

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO
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**The 20th Sunday After Pentecost
(October 6, 2024)**

Stand

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

sts. 1–2

1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven.

2 Your command is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
“You must all be born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
And My kingdom thus inherit.”

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Holy Baptism

Lucy Colleen Griffeth: born December 19, 2018

Della Rose Griffeth: born July 14, 2024

Parents: Sarah (Schultz) & Loren Griffeth

Sponsors: Crystal & Wade Schultz

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R [Name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Name/s according to Your boundless mercy and bless him/her/them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him/her/them, which has been inherited from Adam and which s/he has; they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that s/he; they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, s/he; they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]*

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord's Prayer

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.**

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

Name/s, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

The Apostles' Creed ["Creed" comes from the Latin credo, which means "I believe." From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.] (Us men means all people)

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

- P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

- P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [Name/s] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [him/her/them] [a member / members] of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [he/she/they] [has/have] now become Your [child/children], You would keep [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [he/she/they] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father(s) and mother(s) of *[this child / these children]* and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 128

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴**Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.**

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

⁶**May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!**

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. *[Mark 10:27]*

P Glory be to God on high:
 C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
 upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *[Luke 2:14;
 John 1:29]*

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
 Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man

called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely

Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits

adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

MESSIAH KIDS SING: *A Mighty Fortress*

Blessing of Bibles for Kids

P

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify [this/these] [name of item(s) to be blessed] for use in God’s holy house.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless [this/these] [name of item(s) to be blessed]. Grant that [it/they] may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring joy to those who use [it/them]; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless
[this/these] [name of item(s) to be blessed] and those who use [it/them].
C **Amen.**

863 Our Father, by Whose Name

- 1 Our Father, by whose name
All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim
Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child
Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled,
Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place
That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.
- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind
Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find
The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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Sermon *Spiritual Warfare: Looking for order in a chaotic life?*
Check your “I” Psalm 128:1

Stand

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

LSB 192

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

sts. 3–5

3 Therefore we have come to You,

In our arms this infant bearing.

Truly here Your grace we view;

May this child, Your mercy sharing,

In Your arms be shielded ever,

Yours on earth and Yours forever.

4 Gracious Head, Your member own;

Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;

Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;

Way of Life, to heaven lead it;

Precious Vine, let nothing sever

From Your side this branch forever.

5 Now into Your heart we pour
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar;
May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given;
Write it in the book of heaven!

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Talents & Interests



Survey

Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Richard Scott

Acolytes: Oliver Messenger, Christopher Brossard

Elders: Gary Anderson

Ushers: Jeremy Skoog, Eric Skoog
Ed Morris, Gage Peck

Greeters: Donna Bruns, **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to

admin@mlgj.org & **sec@mlgj.org**

Messiah’s Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *John Feliciano, Carol Haller*, Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Tom Moore*, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, *Karen Stoll*, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, *Gary*.

Fighting serious diseases: Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, Diana Walcher.

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, *Arthur Kluegel*, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers*, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke*.

Home Hospice Care: Arlene Ottman

Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating Birthdays:

6th - Authur Arendall

7th - Amelia Everhart

8th - Michelle Manzanares, Tucker Klein

9th - Paula Bostelman, Juliet Dowling

11th - Cindy Altenbern

12th - Luke Mauser

Wedding Anniversaries:

Louie & Becky Hartbauer (43)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **October 6, 2024**

Sunday 9:00am **LWML Sunday, Worship, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible Study- MPR**
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules- Computer Lab**
 1:00pm **Life Chain**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

Monday 6:00pm **Battle Ready World Religion- MPR**

Tuesday 7:00am **Men's Bible Study- FH**
9:00am **Quilt ladies- FH**
6:00pm **Elders Meeting- FH**

Wednesday **No School**
 RMD Church Workers Conference
6:00pm **Church, Communion**

Thursday **No School**
 RMD Church Workers Conference
6:30pm **Bible Study- Zoom**
 7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Friday **No School**
 RMD Church Workers Conference

Saturday 9:00am **Women's Bible Study- MPR**

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible Study- MPR**

10:30am **Battle Ready Modules-** Computer Lab
12:30pm **Church Council-** FH
6:00pm **Sipping/Searching-** 2478 Patterson Rd #14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 6, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Sept. 25th thru Sept. 30th

Weekly Donations	\$16,760.18	Month to Date	\$92,021.96
Weekly Need	\$23,540.00	Monthly Need	\$94,160.00

***→ YTD Actual Income: **July-Sept \$232,163.21**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **July-Sept \$282,477.33**

***→ YTD difference: **Short -\$50,314.12**

Life Chain Sunday- Join us for the annual Life Chain located **right here** in the **east parking lot. TODAY** along **12th St. & North Ave.** from **1pm-2pm.** Please contact **Letha Skoog** for more details or questions.

Altar Guild Point Person- There is an opening for a new point person to oversee the Altar Guild. **Please Prayerfully consider serving.** Training will be provided. Please contact **Laura Ryden at 970-260-6766** for more information.

Cribbage- Let's get playing! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall. Oct. 14th, & 22nd @ 6:30pm.** Come when you can! Questions? Contact **Karen Skoog @ 970-242-2986** (leave a message)

Yard Sale Thank You Party- is scheduled for Tuesday, **Oct. 15** from **5 to 6:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall.** This is for all who helped make the yard sale a success. **Please let the office know if you are attending,** so we can provide the right amount of Pizza and Dessert.

MCRLT Prolife Fall Banquet- Join us Friday, **Oct. 18th at 5:30pm** for our annual Fall Banquet Fundraiser hosted at **Victory Life Church.** This year's speaker is **Marcie Little.** Tickets are **\$30** each or **\$225** for a **table of 8.** Contact **Letha Skoog** to purchase tickets. Can't attend? You can be a Banquet Sponsor! Contact **Letha** or call **(970) 261-3017** for more information on sponsorship. This is a **501(C)(3) Non-Profit organization.**

Soul Shop- Messiah will be hosting a Suicide Prevention Seminar on Thursday, **October 17th.** If you have teenagers, know teenagers or your house is Grand Central Station, you may want to come to this seminar. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We need **lunch volunteers** to pick up food and serve. Please see **DCE Jonathan** if you would like to help.

Luke2 Project Shirts- Thank you to everyone who supported the youth in their fundraiser. Most importantly, praise God through the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel by wearing the Gospel on a shirt. **Luke2 Project shirts should arrive in time for Thanksgiving.**

Rocky Mountain District All Church Workers Conference- (October 9-11) The RMD All Church Workers Conference is an annual meeting of all the church workers in the district. This is an event that helps church workers to connect and network with other church workers, **create new friendships, and receive education on the “latest goings-on”** in our culture that affect various areas of ministry. This conference aids your church workers in doing the best that they can. In addition, they receive **Continuing Education Units needed to keep their licenses up to date.** The budget includes **\$5300 for your church workers to attend this valuable workshop/conference.** This is the first year that we have included this conference in the budget. However, we are behind in our giving for the budget. **Any donations toward this conference is greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless, Pastor**

Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser- The youth will be selling Thanksgiving pies during the **month of October (and part of November)** to help us get to the **National Youth Gathering.** See DCE Jonathan or one of the youth after worship to place your order.

Operation Christmas Child 2024

***The Program** began in 1993 by Franklin Graham. More info at samaritanspurse.org/occ.

*** A Gift box** is just the beginning! It makes an opportunity to share the Gospel with children and their families!

*** It's time for you** to think about filling a box with joy, love, and the Gospel!

*** Boxes are now available** in the Narthex and by the west entrance. Return filled boxes by Friday, November 8th.

*** Instructions,** label, and envelope for shipping cost (\$10) are inside the box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, cash is ok too.

*** Choose a boy or girl** and age bracket. There is a need for more 10-14 age girl's and boys' boxes.

*** Begin praying** for the child who will receive your box today...

What goes into the box is Fun~

What comes out is Eternal~

Save The Date- The **Annual Christmas Craft Fair** will be on **Dec. 7th 9am-3pm.** If you have any questions, please contact **Lois MacDonald @ 970-201-7338.**

Food Pantry Update - Due to lack of participation in our Food Pantry, apart from Birthright, it has been decided to dissolve the Pantry. To honor our support agreement with Birthright, we will now be accepting **City Market gift cards** only. With the gift cards the families in need can shop at City Market accompanied by a **Messiah Birthright sponsor**. This will enable them to purchase fresh produce and fresh milk (which we haven't been able to provide), and diapers, etc. This will also **free up space** in the Pantry that can be **utilized by our kitchen**. We believe that closing the Pantry will enable us to concentrate more fully and equally in our support of The Pregnancy Center and Birthright. More information on this next phase to follow shortly.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- God has entrusted you with His gifts to apply them to the care of family and support of ministry. You want to be sure that after the Lord has called you home, your intentions are followed. This is the purpose of putting a plan together. We can't defer this responsibility to anyone else, such as our children. We are the ones to whom God has entrusted responsibility. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in getting your plan organized. Contact **Jason Jones** at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

Raise Right- Physical or digital gift cards that you may use or give to someone else. This is an **ongoing fundraiser that benefits the church and school**. The company donates a portion of the purchase. See the booth in the Narthex, speak with **Lisa Moore or DCE Jonathan** or visit <https://www.raiseright.com/>, click on sign up and enter code **59FDEBF565842**.

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at **8:30am – 9:00am** on radio station **1100AM/KNZZ**. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at **9:00am**