

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2011 – 9:15 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Family of Arlene M., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Paul W., Bob C., Linda R., Jesse K., Audrey M., Conner L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., Christy H., Mary W., Kitty W., Mason B., and Beth S.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world. Today is the commemoration of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, who died in 430, and Moses the Black, monk and martyr, who died around 400.*

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

**C Amen**

*P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen**

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

*P Gracious God,*

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you 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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" p. 13 in bulletin

\* 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 (sung)

*P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.*

*P Chri-ste, e-le-i-son: C Christ, have mer-cy.*

*P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.*

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.**

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take  
a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;**

**you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.**

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.**

**For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the  
Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.  
A-men.**

**Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;  
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (**spoken**)

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."*

FIRST READING: A reading from Jeremiah 15:15-21

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (**Responsively**)

*L – Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 126:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and I have not faltered.

**<sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

**<sup>4</sup>I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

**<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

**ALL – Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

SECOND READING: A reading from Romans 12:9-21

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

<sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al-le-lu-ia. You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

\* GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>21</sup>From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never

happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

p. 14 in bulletin

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

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].*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ed Beaver and Steve Bahorik

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P Let us pray. Merciful God,*

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P O God: We pray for all who work today to share the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. We especially remember those who gather under the threat of persecution, that they might be sustained. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P From the smallest ant to the tallest tree—your entire creation is a masterpiece and a gift. Help us treat your creation with respect and care. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P For all nations at war or facing disease and poverty (especially), we ask for your life-giving presence and peace, O God. We pray for clean water and an end to hunger. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Look with compassion on all who are suffering: the unemployed, abused and neglected children, people who are depressed and lonely, and those facing challenges to their health (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Jesse Kint, Audrey Morral, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Christy Hall, Mary Weiland, Kitty Walters, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Jean McNaught, Ruth Cisney, and the family of Arlene McLain). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Look with kindness on this community, O God. Weave us into a net that provides comfort and support, refuge and friendship. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P With thanksgiving, O God, we remember all who abide with you in heaven (especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black, monk and martyr). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen.**

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

*P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

\* BLESSING

*P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

p. 15 in bulletin

**MEAL**

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

*P Let us give thanks to the Lord.*

**C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

*P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.*

**C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

*P Let us come to his table with joy,*

**C for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.*

*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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

**C Amen**

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 Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.*

**C Amen**

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Michelle Stoner

**WELCOME**

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

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.



SPECIAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE will be by Ed Beaver playing the harmonica accompanied by Steve Bahorik on guitar. They will play a medley of four old time hymns: "When The Saints Go Marching In; In The Sweet Bye and Bye; I'll Fly Away; and Amazing Grace."

OUR THANKS TO ED BEAVER AND STEVE BAHORIK for providing our special music for today.

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 – Thomas Merton (1915 – 1968), Trappist Monk: "Others have no right to demand that I be anything else than what I ought to be in God's sight."

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at [ebeaver41@yahoo.com](mailto:ebeaver41@yahoo.com) or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at [www.mlcmifflintown.org](http://www.mlcmifflintown.org).

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES will continue through September 4, 2011 at 9:15 a.m. Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. will resume on September 11, 2011.

FALL BIBLE STUDY – Anyone who would like to attend the Fall Bible Study on the Book of Revelation should notify the church office or Pastor Esborn by **September 4, 2011** so materials can be ordered. Bible Study will begin on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and will be a total of 6 weeks.

"THE NEEDLERS" will begin their sewing project on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping to make patch quilts for local and World Relief, please come and join us!

RELAY FOR LIFE SPAGHETTI DINNER – An all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by Joe's OIP of Lewistown, will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in Messiah's Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (4-12), and children 3 and under FREE (take-out orders available). Dinner includes spaghetti (with plain or meat sauce), salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. Monetary donations would be gratefully accepted. Tickets are available at the door.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, September, 18 2011 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards. **NOTE:** PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2012 budgets to Ken Eyler by the next PPC meeting (October 16, 2011). You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to [keyler@nmax.net](mailto:keyler@nmax.net).

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held on Sundays, September 18 and 25 during the Sunday School hour. If you wish to attend, please contact the church office at 436-6213.

BLANKET SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, October 2, 2011. Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelopes that will be attached to the September newsletters throughout the church (envelopes will also be available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and take this opportunity to serve as Christ's helping hands in our world today!

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, August 21, 2011: \$300.00. This brings the total received to \$62,207.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

THANK YOU to members of Messiah for the prayers, cards, phone calls, altar flowers, food, and visits during my recuperation after breaking my hip. Thanks also to Pastor Bill for his visits to the hospital and the nursing home. Everything was greatly appreciated. I am now at home and doing better.

Kitty Walters

### **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 are gathering School Kits for the October shipment of World Relief. A School Kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School Kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in refugee camp, for example. A School Kit may also be used in adult literacy classes. (Reprinted with permission from Lutheran World Relief). July and August is a good time to collect school supplies as many stores have great sales. There will be plastic bags on the blue table in the Sunday School Room with a list of supplies needed. Take a bag and fill it with the items and return it to the table. It will send the message to those in need, around the world, that we care about them.

AT THE JULY MEETING OF THE MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA, we joyfully packed 70 Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal was 70 kits and with the help of the congregation, we have been able to meet this goal. We are grateful for all the support that you, as a congregation, give to assist our projects to come to fruition. This enables us to help meet the needs of the suffering women, men and children of the world. Matthew 25:40 "And the King will say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me.' "

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Dottie Smith as devotional leader. We will also begin assembling the School Kits for the October shipment of Lutheran World Relief. Hostesses for quarterly refreshments are Cynthia Smith and Linda Leister.

## **COMMUNITY**

2011 NOMINATION(S) FOR FOOD PANTRY – September is the time to nominate new members to the Food Pantry Board of Directors. At the annual meeting on October 27, three seats will be filled on the 9-member board. Members agree to serve a 3-year term, and the board meets once a month on the first Tuesday. If you know someone in your church or community who has a heart for feeding the hungry, please consider nominating them for a position on the board. Nomination forms are available in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please return the form no later than **September 15, 2011**.

APARTMENT FOR RENT – A four-room apartment is available for rent to a Christian single or couple at the JAM House, 14 Cottage Road, Suite A, Mifflin, PA 17058 (phone 436-2163). Apartment includes living room, kitchen, bedroom, and bath in a quiet lovely location (NO PETS). Rooms are nice sized and just recently painted and are located across the street from Locust Grove Retirement Community. If you are interested in seeing the apartment or need more information, please call 717-320-3165.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR Community Worship Service will be held on Sunday evening, September 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Frankhouse Field (Port Royal Little League Field), adjacent to Tuscarora Valley Elementary School. Bring a lawn chair and possibly bug spray. Important suggestion – Arrive at 5:00 p.m. to secure a parking space and your lawn chair seating positions. In the event of wet weather conditions, the worship service will be held in the Port Royal Lutheran Church at 4<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets. A free-will offering will be collected.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the Walker Township Park—RAIN OR SHINE! Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk at 1:30 p.m. The Short Walk will be 3 laps and the Long Walk will be 15 laps. There will be drawings for prizes periodically during the walk time. Games and activities will be provided throughout the afternoon and possibly some entertainment (but nothing confirmed as of this time). Tee Shirts will be available for persons with pledges totaling \$100 or more. Tee Shirts will also be sold for \$10 each after registration time is over. Please bring all pledge money to turn in on walk day! If you have any questions, call Becky Zeigler at 463-2309 or Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401. Sign-up sheets and donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

NURSE'S NOTES – The shower, with its cocoon of privacy and superlative acoustics, brings out the diva in us all. And we would be wise to let him/her take the steamy stage and croon away! Besides being good clean fun, singing enhances immunity by increasing antibodies that fight sickness, according to one German study. Music therapists believe that singing also boosts your mood. So whether your style is a belty Pavarotti, or a breathy Britney Spears, sing your heart out and soak in song's health benefits. Choir anyone??

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Early Worship Service/Communion.  
-Music & Worship Committee meeting following worship service.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting.  
-7 p.m., County Choir rehearsal at Port Royal Lutheran Church.
- Wednesday:** -OFFICE CLOSED (July & August).  
-7 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Early Worship Service/Communion.

## **Juniata County Food Pantry** **September Update**

Thank you so much for your faithful support as we struggled through the tough summer months. In July 2011, the Food Pantry served 267 families in need—a total of 751 individuals.

Many thanks to our faithful churches who supported us with donations of food, supplies and money in July. A special thank you to Port Royal Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of July.

**Fundraisers and Food Drives:** Watch for local restaurants hosting a “Help Feed the Hungry” fundraiser each month for the next 3 months. Eat there on the specified date and present the attached coupons (extra sheets of coupons available in Adult Sunday School Room), and a portion of your bill will be donated to the Food Pantry. First in the line-up is the Red Zone on Saturday, September 24. Watch the Penn State game on big screen TV while enjoying an excellent meal and helping the Food Pantry at the same time! The Weis Market is also holding a “Fight Hunger” Food Drive the month of September with donations benefiting the Food Pantry, and don’t forget Agway’s 5% of sales fundraiser on September 16-17.

We thank you sincerely for whatever help you are able to give.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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