

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING

September 30, 2012 – 10:30 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., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Fannie K., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., George, Jamie and Luke D., Ed and Ann B., Don C., Sarah D., Haylee Y., Julie B., Gene R., Ken A., Jr., Jesse K., Susan M., Paul W., Tammy W., and Josh B.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.*

*Today is the commemoration of Jerome, translator and teacher, who died in 420.*

### \* 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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

\* 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 Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.  
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading.  
God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful?  
God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy  
in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

**FIRST READING**

A reading from Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**THE LESSON READS:**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed

them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14 **(Responsively)**

*L – The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**ALL – The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

SECOND READING

A reading from James 5:13-20

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that

you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

\* GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

*P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

\* 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].*

ANTHEM

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, 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 As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Holy God, reveal your Spirit that rests upon us and the church today, that we boldly speak and do good deeds in your name. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God most high, teach us to seek the welfare of animals that provide us with food, protection, and companionship. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God our refuge, bless the ministry of those who work to provide adequate food, shelter, and clean water to the hungry and homeless and all who work to eradicate poverty and its effects, especially diseases such as malaria. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God of mercy, hear the prayers of those who are sick or suffering (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Ryan Keresey, Don Clark, Sarah Dressler, Luke Davis, Haylee Yocum, Julie Berryman, Gene Rhine, Ken Arbogast, Jr, Jesse Kint, Susan Minick, Paul Woltman, Tammy Walton and Josh Beitz). Raise them up and anoint them with your healing presence. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P God of wisdom, your teaching is perfect and sure. Bless schools and universities, students and teachers, that they may be sources of your knowledge and truth. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P O Lord, our strength and our redeemer, we give you thanks for (Jerome, and all) teachers who have made your word known to us. Increase our knowledge of you until that day when the fullness of your truth is revealed. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**C Amen.**

**THE RITE OF HEALING**

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*P Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands as a commitment to God's power to heal may come forward to the altar rail. This may include those in need of physical, emotional, or mental healing. It may include those in need of reconciliation in their relationship to God or neighbor. It may include those who wish to commit their ministry of healing into the hands of God: as a doctor, nurse or health care worker.*

*(Then for each individual the following is said with the laying on of hands):*

*P I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.*

**C Amen**

*P (Name), I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen**

**\* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (for all)**

*P The almighty Lord a stronger tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey--be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **C Amen**

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*P Let us pray.*

*Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## **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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## **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.**

***(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).***

#### 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 – Randy Clark

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 worshiping 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Briley and Marina Holderman.

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 – Jonathan Edwards, Preacher and Theologian (1703 – 1758): Love is the sum of all virtue, and life disposes us to do good.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

BLANKET SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, October 7, 2012. Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelopes that are attached to the newsletters throughout the church (envelopes are also 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!

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING NEEDED TO FUND 2012 EXPENSES is \$3,250. Offering received on 9/23/12 was \$\_\_\_\_\_.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, September 23, 2012: \$\_\_\_\_. This brings the total

received to \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the total \$85,890 needed for the project. Balance needed to complete funding is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

THE NEXT PPC MEETING will be held on Sunday, **October 21, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area (**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**). PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2013 budgets to Ken Eyler by October 14, 2012. You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to [keyler@nmax.net](mailto:keyler@nmax.net).

TO ALL MEMBERS OF MESSIAH – anyone who has scrap metals including aluminum, copper and appliances, please call Randy at 543-3230 or 247-1184 and they will be removed FREE of charge.

### **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, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Claire Mumma will have short devotions and we will be packing fabric kits, school kits, and quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA Juniata Valley Cluster meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 14, 2012** at Messiah Lutheran Church. Registration at 1:30 p.m. and program at 2:00 p.m.

SALES FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES BEGIN IN JULY!!!! The last Messiah Women of the ELCA project for the year is collection of items to fill 60 back packs for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We have some supplies but need the congregation to help to add needed items. Collection will continue until September 9, 2012. Please place the items below on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

- Ballpoint Pens (5 needed for each kit)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Blunt Scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2** pencils with erasers (5 needed for each kit)
- A box of 24 crayons
- 2½ inch erasers

### **COMMUNITY**

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs a head cook and team for the fourth Tuesday of the month (beginning in November). Also needed, at least two people to help assemble the meals for delivery on the second Friday of the month (needed immediately). Drivers are also needed for several routes. If you can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE AND ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS.
- PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES (SUCH AS TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, SHAVING CREAM, RAZORS, ETC.).
- CLEANING SUPPLIES (LIKE ALL-PURPOSE CLEANSERS, BLEACH, TRASH BAGS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH DETERGENT, ETC.).
- PAPER PRODUCTS (SUCH AS PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER AND TISSUES).
- BABY CARE ITEMS (LIKE DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY SHAMPOO AND BABY LOTIONS).
- FIRST-AID SUPPLIES AND OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN AND COLD MEDICINES.

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND LOCAL  
GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORE GIFT CARDS.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding blood drives at the following locations:

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Heaven Bound Church  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
5246 West River Rd., Mifflintown

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Juniata Mennonite School  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
289 Leonard Hill Rd., McAlisterville

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
St. Jude's Catholic Church  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Walker Grange Hall  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
William Penn Hwy., (Old Rt. 322) Mexico

Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood safely every 56 days. Donors should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800 Red Cross.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at Walker Township Park (RAIN OR SHINE!). Short Walk will be 3 laps and Long Walk will be 15 laps. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Please bring all pledge money on Walk day. Donated items for the Food Pantry will be collected at the Walk. Twenty-five percent of pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and the Meals-On-Wheels program. Prizes will be given to persons with pledges totaling \$100 or more. If you have questions, please contact Becky Zeigler at 463-2309 or Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401. (Sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

NURSE'S NOTES – Don't neglect to shield your lips from the sun. "Over the last five years, I've seen a significant increase in the number of women with skin cancer on their lips," says Mary Lupo, MD, a dermatologist in New Orleans and a *Prevention Magazine* advisor. Look for a lip balm or lipstick with an spf of at least 15. (*Prevention*, July 2012, pg. 20)

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Service of Healing.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/World Communion Sunday/Blanket Sunday.  
-1:30 p.m., CROP Walk.