# **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 1, 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.

**OTHERS**: Sarah S., Rick W., Avonel W., Jesse K., Jim W., Ed F., Jackie A., Sara Ann A., Layton J., Allison S., Miriam B., Charlene A., Kelly Y., Dave P., Dottie S., Doug W., Nancy P., Luella & Jim M., Ray B., Bill C., Marti G., Brian A., John & Sheila S., Barbara M., Rick V., Carol & John M., John M., Heidi W., Bob & Jeanette S., Esther B., Charlie R., Bill C., Jamie & family., Allison G., Wally Z., Don D.

#### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP PRELUDE

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

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

#### C Amen

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

- P Holy and merciful God,
- C we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen
- P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

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 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
- GREETING
  - P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (spoken responsively)
  - 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 (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")
  - Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
  - 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### \* 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 Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### WORD

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

FIRST READING

A reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

# THE LESSON READS:

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111 (responsively)

L The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

# <sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.
<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure. **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.** <sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and

awesome is your name.

# <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

# ALL The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

#### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be socalled gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector: Here ends the reading. Cong: Thanks be to God.  THE VERSE (sung to the tune of "Rise, O Children of Salvation") Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

- \* GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28
  - P The Holy Gospel according to Mark , the 1st chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Sermon

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

Pastor Esborn

\* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

- \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')
   Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
- \* OFFERING PRAYER
  - P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

# C Amen

- \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
  - P Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
  - A brief silence.
  - P Prophetic God, inspire your church to speak with authority and act with strength where the powers of evil are most oppressive and human hearts yearn for dignity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
  - C hear our prayer.
  - P Drive out the demons of greed and carelessness that wound creation through pollution and over use. Lord, in your mercy,
  - C hear our prayer.
  - P Send prophets of wisdom and courage to our nation. Move us beyond partisan divisions to a common search for liberty and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Healer of our every ill, bring hope and solace to those who struggle with depression. Set free those burdened by feelings of guilt, shame, and worthlessness. Visit the sick with your compassionate Spirit (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Jim Woltman, Ed Forney, Jackie Abate, Jean McNaight, Sara Ann Aurand, Layton Jury, Allison Saner, Miriam Sowers Bolton, Charlene Aughey, Kelly Yorks, Dave Phelan, Dottie Smith, Doug Wagner, Nancy Peters, Jim & Luella McLaughlin, Ray Baker, Bill Crimm, Fay McCormick, Marti Geise, Brian Arentz, John & Sheila Sprenkle, Barbara Maxton, Rick Varner, Carol & John Mahlin, John Miller, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Heidi Woltman, Esther Bratton, Charlie Rush, Bill Corbin, Jamie and her family, Allison Garver, Wally Zook, and Don DeLauter). Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Strengthen the witness of preachers, teachers, and all who proclaim the gospel in the assembly and the witness of parish nurses, counselors, spiritual directors, and all who proclaim the gospel in their vocations. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P Eternal God, the saints listened to your voice and you freed them to live and love for you. Open our ears to hear you and follow their example of faith and courage. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- \* 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

- \* BLESSING
  - P God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.
  - C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

#### MEAL

- \* COMMUNION DIALOG (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 O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen**.] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen**.]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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 Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
  - C Amen
- \* 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. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Briley Holderman NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner

#### **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.

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**

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.

THE FEBRUARY 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 <u>stclairb@embarqmail.com</u>.

OUR MESSIAH YOUTH GROUP is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Messiah. A portion of the proceeds will go to a community charity. More details to follow, but anyone interested in donating money, food (especially desserts) or time would be most appreciated and should contact Tawny Mummah at 527-4493. Thank you for your support!

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEND CARDS to Wally Zook who was recently hospitalized and is now recuperating, his address is:

Wally Zook 155 Juniata View Drive Mifflintown, PA 17059

THE 2015 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available for you to pick-up in the Adult Sunday School Room. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2014 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

YOUTH MEMBERS OF MESSIAH are invited to attend an archery workshop hosted by Larry Wise. It will be held at the Juniata County Sportsmen's Club in Port Royal from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2015. Please contact Kate Swailes if your child will be attending.

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 NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015 following the worship service. Business: board reports and approval of 2014 audit.

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.mlcmifflintown.org.

"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."

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND to date: <u>\$5,962.00</u>. Total cost of repair for the Gethsemane stained glass window: <u>\$13,824.00</u>.

GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER! – Campers of all ages are invited to come to Camp Mount Luther this summer and take advantage of all the programs they have to offer! There are traditional, specialty and trip camps for school-aged kids and Family Camp for kids and adults. Mount Luther is located five miles west of Mifflinburg, in Union County.

On Sunday, February 8, 2015, Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther's Director, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs. Don't forget that if you register before April 1, 2015, you receive a discount on your camp fee. Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been here, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration! Just check that option on the registration form and send the forms together.

Kate Swailes is serving this year as our camperson, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. Because we have a camperson, you can see her to get an additional discount! For more information on summer camp programs, you can contact your camperson or visit the camp website at <u>www.campmountluther.org</u>. Camping brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held this winter. If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to attend the New Member Classes, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area. Class is for any age child of parents who wish their child to attend.

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

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Our youth will be holding soup pots today at the rear of the church. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God's love with those who need our compassion and care. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "help our neighbors" by dropping a dollar in the soup pot today. Proceeds will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Cans of soup donations will also be given to the Food Pantry.

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, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women of Messiah are invited to attend.

#### COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can8 help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY

#### ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES; TOILET PAPER; OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR LOCAL STORES.

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: <u>jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u> Visit our **W**ebsite: <u>www.jcfoodpantry.com</u> Like us on **F**ace **B**ook!

#### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.<br/>-Souper Bowl Sunday.<br/>-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.Monday:-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.Tuesday:-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.Wednesday:-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.Thursday:-Sunday:-Youth Sunday.<br/>-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.<br/>-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.

Please provide the church office with your email address (in case of bad weather), so everyone can be contacted if services are cancelled. Radio stations no longer work well. If you do not have an email address, but have a family member that could be contacted through their email address, please use that address.

 Name(s)
 Email address
Alternate email address