

* 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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

The First reading is from the 17th chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 (read responsively)

L – Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

ALL – Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The Second reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter.

THE LESSON READS:

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

* GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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.

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF DAY "Children of the Heavenly Father"

* 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 You abide with your church, O God. Empower us with your Spirit, so that your people speak and live the love revealed in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You abide with your creation, O God. Breathe on fields and forests, lakes and oceans, and all living things so that they thrive as you intend. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You abide with the nations, O God. Reveal your truth, so that nations and peoples govern in peace and advocate for justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You abide with the needy, O God. Cheer the sorrowful, protect the orphan, support the grieving, and heal 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., Avonel 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, Norman Esborn and family of Cassie Smith). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You abide with the fearful, O God. Transform fear into freedom for the life Christ has promised. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We remember, O God, those who have died in the faith. Assure us of your life-giving Spirit until that day when we will abide with you forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

[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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Nate Swailes & Gavin Kint

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) worshipping 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Rich Smith, Kitty McCoy, Frank Smith, Dave Smith and Christie Yorks and their families on the death of their mother, Kathleen 'Kate' Smith, who died on May 18, 2014 at the Bridges at Brookline. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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 – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): When God crowns our merits, it is nothing other than his own gifts that he crowns.

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.

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.

THANK YOU to Messiah Church Family...."Thank you" is 2 small words that mean so much. All your acts of kindness with calls, altar flowers, and visits were greatly appreciated on the passing of my mother, Florence Beasom. It was a very nice surprise to see Christie Holderman and Stacie and Malin Kint on Sunday with the beautiful altar flowers, newsletter and a bulletin. God's blessings to each of you.

Diane Marshall

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will present the program with refreshments by Claire Mummah and Ona Stoner. We are always looking for new members. All women are welcome!

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

NEW FOOD PANTRY HOURS BEGINNING MAY 19, 2014

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

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:**

- Housekeeping
- Meal Preparation/Catering
- Laundry Services
- Running of Errands
- Bookkeeping/Banking Assistance
- Insurance Billing/Benefits Research
- Pet Care
- Assistance with Holidays/Parties/Yard Sales

- Grocery/Personal Shopping
- Companionship
- Personal Assistance
- Home Maintenance/Painting
- Technology/Computer Assistance
- Gardening
- Assistance with Making a Move/Downsizing
- Beautician/Barber Services
- Alterations/Mending
- Medical Set-up & Monitoring by Nurse
- Transportation To All Appointments

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.

FABULOUS FUNDRAISER TUESDAY – Eat at Harshbarger’s Sub ‘N Malt Shop any time during the day on **Tuesday, June 3, 2014** and they will donate 25% of their monies to the Central Juniata Park Pool. You must turn in a ticket (tickets are available in the Adult Sunday School Room) for the pool to receive those monies. Their food is great! Thanks for supporting the Central Juniata Park Pool!!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.
 -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.
 -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.
 -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -6 to 9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. (Caller – Mark Brosius).
 Everyone welcome!
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.