

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY March 27, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to “Prayers of Intercession.”

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” H. Balcombe

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congr: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

INTRODUCTION

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH BIBLES

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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 victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

II For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

\* **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's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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** – Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

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

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures 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 punished me sorely, but did not hand me over 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 righteous 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 builders 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**

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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.**

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

“Thine Is the Glory”

\* 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 On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

A brief silence.

P O God of life, pour the life of your Son’s resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others.  
Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Grant to all nations your life of peace. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. (especially we pray for all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaught, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Earl & Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Andy Kinzer, Jodi Fitzgerald, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Audrey Morral, Diane Layton, Gabby Baney, Josh Delancey, Kay Stuck, Don Wert, Shirley Zeiders, Sue Crouse, Sandy Pines, Carol Jan Mahlin and sons, John Miller, Nancy Hannon, Tanner Johnson, Ed Forney, Clay Ianson, Emme Freed, Marylou Hazard, Michal Gayer, Lois Crissman, Sarah Shellenberger, Julia Gross, Amy Stuter Reed, and Todd Bolger. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

"Offertory In Classic Style"

E. Broughton

[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 vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste 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 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness 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 unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. 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**

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

(Children who are making their first communion and their families are asked to come forward first to be recognized).

\* **LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel).



COMMUNION:

“Like A Lamb”

J. Southbridge

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'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

**C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

\* DISMISSAL

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

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE:

“Christ The Victor”

T. Kendall

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Briley Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver

**WELCOME**

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 or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. 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.

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.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. Wine and wheat wafers are used and if you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the purple 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.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas a' Kempis, Medieval Catholic Monk and the probable author of "The Imitation of Christ" (1380 – 1471): Truly, when the Day Of Judgment comes, we will not be examined on what we have read, but what we have done; not how well we have spoken, but how we lived.

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [diskint@nmax.net](mailto:diskint@nmax.net). If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>March 20, 2016 Worship Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Other funds</u>	
Attendance – 90	Attendance – 43	Benevolence -	\$ 295.00
		Building Fund -	\$ 230.00
Total Offering - \$3416.00		Sunday School -	\$ 70.00
		World Hunger -	\$ 25.00
		Flowers -	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
			\$ 645.00
General Fund - \$2771.00			

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT: The Messiah financial report for February 2016 is available for members on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please take one and contact Ann Beaver with questions.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on March 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please let Kay Varner know if you are unable to attend.

DIAL-A-PRAYER: Due to the inconsistent reliability and the cost of almost \$700.00 a year, the Dial-A-Prayer number (436-2100) will no longer be in service.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to press quilt tops for “The Needlers.” Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of “The Needlers.”

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE again thanks the congregation for the prompt and generous response to our appeal for funds to purchase a Bible for each child in Sunday School! Your response has completely provided the money needed to finance this project. Pastor Bill has given his approval to present these Bibles to our children as part of the service today.

THE TOTAL OFFERING COLLECTED and given to Mt. Luther from the service on March 13<sup>th</sup> was **\$283.00**.

GIANT STORE GIFT CARDS are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

NEED A VISIT WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL OR AT HOME FROM MESSIAH? With the Pastor’s part-time status, this may not happen unless volunteers handle this very important ministry. The Compassionate Services Committee is seeking to establish such a group of people so that no request for a visit goes unanswered. No training will be necessary. Those interested could do visits on a rotating basis as an individual or in pairs. If you would like to help with this vital part of Messiah, see Don Geedey. (Phone 436-6433 or e-mail to [geedey@centurylink.net](mailto:geedey@centurylink.net)).

THE SECRETARY’S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA are now collecting items for Personal Care Kits for the next several months. Items needed are: 1 light-weight bath-size towel (52 x 27) (dark color recommended); 2 bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand in original wrapping; 1 adult-size toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb; 1 pair of metal nail clippers with or without attached file. Items purchased may be placed on one of the tables 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 can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH  
ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, DISH SOAP,  
AND ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS.  
ALSO, CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND  
LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**Today:** -6:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service at Messiah.  
-Food Pantry Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

**Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting/Crocheting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.  
-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.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.

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 Evelyn 'Noodie' and Gerald Davis and Evelyn and George Shirk 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 our Dad, David H. Naugle, by Roger and Rodney Naugle and families.

In loving memory of Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis and Abram and Ruth Shoener by the Stephen Dreibelbis 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 Harry 'Preach' Fairman by family.

In memory of our parents, Richard and Daisy Van Gavree and Paul and Dorothy Patterson by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In loving memory of Barry T. Stratford by Betty and family.

In memory of Marian M. Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

In memory of Joyce R. Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

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

## **CAMP MT. LUTHER INFORMATION**

**From Kate Swailes**

We are planning on having a group of Messiah youth attend Camp Mt. Luther from Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. During that week, there are camps for kids who have completed Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including the Morning Glories camp, Fishing camp, and Hammock Haven.

I am planning on staying for two nights (June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) and Tawny Mummah has volunteered to stay for the remaining two nights (June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). Kids arrive at 2:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon and they have a closing event at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. This will allow the day campers to stay overnight for 4 nights in our own cabin for Messiah youth. We will have a separate cabin for the boys and girls. Mt. Luther will provide all meals (they will pack a lunch for the day camp kids as well). The kids who sign up for the Morning Glories camp, Fishing camp, or Hammock Haven would also be able to stay overnight with our group, but I am assuming that most of them would like to stay in a cabin with their fellow campers and counselors.

If your child can only attend for one or two days, we can talk to Mt. Luther about prorating the fees. This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience Mt. Luther with a few friends and also a familiar adult.

We will be sending the registration forms together to Mt. Luther. Each camper must pay \$50 toward the non-refundable registration fee and Messiah will pay the additional \$75 registration fee as well as the remaining cost of camp. If your child does not attend camp, then you are responsible for reimbursing Messiah for the \$75 non-refundable registration fee. Messiah has funds set aside to assist families with costs for such programs, if you are not able to pay the \$50 per camper. We don't want to see any child miss this opportunity, so please let me know if you would like assistance with the cost.

If your child is interested in going to camp, complete the camp registration/health form which is in the 2016 Mt. Luther catalog and drop it off at the church office or hand it to me during the next two Sunday mornings with a \$50 check for the registration fee (check should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church). We will then mail the forms together to Mt. Luther with the total registration fee for each child. I have extra copies and there are books in the office as well. You can turn in the form right now without having the form signed by a physician. As soon as you are able to get your physician to complete the form, it should be forwarded to Mt. Luther. Do not complete the payment section of the form. We will complete this section so that they bill Messiah for the camp fees.

Please submit the form and payment by April 3<sup>rd</sup> so that Messiah can receive the \$25 early registration discount for each camper (they are giving us an extension of a few days past April 1<sup>st</sup> since we just recently had Chad visit the church). The 'Bring a Friend' and 'Sibling' discount would also be a discount toward the fees paid by Messiah, since the cost of camp ranges from \$300 to \$700. Only one discount per camper.

If your child is planning on going to Mt. Luther for a camp week other than June 12-16<sup>th</sup>, please complete your forms and drop them off with payment prior to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to send those from Messiah with the total registration fee.

This is a lot of information, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Happy Camping!!!