

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



The Baptism of our Lord

January 12th, 2020

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God’s beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God’s healing.

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD January 12, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

“Softly and Tenderly”

R. W. Thygerson

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #90 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (C - sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:..... Psalm 29 (*responsively*)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING.....Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who

were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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.**

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

*** GOSPEL.....Matthew 3:13-17**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Vicar Leister

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

#400 Green Hymnal

*** NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy, C Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“Epiphany”

G. Peterson

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM:

* 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 wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C Amen.

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

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

(sung) C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

“Given for You”

R. Blake

[“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 set using the left or right SIDE aisle].

[Gluten Free? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in 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 Let us pray,

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

#82 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner & Kim White (12/29/19—2/23/20)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Julia Martin, Gabby Reed, Nick Reed & Grace Miller

PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Joyce Bradley
Andrea & Bob Cameron
Pam Campbell
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Jerald Foltz
Ed Fraker
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Eddi Kay Gill

Bill Holderman
Josh Hohol
Matt Hutchinson
Curt & Judy Houtz
Denny King
Kevin Kint
Carol Lyter
Carlen McClure
Charlie, Amanda &
Isabelle Meinsler
Messiah's Teem
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Madison Norman
Austin Parker

Dave Phelan
Noel Peachey
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Tim Weston
Dottie Wilson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Margaret Guss
Gail Henderson
Minnie Minick
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson
Jane Marhefka
Carol Simonton
Margaret Reynolds
Edith Nipple
Ken & Kay Stuck

Kitty Walters
Jim Yetter
Max & Mary Ernest
Velma Suloff

WELCOME TO ALL!

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit not only in the Friendship Pads but also in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

GLUTEN FREE? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas Adams, English Clergyman (1583 – 1653): If thou will fly from God, the devil will lend thee both spurs and a horse.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

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 Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

MESSIAH “BAND” MAKING MUSIC! A group of Messiah’s younger musicians have recently formed a church band and started rehearsals. Look (or listen!) for them in upcoming services, mostly on the first Sundays of each month and maybe even during hymn time in other services! If you know of any other young person who would be interested in joining our band, we rehearse in the Junior Choir Room after worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please have them contact Bob St. Clair for more information!

ARCHERY EVENT – On Sunday, February 2nd from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., the Sunday’s Soldiers will have an archery event at Juniata County Sportsmen’s Club. Instruction will be provided by our resident expert, Larry Wise, and dinner is included. Parents are encouraged to attend and compete against the kids! Please let Tawny Mummah know if you plan to attend.

THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING scheduled for today has been rescheduled for immediately after worship on Sunday, January 19th.

PPC will meet on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

BAKERS NEEDED! The Board of Worship and Music would like to begin using Manna Bread more frequently throughout the church year other than just on “celebratory” Sundays. Right now, the making of the Manna lays upon the hands of Jamie Miller, but she would like some help in order to use this Manna Bread more often. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jamie for the recipe....and thank you in advance!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

THE 2020 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2019 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Our youth will be holding soup pots at the rear of the church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God’s love with those who need our compassion and care. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “help our neighbors” by dropping a dollar in the soup pot and also by donating a can of soup on February 2nd. Proceeds will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.

WEEKLY 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.

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER’S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

Sunday, January 19th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, February 16th (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly to approve 2019 audit.

Sunday, March 15th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, April 19th (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.

Sunday, May 17th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, June 21st (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR JANUARY 5 2020

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 75		Benevolence	\$ 36.00
Sunday School – 25		Building Fund	\$ 307.00
		Sunday School	\$ 65.50
Total Offering	\$4,198.50	World Hunger	\$ 100.00
Other Funds	<u>\$1,508.50</u>	Donation to	
General Fund	\$2,690.00	heating/AC	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
		Total	\$ 1,508.50

THOSE WHO DONATED POINSETTIAS (or anyone who would like one) are asked to pick them up in the rear of the Adult Sunday School Room following the worship service today.

MESSIAH'S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF MESSIAH for the prayers, concerns, offers for help, and to those who assisted in any way with the recent fire at our home on Monday night, January 6th. All was very much appreciated.

Bill, Christie, Briley & Marina Holderman

THANK YOU – We would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown to our family at the death of our loved one, Johnny Beward. Thanks also to the ladies of Messiah for preparing the funeral meal following the service.

Nick, Bethanie, Thea & Brea Beward

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES; TOILET PAPER; OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES; COUGH DROPS; VICKS; AND ANY HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS. DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** **-Baptism of Our Lord.**
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -4:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40400 in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon/Junior Church.
-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music meeting in Library.
-7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.