

"THE WITNESS' NEWSLETTER
of
MESSIAH (FISHERVILLE) & ST. PETER (FETTERHOFF'S)
(ELCA) LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF HALIFAX, PA

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Recent news about the dangers of being caught in a riptide got me thinking about parallels between that natural phenomenon (a strong narrow offshore current which pulls water through an inlet steadily out to sea) and a tendency toward busyness, a phenomenon that can make life seem full and us seem important.

Do you know what's really important and what you value most? I now do. After sifting through over eighty given choices, my top three most important values are: Purpose-to have meaning and direction in my life, Loved- to be loved by those close to me, and Spirituality-to grow and mature spiritually (which for me, includes doing God's will.)

When caught in a riptide, it is futile to try and swim against the force. (It's able to pull your body at a speed of 1-2 feet per second and up to 8 ft per second which is faster than any Olympic swimmer.) What happens almost immediately is panic: the first step toward drowning.

Panic is also the first step toward becoming overwhelmed by bad news. It's the thing that leads to muddled thinking and becoming incapacitated. Instead of acting instinctively or panicking, professionals advise that swimmers turn on their back and float. *Stop trying to fight the current. Stop trying to make progress. Relax and take nice, slow, deep breaths before succumbing to fear.*

I can personally relate to this advice after having a frightening experience while snorkeling miles offshore in FLA. Since putting it on, I felt constrained by my wet suit. In fact, it felt too tight all over, unnatural, even suffocating to my entire body. After disembarking from the boat, time and time again, saltwater kept flooding my face mask, entering my nose/mouth/snorkel every time I tried taking a breath. Plus, without my glasses I can't see past an arm's length.

No matter how I adjusted things, tightened, or loosened straps, the mask and snorkel continued to leak. I began to panic. One of the safety guides came over and instructed me to lie flat on my back and tilt my chin upward. She proceeded to tow me to the boat where I immediately stripped down to my bathing suit and processed what occurred.

"I have always been such a strong swimmer. I *love* the water. No one was more excited about snorkeling than I. What happened???"

By trying to conform to the expectations of others, by acting like I was competent, by attempting to follow instructions without asking questions, I set myself up for trouble.

In general, I know this about myself: "*When things don't go as expected and in rapid succession I fail despite repeated concerted efforts, I will start to panic.*"

What I was reminded of that day still serves me well. In unfamiliar situations, I need time to assess

things and determine what may cause a problem. Also, as a rule, anything moderately to majorly constraining doesn't suit me, lol.

After a few moments in the boat, I plunged in again to join the others wearing my swimsuit and different mask. I never felt the cold (which was the reason for donning a wetsuit to start with). I ditched the snorkel and happily swam about admiring all the fish. Another thing that's true: I hate to miss out or fail to see and do what others are able to see and do. ;)

Being a Christian often entails learning to swim diagonally and parallel to the shore rather than fighting forces directly or aiming for the shortest distance ashore. Prayer is akin to floating on one's back, taking time to relax and breathe. It's an exercise in surrender that helps us realize what's important and to prioritize our resources. It helps us make better decisions and stay true to what we believe.

What forces are at work in you or around you today? Are you striving for something important or working to oppose an undercurrent? Do you feel constricted or constrained? How? Why? What might you need to shed in order to enjoy what life has to offer?

Don't let fear make you over function, stay too busy, cause panic or carry you toward drowning. Float, breathe, tilt back your chin.

I found needing the help of a safety guide embarrassing and somewhat disconcerting that day, but by allowing her to tow me safely to the boat, I was better able to assess things and make decisions from there. This is also true of whenever God intervenes on our behalf.

The end result becomes much better than it would have been once we willingly surrender, even momentarily, once we stop trying to make adjustments while also treading water, once we stop trying to deal with repeated failures/leaks, and once we realize that what we're really feeling is like we can't catch a break or a breath.

And remember: God considers our safety and enjoyment to be paramount ingredients of life's great excursion. So, don't fight against every strong force directly. Look further ahead at a diagonal trajectory. Keep a side eye on the shoreline and aim to arrive eventually, not necessarily quickly.

*Your Loving Pastor,
Pastor Nancy Brody*

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

7/7 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalmody – Psalm 123

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel – Mark 6:1-13

7/14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Amos 7:7-15

Psalmody – Psalm 85:8-13

2nd Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel – Mark 6:14-29

7/21 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalmody – Psalm 23

2nd Reading – Romans 8:1-11

Gospel – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

7/28 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalmody – Psalm 145:10-18

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel – John 6:1-21

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

8/4 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalmody – Psalm 78:23-29

2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel – John 6:24-35

8/11 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalmody – Psalm 34:1-8

2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Gospel – John 6:35, 41-51

8/18 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalmody – Psalm 34:9-14

2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel – John 6:51-58

8/25 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalmody – Psalm 34:15-22

2nd Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel – John 6:56-69

2024 VBS A STELLAR SUCCESS

The Vacation Bible School program with the theme “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light” was held June 24th- through June 27th at Messiah. The children learned —When life feels dark, shine Jesus’ light!; When people don’t get along, shine Jesus’ light!; When good things happen, shine Jesus’ light!; When people are sad, shine Jesus’ light!; When people need help, shine Jesus’ light!.

The program could not have been successful without all the wonderful volunteers. The Opening program and Closing session were led by Shana Rummel. Bible storytelling sessions were led by Pastor Nancy Brody. Rose Steinhauer and Avery Weber led the children in fun craft projects. Exciting and sometimes wet games were led by Katie Jury and helper Keaton Rummel. And the yummy snacks were prepared by Judy Shomper and Dianna Reed.

Many thanks also to group leaders, assistants, and helpers: Alice Funk, Treasure Keiter, Nancy Stonerod, Judy Michael, Peggy Mattis, Mia Popp, Kathy Brown, Rhonda Hentz, Cylah Funk, Quinn Wright, Eli Miller, Finn Murphy, Makayla Kerstetter and Colton Neiter. And thanks to those who served on the Bible School Committee.

Average daily attendance during our week of VBS was 33-37. This is an increase from last year when we had 23! There were children from Messiah and other local churches. The children donated toothbrushes and sunglasses for missionary Mary Klause and crayons to be used in

the school kits. They also gave an offering each day and they voted to give the money to the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Inc.

Thanks to everyone who donated monies to help to purchase items for the children who attended. Flashlights, foam glow sticks, t-shirts, Bible verse tags and goodie bags were given to each of the children. It was another successful year!

God blesses us with dedicated volunteers and children eager to learn and participate. VBS adds up to a fun week – for EVERYONE!

GRADUATION PRAYER AND CONGRATS

Kudos, well wishes and God’s blessings to all local high school, technical school, and college graduates. We’d especially like to recognize **Caden Funk** for completing his degree in Sports Broadcasting and Marketing from Susquehanna University this May.

Kaitlyn (Lebo) Enders graduated from Kutztown University with a degree in Finance and is pleased to have landed a job with Hershey Hospitality Services.

Morgan Reed graduated in 2023 from Susquehanna University with a degree in Political Science with a minor in Psychology. This September, he'll pursue an MSc in Behavioral Science from the University of Stirling in Scotland.

Justin Zahurak, son of Jean Marie and Steve, graduates as Valedictorian of his class in Halifax and plans to attend Bloomsburg University majoring in Premed Chemistry.

Congrats to **Maya Gutierrez** for graduating from Halifax with plans to attend HACC in the fall to become an X-Ray Technician. And also, to **Albert Stonerod**, who graduated from DCTS and has immediate plans to enter the work force. Messiah Ladies Aid provided a monetary gift to each graduate.

"Lord, life transitions are both exciting and a bit nerve wracking. Since we don’t know exactly what lies ahead, we anticipate change trusting in your ongoing provisions, your steadfast love and tender mercies. Guide the footsteps of these graduates who seek to use what they have learned and pursue greater things. Grant them wisdom and

discernment toward future endeavors; keep them safe; and help them be fruitful. We ask these things in your holy name." **Amen.**

UPDATED LIST of 2024 JOINT SERVICES

June 30 @ St Peter

JULY 28TH SPECIAL PRESENTATION

by Stephen Deal @ Messiah

August 18 Annual Church Picnic, LTWP

September 29th @St Peter

December 1st @Messiah

December 15th Christmas Bell Choir Concert plus

Brunch @Messiah

December 29th @St Peter

All joint services begin at 10am and include a time of fellowship afterward featuring beverages and snacks. Please mark your calendars and participate as you are able.

STAYING CONNECTED during SUMMER

At 10am, we live stream and record the entire worship service every Sunday morning via Messiah's Facebook page. By the afternoon, the video gets posted to YouTube. Each week, a link is emailed to anyone willing to share their email address. Attached to the message is a bulletin which includes a weekly calendar and time-sensitive articles about upcoming events.

You can also find these things on Messiah's webpage, but you won't find personal information such as who needs prayer or who has recently passed. For that, we need your email. One way you can better connect is by sharing your email address or making sure the pastor and/or council members of your home congregation have your cell phone number.

If you are willing and able to send offerings by mail while away on weekends, please send a check to your home congregation made payable either to "Messiah Lutheran Church" c/o Lisa Kaufman, Treasurer at 3 Church Street, Halifax or payable to "St. Peter Lutheran Church," 1491 Armstrong Valley Road in Halifax c/o Nicole Miller, St. Peter's Treasurer.

Pastor Brody would love to see you in person or hear from you via email or text at either elsiebrody@gmail.com or 717-362-4597. Ask questions, share concerns, offer suggestions, or update your contact information. Please stay connected during summer!

IDENTIFYING & TREATING LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease, a complex and often mis-diagnosed illness, affects approximately 476,000 people annually in the United States. Found in all 50 states and every continent but Antarctica, it is transmitted primarily by the Ixodes tick, more commonly known as the deer tick or black-legged tick. If not promptly addressed, the ailment can lead to long-term health complications. Thanks to advancements in medicine, the identification and treatment of Lyme disease continues to evolve and improve.

Historical Context

The story of Lyme disease began in the 1970s with a community outbreak of facial palsy and arthritis in Lyme, Connecticut. An explanation for this mysterious illness did not surface until the early 1980s, when Willy Burgdorfer, an investigator for the National Institutes of Health, discovered a bacterium in ticks from the area (*Borrelia burgdorferi*), laying the foundation for modern testing and diagnostic methods.

Diagnosing a Complex Disease

There are several complicating factors that make a Lyme disease diagnosis difficult. The characteristic bullseye-shaped rash is present in less than half of cases and may disappear quickly. Early signs and symptoms such as fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, joint pain, fatigue and swollen lymph nodes are easily mistaken for other illnesses. The utility of early lab testing is limited because the process takes several weeks and can lead to false negatives. This leaves physicians to rely on observable symptoms and rule out other possible causes. A doctor will also ask if a patient has been out in the woods or grassy areas where they might have been exposed to black-legged ticks. Tom Moorcroft, DO, the

founder of Origins of Health and an investigator of medical mysteries, refers to Lyme disease as “the new great imitator and instigator,” describing its ability to mimic various other diseases, often at the same time. For people experiencing persistent symptoms, comprehensive lab testing may be needed to distinguish between Lyme and other tick-borne and non-tick-borne diseases.

Treatment Options

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), untreated Lyme disease can produce a wide range of symptoms, including fever, rash, facial paralysis and arthritis. While conventional antibiotics remain a cornerstone for early-stage treatment, emerging research increasingly recognizes and supports the role of natural and botanical medicine. In a 2020 study published in *Frontiers in Medicine*, seven botanical

agents were identified as promising treatments for Lyme disease, including black walnut, Japanese knotweed, sweet wormwood, cat's claw and Chinese skullcap. *Cryptolepis sanguinolenta* extract caused a

complete eradication of the *B. Burgdorferi* bacterium in their study. The scientists recommended additional research to determine dosages and extract combinations that might offer hope for those suffering long-term symptoms. The integrative and functional medicine approach to treating Lyme disease is multifaceted and customized, taking into account an individual's health history, environmental factors and unique physiological responses. The overarching goals are to target the infection, bolster the immune system, manage symptoms and promote overall well-being. According to Dr. Darin Ingels, a licensed doctor of naturopathic medicine and author of *The Lyme Solution*, “All other therapies, no matter what they are, probably aren't going to be as effective until you've really taken care of your gut health and your mental and emotional being.

Lifestyle interventions are critical in this holistic treatment. A diet rich in whole foods, clean proteins and minimal grains, dairy, sugar and processed foods can mitigate

inflammation and aid recovery.

Complementary practices such as regular exercise, sauna sessions, Epsom salt baths, sufficient sleep and stress management techniques play vital roles in healing and preventing long-term complications.

Prevention Tips

Prevention is integral in combating Lyme disease. Tick repellents and protective clothing can significantly reduce bites. After spending time in wooded or grassy areas, thoroughly check the skin for early tick detection and removal.

Upon discovering a tick, remove it promptly and monitor the bite area for signs of a rash or infection. If symptoms appear, quickly seek guidance from a healthcare professional with expertise in Lyme disease.

A healthy diet, regular exercise and sufficient sleep are essential for maintaining a robust immune system and can bolster the body's defenses, potentially reducing the risk of developing chronic Lyme disease.

Natural Awakenings, May 2024, Jill Valerius, M.D

THANKS FOR THE CLEANING AND FOOD PRODUCTS

Messiah's Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated cleaning and food items in March and April. The following cleaning items were collected: 18 rolls of paper towels, 12 rolls of toilet paper, 6 multi-purpose cleaners; 6 dish detergent, and 3 bars of soap.

The following food items were collected: 15 cans of vegetables, 6 cans of fruit, 9 cans of soup, 3 boxes of cereal, 3 cans of chicken, 3 cans of tuna fish, and 3 bottles of ketchup.

The items collected were equally distributed to the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center, Lykens; Northern Dauphin County Human Services Center, Elizabethtown, and Halifax Food Bank. They were very appreciative of these items. Thanks again for your continued support of the health ministry program.

THANK YOU FROM THE FISHERVILLE DAY COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Fisherville Day Committee, we would like to thank everyone who

contributed pictures, food items, raffle prizes, and yard sale items to our eighth Fisherville Day held on May 11th. And thank you to everyone who helped plan the day, worked at the various stands, and attended the day's activities.

At the opening ceremony, we were pleased to have Cub Scout Pack 156 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Brad Crum sing the National Anthem. Pastor Nancy Brody gave the invocation. The 2024 Fisherville Day honorees were Earl Deibler and Gary Kinsinger. The Honorees received a Fisherville Day T-shirt, Fisherville Day cup, and a 2024 Fisherville Day book. Two servicemen were also presented with a Quilt of Valor by Emily Romberger. The recipients were: Dennis Dreibelbis and Robert Warfel. Each recipient also received a 2024 Fisherville Day book. The honorees and Quilt of Valor recipients are District Director Matt Stonerod of State Representative Joe Kerwin's office attended the ceremony and presented a certificate to each honoree and Quilt of Valor recipient. He also presented certificates on behalf of Senator Greg Rothman and Senator Mike Regan to the honorees and Quilt of Valor recipients.

To show the Fisherville Volunteer Fire Company our appreciation for all their hard work and dedication, the Fisherville Day Committee presented them with a \$1,000.00 check. A check in the amount of \$200.00 was also presented to the Pillow Historical Society for their Quilt of Valor Program.

A special thank you to our entertainment: the Joyful Ringers Hand Bell Choir and Brad Crum. They provided wonderful music throughout the day.

We also want to thank the Halifax Area Historical Society for participating in the day.

There were children's games at Messiah and Jimbo the Clown walked around and made balloon animals for children and adults!

Messiah Ladies Aid yard sale profit was \$372.00, soup stand profit was \$754.00 and Ladies Aid table profit was \$230.00. Thirty-six items were donated for the Fisherville Day raffle table. A total of \$930.00 was made on the raffle and will be used for Fisherville Day Committee activities. The winner of the Patriotic Quilt made by M. Molly

Crabb was Eva Travitz. The quilt raffle raised \$287.00 for the Fisherville Day Committee.

We still have 2024 Fisherville Day books and T-shirts for sale. They are both \$10.00. If you would like to purchase a Fisherville Day book or T-shirt, please contact Roz Ogden (896-3604) or email: reogden1954@gmail.com.

Messiah, Faith, Fisherville Volunteer Fire Company, and Lake Tobias Wildlife Park worked together on this community project.

We had a successful day! Thanks again for coming and for your continued support!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS

The baby bottle campaign ended May 20th but 7 baby bottles remain at large. If you still have one, please return it ASAP to Diane Keister so it can be returned to Lifeline for whom, to date, we have raised \$595.37.

JULY

PLANNED VISIT from OUR MISSIONARIES **REVEREND STEPHEN DEAL** **and** **MARTA GIRON**

On July 27th-July 28th, the Rev. Stephen Deal and his wife Marta will be visiting Halifax. Our two congregations have supported Stephen and his wife as missionaries to Central America for years where Stephen most recently serves as a regional representative of the ELCA's whole-church strategy to accompany migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in our hemisphere known as AMMPARO.

From 10:30am until Noon on Saturday, a brunch will be hosted by The Ladies Aid at Messiah where Marta will share stories about her work with women in Costa Rica and exchange craft ideas with attendees. After that, Stephen and Marta will visit Lake Tobias Wildlife Park to see how much has changed since last visiting during winter when the park was closed, and their daughters were school aged. After that, hopefully they'll make it to the Ice Cream Social at St. Peter's!

On Sunday, there will be ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10am at Messiah that will include a special sermon and presentation about AMMPARO in the Americas, San José and Costa Rica. Stephen and Marta will have traveled thousands of miles to see us, so please join us. The trip is being sponsored by both churches. Please, let's make them feel welcome!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. Peter (Fetterhoff's) will hold an ice cream social beginning at 4 PM on **Saturday, July 27th**, at their outdoor pavilion. Menu will consist of Barbeque, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream Sundaes, drinks, and music.

Members and friends are invited to take part in this event, as well as other events set for later this year. Willing volunteers and donations of food or supplies are always appreciated.

Want to help? Contact Diane Keister at 717-896-3842, or Audrey Rummel 717-896-8659.

AUGUST

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC features worship, a FREE raffle, games, great food and a theme park.

What more could you hope for??

On Sunday, August 18, the congregations of Messiah and St. Peter will gather at 10 A.M. at Pavilion D at Lake Tobias Wildlife Park for a shared worship service/outreach event. One free raffle ticket will be offered to every attendee for a chance to take home a full-size ripple design hand crocheted afghan made by Audrey Rummel in neutral shades of brown/tan. Three ladder ball stands plus other games will be set up for added fun following the worship service.

Come and enjoy a picnic-style covered-dish meal in the pavilion at the theme park. Visit the exhibits and experience good fellowship. Safari rides are available at the Safari Station and if you mention that you are with Messiah Church, the ride will cost you \$6.00 rather than the regular \$9.00.

Pulled pork, fried chicken and macaroni and cheese will be provided as well as drinks and ice cream. Utensils, plates, cups and napkins will also be provided. Covered dish favorites and summer desserts to share are, as always, much appreciated.

Enter the park at the lower gate and advise the attendant that you are attending the Church Service in Pavilion D. **Please mark this special day on your calendar and invite a friend or neighbor to come and join us.**

WELCA CONVENTION

The Women of the ELCA Convention will be held **August 17, 2024**, at the Good Shepherd Church in Harrisburg PA. Cost is \$35.00 for the day. Continental breakfast & lunch are provided.

The theme this year is "Who is my Neighbor? Learning to love like Jesus." The speaker is Rev. Kathleen Baker.

Registration starts @ 8:15am. Closing is @ 3:30pm.

Registration forms can be found in the recent Women of the ELCA newsletter. If you do not receive a newsletter, you can get a form from Sandy Dreibelbis.

Forms need to be mailed by July 8, 2024.

Contact Sandy Dreibelbis for additional information (717)-571-0445.

"Free" Back-to-School Yard Sale Friday, August 2nd (10:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and Saturday, August 3rd (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM) for Halifax area students and their families

Location: Valley's E. C. Church

Last year 154 students and families shopped at/after the yard sale plus 44 students went shopping at Walmart as part of the "First Day Fresh Impressions" program.

Donations needed:

CLEAN, GENTLY USED OR NEW CLOTHING (NO torn or stained clothing please!!) for ages Kindergarten thru 12th grade.

School supplies - book bags, colored mechanical pencils, cap erasers (to fit on pencils),

composition books, notebooks, rulers, vinyl protractor (no compass), are being accepted.

Monetary donations accepted (checks payable to The Valleys ECC earmarked "Back to School Program") or sponsor a child (\$50) for "*First Day Fresh Impressions*".

- **Helpers are needed to setup tables on July 15th and sort clothing from July 15th to August 1st.**
- **Helpers needed during the Back-to-school Yard Sale on August 2nd and 3rd. (2 or 3 hour shifts)**
- **Clothing racks needed. Please call the church office if you have a rack to lend for the yard sale. They will be needed from July 15th until after the yard sale.**

Donation boxes will be at Valleys ECC and Halifax Area High School, Middle School and Elementary School offices. Deadline for donations is July 30th.

*NOTE: Messiah has a box to place any of the items listed above. Please place any items in this box by July 25. Please contact Ed Dobbin or call the church office (717-896-3118). The program appreciates all help the Halifax community gives for this program!

SEPTEMBER

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS-September 8th

The Evangelical Church in America's "God's Work. Our Hands" event will be held the second Sunday in September. ELCA congregations, groups, and members are invited and encouraged to do some good work on that day "...using our hands to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities to Jesus Christ's name throughout the world."

This year as we approach Sunday, September 8th, the Councils of Messiah and St. Peter invite you to take part in this church-wide outreach by donating **3 in 1 body wash, deodorant, and adult coloring books/adult puzzle books and adult word find books**. Donated items will be

given to help the residents of the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Lebanon, PA. Containers will be located at Messiah and St. Peter for this outreach. Let us continue to find new opportunities to do good works – in Jesus' name!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT

This year, the congregations of Messiah and St. Peter's are collecting 95 pairs of blunt tipped scissors and 382 boxes of 24-pack crayons.

PLEASE NOTE: The Ladies Aid has volunteered to purchase all the scissors in order to get the correct type at the best price. Please consider giving a donation to Ladies Aid to reimburse the purchase of scissors.

Every year churches "drop out" of this annual LWR project for various reasons so your continued help is needed. Last year, the Lower Susquehanna Synod contributed 5,376 filled backpacks each complete with 4 notebooks, scissors, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, pens and pencils. Pretty terrific, huh? The total number of Personal Care Kits was 3,960. Your efforts make all the difference.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

When natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, as we see over and over in the news, our hearts ache with compassion. But what can we do?

Making Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits is a simple, tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

Messiah ladies are again collecting personal care kits to be shipped to and distributed by Lutheran World Relief. These kits provide the basic needs for personal hygiene.

Each kit includes the following items:

- One light weight bath-size towel (52X27"), dark colors are recommended.
- 2 bars of bath-size soap (4-5oz each)
- 1 adult toothbrush in the original packaging, or sealed in a business envelope—no plastic wrap
- 1 study comb

- 1 metal nail clipper

Please consider purchasing the needed items for one or more kits. There are baskets at the front of the church for each item--no need to remove tags or wrappings. These kits will be assembled the last week of September or the first Sunday of October. **Please try to have your kit items to the church by September 15th.** Thank you for participating in this LWR ministry.

NOVEMBER

SAVE THE DATE - HOLIDAY CONCERT –
NOVEMBER 24th

The musical talents of Brad Crum will be featured in concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, at the Halifax Ambulance Building. The concert will include Christmas music and an Elvis tribute. Refreshments will also be available at the event. Proceeds from this event will benefit Messiah Lutheran Church and its ministry.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Independence Day
- 7

7th Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah
- 8

REGISTRATION DUE FOR WELCA CONVENTION
- 14

8th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah
- 17

LADIES AID MEETING

- 6:30AM @ Messiah
- 21

9th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah
- 27

10AM BRUNCH @ MESSIAH
Ice Cream Social 4PM @
St Peter Pavilion
- 28

SPECIAL SERVICE w/ Rev. Deal
10th Sunday after Pentecost
COMBINED SERVICE 10:00 AM @ Messiah

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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11th Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY COMMUNION
Guest Pastor Eric Anderson
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah
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12th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah
- 17

WELCA CONVENTION
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13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am JOINT Worship followed by the
Annual Church Picnic at Lake Tobias
Wildlife Park, Pavilion D (please rsvp)
- 21

Ladies Aid Meeting, 6:30PM @ Messiah
- 25

14th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Service @ St Peter Pavilion
10:00 AM Service @ Messiah

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CHURCH WEBSITE LOADED WITH CONTENT

*Check out weekly updates and archived materials on **MESSIAH'S WEBSITE:** Halifaxmessiah.church You'll find bulletins with hymn lyrics and articles, descriptions of various programs and ministries, newsletters, recorded services, text versions of sermons, a monthly calendar, and way to give online. Our 10am (and joint church services) are available every week as a livestreamed event via Facebook and available later in the day on YouTube. We'd love to see you in person, but if that's not possible, please let us know if you watch online. Thanks and blessings. Pastor Nancy Brody*

MESSIAH'S WEBSITE: Halifaxmessiah.church

FACEBOOK PAGES: "Messiah Lutheran Church, Halifax, PA" and "St. Peter – Fetterhoff's Lutheran Church"