

Messiah Lutheran Church

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REFORMATION SUNDAY October 26, 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

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C Amen

P Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Generous and faithful God,

C we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers

with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* GREETING

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**C - 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**) 1 & II – Cantor **C – All**

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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Lesson is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

THE LESSON READS:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor

R – Sung by Congregation

A might – y for-tress is our God, a sword and shield vic – to – rious;

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

4There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

5God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

6The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. R

7The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up on the earth;

9behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

11The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

19Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20**For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. **21**But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, **22**the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, **23**since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; **24**they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25**whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; **26**it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. **27**Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. **28**For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (sung)

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

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

* GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Listen, God Is Calling"

* 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 Make us free to be the church in the world, God of grace. Form our mission and ministry in ways that truly and tangibly give new life, hope, and grace in abundance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Make us free to be one with your creation, God of grace. Fill us with your Spirit and lead us to find better ways to honor what you have given us. Help us to abandon wasteful habits. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Make us free to be brothers and sisters, God of grace. Shatter the distinctions that create hatred and fear. Open our eyes to see one another as people who bear the image and likeness of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Make us free to be whole and healthy persons, God of grace. Give respite to caregivers, infuse medical workers with skill, inspire scientists to find cures, and make us well in mind, body, and soul (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 and Allison Saner). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Make us free to be people of purpose, God of grace. Reform apathy into action, bless us with a determination to let go of those things that keep us stagnant, and drive us to witness to the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Make us free to be still and know you, God of grace. Join our voices with the saints (especially Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, Paul Gerhardt, and the men and women of the Reformation) who now sing in one heavenly choir. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, 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)**

C 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 sal-u-tary. . .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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sung) C Through him, with him, in him, in the u – ni-ty of the Ho – ly Spir – it, all hon – or and glo – ry is yours, al – might-y Fa – ther, now and for-ev – er. A – men

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

C 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 THE 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 and Savior 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, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

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

* CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

NEXT WEEK'S GREETERS & USHERS – Stan, Missy, Hannah & Carter Ehrisman

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) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

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 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Theologian & Martyr (1906 – 1945): The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at diskint@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 2nd 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.mlcsmifflintown.org.

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.

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 beginning with September 7th. 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!

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.

BLANKET SUNDAY ENVELOPES 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.

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.

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).

	Monday, November 17
Monday, October 27	Tuesday, November 25
Tuesday, November 4	Tuesday, December 9
Tuesday, November 11	Monday, December 15

This year's 18th 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 21st event (December 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. are available snow dates). A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS auditorium.

A SOUP AND BAKE SALE will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Messiah Lutheran Church to benefit the Central Juniata Park Pool. Soup choices are: Vegetable Beef, Ham Bean, Chicken Corn and Turkey Noodle. Cost is \$5.00 per quart. Sign-up sheets are located in the Kitchenette and Adult Sunday School Room. Pre-orders will be filled first, with drop-in requests taken as long as the Soups are available. Pick-up time is 4:00—6:00 p.m.

ALL THE PANCAKES YOU CAN EAT, Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, McAlisterville. Cost: donation of cash or non-perishable goods to benefit the Juniata County Food Pantry. Folks with food sensitivities to Dairy, Wheat, Rye and Barley are WELCOME. Sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Stewardship and Outreach Committees, Former Angel Food volunteers, Thrivent Financial.

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!

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone #: 717-436-9718

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.**

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch

Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

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THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Reformation Sunday.
-Food Pantry Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thankoffering Service & Fall Fest
November 9, 2014

Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service & Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Karla Bohmbach, from Susquehanna will be the speaker for the service. The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry (beginning Sunday, October 19) so they can be displayed in the altar area on Thankoffering Sunday. Special Thankoffering envelopes are included in your bulletin today 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 (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room).

A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. The Parish Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, rolls and beverage. 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 2nd** or calling the church office at 436-6213.



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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
