

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 27, 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: “Fountain Medley” P. Rodriguez

[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.

#### \* 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 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 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)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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 [Jesus,] "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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\* 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:

"A Quiet Faith"

B. Logan

[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 Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
A brief silence.

P God of all wisdom and truth, send your Spirit on all your people, opening our mouths to prophesy and speak truth to one another. Give us words that make your will known. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Uphold farmers and field workers who harvest as nights grow longer and days get colder. Use their labor to deliver sustenance to humans and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead public servants and government officials to work on behalf of all people. Send advocates to halls of justice and guide legislation that breaks the bonds of injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Redeem all who are in trouble or danger (especially all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith and Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, 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, Leah 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, Larry Houtz, Kay Stuck, Karen Goss, Minnie Minick, Jennifer Hutchinson, Sam Leister, Norm Gray, Dan Brown, and family of Mary Esborn). Speak healing words to them, and restore them to wholeness, that praise may flow from their lips. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Fill those who are hungry with good things. Enfold those who are weary in communities where their bodies and souls may be fed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P You have drawn your people into one great community. Show to us the same faithfulness you have shown your saints throughout the ages, and lead us to live faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through 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 Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Go, Make Disciples"

**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: "A Communion Medley" R. Lau  
["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: "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

M. McDonald

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Briley Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

**WELCOME**

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

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Pastor Esborn and his father, Norman, and brothers Ed and John, on the death of their wife and mother, Mary Esborn, who died on September 22, 2015 at her home in Connecticut. Please keep Pastor Esborn and his family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – Harry Lathrop Reed, Christian Thinker: Rightness is not easy of definition, but everybody knows what it is.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 ATTENDANCE 96. TOTAL OFFERING \$5,750.00—GENERAL FUND \$4,247.00—SUNDAY SCHOOL \$130.00.**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 ATTENDANCE 88. TOTAL OFFERING \$4,627.00—GENERAL FUND \$3,735.00—SUNDAY SCHOOL \$62.00.**

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

CHANGE OF ENVELOPE – Please note that your church envelope will look different in 2016. Resource Management Director, Bob Hazard approved Bob St. Clair's research to make a change of envelope for a savings of \$200. More information will be forthcoming when the envelopes arrive.

CHAIRS AVAILABLE – Ten old green and gray folding chairs were found when changing the storage area into a Sunday School classroom. Anyone who wants or could use any of these chairs, please contact the church office at 436-6213.

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.

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.



FALL REMINDERS FOR JUNIATA COUNTY THRIVENT MEMBERS – The election dinner will be held on October 25, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Stephen’s, Licking Creek. Bring a guest and they will receive a Weis Gift Card. RSVP by calling Don at 436-8856 or Kathy at 436-2401 by October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be an explanation of your NEW Thrivent programs. If you are an Advocate, please try to attend. Also, there will be a Highway clean-up on October 28 at 9:30 a.m. (meet at Deb Cramer’s, Stetler Rd.). Lunch at Walnut Cheese Nook when done! Remember to direct your Choice Dollars. NOTE: Thrivent Action Team—if you need help with your Thrivent Action Team Project, call Don at 436-8856. Remember benefit members can request two action teams and associate members one action team per year. Seed money of \$250 is available for each event.

**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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER:**  
**CASH, CHECK OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS**  
**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS**  
**VEGETABLES & FRUITS FROM YOUR GARDENS**  
**PERSONAL CARE & BABY CARE PRODUCTS**  
**PAPER PRODUCTS**

**SYNOD GROW Team – Save the Dates**

- 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.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following Worship Service.
- Monday:** -6 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.  
-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:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.  
-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Sunday:** -World Communion/Blanket Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
-1 p.m., CROP WALK at Walker Township Park.