

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

April 20, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS:** Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Florence B.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### INTRODUCTION

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM

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's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The First reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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!

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

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

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

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

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

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

The Second reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Colossians.

THE LESSON READS:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE (**Congregation - sung**)

**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.**

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

\* THE VERSE (Congregation - sung)

**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

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

\* 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 Made alive to God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P O God, in Christ's death and resurrection your church is reborn. Bless your people in every nation: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal. Raise us up to witness together to your undying love for the world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P O God, your faithfulness extends to all the earth. On this Easter morn, we pray for creation. Make terror and destruction cease, and renew all things in the bright dawning of your love. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P O God, the resurrection of your Son means life for every nation. Show us that promise and hope. Heal nations scarred by injustice and greed; give hope to those ravaged by violence (especially). Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P O God, your Son healed all who were oppressed. Bless those who heal and show compassion in Jesus' name, even as we pray for the many among us who are still in need (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Josh Beitz, Sarah Shellenberger, Jo-Anne Brooks, Chris Albright, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Robert St. Clair, Sr., Victoria Ricedorf, Allison Garver, Angie Goss, Craig Cisney, Carol Spigelmyer, Sis Stetler, Donnie Beward, Jim Woltman, Allen Hall, Sara Ann Aurand, Tristan Myers, Shirley Beitz, Charlene Aughey, Dorothy Aughey, Jane Marhefka, and Margaret Guss and family). Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P O God, in the waters of baptism you call us by name and raise us to new life in you. Renew us with all faith, hope, and love, that we might be Christ's risen body in the world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P O God, we give thanks for the saints whose lives proclaim the victory of your love. With them, give us courage to follow our crucified and risen Lord, until all things are gathered in his name. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and 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 disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved.

\* 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

[“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 Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

\* DISMISSAL

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Bob St. Clair

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Nate Swailes & Gavin Kint

**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) worshipping 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 OUR SYMPATHY to Margaret Guss and daughters Barbara Partner and Gerri Thomas, on the death of husband and father, Karl 'Eddie' Guss, who died on April 12, 2014 at his home. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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 – Oswald Chambers, early twentieth century Scottish Christian minister and teacher (1874 – 1917): When Jesus Christ shed his blood on the cross, it was not the blood of one man for another; it was the life of God poured out to redeem the world.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THRIVENT MEMBERS, select our congregation the first time you direct Choice Dollars between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and our church will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial! Through the “Direct Now ... and add \$20!” campaign, Thrivent will give an extra \$20 for each member who chooses to direct Choice Dollars to our congregation first. For questions about this campaign or Choice Dollars, contact Stacie Kint at 436-6341.

MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held today in the parking lot behind the church before worship service. All children 12 years old and younger are invited to participate.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – One member of Messiah is needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June, 20-21 2014 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Guy Dillman will be attending and will be able to drive for both days. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 following the worship service.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at Messiah on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite card games and board games. Our kids also have some hidden talents, such as making bracelets, duct tape wallets, and more. If your child is interested in sharing their skills, please respond to the group letting them know what items they should bring with them to participate. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack or dessert to share with the group.

SPRING CELEBRATION – The Fellowship Committee has decided to have a Spring Celebration on Sunday, May 18, 2014 following the worship service. It will be a picnic type celebration and the congregation is asked to bring picnic type foods such as macaroni/potato salad, fruit, desserts, pickles/olives, etc. The committee will provide beverage, chips, and meat. There will be a sign-up sheet to follow after Easter. We will also have one senior this year to graduate and we are hoping that he and some of his family will be able to attend.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 following the worship service.

“THE NEEDLERS” NEED FABRIC – If you have extra fabric or sheets that you will not be using, “The Needlers” would appreciate your donation. If you do not have any material, but would still like to help “The Needlers,” \$5.00 will sponsor one sheet to back a quilt. If you have fabric or wish to sponsor a sheet, please contact one of our “Needlers,” or, come join us Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. No sewing skills are required.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209, or Cynthia Smith at 436-8512.

CARD SHOWER – Marian Gross will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 21, 2014. For those who would like to send Marian a birthday greeting, her address is:

2 Manor Blvd.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2014 through June, 2015 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on June 22, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. and end on August 31, 2014. Regular worship services will begin on September 7, 2014.

A SOUP SALE will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Messiah to benefit the Central Juniata Park Pool. Soup will be \$5.00 per quart and will include Ham Bean, Chicken Corn, and Beef Vegetable. If you would like to donate ingredients for the

soup, supply pies or whoopie pies to sell, or help in any way, please contact Linda Leister at 436-8589. Walk-in orders will be filled as long as the soup lasts.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., 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 Adult Sunday School Room.

THE FIRST PROJECT THIS YEAR for Messiah Women of The ELCA for Lutheran World Relief is baby care kits. Items needed are:

- 2 (6-24 months) lightweight cotton T-shirts
- 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets—medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (up to 52" square)
- 4 cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- 1 jacket, sweater (with buttons or ties down front), or sweatshirt with a hood, or (include a baby cap)
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel (dark color recommended)
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins

Place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WELCA PROJECT FOR FRIENDS OF PINE RIDGE RESERVATION FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP – The biggest need right now is for the reservation's foster care agency, LOWO. They typically have about 450 kids in their system and unfortunately LOWO has no budget to provide clothing, bedding or other supplies for the children, most of whom arrive with only what they are wearing. They serve children from infant to teens so pretty much anything a child can wear, they can use (except preemie sizes for the baby items which are not needed). Toddler pants, teen p-j bottoms, sleepwear for all ages, sun dresses and shorts during the summer, shirts and blouses, diaper bags, crib quilts, stuffed toys, bibs, cute colorful pillowcases, twin size bed sheets, crib sheets, Pack 'n Play size sheets, etc. Sewn tote bags are also always needed so the kids don't have to use plastic trash bags to carry around their few belongings. For those who knit or crochet, crib and smaller size baby blankets or afghans, slippers, cute scarves for the teens, mittens for the little ones, baby hats, booties, bunting, etc. would be welcome. Any colors and fibers and fabrics will work for any of the items that are made. The only restriction is not to send anything with an owl print as owls are a symbol of death in the Lakota culture. Place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Any questions, contact Barb S. Geedey, Linda Leister, Cynthia Smith, or Marilyn MaCoy.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. The program will be led by Ann Beaver. Any women of the church are welcome to attend the meetings.

### **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).

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL: FUNDS

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Easter Sunday.  
-**6:15 a.m.**, Easter Sunrise Service at Westminster Presbyterian Cemetery. Service will continue at **6:30 a.m.** at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Pastor William Esborn as the guest preacher.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-Children's Easter Egg Hunt in parking lot behind the church before worship service.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.  
-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-Fellowship Hall reserved (all day).
- Wednesday:** -9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.  
-4 to 6 p.m., Soup Sale at Messiah.  
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -6 to 9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall (caller – Larry Snook). Everyone welcome!
- Saturday:** -Fellowship Hall reserved (all day).  
-6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Family Game Night in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Voters Assembly following worship service.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting.

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 George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn ('Nootie') 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.

To the Glory of God by Debbis Meinsler.

In memory of parents, Dale and Charlotte Henry by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of parents, Harry and Martha Mummah by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In loving memory of Abram and Ruth Shoener and Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis by the Stephen Dreibelbis family.

In memory of loved ones by Neil and Pat Fisher.

In memory of Ruth O. Landis by Neil and Pat Fisher.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyson by daughter and family.

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

In memory of daughters, Diane and Denise Hower, by Judy Armstrong.

In memory of parents, George and Anna Ruth Dullea, by Judy Armstrong.

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 the Morral family.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller by family.

In memory of Evelyn Showers and Charles M. Miller by family.

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In loving memory of Barry T. Stratford by Betty and family.

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 Nora Ella Singer by Ed Singer and family.

In memory of our parents, Paul Patterson and Richard and Daisy Van Gavree by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In memory of Sandy Radcliff by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In memory of loved ones by Leon and Madeline Kramer.

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