

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD January 6, 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., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Sarah D., Gene R., Jesse K., Susan M., Tammy W., Josh B., Matt H., Lura A., Herbert B., Martin E., Pat and Joe F., Dan C., Florence B., Betty K., Jeanette S., Patty S., Arthur A., Destiny D., and Margaret B.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP  
MEDITATION AND PRAYER  
PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INTRODUCTION

*Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P God of glory, God of peace,*

**C we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen**

*P The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.*

**C Amen**

## **GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN "We Three Kings of Orient Are" p. 17 in bulletin

\* GREETING

*P Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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 (sung)

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"What Child Is This (verse 3)

So bring him in – cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthroned him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

**1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:**

**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.**

**Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;**

**on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.**

**Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;**

**Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:**

**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

*P The Lord be with you. C And al-so with you.*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY [spoken in unison]

*P Let us pray...*

**C O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The First Lesson is from the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: "Here ends the reading."

**Congregation: "Thanks be to God."**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Intoned by Choir)

*L – All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. R**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight. R**

**All – All kings shall bow down before him.**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Second Lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —  
<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
<sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,  
<sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

<sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,  
<sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: "Here ends the reading."

**Congregation: "Thanks be to God."**

\* THE VERSE (sung)

**Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word. Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred. Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

**C Glo – ry to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"The First Noel"

p. 18 in bulletin

\* NICENE CREED

**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 Let us pray for the church, the earth, and all those in need, in the name of Jesus Christ, who was born in a manger, died on a cross, and rose from the grave.*

*A brief silence.*

*P God our true light, we pray for the great company of the baptized. Lift up our eyes so that we see the brightness of your rising. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God our shepherd, we pray for the earth; for rain in areas affected by drought; for sun in flooded lands; and for peace in places suffering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God our guide, we pray for all nations and their rulers (especially); for merchants and schoolteachers; for victims of human trafficking; for relief organizations; and for the poor. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God our bread, we pray for those who are hungry and cold today; for the mentally ill and physically disabled; for those far from home and those without homes; and for the sick (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Kerese, Sarah Dressler, Gene Rhine, Jesse Kint, Susan Minick, Tammy Walton, Josh Beitz, Matt Hutchinson, Florence Beasom, Betty Karstetter, Lura Aughey, Herbert Burd, Martin Ehrenzeller, Jeanette St. Clair, Joe and Pat Forney, Dan Conner, Marian Gross, Patty Shearer, Arthur Aumiller, Destiny Devlin and Margaret Bryner). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God our treasure, we pray for this congregation; for the council and musicians; for the altar guild and those who care for our building; for our education and outreach ministries. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P God our bright morning star, we thank you for the saints who have made their final journey home to you. Give strength to us who have here no lasting city. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P O God, who shines light into darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name.*

**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            “Jesus Loves Me”    “Go Tell It On The Mountain”            Junior Choir

\* SUNG OFFERTORY (“Create in me”)

**Cre – ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re – new a right spir – it with-in Me. Cast me not a – way from your pres – ence, and take not your Ho – ly Spir – it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal – va – tion, and up-hold Me with your free Spir – it.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

**MEAL**

\* 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: (sung)*

**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 We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.*

*He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin’s womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free*

*from suffering those who trust you.*

*He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*In the same way 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.*

*Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.*

*Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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 bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*

*Come, eat, and live.*

\* 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-is. Al-le-lu-ia.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

*P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

p. 19 in bulletin

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Christ is with you.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

\* POSTLUDE

**NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR** – Linda Leister

**NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD** – Kay Varner (Clint & Jamie Miller – cup communion)

## **WELCOME**

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

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

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

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

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

JUST A THOUGHT – French Proverb: Years of repentance are necessary in order to blot out a sin in the eyes of men, but one tear of repentance suffices with God.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 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.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be offered in February. Please register with the church office by January 21, 2013 if you would like your child to attend. Date and time for the class will be arranged with parents.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held this winter. If you wish to attend, please let the church office know by January 17, 2013

THE 2013 FLOWER CHART is now in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you wish to place altar flowers in the church on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart. Flower dates are on a first come-first-served basis.

THE 2013 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available for you to pick up in the Adult Sunday School Room. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2012 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, for the “can tree” in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able.

A SPECIAL OFFERING will be collected, supporting the children’s decision on Christmas Eve to help the survivors in Sandy Hook, Ct. The offering box will be in the Adult Sunday School room for your donations.

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING needed to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 12/16/12 was \$2,850.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, December 9, 2012: \$110; on December 16, 2012: \$1,050; and on December 30, 2012: \$300. This brings the total received to \$77,458 of the total \$85,890 needed for the project. Balance needed to complete funding is \$8,432.00.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. All members are asked to attend.

THANK YOU to all who gave poinsettias to decorate the church in honor of Christ’s birth. When taking your poinsettia(s) home, PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE the black plastic containers in the poinsettia tree (remove only foil wrapped containers).

THANK YOU – I would like to thank my church family and friends for the monetary gift given to me at Christmas and also the gift given to me by the choir. A big thank you goes to Deb and Todd Wise, Bob St. Clair, Pastor Bill and Louis Lynch for singing with us for our anthems on Christmas Eve. All is greatly appreciated. May God richly bless you in 2013.

Andrea Cameron

### **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, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

### **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).

SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER – A soup sale fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church to benefit the Central Juniata Park Pool. Order forms are available for pre-orders in the Adult Sunday School Room. We are also soliciting for baked items to sell. Soup will be \$5.00 per quart (buyers are asked to bring their own containers). Walk-in orders will be filled as long as the soup lasts. Soup choices are: Ham Bean,

Chicken Corn, Beef Vegetable, and Broccoli Cheddar. If you would like to donate ingredients for the soup or help in any way, please contact Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401, Linda Leister at 436 8589, Shirley Hostler at 436-6371, or Tammy Ehrenzeller at 436-5583.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES;

OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES.

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR LOCAL STORES

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding blood drives at the following locations:

Wednesday, January 9, 2013  
Port Royal Community Building  
1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Fourth Street, Port Royal

Saturday, January 12, 2013  
Tuscarora Valley Elementary School  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
401 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Royal

Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood safely every 56 days. Donors should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800 Red Cross.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Epiphany of Our Lord.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Sq. Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -? Undecorating Church.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.