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RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

April 8, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

J. Troutman

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

INTRODUCTION

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM "Hallelujah, Clap Your Hands" "God's Not Dead"

Junior Choir

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

* GREETING

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 – All Women II – All Men 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 O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The First reading is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Intoned by Cantor – **Response sung by congregation**)

Response - Je – sus Christ is ris'n to – day, Al – le – lu – ia!

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. R

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation. R

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Second reading is from the 15th chapter of Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

* GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*** 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 With a new heart and new life, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

A brief silence.

P In abundant joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us see you in those we do not expect, and remove all fear from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In humility, we pray for this planet, our earthly home. Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew the face of the earth, from north to south, from east to west, to reflect Christ's glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C Your mercy is great.

P In hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world (especially). By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples. Bring peace to every country, city, village, and household. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In hope, we pray you will wipe away the tears from all who weep. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Norm and Mary Esborn, Al Smith, Emery Kirk, Dave Phelan, Harry Aurand, Bill Walters, and Clair Goshorn)). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In grace, we pray for those joyfully gathered here by your Spirit. Give us words to boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Feed all visitors here today with your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P In thanksgiving, we remember those who saw the Lord in life, and now see him face to face (especially). May their faithful witness inspire us to sing our "Alleluia!" again and again. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray.

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

"Resting In Jesus"

B. Logan

[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

"Fanfare for Easter Day"

Williams/Harlan

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Christ the Lord is ris'n to – day, Al – le – lu – ia!

Sons of men and an – gels say: Al – le – lu – ia!

Raise your joys and tri – umphs high, Al – le – lu – ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re – ply, Al – le – lu – ia!

* 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.

COMMUNION
DISTRIBUTION

"The Lord's Supper"

M. Shea

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* 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

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

* DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

"He Is King Of Kings"

C. Curtis

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Leister

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

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 – Madame Jeanne Marie Guyon, French Mystic (1648 – 1717): God gives the cross, and the cross gives God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING needed to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 4/1/12 was \$2,972.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, April 1, 2012: \$1,535. This brings the total received to \$68,233 of the total \$85,890 needed for the project. Balance needed to complete funding is \$17,667.00.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held today at 10:00 a.m. All children are invited to participate. Please plan on meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

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 the following 2012 local blood drives:

- Thursday, April 12 – Tuscarora Grange, East Waterford, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Blairs Mills Lions Club.
- Saturday, April 14 – Tuscarora Valley Elementary School, 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 – "Good Friday is the mirror held up by Jesus so that we can see ourselves in all our stark reality, and then it turns us to that cross and to his eyes, and we hear these words, 'Forgive them for they know not what they do.'" That's us! And so we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. We see in that cross a love so amazing, so divine that it loves us even when we turn away from it, or spun it, or crucify it. There is no faith in Jesus without understanding that on the cross we see into the heart of God and find it filled with mercy for the sinner. Whoever he or she be." Rev. Robert Trache, M. Div.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Easter Day.
-6:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity Methodist Church.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Cate. Class.
-10 a.m., Children's Easter Egg Hunt in Fellowship Hall.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.
-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.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
-7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES to help us celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. You are invited to keep your Lily(s) here as our Easter celebration continues over the next several weeks. Those who prefer to take their Lily(s) home may do so after our service today

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In memory of George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn (Noodie) Davis by family.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of my grandparents, Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In honor of my parents, Robert and Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of Clarence and Beulah Leister and 'Hap' Smith by the Leister, Holderman, Kint and Beward families and Dottie Smith.

In memory of Lloyd and Florence Showers by the Leister, Holderman, Kint and Beward families.

In memory of Donald Sr., Peg, and Ronald 'Tink' Beward by Nick and Bethanie Beward.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyson by daughters and families.

In memory of Joyce and 'Mickey' Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

In memory of Diane and Denise Hower and George H. Dullea by family.

In memory of John and Helen Sieber by George and Kay Varner and family,

In memory of Richard Stetler, Sr. by wife Sis Stetler and family.

In memory of Morgan C. Strawser by Patsy and Jerret Strawser.

In memory of Roy Morral by Patsy and Jerret Strawser.

In memory of loved ones by Sieber and Ona Stoner.

In memory of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stuck, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of my grandfather, Mr. Melvin K. Bortell, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of my grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of husband and loved ones by Midge Rowell.

In memory of loved ones by Leon and Madeline Kramer.

In memory of Sandra (Van Gavree) Radcliff by Richard Van Gavree and family.

In memory of Paul Patterson and Richard and Daisy Van Gavree by Rich, Cindy, Phillip and Susan Van Gavree and Dorothy Patterson.

In memory of my Dad and Mom, Mortimer and Mary Yocum, by daughter Nancy Yocum Kreiner.

The large Lily on the piano is placed in honor of God's people at Messiah by Pastor Esborn.