

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



First Sunday of Lent

March 1st, 2020

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT March 1, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION - CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C Amen.

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **“Peace be with you.”**

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Abide with Me”

#272 Green Hymnal

* 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.

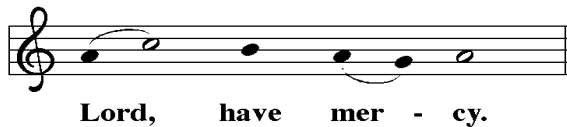
C And also with you.

* KYRIE (Congregation sings responses)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



* PRAYER OF THE DAY (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

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

FIRST READING Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:..... Psalm 32 (*responsively*)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or

else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

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

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

SECOND READING..... Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* LENTEN ACCLAMATION (In Unison)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

* GOSPEL.....Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Leister

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEMS: "In the Springtime" and "A Lenten Round"

SERMON

Vicar Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" #99 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

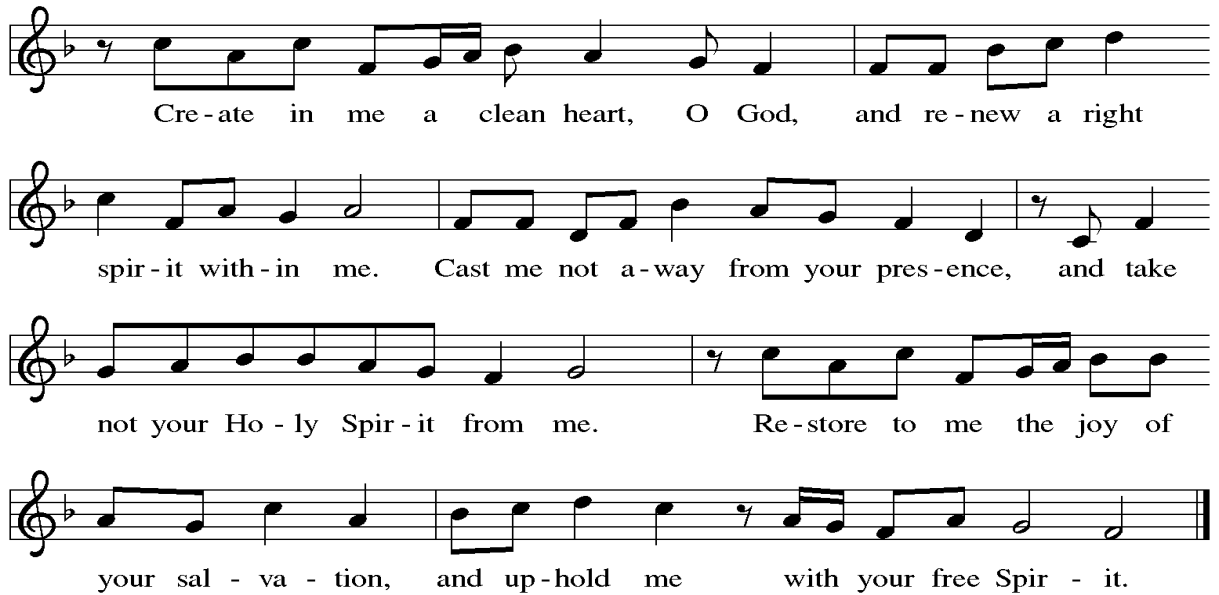
MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

* 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 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.

C Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

**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.**

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!

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

DISTRIBUTION

["**At the Chancel Rail**"] – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle.

[**Gluten Free?** If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

* **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C Amen.

* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray,

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING CHIMES

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barb Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (2/24/20 to 3/29/20)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Paige Martin & Julia Martin

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Olivia Mummah, Brea Beward, Nick Reed & Hannah Ehrisman

PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Nick Beward
Joyce Bradley
Andrea & Bob Cameron
Pam Campbell
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Esther & Richard Dunkelberger
Bobbi Ellis
Neil Fisher
Family of Deb Flint
Jerald Foltz
Ed Fraker

Bill & Christie Holderman
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Eddi Kay Gill
Jeanette Gross
Josh Hohol
Matt Hutchinson
Curt & Judy Houtz
Denny King
Curt Kint
Kevin Kint
Malin Kint
Pam Lawson
Carol Lyter
Carlen McClure
Messiah's Teem
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller

Dave Phelan
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Madison Norman
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Tim Weston
Dottie Wilson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Margaret Guss
Gail Henders
Minnie Minick
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson
Jane Marhefka
Carol Simonton
Edith Nipple
Ken & Kay Stuck

Kitty Walters
Jim Yetter
Max Ernest
Velma Suloff

WELCOME TO ALL!

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record 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 Vicar 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. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the Vicar.**

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

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Marylou Hazard and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Deb Flint. Please keep the family in your prayers.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): The confession of evil works is the first step of good works.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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 the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. 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.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

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 mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

CHURCH ORGANIST – Due to the “retirement” of June Bricker, Messiah will again have an opening for a Church Organist for weekly services starting in mid-April, which includes Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, except during the summer months. The organ is an Allen Digital Electric Organ and upright piano. Candidates should contact Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com for more information, including salary. This is currently a half-time position. Additional information about our church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmissaintown.org.

THE MARCH 2020 “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 (mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair (stclairb@embarqmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at www.mlcmissaintown.org. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

UPCOMING CHURCH BAND REHEARSALS:

- Sunday, March 22 – right after worship service
- Sunday, March 29 – right after worship service

SUNDAY’S SOLDIERS – There will be no meeting in March for Sunday’s Soldiers. In April, the youth who are able to participate will assist with the Maundy Thursday breakfast and service on Thursday, April 9th. In May, we will meet on Saturday, May 9th to make cupcakes for Moms. Thanks for your support!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who attended the Mardi Gras dinner last Sunday and to all who brought delicious food for the meal!

SNACK SHEET - There will be NO SNACKS during Lent (as this is a time of denial). Snacks will return on Easter Sunday, April 12. We are asking for 3 people to sign-up for Easter Sunday to make this day extra special (and also because a lot of people attend church on Easter). Snacks will then continue until the end of May.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Among this year’s speakers and guests will be **The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

PORT ROYAL MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building. Speakers are:

- March 7th Rev. Dale Graybill, Assistant Pastor at River Church
- March 14th Rev. Don Hemikson, Thompsontown Baptist
- March 21st Al Ream, Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church

March 28th Rev. Jeffrey Henry, Lighthouse Community Church
April 4th George Zimmerman, retired Pastor
April 11th Rev. Terry Brosius, Port Royal Methodist Church

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES: (Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. – Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.)

February 26th Messiah Lutheran Church
March 4th Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 11th Trinity Methodist Church
March 18th St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
March 25th Aldersgate Methodist Church
April 1st St. Jude's Catholic Church

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Licking Creek each Wednesday from March 4 to April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST – Messiah will be having a Maundy Thursday breakfast and Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion, the meal of Jesus, will be celebrated in, with, and among the meal of the people. Following the meal, those who can remain will move to the sanctuary to remove all items from the altar including the cross in preparation for Good Friday which marks Christ's crucifixion. More information will be shared as this event comes closer.

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.

COPIES OF JANUARY 19, 2020 PPC MINUTES and November 24, 2019 Voters' Assembly Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation's camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who have attended camp at Mount Luther in the past, will soon be receiving the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15th so that we receive the early registration discount. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. On March 15th, Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs as part of our Children's Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and substitute teachers will be needed for the fall in the youth department. If you are interested, please contact Linda Clark at Church or by calling 717-348-8262.

RECYCLING – The person who has done the recycling for Messiah for many years has asked if someone else would like to take over this project. If no one volunteers, each person who brings something to the church that needs to be recycled will be asked to take the item(s) back home to recycle it (such as cans, plastic and cardboard). If you are interested in doing this project, please call the church office at 717-436-6213.

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.

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

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.

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER’S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

Sunday, March 15th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, April 19th (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.

Sunday, May 17th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, June 21st (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2020

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 65		Benevolence	\$ 75.00
Sunday School – 23		Building Fund	\$ 360.00
		Sunday School	\$ 31.00
Total Offering	\$3,263.00	Summer Camp	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 713.00</u>	Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 197.00</u>
General Fund	\$2,550.00	Total	\$ 713.00

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., 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 HEALTH KITS are being collected to bring to the convention in July. Items needed for the kits are: one light-weight bath-sized dark color towel (maximum size is 52 x 27; two bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) any brand in original wrapping; one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; one sturdy comb (remove packaging); and one metal nail clipper (attached file optional – remove packaging). Items will be collected until the end of July and may be placed on the table in the back of the church.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will present the lesson and Linda Leister will provide refreshments.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, & LAUNDRY DETERGENT. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -First Sunday in Lent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon/Junior Church.
- Monday:** -6:00 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.
-6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40400 in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -Daylight Savings Time begins (turn clocks **ahead** one hour).
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Easter Sunday is April 12, 2020 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **April 2, 2020**. *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () OR In Memory Of ()

I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$8.50 # of plants _____ X \$8.50 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____