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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2014 – 10:30 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., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Florence B.

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

* 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)

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 I & II Choir (C – Congregation)

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to following the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

The First reading is from the 7th chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively)

L – Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

ALL – Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

The Second reading is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

THE LESSON READS:

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (**Congregation**)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

* GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

* THE VERSE (**Congregation**)

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

* HYMN OF DAY “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

* NICENE CREED (all)

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 Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P God our salvation: you have made us your living stones in the waters of baptism. We pray for the church and its leaders; for the newly baptized; for missionaries around the world. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God our home: your Spirit dwells with creation. We pray for the earth; for clean water and air; for the earth's foundation; for the lands all creatures inhabit. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God our way: you call us to paths of justice. We pray for nations and leaders; for courts and legislatures; for strife-torn communities; for our enemies. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God our refuge: you deliver us in times of trouble. We pray for the rejected and persecuted; for neglected infants and children; for the sick (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, Angie Goss, Craig Cisney, Carol Spigelmyer, Sis Stetler, Donnie Beward, Jim Woltman, Sara Ann

Aurand, Tristan Myers, Shirley Beitz, Charlene Aughey, Dorothy Aughey, Jane Marhefka, Ed Forney, Fred Marshall, Travis Zeiders, Karen Clements, Jane Shirk, Robert Reynolds, Mildred Hostler, Cassie Smith, and Norman Esborn); for all in need. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God our shelter: you draw all people to yourself. We pray for those who are homeless and those with inadequate housing; for all who come to this building seeking a safe haven. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God our life: you prepare a place for us. We give thanks for the witness of your saints (especially Erik, King of Sweden). (Pause) Lead us also in Christ's way and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Converse

[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 this table where you are known and loved.

* 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

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

* 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 Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

* CLOSING HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Go Forth With Praise”

Ritter

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Tyler Rosenberry & Lilly Powell

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Warren and Claire Mummah.

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 – Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic philosopher: What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again?...Is it more difficult to come into being than to return to it?

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING “INFORMAL COMMUNION” will be held during the summer months beginning June 11, 2014 for those who cannot make it to services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

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).

PPC MEETING will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All members are asked to attend.

MESSIAH AND ST. STEPHEN'S CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to attend a picnic and hike at Guss's Park in Licking Creek on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share. Drinks, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the kitchen area so that we can determine how many will be attending. Hope to see you there!

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. 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.

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 19, 2014 (1 week earlier due to Memorial Day) at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you cannot attend, please let Kay Varner know.

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.

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.

THE FIRST PROJECT THIS YEAR for Messiah Women of The ELCA for Lutheran World Relief is 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 – 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.

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).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TOILET PAPER, TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS, STORAGE BAGS & WRAPS, TRASH BAGS

JUNIATA COUNTY WORKCAMP – During the week of June 22-28, 2014, more than 400 Christian youth and their adult leaders will be coming to Juniata County under the direction of Group Cares. These campers will be doing repair and maintenance work at 73 local homes. Juniata County is responsible for matching the \$20,982 Group Cares funds for supplies, building materials and organizational costs for the week. Please help us realize our goal that each congregation in Juniata County contributes \$200 or more toward the project. To date, we have received \$12,707 in contributions. Remember that 73 families will be helped by this endeavor in just one week. It is quite a task and an awesome outreach to our neighbors. Contributions can be mailed to the following address by May 30, 2014:

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Attn. Juniata Co. Work Camp-2014
8489 Licking Creek Rd.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Volunteers are also needed to prepare for camp, to assist with tasks and deliveries during camp, and to clean up at the close of camp. Volunteer job descriptions are as follows:

- Materials coordination team – help coordinate and deliver materials for the work sites.
- Ladder team – help obtain and move ladders to work sites as needed.
- Trouble shooter team – volunteer at the work sites to help retrieve materials and advise in construction as needed during the work week.

We need to have these funds and volunteers in place by **May 30, 2014**. Without your donations and volunteers, we may not be able to fully support all 73 projects. **Your prayers and support in this project are greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, contact Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401.

IN HOME SERVICES OF CENTRAL PA – HELPING SENIOR CITIZENS: **Providing a MULTITUDE of services such as:**

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| --Housekeeping | --Bookkeeping/Banking Assistance |
| --Meal Preparation/Catering | --Insurance Billing/Benefits Research |
| --Laundry Services | --Pet Care |
| --Running of Errands | --Assistance with Holidays/Parties/Yard Sales |
| --Grocery/Personal Shopping | --Assistance with Making a Move/Downsizing |
| --Companionship | --Beautician/Barber Services |
| --Personal Assistance | --Alterations/Mending |
| --Home Maintenance/Painting | --Medical Set-up & Monitoring by Nurse |
| --Technology/Computer Assistance | --Transportation To All Appointments |
| --Gardening | |

Let us be **YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANT!** For more details, please call [888-881-2046](tel:888-881-2046). Serving Centre, Mifflin and Juniata Counties (LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website: InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Spring Celebration in Fellowship Hall following worship service.
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
-9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in choir room.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -6 to 9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. (Caller – Larry Snook).
Everyone welcome!
- Sunday:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

