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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Fannie K., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Harry A., Bill W., Ginny W., John S., Lon D., George, Jamie and Luke D., Ed and Ann B., and family of George C.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

* GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**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

* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & II - Choir **C – Congregation**)

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**sung**)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**spoken in unison**)

P Let us pray...

C Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

The First reading is from the 4th chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133

L – How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

ALL – How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

The Second reading is from the 1st chapter of 1 John.

THE LESSON READS:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (**Congregation**)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

* GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

* THE VERSE (Congregation)

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

* NICENE CREED (all)

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 Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Holy, life-giving God, breathe your Holy Spirit upon the people of your church. Lead us to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection, so that all may have life in his name. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send rain upon the mountains and sun upon the fields. Bring your creation into bloom in this season, and sustain every living thing with your abundant goodness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Guide us in ways of faithful stewardship of the resources you graciously give. Establish justice in the economic practices of our homes, communities, and nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Draw all who suffer and struggle into loving, faithful communities. Heal those who know pain and loss (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Harry Aurand, Bill Walters, Ginny Waller,

John Smullen, Lon Diffenderfer, and the family of George Crawford. Inspire us to care for those in our midst. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P As you have given life to faith communities around the world, bind us to one another in our life together. Lead us to share our gifts and learn from one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Giving thanks for the saints whom Christ has freed from the bonds of death and brought into resurrection life, we pray you make us dead to sin and bring us into new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[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 vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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:

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)**

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 Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

*** LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

*** 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-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Bob St. Clair

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register 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. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

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

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas a' Kempis, Medieval Catholic Monk and the probable author of "The Imitation of Christ" (1380 – 1471): "Truly, when the Day Of Judgment comes, we will not be examined on what we have read, but what we have done; not how well we have spoken, but how we lived.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING needed to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 4/8/12 was \$3,395.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, April 8, 2012: \$100. This brings the total received to \$68,323 of the total \$85, 890 needed for the project. Balance needed to complete funding is \$17,567.00.

CARD SHOWER – Jean McNaight will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 26, 2012. She is visiting her daughter Anne in Wellsboro. Anyone who wishes to send her a card may send it to the following address:

Mrs. Jean McNaight
C/O Anne B. McNaight
11 Riberville St.
Wellsboro, PA 16901

Also, if anyone would like to send her a birthday greeting by phone, please call the church office for that number.

MESSIAH RECEIVES THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Church members that have various products with Thrivent can designate funds from Thrivent to be forwarded to Messiah. When we receive the funds from Thrivent, we receive a list of church members who have funds designated for Messiah and the total amount being remitted, but we do not receive information on amounts being designated by individuals. At present, those funds are being deposited into the church current account. If you have designated or will be designating any funds to be sent to Messiah from Thrivent and you want them to be used in any capacity other than the church current account, please contact church treasurer Ken Eyler at 436-8543 or via email at keyler@nmax.net and provide him with the amount being sent by Thrivent and where you would like to have the funds applied. Upon receipt of that information, funds will be sent to the designated recipient.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on June 10, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. if classes are meeting) and end on September 2, 2012. Regular worship services will begin on September 9th.

THE NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE from June, 2012 through June, 2013 will be completed soon. If you are not already on the Altar Guild and you would like to serve, please notify the church office. If you no longer wish to serve, again let the office know. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in May. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE from June, 2012 through June, 2013 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a Lector (the lay person who reads the scripture lessons at the worship service) and you would like to do so, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All Lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in May. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship services.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as devotional leader and Linda Leister and Cynthia Smith as hostesses.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE in the first 2012 project for Lutheran World Relief by the Messiah Women of the ELCA – FABRIC KITS – Sewing is a valuable skill, one that leads to a reliable income for many women and men. Fabric Kits supply vocational training programs with fabric for teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses. Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

--Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and should be cut into pieces measuring 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" wide fabric.

--Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

The following is an example of how the Fabric Kits are used by Lutheran World Relief – BUNDLES OF HOPE – Young women in West Africa face many challenges as they enter early adulthood. Learning marketable skills to support themselves and contribute to their families can often keep them from being married off at a young age. At the House of Hope for Disadvantaged Girls in Bamako, Mali, Fabric Kits are distributed to the 40 young women who live at the school and learn a number of skills—including tailoring—as a means of earning an income.

When choosing fabrics, consider bright colors and colorful prints. If you are not a shopper and want to participate in the project, we will be glad to do your shopping. Just give your donation to Cynthia Smith or Linda Leister.

Matthew 25:40; And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

COMMUNITY

THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, Carl Shoemaker Chapter, and Radio Reading Service (formally CARRS), will hold its annual Walk for Sight Walkathon on Saturday, May 19, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Walk will be a state-wide Walkathon again this year and will be a distance of approximately 6 miles. Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Walk will begin and end at Messiah Lutheran Church. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be provided. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Your support for this annual event would be greatly appreciated. To obtain a sign-up sheet or for more information, call Geraldine Zeigler at 436-2746.

THRIVENT EVENT – The Juniata County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will host a program entitled “Identity Theft: What You Need to Know” at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 20, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall. The program will begin at 12:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The program and lunch are open to the public. Please contact Esther Bratton at 436-8856 or Francene Zimmerman at 436-5566 by Sunday, May 6th to register.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, April 14 at Tuscarora Valley Elementary School from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the school. The need for all blood types is constant and ongoing. Appointment are encouraged. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs a head cook and team for the fourth Tuesday of the month (beginning in November). Also needed, at least two people to help assemble the meals for delivery on the second Friday of the month (needed immediately). Drivers are also needed for several routes. If you can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

SHAMPOO, DEODORANT & FIRST-AID SUPPLIES

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN – Malaria is a leading cause of death in Africa, claiming the life of a child every 45 seconds. In Liberia, malaria accounts for 30 percent of all deaths seen in hospitals. Since the launch of the ELCA Malaria Campaign last year, Lutheran churches in Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe are working to control this disease – distributing mosquito nets and medicine, as well as educating communities on prevention. However, we don't yet have the funds to begin this work in Liberia. Congregations are invited to join other congregations across America to take an offering for World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 29, 2012 and help make this dream a reality. Checks may also be mailed to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Be sure to include “World Malaria Day” in the memo line.

NURSE'S NOTES – **“Curiosity may have killed the proverbial cat**, but being inquisitive has an upside. People who ask questions perform better at new tasks, according to recent research. ‘We may associate asking questions with small children,’ says study author Sophie von Stumm, PhD, but it's actually a sign of intellectual maturity.” (*Prevention Magazine*, March 2012, pg. 36)

THANK YOU so much to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your regular and generous donations to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gifts are very much appreciated and will greatly bless the lives of your neighbors in need by providing them with well-balanced meals, and the means to promote personal health and cleanliness.

Your Friends at the Juniata County Food Pantry

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Cate. Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
-8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., NA group in Youth Area.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Cate. Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.