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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION/BLANKET SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 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.

OTHERS: Tammy W., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Clara S., Justin T., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Troy B., Riley C., Allen H., Esther L., Rick V., Brian M. and family, Michael S., Trent P., Diane G., Charlene A., Rich W., Wendy S., Gretchen W., Rick S., Sue C., Tryon B., Leon K., and Jack S.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* 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 **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

WORD

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

FIRST READING: A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

THE LESSON READS:

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9 (**Responsively**)

L – Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like

the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

ALL – Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING: A reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

THE LESSON READS:

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

* GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY "O Spirit of Life"

* 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

Junior Choir

"Good Morning, Lord" "If You're Happy" "Jesus Loves The Little Children"

* 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 Almighty and everlasting God, set your church as a sentinel to watch for your coming into the world. Urge us to announce to others your gracious presence among us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Renew your creation where it has been shaken by disaster. Encourage animals and people who rebuild; bring plants again to blossom. Restore calm in the midst of chaos. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Support the work of people who blaze paths of diplomacy and peace among the nations. Strengthen them in weariness, that they may fulfill the calling you have given them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Create opportunities for healing conversation and comforting hospitality in nursing care facilities, hospitals, and homes. Bring joy to those burdened by illness (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, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Riley Cooper, Allen Hall, Esther Long, Rick Varner, Brian Marshall and family, Michael Slagle, Trent Phillips, Diane Glendye, Charlene Aughey, Rich Waller, Sr., Wendy (Zook) Swartz, Gretchen Wagner Wray, Rick Stuter, Cassie Smith, Sue Comp, Tryon Benner, Leon Kramer, Fay McCormick, and Jack Stutts). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Inspire translators, hymnwriters, poets, and all who explore your word (like William Tyndale, whom we commemorate today). Through their work may we receive your word anew. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Remembering the saints, who stood steadfast in the faith through many trials, guide us to put out trust in you until we receive the fulfillment of your promise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen.

- * THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] **(all)**
 - P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*
 - C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
 - Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
 - Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**
 - For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**
- * BLESSING
 - P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*
 - C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**
- * CLOSING HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers"

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 – Randy Clark

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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Nora Ella Singer by Ed Singer and family.

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 – German Proverb: If God were not willing to forgive sin, heaven would be empty.

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 envelopes that 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 WILL BE UPDATED – The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at dskint@nmax.net. A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341.

THE OCTOBER 2013 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available in the Church Office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, Fellowship Hall, and also online. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com.

MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2014 proposed budget. PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2014 budgets to Ken Eyler by October 15, 2013. You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to keyler@nmax.net. The next PPC meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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.

JOIN US FOR AN OUTING on **Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Butcher's Family Fun Farm & Corn Maze** – located at 1375 Turkey Bird Road in Newport. You are welcome to bring family and friends. Activities to suit all ages. Find your way through the giant corn maze or the mini corn maze, enjoy a hayride around the farm, make your way through the straw castle, drive the pedal tractors and karts, shoot the potato launcher, and more. Pick-your-own or pre-picked pumpkins are available for purchase, as well as other Fall décor. No RSVP needed. You can simply meet us at Butcher's Family Fun Farm. Cost for youth and adults (age 2+) is \$7.50 per person (plus tax) - \$1.00 off if you mention that you are with our group. Seniors (age 65+) \$5.00 per person (plus tax). Children 2 years and under are FREE with a paid admission. Rain date will be October 20th at 2:00 p.m.

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

OIL DISCOUNT – If you purchase your heating oil from Hilltop Oil Company or K & C Oil Company, please check with them to see if you qualify to have them donate 5 cents per gallon back to Messiah, at no cost to you. Call 436-8553 for K & C or 436-2647 for Hilltop for more information.

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

THANK YOU – "I would like to thank everyone who helped plan, purchase food, set-up, cook, and clean-up for the meal served to the Presbytery on Tuesday, September 24th. By pulling together we were able to have a successful ecumenical event. I have received numerous thank yous for serving the delicious meal. Thank you to all!"

Barb S. Geedey

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SOAP PROJECT: “***Rub-a-dub-dub, let’s fill the tub!***” Women of the ELCA are collecting new bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand soap in its original wrapping (boxes are accepted) for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the wash tub in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Blankets will be packed along with soap and Personal Care Kits. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH PACKING IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO COME TO THE MEETING.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Pastor Anna Ritter will be the speaker for the service. The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry beginning Sunday, October 24 so they can be displayed in the altar area on Thankoffering Sunday. A meal will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. (Watch bulletins for further information).

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).

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held (**rain or shine**) today at Walker Township Park (route 322, Port Royal exit). Short Walk will be 3 laps and Long Walk will be 15 laps. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Please bring all pledge money with you today. This year there are no incentive prizes for a certain amount of pledges. Everyone will receive a small ‘thank you’ gift for participating. There will be drawings for prizes periodically during Walk time. We will try to provide some sort of games or diversionary activities throughout the afternoon. Donated items for the Food Pantry will be collected at the Walk. 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 the Meals-On-Wheels program. Thank you for all

donations! If you have questions, please contact Becky Zeigler at 463-2309 or Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401. Sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

MIFFLIN-MIFFLINTOWN LIONS CLUB FALL CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Cost for One-Half Chicken is \$4.50. Pick-up 11:00 AM till 6:00 PM at the Mifflintown Playground. Matching Funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Ken Geedey, Don Geedey or Warren Mumma for tickets.

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

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -World Communion/Blanket Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee meeting.
-Special offering for Colorado Flood Victims.
-1:30 p.m., CROP WALK.
- 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.
-7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.