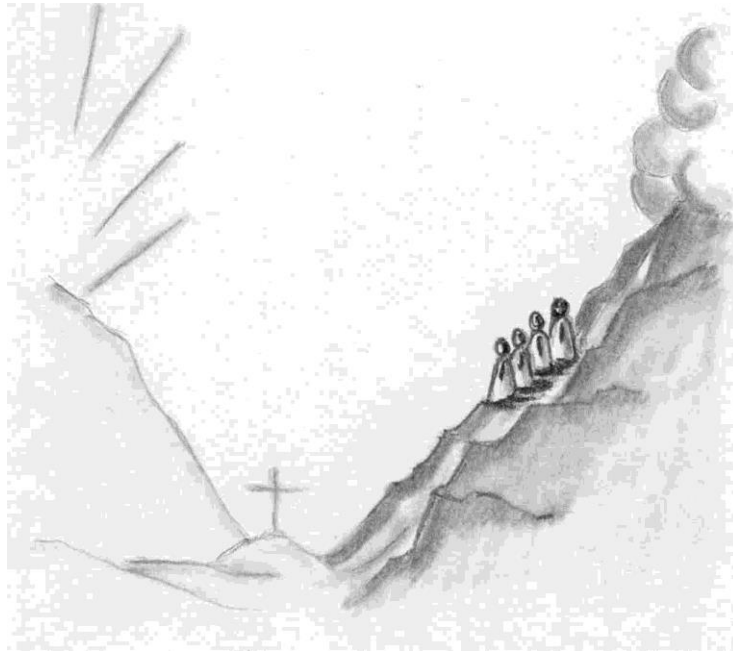


*“Proclaiming God’s Love
in Christ and His people”*



***TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD***

February 26th, 2017

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Transfiguration Of Our Lord February 26, 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

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

“O Worship The King”

F. Ritter

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

* 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 is kept for reflection.

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

SERVICE

* ENTRANCE HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #265 LBW

* GREETING

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (C - sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & II Choir C – Congregation)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

The First Lesson is from the 24th chapter of Exodus.

THE LESSON READS:

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."
¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congr: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2 (Intoned by choir)

¹Why are the nations | in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together, against the LORD and against the | LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their | yoke," they say; "let us cast off their | bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing; the LORD holds them | in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God | speaks to them, and in rage fills | them with terror.

6" As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king upon Zion, my | holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of 2 Peter,

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congr: Thanks be to God.

* THE APPOINTED VERSE

Alleluia. You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips.

Alleluia. (Ps. 45:2)

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Stephen Rodgers

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

#518 LBW

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

P God of Moses, you revealed your glory on Mount Sinai. Reveal your glory through

missionaries and campus ministries. Shine your light through their acts of caring, justice, and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of Eve, you create humankind in your image. Cultivate in us a passion for your good creation. Transform our daily routines so that our stewardship reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of David, you equip shepherds to care for your people. Where leaders rule by fear, transform their hearts with compassion and mercy. Send advocates for peace. We pray for your justice in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of Naomi, you care for the widow. Be with all who mourn. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Protect refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers (especially all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaught, 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). Also, 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 Baborik, Gary Bechtold, Pete Swab (Letha & Clark Swab's daughter), Joan Fulkroad, Bill Holderman, Don Clark, Dani White, Seth Arentz, Tom Lyter, Charlie Stouffer, Andrea Cameron, and Laine Guiser. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of Zechariah, you invite us to worship. Teach us to sing your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Embolden us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole being. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of Lazarus, you resurrect the dead. Deepen our trust in the resurrection promise. Grant us peace as we grapple with what it means to die and live in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

[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].

* SONG OFFERTORY (‘vineyards’)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P 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

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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

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

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

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

Amen

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

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

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

COMMUNION:

“Trusting Jesus, That Is All”

M. Shea

DISTRIBUTION

[“AT CHANCEL RAIL” – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

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

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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

* 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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#526 LBW

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister
NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Garrett Berry & Caden Swailes

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our great Messiah Family.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Stephen Rodgers, 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 – Eli Cass, Christian Thinker: The cross is the invincible sanctuary of the humble.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dkint@nmax.net. 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 **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. 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 messiahlutheran@pa.net 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 (annbeaver@embarqmail.com) your email address.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

| <u>February 19, 2017 Worship Service</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Attendance – 70 | Attendance – 32 | Sunday School - | \$ 80.00 |
| Total Offering - \$3436.00 | | Benevolence - | 105.00 |
| <u>594.00</u> | | Building Fund - | 280.00 |
| General Fund - \$ 2842.00 | | Jr. Church - | 29.00 |
| | | Summer Camp - | <u>100.00</u> |
| | | | \$ 594.00 |

GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER! Campers of all ages are invited to come to Mount Luther this summer and take advantage of all the programs they have to offer! There are traditional, specialty and trip camps for school-aged kids and Family Camp for kids and adults. Mount Luther is located five miles west of Mifflinburg in Union County. This year’s theme is “The Water of Life” giving campers a new awareness of how water and life are gifts from God. On Sunday, March 5, 2017 Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther’s Director, will be at our church to share information about this year’s programs. Don’t forget that if you register before April 1, 2017 you receive a discount on your camp fee. Or, if you bring a friend to camp who’s never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration.

KATE SWAILES is serving this year as our camp person, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. Because we have a camp person, you can see her to get an additional discount in the camp store! For more information on summer camp programs, you can contact Kate or visit the camp website at www.campmountluther.org. Submit your registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. Kate will submit the forms to Mount Luther.

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

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 – 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.

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; BABY SUPPLIES: DIAPERS (SIZES 4-6), BABY SHAMPOO, BABY LOTION, DIAPER RASH OINTMENT.

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:

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| March 1 | Messiah Lutheran Church |
| March 8 | Westminster Presbyterian Church |
| March 15 | Trinity Methodist Church |

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| 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 They Knew How to Pray. Teas will be held on the following dates:

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| March 7 | Speaker: Pastor Terry Brosius | Topic: The Prayer Life of Moses |
| 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)

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| March 4 | Mr. Merv Yoder | Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church |
| 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: -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).

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.

Wednesday: -9:30 a.m., Women's Lenten Tea at Messiah.
-7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.

Thursday: -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.

Sunday: -First Sunday in Lent.
-Youth Sunday – Speaker: Chad Hershberger.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).
-Bake Sale following worship service.
-Youth Sunday Dinner in Fellowship Hall following worship service.

**Messiah Lutheran Church
Youth Sunday Dinner
March 5, 2017**



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 _____