

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

November 5th, 2023

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord’s table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 5, 2023 – 10:30 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.]

RECOGNITION OF ALL SAINTS

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Sieber Stoner, Carol Simonton, Randy Clark, Rick Stuter, Ken Mummah, Alice Swartz, Gail Henderson, and Daniel Brackbill. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through +

Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN *“For All the Saints”* (vss. 1 to 4) #174 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 (spoken responsively)

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 (sung)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints

in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

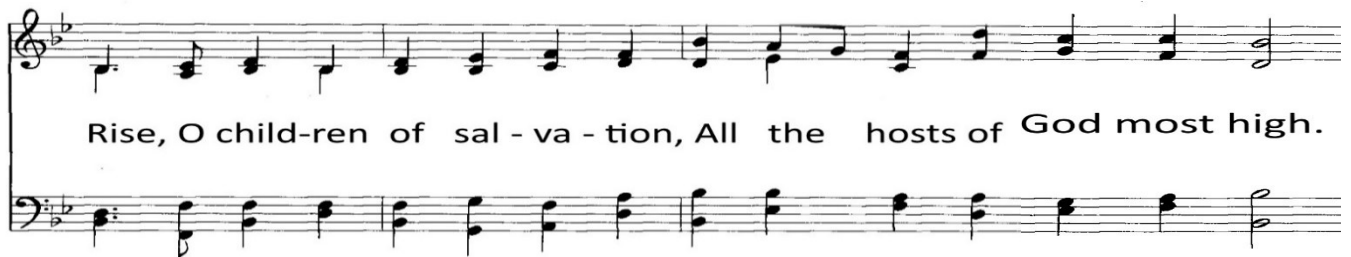
FIRST READING.....Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: Here ends the reading.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (**responsively**)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung):



Rise, O child-ren of sal - va - tion, All the hosts of God most high.

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. R

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. R

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. **R**

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

SECOND READING.....1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

* GOSPEL.....Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

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* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#467 Green Hymnal

* NICENE CREED

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, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and Shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from Your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self And care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 (C – sung)

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

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 Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal

your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sung) **C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

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 There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

* **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.

P Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

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 eft or right SIDE aisle]. (If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

* **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 Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN *“For All the Saints”* (vss. 5 to 8) #174 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Gabby & Sofia Reed

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Hannah Ehrisman, Stella Reed & Hope Miller

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (10/23 – 11/12)

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): When God crowns our merits, it is

nothing other than his own gifts that he crowns.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Braedon Walton's birthday by Sandy Pines and Dan and Michelle Stoner.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY and on this day we remember, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honor those of the congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Sieber Stoner, Carol Simonton, Randy Clark, Rick Stuter, Ken Mummah, Alice Swartz, Gail Henderson, and Daniel Brackbill. A white carnation has been placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members may come forward after the service and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

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.

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. 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 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.

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.

NOVEMBER'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for Lutheran Disaster Relief. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to LDR to continue assisting in the effort to serve the needs of our 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.

A VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held on November 12th following the worship service for the purpose of electing Jenn Hutchinson as the church treasurer. A Voter's Assembly will again be held on November 26th for ratification of the constitution and by-laws (a two-thirds majority of voting members is required to accept the documents in order for them to pass), approval of the proposed 2024 budget, and reports of the boards.

BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be studying the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES – 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.

FIRST COMMUNION – 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.

THE NOVEMBER 2023 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com and Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embargmail.com prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at www.mlcmiffintown.org Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

MESSIAH'S PPC has purchased 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. 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.

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

A SPAGHETTI SUPPER WILL BE HELD on **Saturday, November 11th**, from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**. Messiah is in charge of getting the salad ingredients and rolls. Donations from the congregation are needed for the following items: bags of salad, dinner rolls, cherry tomatoes, packs of shredded cheese, and desserts (cookies, pies, brownies, cakes, etc.). Collection of these items will begin Sunday, November 5th (please do not bring items in before that date so we can keep them fresh). A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. A basket raffle will also be held on November 11th. If anyone is interested in donating to the raffle or creating a basket, please contact Bethanie Beward, Christina Martin, Jessie Reed or Tawny Mummah.

Official Announcement to the Messiah Lutheran Church Congregation:

- Sunday, September 10, 2023, marks 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 approval by Bishop Miller of the U.S. Copies are available

both online and in the Adult Sunday School room. Please direct all questions to either Larry or Tawny.

- A congregational meeting was held on October 15, 2023 with the purpose to adopt the amendments by a majority of those members voting.
- On Sunday, November 26, 2023, at the annual congregational meeting, ratification vote will be conducted. A two-thirds majority of those members voting is required for this 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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on November 12th and the speaker will be Rev. Ann Zimmerman.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Messiah Women of the ELCA are sponsoring 6 children for the Christmas Angel Project again this year. The sign-up chart for the clothing and non-clothing items that are needed is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 3rd, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child's name and number on the tag.

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

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.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.), TURKEY BREASTS, WHOLE CHICKENS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.),
INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY,
BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX,
OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone #: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 1-5, Saturday 9-12

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.

THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "Bethlehem's Child" by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 17th at Messiah at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsals are every Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. through December 11th. If you are still interested in joining the cantata, please contact coordinator Bill Angenent at k6nd@k6nd.com or director Andrea Cameron at messiahchoir88@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
-7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal in sanctuary.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m. Bible Study.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in sanctuary.
- Saturday:** -4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper at St. Stephen's.
- Sunday:** -Thankoffering Service.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Rich Smith – Magnolia Personal Care Center, 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