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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 13, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to [pg. 5](#) under “Prayers of Intercession.”

PREPARATION

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard John’s gospel’s version of Peter’s confession of faith. This week we hear Mark’s version, when Peter says, “You are the Messiah.” In John, the stumbling block is Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus’ words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus’ words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of “messiah”) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407 – John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname “Chrysostom” (“golden mouth”). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

* 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 "Lift High the Cross"

* 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 Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

P Christe, eleison: **C** Christ, have mercy.

P Kyrie, eleison: **C** Lord, have mercy.

* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace
to God's people 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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

THE LESSON READS:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 (**Responsively**)

L – I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

ALL – I will walk in the presence of the LORD.

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.

SECOND READING

A reading from James 3:1-12

THE LESSON READS:

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

- * **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

- * **GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

- * HYMN OF THE DAY “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”
- * 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 vineyards be fruitfull, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste 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 confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

P O God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that it not be found wanting or ashamed of its mission. Each day, inspire the church to continue to pick up the cross of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for places affected by storms, floods, and forest fires. Grant safety to those who rescue and repair, and hope to those whose families, homes, or livelihoods have been lost. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, their governments, leaders, and citizens. Let peace and justice flourish. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are victims of gossip, false accusations, or threats. Speak a word of healing to those who have been lashed by others’ tongues. Heal and preserve those in any need (especially

all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaught, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith and Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Evelyn Spriggle, Earl & Mona Lawson, Jim Yetter, and Craig Walker. And for 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, Andy & Wesley Kinzer, Gus Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina Hutchinson, John Miller, Leiah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Jane Ann (Ziegler) Baney, Sara Ann Aurand, Carol Jan & John Mahlin, Betsy Aumiller, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, Dot Zeiders, Mindy Fryer, Mary Ann Bardell, Audrey Morral, Diane Layton, Gabby Baney, Josh Delancey, the Righter Family, and family of Helen Knox). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for ministries of teaching and learning in this congregation and community. Bless teachers and students, and use their words and actions to build up, not rip down. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of steadfastness, we remember with joy and thanksgiving all who have taught us to pick up the cross boldly (especially John Chrysostom, whom we commemorate today). With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. 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 Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

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 – Sam Leister

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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Neil and Pat Fisher.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Deb Yingling and Letty Saylor on the death of their mother, Helen Knox, who died on September 8, 2015 at William Penn Golden Living Center, Lewistown, PA. Please keep Deb and Letty 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 – Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic philosopher: What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again?...Is it more difficult to come into being than to return to it?

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

August 30, 2015 ATTENDANCE 77. TOTAL OFFERING \$1,942.00—GENERAL FUND \$1,767.00.

September 6, 2015 ATTENDANCE 59. TOTAL OFFERING \$3,424.00—GENERAL FUND \$2,904.00.

BANK STATEMENT AUGUST 2015 – Beginning Balance \$18,779.25 – Ending Balance \$21,032.15.

SPECIAL APPEAL ANNOUNCEMENT – The latest financial information available to your PPC has made it clearly evident to all that we need to make serious adjustments to our budget expenditures in order to overcome our income/expense deficit. The PPC is making a **special appeal** to all Messiah members to examine and pray about their current monetary giving and if at all possible increase that level over the coming weeks. PPC has formulated a vote for guidance regarding the MLC 2016 Budget to be held at a special congregational meeting after church service, today. Your prayers for our church and the PPC are encouraged as we work through this difficult circumstance.

Thank you, PPC

WHAT IS THE GENERAL FUND? The General Fund pays the salary and benefits for our Pastor, our secretary's salary and annuity allowance, the salaries of our cleaner, our organists and our choir director. Also the General Fund pays electricity, fuel oil and propane, flowers (if not sponsored), insurance, pest control, phone and internet service, educational materials, taxes, office supplies, water, sewer and other miscellaneous bills. All furnace repair, furnace maintenance, building repair and maintenance comes out of the Building Fund. Total monies received for the General Fund for the last five years are as follows:

2010 - \$127,295.42
2011 - \$127,569.19
2012 - \$120,619.25
2013 - \$120,311.75
2014 - \$122,703.50
2015-to-Date (8/16/15) - \$67,367.12 (55% of last year)

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

JUMP START BLOG: On Sunday August 30th the newly formed Sunday School Faculty met with the Board of Christian Education for orientation to our Jump Start Program. Among the items discussed was the two-teacher per class model, room assignments, rosters of students, and class time structure. Curriculum materials were distributed and explained. The teachers were also given instruction on the proper use of the laser copier. The roles of Linda Clark as Facilitator and Sandy Pines as Purchasing Agent were also discussed. The importance of the core values necessary for the spiritual growth of each child were stressed. The teachers now have two weeks to familiarize themselves with the curriculum and to bring any procedural questions to Linda Clark. The teachers visited their assigned rooms to assess the learning environment they will be teaching in. Sunday School will begin on September 13th.

The special opportunities and the role of the Young Adults Class were discussed. This class can be an entry level activity for further Church involvement and contribution. The members of this class will mainly be the parents of the children enrolled in our Sunday School. As these parents pursue their own spiritual growth, they will be seen by their children as modeling the importance of Christianity and the Church. The whole congregation will benefit from their ideas, energy, and involvement. They can be the spark of rejuvenation needed to revitalize our church. More on this later.

The generosity of anonymous donors from within our congregation cannot be overemphasized. We already reported that two donors combined to buy our laser copier. Now a third donor has come forward to purchase our teaching curriculum materials! We are so blessed to have such generous unsolicited gifts at this time when our church is in such a low financial ebb. Please accept our heartfelt thanks!

BIBLE STUDY will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library area (back door on Washington Avenue will be open to use). Study will be on Galatians (bring a Bible).

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on October 4, 2015 during the Sunday School hour.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you are unable to attend, please notify Kay Varner.

“THE NEEDLERS” will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who would like to help is welcome!

GIANT STORE GIFT CARDS are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

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.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD DAY AT KNOEBELS will be on Sunday, September 20, 2015. The park will be open from 12-7 PM. You can arrive at Knoebels at your leisure, pick up your pre-ordered discount tickets at pavilion P-5 beginning at 12:30 and spend your afternoon at the park. From 5:00-5:45 gather at pavilion P-5 for refreshments and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from congregations throughout the synod. From 5:45-6:15, Vespers service led by Bishop Driesen at pavilion P-5. Pre-ordering tickets is only necessary if you would like a 20% discount (\$20 book of tickets for \$16). Order by September 4, 2015. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Congregations are asked to volunteer to provide other side dishes or desserts. Volunteers are also needed to provide hospitality at pavilion P-5 throughout the afternoon. To pre-order discount tickets, or volunteer for hospitality or refreshments, please contact Brenda Krouse at the synod office at 570-524-9778 or Brenda@uss-elca.org. For more information and pre-ordering tickets, see the information sheets on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.

KNITTING CLASSES will begin on Monday, September 21st in the Jr. Church Room around 6:00 p.m. until everyone is ready to leave. We will be completing our scarves and starting a dishcloth. Knitters will need a skein of cotton yarn, worsted weight. Some brands are Lion Cotton, Lily Sugar and Cream, Lily Peaches and Cream, and Bernat Handicrafter. The pattern can be downloaded for free from www.joann.com/static/project/0706/P148439.pdf. If you are unable to get the pattern, don't worry we will have copies. The needle size that is recommended is a size 10, however, size 8's can be used and the book

says you can stay with the 7's that were used for the scarf.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA continue to collect items for School Kits. Items needed are: 4—70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8" X 10½". One 30-centimeter 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. School Kit items will be sent along with the blankets in October.

COMMUNITY

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Walker Township Park RAIN OR SHINE! Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. – Walk begins at 1:00 p.m. Please bring all pledge money to be returned on Walk day! Donated items for the Food Pantry will be collected at the Walk. Twenty-five percent of pledge money goes to our local Food Pantry and Meals-On-Wheels program. The Short Walk is 3 laps and the Long Walk is 15 laps (directions to the Park will be provided with recruiter packets). Any questions, please call Graham Fowler at 463-3138 or Chris Mathiason at 463-2490. Donation envelopes and information are available in the Adult Sunday School Room. Needed items for the Food Pantry include:

Personal Hygiene 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 tissue, tissues.

Infant Needs like diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotions.

Non-Perishable Food Items.

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 can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

A YOUTH BONFIRE EVENT will be held today from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for grades 7-12 at Good News Lutheran Brethren Church (across the road from EJHS). There will be music with a DJ, food and games (inflatable games). Everything is FREE! This event will be held rain or shine. For questions, please contact the church at 463-4030

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:
ESPECIALLY DONATIONS OF CASH AND CHECKS!
ALSO FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE, ALL NON-PERISHABLE
FOODS, BABY CARE ITEMS: DIAPERS SIZES 4-6, WIPES,
DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, BABYWASH, LOTION AND POWDER

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., Sunday School
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-Voters' Assembly following Worship Service.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study in Library area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -5:30—10:30 a.m., United Way Breakfast in Messiah Fellowship Hall.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.