"Growing God's Kingdom"



Transfiguration of our Lord

February 19th, 2023 **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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TODAY'S 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 a high mountain 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. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Messiah Lutheran Church

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD February 19, 2023 – 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.]

- * CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
 - P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
 - C Amen.
 - P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

#265 Green Hymnal

* 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.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (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.

WORD

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

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.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 2 (responsively)

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

²Why 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."

⁴God whose throne is in heaven 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 anointed 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 begotten 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 refuge in God!

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

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.

- L: Here ends the reading.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- * GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

- - P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

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. ⁶But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁶And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁶As 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)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON Pastor Leister Pastor Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

#518 Green Hymnal

* NICENE CREED (In Unison)

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 THE INTERCESSION

- P Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- * PEACE
 - P The peace of Christ be with you always.
 - C And also with you.

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

ANTHEM

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG 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, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
- C Amen.

MEAL

- * THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
 - 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 (**C** – sung)

- 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 in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

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.

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

- * INVITATION TO COMMUNION
 - P Come and tast the joy of God!
- * LAMB OF GOD (sung)
 - C 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.

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]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in their seat for communion).

- * 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 everyone 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 Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
 - C Amen.

SENDING

- * BLESSING
 - P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
 - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #526 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
 - C Thanks be to God.
- * POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barb Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES - Gabby & Stella Reed

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS - Olivia Mummah & Nick & Sofia Reed

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD - Linda Clark & Chris Martin

WELCOME TO ALL!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Tirzah's birthday by Tammy Brackbill.

JUST A THOUGHT – Charles H. Spurgeon, British Baptist Preacher (1834 – 1892): Faith is reason at rest with God.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY</u> NOON.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

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

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

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.

FEBRUARY'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for the DeLauter Youth Center. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Youth Center to help them continue to serve the youth in our community. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

BIBLE STUDY will continue in the Junior Church Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for anyone interested. This ELCA *Daily Discipleship* follows the Gospel lessons from our worship. Next week's topic will be "Following God's Beloved." **PLEASE NOTE:** Bible Study will not be held on Wednesday evening next week due to the Ash Wednesday Service (February 22).

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service. Business: minutes of the boards and approval of the audit for 2022.

PIANO COVERING NEEDED – If anyone would be interested in donating and "hooking up" a sheer black curtain for the back of our "new" piano in the altar area, please let Worship & Music director Slone Smith know. We are in need of covering some of the marks on the back of this 100+ year old piano but want to maintain its integrity. THANK YOU!!

2023 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room with information on this year's summer camp programs and schedule. Information is also available on our website as well as online registration. Also, on Sunday, March 5th Mount Luther's Director, Chad Hershberger, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS, sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus, will be held every Friday from February 17th until March 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6-12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE.

A SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held on Saturday, Marth 11th from 4:00—6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Proceeds supports the youth of Messiah and St. Stephen's attending Work Camp in Westfield, IN. July 18-24. Messiah is in charge of the salad and rolls for the dinner. We are asking for donations from the congregation for bags of salad mix, dinner rolls, cherry tomatoes, bags of shredded cheese, and desserts such as (cookies, pies, brownies, cakes, etc.). Items collected can be brought to Messiah on March 11th at 10:00 a.m. or they can be delivered to St. Stephen's on March 11th at 1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

February 12, 2023 Worship Attendance – (in person 57 – online 31 – Sunday School 17)

		Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$3,461.00	Building Fund	\$ 185.00
Other Funds	856.00	Benevolence	55.00
General Fund	\$2,605.00	Mission of the Month	-
		DeLauter Youth Cente	er 10.00
<u>2/12/23</u>		Sunday School	6.00
Souper Bowl Funds Collected - \$220.00		Matthew 25	200.00
		Flowers	150.00
		Use of Building	100.00
		Memorial Fund	<u>150.00</u>
		Total	\$856.00

2023 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFASTS, 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street:

February 25	Richard Burchfield	Faith Bible Church
March 4	Rev. Garrick Paden, Youth Pastor	Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
March 11	Don Musser	Faith Community Church
March 18	Warren Wagner	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
March 25	Rodney Pry	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
April 1	Rev. Parrish Munro	McAlisterville United Methodist Church
April 8	Rev. Ron Shupe	First Baptist Church

2023 LENTEN SERVICES – all services begin at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. (Each church will be holding their own Ash Wednesday Service):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
March 1	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	"Bread of Life" John 6:35	Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
March 8	Westminster Presbyterian Church	"The Resurrection & the Life" John 11:25	Pastor Rich Adams
March 15	Aldersgate Methodist Church	"The Way, the Truth & the Life" John 8:32	Pastor Sam Leister
March 22	Messiah Lutheran Church	"The Vine" John 15:1-5	Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
March 29	Aldersgate Methodist Church	"The Light of the World" Matthew 5:14-16	Pastor Nancy McClure
April 5	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	"The Good Shepherd" John 10:10-15	Pastor Sam Leister

April 6 (Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast) – 7:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.......Pastor Sam Leister April 7 (Good Friday Tenebrae Service) – 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church............Pastor Sam Leister

2023 LADIES COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS:

Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

February 22	Messiah Lutheran Church	Linda Leister (348-1248)
March 1	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	Kathy Whitesel (363-6144)
March 8	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Connie Benner (436-2304)
March 15	Trinity Methodist Church	Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 22	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Pastor Mindy Petrovcic (513-7194)
March 29	St. Jude's Catholic Church	Kathy Fitzgerald (348-9098)

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WE WILL CONTINUE to collect donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care as requested by Children's Services. The list of clothing items is included below. If you would like to purchase an item or two to donate, please place them in the appropriate storage containers located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

0-3 Years

- --Socks (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- --Onesies (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- --Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)

4-7 Years

- --Socks (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Underwear (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatshirts (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)

8-12 Years

- --Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium. large, extra-large)
- --Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

13-17 Years

- --Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Short sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

(Additionally, we are requesting donations of plastic storage containers to help store and organize all donated items).

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women of Messiah are invited to attend.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -Transfiguration of Our Lord.

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. -Voter's Assembly following worship service.

Monday: -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.

-6:30 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.

-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.

Tuesday: -10:30 a.m., Bible Study in Jr. Church Room.

Wednesday: -ASH WEDNESDAY

-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall. -7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service at Messiah.

Friday: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.

Sunday: -First Sunday of Lent.

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.

PRAYER LIST

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