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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 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

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM "Well, If You Love Jesus" "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Junior Choir

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"

* 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 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 O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The First reading is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"
³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (read responsively)

L – I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

ALL – I will call on the name of the LORD.

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The Second reading is from the 1st chapter of 1 Peter.

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

* GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that

the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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**

"Come, Let Us Eat"

* **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 We pray for the church, that reborn as children of God, we recognize Christ's presence moving within and among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for creation, that being astounded at the earth's goodness, we live and work in a wise and sustainable manner. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for the world and those who govern, that when blinded by fear and mistrust, eyes are opened to ways of freedom and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for those in need: those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, or 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, and Karen Clements). Make known to them the wholeness you alone can bring. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for the newly baptized, that they daily discover Christ walking before, beside, and behind them wherever their paths may lead. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We give thanks for the saints (especially Monica, mother of Augustine). Though we see dimly in this life, we look for Christ's promised glory yet to be revealed. 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 faith-fulness 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

* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Randy Clark

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Malin Kint & Marina Holderman

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 FLOWER are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry 'Preach' Fairman by 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 – French Proverb: Years of repentance are necessary in order to blot out a sin in the eyes of men, but one tear of repentance suffices with God.

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.

THE MAY 2014 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to stclairb@embarqmail.com.

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.

SPRING CELEBRATION – The Fellowship Committee has decided to have a Spring Celebration on Sunday, May 18, 2014 following the worship service. It will be a picnic type celebration and the congregation is asked to bring picnic type foods such as macaroni/potato salad, fruit, desserts, pickles/olives, etc. The committee will provide beverage, chips, and meat. There will be a sign-up sheet to follow after Easter. We will also have one senior this year to graduate and we are hoping that he and some of his family will be able to attend.

"THE NEEDLERS" NEED FABRIC – If you have extra fabric or sheets that you will not be using, "The Needlers" would appreciate your donation. If you do not have any material, but would still like to help "The Needlers," \$5.00 will sponsor one sheet to back a quilt. If you have fabric or wish to sponsor a sheet, please contact one of our "Needlers," or, come join us Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. No sewing skills are required.

MUSIC SUNDAY will be held on May 11, 2014. Special music will be "Brothers in Grace."

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).

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.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2014 through June, 2015 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.

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. The program will be led by Ann Beaver. Any women of the church are welcome to attend the meetings.

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.
- Monday:** -9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9-10 a.m., Strong Women Class in Youth Area.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -6 to 9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. (Caller – Mark Brosius).
Everyone welcome!
- Sunday:** -MUSIC SUNDAY. Special music: "Brothers in Grace."
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.