

THE MESSIAH HERALD



OCTOBER 2023

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

Looking at the scripture reading of Psalm 90:16-17 (NRSV) Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

On September 10 following worship service at Messiah, a number of us worked at knotting the comforters which have been prepared by the many hands of our Needlers as well as friends of Needlers throughout the community. These comforters will find their way via Lutheran World Relief to those in need of warmth and compassion anywhere throughout the world.

On Sunday, October 1 Messiah will celebrate Blanket Sunday with our nave full of comforters ready to be sent on their way to provide warmth and meet the needs of others. School kits and personal kits have been prepared. Folks are busy knitting Monday evenings. In Sunday school, hands prepare cards to be carried with fruit bags to our Messiah families.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we see your work all around us, in skies and seas, in deserts and forests, in animals that creep and birds that fly, and in people who bear your image. Help us to pay attention to your work, Lord, so that we might praise you for your goodness and so that we might imitate your justice as we do our own work.

You have created us with the capacity for work. You have called us to do good work, work that honors you and stewards well your creation. As we do our work, we recognize that we need your favor, your grace, your help. Yes, we can work hard. But without your blessing, our work would soon be ineffective.

So we ask you, Lord, to prosper the work of our hands. May we be fruitful in our labors. May what we do make a difference that matters. May our work serve our neighbors and glorify you, O God. *Amen.*

Paul writes to the Philippians; "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (4:13) May we remember that we are able to do Christ's work because he lives in us and through us by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Sam Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

The Family of Dan Brown
Steve & Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Gary Bechtold
Dan Brackbill
Linda Brouse
Andrea Cameron
Terry Coder
Rob Davis
Kim Dumais
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Kevin Fetterhoof
Neil & Pat Fisher
Jane Fogleman
Gary Frantz
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill

Sylva Grimm
Fred Gross
Dave Hart Family
Nox Hepburn
Judy Hosler
Erin Husler
Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Guy Kerstetter
Jesse Kint
Bobby Lillis
Michael Lozano
Anthony Martin
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Cecilia Miller
Ellwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Claire Mummah
Paul Ogden
Donna Parks
Ron & Linda (Kerchner) Parks

Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Dave Reed
Diane Rowles
Kelley Rusenko
Ron & Arlene Shearer
Dave & Jan Smith
Joyce & Todd Spangler
Barry Strawser
Vicki Suoja
Tonya Tabb
Dorothy Towsey
Molly Ulsh
Doug Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Florence Williams
Jim Woltman
Gary Zeiders
Paul Zeiders
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

... AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

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Jane Marhefka

MAGNOLIA PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

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HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney

(Apt. #112)

Ray Bramm

(Apt. #108)

WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

Ona Stoner

AT HOME

Edith Nipple

1482 William Penn Hwy.

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 at 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 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at mlcsleister@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 25 to Oct. 22..... Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed
Oct. 23 to Nov. 12..... Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner

MANNA MAKERS

October 1 Barb Geedey
October 15..... Cynthia Smith
October 29 Barb Geedey

LECTORS

October 1 Hannah Ehrisman
October 8..... Diana Wise
October 15..... Cynthia Smith
October 22 Kate Swailes
October 29 Marina Holderman

ACOLYTES

October 1 Brea Beward & Paige Martin
October 8..... Hannah Ehrisman & Slone Smith
October 15..... Harrison & Haley Mummah
October 22 Nick & Stella Reed
October 29 Hope & Grace Miller

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

October 1
Silas Smith, Zeb Berry, Braedon Walton
October 8.....
Carter Ehrisman, Silas Smith, Nick Reed
October 15.....
Olivia Mummah, Thea Beward, Braedon Walton
October 22
Gabby & Sofia Reed, Julia Martin
October 29
Evan Miller, Carter & Hannah Ehrisman

FLOWERS

October 1 Dan & Michelle Stoner
October 8..... Cindy Miller
October 15..... Deb Meinsler
October 22 Sandy Pines
October 29 OPEN

OFFERING COUNTERS

October 1 Jean Berry & Barb Geedey
October 8..... Nick Beward & Cynthia Smith

October 15..... Larry Goss & Christie Yorks
October 22 and 29 OPEN

BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1st is BLANKET SUNDAY and along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope, which are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and place in the offering plate or give to Cynthia Smith.

Also, our thanks to “The Needlers” for sewing all of the lovely quilts you see on October 1st and for decorating the chancel and nave. The quilts on display will be donated by “The Needlers” as their Blanket Sunday offering. Blankets/quilts and personal care kits will be taken to Faith Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, Pa on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now in nursing homes. The covers on the altar and lecterns were made by Carole Nace.

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.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE



Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without your help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And 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.

In August 2023, the Food Pantry served 263 families in need – a total of 722 individuals.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS:

(These are the foods that are hard for us to get) TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS), canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and brownie or cookie mix; 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!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

October's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will go towards our own Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Food Pantry so they may continue to serve those who depend on our generosity in our own community and county. 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

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 16 through July 20 of 2024 in New Orleans. Information may be reviewed by checking the following websites:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering> and
<https://www.elca.church/gathering/faqs>

Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering. We have several of our young people who are definitely interested in attending with our nationwide youth. Additionally, we would like to see some adult leaders accompany the youth to this faith formation event. Please consider joining the gathering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER 1-----MATTHEW 21:23-32
RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF TODAY

OCTOBER 2-----PHILIPPIANS 1:3-14
PEOPLE IN JAIL OR PRISON

OCTOBER 3-----PSALM 28
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGERS

OCTOBER 4-----MATTHEW 9:2-8
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

OCTOBER 5-----ISAIAH 5:1-7
URBAN FARMERS

OCTOBER 6-----PSALM 80:7-15
BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

OCTOBER 7-----PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14
PEOPLE WHO DOUBT THEIR WORTH

OCTOBER 8-----MATTHEW 21:33-46
ALL WHO PICK FRUIT, ESPECIALLY LOW-WAGE WORKERS

OCTOBER 9-----1 PETER 2:4-10
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OCTOBER 10-----2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21
INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS

OCTOBER 11-----JOHN 11:45-57
NEWS AGENCIES STRIVING TO PUBLICIZE TRUTH

OCTOBER 12-----ISAIAH 25:1-9
PARK WORKERS HELING US ENJOY NATURE

OCTOBER 13-----PSALM 23
SURVIVORS IN PLACES OF DISASTER

OCTOBER 14-----PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9
THOSE EXPERIENCING DEEP GRIEF AND LOSS

OCTOBER 15-----MATTHEW 22:1-14
BANQUET CHEFS, SERVERS, AND CATERERS

OCTOBER 16-----JUDE 17-25
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

OCTOBER 17-----PSALM 34
PREPARERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 18-----LUKE 1:1-4; 24:44-53
PASTORS AND BIBLE TRANSLATORS

OCTOBER 19-----ISAIAH 45:1-7
ELCA MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 20-----PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]
MUSICIANS, SINGERS, AND DANCERS

OCTOBER 21-----1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10
NEIGHBORING CHURCHES AND GLOBAL PARTNERS

OCTOBER 22-----MATTHEW 22:15-22
GOVERNMENT AND WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD

OCTOBER 23-----PSALM 98
ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THREATENED HABITATS

OCTOBER 24-----DANIEL 3:19-30
THOSE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH

OCTOBER 25-----MATTHEW 17:22-27
HOW WE USE OUR FREEDOM

OCTOBER 26-----LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18
THOSE FORGOTTEN BY OUR SMALL IDEAS OF JUSTICE

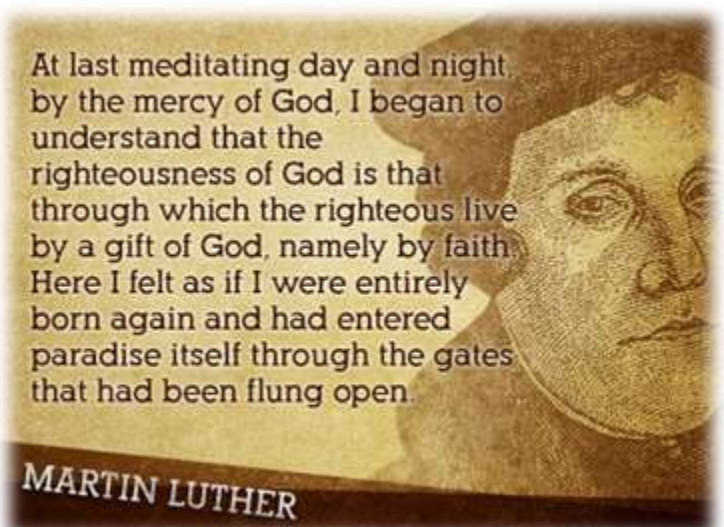
OCTOBER 27-----PSALM 1
CONSERVATION, TREES, AND HEALTHY WATERWAYS

OCTOBER 28-----JOHN 14:21-27
LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

OCTOBER 29-----MATTHEW 22:34-36
PEOPLE MAKING DIFFICULT MORAL CHOICES

OCTOBER 30-----DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9, 20-25
PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

OCTOBER 31-----JEREMIAH 31:31-34
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED; THE DYING



MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, Sept. 3	SS - ?? Worship - 58	\$3,270.00	\$2,970.00	Benevolence -- \$120.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Mission of the Month -- \$75.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 AED Project -- \$20.00
Sunday, Sept. 10		NO	REPORT	
Sunday, Sept. 17		NO	REPORT	
Sunday, Sept. 24		NO	REPORT	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

OCTOBER 1 – Dave Smith
 OCTOBER 3 – Ona Stoner
 OCTOBER 10 – Lois Crissman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

OCTOBER 12 – George & Marylou Hazard
 OCTOBER 18 – Steve & Jean Berry
 OCTOBER 30 – Glenn & Mary Grimm

YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

A youth planning meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's to plan and outline details of a work camp in Virginia from June 23-29, 2024, and the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20, 2024. The age requirement is that youth must be **13** by June 23 to attend the work camp and youth who are now in grades **8 through 12** for the Youth Gathering. Please plan to attend if you are going to **BOTH**, if you are going to one or the other, **AND** if you **might be interested in going but are not sure!!**

FUNNY BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"
- An announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.
- Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

51ST ANNUAL CROP WALK

The 51st Annual Juniata County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 8th at Walker Township Park. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the WALK begins at 2:00 p.m. Twenty-five percent of all pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels.

2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The 2023 community Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem's Star! Songs & Stories of His Birth" by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 17th at Messiah (time to be announced). The first rehearsal will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 15th and a make-up date on Wednesday evening, October 18th also at Messiah (time to be announced). Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more details!

If you are interested in being a part of this year's cantata, please contact William Angenent, 418 Crabapple Lane, Port Royal, PA by email (k6nd@k6nd.com) or cell phone (717-443-6718) by **Monday, October 2nd** to be added to the list! **PLEASE JOIN US!!**



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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:** **WORLD COMMUNION AND BLANKET SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 2:**
-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8:**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
-1:30 PM – REGISTRATION FOR JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK AT WALKER PARK
-2:00 PM – JUNIATA CROP WALK AT WALKER PARK
-6:00 PM – YOUTH PLANNING MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 9:**
-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:**
-1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14:**
-9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM – USS WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION FALL RETREAT AT
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15:**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
-T.B.A. – CANTATA REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 16:**
-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22:**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 23:**
-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28:**
-9:00 AM – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 30:**
-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM

WELCA met on Thursday, September 14th at 1:00 P.M. rather than 1:30. Barb notified all of the members she thought might come. As it turned out only Cynthia and Barb were the only 2 available that day. They skipped devotions and went straight into putting the school personal care kits together. They only had enough notebooks for 15 school kits at this time and they had enough items for 8 personal care kits. Barb will make an announcement and see if we can get more notebooks and towels. Notebooks are li tied and of course the price has gone up.

Barb reported to Cynthia that Sonya Nace from Trinity Lutheran contacted her to see if our church was able to take 6 children again this year for the Christmas Angel Project. Barb told her we did well with 6 last year and we will try again this year. She hopes to get the list to Barb by the middle of October.

Barb has contacted Pastor Ann Zimmerman and she has agreed to bring the message for our Thankoffering service in November. Barb will check with Andrea to see if she can lead our service that day. Ann has been invited to stay for the meal following the service.

There being no further business to discuss we completed the kits and will finish them hopefully before our next meeting on Thursday, October 12th at 1:30.

THE REFORMATION AND BUTTER

By Jim Mica, October 31, 2019

Some Lutherans say that coffee and potluck are vital aspects of our faith tradition. The references are made with humor—but history suggests we should look to butter as a fundamental part of our theological heritage.

In the book *Butter: A Rich History* (Algonquin, 2016)—published just in time for our commemoration of the Reformation’s 500th anniversary (2019)—food historian Elaine Khosrova reports that butter was very much on Martin Luther’s mind. The issue he was concerned with was how butter figured in the church’s rules on fasting.

Fasting was an important form of religious discipline in Luther’s time. The practice—initially expected only of nuns, monks and others in religious orders—eventually spread to include everyone in the church. The foods prohibited when fasting included meat, poultry and all dairy products. Khosrova writes that the faithful fasted on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, before certain feast days, during part of Advent and each day in Lent. This amounted to nearly half the year.

While we use butter mainly for flavoring, medieval Germans—and others in the northern European dairy lands—relied on butter for its calories. This was especially the case during the long winter months. Many would have liked to butter their bread while fasting, but this was prohibited during Advent and Lent.

By reciting special prayers and making monetary contributions to the church, people could make up for the “sin” of eating butter during fasting times.

However, there was a way around this prohibition: by reciting special prayers and making monetary contributions to the church, people could make up for the “sin” of eating butter during fasting times. This worked in much the same way as the indulgences Luther had vehemently opposed.

Adding insult to injury, butter was prohibited during fasting but olive oil was allowed. While olive oil was plentiful near the Mediterranean, it wasn't available to those further north.

Butter doesn't get talked about much when we review Reformation history today, but Luther did bring it up in his 1520 address "To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation." The bulk of the essay deals with the church and politics, the interpretation of Scripture and the "priesthood of all believers"—but Luther brought up butter at least a half dozen times.

When Luther—as translated by C.M. Jacobs—expounded on unjust church taxes, he went into full rhetorical mode: "For at Rome they themselves laugh at the fasts, making us foreigners eat the oil with which they would not grease their shoes, and afterwards selling us liberty to eat butter and all sorts of other things ... thinking it is a greater sin to eat butter is a greater sin than to lie, to swear, or even to live unchastely."

Khosrova sums up her view of the issue's importance by writing, "It seems hardly a coincidence that most of the dairy-rich countries producing and using butter were the same nations that broke away from the Roman Catholic Church in the sixteenth century."

Clearly, we no longer rely upon butter as a major source of calories—but the controversy over butter is baked into our Lutheran heritage.

The Reformation

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION

- **Sunday, September 10, 2023** – This day marked the first official notice that the Parish Planning Council has approved and recommends for adoption the proposed amendments to the Church's Constitution and Bylaws as prepared by Tawny Mummah and Larry Wise. The amended version is based on the Upper Susquehanna Synod's model constitution with some alterations made to accommodate our Messiah Lutheran PPC operating structure. This proposed version has been developed over the past three years in full cooperation with and approved by Bishop Miller of the U.S.S. Copies are available both online and in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please direct all questions to either Larry or Tawny.
- **Sunday October 15, 2023** – A congregational meeting (Voter's Assembly) will be held with the purpose to adopt the amendments by a majority of those members voting.
- **Sunday, November 26, 2023** – At the annual congregational meeting, a ratification vote will be conducted. A two-thirds majority of those members voting is required for final ratification.

Should the new constitution and bylaws be ratified, then on Monday, November 27, 2023, it will be submitted to the Synod and a 120-day waiting period will begin. If the Synod raises no concerns with the ratified constitution and bylaws then it will become effective on March 26, 2024.

TREASURER POSITION OPENING

The Messiah Lutheran Church Parish Planning Council met September 10 in a special session. Our Treasurer has submitted her resignation. Carolyn Bryner explained that changes in her job duties at the Pennsylvania Treasury Department will make it difficult to continue as our Treasurer. Her resignation becomes effective as of September 15.

Council members received the resignation with regret and expressed thanks to Carolyn for her service. She has agreed to continue with the payroll and taxes until the end of the year.

Plans were made to handle the offerings in the interim. Council members (2-3 members working together) will tally the monies received and make the deposits. The executive committee of the council will write checks and pay the bills.

The council will begin a search for a church treasurer. According to our constitution our Treasurer will need to be a member of the congregation. Members will continue to be informed of our progress through email, bulletins, newsletter, and announcements at our services.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this church position, or have any questions regarding the treasurer position, please contact Marylou Hazard, Nick Beward, or Jean Berry (our church Executive Council).

SUNDAY BLANKET AND SUNDAY "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"



