

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY April 5, 2015 – 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., Dottie S., Dorothy C.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### INTRODUCTION

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Esborn

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah, Clap Your Hands"

"God's Not Dead"

Junior Choir

## GATHERING

- \* ENTRANCE HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
  
- \* 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 (**C - sung**)
  - P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*
  - C Lord, have mercy.**
  - P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*
  - C Lord, have mercy.**
  - 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 mercy.**
  - P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*
  - C Lord, have mercy.**
  - P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*
  - C Amen**
  
- \* HYMN OF PRAISE (I – All Women II – All Men **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 O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## WORD

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The First reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Intoned by Cantor – **Response sung by congregation**)

**Response** – Je – sus Christ is ris'n to – day, Al – le – lu – ia!

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

**<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

**<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Second reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE (**Congregation - sung**)

**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.**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

\* GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

*P The Holy Gospel according to Mark , the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

\* **THE VERSE (Congregation - sung)**

**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

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

\* **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 Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Holy God, you make yourself known in your creation: in mountains and valleys, in plants and animals, and in those who care for what you have made. Lead us and all your creatures to proclaim that this is the day that the Lord has made. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they show no partiality in their care and concern. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Console those who are afraid, protect those who are persecuted, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who mourn (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, and Anna (Pontius) Sparks). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Holy God, you choose us to be witnesses to your love. Bless visitors among us today, those celebrating Easter with family and friends, and those who travel during this holiday time. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Make us confident that we will feast at your heavenly banquet with those who have died and are now at rest. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*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

\* SONG 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.*

**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 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 faith-fulness 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

*["AT 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 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**

\* 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**

**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 Is Risen! Alleluia!”

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.*

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise

**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 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.

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 – Francis August Scheaffer, Christian Thinker: Man still stands in the image of God—twisted, broken, abnormal, but still the image bearer of God.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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.

THE APRIL 2015 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com).

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: [geedey@centurylink.net](mailto:geedey@centurylink.net)).

MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Messiah Fellowship Hall. You may purchase tickets from Parish Fellowship members: Barb Geedey, Edith Nipple, Linda Leister, Marylou Hazard, Debbie Meinsler, Mary Grimm, or Karen Goss. Entertainment will be the EJ Jazz Band. Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, salad, coffee, tea, milk and cake for dessert. Cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 4 to 12 years old,

and kids 3 and under are FREE. **ALL tickets must be purchased and paid for by April 12<sup>th</sup>.** We need all available men of the church to help prepare, serve and clean up after the meal. Contact Sam Leister if you are able to help.

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 [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net).

“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.”

ORGANIST NEEDED – If you, or anyone you know might be interested—Messiah has an immediate opening for Church Organist for weekly services. Also included 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.mlcsmiffintown.org](http://www.mlcsmiffintown.org).

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.

### **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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

### **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 can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

### **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE**

**STUFF THE BUS** – Stuff the Bus to benefit the Food Pantry’s third annual Summer Backpack Program. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months when their families struggle to make up for the extra meals. Stuff the bus at Weis Market in Mifflintown on Saturday, April 11, 9-3 or at Schlegel’s Store in Thompsettown on Saturday, April 18, 9-3. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program

**Charlie Stump’s Oldies Dance** – 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!

**Volunteers Still Needed for the Following Positions** – Computer Program Specialist (particularly Microsoft Access); Summer Backpack Program; Grant Writer; Spanish Translator; Recipe Tester; Event Cook; Outreach Helpers.

**No More Plastic Bags!** For sanitary and environmental reasons, the Food Pantry is going green. We are encouraging our customers to bring their own cloth bags for their groceries. Thank you for your help in the past, but we will no longer accept the donation of plastic shopping bags, although we will gladly accept clean cloth bags.

## **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 non-perishable donations any hour, any day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.**

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch

Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)

Visit our **Website**: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)

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### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -6:15 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Trinity Methodist Church (gathering at the river then processing to the church).  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10 a.m., Messiah Easter Egg Hunt.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.  
-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.
- Saturday:** -Cub Scouts (all day) in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-2—4 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES to help us celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. You are invited to keep your Lily(s) here as our Easter celebration continues over the next several weeks. Those who prefer to take their Lily(s) home may do so after our service today

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

In memory of George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn 'Nootie' Davis by family.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of my grandparents, Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In honor of my parents, Robert and Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of loved ones by Debbie Meinsler.

In memory of loved ones by Neil and Pat Fisher.

In memory of Ruth O. Landis by Neil and Pat Fisher.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyson by daughter and family.

In memory of daughters, Diane and Denise Hower, and parents, George and Anna Ruth Dullea by Herman and Judy Armstrong.

In memory of John and Helen Sieber by George and Kay Varner and family,

In memory of Morgan C. Strawser by Patsy and Jerret Strawser.

In memory of Roy Morral by the Morral family.

In memory of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stuck, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of my grandfather, Mr. Melvin K. Bortell, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of my grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of husband and loved ones by Midge Rowell.

In memory of Tammy Pines Walton by Willie and Braedon Walton and the Pines and Stoner families.

In memory of Harry 'Preach' Fairman by family.

In memory of Clarence and Beulah Leister and 'Hap' Smith by the Leister, Holderman, Kint and Beward families and Dottie Smith.

In memory of Lloyd and Florence Showers by the Leister, Holderman, Kint and Beward families.

In memory of Donald Sr., Peg and Ronald 'Tink' Beward by Nick and Bethanie Beward.

In memory of Nora Ella Singer by Ed Singer and family.

The large Lily is placed in honor of God's people at Messiah by Pastor Esborn.



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In case of any type of **emergency or problem involving the building or equipment**, please call any member of the Property Committee.

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