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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 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.

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen

P 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

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

P 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

P 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 GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

* GREETING

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

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (sung)

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Chri-ste, e-le-i-son: C Christ, have mer-cy.

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.**

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
A-men.**

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth.**

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis 32:22-31

THE LESSON READS:

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 121 (**Responsively**)

L – My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

ALL – My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al-le-lu-ia. You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

* GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you,

he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') **(all)**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 God of all faithfulness, keep your people awake, always searching for situations and people that long for your mercy. Form us to be faithful in prayer and service. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P With your almighty power shape mountains, carve rivers and streams, and enrich fields to yield abundant harvests. Help us see your good works throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Be present in colleges, universities, trade schools, teaching hospitals, and seminaries. Fill institutions of higher learning with your wisdom and a thirst for knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Pour out your abundant grace on all who call upon your name (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, Leon Kramer, Fay McCormick, Jack Stutts, Todd Eby, Kim Shearer, Paul Towsey, David Lightner, Bob Hazard, Harry Summers family, and Carole Nace and family). Heal their sicknesses; comfort them in sorrow; support them in grief. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Mercifully engage those who wrestle with faith or belief in you, especially those who have been hurt by the church. Hold them fast, and draw them into your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Living God, remembering with gladness the saints who put their trust in you, we pray you increase our faith to live according to your ways for the sake of your people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] **(all)**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

MEAL

* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.

P 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.

P Let us come to his table with joy,

C for we come as God’s invited guests!

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).

DISTRIBUTION

[“INTINCTION” – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

grace.

C Amen

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise (cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Carole Nace and family on the death of her sister, Joyce Huntsberger, who died on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at Westminster Woods in Jacksonville, Florida. Please keep Carole and family in your prayers.

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 – John Stott, English Christian Leader and Cleric (1921 – 2011): Grace is the love that cares and stoops and rescues.

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. PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2014 budgets to Ken Eyler as soon as possible. You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to keyler@nmax.net.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MESSIAH – The Stained Glass Repair and Cleaning Project has been paid in full! The project was unanimously voted for in November of 2009, begun in January of 2010, and completely paid for by September of 2013—less than four years. The Gethsemane window is still in need of repair and the congregation will be informed when the cost estimate on the repair is delivered. The Property Committee thanks everyone for their strong support for the stained glass project, the bat guano clean up, the furnace improvements and the many other repairs on the church building. We welcome advisement on any problems, and are interested in learning of any suggestions or requests you might have. We meet the fourth Monday of every other month and any member is welcome to attend.

A SOUP SALE will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Soups are: Ham Bean, Chicken Corn, Beef Vegetable, and Broccoli Cheddar. Cost is \$5.00 per quart. Pick-up between 4-7 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available in the Kitchenette and Adult Sunday School Room. Proceeds will go to the Fultz family for medical expenses.

A SPECIAL OFFERING will be collected today for Lutheran Disaster Relief for Colorado Flood Victims. A box will be available in the Adult Sunday School Room to receive donations.

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).

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 to the members of Messiah for the fruit basket and the flowers from the church. All was greatly appreciated.

Kitty Walters

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.

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERINGS may still be given. Envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and place in the offering plate or give to Cynthia Smith. **Money from the Blanket Sunday Envelopes goes toward the purchase of blankets.**

SEAFARERS PROJECT - Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set through October. 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

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

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

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 12
Monday, October 21	Monday, November 18
Monday, October 28	Tuesday, November 26
Tuesday, November 5	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.

THE ANNUAL THRIVENT ELECTION AND DINNER will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Any member who brings an adult non-member with them will receive a Weis Gift Card (so bring a friend). Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Juniata County Food Pantry. There is no charge for the meal and some great prizes will be given away. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by calling Esther Bratton at 436-8856 or Dan Smith at 436-9377 by **Friday, October 18th.**

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Special offering for Colorado Flood Victims.
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
-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:** -4—7 p.m., Soup Sale pick-up.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -9 a.m.—2 p.m., Family Resource Program in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. Caller: Marshal Deckard.
Everyone welcome!
- Saturday:** -12—3 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Sunday:** -Reformation Sunday.
-Food Pantry Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Special offering for Colorado Flood Victims.
-12 p.m., Thrivent Election/Dinner 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. The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry beginning Sunday, October 24 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
