

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## All Saints Sunday November 4, 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., George, Jamie and Luke D., Ed and Ann B., Sarah D., Haylee Y., Gene R., Ken A., Jr., Jesse K., Susan M., Paul W., Tammy W., Randy C., Josh B., Eric S., Matt H., Cade C., Linda F., and JoAnn B.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

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 Mary Weiland, William Walters, Cathryn Renninger, Ralph Lauver, and Nora Ella Singer. 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**

## \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P God our maker and redeemer,*

**C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*P Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God + forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

**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 firstborn of the dead, 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 (sung) (all)

**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
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.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
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**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

The First Lesson is from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 24

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor/Choir

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

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup>For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers. R**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD, and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**<sup>4</sup>Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this | King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this | King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. R**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

The Second Lesson is from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation.

THE LESSON READS:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE (intoned by Cantor/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]

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

(read by the Pastor from the center aisle)

\* GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

*P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

\* 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 In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Ancient One, dwell in your church and in your people, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may proclaim your saving deeds to a thirsty world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P King of glory, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Renew farmland that now lies fallow, transform barren wastelands into fertile soil, and bring new life from death. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Ruler of the nations, help us make wise decisions for the good of all and elect leaders who will use their authority to further justice and peace in the world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P God of compassion, those who weep and mourn wait upon you (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Sarah Dressler, Luke Davis, Haylee Yocum, Gene Rhine, Ken Arbogast, Jr., Jesse Kint, Susan Minick, Paul Woltman, Tammy Walton, Anna Mary Zimmerman, Randy Clark, Josh Beitz, Eric St. Clair, Ruth Cisney, Matt Hutchinson, Cade Clark, Linda Farleman, and JoAnn Beale). Be with them in their pain and sorrow, wipe away their tears, and give them hope in your victory over death. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Lord of the feast, bless this assembly and all who seek you. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, that we may be signs of your living presence in the world. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Eternal God, the Alpha and Omega, we rejoice in the lives of those you have gathered into your holy city (Mary Weiland, William Walters, Cathryn Renninger, Ralph Lauver and Nora Ella Singer). Keep us in loving communion with them until we are gathered into the company of all the saints around your throne. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*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

"Good Morning Lord" "If You're Happy"

Junior Choir

\* 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 Goodness is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death. Taste the goodness and life of God.*



\* 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 – 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 O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our 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 The love of God who created you, the mercy of + Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and 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 – Wendy Varner

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines

## **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: Mary Weiland, William Walters, Cathryn Renninger, Ralph Lauver and Nora Ella Singer. 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!

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

JUST A THOUGHT – Charles Wesley, English Methodist Reformer and Hymn Writer (1707 – 1788): Finish then Thy new creation,/Let us see Thy great salvation,/Perfectly restored in Thee.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2013 proposed budget.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2013 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING needed to fund 2012 expenses is \$3,250. Offering received on 10/28/12 was \$\_\_\_\_\_.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES by Augsburg Fortress are available in the church office for anyone who would like one. Cost is normally \$35.00 but we were able to get them at the sale price of \$18.75 plus shipping.

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.

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.

THANK YOU – We wish to thank members of Messiah for their cards and expressions of sympathy in the death of our loved one, Nora Ella Singer. Thanks also to the ladies of the church who prepared and served the meal following the service. All was greatly appreciated.

Ed Singer and family

### **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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as devotional leader.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012. A special offering envelope is included in the November newsletters throughout the church and additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Offerings 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."

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 Sunday School Room by December 2, 2012.

### **COMMUNITY**

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:30 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).

Monday, November 5  
Tuesday, November 13  
Tuesday, November 20  
Monday, December 3  
Tuesday, December 11

This year's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "Season of Wonders" will be held Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School auditorium.

THE INTERNATIONAL GIFTS SALE will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's sale offers baskets, jewelry, toys, pottery, Christmas ornaments, and international foods by organizations like Ten Thousand Villages, SERRV, Women at Risk International, and BeadForLife. By shopping fair trade you will help skilled artisans in third world countries receive a fair price for their handcrafted wares, create employment opportunities and assist them in being able to pay for uniforms and books in order to send their children to school and provide better opportunities for their future. For more information, visit our website at [www.juniatainternationalgiftssale.com](http://www.juniatainternationalgiftssale.com).

### **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

#### **BASIC NEEDS**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL AND BABY CARE PRODUCTS, PAPER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES.

#### **HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS:**

TURKEYS, CRANBERRY SAUCE, STUFFING, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, GRAVY MIX, CAKE MIX AND READY MADE ICING.

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).

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding blood drives at the following locations:

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Juniata Mennonite School  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
289 Leonard Hill Rd., McAlisterville

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Walker Grange Hall  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
William Penn Hwy., Mexico

Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood safely every 56 days. Donors should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800 Red Cross.

FREE PINNACLEHEALTH HEART HEALTH SEMINAR IN BURNHAM – PinnacleHealth is happy to announce that heart surgeon, Mubashir Mumtaz, MD, FACS, is coming to the Quality Inn & Suites, 13015 Ferguson Valley Road in Burnham on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for a free informational session on some common heart problems. Learn about heart conditions such as atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease, valve disease, and leading-edge treatments from Dr. Mumtaz, chief of cardiothoracic surgery at PinnacleHealth. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Please register in advance by calling the PinnacleHealth oneLine at 1-877-499-3299.

NURSE'S NOTES – Those little plastic packets of concentrated laundry detergent appear to be a big hit. Unfortunately, the bright, tiny bite-size packs are causing problems for poison control centers across the country. Children are mistaking them for candy. The reactions of children who have swallowed the detergent packs appear to be more severe than with those who swallowed the liquid detergents in the past. The onset of symptoms is also very rapid – including excessive vomiting, wheezing and gasping. In some cases, the child required assisted breathing via a ventilator. Here is what you can do to keep your child safe:

- Keep detergent out of the reach of children – locked up if necessary.** To a kid, they look delicious.

- Do not induce vomiting!** Children can breathe the detergent back into their lungs, causing an even more serious reaction.

- Call the poison control center immediately. 1-800-222-1222**

- Go to the emergency room right away if your child cannot stop vomiting.** Continuous vomiting can quickly lead to dehydration.

(Pasquariello, Patrick MD, June 2012. "Children's Health Tip of the Week: Candy Colored Laundry Packets." The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. [Newsletters=email.chop.edu@mail348.us2.mcsv.net](mailto:Newsletters=email.chop.edu@mail348.us2.mcsv.net))

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -All Saints Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Thankoffering Service/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.  
-2 p.m., Worship Service at Brookline.