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REFORMATION SUNDAY October 27, 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

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 only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of overflowing grace,

C we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN

“Listen, God Is Calling”

* 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 – Choir **C – Congregation**

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

I Wor – thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo – ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our god. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

II Pow – er, rich – es, wis – dom, and strength, and hon – or, bless – ing, and glo – ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

I Sing with all the peo – ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a – tion: Bless – ing, hon – or, glo – ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for – ev – er. A – men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

|| 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:

The 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;

God is our ref- l uge and strength, a very present l 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 cit- | y 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:

Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

P For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, its continual renewal by the Spirit, and the truth that makes us free, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the magnificent wonders of creation, the life-sustaining water and air that surround us, and the well-being of the plants and animals that inhabit the earth, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For peace among the nations, justice for those who have been wronged, and food for all who hunger, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the needs of this assembly, your gift of faith that sustains us, and your grace that surrounds us, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the saints of every generation who have passed on the faith to us, and for your word that abides with us in life and death, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Amen

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM

* SONG 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 Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

*** 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 We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

“Built on a Rock”

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

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

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.

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

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Carol Milliken and family on the death of her father, Paul Towsey, who died October 22, 2013 at Locust Grove Retirement Village. Please keep Carol and family in your prayers. Sympathy is also extended to Dwight Frymoyer and family on the death of his mother, Bessie Frymoyer, who also died on October 22, 2013 at her home. Please keep Dwight and family in your prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God by Warren and Claire Mummah.

JUST A THOUGHT – Randy Alcorn, Contemporary American Protestant Author: Satan need not convince us that heaven does not exist. He need only convince us that heaven is a place of boring, unearthly existence.

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 dkint@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.

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 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).

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

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209, or Cynthia Smith at 436-8512.

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).

Monday, October 28
Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, November 12
Monday, November 18
Tuesday, November 26
Monday, December 9

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

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -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.
-12:00 p.m., Thriven Election/Dinner in Fellowship Hall.
- Monday:** -7 P.M., Bible Study in Library area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -9 a.m.—2 p.m., Family Resource Program in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. Caller: Leslie Herb.
Everyone welcome!
- Saturday:** -Set clocks back 1 hour before bed!
- Sunday:** -All Saints Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.

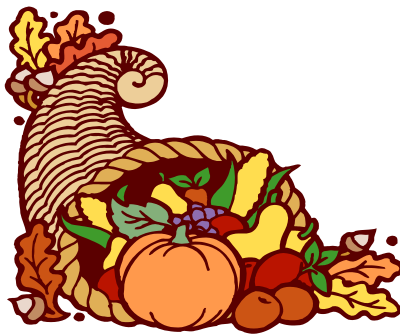
**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH THANKOFFERING SERVICE & FALL FEST
NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

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

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

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

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



MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s) _____ Number attending _____

Bringing covered dish? () YES () NO _____

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