Messiah Lutheran Church

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 2, 2015 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

<u>SHUT-INS</u>: Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Jean M., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Dottie S., Dorothy C.

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer] GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

- * 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 "Rejoice in the Lord Always"
- * 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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

FIRST READING

A reading from Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

THE LESSON READS:

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Lector: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken) PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29 (Responsively)

L – God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

ALL – God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians 4:1-16

THE LESSON READS:

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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.

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

- * GOSPEL: John 6:24-35
 - P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Sermon

Andrea Cameron

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"
- * 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: How Beautiful Heaven Must Be The Strung-out Dulcimer Band Morning is Broken Medley – Will The Circle Be Unbroken & The Unclouded Day

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gather 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 Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A brief silence.
- P We pray for the church. Raise up prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and others who equip the saints for the work of ministry and build up the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for the restoration of your creation to the beauty you intended. Send rain for the fields so that crops grow and wildlife flourishes. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for leaders around the world. Call them to lead with patience, humility, and gentleness, bearing with one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for refugees, families who are separated because of war, medical personnel, and emergency workers. We pray for all who are dying, hospitalized, or ill this day (especially all of our shut-ins, both at home and in nursing homes, and for Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Jim Woltman, Ed Forney, Allison Saner, Charlene Aughey, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Charlie Rush, Allison Garver, Clara Shepps, Anna (Pontius) Sparks, Andy & Wesley Kinzer, Gus Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina

Hutchinson, John Miller, Leiah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Jane Ann (Ziegler) Baney, Diana Kint, Jan Barber's father (Harry), Sara Ann Aurand, Carol, Jan, John Mahlin, Betsy Aumiller, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, and Susan Page). Lord, in your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P We pray for our congregation, that it be ready to welcome those you sent to us. We pray for all visitors, those who long for connection with a community, and those who are searching for meaning in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P we give thanks for the saints with whom we are united in baptism. Sustain us in our lives of faith until we gather with them at the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus 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 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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

- * THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
 - P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - C Amen
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & 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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE by Andrea Cameron, Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the Bishop of the Synod to preside at the Lord's Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Andrea as our worship leader this morning and pray God's blessing on her as she ministers to us this morning.

WE WELCOME AND THANK the Strung-Out Dulcimer Band for providing the special music for our service this morning.

THE STRUNG-OUT DULCIMER BAND practices twice each month in the Messiah Lutheran Church Social Room. Please receive our sincere thanks for affording us this very generous privilege.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Richard Nace by Carole, Heidi, Richard and family and Jennifer, Jim and family.

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 – Phillip Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts in the Episcopal Church during the early 1890s: Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at <u>dskint@nmax.net</u>. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THE AUGUST 2015 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and are not already on the list, please send your email address to <u>stclairb@embarqmail.com</u>.

JUMP START BLOG: The teacher recruitment for Children's and Youth Sunday School continues, but now at a stepped-up pace. As to be expected, summer is a difficult time to contact people because many are away from home on a long anticipated vacation. There are also those candidates who legitimately need time to think and pray prior to making the commitment to be a Sunday School teacher. To join the church school faculty is an important step not to be taken lightly. Not only is a steady dedication demanded, but in most cases this church job brings with it the need to reassess and reprioritize one's personal life. Preparation and teaching both demand personal time, and by necessity, a spiritual commitment such as this now must compete with routine secular activities.

We are pleased to report that the Board of Christian Education has, to date, received the commitment to teach from four persons: Nasreen Kepler, Kate Swailes, Sandy Pines and Linda Clark. Linda has also agreed to be the real-time, on site facilitator. If we were to start Sunday School tomorrow, we now have the teachers in place to make it work! However, to fit our model of two teachers per class, we are half-way there. Our goal is to have a complete resolution by the end of the month.

While this goal has assumed priority, we see our focus slowly shifting to Jump Starting the Young Adult Class to be made up largely of the parents of the children in our children's Sunday School. This start up is extremely important as it represents a platform for rejuvenating our entire church. More on this later.

WEDNESDAY EVENING "INFORMAL COMMUNION" will be held during the summer months at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Church Room for those who cannot make it to the services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209.

THANK YOU for the beautiful altar flowers sent to me from Messiah following my birthday.

Dorothy Cleck

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., 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 Adult Sunday School Room.

SEAFARERS PROJECT – Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Project. Items needed are: sweatshirts (preferably hooded sizes L-XL), thermal or white gym socks (no dress socks), casual pull-over T-shirts sizes M-L, and heavy knit winter caps. Please place items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will begin collecting items for School Kits in July as sales will be starting. Items needed are: 4—70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8" X 10½". One 30centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, one pencil sharpener, one blunt pair of scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2½" eraser. Items should be placed on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

FAMILY FARM PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be raising money for ELCA Good Gifts and in particular, a Family Farm. The cost of the Family Farm is \$715.00 and will provide a cow, goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, agricultural training and marketing support. Checks or cash will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to WELCA with a note for "Farm Project."

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Ann Beaver as the devotional leader. We will be assembling the Seafarers' Kits to see what is still needed.

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals. **Cooks are especially needed for the 5th Tuesday and 5th Friday of the month**. If you have some spare time and can8 help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AUGUST UPDATE

Dear Friends,

As the summer heats up, we are reminded that Hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2015, the Food Pantry served 374 families in need – a total of 1009 individuals! In

addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided 1040 lunches for 108 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST: FRESH PRODUCE AND ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, LOTION, BATH SOAP, OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN AND COLD MEDICINES BAND-AIDS AND ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH, AND GIFT CARDS FOR LOCAL GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059 Phone #: 717-436-9718 Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 2-6, Saturday 9-12

Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to accept donations!

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com Visit our Website: <u>www.jcfoodpantry.com</u> Like us on Face Book!

JUNIATA COUNTY RADIO – On September 1, 2015 radio stations WJUN-FM Country 92.5 & WLZS-FM Wheels 106.1 will be leaving their studios in Mexico, Juniata County and moving to Lewistown and will be rebranded as Bigfoot Country 92 and Bigfoot Country 106. When this move was announced it left Juniata County high school sports without a local radio home, and, in order to fill this gap Steve Harris, Seth Hart (Shane Nelson), Pete Primak, and Central PA Alerts administrators have teamed up to form Juniata County Radio. This will make Juniata County sports available worldwide on the internet via www.juniatacountyradio.com while also keeping a radio station in Juniata County. The site is a long way from being finished; however, it will be up and running by the time high school sports begin in September. Once the sports portion of the site is up and running, a permanent Country Music and Oldies station will be added. More details will be made available as the site is developed. Nobody mentioned in this post has anything to do with the WJUN and WLZS relocation. We are filling the gap they will leave when the stations move.

SYNOD GROW Team – Save the Dates

September 13, 2015: God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 20, 2015: Knoebel's Day for the Synod

October 31, 2015: Building Youth Groups at Camp Mount Luther

November 21, 2015: Family Advent Night at Messiah in Williamsport

February 19-20 or 26-27, 2016: GROW in the SNOW Retreat at Camp Mount Luther WATCH FOR DETAILS IN UPCOMING BULLETINS CLOSER TO THE DATES!!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:	-9:15 a.m., Summer worship/communion.
Monday:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall (meeting during Summer months for anyone who would like to help).
Wednesday:	-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (during July & Aug.). -6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
Thursday:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal. -6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
Sunday:	-9:15 a.m., Summer worship/communion.