# "Growing God's Kingdom"



# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY

# April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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# TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. Withthe women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

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# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY April 9, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

# **PREPARATION**

**CHIMES** 

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Congregation: Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia! PRELUDE

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

# **GATHERING**

- \* GATHERING HYMN
- "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

#151 Green Hymnal

- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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.

# \* 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, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WORD

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

FIRST READING......Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- L: Here ends the reading.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# R – Sung by congregation



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. R

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. R <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R** 

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

- 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.

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁶Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁶So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁰Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

#147 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 INTERCESSION

- P Risen Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear 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

"The Festal Day Is Here"

by Hal Hopson

# 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 Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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:
- (sung) C 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 Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfullness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

# \* 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.

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

#### 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 your 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 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.

#### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

- \* BLESSING
  - P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
  - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

#131 Green Hymnal

- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
  - C Thanks be to God.
- \* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (3/28/22 to 4/24/22)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Carter Ehrisman & Evan Miller

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING/COMMUNION USHERS – Hannah Ehrisman, Olivia Mummah & Zeb Berry

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER - Diana Wise

# 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Randy Clark, who passed away on March 31, 2023 at his home. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – C. S. Lewis, Oxford Professor, Christian Writer and self-made Theologian (1898 – 1963): There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell choose the second.

# **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

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 <a href="mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com">mlcsleister@gmail.com</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com">mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com">mlcsleister@gmail.com</a>.

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.

APRIL'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for the Central Juniata Pool in Mifflin. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Central Juniata Pool to continue assisting in their local efforts. 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.

MESSIAH'S PPC has authorized the purchase of two AED's (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000.00. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of these life saving devices. There is a chart showing envelopes with numbers on them in the Adult Sunday School Room. The number is the amount of a contribution you can make to help with this purchase. Please take an envelope and return it when you come to church.

A VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Business: to vote on approval of an HVAC heating/cooling unit for the office area and minutes of the Boards.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MUSIC SUNDAY on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our own musicians – Slone Smith, Christina Martin, Larry and Diana Wise, Andrea Cameron, Bob St. Clair, and the choir have agreed to bring music to us on our special day this year.

BIBLE STUDY continues in the Junior Church Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study will not be held during Lent. This ELCA *Daily Discipleship* follows the Gospel lessons from our worship. Next week's topic will be "\_\_\_\_\_\_

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!!

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 <a href="mailto:cml@campmountluther.org">cml@campmountluther.org</a>. Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate to use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit <a href="www.campmountluther.org">www.campmountluther.org</a>. 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. 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. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 12<sup>th</sup> so that we receive the early registration discount. Also, if you bring a friend to camp who has never been there, you get 25% off your registration.

THE BOARD OF WITNESS AND OUTREACH is seeking a volunteer to help keep our community informed of current events at Messiah by sending newspapers in our area an email of what's happening, upcoming events and Sunday School and church times. Please reach out to Christie Yorks, Mary Grimm or Diana Wise for more information! This is a great service to our church and community!

#### 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.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

March 22, 2023 - Total Offering - Food Pantry \$90.00

March 26, 2023 Worship Attendance – 43 Sunday School – 12

	<u>Other Funds</u>	
\$3,906.00	Benevolence	\$ 110.00
<u>1,446.00</u>	Building Fund	85.00
2,460.00	Local Benevolence –	
	Camp Mt. Luther	650.00
	Sunday School	3.00
	Flowers	88.00
	DeLauter Youth	10.00
	Center	
	AED Project	<u>500.00</u>
	Total	\$1,446.00
	1,446.00	\$3,906.00  1,446.00  2,460.00  Benevolence Building Fund Local Benevolence – Camp Mt. Luther Sunday School Flowers DeLauter Youth Center AED Project

Other Funds

# **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 FOLLOWING ITEMS are also being collected by Women of the ELCA for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

--Laundry Detergent --Shaving Cream --Clorox --Shampoo --Dryer Sheets --Deodorant --Dish Soap --Body Wash

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, April 13th 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 APRIL:**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, CLEANING SUPPLIES: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP, ALL-PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS. CASH AND CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:00 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt in Church Yard. -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

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

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

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

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

**Thursday:** -1:30 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

Saturday: -Youth tour of WHTM TV – Channel 27 ABC. (Leaving church at 10:00 a.m.).

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

-Voter's Assembly following worship service. Business: vote on HVAC unit for office area and

minutes of the Boards.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik

Jeremy Barnes

Donna Barton

Gary Bechtold

Michele Boniewicz

Dan Brackbill

Don Bratton

Dan Brown

Family of Randy Clark

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Terry Coder
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
The Ettlinger Family

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Neil & Pat Fisher
Jim Fitzgerald
Jane Fogleman
Steve Freeman & family
Mindy Fryer
Bentley Fulkroad

Deb Geedey Bob & Eddi Kay Gill Arrin Gilson

Terri Gaver

Deborah Gingrich Grace Goshorn Sylva Grimm Sue Henderson Nox Hepburn Erin Husler Terry Imes Annie Ingle

Curt Kauffman

Guy Kerstetter
Family of John Kipp
Pam Lawson
John Lehman
Norma Leach
Bobby Lillis
Michael Lozano
Zaden Mabey
Anthony Martin
Carlen McClure

Larry Miller Shirley Miller Brian Mullen Claire Mummah

Alice McClure

Cecilia Miller

Ellwood Miller

Ken Mummah Paul Ogden

Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks

Shade Parks

Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine

Sandy Pines Betty Ranck Keith Ranck

Family of Clifton Reik
Diane Rowles

Harold Shearer Ron & Arlene Shearer

Joyce & Todd Spangler Andy Spigelmyer Barry Strawser Vicki Suoja Dorothy Towsey

Molly Ulsh
Doug Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Jim Woltman
Gary Zeiders
Phillip Zendt
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

# PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

- -- Jane Marhefka Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Gail Henderson Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Alice Swartz & Rich Smith Berry's Personal Care, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Ray Bramm Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- --Ruth Cisney Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- --Edith Nipple 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Ona Stoner William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044
- --Ken Stuck 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES to help us celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. You are invited to keep your Lily(s) here as our Easter celebration continues over the next several weeks. Those who prefer to take their Lily(s) home may do so after our service today.

# TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

In memory of my grandparents by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of our beloved wife and mother, Kay Stuck, by Ken and Kenton Stuck.

In memory of George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn (Nootie) Davis by family.

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In loving memory of Abram and Ruth Shoener and Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis by the Stephen Dreibelbis family.

In honor of Sandy Alexander by Debbie Meinsler.

In honor of my mom, Florence Williams, by Debbie Meinsler.

In honor and memor of loved ones by Larry and Diana Wise.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair and Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In loving memory of my father, Robert St. Clair, Sr., by Bob St. Clair.

In loving honor of my mother, Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of loved ones by Herman and Judy Armstrong.

In memory of Warren 'Dutch' and Kitty Walters by Cyndi and Bob Stiles and Deb Walters.

In honor of our children, Susan, Carol and Kenneth and their spouses, Reg, John and Tawny, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In honor of our grandchildren, Harrison, Haley and Olivia, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of our parents, Dale H. and Charlotte Henry and Harry and Martha Mummah, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of our parents, John and Helen Sieber and Martin and Ruth Varner, by George and Kay Varner.

In memory of our parents, Harry and Martha Mummah, and Charles and Mary Knisely, by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In honor of our 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In memory of our parents, Paul and Dorothy Patterson, and Richard and Daisy Van Gavree, by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In memory of loved ones by Ray and Jane Miller.

In loving honor of our parents, Warren and Claire Mummah and Sylva Grimm, by Mary and Glenn Grimm.

In honor and love of our children, Claire, Todd, Shane and Kailey and grandson Reece, by Mary and Glenn Grimm.

In memory of Dorothy and Karen Swab and Rick Fultz by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In memory of Johnny, Donald Sr., Margaret 'Peg,' Donald Jr., and Ronnie Beward by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In honor of Pappy and Mam-Maw Leister and Nanny Beward by Thea and Brea.

In honor of the families of our children and grandchildren: Holdermans, Kints and Bewards, by Sam and Linda Leister.

In memory of Hap and Dottie Smith, Clarence and Beulah Leister, and Lloyd and Flossie Showers by Sam and Linda Leister.

In honor of Messiah's congregation by Sam and Linda Leister.

