"Proclaiming God's Love in Christ and His people"



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF

EPIPHANY

February 19th, 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 19, 2017 – 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

PRELUDE:

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

Shaker Song

Robert J. Powell

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

- C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.
- P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.
- 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 "Built on a Rock" #365 LBW
- * GREETING
 - P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
 - C And also with you.
- * KYRIE (spoken responsively)
 - P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 - C Lord, have mercy.
 - P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 - C Lord, have mercy.
 - P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 - C Lord, have mercy.
 - P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 - C Lord, have mercy.
 - P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
 - C Amen

- * HYMN OF PRAISE (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")
 - Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 - 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
 - 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken) P The Lord be with you C And also with you.

- * PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
 - P Let us pray...
 - C Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

FIRST READING

A reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

THE LESSON READS:

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵You

shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (responsively)

L - Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. (Ps. 119:33)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

ALL - Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Lector: Here ends the reading. Cong: Thanks be to God.

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

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

- * GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-40
 - P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

* 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.

"How Firm a Foundation"

Jim Bahorik

#507 LBW

Jim Danorik

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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

[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 ('Create in Me')

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

- * PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
 - P Called to be a light to the world, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. A brief silence.
 - P O God, guide our faith communities to be as holy as you are. Inspire all, whether rich or poor, young or old, friend or enemy to praise you. Orchestrate harmony among us. Lord, in your mercy,
 - C hear our prayer.
 - P We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Empower the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for all who live with any kind of disorder and ask that you provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten, comfort the mourning, and heal the hurting. This morning we especially pray for (all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, Betty Karstetter, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair,

Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Letha Swab, Joan Foltz, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Orville Graybill, Ellen Calhoun, Harold 'Butch' Oberholtzer, Randy Clark, Joyce Doyle, Steve Bahorik, Gary Bechtold, Pete Swab (Letha & Clark Swab's daughter), Joan Fulkroad, Bill Holderman, Don Clark, Dani White, Seth Arentz, Tom Lyter, Charlie Stouffer, and Andrea Cameron. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all who are being called to ministry. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Eternal One, envelop the members of this faith community with your abundant love and grace. Inspire us to be worthy emissaries of your light. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- * BLESSING
 - P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
 - C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)
- * CLOSING HYMN "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" #433 LBW

MEAL

- * COMMUNION DIALOG (from Isaiah 55)
 - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
 - C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.
 - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
 - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
 - P Let us come to his table with joy,

C for we come as God's invited guests!

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

(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 Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.
 - C Amen.
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

But the Lord Is Mindful

Felix Mendelssohn

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NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Stephen Rodgers NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Marina Holderman NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise (cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller) NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Haley Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman

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 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 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) 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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Jim Bahorik, 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 Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – F. F. Bruce, Biblical Scholar (1910 – 1990): Sanctification is glory begun. Glory is sanctification completed.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

THE DEADLINE for all items to be included in the Sunday bulletin is Thursday noon.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. 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 <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u>. 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u> for any changes or requests.

BAKE SALE – The youth of Messiah will hold a bake sale following the church service on March 5th in order to raise funds for the cost of camp at Mt. Luther this summer.

MESSIAH'S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Any Messiah member who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please send Ann Beaver (<u>annbeaver@embarqmail.com</u>) your email address.

| WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT: | | | |
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| February 12, 2017 Worship Service | Sunday School | Other Funds | |
| Attendance – 57 | Attendance – 35 | Sunday School - | \$ 60.00 |
| Total Offering - \$3776.00 | | Benevolence - | 130.00 |
| 742.00 | | Building Fund - | 470.00 |
| General Fund - \$ 3034.00 | | Flowers - | 22.00 |
| | | Summer Camp - | 30.00 |
| | | Envelopes - | 5.00 |
| | | World Hunger - | <u>25.00</u> |
| | | | \$ 742.00 |
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MESSIAH WILL BE HOSTING Chad Hershberger, Director of Camp Mt. Luther, on Sunday, March 5, 2017. This will also be Messiah Youth Sunday for 2017. The youth will be helping throughout the service and will also provide the anthem that day.

COPIES OF DECEMBER PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

A VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held today following the worship service. Business: board reports and approval of the 2016 audit.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Anyone wishing to attend the class to observe is welcome.

2017 CAMPING BROCHURES AND REGISTRATION FORMS for Camp Mt. Luther are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room or you may register online at <u>www.campmountluther.org</u>. 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 1st to avoid a late fee.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with PINK covers) are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, call Ann Beaver at 436-9382.

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."

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

FOOD PANTRY - Messiah has contributed 289 lbs. of food to the Food Pantry in 2016.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows: Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday – <u>12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m</u>.

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.

ITEMS FOR THE SEAFARERS BAGS will be collected through next summer, that way everyone will get to take advantage of any holiday saving and after Christmas sales for the winter items. Items needed are:

- -1 sweatshirt, preferably hooded (sizes L-XL)
- -3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks)
- -1 pull-over T-shirt (sizes M-L)
- -1 knit heavy winter cap

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS: SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES AND LOTION. DONATIONS OF CASH/GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7:00 p.m. March 1st at Westminster Presbyterian Church conducted by Pastor Stephanie Rupert.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: 7:00 p.m. April 13th at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church conducted by Pastor Dan Kerlin.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 12:00 Noon April 14th at Messiah Lutheran Church conducted by Pastor Chris Mathiason and assisted by Sam Leister.

THE COMMUNITY WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS will begin on March 1st with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. The study will be on the book "Wind in the Wilderness." Teas will be held at the following locations:

| March 1 | Messiah Lutheran Church |
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| March 8 | Westminster Presbyterian Church |
| March 15 | Trinity Methodist Church |
| March 22 | St. Stephen's Lutheran Church |
| March 29 | Aldersgate Methodist Church |
| April 5 | St. Jude's Catholic Church |

PORT ROYAL COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS will begin on March 7th at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday during Lent and will be hosted by the Port Royal Presbyterian Church. The theme will be <u>They Knew How to Pray</u>. Teas will be held on the following dates:

| March 7 | Speaker: Pastor Terry Brosius | Topic: The Prayer Life of Moses |
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| March 14 | Speaker: Pastor Caleb Burd | Topic: The Prayer Life of Joshua |
| March 21 | Speaker: Pastor Nancy McClure | Topic: The Prayer Life of Hannah |
| March 28 | Speaker: Ted Kepner | Topic: The Prayer Life of David |
| April 4 | Speaker: Skip Kepner | Topic: The Prayer Life of Paul |
| April 11 | Speaker: Pastor Crystal Lyde | Topic: Your Prayer Life |

COMMUNITY MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS FOR PORT ROYAL: (7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building)

| March 4 | Mr. Merv Yoder | Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church |
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| March 11 | Rev. Michael Baumgardner | Pine Grove Methodist Church |
| March 18 | Rev. Chris Mathiason | St. Stephen's Lutheran Church |
| March 25 | Rev. Phil Persing | First Baptist Church |
| April 1 | Mr. Warren Wagner | Free Spring Church of the Brethren |
| April 8 | Mr. Don Musser | Faith Community Church |
| April 15 | Rev. Bob Landis | River Church |

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

| Today: | -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik). -Voters Assembly following worship service. |
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| Monday: | -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Jr. Church Room. -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall. |
| Tuesday: | -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall. -6 p.m., First Communion Class in Library. |
| Thursday: | -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE. |
| Saturday: | -9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall. |
| Sunday: | -Transfiguration of Our Lord. -Food Pantry Sunday. -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers). |





You are invited to attend the Youth Sunday Dinner at Messiah on Sunday, March 5, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The menu will consist of Pork and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Fresh Vegetables, and Ice Cream with toppings for dessert (provided by the Board of Parish Fellowship).

Reservations can be made by detaching the bottom portion of this sheet and placing it in the offering plate by **February 26th** or by calling the church office at 436-6213.

Messiah Youth Sunday Dinner

Name(s)_

Number Attending____