

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *THE DAY OF PENTECOST*

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## DAY OF PENTECOST May 28, 2023 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.*

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:*

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

*Their names are read:*

Zeb Berry  
Thea Beward  
Hannah Ehrisman  
Julia Martin  
Hope Miller  
Olivia Mummah  
Gabby Reed

Nicolas Reed

Braedon Walton

*Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.*

*The minister addresses those who have been presented.*

*P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.*

*P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?*

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*P Do you believe in God the Father?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*P Let us pray for Thea, Hannah, Julia, Hope, Gabby, Nicholas, and Braedon who are affirming their Baptism this day, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.*

*P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.*

*P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.*

*P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.*

*P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

*P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God  
made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share  
in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all  
people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the  
earth?*

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*P Let us pray.*

*Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Thea, Hannah, Julia, Hope, Gabby,  
Nicholas, and Braedon your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness  
of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of  
grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of  
knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your  
Son, our Lord.*

**C Amen**

*P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in ----- the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm  
his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in  
suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.*

**Confirmands & Congregation: Amen**

*The presiding minister exchanges the peace with each of them They exchange the peace with one  
another and other members of the congregation:*

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

**GATHERING**

\* GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #30 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**C - sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (**In Unison**)

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P Let us pray...

**C And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**In Unison**)

P Let us pray...

**C O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

FIRST READING ..... Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: .....Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*responsively*)

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

**\* GOSPEL.....John 20:19-23**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister  
Pastor Sam Leister

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY      *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*      #448 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.

ANTHEM      *"Be Thou My Vision"*  
OFFERING PRESENTATION

Eleanor Hull/Mary Byrne

- \* 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, Lord, 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 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 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

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

#70 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 – Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Gabby & Stella Reed

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Sofia & Nick Reed & Olivia Mummah

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

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Jenn Hutchinson

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_ by Bethanie and Thea.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following youth on the completion of their confirmation training and requirements:

Zeb Berry, son of Steve and Jean Berry

Thea Beward, daughter of Nick and Bethanie Beward

Hannah Ehrisman, daughter of Stan and Melissa Ehrisman

Julia Martin, daughter of Kyle and Christina Martin

Hope Miller, daughter of Clint and Jamie Miller

Olivia Mummah, daughter of Ken and Tawny Mummah

Gabby Reed, daughter of Robert and Jessie Reed

Nicolas Reed, son of Robert and Jessie Reed

Braedon Walton, son of William Walton and the late Tammy Pines Walton

They will be making affirmation of their baptism today with the exception of Zeb Berry and Olivia Mummah who will be confirmed on June 4<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to personally congratulate them following the worship service at the reception in their honor in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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 the Holy Spirit.*”

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](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

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

Total Offering	\$2,366.00
Other Funds	<u>557.00</u>
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

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:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| --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**

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| 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.  
-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