

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THANKOFFERING SERVICE November 9, 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., Jean M., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP  
MEDITATION AND PRAYER  
PRELUDE  
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* LITTANY OF MANY GENERATIONS

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**  
WL: We give thanks for Eve,  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: Sarah and Rebekah,  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: Deborah and Esther,  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: Miriam and Naomi,  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: For Abigail and Ruth,  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: Rachel and Rahab.  
**C: God be praised.**  
WL: Hagar and Hannah,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All the faithful of Israel,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**

WL: For the mother of our Lord,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: And Mary Magdalene,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Joanna and Elizabeth,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Mary and Martha,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For Anna and Lydia,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Dorcas and Phoebe,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: The Samaritan woman,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All who walked with Jesus,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**

WL: For Agnes and Lucy,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Joan and Cecilia,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Perpetua and Felicity,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All who died for the faith,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For Elizabeth Fedde,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Hildegard of Bingen,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Clare of San Damiano,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All who vowed to serve you.  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**

WL: For Birgetta of Sweden,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Florence Nightingale,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Julian of Norwich,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Teresa of Avila,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For Clara Maass,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Catherine of Siena,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Katharina von Bora,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All renewers of your church,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God,  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**

WL: For Harriet Tubman,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Sojourner Truth,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Rosa Jensey Young,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: All renewers of Society,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For our mothers and daughters,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Our sisters and family,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Generations before us,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: Generations to come,  
**C: God be praised.**

WL: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.  
**C: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.  
**C: Amen**

WL: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **SERVICE**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN      “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”

\* GREETING

WL: 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.**

\* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

WL: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

WL: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

WL: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WL: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

\* SHARING OF THE PEACE

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Congregational sharing      “Peace be with you.”

## WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-12

The First Lesson is from the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? <sup>8</sup>Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup>and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM: 112:1-9 (Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

**<sup>2</sup>Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**<sup>8</sup>Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

<sup>9</sup>They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

The Second Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>2</sup>And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup>For I

resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him—"<sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

SERMON

Karla Bohmbach

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let All Things Now Living"

\* APOSTLES' CREED

WL: Let us confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again,  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

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

\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: Guided by the light of Christ made known to the generations, we offer our  
prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

WL: Your light springs forth like the dawn. Call your church to share the  
mystery of your grace with a broken and searching world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Increase our care for the earth and all its creatures. Help us reflect your  
light in our use of these good gifts. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: You care for the weak and the strong. Raise up leaders who will free the  
oppressed in all places. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Quickly send your healing for  
all who are sick and in pain (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and  
in nursing homes], and for Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick  
Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Jim Woltman, Ed Forney, Jackie  
Abate, Jean McNaight, Sara Ann Aurand, Sarah Dressler, Heidi Woltman,  
Layton Jury, Allison Saner, Miriam Sowers Bolton, Dorothy Milliken and  
Dave Phelan). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Give light and life to this gathering of faith, that we may delight to know  
your ways and share them with a world longing to know you. Hear us, O  
God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Bless the ministries of the Women of the ELCA that they may be a blessing  
to others in their congregations and communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Satisfy our needs until we gather with all your saints from every time and place in your glorious light. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WL: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ('trespasses')

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

## MEAL

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (From Isaiah 55)

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C: for through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

WL: All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread and eat.

**C: Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

WL: Let us come to his table with joy,

**C: for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

WL: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor Is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

#### 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

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

**C: Amen**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WL: Let us pray—

Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

#### SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

\* DISMISSAL

WL: *Go in peace. Christ is your light.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron  
NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

#### WELCOME

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.

WE WELCOME Karla Bohmbach, from Susquehanna University, as our guest speaker this morning and thank her for coming.

TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING CELEBRATION – A special thanks to the Messiah Women of the ELCA for organizing our worship service and to all who participated. All loose offering received plus all the Thankoffering envelopes will go to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA for their many projects. None of the money is kept locally. Envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to "Messiah Women of the ELCA." Thank you for your generosity.

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!

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): The confession of evil works is the first step of good works.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

CHILDREN' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Children will start practicing for the Christmas program on November 9, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. and the practice will be held every Sunday through November and December. We would like to have a few volunteers take an inventory of props, outfits, etc. as we prepare for the program. Speak with Christie Holderman and Stacie Kint regarding additional volunteer opportunities.

COOKIE AND CRAFT DAY FOR MESSIAH YOUTH! Go to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to participate in a cookie bake/exchange and make crafts to give as Christmas presents! Each child should bring a cookie recipe, a cookie sheet, and cookie ingredients. Please be sure that all ingredients and recipes do not contain nuts of any kind and have not been made in factories where nuts have been processed so that all kids may participate. Please sign up by Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> on the bulletin board in the kitchen area so we have enough craft supplies for all participants. Please talk to Kate Swailes if you

have any questions.

ORGANIST NEEDED – If you, or anyone you know might be interested—Messiah has an immediate opening for Church Organist weekly services. Also includes Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, except for summer months. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should call Diana Wise at 717-436-6629 evenings for more information, including salary. Possibilities include either Full Time or Half Time employment. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at [www.mlcmifflintown.org](http://www.mlcmifflintown.org).

WELCOME ONE AND ALL to Messiah's Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and beverage will be provided. You may bring a side dish or dessert if you wish. **Please call** one of the following by **December 8<sup>th</sup>** so we have an approximate number. Cynthia Smith: 436-8512, Jean Compton: 436-6079 or the church office: 436-6213.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2014 following the morning worship service. Business: quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2015 proposed budget.

CHURCH TREASURER NEED – Messiah has a position opening for church treasurer. Requirements are: the position of church treasurer must be held by an adult member of the congregation. A knowledge in proper accounting procedures is preferred. The following are some but not all of the position duties of the church treasurer:

1. Recording the congregational receipts and disbursements.
2. Suggest improved methods and systems for financial record keeping.
3. Present a written financial report for Voters' Assembly meetings and PPC meetings.
4. Submit permanent financial records for an annual audit.
5. Pay salaries and bills as authorized by the congregation or Directors of Boards.
6. Coordinate the flow of monies from the treasury in a balanced manor.
7. Oversee the signing of all checks for payment of bills, salaries or other commitments of the congregation.

Any person interested in more information about this position may contact the church office in order to obtain a complete written job description. Further questions may be directed to PPC Executive Director, Kenneth Mummah or Pastor Esborn. Church office phone number is 436-6213, email address is [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net).

GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY SUNDAY – Family Sunday is the first Sunday of each month, and the Youth and Children Committee is looking for children and their families to be Greeters prior to the church service on Family Sundays. The Greeters' responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, handing out bulletins, providing pins to visitors, and inviting visitors to sign the guest book and Friendship Pads. For those who sign-up, please be at the main entrance off Washington Avenue between 10:00

and 10:15 a.m. to start welcoming parishioners. In addition, we would ask the family acting as Greeters to also be Ushers for the service that Sunday. The Ushers' responsibilities include collecting the offering and returning the offering to the Pastor during the Sung Offertory. If your family is willing to act as Greeters and Ushers on any of the Family Sundays, please add your names to the sign-up sheet hanging next to the Altar Flower chart in the Adult Sunday School Room Thank you!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2015 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn 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.

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.

### **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.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 7 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 child's name and family number, and returned to the Adult Sunday School Room by **December 7, 2014.**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as program leader. All women are invited to attend.

### **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 listed below

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 11  
Monday, November 17  
Tuesday, November 25  
Tuesday, December 9  
Monday, December 15

This year's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "A LIGHT STILL SHINES" will be held Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School auditorium with live tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. Should weather conditions present a need to postpone the December 21<sup>st</sup> event (December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. are available snow dates). A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS auditorium.

THE INTERNATIONAL GIFTS AND BAKE SALE will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church at 287 Deerville Road, Mifflintown, PA on Friday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's sale offers baskets, jewelry, toys, pottery, and Christmas ornaments by organizations like Ten Thousand Villages, SERRV, Women at Risk International, and BreadForLife. There are two new vendors that offer coffees, chocolate, and Haitian arts and crafts. By shopping fair trade you will help artisans in developing countries receive a fair price for their handcrafted wares, support employment ventures and provide better opportunities for their futures. Baked goods will be offered on a donation basis to help offset the costs of promotion and shipping. For more information, visit our website at [www.juniatainternationalgiftsale.com](http://www.juniatainternationalgiftsale.com).

### **FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS**

TURKEYS OR TURKEY BREASTS; CRANBERRY SAUCE; STUFFING;  
CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES; INSTANT MASHED POTATOES;  
CANNED SWEET POTATOES; GRAVY MIX OR CANNED GRAVY;  
CAKE MIX AND READY MADE ICING OR OTHER DESSERT MIX;  
**OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

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**Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 1-5, Saturday 9-12**

**\*Remember, our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.**

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## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Thankoffering Service/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.  
-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA in Youth Area.
- Saturday:** -11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Jr. Church.  
-Voters Assembly following worship service.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following Voters Assembly.  
-2 p.m., Cookie/Craft Day at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.  
-2—7 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.