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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 12, 2016 – 9:15 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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

INTRODUCTION

The enormity of our sin is surpassed only by the mercy of God. We come, repentant, to the table of the Lord. In the body and blood of Jesus, in the announcement of our absolution, all our sins are forgiven. “Happy are they ... whose sin is put away.” Happy are we.

RECOGNITION OF MESSIAH YOUTH ATTENDING CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**P** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**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's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

\* 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 (sung)

**P** Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Christe, eleison: **C** Christ, have mercy.

**P** Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take  
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace  
to God's people on earth.**

**\* 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** **O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

King David seduced his neighbor Bathsheba and was responsible for the death of her husband, Uriah. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront the king. Nathan tells the king a parable and opens David's eyes to see his own guilt.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15

**THE LESSON READS:**

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

<sup>12:1</sup>And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now

therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die." <sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house.

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

### PSALM: Psalm 32 (Responsively)

L – Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. (Ps. 32:5)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**ALL – Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Paul preaches on the power of God's grace to make us faithful. We are made right with God through Jesus Christ alone, through no work of our own. As a result, Christ's life has become our whole identity.

### SECOND READING

A reading from Galatians 2:15-21

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ

Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Through a dramatic encounter of rich and poor, righteous and sinner, Jesus teaches the relationship between receiving mercy and responding with a lavish outpouring of love. Jesus also provokes his host by claiming authority to forgive sins.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 7:36—8:3

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup>A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves,

"Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

<sup>8:1</sup>Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup>as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup>and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Sam Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life, That I May Be"

\* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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].

\* 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, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Faithful God, inspire fidelity in your church. Guard it from temptation, and make it place of safety, welcome, and joy for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of all that is, we encounter you not only in the grandeur of your creation, but in its smallest and quietest parts. Awaken us to your presence all around us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of power and might, call the nations of the world to recognize first your authority and justice. Guard all nations from unjust rulers, and bring forth your kingdom of righteousness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of the lowly, help us recognize hospitality and generosity from unexpected sources, the humanity and goodness of those in prison, the faith and persistence of those who weep. Let our weakness be our strength. We pray (especially for all of our shut-ins: 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, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Joan Foltz, Bill Geise, Norman Esborn, John Miller, Mary Ernest, Dutch Walters, Josh Delancey, Earl Lawson, and Wendy Varner. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of new life, as you bring newcomers, visitors, and seekers into this assembly, give us hearts open to the new perspectives and gifts they bring. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

\* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**MEAL**

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

(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 Let us pray,  
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C Amen**

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey

**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 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.

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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Sam Leister, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers. Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the congregations in this Synod, synodically authorized lay worship leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Driesen is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact Judy directly at the church office at 436-6213 or at [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net). If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Stott, English Christian Leader and Cleric (1921 – 2011): Grace is the love that cares and stoops and rescues.

### 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NEW TIME SLOT – At the last Worship & Music meeting, it was decided to change the time for anyone wishing to make announcements at the beginning of church services. **Beginning today (the first summer early service)**, announcements will be encouraged to begin 10 minutes prior to the start of worship, and PRIOR to the start of the Organ Prelude. Thank you!

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### June 5, 2016 Worship Service

Attendance – 65  
Total Offering - \$2885.00  
        \$ 747.00  
General Fund - \$2138.00

#### Sunday School

Attendance – NA

#### Other funds

Sunday School - NA  
Benevolence - \$ 455.00  
Flowers - \$ 22.00  
Summer Camp - \$ 50.00  
Building Fund \$ 220.00  
\$ 747.00

MAY FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Messiah financial reports (with yellow covers) for May 2016 are available for members on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please take one and contact Ann Beaver with questions.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY EVENING QUIET COMMUNION, we are sorry to say, will be suspended this summer due to the limited hours of the Pastor and the past sparse attendance.

2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. The closing program will be held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service. **Share the word about our Vacation Bible School program to your friends and family!**

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Donations for Vacation Bible School crafts and snacks are listed on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Please take the paper for the item you would like to donate and return the item by the date listed. A phone number is included on each paper if you have any questions.

**POOL PARTY:** We will be hosting a pool party at the Mifflin pool on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. as a finale to Vacation Bible School. The cost to reserve the pool is \$120. If you are interested in sponsoring a portion of the cost for the pool, please contact Kate Swailes or Ann Beaver.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We still need three crew leaders to guide the children from one station to another and also we need two volunteers to assist with registration on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kate Swailes if you are interested in helping (717-649-0820).

**LOST WEIS GIFT CARD** – Messiah has been contacted by the Weis store that a gift card was lost in the parking lot and a kind person took the time to turn it in to the office. If you think it's yours, please call Ann Beaver at 436-9382 and tell her the denomination and approximately when you lost it and it will be returned to you.

**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."

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

**LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES** – Each year Augsburg Fortress runs a summer sale on selected items. The Board of Christian Education has been charged by PPC with the responsibility of watching for this sale and then purchasing a minimum of ten (10) Lutheran Study Bibles for next year's confirmation students – these to become each student's personal Bible. (These are "adult" study Bibles of the New Revised Standard Version translation). Further, this Board was instructed to open the opportunity to the congregation for anyone wishing to personally buy one or more of these Bibles and thereby take advantage of the lower sale price. The regular price of these HARDBACK Bibles is \$34.99 if purchased singly. The sale price is \$24.50. (This represents a savings of 30%). Anyone wishing to buy a Lutheran Study Bible at this lower sale price should contact the Church Secretary by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can pay for your Bible when you pick it up.

**UPCOMING EVENT** : (More details will appear in upcoming bulletins).

-Strawberry Festival, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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**

**NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP** (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected 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.

REMAINING ITEMS NEEDED for Personal Care Kits are: 14 sturdy combs (not the small men's combs or combs with the long, thin handles), and 16 individually wrapped tooth brushes. Items may be placed on one of the tables in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SCHOOL KITS – We will be collecting items for School Kits beginning in June. Items needed are: 70-sheet notebooks, college-ruled paper 8 x 10½ inches, 30 centimeter rulers or rulers with cm on one side and inches on the other, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens), boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, and 2½ inch erasers. Items may be placed on the table with the basket in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther. More information will be forth coming. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Barb Geedey or 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 JUNE**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS (SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, LOTION, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER ALLERGY MEDICINES) PAPER SUPPLIES (TISSUES & PAPER TOWELS). WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES. **NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS OR EGG CARTONS.**

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -6-9 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall.  
-7 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Saturday:** -10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.