

Messiah Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday November 3, 2013 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

SHUT-INS: Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., 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.

OTHERS: Tammy W., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Justin T., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Gwen S., Troy B., Riley C., Allen H., Esther L., Rick V., Brian M. and family, Michael S., Trent P., Diane G., Charlene A., Rich W., Wendy S., Gretchen W., Rick S., Sue C., Tryon B., Jack S., Todd E., Kim S., David L., Bob H., Harry S. family, Cindy V., Cade C., and Esther H. and family.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP
MEDITATION AND PRAYER
PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." Who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Martin de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martin was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

RECOGNITION OF ALL SAINTS

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Fannie King, Goldie Kauffman, Joe Forney and Anna Mary Zimmerman. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM

"We Thank You, Lord" "The B-I-B-L-E"
"Jesus Loves The Little Children"

Junior Choir

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C Amen

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God,

C we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and + forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "For All the Saints" (vss. 1-4)

* GREETING

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

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

C Lord, have mer-cy.

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 mer-cy.

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

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

* 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 al-so with you.

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

P Let us pray...

C Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

The book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C.E., when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

THE LESSON READS:

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea,

different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor

R – Sung by congregation (Rise, O chil – dren of sal – va – tion, All who cleave to Christ the head!)

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song, God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. R

⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. |

Hallelujah! **R**

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

THE LESSON READS:

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us

who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (Sung by Choir)

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Alleluia. [Revelation 7:15]

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

(read by the Pastor from the center aisle)

* GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Church's One Foundation"

* 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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P For the one holy church, the body of Christ, that it may show forth your generosity, love, and forgiveness to the world, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For your care of the earth and all that is in it, for the renewal of farmland that lies fallow, and for the new life you bring from death, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the wisdom and vision you give to world leaders, that the peace and justice of the kingdom of God may one day reign among us, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For your healing to all who are ill, your presence with the dying, and your great compassion to those who weep or mourn (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Justin Tabb, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Riley Cooper, Allen Hall, Esther Long, Rick Varner, Brian Marshall and family, Michael Slagle, Trent Phillips, Diane Glendye, Charlene Aughey, Rich Waller, Sr., Wendy Zook Swartz, Gretchen Wagner Wray, Rick Stuter, Cassie Smith, Sue Comp, Tryon Benner, Fay McCormick, Jack Stutts, Todd Eby, Kim Shearer, David Lightner, Bob Hazard, Harry Summers family, Cindy Van Gavree, Cade Clark, and Esther Henry and family), let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For your blessings on this assembly, that it continue to dream dreams, sing new songs, and be a sign of your living presence in the world, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P In thanksgiving for the lives of those you have gathered into your holy city (Martin de Porres, renewer of society, and those who have died during the past year; Fannie King, Goldie Kauffman, Joe Forney and Anna Mary Zimmerman). For keeping us in loving communion with them until we are gathered into the company of all the saints around your throne, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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') **(sung) (all)**

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 Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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: (sung)

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 Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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 Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.

* LAMB OF GOD **(sung) (all)**

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

["AT 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 – jice 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 We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

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 May God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

"For All the Saints" (vss. 5-8)

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey

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.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY and on this day we remember, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honor those of the congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Fannie King, Goldie Kauffman, Joe Forney, and Anna Mary Zimmerman. A white carnation has been placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members may come forward after the service and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

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.

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!

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Esther Henry and family on the death of her brother, Kenneth N. Dressler, who died on October 27, 2013 at Lewistown Hospital. Please keep Esther and family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – C. S. Lewis, Oxford Professor, Christian Writer and self-made Theologian (1898 – 1963): There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell choose the second.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Sample copies of the new updated membership directory are on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Before final copies are made, members are asked to check their address, phone number and email address to be sure they are correct. Please make any corrections or additions to be included in the directory on the correction sheet provided or call the church office at 436-6213.

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 CHOICE – Thank you to everyone at Messiah who has designated choice dollars to Messiah. If you are a Thrivent member and have questions about Thrivent Choice please contact Stacie Kint at dskint@nmax.net or 436-6341.

MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2014 proposed budget.

GAME NIGHT – Join us for game night at Messiah on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board games and playing cards. We would like to see members of all ages, and we encourage you to bring a friend. Pizza and drinks will be provided, and you are welcome to bring a snack to share with the group. A movie will be shown for young children. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION ALL KIDS! – We will begin reading through the Christmas program in preparation for the Sunday School performance on December 22, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. Please join us each Sunday in November and December during Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement to read parts, sing songs, and celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We have many speaking and non-speaking parts to fill as well as special musical performances! See Christie or Stacie with any questions.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2014 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6½" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213. Please order no later than **December 12th**.

HELP MESSIAH LUTHERAN SEE DOUBLE! Participate in the Thrivent Choice Double Direction Church Campaign and help our congregation in a big way! During the campaign, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is giving up to \$15 million to churches across the country through the Thrivent Choice program. Here's how you can help:

--Direct available Choice Dollars to Messiah Lutheran between October 1 and November 30, 2013.

--Thrivent Financial will **double** all Choice Dollars directions made to churches during this time or until up to \$15 million has been awarded, whichever comes first.

Thrivent Choice helps strengthen congregations. The Thrivent Choice program allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where some of its charitable grant funds go. To direct Choice Dollars, simply go to *Thrivent.com/thriventchoice*, or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say, "Thrivent Choice." It takes just minutes to do, so make your direction today and help Messiah Lutheran continue to grow and thrive! (Directing Choice Dollars is subject to the terms and conditions of the Thrivent Choice program. Visit *Thrivent.com/thriventchoice* for complete terms and conditions. All grants are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

THE NOVEMBER 2013 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, Fellowship Hall, and also online. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the “can tree” in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

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.

THANK YOU: “This is a big thank you to Cloyd Pines for coming and trimming bushes and shrubs for Beverly Sealover and Minnie Minick. It’s so nice to know that we have Messiah helpers.”

Thanks again,
Minnie Minick & Beverly Sealover

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.

SEAFARERS PROJECT - Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set. Please place collected items below on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room:

- casual T-shirts, medium & large (no slogans, etc.)
- sweat shirts, large & extra-large
- 3 pairs of socks
- 1 heavy knit winter cap

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Ann Beaver will be program leader.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 6 children this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children’s name and family number, and returned to the Adult Sunday School Room by **December 1, 2013**.

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).

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from **7:00 to 8:15 p.m.** in the Juniata High School music room. (Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the group).

Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, November 12
Monday, November 18
Tuesday, November 26
Monday, December 9

This year's 17th annual Christmas Cantata performance "JOY TO THE WORLD" will be held Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School auditorium with live tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS auditorium.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -7 P.M., Bible Study in Library area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. Caller: Larry Snook.
Everyone welcome!
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Thankoffering Service/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.

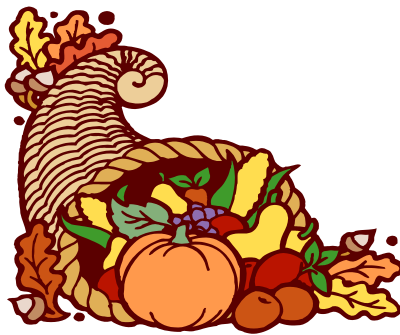
**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH THANKOFFERING SERVICE & FALL FEST
NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service & Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Pastor Anna Ritter will be the speaker for the service. Special Thankoffering envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room for your offerings to help Women of the ELCA with their various projects and services to those in need. Please make checks payable to "Messiah Women of the ELCA" and place in the offering plates or give to Cynthia Smith.

The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry so they can be displayed in the altar area on Thankoffering Sunday.

A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Ham, rolls and beverage will be provided. Those attending are asked to provide a covered dish (hot or cold) of their choice. Anyone unable to bring a covered dish is still more than welcome to attend as there is always plenty of food for everyone. Mints, chips, etc. are always needed and don't need to be prepared.

Reservations can be made by detaching the bottom portion of this sheet and placing it in the offering plate by **November 3rd** or calling the church office at 436-6213.



MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s) _____ Number attending _____

Bringing covered dish? () YES () NO _____

Please specify below whether you will be bringing a covered dish for the meal or a desert
