

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** **January 9, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.**

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### **PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY**

Helen C., Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Arlene M., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Kevin R., Mary Martha G., Avonel and Rick W., Paul W., Bob C., JoAnna C., Fay M., Dorothy P., Pastor E., Ruth C., Arlene K., Helen K., and Steve W.

### **PREPARATION**

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

### \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

**Parents: We present Grace Rosalie Miller to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

*P Grace Rosalie Miller do you desire to be baptized?*

**Parents: I do.**

*P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.*

*Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?*

**Parents: Yes, by the help of God.**

*P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.*

*By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that they who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.*

*To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

*P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.*

*Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?*

**Parents: Yes, by the help of God.**

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

*P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**C 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.**

*P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**C 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**

*P Grace Rosalie Miller, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

*The Lord be with you.*

**C And also with you.**

*P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your daughter from the power of sin and for raising her up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.*

**C Amen**

*P Grace Rosalie Miller child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Parents: Amen**

*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

*Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.*

**C We welcome Grace Rosalie Miller into the Lord's family. We receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

\* 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."**

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Holy and healing God,*

**C we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Amen**

*P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross + your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.*

**C Amen**

**GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN

"Borning Cry"

\* GREETING

*P The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**sung**)

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

- 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
- 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**sung**)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (**spoken in unison**)

P *Let us pray...*

C **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

*God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

THE LESSON READS:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 29 (intoned by Choir)

L *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

**ALL *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.***

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from Acts 10:34-43

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "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."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE VERSE

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*P That you raise up prophets in the church to call us to faithful service on behalf of the oppressed and all who suffer, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That we honor your creation and the gift of water by caring for oceans, lakes, rivers, and streams (especially ... a local body of water may be named), let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That leaders of nations show no partiality as they work for the good of all, especially immigrants, refugees, prisoners, and those without a voice in our societies, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That the light of your healing shine on those living with illness, addiction,*

loneliness, or anxiety (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Kevin Reynolds, Mary Martha Gilbert, Avonel and Rick Waller, Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, JoAnna Cameron, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Pastor Esborn, Ruth Crist, Sue Collins, Helen Coder, Arlene Kint, Helen Knox and Steve Welshonse), let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P That you strengthen this assembly to live out our baptismal promises as we witness to your grace in our homes, workplaces, and communities, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P That with the faithful departed we may see the heavens opened and hear your voice declare us beloved daughters and sons, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Receive our prayers and our hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.*

**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

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

**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, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

**MEAL**

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

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.*

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your will.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P Come to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

\* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

\* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **(sung)**

**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 Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and + grant you peace.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner

## **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow 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.

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. 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. We invite you to return. 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 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.

GOD CREATES A NEW SAINT TODAY through his Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome Grace Rosalie Miller, daughter of Clinton and Jamie Miller.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON. DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – George Whitefield 1714 1770, Itinerant preacher: "But when matters came to an extreme, God always showed me my error, and by His Spirit, pointed out a way for me to escape."

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE 2011 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room for you to pick up. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2010 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, January 2, 2011: \$250.00. Total received in fund to date: \$52,814.00.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held this winter. If you wish to attend, please let the church office know by January 14, 2011.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be offered in February. Please register with the church office by January 17, 2011 if you would like your child to attend. Date and time for the class will be arranged with parents.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Dr. Todd Taylor as a guest speaker during our morning worship service at Messiah. Todd is the creator of Houses of Hope for Haiti here in Juniata County. The vision of the Houses of Hope for Haiti program is to respond in God's love to provide basic housing for Haitian families who lost their homes during the earthquake in January of 2010.

In February of 2010, Dr. Taylor was blessed to be able to go to Haiti with a group of eight other people to provide medical care. As they transitioned back to the U.S., they realized that a huge priority for the people of Haiti was housing. Without a roof over their heads, many were at risk for many diseases, infections, and death. This group was looking at forming a local group to start to build temporary housing. The initial contact was made with a group in Ohio that was way ahead of the game, was producing temporary housing, and had already shipped to Haiti. The group's initial plan was two-tiered. First, if people felt the immediate need to do something they could donate directly to the Haiti cabins group. Second, the group was actively recruiting local contractors, storage shed businesses, lumber supply companies, skilled carpenters and more. With this tier, they planned to build the houses locally and ship these along with the houses built by the group from Ohio.

During the morning worship service on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Todd will share his experiences with us and how God has worked in his life since, and how God's spirit has shown itself in Juniata County by those helping out with the Houses of Hope for Haiti program.

AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER, sponsored by the Disciples Class, will be held on Friday, February 11, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Messiah Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (4-12), and children 3 and under FREE (take-out order available). Dinner includes spaghetti (with plain or meat sauce), salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. Donations of sauce, spaghetti, etc., or monetary donations would be gratefully accepted. Tickets are available at the door.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as devotional leader.

## **COMMUNITY**

FOOD PANTRY needs for January: All non-perishable foods, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues. Contributions may be mailed to Juniata County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059 (Weis gift cards are also appreciated). Food Pantry hours are: Monday 1-4, Tuesday and Thursday 3-6, and Saturday 10-1. For more information please call 436-9718.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Juniata County congregations, representing a variety of Christian denominations, will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Port Royal Presbyterian Church. The service will be held as part of the area's observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

NURSE'S NOTES – Ask yourself, "If I could change one thing about the world, what would it be?" Answer the question quickly, with your gut reaction, then brainstorm five ways to help make that change at a local level. People with a strong purpose in life are two times more likely to ward off Alzheimer's disease; research shows that they tend to be less depressed also.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Baptism of Our Lord.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Sacrament of Holy Baptism.  
-Jr. Church
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

