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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

YOUTH SUNDAY

March 13, 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:

Arioso

J. S. Bach

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY

Leader: When we are on the mountaintops of life,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: And when we journey in the valleys,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: During times when we are filled with great joy,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: And when we feel weighed down by sadness,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: When we feel confident, brave, and loved,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: And when we feel lonely, afraid, and left out,

Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

Leader: Whoever we are, however we feel, wherever we journey,
Congregation: Thank you for meeting us, Lord.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Chad Hershberger

* 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 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

* 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 Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: John 4:1-15 (NRSV)

The First Reading is from the 4th chapter of John.

THE LESSON READS:

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4Now when Jesus [a] learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”²—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (responsively)

L – Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

ALL – Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

SECOND READING: Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

The Second Reading is from the 10th chapter of Luke.

THE LESSON READS:

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.^[a] “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii,^[b] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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.

* GOSPEL: John 20:19-29

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Chad Hershberger

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Soon and Very Soon”

* 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 O mighty creator, spirit over and through all things, inspire in us faith, that we may believe that you alone forgive sins, and that because Jesus died on the cross, and you have raised him in victory over death and sin and all evil, that we may come to you with open hands and grateful hearts, and receive the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray right now for the forgiveness of all that we have done wrong. In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us. And by your great spirit, walk with us that we may do what is right and pleasing in your sight. Fill us with your love that we may love our neighbors and bring them the good news of what Christ has done, and how you love us so. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those in the battlefield, for those children who know the fear of war, for those whose lives are filled with hurry and stress, for those who struggle with addictions, for those suffering from pain and illness, for those who feel guilt for past behavior, show them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, you who are present on both sides of every border, we praise you for your love. You send your Son and your Spirit to go with us everywhere. As we cross borders, guide us to expect that we will meet Jesus Christ, by your spirit, on the road ahead of us. Teach us to see the face of Christ in all people. When we feel lost in our journey, comfort us that your Son, Jesus Christ, goes with us everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with depression, grief, or illness (especially for all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, 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 & 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, John Miller, Nancy Hannon, Tanner Johnson, Ed Forney, Clay Ianson, Emme Freed, Marylou Hazard, Michal Gayer, Lois Crissman, Julia Gross, and the family of Karen Clemments. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the campers and staff at Camp Mount Luther. Help the staff to share Christ and plant seeds in the lives of those who come to this place set apart. Open the minds of the children, youth, and adults who attend, so that they can encounter you in new and exciting ways. Help them to experience the beauty of your creation and come back to our congregation, ready to live a life of discipleship and service to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all those for whom we pray, and whatever else you see that the world needs, we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of every frontier, who crosses by means of a cross, and who comes to be God with us, and to live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Prayer

Ferdinand von Hiller

ANTHEM:

“If You’re Happy” “Love, Love, Love” “Well If You Love Jesus” Junior Choir

[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 (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 – Bob St. Clair

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver

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.

WE WELCOME Chad Hershberger, Director of Camp Mount Luther, to our worship service this morning. We thank him for bringing us the sermon and the children’s sermon today. Chad will be available to answer questions regarding the programs this year at Camp Mount Luther.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE by Sam Leister, Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons 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 Lord’s Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Sam as our worship leader this morning and pray God’s blessing on him as he ministers to us today.

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 – William S. Plummer – Bible Scholar: The bond of the Covenant is able to bear the weight of the believer’s heaviest burden.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>March 6, 2016 Worship Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Other funds</u>
Attendance – 73	Attendance – 46	Benevolence - \$ 235.00
Total Offering - \$4990.00		Building Fund - \$ 490.00
<u>\$1335.00</u>		Sunday School - \$ 50.00
General Fund - \$3655.00		Bibles for S.S. - \$ 510.00
		Flowers - <u>\$ 50.00</u>
		\$1335.00

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.

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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 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION offers most sincere thanks to those who recently made donations to buy each student in Sunday School a personal Bible. Because of your generosity, the funding for this project is now complete. To date, about \$775.00 has been received through the special offerings. The Bibles have been ordered – in fact, they are already delivered! Once they are personally monogrammed by Wayne Miller, they will be presented to the students. Futher, Pastor Bill has located enough brand new Lutheran Study Bibles to be presented to the graduating catechism students on Confirmation Day. So, thanks to you, we are all set! Your response has been very uplifting.

MESSIAH YOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Any candy donations can be taken to the nursery.

THE FINAL 2016 WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at Aldersgate Methodist Church 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.

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. **Please order by March 21st.**

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. Please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor.

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

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:

-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 a.m.	Messiah Lutheran Church	Pastor Dan Kerlin	"About Hope"

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).

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.

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 1st 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.

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 5th Tuesday and 5th 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:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Youth Service/Communion (guest speaker, Chad Hershberger).
- 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 Aldersgate Methodist Church.
-7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Saturday:** -7 a.m., Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfast at JP Pancake House.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion /Jr. Church.
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.