

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THE HOLY TRINITY June 15, 2014 – 9:15 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., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Bradbury

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

### \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with*

*him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

**Parents: We present Ana Mae Snyder to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

*P Ana Mae Snyder, do you desire to be baptized?*

**Parents: I do.**

*P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.*

*Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?*

**Parents: Yes, by the help of God.**

*P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.*

*By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of she who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.*

*To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

*P 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?*

**Parents: Yes, by the help of God.**

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

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

**C 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?*

**C 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 Ana Mae Snyder, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

*The Lord be with you.*

**C And also with you.**

*P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Ana: 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.*

**C Amen**

*P Ana Mae Snyder, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Parents: Amen**

*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* *Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.*

**C We welcome Ana Mae Snyder, into the Lord's family. We receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

\* 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."**

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.*

**C Amen**

*P In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*God our strength,*

**C we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen**

*P Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.*

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN "Listen, God Is Calling"

\* GREETING

*P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**C - sung**)

*L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*L 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.**

*L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*L 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 Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **WORD**

*The first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The First reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Genesis.

THE LESSON READS:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And

God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8 (Intoned by Cantor – Response sung by Choir)

*L – How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R**

**ALL – How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The Second reading is from the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "God, Whose Almighty Word"

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Almighty God, you send your people into the world as beacons of light and hope. Bless the ministry of churches everywhere, that they take strength from your promise to be with us always. Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P With a word, you brought forth the majesty of creation: rolling hills, fragrant meadows, thundering seas. Inspire us to cherish and preserve them as stewards of your good land. Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Be with those in the path of violence and war. Guard them against harm and give them a future with hope. Send your peace to the places that need it the most (especially). Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Give strength to those bearing heavy burdens: addiction, mental illness, loneliness, and grief. Heal those whose bodies and souls are hurting (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Josh Beitz, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonell Waller, Jesse Kint, Robert St. Clair, Sr., Victoria Ricedorf, Allison Garver, Craig Cisney, Carol Spigelmyer, Jim Woltman, Shirley Beitz, Charlene Aughey, Ed Forney, Travis Zeiders, Karen Clements, Robert Reynolds, Harry Aurand, John Miller, Brenda Brothers, and Carol Sheesley Spigelmyer). Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Enable this congregation to support all families. Strengthen fathers and all who nurture, so that they guide with wisdom, gentleness, and grace. Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P We give thanks for all the saints who rest eternally in your loving care. Enliven our witness by their example. Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**



*P We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.*

**C Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Beyond The Sunset"

Brock

*[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 God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.*

*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.*

*Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.*

*Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, 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 Everyone who hungers, come to the table. Eat what is good, that you may 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 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 We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bounti-ful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN                      “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“A Song of Praise”

Smith

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Livia Arentz & Emma Arentz

**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.

GOD CREATES A NEW SAINT TODAY through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome Ana Mae Snyder, daughter of Anthony Snyder and Brittany Zeiders.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Stanley and Melissa Ehrisman's anniversary by Don and Barb Geedey and Velma Suloff.

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 – D. L. Moody, Evangelist (1837 – 1899): The way to be saved is not to delay, but to come and take.

### **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.

ELCA "BUCK-A-CHICK" PROGRAM – During Lent, the Sunday School students and Jr. Church attendees collected money towards the ELCA Buck-A-Chick" program. They collected \$150 that will be used by World Hunger to purchase 150 chicks! When these chicks are just months old, they begin laying eggs, which make nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry. The many extra eggs are often enough to allow a family to start a small business by selling them for additional income. Way to go, Messiah kids! You can see some of the paper chicks that were colored by the kids, on display in the Adult Sunday School Room. During the 50 days of Easter, the Sunday School and Junior Church offering money will go towards purchasing items for the Juniata County Food Pantry's Summer Backpack Program. We would like some help in collecting items for this program, too. Donations of the following are needed and can be placed in the bus box in the Adult Sunday School Room.

- 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).

WEDNESDAY EVENING "INFORMAL COMMUNION" will be held during the summer months beginning **June 18, 2014** for those who cannot make it to services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2014 following the worship service. 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.

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 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mifflin Pool. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**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.

THANKS to John for the paint and to Ed and Doc for the labor. Good job!

Thanks, P. R.

### **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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continue to collect baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. 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.

THE WELCA SYNODICAL CONVENTION will again be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, August 2, 2014. See Barb Geedey for registration forms if you are interested in attending or have questions pertaining to the event. The cost is \$40.00 for a brunch and lunch plus the use of the facility and speakers. **NOTE: We are collecting small nail clippers (with or without files) to take to the Synod Convention.** Target and K-Mart are two places that have them for a good price.

### **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).

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## JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JUNE 2014 UPDATE

**In April**, the Food Pantry served 343 families for a total of 951 of your neighbors! Special thanks to Locust Run United Methodist Church for sending volunteers for April.

**Easy Donations:** Simply log into your Amazon.com account using **smile.amazon.com**, select Juniata County Food Pantry as your organization, and Amazon will automatically track your purchases and send us a check every quarter! Prefer to donate money online? Visit our website at [jcfoodpantry.com](http://jcfoodpantry.com) and click on the Donate Now link to donate via Paypal!

**Summer:** Traditionally, donations drop drastically over the summer months. Please keep us in mind over these months, especially to support our **Summer Backpack Program!** We need donations of single-serving items for this program. Pudding cups, main-dish items and fresh produce are especially needed. **Big Tree Outdoor Music Festival:** Sunday, June 15 at Britcher Farm in Arch Rock – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. – Tons of local musicians will entertain you all day long! Benefits the Food Pantry.

**Help Needed:** Volunteers for a variety of jobs!

**Did you know?** We accept donations of fresh produce from your garden! (We regret that we cannot accept homemade or home-canned foods).

*For more information, visit our website at [jcfoodpantry.com](http://jcfoodpantry.com) and "Like" us on Facebook!*

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; FRESH PRODUCE; PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:  
SHAMPOO, TOOTHBRUSHES/TOOTHPASTE, DISPOSABLE RAZORS,  
OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD/ALLERGY/PAIN MEDICATIONS,  
BANDAGES, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, FIRST AID SUPPLIES, TOILET PAPER

### NEW FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon**

Closed on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone: (717) 436-9718 Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch

Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)

Our vestibule is open to receive donations 24 hours a day!  
Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot

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## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -THE HOLY TRINITY.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.  
-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Friday:** -Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.
- Saturday:** -Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.
- Sunday:** **-9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.**  
-Voters Assembly following worship service.