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DAY OF PENTECOST June 12, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Helen C., Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Arlene M., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Paul W., Bob C., Linda R., Jesse K., Audrey M., Conner L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., and Christy H.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

(Graduating Seniors and parents please come forward)

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Living God,

C we confess before you and one another our futile ways, our pursuit of perishable things, our own part in crucifying the Lord Jesus. Forgive us, O God; renew the face of the earth; and give us the assurance that you have rescued us from the power of sin and made us alive in the Spirit forever. Amen

P Christ suffered for sins once for all in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Spirit of Life"

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* 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 (In Unison)

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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The First reading is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and

glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Intoned by Cantor – Response sung by Choir)

L – Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R**

ALL – Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Second reading is from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

^{3b}And no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the

body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (**Congregation**)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

* GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Madalynn and Hannah have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

P Madalynn Danielle Marrone and Hannah JoBeth Zeiders, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P Sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Confirmands: I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands & Congregation:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands & Congregation:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands & Congregation:

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

P Let us pray for Madalynn and Hannah who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*P Let us pray.
Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Madalynn and Hannah your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

C Amen

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Madalynn and Hannah the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Confirmands & Congregation: Amen

PRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS

*** 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."**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P In this season of resurrection, we lift up to God all those in need in the church and throughout the world.

A brief silence.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into the world around us. Infuse us with the sights, smells, and sounds of the richness of creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis (especially). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda

Rhine, Jesse Kint, Audrey Morral, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Christy Hall and Ethel Bossinger). Blanket them with hope and healing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We pray for all those involved in the budget process for the state of PA, and for all of those who are affected. In your mercy,

C Your mercy is great.

P Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed (especially). Remind us of the joy that is to come. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your care, O God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

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 the table of the risen Christ.

* 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.

DISTRIBUTION

["AT THE 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 Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through + Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

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* DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister (Cup Communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the red 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS: Madalyn Goss, daughter of Mike and Sheree Goss; Jesse Kint, son of Curtis and Diana Kint; and Tyler Singer, son of Andy Singer and the late Linda Leister Singer. A recognition dinner for our High School Seniors and their parents will be held today in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS have completed their confirmation training and requirements: Madalynn Marrone, daughter of Vicki Marrone and Timothy Marrone and Hannah Zeiders, daughter of Rachael Lauver and Jeffrey Zeiders. Madalynn and Hannah will be making affirmation of their baptism today. All are invited to personally congratulate them at the congregational meal in their honor following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the Graduating Seniors and the Confirmands by the Lauver family.

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 – Jimmy Carter, President of the USA: “In our rapidly changing world, we need to cling to the things that don’t change – to truth and justice, to fairness, to brotherhood, to love, and to faith. And through prayer, I believe we can find those things.”

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “Acts of Kindness Camp” will be held the week of June 20—24 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Messiah.

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES FOR 2011 will begin on **Sunday, June 19th** and end on Sunday, September 4th. Worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday School class time being determined by the individual classes.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

THE NEXT VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY will be held on June 19, 2011 following the worship service. Business will be approval of previous minutes and quarterly board reports.

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, except during summer months. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at ebeaver41@yahoo.com or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, June 5, 2011: \$1,395.00. This brings the total received to \$59,247.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

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.

LOVE PROJECTS FOR FAR AND NEAR – We are asking for more donations of women’s, men’s, and children’s **socks** for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. We have received 22 pairs. For the Health Kits we continue to need the **sturdy, large teeth** combs and we are adding **toothbrushes** to be collected.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY needs for June: All non-perishable foods, personal care and baby care supplies, diapers (sizes 4-6), and paper products. Donations of cash and Weis or Schlegel's gift cards will also be gladly accepted

JAM BENEFIT AUCTION – The annual JAM Benefit Auction will be held Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Juniata EMS Building in Mifflintown. Preview of items will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:00 p.m.

JAM CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at the Mifflintown Playground. Cost is \$4.00 per half and \$6.00 for a dinner. Pick-up time is from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You may call 320-3165 or 436-7558 to purchase tickets.

NURSE'S NOTES – **Raw or cooked?** – Though raw produce is often assumed to be more nutritious than cooked, a mix of both kinds gives you more healthy options. For example: *Tomatoes* – Cooked, these have a higher dose of cancer-fighting lycopene. *Green bell peppers* – You'll keep more vitamin B if you eat these raw. *Zucchini* – Squash delivers more beta-carotene (a building block for Vitamin A) when cooked. *Spinach* – Raw spinach has more Vitamin C and folate. Cooked, it's richer in calcium and zinc. *Garlic* – Garlic's health-protecting antimicrobial power is dimmed by cooking. (*Prevention*, May 2011, pg. 86)

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:**
- DAY OF PENTECOST (Wearing of Red)
 - Confirmation Sunday & Recognition of Graduating Seniors.
 - 9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 - 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion Service.
 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Meal honoring Confirmands and High School Graduates.
- Monday:**
- 8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Thursday:**
- 1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Sunday:**
- THE HOLY TRINITY.
 - EARLY SUMMER SERVICE BEGINS.**
 - 9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion Service.
 - Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
 - Voters' Assembly following Worship Service.