

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YOUTH SUNDAY March 5, 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:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY

Haley Mummah

Leader: In the beginning, God’s spirit tamed the waters to bring new life! Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: From the waters of Jordan, God’s spirit raised up Jesus, the Messiah! Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: To the woman at the well, Jesus promised new life through living water! Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: At the Pool of Siloam, the blind man received new sight, new life! Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: Beside still waters, God promises us peace and rest. Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Children of God,

**Congregation: We too have been given new life!**

Leader: We are children of a loving God who is more powerful than any waters we pass through.

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
TEMPLE TALK

Chad Hershberger  
Chad Hershberger

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen.**

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

**C forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—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

“Beautiful Savior”

#518 LBW

\* 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 Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 (NRSV)

Jace White, Tyler Rosenberry  
Garrett Berry, Nate Swailes

The First Reading is from the 1st chapter of Genesis.

THE LESSON READS:

[Genesis 1] The primeval history; creation culminating in sabbath 1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. 6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land

appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. [Genesis 2] 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 23] The Lord as Shepherd-king and host

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**  
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: John 4: 3-15, 27-29 (NRSV)

Harrison Mummah

The Second Reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of John.

THE LESSON READS:

3 he left Judea and started back to Galilee. 4 But he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A 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.) 9 The 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.) 10 Jesus 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." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but 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." 15 The 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."

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

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: Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Sam Leister

\* HYMN OF DAY

“Lift High the Cross”

#377 LBW

\* 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 Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Holy God, lead your church on earth to do your will and strive for your kingdom. Teach us your ways and increase our understanding. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Show us how to care for your creation and to treasure the fruits of your creating.  
Guide our actions and increase our commitment. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Give knowledge and wisdom to all leaders throughout your world. Turn hardened hearts of stone toward your nourishing word and let the powerful become providers of daily bread. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Rush to the aid of your people in times of distress. Send your peace and healing to those in need. (We pray especially 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, 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, Andrea Cameron, Laine Guiser, Rowe Shepps, Tom Ernest, and Teresa Kauffman. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Guide those preparing for baptism, sponsors, and this whole assembly toward living into the promises made in baptism. Lead us to scripture, the holy supper, and toward your will for all creation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Accompany us on our Lenten journeys and inspire us by the witness of the saints who walked faithfully with you. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C 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].

ANTHEM:

“This Is The Day” “Do Lord”

Junior Choir

\* 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 Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through 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 Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

\* FIRST COMMUNION is celebrated today by Zeb Berry, Hannah Ehrisman, Olivia Mummah and Sloan Smith.

(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 Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

SENDING

\* BLESSING

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

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

\* DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Kate Swailes

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Jace White & Tai Kepler

### **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 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 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) 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.

WE WELCOME Chad Hershberger, Director of Camp Mount Luther, to our worship service this morning. We thank him for bringing us information on the church camps that Mount Luther has to offer and for 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 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 Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Newton, Anglican Clergyman (1725 – 1807): I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [dkint@nmax.net](mailto: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](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 MARCH 2017 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the Church Office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office ([messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net)) or Bob St. Clair ([stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com)) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at [www.mlcmiffintown.org](http://www.mlcmiffintown.org). Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well!

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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annbeaver@embarqmail.com)) your email address.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

February 19, 2017 Worship Service

Attendance – 70  
Total Offering - \$3436.00  
594.00  
General Fund - \$ 2842.00

Sunday School

Attendance – 32

Other Funds

Sunday School - \$ 80.00  
Benevolence - 105.00  
Building Fund - 280.00  
Jr. Church - 29.00  
Summer Camp - 100.00  
\$ 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. 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](http://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.

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will be Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Ann Beaver will lead the devotions. All women are invited to WELCA meetings.

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: 7:00 p.m. April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church with Pastor Dan Kerlin preaching.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 12:00 Noon April 14<sup>th</sup> at Messiah Lutheran Church with Pastor Chris Mathiason preaching and Sam Leister assisting with the service.

**\*THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO WORSHIP EACH WEDNESDAY OF LENT (MARCH 8 TO APRIL 5) AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

THE COMMUNITY WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

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)

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:** -First Sunday in Lent.  
-Youth Sunday (special 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.
- 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 Westminster Presbyterian Church.  
-8 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Saturday:** -SPRING AHEAD.....TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR (before bed).
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Steven Moyer).