

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 27, 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., Avonel and Rick W., Paul W., Bob C., JoAnna C., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Helen K., Linda R., Jesse K., Steve B., Deb E., Tammy P., Joe T., Dave R., Mel L., Rick B., and Ernie S., Curtis K. and family, and the Hazard family.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:5

*So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.*

**C Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Gracious God,*

**C we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen**

*P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.*

**C Amen**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*P The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

**GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" p. 13 in bulletin

\* GREETING

*P The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**C - spoken**)

*P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen**

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

*P Let us pray...*

**C Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## WORD

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 4:10

The First Reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ecclesiastes

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>10</sup>"If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95 (responsively)

L *Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

**ALL Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-16

The Second Reading is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

\* LENTEN VERSE **(sung)**

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

\* GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

p. 13 in bulletin

\* APOSTLES' CREED (**all**)

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

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

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

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P We pray for the church around the globe; for denominations with which we are in full communion; for pastors, other rostered leaders, musicians, and lay ministers; for all thirsty for your word. God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for living water; for deep wells and safe sewer systems; for acid-free rain and oil-free oceans; for clean and abundant drinking water for every human being. God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for those nations who are now at war (especially); for refugees and all who suffer from post-traumatic stress; for international peacemakers and relief workers. God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for all those involved in the budget process for the state of PA, and for all of those who are affected.*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for those who are homeless and outcast; for those suffering from malaria or HIV/AIDS; for those with mental or physical disabilities (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Avonel and Rick Waller, Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, JoAnna Cameron, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Crist, Sue Collins, Helen Coder, Helen Knox, Linda Rhine, Jesse Kint, Steve Bahorik, Joe Tusing, Dave Rickenbaugh, Mel Love, Deb Esborn, Tammy Page, Rick Baney, Ernie Switzer, Curtis Kint and family, and George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family). God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for all those preparing for baptism; for divorced and single persons in our assembly; for members who cannot be here today; for all who are quarreling with one another. God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P You know everything we have ever done, and still you love us. We thank you for giving us hope in the communion of saints, who drink from the rock that is Christ. God of mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**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 **(sung)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

## MEAL

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*P With his Body and Blood, Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of darkness.*

**C and leads us into the Kingdom of God.**

*P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death,*

**C even to death on a cross.**

*P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities,*

**C and on him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

*P Here at his holy table he feeds us now with his Body and Blood.*

**C Glory to you, our Lord and Savior; with your Body and Blood you redeem the World.**

### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.*

**C We praise you, O God.**

*P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.*

**C We bless you, O God.**

*P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.*

**C We thank you, O God.**

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

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

*Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.*

**C Amen**

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

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

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

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

### \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

## DISTRIBUTION

[“INTINCTION” – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen**

### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

## **SENDING**

### \* BLESSING

*P The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace.*

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

### \* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Remember the poor.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING CHIMES

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

## **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the purple portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

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) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Curtis Kint and family on the death of his mother, Arlene Kint, who died on March 13, 2011 in Winter Haven, Florida. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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: “As I daily got strength by continued, though almost silent prayer, in my study, my temptations grew stronger also, particularly for two or three days before deliverance came...”

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to submit the weekly Messiah Herald article for the newspaper. There are currently four individuals who submit the article each week. Each person is responsible for 3 months of the year. It can be completed at home on a computer and submitted to The Times and Juniata Sentinel via email: [thetimes@nmax.net](mailto:thetimes@nmax.net) and [csmith@juniata-sentinel.com](mailto:csmith@juniata-sentinel.com). Coverage is needed for the months of February, June and October. Anyone who is interested can call the church office at 436-6213.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**NEW STORM WINDOWS** – Westfall Vinyl installed the new storm windows on Tuesday, March 8. The stained glass window beside the grand piano and the arch of the stained glass window beside the double main doors are now covered with protective storm windows. The cost of the project was \$700.00. The Building Fund will cover this cost. Thanks to all who faithfully contribute to the Building Fund so we can pay for the demanding upkeep of our aging buildings.

THE 2011 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or on our church website under the “publications” tab. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 15<sup>th</sup> for the early discount.

A GOSPEL CONCERT to benefit Juniata Agape Ministries (JAM House) will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah. Mark your calendars and watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

EASTER LILIES to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.

PHONE BOOK – If anyone has a recent (not current) Harrisburg phone directory they could donate to the church office, it would be greatly appreciated.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, March 20, 2011: \$1,428.00. This includes \$1,028 from Men of Messiah funds that the congregation voted to use in the Stained Glass Fund. This brings the total received to \$56,462.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

ALSO RECEIVED \$208.00 for Tsunami victims in Japan and \$145 for Clouse Family Fund in Loysville, Perry County.

MESSIAH CHOIR meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for one hour – anthem practice run-through at 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning prior to church service. We are happy to welcome new voices—anytime!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEAL will be held following the worship service on Pentecost, June 12, 2011 honoring confirmands and graduating seniors. Please mark this date on your calendar.

### **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.

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LOVE PROJECTS FOR FAR AND NEAR – We are taught in Matthew 25:31-46 that we are to show our love by caring for those who are in need.

The “Far” project is Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The in-gathering items are:

- nail clippers with attached nail file or metal nail files (no emery boards)
- hand towels 15 or 16 inches wide and 23 or 25 inches in length
- wash cloths in dark colors

The “Near” project is items for the Ronald McDonald House at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. The list of needs are:

- anti-bacterial hand soap.
- laundry detergent
- socks of all sizes
- TRAVEL-SIZE (SMALL) PERSONAL CARE TOILETRIES**

As of March 20, items collected for the:

- “Far Project” - Health Kits: we have 55 towel and wash cloth sets, 5 wash cloths that need towels, six nail clippers with file, and 2 toothbrushes.
- “Near Project” - Ronald McDonald House, Danville: 62 personal-size toiletries, 19 pairs of socks, 6 laundry detergents, and 1 fabric softener.

There is a recent appeal from Lutheran World Relief that **the need is great for Health Kits.**

Please place your love gifts on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

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MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as devotional leader.

### **COMMUNITY**

FOOD PANTRY needs for April: All non-perishable foods, shampoo, first-aid items and over the counter pain and cold medicine. Donations of cash and Weis or Schlegels's gift cards will also be gladly accepted.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown. Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6—12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA will be held on Wednesday, March 30 at Messiah Lutheran Church, beginning with tea at 9:30 p.m. and the lesson at 10:00 a.m. Paula Frymoyer will be the speaker. The general study is “Uphill Faith” and the topic is “A Full Tank for Mountain Climbing.” Margaret Guss will be in charge of the opening and closing devotions. Dorothy Smith will supervise the setting-up of the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. Refreshments of cheese and crackers, juice, fruit platter, and Krispy Crème doughnuts have been promised and others are asked to bring a goodie of some type. The refreshment table center piece will be Pansies.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE, sponsored by the Twin-Boro Ministerium, will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Preacher will be Father Fidelis. Theme: Forty Years in the Desert. (Acts 7:31-41).

MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER MEETING AND BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. at The Stop. The speaker will be Greg Speece of Bread of Life Restaurant.

NURSE'S NOTES – Have you ever wondered why.....you sneeze in threes? According to Dr. Nathanael Horne, “Sneezing is a protective reflex. There's something irritating in the nasal passages, and your nose wants to get rid of it, so you sneeze until the job gets done. Sneezing once, twice, or four or more times—are all perfectly normal.”

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in choir room.  
-7 p.m., Purpose Driven Life Lenten Study in Library area, (Washington Avenue entrance).  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9:30 a.m., Women's Lenten Tea at Messiah Lutheran Church.  
-7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at Westminster United Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -7 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Stop.  
-Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon).
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.