

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## DAY OF PENTECOST May 27, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Fannie K., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Harry A., Ginny W., John S., George, Jamie and Luke D., Ed and Ann B., Don C., Sarah D., Nick B., Sue K., Haylee Y., and Randall M.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.*

*Today is the commemoration of John Calvin, renewer of the church, who died in 1564.*

### \* RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

These persons desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism as a sign of their renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ.

Ron and Arlene Shearer

*P Dear friends, we rejoice that you have returned to the household of God to claim again the eternal inheritance which is your birthright in Holy Baptism.*

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

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

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

*Response: I do.*

*P Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

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

**ALL 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?*

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

- \* P Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C hear our prayer.**  
*P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C hear our prayer.**  
*P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C hear our prayer.**  
*P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C hear our prayer.**  
*P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen**

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

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me

*P Let us pray.*

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

**C Amen**

\* 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 calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P Faithful and just God,*

**C we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

*P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.*

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* ENTRANCE HYMN "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

\* GREETING

*P Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

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

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (In Unison)

**C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

**C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

**C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

**C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

II For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

**C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**sung**)

*P The Lord be with you*

**C And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**spoken in unison**)

*P Let us pray...*

**C Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## WORD

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The First reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

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

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

**<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R**

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

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

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

**<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works. R**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hal-lelujah! R**

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

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

The Second reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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.**

*When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.*

\* GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>15:26</sup>When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Spirit of Life"

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Holy, living God, pour out your Spirit upon your people. Inspire unity in mission throughout the church. Send us out to testify to the new life the risen Christ has shown us. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Cover all of creation with your Spirit. Spark renewal in areas that have been damaged or destroyed, and make life spring forth in waters, fields, and forests. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Send your Spirit into all forms of communication. Give words that will speak compassion, and open ears to listen with care. Foster understanding among people of different nations and languages. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Put your life-giving Spirit within weary bodies, hearts, and minds. Restore those who struggle with broken relationships, personal crisis, or poor health (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Harry Aurand, Ginny Waller, John Smullen, Don Clark, Sarah Dressler, Luke Davis, Nick Beward, Sue Kepner, Haylee Yocum, and Randall Minium). Hear us, O*

God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Give your Spirit of encouragement and strength to all who put the good of others before themselves: military personnel, emergency workers, advocates for the poor and aging. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P As we remember the witness of the saints (especially John Calvin, renewer of the church), gather us into faithful communities by your Spirit until the day when your Spirit gathers us all into your eternal reign. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**C Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].*

ANTHEM

Choir

\* 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 Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."*

\* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

**Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

*["AT THE CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].*

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C Amen**

\* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **(sung)**

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

\* DISMISSAL

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

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver (Cup Communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

### **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the red portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents by Warren and Claire Mummah.

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 WELCOME into the fellowship of our congregation today, Ron and Arlene Shearer. We are pleased to have them become a part of the Messiah family.

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 – Fredrick von Hugel, Christian Thinker: Behind every saint stands another saint.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on June 10, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School at 8:15 a.m. if classes are meeting) and end on September 2, 2012. Regular worship services will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 11—15, 2012 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All children through grade 6 are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Hazard.

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING NEEDED to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 5/20/12 was \$2,075.

PPC MEETING will be held on Sunday, **June 3, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE in a project in association with Seafarers International House – At the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention of the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Unit of the Women of the WELCA, July 28, 2012, there will be an ingathering of items for “Christmas at Sea” sacks which will be given to seamen who cannot be with family for the holidays. These items will be gathered from May until Sunday, July 22, 2012. (Matthew 25:40; And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.”)

Items needed: (No substitutes, please)

- Sweatshirt—hooded or unhooded in size L or XL
- Thermal or white gym socks, groups of three pairs
- Casual pull-over T-shirts, size M and L
- Knit heavy winter cap
- Cans of nuts or candy
- Christmas card signed by you

The sacks will be completed and filled at a board meeting of the WELCA Synodical Board before Thanksgiving. These gifts may be placed on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

### **COMMUNITY**

JAM CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Mifflintown Playground. For tickets, call 717-320-3165 or 717-320-2180.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs a head cook and team for the fourth Tuesday of the month (beginning in November). Also needed, at least two people to help assemble the meals for delivery on the second Friday of the month (needed immediately). Drivers are also needed for several routes. If you can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE,  
DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, SOAP, RAZORS, FIRST-AID SUPPLIES,  
OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN MEDICINES, TOILET PAPER.

WE ALSO NEED CLOTH AND PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS.

WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL STORES.

NURSE'S NOTES – Here are the percent of common surfaces that are dangerously dirty.  
Avoid touching them when possible, and use hand sanitizer when you can't:

- 71% gas pump handles
- 68% sidewalk mailbox handles
- 43% escalator rails (probably stair rails as well)
- 41% ATM buttons
- 40% parking meters
- 35% crosswalk buttons
- 35% vending machine buttons

(Jenna Bergen, *7 Germiest Public Places* Prevention Magazine, March 2012, pg. 40)

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Day of Pentecost – Wearing of “Red.”  
-FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., NA group in Youth Area.  
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -The Holy Trinity.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.