

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 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: “Consider and Hear Me”

Carl Pflueger  
Arr. by Frank W. Asper

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

**C We have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore**

**us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

**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** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

**\* GREETING**

P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling 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.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)**

P Let us pray...

**C God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## WORD

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The First Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 27 (**responsively**)

L – In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

**ALL – In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.**

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Philippians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

\* LENTEN VERSE (sung)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again"

\* 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.**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

P For an end to killings because of faith, we turn to you, O Lord. Protect all those who risk their lives each time they worship you. Give new vision to the intolerant. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P For the beauty of the stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O Lord. By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P For peace and justice in our neighborhoods, we turn to you, O Lord. Where gangs, domestic violence, or kidnappings cause your children to live in fear, give courage and wisdom to those in authority. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P For older adults with no family to care for them, we turn to you, O Lord. Surround them with social workers, medical professionals, and neighbors to support them. Embrace them with compassion and quell any fear. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P For the sick in our congregation and our community, we turn to you, O Lord. Gather all who live with illness under your wings (especially for all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaight, 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 & Wesley Kinzer, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, Audrey Morral, Diane Layton, Gabby Baney, Josh Delancey, Kay Stuck, Don Wert, Shirley Zeiders, Sue Crouse, Sandy Pines, Carol Jan Mahlin and sons, Nancy Hannon, Tanner Johnson, Ed Forney, Clay Ianson, Emme Freed, and Marylou Hazard. Make us instruments of your healing. Hear us, O God

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the prophets and all the faithful departed, we turn to you in thanks, O Lord. Empowered by their witness, may we stand firm in you until the day we see you face-to-face. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“A Lenten Supplication”

Rudolf Dittrich

[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:

“In This Moment of Remembrance”

Dale Wood

\* SUNG OFFERTORY (sung)

**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 God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P With his Body and Blood, Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of darkness.

**C and leads us into the Kingdom of God.**

P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death,

**C even to death on a cross.**

P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities,

**C and on him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

P Here at his holy table he feeds us now with his Body and Blood.

**C Glory to you, our Lord and Savior; with your Body and Blood you redeem the World.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C We thank you, O God.**

P 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 love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,

through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**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.**

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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

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 O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

SENDING

\* BLESSING

P The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

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

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING CHIMES



NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Jean Compton  
NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner  
FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Stephen Rodgers

**VISITORS INFORMATION**

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 worshiping 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) 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 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Theologian & Martyr (1906 – 1945): The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>February 14, 2016 Worship Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Attendance – 63	Attendance – 40
Total Offering - \$3,594.00	Offering - \$62.00
General Fund - \$2,685.00	

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

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.

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.

2016 WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS will be held each Wednesday during Lent with fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Lenten study at 10:00 a.m. This year's study will be from the book "The Gift of New Creation" by Thomas L. Ehrich. Locations are listed below:

February 24: St. Jude's Catholic Church  
March 9: Westminster Presbyterian Church  
March 16: Aldersgate Methodist Church

2016 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be held each Wednesday during Lent, sponsored by the Twin Boro Ministerium. Date, time, location, pastor and topic are listed below:

-February 24:	7 p.m.	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Pastor Dan Kerlin	"About Fear"
-March 2:	7 p.m.	Trinity Methodist Church	Father Michael Opoki	"About Hate"
-March 9:	7 p.m.	Westminster Presbyterian Church	(Chip Baumgardner)	"About Vengeance"
-March 16:	7 p.m.	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	Pastor William Esborn	"About Repentance"
-Maundy Thursday				
March 24:	7 p.m.	Trinity Methodist Church	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	"About Grace"
-Good Friday				
March 25:	12:00 p.m.	Aldersgate Methodist Church	All	"Seven Last Words"
-Easter Sunrise				
March 27	6:30 p.m.	Messiah Lutheran Church	Pastor Dan Kerlin	"About Hope"

THE 2016 MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at JP Pancake House. They will begin February 13 through March 26. Speakers will be announced.

EASTER LILIES to decorate the church on Easter Sunday may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.

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)).

A VOLUNTEER FROM MESSIAH'S CONGREGATION has stepped forward in the past few weeks to assist in putting together our monthly church newsletter, so that our mission to continue spreading God's word continues as does our communication with our parishioners. We are asking that any/all announcements you wish placed into the monthly "Messiah Herald" be sent or emailed to BOTH the church office ([messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net)) and Bob St. Clair ([stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com)). This also includes dates of items you want placed on the church calendar. Beginning in the month of March (for the April newsletter), the deadline will be the FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4 PM (for example, the March deadline for April's newsletter will be Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>).

We are going to try to have the newsletter done prior to the last day of each month. Any announcement that doesn't make the deadline will be posted into the bulletin until the next month's newsletter is assembled. We thank you for your continued support of Messiah and our church newsletter, as we will try hard to continue to make it a monthly staple of our church.

THE 2016 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or you may register online at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late fee. **NOTE: Chad Hershberger, Executive Director at Camp Mt. Luther will be at Messiah on March 13, 2016.**

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.**

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June 17 and 18, 2016 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.

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

THANK YOU: “I want to thank Pastor Bill for his thoughts, prayers and visits. I also want to thank my Messiah family for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food and visits since my surgery. Every one of you is a true blessing from God.”

Sandy Pines

### **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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom in the basement. All women are invited to attend. Program leader is yet to be determined. Refreshments will be provided by Jean Compton and Cynthia Smith.

## **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 FEBRUARY: ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND DISH SOAP.  
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS: SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES AND LOTION. CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting/Crocheting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9:30 a.m., Women's Lenten Tea at St. Jude's Catholic Church.  
-7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at Aldersgate Methodist Church.
- Saturday:** -7 a.m., Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast at JP Pancake House.
- Sunday:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following Worship Service.