	Molly Ulsh
Jane Fogleman	Carlen McClure	Doug Wagner
Steve Freeman & family	Alice McClure	Roscoe Warner
Mindy Fryer	Cecilia Miller	Florence Williams
Bentley Fulkroad	Ellwood Miller	Jim Woltman
Terri Gayer	Larry Miller	Gary Zeiders
Deb Geedey	Shirley Miller	Phillip Zendt
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill	Claire Mummah	George Zimmerman
Arrin Gilson	Family of Ken Mummah	Linda Zimmerman
Deborah Gingrich	Paul Ogden	
	Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks	

## **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

--Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059  
--Gail Henderson Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059  
--Alice Swartz & Rich Smith – Berry’s Personal Care, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059  
--Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094  
--Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094  
--Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059  
--Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044