# **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 19, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

# PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

<u>SHUT-INS</u>: 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., Dottie S., Dorothy C.

<u>OTHERS</u>: Sarah S., Rick W., Avonel W., Jesse K., Jim W., Heidi W., Ed F., Allison S., Miriam B., Charlene A., Marti G., Bob & Jeanette S., Charlie R., Allison G., Terry C., Clara S., Roger W., Ryan M., Alan P., Anna S., Andy K.

#### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer] GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church – These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

# GATHERING

- \* ENTRANCE HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"
- \* GREETING
  - P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
  - C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- 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 (C sung)
  - L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L 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 mercy.
  - L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
  - C Amen
- \* HYMN OF PRAISE I & 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.
  - II For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
  - C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
- \* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)
  - P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you.
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# WORD

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

The First reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Acts.

#### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector: Here ends the reading. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4 (read responsively)

L – The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

# <sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. <sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

# ALL – The LORD does wonders for the faithful.

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

The Second reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1 John.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this

hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: Here ends the reading. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

\* THE VERSE (Congregation) Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

- \* GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48
  - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

# THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)
- THE VERSE (Congregation)
  Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

SERMON

\* HYMN OF DAY "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

# \* 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 Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.
  - A brief silence.
  - P For the church and its leaders, for those who witness to the risen Christ through speech or action, and for all children of God, that all be led to joy in the resurrection, let us pray.
  - C Have mercy, O God.
  - P For stewards of creation, for farmers planting and ranchers tending to livestock, that the bounty of the earth provide for all who hunger or thirst, let us pray.
  - C Have mercy, O God.
  - P For those who work to keep us safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders; that God's peace and compassion come to us, let us pray.
  - C Have mercy, O God.
  - P For the distressed, rejected, bereaved, sick, and frightened (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, Heidi Woltman, Ed Forney, Allison Saner, Miriam Sowers Bolton, Charlene Aughey, Marti Geise, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Charlie Rush, Allison Garver, Terry Coder, Clara Shepps, Roger Whitesel, Ryan Marker, Alan Peoples, Anna (Pontius) Sparks, and Andy Kinzer), that support for them be close at hand, and that all experience the gift of healing, let us pray.
  - C Have mercy, O God.

P For this assembly, where the scriptures have been opened in our midst, that with boldness of heart we proclaim the joy we have in our new life in Christ, let us pray.

# C Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P In thanksgiving for the witnesses of the faith who have died and are now at rest (especially Olavus and Laurentius Petri, who led the Reformation in Sweden), that with them we have hope in the promises of the Author of life, let us pray.
- C Have mercy, O God.
- P Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- \* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: "Peace be with you."

OFFERING OFFERTORY:

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

ANTHEM:

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

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 Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
  - C Amen

# MEAL

- \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)
  - P The Lord be with you.
  - P Lift up your hearts.

- C And al-so with you.
- 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 salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
  - 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 Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfullness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- (Sung) 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 Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."
- \* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

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

["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
- \* 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 Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.
  - C Amen

#### SENDING

- \* BLESSING
  - P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.** God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

- C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"
- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE:

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Leister NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines

#### **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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our organists.

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 – Oswald Chambers, Scottish Minister and Teacher (1784 – 1917): Happiness depends on what happens, joy does not.

# **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at <u>dskint@nmax.net</u>. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING will be held at Messiah on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year Messiah will be hosting VBS and St. Jude's Catholic Church will be joining us. We will be turning Messiah into a science lab for three evenings of VBS on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

HOME COMMUNION – The Compassionate Services Committee is looking for people who would like to give Communion to our shut-ins. One hour of training will be available for those not already trained. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins will be used on a quarterly basis. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey (phone: 436-6433 or email: <u>geedey@centurylink.net</u>.

CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED – Messiah has a position opening for church treasurer. Requirements are: the position of church treasurer must be held by an adult member of the congregation. A knowledge in proper accounting procedures is preferred. The following are some but not all of the position duties of the church treasurer:

- 1. Recording the congregational receipts and disbursements.
- 2. Suggest improved methods and systems for financial record keeping.
- 3. Present a written financial report for Voters' Assembly meetings and PPC meetings.
- 4. Submit permanent financial records for an annual audit.
- 5. Pay salaries and bills as authorized by the congregation or Directors of Boards.
- 6. Coordinate the flow of monies from the treasury in a balanced manor.
- 7. Oversee the signing of all checks for payment of bills, salaries or other commitments of the congregation.

Any person interested in more information about this position may contact the church office in order to obtain a complete written job description. Further questions may be directed to PPC Executive Director, Kenneth Mummah or Pastor Esborn. Church office phone number is 436-6213, email address is <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u>.

"THE NEEDLERS" are in need of additional sewing machines. If you or someone you know has a working sewing machine at home that is no longer being used, please consider donating it to "The Needlers." THRIVENT MEETING – On Thursday, April 23, 2015, there will be a Virtual Member Meeting for **all Thrivent members and potential members**. The Juniata County Thrivent Leadership Board is hosting this event at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mifflintown. The Webcast begins at 8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. with light refreshments. You may come and go as needed. No registration required. This virtual meeting is for anyone interested in learning more about Thrivent Financial. If you have questions, please contact Sam Leister at 436-8589 or <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.

THE NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE for July 2015 through June 2016 will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2015 through June, 2016 will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June 19-20, 2015 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.

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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to my friends and family at Messiah for your thoughts, prayers, and altar flowers for my parents on Easter Sunday. They were so thankful for your thoughtfulness, as was I. We've been through so much in the past year and a half and it has been a trying yet learning time in our lives. Thank you again for not only your prayers for my parents, but for myself as well. God bless you all!

Bob St. Clair

#### 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.

SEAFARERS PROJECT – Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Project. Items needed are: sweatshirts (preferably hooded sizes L-XL), thermal or white gym socks (no dress socks), casual pull-over T-shirts sizes M-L, and heavy knit winter caps. Please place items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

#### COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals. **Cooks are especially needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month**. If you have some spare time and can8 help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

#### JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE

<u>Charlie Stump's Oldies Dance</u> – Celebrate spring by dancing to your favorite oldies with the famed Charlie Stump as DJ! on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the CJEMS Building (cost is \$10 per person). Benefits the Juniata County Library and the Food Pantry!

#### STUFF THE BUS (BACKPACK PROGRAM) DONATIONS:

Single-serve, non-perishable lunch and snack items such as juice boxes or pouches, cans of pasta meals or soup, microwave meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, and snack crackers/cookies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

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 <u>non-perishable</u> donations any hour, any day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

Visit our Website: <u>www.jcfoodpantry.com</u>

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# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.<br/>-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- **Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday: -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Sunday:-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.<br/>-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.<br/>-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.