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

The Messiah Herald



July 2014

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What does it really mean to acknowledge God as the creator of all that is seen and unseen? And what responsibility does acknowledging those gifts place on our lives?

To say that God is the creator, the source, of all that is seen and unseen means that we in all that we have and are in ourselves and with all our talents and abilities are created by God. Any physical skills, any musical talent, any intellect, any athletic prowess, and on and on is first and foremost a creation and gift from God. This is not a debate between nature or nurture because even both of those are elements created by God. Your time, your health, your age, and even your personality are from God in the broadest sense. Even if you can’t see it or touch it still is part and parcel part of God’s creation. From Newton’s discovery of gravity to the unimaginable power of a Black Hole, from potential energy of a rock balancing delicately on the crest of a hill to Black Energy present throughout the universe or universes it is all from God’s creative power.

As part of creation we as human beings have great responsibility for how we use the gifts of God in our lives. We are responsible for how we use our talents and abilities, for good and for evil. Using God’s gifts in harmony with his will or in pursuit of our own will and sinfulness is an expression of how we understand our relationship to God. Do we understand that God is creator and we are creature with everything else in creation? Or do we elevate ourselves like demigods out of creation believing human wisdom for the use of creation is good enough and we do not need to listen to the voice of God’s Word over and against our own desire.

Do you work with and nurture the gifts that God has placed in your life? Did you practice your piano or guitar lessons; do you exercise and practice your jump shot or drop step in the post for basketball? Have you learned to save your money and do you maximize your investments so that you grow the resources from which you can give generously? Have you studied and added new skills so that you are growing in the ways you can serve God? Can you teach Sunday School? Can you sing in the choir? The implications of understanding what it means to be gifted by God as creator and our responsibility to nurture and use God’s creative gifts wisely is boundless in its possibilities. Being fallen means we often neglect what is possible and settle for what is comfortable. It means we frequently accept diminishing what God has created and placed in our care and stewardship rather than nurturing, growing and increasing the possible.

Scripture tells of both gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-11) and the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26). What gifts has the Lord of Creation granted you and how are you using them to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. What is seen in your life and what is still unseen because God isn’t done with you yet.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

July	1: Romans 7:1-13
July	2: Zechariah 9:0-12
July	3: Ephesians 4:11-16
July	4: Psalm 145:8-14
July	5: Romans 7:15-25a
July	6: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July	7: Isaiah 48:1-11
July	8: Romans 15:14-21
July	9: John 12:44-50
July	10: Isaiah 55:10-13
July	11: Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13
July	12: Romans 8:1-11
July	13: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July	14: Hebrews 2:1-9
July	15: Hebrews 6:13-20
July	16: Matthew 7:15-20
July	17: Isaiah 44:6-8
July	18: Psalm 86:11-17
July	19: Romans 8:12-25
July	20: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July	21: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21
July	22: Ruth 1:6-18
July	23: 1 Kings 3:5-12
July	24: Psalm 119:129-136
July	25: Acts 11:27—12:3a
July	26: Romans 8:26-39
July	27: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
July	28: Proverbs 10:1-5
July	29: Philippians 4:10-15
July	30: Deuteronomy 26:1-15
July	31: Isaiah 55:1-5



PRAYER CHAIN

Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dkint@nmax.net or 436-6341.

If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

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

JULY SCHEDULES

LECTORS

6: Linda Bahorik
13: Cynthia Smith
20: Barbara S. Geedey
27: Bob St. Clair

ACOLYTES

6: Nate Swailes & Gavin Kint
13: Zane Hazard & Emma Hazard
20: Malin Kint & Marina Holderman
27: Livia Arentz & Emma Arentz

ALTAR GUILD

June 30—July 6 Diana Wise
July 7—July 20 Sandy Pines
July 21—Aug. 2 Barbara S. Geedey

ALTAR FLOWERS

6: Smith/Leister Family
13: Guy Dillman & Family
20: OPEN
27: Carole Nace



Messiah Women of ELCA met on Thursday, June 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Cynthia Smith led the program with a skit regarding gossip and ways to turn it into positives rather than negatives.

A short business meeting led by Barbara Geedey followed. Items discussed were the convention at Camp Mt. Luther on August 2. Sixteen nail clippers have been collected so far to take to the convention,

and there are 5 people who will be attending. If anyone else is interested, please contact Barb at 436-6433.

We will begin collecting items for the school kits beginning later in July. More information will be coming at a later date

Delicious refreshments of vanilla ice cream and fresh strawberries were prepared by Ona Stoner and Claire Mummah.

Next meeting will be held on July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

Collection continues for Lutheran World Relief 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. Items needed are:

Toddler pants, teen p-j bottoms, sleepware for all ages, sun dresses and shorts, 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, knited or crocheted crib and smaller size

baby blankets or afghans, slippers, cute scarves for the teens, mittens for the little ones, baby hats, booties, bunting, etc. Any colors, fibers and fabrics will work for any of the items that are made. The only restriction is (nothing 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.

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.



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

WEDNESDAY SUMMER COMMUNIONS



Wednesday evening "Informal Communion" will be held during the summer months at 6:30 p.m. for those who cannot make it to services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday, July 6 through Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. each evening.

Escape to our tropical island for VBS and then the children and their families can join us for a pool party on Friday, July 11th at the Mifflin Pool from 6 to 8 p.m.

VBS will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church this year as we continue to join our efforts and activities. Children age 5 (entering Kindergarten) through age 12 (entering 6th grade) are invited to attend and any assistance from our older youth and adults would be greatly appreciated.

A volunteer list is posted in the kitchen area. Contact Kate Swailes with any questions.

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Business: approval of previous minutes, quarterly Board Reports, vote on nominations of new PPC members for 2014—2016, and Property Committee proposals for (1) furnace repair and (2) Gethsemane window repair. Both proposals will be by ballot vote.

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.



Thank you for helping the Jr. Church and Sunday School collect items for the Food Pantry Backpack Program. With your donations and the offering collected in Sunday School and Jr. Church during the Easter season, we were able to donate 234 pounds of food for this program. Way to Go!

The box will remain in the Adult Sunday School Room for several more weeks if you would still like to contribute any of the following items:

- Any single serving "meals" (Mac 'n Cheese, Spaghetti, Ravioli, Lasagna, soups, cans of chicken, Vienna sausages, etc.)
- Fruit cups of all varieties (Applesauce and peaches were the most popular last summer).
- Pudding cups.
- Chips, pretzels, popcorn, trail mix (HUGE favorite last summer), granola bars, cookies, any other single serving snack item.

--Juice boxes (any and all flavors).



THANK YOU

"Dear Junior Church Friends at Messiah Lutheran Church.....thank you so much for your support of the Juniata County Food Pantry! Your food donations to our Summer Backpack Program are amazing!

You have provided so many wonderful choices for the children in our program! Thank you for your thoughtful concern for our young friends in need over these summer months. Thinking of others is one of God's special lessons for all of us.

Thank you for aiding us in our mission to "Feed His Sheep." (John 21:17) Caring for the least among us is a distant calling."

Sincerely,

Patricia Brown, Treasurer and Backpack Program Coordinator,
and the Juniata County Food Pantry Board of Directors



Juniata County Food Pantry

For more information, visit our website at jcfoodpantry.com and "Like" us on Facebook!

OUR VESTIBULE (LOCATED ON THE RAMP SIDE OF THE BUILDING)
IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS 24 HOURS A DAY!

CASH OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT.

NEW HOURS: 9:00 AM to NOON AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EACH TUESDAY, AND FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY. CLOSED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.

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





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Summer Day Camp

Open to children who've completed kindergarten to sixth grade



July 7-11, 2014

9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

at the church located at

9259 William Penn Highway in the village of Center

Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from this congregation will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our day camp program. Day Camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship.

Pre-registration is required along with a \$10 registration fee.

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