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

The Messiah Herald



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have just witnessed horrific and astounding events in Boston and the surrounding towns this past week. There have been many remarkable aspects to these events. Many are to be celebrated, some to be lamented.

Among those most lamentable was the media tripping all over itself to be first with the latest development or breaking news. Far too often the information was wrong needing retraction or correction. Instead of focusing on getting the story and information right we focus way, way too much on how soon. Part of this is due to the speed at which social media spreads, pictures, video and reports without any standards of fact checking.

The problem with speed in circumstances like the bombings in Boston is that when it is not accurate it can create new problems exponentially. In the case of the events in Boston that meant risks to some people because they were wrongly identified as suspects. It meant rushing police reports to the screen to correct false information sometimes before the police desired to do so. There is no way to know how things might have turned out at a more controlled pace. There is no way in which to recreate that alternate reality.

As human beings we along with our neighbors live in the one reality we have. As Christians and Jews, we, also, have additional guiding principles that we should take consideration of whenever we participate in the modern world of social media and the present reality. When we consider the Commandment, “Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor,” we must consider what we post concerning others and our responsibility for them and their reputation. As Lutherans we, also, hear Luther as he writes, “We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, [think and] speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.”

It is tempting in the midst of chaos to panic and to become suspicious of everything as “other.” Terms like “dark skinned” were used to describe the suspects. Such description added nothing to the search and was so ill defined it added nothing but more fear as people tried to decide who was dark skinned and who wasn’t both around them and in the dark, grainy images on the media screens. Among most of my Swedish relatives I am likely the darkest skinned among them. Was I dark enough? Fear often makes us reckless and careless. Keeping focus on our principles like the Ten Commandments helps us avoid careless acts and putting our neighbors at risk.

In contrast to the panic was the response of those on the ground in the midst of the real chaos where the bombs had exploded. There we saw trained first responders, police, EMS, event security, all rushing towards the epic center of the explosions and the danger. More than that, however, there were the spectators and runners, also, heading directly towards the victims and their friends and families and strangers in need. They lay their bodies over others as shields, they held hands and offered assurance and company, and they tore down crowd control fences so that others could give aid. Some runners even continued to run beyond the finish line after 26 exhausting miles to get to hospitals to offer blood if that was possible.

Paul writes in Romans that someone might dare to die for a good man but that Christ died for us while we were yet still enemies of God. Those running towards the danger had much more in common with Christ and the life I seek to live than paying back hate for hate, pain for pain, and anger for anger. We can speculate and add to the rumors or we can run towards the danger like the Good Samaritan offering aid and comfort. We can only hope and pray that the Spirit of Christ can help us to accept the constant risks of serving others keeping us on that path whatever the danger.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

May	1: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
May	2: Acts 16:9-15
May	3: Psalm 67
May	4: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
May	5: John 14:23-29
May	6: Acts 16:1-8
May	7: Luke 24:44-53
May	8: Acts 16:16-34
May	9: Acts 1:1-11
May	10: Psalm 97:1-12
May	11: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
May	12: John 17:20-26
May	13: Acts 26:19-29
May	14: Acts 1:15-26
May	15: Genesis 11:1-9
May	16: Acts 2:1-21
May	17: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
May	18: Romans 8:14-17
May	19: John 14:8-17 (25-27)
May	20: Isaiah 32:11-17
May	21: 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
May	22: 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
May	23: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
May	24: Psalm 8
May	25: Romans 5:1-5
May	26: John 16:12-15
May	27: Luke 2:41-52
May	28: Ephesians 4:1-6
May	29: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
May	30: Psalm 96:1-9
May	31: Luke 1:39-57



PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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

MAY SCHEDULES

LECTORS

5: Ron Yorks
12: Randy Clark
19: Linda Leister
26: Sam Leister

ALTAR GUILD

Apr. 29—May 5 Linda Clark
May 6—May 19 Christie Holderman
May 19 (cup communion) Clint & Jamie Miller
May 20—May 26 Michelle Stoner
May 26 (cup communion) Clint & Jamie Miller
May 27—June 2 Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

5: Barbara Fairman
12: OPEN
19: OPEN
26: Warren & Claire Mummah



Messiah Women of the ELCA met Thursday, April 11, 2013. Program leader was Ann Beaver who presented an article from an August 2012 edition of National Geographic on information from **Empire of the Summer Sun** and a video with Diane Sawyer on **"The Children of the Plains—Lakoto Sioux—Pine Ridge Reservation."**

Reminders: April 27 – Day of Learning at Bethany Lutheran Church, Montoursville.

July 27 – Convention at Camp Mt. Luther – open to all women. Contact Barb Geedey at 436-6433 if interested in attending. We had a good attendance last year and hope for the same this year.

Watch bulletins for our project for May and June. Start collecting bath-sized bars of soap (4-5 oz.) any type. Each bar must be individually wrapped.

Beginning in July we will be collecting items for school kits. More information will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 9 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

Upcoming dates for WELCA events:

April 27 – Day of Learning at Bethany Lutheran Church, Montoursville.

July 27 – WELCA Convention at Camp Mt. Luther.

September 14 – Fall Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther.

October 6 – Blanket Sunday.

October 19 – Peace Pole Service at the Synod office, Lewisburg.

REMINDER: 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.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June 14 and 15, 2013 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

The Juniata County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is providing financial support for various upcoming projects in our county.

They include a chicken barbecue on May 15 sponsored by the Mifflin-Mifflintown Lions Club. Proceeds will benefit the Mifflin Pool. Another group being assisted will be Boy Scout Troop 65 in McAlisterville as they sell funnel cakes at the annual McAlisterville Community Carnival beginning July 30.

Please help our community by supporting these local organizations. The groups are being helped through Thrivent's Communities that Care program.

If you have questions about the program and how the local chapter can assist you or your organization, please call Esther Bratton at 436-8856. Thank you.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer drivers and cooks are needed and people to help assemble meals.

If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

Juniata Meals-On-Wheels
P.O. Box 251
Mifflintown, PA 17059

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.



WALK FOR SIGHT

The Pennsylvania Council of the Blind, Carl Shoemaker Chapter, and Radio Reading Service (formally CARRS), will hold its annual Walk For Sight Walkathon on Saturday, May 4, 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Walk will be a state-wide Walkathon again this year and will be a distance of approximately 6 miles. Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Walk will begin and end at Messiah Lutheran Church. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be provided. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the Chapter and help fund Radio Reading Service which is now broadcasting 24 hours a day—7 days a week.

Your support for this annual event would be greatly appreciated. To obtain a sign-up sheet or for more information, call Geraldine Zeigler at 436-2746.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

The new Lector schedule for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1st.

If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

ALTAR GUILD

The new Altar Guild schedule for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1st.

We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members have asked to have their names removed from the list. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair.

All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve!

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES



Summer Worship Services will begin on June 2, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. if classes are being held) and end on September 1, 2013.

Regular worship services will begin on September 8th.

PRAYER CHAIN

The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at dskint@nmax.net.

A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

Jean McNaught (Cottage #5)
Ethel Bossinger Sue Collins
Sis Stetler Joe Forney

BROOKLINE

Flo Beale Virginia Feaster
Marian Gross Jane Marhefka
Anna Mary Zimmerman

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

Carol Simonton

NORTH RIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING,
McALISTERVILLE

Dorothy Cleck

HONNEMAN HOUSE, THOMPSONTOWN

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

ELMCROFT OF REEDSVILLE

Helen Knox

AT HOME

Reba Sigler Cassie Smith
Fay McCormick

OTHERS OF CONCERN

Craig Walker
Dorothy Patterson (Cindy Van
Gavree's Mother)
Evelyn Spriggle (Ann Beaver's
Mother)

BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The eighth annual Bishop's Open Golf Tournament is set for Monday, May 13, 2013 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club (rain or shine), Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf, PA.

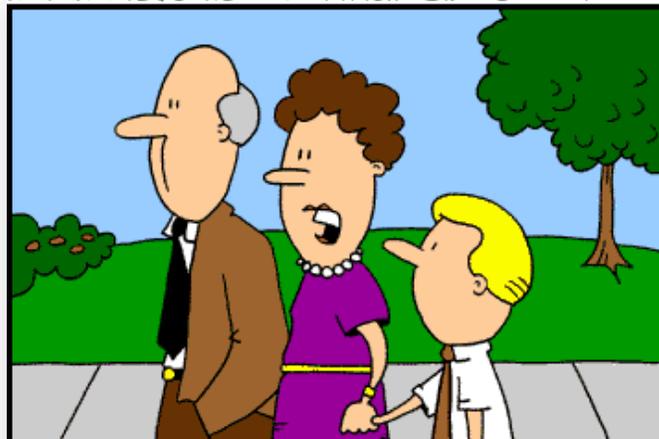
Camp Mount Luther holds this event to have fun and raise funds to better our youth in a faith-based camping program. The event features:

- A Four Person Scramble with Three Flights.
- Prizes for flights, hole in one winners, closest to pin, longest drive, straightest drive, team that has most fun, and Bishop's Cup.
- A free putting contest, mulligans, and forward tees.
- A celebration for the camp's 50th birthday this year.

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587. Registration forms are available on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org and then go to [newsitems/2013 Golf Classic.pdf](#).



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YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE

Juniata County Food Pantry May Update

In March 2013, the Food Pantry served 301 families in need – a total of 839 individuals. Many thanks to Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers to the Food Pantry in March.

This month our request is a little different from food and non-food supplies. As you know, we have been praying for several years for a walk-in freezer and cooler, and that recently the components were donated to build these. However, we have learned that we will have greater costs to install these units than we had first anticipated. We need a special insulated flooring and new condenser units to get them up and running. Between grants and donations, we have been able to raise all but \$5000 of the cost for installation.

At this point we rely on multiple chest freezers and refrigerators to store our perishable foods. Not only is it difficult in our present situation to store enough perishable food for almost 1000 people each month, but it's also a drain on our electrical, heating and cooling systems. More importantly, we are unable to take advantage of large quantities of low priced or donated frozen foods and fresh produce that are often available to us – or we have to store it off sight, often at a cost. Frequently we are forced to dispose of produce because it goes bad before we can distribute it. If we had the cold storage to take advantage of these opportunities, the savings to our food budget would be enormous.

If you can help us with a donation to get these walk-ins installed, we at the Food Pantry and those we support would be so grateful! Just write "Walk-In Project" on your check or envelope so we know how to use it. Thank you for your ever faithful support!

***REMEMBER, OUR VESTIBULE (LOCATED ON THE RAMP SIDE OF THE BUILDING)
IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS ANY HOUR, ANY DAY!
CASH OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT.**

**HOURS: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 6:00 PM AND SATURDAY, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
CLOSED ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.**

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



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www.InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com

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