

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION/BLANKET SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 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

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

BLESSING FOR BLANKET SUNDAY

L Gracious God, as we present these gifts of our hearts and hands; quilts, school kits, personal care kits, and soap, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all the people of God.

**C We celebrate being the children of God.**

L We give thanks for the soap and the variety of gifts needed for these quilts, school kits, and personal care kits and the talents of the hands that sewed the

quilts and the patience of those who filled the school kits and assembled the personal care kits. We also give thanks for the time donated by those who deliver the soap, quilts and kits to the pick-up point in Lewistown.

**C We celebrate generosity.**

L We give thanks for the fellowship of all those who work together on our projects, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of doing something with our hands and hearts for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

**C We celebrate community.**

L We send this soap, quilts, school kits and personal care kits as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives, trusting that these gifts will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of God's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God. May the gifts serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient and may it be a step in recovering one's life and be a message of caring from someone they may never meet.

**C We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.**

L We remember those who have received our gifts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

**C We celebrate the gift of life.**

L We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are joined together in the unity of one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

\* 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** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

**\* 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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

FIRST READING: A reading from Isaiah 5:1-7

THE LESSON READS:

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15 (**Responsively**)

*L – Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

**ALL – Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine.**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

SECOND READING: A reading from Philippians 3:4b-14

THE LESSON READS:

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said to the people] <sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" 43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Loves Me!"

\* 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

"This Is The Day" "Do Lord"

Junior Choir

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**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, 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 Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that rouse us to be the church in a world where faith is met with cynicism. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that motivate us to rebuild where storms have torn down, droughts have sucked dry, and waters have flooded. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that provoke us to create change where there is injustice, freedom where there is captivity, and harmony where there is violence. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that compel us to provide relief to those who suffer, comfort to those who mourn, protection to those who are vulnerable, and compassion to those who are scorned (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 McNaught, Sara Ann Aurand, Sarah Dressler, Heidi Woltman, and Layton Jury). Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that lift us out of complacency and into our communities to share the priceless gift of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that assure us of eternal life, where, together with all your saints, we will join you in a song that has no end. 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.**

\* 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

## 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**

\* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

*P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen**

\* 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 – Christie Holderman

**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 worshipping 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dan Clark who died on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at his home. Please keep the 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 Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564): Baptism is the sign of initiation by which we are admitted into the fellowship of the church.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY - Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope that was included in your bulletin last week (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and place in the offering plates or give to Cynthia Smith. Please take this opportunity to serve as Christ's helping hands in our world today!

OUR THANKS TO "THE NEEDLERS" for sewing all of the lovely quilts you see today and for decorating the chancel and nave this morning. The quilts on display will be donated by "The Needlers" as their Blanket Sunday offering. A report of the total number of quilts made and other items being sent will be printed in the bulletin after everything is packed for shipment. The quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now in nursing homes. The covers on the altar and lecterns were made by Carole Nace.

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.

GETHSEMANE WINDOW PROJECT COMPLETED – The Gethsemane window is now back in its proper place in our sanctuary. The project to clean and repair the glass and the leading began June 30, 2014, when the window was removed and taken to Saltzer's Harrisburg workshop for the cleaning and repairs. The finished window and the new storm window were installed on August 19 and 20. Mike Saltzer reports that the window was extremely dirty, even in between the double glass section, and the result is a much brighter more colorful window. The cost of the repairs and cleaning are \$13,824.00. Please consider adding a gift to the stained glass fund to offset this cost whenever you are able.

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.mlcmiffintown.org](http://www.mlcmiffintown.org).

A PPC MEETING will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Area.

YOUTH EVENT – The St. Stephen's Youth Group will be climbing the 1,000 steps hiking trail in Huntingdon on October 19, 2014. Messiah youth who are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up can join them. Please contact Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 if you are interested in going on the trip. They will be leaving St. Stephen's at 1:00 p.m.

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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

THANK YOU - My family and I would like to thank Pastor Bill for officiating the funeral service of our brother, Gene Dumm. Also to the women of the church who prepared and served the luncheon that followed, your service is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who remembered us with prayers and cards during this difficult time.

May God bless each one of you,  
Barbara Fairman & family

### **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.

THE NEXT MEETING OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Ann Beaver will have the program and refreshments will be provided by Linda Leister and Cynthia Smith.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA are collecting items for the School Kits during July, August and September. We are asking for help from the congregation for the remaining items that are

still needed:

- pencil sharpeners
- boxes of 16-24 crayons

We also need mild soap with no scent (**Ivory** or **Dove** are probably the best)

Please place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Thanks for your help with collecting items for our projects for Lutheran World Relief!

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION PROJECT – The WELCA Pine Ridge Reservation clothing project has been completed. We sent 8 boxes of clothing and back packs to the reservation for the start of school. WELCA will continue to support this reservation in South Dakota, but will move on to a different style project. The new phase of the Pine Reservation project will be announced in a few weeks, so stay tuned to see how you can help. Thank you so much for your continued support of WELCA's many humanitarian projects.

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION 2014 JUNIATA VALLEY FALL CLUSTER MEETING – Women of the ELCA Fall Cluster Meeting will be held today at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Licking Creek. Registration will be 1:30 p.m. (cost \$3.00) and the program at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Kathy Whitesel who will speak about the work done by 400 youth at 75 work sites in Juniata County during one week this past summer.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Karla Bohmbach, from Susquehanna will be the speaker for the service. There will be a meal following the service and the Parish Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, rolls and beverage. Those who attend will be asked to bring a covered dish if possible.

## **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).

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held (rain or shine) today at Walker Township Park (route 322, Port Royal exit). Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Short Walk will be 3 laps and Long Walk will be 15 laps. Please bring all pledge money on Walk day. Also on CROP Walk day, CROP Walkers can deliver needed items to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Needs include:

- Personal Hygiene Supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc.
- Cleaning Supplies like all-purpose cleansers, bleach, trash bags, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc.
- Paper Products such as paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues
- Infant Needs like diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotions.
- Non-Perishable Food Items

Twenty-five percent of pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels.

Sign-up sheet and Walk donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room. Thank you for all donations!

### **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.**

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### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -World Communion/Blanket Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
-1:30 p.m., CROP Walk.  
-1:30 p.m., Women of the ELCA Cluster meeting at St. Stephen's.  
-6:30 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.