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“Proclaiming God’s love revealed in Jesus Christ and his People”

The Messiah Herald



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So what DOES this all mean?

What happened then is still happening today. The ending of Mark’s Gospel is still being written. Remember Mark’s Gospel and ask yourself, “What difference does it make to me and my life that the tomb is empty?” What will you and I do with the news of the empty tomb. Will we hide it or will we share it because there are others that need to hear the news, “He is risen!.”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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Some people are bothered with such differences and fragments in the story but as I have shared with you concerning the variations concerning the Christmas infancy narratives we can, also, find our faith enriched when we understand what those variations teach us about the first generation and earliest believers in Christ.

One of the places for us to begin our Easter season is for us to stand in the same place as those first believers for whom Mark wrote. Consider Mark’s original ending, ⁶“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.”

So what does this all mean? Consider the fine points buried in these brief verses. 1) Jesus is not in the tomb which is empty; 2) He is going to Galilee; the women are to tell Peter and the disciples that Jesus is going to Galilee; 4) the women are terrified and tell no one, it is unclear if this silence is meant to include no report to Peter and the disciples.

Clearly something unwritten has happened after verse 8. Otherwise, how does Mark know what to write about an empty tomb. How, also, did the world become aware of the empty tomb. Matthew and Luke add stories about post resurrection events and appearances of Jesus. Eventually, those are added on to Mark’s Gospel in summary form without details in additional verses that don’t fit smoothly with Mark 16:8.

Consider the impact the story of the empty tomb had to have on those first believers. What could they say? How were they to express what these events meant to them? This Mark’s ending intentionally places you and me at the place of the early church wanting to answer what does this mean?

What happened then is still happening today. The ending of Mark’s Gospel is still being written today. During the season of Easter as you hear the stories of the resurrection appearances, also, remember Mark’s Gospel and ask yourself, “What difference does it make to me and my life that the tomb is empty?” What will you and I do with the news of the empty tomb. Will we hide it or will we share it because there are others that need to hear the news, “He is risen!.” ...

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

April	1: Luke 24:13-49
April	2: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
April	3: Psalm 150
April	4: Acts 5:27-32
April	5: Psalm 118:14-29
April	6: Revelation 1:4-8
April	7: John 20:19-31
April	8: Revelation 1:9-20
April	9: Revelation 2:8-11
April	10: Revelation 4:1-11
April	11: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
April	12: Psalm 30
April	13: Revelation 5:11-14
April	14: John 21:1-19
April	15: Ezekiel 11:1-25
April	16: Ezekiel 20:39-44
April	17: Luke 12:29-32
April	18: Acts 9:36-43
April	19: Psalm 23
April	20: Revelation 7:9-17
April	21: John 10:22-30
April	22: Psalm 100
April	23: Revelation 11:15-19
April	24: Acts 11:1-18
April	25: Mark 1:1-15
April	26: Psalm 148
April	27: Revelation 21:1-6
April	28: John 13:31-35
April	29: Proverbs 2:9-15
April	30: Ezekiel 37:15-28



PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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

APRIL SCHEDULES

LECTORS

7: Barbara S. Geedey
14: Sam Leister
21: Linda Leister
28: Bob St. Clair

ALTAR GUILD

Apr. 1—Apr. 7	Linda Clark
Apr. 8—Apr. 21	Michelle Stoner
Apr. 22—Apr. 28	Barbara S. Geedey
Apr. 29—May 5	Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

7: OPEN
14: OPEN
21: OPEN
28: OPEN



Personal Care Kits are our project 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.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Program leader will be Ann Beaver.

Upcoming dates for WELCA events:

April 27 – Day of Learning at Bethany Lutheran Church, Montoursville.

July 27 – WELCA Convention at Camp Mt. Luther.

September 14 – Fall Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther.

October 6 – Blanket Sunday.

October 19 – Peace Pole Service at the Synod office, Lewisburg.

REMINDER: 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.

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

Lutheran Study Bibles by Augsburg Fortress are available in the church office for anyone who would like one.

Cost is \$24.00 each.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

The Juniata County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is looking forward to another exciting and busy year. Please

keep our activities and co-sponsored events on your calendars so you can help support our community.

Our chapter has co-sponsored many fundraisers throughout the years with our "Care Abounds in Communities Program" and we have assisted numerous groups with financial help as well as physical assistance.

The following chapter members are on the current 2013 leadership board.

- President – Esther Bratton (436-8856)
- Vice President – Robert Spade
- Records Director – Cathy Leach
- Financial Director – Sandy Westover
- Director of Congregational Advocates – Sam Leister
- Events Director – Deb Cramer
- Financial Representative – Peter Krum (814-364-9539)

If you have any questions about Thrivent, you can go online at thrivent.com and check out the many benefits of being a Thrivent member.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mifflintown beginning at 6:00 p.m.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer drivers and cooks are needed 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).

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

Juniata Meals-On-Wheels
P.O. Box 251
Mifflintown, PA 17059

LECTOR SCHEDULE

The new Lector schedule for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1st.

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.

ALTAR GUILD

The new Altar Guild schedule for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1st.

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!

SUMMERWORSHIP SERVICES

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 8th.

PRAYER CHAIN

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.

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.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

Jean McNaight (Cottage #5)
Ethel Bossinger Sue Collins
Sis Stetler

BROOKLINE

Flo Beale Virginia Feaster
Marian Gross
Anna Mary Zimmerman

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

Carol Simonton

NORTH RIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING, McALISTERVILLE

Dorothy Cleck

HONNEMAN HOUSE, THOMPSONTOWN

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

ELMCROFT OF REEDSVILLE

Helen Knox

AT HOME

Reba Sigler Cassie Smith
Jane Marhefka Fay McCormick

OTHERS OF CONCERN

Craig Walker
Dorothy Patterson (Cindy Van
Gavree's Mother)
Evelyn Spriggle (Ann Beaver's
Mother)

BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



The eighth annual Bishop's Open Golf Tournament is set for Monday, May 13, 2013 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club (rain or shine), Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf, PA.

Camp Mount Luther holds this event to have fun and raise funds to better our youth in a faith-based camping program. The event features:

- A Four Person Scramble with Three Flights.
- Prizes for flights, hole in one winners, closest to pin, longest drive, straightest drive, team that has most fun, and Bishop's Cup.
- A free putting contest, mulligans, and forward tees.
- A celebration for the camp's 50th birthday this year.

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587. Registration forms are available on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org and then go to [newsitems/2013 Golf Classic.pdf](#).

Juniata County Food Pantry April Update

In February 2013, the Food Pantry served 287 families in need—a total of 818 individuals.

Many thanks to our faithful churches who supported us with donations of food, supplies and money in February. A special thank you to Matamoros United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for the month of February.

HELP NEEDED: Permanent Volunteer for 3 Saturday mornings each month, 8:00 a.m. till 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. Person gifted with ALL Fruits of the Spirit is appreciated, but will gladly accept those at least strong in the following fruits: Patience, Kindness, Gentleness and Self Control! Salary – MANY treasures in Heaven! 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

***REMEMBER, OUR VESTIBULE (LOCATED ON THE RAMP SIDE OF THE BUILDING)
IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS ANY HOUR, ANY DAY!
CASH OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT.**

**HOURS: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 6:00 PM AND SATURDAY, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
CLOSED ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.**

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY, P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST.,
MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 436-9718 (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH).
Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com**



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Brochures are available on the
table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

For more information, please contact
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Companionship ~ helping to keep individuals engaged both mentally and socially while supervising their safety and well-being.

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Independent Living Services ~ assisting with activities of daily living, such as dressing, grooming, mobility assistance, medication reminders.

Respite ~ giving a primary caregiver time off.

Pet Care ~ providing care for pets (dogs and cats), walks, feeding, outdoor breaks.

Specialized Services ~ such as, book-keeping, legal / notary services , home maintenance and plant care / gardening..

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www.InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com

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In Home Services carefully screens all Team Members (Service Providers). Background and criminal checks are conducted. We carry both professional and general liability insurance and all caregivers are bonded.

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We provide services to people of all ages in the Centre, Mifflin and Juniata County Area.

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