

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2013 – 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., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Jesse K., Tammy W., Pat and Joe F., Wilma P., Lucy C., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Carl K., Morgan T., Karl and Margaret G., Alex D., Nancy N., Sarah D., Clara S., Justin T., Connor L., Carol D., and Don and Arlene D.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him bringing the Easter life to others.*

### GATHERING

\* ENTRANCE HYMN                    "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

\* 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 Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

*Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

The First reading is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [<sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God.]"

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 30

*L – You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

**<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**ALL – You have turned my wailing into dancing.**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."*

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The Second reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

\* GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

*P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of

Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*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

\* HYMN OF DAY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

\* 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 Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Open our eyes to see the presence of Christ in our midst. Open our hearts to receive forgiveness, grace, and hope. Open our mouths to proclaim, "It is the Lord!" Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Protect the oceans, lakes, and waterways of your creation. Help us to maintain the beaches and coastlands for the joy of all. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Break the bonds of oppression and the cycles of violence (especially in the countries of...). Grant wisdom and humility to all in positions of authority, making them advocates for all who have no voice. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Bless all who cry to you. Shelter those who live in danger. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Jesse Kint, Tammy Walton, Wilma Pyles, Joe and Pat Forney, Lucy Cargill, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Carl Krow, Morgan Treaster, Karl and Margaret Guss, Alex Demar, Nancy Normen, Sarah Dressler, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Connor Lauver, Carol Dasen, and Don and Arlene DeLauter ). Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P By your presence, strengthen this congregation to follow you. Help us tend to those who are hungry and in need throughout our community and the world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Clothe us with joy so that our mourning turns into dancing and our sorrow turns into rejoicing. Bless all who mourn and grant us courage and faith to see life even in the midst of death. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.*

\* 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.**

(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).

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 We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

\* DISMISSAL

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

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

**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.

WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS to Clint and Jamie Miller on the birth of a son, Evan Harry Miller, born on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Lewistown Hospital. Grandparents are Ellwood and Rosalie Miller and Harry and Carole Swanger.

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 – Stephen Charnock, Presbyterian Clergyman (1628 – 1680): We often learn more of God under the rod that strikes us, than under the staff that comforts us.

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the

annual Synod Assembly on June 14 and 15, 2013 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES by Augsburg Fortress are available in the church office for anyone who would like one. Cost is \$24.00 each.

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING needed to fund 2013 expenses is \$3,277. Offering received on 4/8/13 was \$2,967.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, March 24, 2013 and April 7, 2013: \$455. This brings the total received to \$81,948 of the total \$85,890 needed for the project. Balance needed to complete funding is \$3,942.00.

THE NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members have asked to have their names removed from the list. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve!

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, 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 June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

PRAYER CHAIN WILL BE UPDATED – The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on June 2, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. if classes are being held) and end on September 1, 2013. Regular worship services will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

PERSONAL CARE KITS are the project for the Women of the ELCA for the beginning of 2013. Needed for the project are the following items:

- dark colored bath towels approximately (52 x 27),
- adult toothbrushes (can be large packages of more than 1)
- sturdy combs with wide teeth

- nail clippers (with or without attached nail file)
- bath size bar of soap (4—5 oz.) in its original wrapping

Please donate as many items as you are able. You can share God's grace and love by providing simple comfort, starting with a bath! Soap is always needed too! (any brand in original wrapping).

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be hosting a Day of Learning on Saturday, April 27, 2013. This event will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Montoursville with registration at 9:30 a.m. Deadline to register is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY**

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

HELP NEEDED AT THE FOOD PANTRY – Permanent volunteer needed for 3 Saturday mornings each month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Duties will include answering the phone, setting up appointments, interviewing clients and completing paperwork, some computer entry, and helping with other office work as needed. Please contact Kathy Queitzsch at 436-9718 for more information.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS  
FACIAL TISSUES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS  
BABY DIAPERS (SIZES 3-6) AND ALL SIZES OF PULL-UPS  
DONATIONS OF CASH AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS

BENEFIT CONCERT – An evening of special music is planned for this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Maple Grove Mennonite Church, located in Belleville. Valley Harmony, a men's a cappella group, and Sister Song, a women's a cappella group, will be featured along with other local musicians. Refreshments will be served. An offering will be taken to benefit the Juniata Valley Chapter of The Compassionate Friends. The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child. For more information, call 717-250-5648.

WALK FOR SIGHT – 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 4, 2013 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. Proceeds benefit the Chapter and help fund Radio Reading Service which is now broadcasting 24 hours a day—7 days a week. 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.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Sq. Dance, Line, Round, Polka in Fellowship Hall (Caller: Larry Snook).
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.