"THE WITNESS"

NEWSLETTER OF
MESSIAH (FISHERVILLE) & ST. PETER (FETTERHOFF'S)
LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF HALIFAX, PA

OCTOBER 2022

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

During a recent sermon, I referenced Stephen Covey's Book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." Why did I mention it? Because being effective is something I highly value. I've always gotten satisfaction out of discerning priorities, making improvements and evolving to meet the changes of life.

What do you value? The reason I ask is: What you value gives meaning to life. It helps determine how you make decisions. If what you do is meaningful, it brings satisfaction and reason to being here on earth.

Finding value in our pursuits makes them carry weight. It adds to the importance of doing. Ask yourself, "How much am I present and contributing to activities of daily life?" Ask because you can't only give, you must receive.

I've learned that for many of you, spending time with family is a huge priority. It's what you value most. It holds great meaning. For many of us, the number of people we count as biological family has dwindled. As a result, we must choose to find others with whom we can form close bonds.

The members and friends of Messiah and St. Peter Lutheran Churches *are* bonded in special ways. You share long histories and many strands of connection: You are brothers and sisters in Christ, have attended school together, raised children of similar age, experienced joys and sorrows, gains and losses throughout your lives.

God knows, there's a real threat to becoming isolated and alone. In Gen 2:8 the Lord God said, "It is not good that man [this person whom I have created] should be alone. [And in that moment, immediately, "God made [the new creature] a helper fit for them."

God did that knowing the earth was already full of animals and the beauty of nature. (Those were value-added enhancements, not the core source of help for humanity.) The core strategy for getting through life well comes from God through relationships to/with each other and being authentic to self.

Think about what you choose to do.
Does it add value and enhance your existence?

Do you participate and contribute willingly?
If not, what value does it hold?
Is it an investment toward someone else or the future? Who do your efforts benefit and how?

I recently bought a wooden pen because I like what's engraved along the side in italicized cursive. In lettering burned brown against an oak-stained background, it reads, "*Now is all we have.*"

Each day is full of opportunities to decide how to spend time, energy and other resources even if you may be thinking, "I don't get to decide how to spend my time, energy and resources." Why is that? Does what you're doing align with your values? Does it feel authentic to your needs and desires? Who or what motivates you to continue?

In a world where many things are out of our control, I invite you to attend church services as often as possible. You may or may not already value what happens there, but I promise you: Value and meaning exist in God's Word. Value and meaning exist in the liturgy we share and the faces of each other. Come. Participate, contribute and discover something new as members of one body of Christ and your God-given church family.

Your Loving Pastor,
Pastor Nancy Brody

LET US PRAY

Prayer knits the waiting, expectant community together.
It isn't just for those being prayed for. It's an act of faith where others are lifted up and entrusted to God.

Please email concerns and/or requests including your name and theirs, contact information, and a few specifics to: elsiebbrody@gmail.com or text 443-974-5558. Thank you.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURES

10/02 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalmody – Psalm 37:1-9
2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

10/09 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading – 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalmody – Psalm 111
2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

10/16 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading Genesis 32:22-31
Psalmody – Psalm 121
2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Gospel – Luke 18:1-8

10/23 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading – Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalmody – Psalm 84:1-7
2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Gospel – Luke 18:9-14

10/30 – Reformation Sunday
1st Reading Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalmody – Psalm 32:1-7
2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Gospel – Luke 19:1-10

JOINT SERVICES in 2022

October 16 **8:30am at St Peter
October 30th, 10AM @ St. Peter
November 20,10AM @ Messiah
December 25th, 10AM @ Messiah

Please note the exact time joint service will begin according to the dates above. On 10/30 and 12/25, a time of fellowship featuring beverages and snacks will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate.

OCTOBER

SUB & SANDWICH PICK-UP

Subs and pretzel roll sandwiches made by R&K Subs of Palmyra, PA. to benefit St. Peter Lutheran Church **will be available for pick-up on Thursday, October 6 after 3PM** at the pavilion. Questions? Please call Diane Keister at 717- 896-3842.

TEEPEE TROT

The 2nd annual TeePee Trot 5K run/walk will be held on **October 1st at 8:00 a.m**. at Lake Tobias. Registration of $30 includes a race T-shirt designed by Pastor Brody's husband Steve as well as (1) admission pass to LTWP! Pick up a registration form at church or visit the race website at sites.google.com/view/teepee-trot-5K/home. Half of the race proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of J. R. Tobias. Last year the race made a little over $2,700! Donations and volunteers are welcome prior to the race and during. Please contact Katie Jury at **KAJ1211@comcast.net.**

PIONEER FESTIVAL

Due to an unfortunate weather forecast for Saturday, October 1st, Ladies Aid and other participants of the Pioneer Festival made a decision to cancel the sale of food items and other activities. Many features of the event are impossible to set up and operate in rain. Thank you for understanding. Please consider supporting the Teepee Trot which benefits both Messiah church and the Alzheimer's Association, and our Pioneer Festival Partners in other ways. These include: Lake Tobias Wildlife Park, Friends of Fort Halifax Park, Halifax Area Historical Society, and Graceful Acres.

BOSCOV'S
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS DAY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19!

On Wednesday, October 19th Messiah will participate in the Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends Day." Boscov's shoppers can purchase a $5.00 shopping pass and receive a **25% discount off the following departments:** Ladies Apparel and Accessories, Maternity, Handbags, Ladies, Men's and Children's Shoes, Men's Apparel and Accessories, Ladies and Men's Coats, Lingerie, Robes, Sleepwear, Bras and Panties, Children's Apparel, Juniors Apparel, Young Men's Apparel, Candy and Cards, Trim-A-Home, Bridge Jewelry and Fashion Jewelry.

A 15% discount off of the following departments: Cosmetics and Fragrances, Fine Jewelry, Watches, Domestics, Luggage, Housewares, Flatware, Dinnerware, Glassware, Curtains and Drapes, Lamps, Home Décor, Pet Gifts, As Seen On TV, Furniture, Recliners, Men's and Ladies Athletic Footwear, Halloween, Large Area Rugs, Mattresses, Boscov's Optical, Boscov's Hearing Aid Center and Boscov's Salon Products.

A 10% discount off of the following departments: Small Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners, Personal Care, Heaters, Ready-to-Assemble Furniture and Toys.

Discounts are **not** offered on the following: Travelcenter, Beauty Express Salons, Eye Exams, Tempur-Pedic, Steams and Foster, Nectar, Beautyrest Black, adidas, Champion, Levi's, Puma, Vionic, Hey Dude, Sperry, Fine Jewelry Clearance, Boscov's Salon Services, Gift cards, layaway payments, and payments on your account. Cannot be combined with any other discount, certificate or redeemed for prior sales. No adjustments to prior purchases. Not eligible for exchanges or refunds. Not eligible for online or phone orders. Valid October 19, 2022 only.

All proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit Messiah Lutheran Church. The cards can be used for in-store purchases only. The stub of the ticket can be completed and placed in a Friends Helping Friends Ballot Box at any Boscov's store on October 19th to be eligible to win a $100 Boscov's Gift Card. To purchase a "Friends Helping Friends Day" card, contact Dianna Reed at 717-692-5317.

WOMEN of the ELCA
WELCA FALL RETREAT

Camp Hebron will host the WELCA Fall Retreat from **Friday, October 28th until Sunday, October 30th.** The theme will be "Jesus is the Vine. What does it mean to be a Branch?" Speaker Rev. Barbara Barry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greencastle, PA is featured on Saturday, October 29. Following her program, there will be a free wagon ride and craft time Saturday afternoon. A church service with Communion will be held Saturday evening following dinner.

MESSIAH SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, adults and youth will gather for Sunday School starting at 9:00am. Children's Sunday School will

be offered during the 10am worship service at Messiah. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, right after the children's sermon, potty trained children ages 2 up to 5th grade will be escorted from the sanctuary by their teacher.

HARVEST HOME MONTH

On "Harvest Home" Sunday, we bring a portion of the bounty, which God has given to us to share with our neighbors who are hungry. This year Harvest Home Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 23 at St. Peter at 8:30 AM and at Messiah at 10 AM but items can be brought to the churches throughout the month of October.
In addition to non-perishable food items, cash donations are also much appreciated. All food and cash donations will go to support our local food banks.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Please plan to attend your congregation's annual meeting. Nominations and votes are needed to elect council members, discuss proposed budgets, and conduct necessary church business. Important information will be shared and discussed at each congregational meeting.

St. Peter will hold its congregational Meeting on **October 16 after** a joint worship service beginning at 8:30am. The meeting will begin at 9:30am and conclude upon completion of church business.

Messiah will hold its Congregational Meeting on **November 20** after a joint worship service at 10:00am. The meeting will begin at 11:00am and conclude upon completion of church business.

LADIES AID NEWS

Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehabilitation in Millersburg, is looking for new or used puzzles 500 pieces or less. Also, they are collecting Birthday cards or blank cards to give to residents and /or use for crafts. If anyone would like to donate, please have items to Messiah church by November 6, 2022.

Northern Dauphin County Human Resources is in need of 75 Christmas ornaments for their Santa for Seniors party. If anyone would like to purchase an ornament (any type of ornament) please bring the ornament to Messiah church by Sunday December 4, 2022.
In addition to the ornaments, they will have a Senior citizens Angel tree. Seniors will write item(s) they need/want/like and whomever picks their Angel ornament can buy them a gift usually spending between $25.00 -$30.00. Items should be wrapped and delivered to Messiah church by December 4, 2022. If you would like an Angel from their Senior Angel tree, please contact Darla Smith by October 2, 2022.

NDCHR has a community garden that needs cleaned up. If you are interested in helping them, please contact Bonnie Kent at the NDCHR center. Clean up will be in October.
If anyone would like to be a bell ringer at Walmart and/or Boyers grocery stores before and during the upcoming holiday season, please contact Bonnie Kent at NDCHR center. Being a bell ringer is usually divided up between different people if necessary. Please note: all money collected stays in the NDC area.

NOVEMBER

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Peter (Fetterhoff's) will hold their annual "Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner" on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, from 3 to 7 PM. Dinners will include pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, bread & butter, beverage, and dessert and are priced as follows: adults – $12, children ages 6 to 12 – $6, and children under age 5 eat free. Dinners can be eaten in or boxed to take home. Additional seating will be available in the pavilion or the upstairs Sunday school room.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL

On November 6th, All Saints Sunday, our churches will give thanks to God as we honor all of God's saints: the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone onto their heavenly reward. The saints are loved ones who still communion with the living, those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and continue their pilgrimage on earth.

During our 8:30 AM service at St. Peter and our 10 AM service at Messiah on All Saints Sunday,

we will remember members and friends of our churches who have left this world since last November.

HOLIDAY CONCERT-NOVEMBER 20th

The musical talents of Brad Crum, Shelby Nestler and the Make Mine Country Band will again be featured in concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, at the Halifax Ambulance Building. The concert will include Christmas and country music and an Elvis tribute. Refreshments will also be available at the event.

Tickets for this event are general admission only and are priced: $12 for ages 13 and up; $8 for ages 5 through 12; and free for those under 5 years old. Proceeds from this event will benefit Messiah Lutheran Church and its ministry.

Please contact Dianna Reed at 717-692-5317 or Judy Shomper at 717-896-8547 for more information and to purchase tickets in advance.

SOUP AND SUCH

The Soup and Such Ladies will not be making soup in November, December and January. They will start making soup in February, 2023.

PLEASE CONTINUE READING

HELP YOURSELF!

How would you like to *follow the liturgy and turn pages in the green book while watching from home? See lyrics and read music to your favorite hymns during worship.* Lutheran Books of Worship have been placed in the front of each church for you to own. Take as many *as you need* so there'll be no reason not to fully participate as you watch online. Some small red Sunday school hymnals are also available. Please use and enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT

Our churches' Christmas party & concert festivities begin this Sunday, December 4th at Messiah with a covered-dish fellowship dinner in the church basement at 5:30 P.M.

New Location for LIVE NATIVITY

The annual Messiah/St. Peter's Live Nativity will return this year. Yes, live animals and actors will portray the Holy Family, wise men, shepherds, and angelic choir (singing familiar Christmas carols). Please join in! .

The event will be held at Graceful Acres (193 Ridge Road, Halifax). Come enjoy the spacious, comfortable accommodations of their new barn on Sunday, December 11th at 7 P.M. (The barn is not heated, so dress appropriately!)
No admission charge; everyone's invited.

THANKS FOR THE SOCKS AND REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Messiah and St. Peter would like to thank everyone who contributed socks and reusable water bottles for the Lebanon Veteran's Administration Medical Center for "God's Work. Our Hands" day, September 11th. We collected 128 pairs of socks and 115 reusable water bottles. These items will be delivered to the Lebanon VA hospital. Thanks again for your continued support!

5 BENEFITS of DOING PUZZLES

When you think of jigsaw puzzles, what comes to mind? Some people consider puzzles a hobby or a fun way to pass the time. Others think of them as great brain busters for kids. You may be surprised to find that there are several proven health benefits to taking the time to put together a puzzle! How can you benefit from some regular puzzle time? Check out some of the top benefits of doing traditional jigsaw puzzles!

1. EFFECTIVE STRESS RELIEVER

Most people have a lot on their minds on a routine basis and usually a high-stress level. If you're looking for a way to de-stress and unplug, sitting down and working on a jigsaw puzzle might be the thing to help you. Jigsaw puzzles have been proven to help with mental health challenges, such as anxiety and depression. They engage the brain in a way that lowers barriers and creates a sense of calm. If you've had a particularly stressful day, a traditional jigsaw puzzle could be the perfect activity to help you relax.

2. GREAT FOR ALONE TIME

In these times, many find themselves alone with time on their hands. It is the default to start scrolling through their social media or binge-watching a TV show for a few hours. The next time you're faced with the opportunity, choose to set aside the electronics and work on a

traditional jigsaw puzzle instead! You'll be able to more effectively engage your mind, not to mention the satisfaction that comes with putting together those last few pieces of the jigsaw puzzle. You certainly don't get that from scrolling through social media!

3. STRENGTHEN YOUR MIND

Working jigsaw puzzles has proven time and again to be a great exercise to strengthen your mind. When you're focusing on a traditional jigsaw puzzle, you're able to engage both the left and the right side of your brain and develop problem-solving skills in addition to improving your short-term memory. It's an overall great way to get some mental exercise in and keep your mind sharp. Not to mention it's incredibly fun!

4.TEAMWORK AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILL

While doing traditional jigsaw puzzles alone can certainly be enjoyable, there are some great benefits to putting them together with others! You'll find that your teamwork skills improve as you come together as a pair or as a group to get a puzzle put together. You'll also see some increased problem-solving skills as you consider your options and how you can most effectively put together the puzzle.

5. EASY WAY TO CONNECT WITH LOVED ONES

Perhaps one of the most significant benefits of doing puzzles is the opportunity to connect with family, friends, and loved ones more easily. A jigsaw puzzle, some good music, and a handful of yummy snack options is a recipe for a perfect evening together connecting with those you love. It's easy to converse and catch up while putting together a puzzle, so take advantage of the opportunity to simultaneously enjoy time together and have fun with a traditional jigsaw puzzle.

TIME TO START ON THAT PUZZLE!

Whether you're looking for a new way to relieve stress or you're working on a goal to reduce your screen time, you'll find that the benefits of doing traditional jigsaw puzzles are endless.

dowdlefolkart.com. 5 Benefits Of Doing Puzzles. Submitted by Messiah Health Ministries.

WEIS GROCERY GIFT CARDS

If you shop at Weis Markets and would like to help Messiah at no cost to yourself, please consider purchasing grocery gift cards through the church. For every $100 of gift cards purchased, you will receive $100 of groceries and Messiah will receive $5. If you are interested, please contact Dianna Reed at 717-692-5317. Messiah is no longer participating in the Giant Gift Card Program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

1– 8:00am TeePee Trot
PIONEER FESTIVAL CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER

2 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion@ St. Peter
10 AM Service of Holy Communion @ Messiah

6 – SUB & SANDWICH PICK-UP after 3PM
@ St Peter pavilion

9 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
***Welcome Pastor Anderson**
8:30 AM Worship @ St. Peter
10 AM Worship @ Messiah

12 – 7:00pm Bell choir rehearsal

13 – 1 PM St. Peter Council Meeting @ St. Peter's Pavilion, weather permitting
6:30 PM Messiah Council Meeting

16 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
****ONE SERVICE ONLY****
JOINT SERVICE **8:30am @ ST PETER
ST PETER CONGREATIONAL MEETING @ 9:30 AM

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS

19 – 6:30 PM Ladies Aid at Messiah

20– 7:00pm Bell choir rehearsal

23–20th Sunday after Pentecost
HARVEST HOME
8:30 AM Worship @ St. Peter
10 AM Worship Service @ Messiah

25– 7:00pm Bell choir rehearsal

28-30 WELCA FALL RETREAT
Camp Hebron, Friday-Sunday

30 –REFORMATION SUNDAY
10 AM **Combined Worship Service**
@ St Peter

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online. Thanks and blessings. Pastor Nancy Brody