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Build a Bridge

Many people travel the same route every day. Some drive to work via the same roads, past the same buildings, and around the same turns. Some ride the bus to school or work past the same stores or fields and over the same hills. Whether you ride in a truck or on a bike, whether you walk or drive a tractor, you probably pass by both things and people again and again and aren't really aware of them.

Lazarus lay at the rich man's gate day after day hungry and hurting. The rich man passed by him day after day on his way to and from his home. Even though there wasn't a physical chasm between the two in their day-to-day life, the rich man never reached out to Lazarus. Jesus' parable highlights how it will be too late in the next life to make a difference, and how our actions in this life have impact not only on our neighbor but also on the health of our relationship with God.

Luther defined sin as being curved in on oneself. When we are curved in on ourselves, we are turned toward ourselves and not toward God or our neighbor. It's almost as though we dig the chasm in Jesus' story ourselves, and it hems us in.

Thankfully, Jesus has come to bridge the chasm in this life between God and our sinful selves. Jesus lays himself down that we might be freed from our sinful selves to see and help our neighbor, freed to build bridges instead of digging chasms.

On your way to work, school, or wherever your daily life takes you, may God give you eyes to see your neighbor in need. May the living and resurrected Lord feed and strengthen you in worship today with the forgiveness, humility, and courage to reach out and get to know them. Build a bridge.

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Music

Gather Us In

ELW 532 (red book)

Greeting

☞ Blessed be the Holy Trinity; one God; the only sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

☞ **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray . . . O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.

☞ **Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

☞ A reading from **Amos:**

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

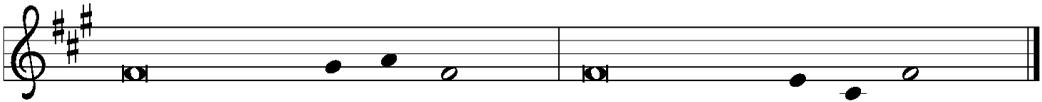
☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish. ☞

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! ☞

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

☞ A reading from **1 Timothy**:

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,

endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P The Gospel according to **Luke**.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Liturgy of Holy Baptism for Myles & Molly Rosenberger

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the baptism are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child.

The children and parents gather at the font

Presentation for Holy Baptism

☞ God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

☞ ***Jenn and Derrick***, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized?

Pa We do.

☞ Please state the full names of each of your ***children***.

Pa Myles Alan Rosenberger and Molly Anne Rosenberger.

☞ As you bring ***Myles and Molly*** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with ***them*** among God's faithful people, to bring ***them*** to the word of God and the holy supper, teach ***them*** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in ***their*** hands the holy scriptures, and nurture ***them*** in faith and prayer, so that ***they*** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P *Derrick and Jenn*, do you promise to help *Molly and Myles* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Pa *We do, with the help of God.*

P People of God, do you promise to support *Myles and Milly*, and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

C **We do, with the help of God.**

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

C **I do**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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**

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has

brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen

Please be seated.

Baptism

P *Myles Alan Rosenberger*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P *Molly Anne Rosenberger*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

☩ You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Molly and Myles* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

P Amen. Sit

With the oil, the minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized:

P *Myles and Molly*, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

☩ Amen.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized:

Welcome

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of *Molly and Myles*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

☩ We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P Peace be with you.

Special Music 10:45 am

This Little Light of Mine

Message

Stand as you are able.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

The Prayers

A Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do. Bring power to our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches in Latvia, Honduras and Papua New Guinea, Christ Lutheran Church in Wyoming, Community Baptist Church in Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war. We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home. Protect those who serve in the military, especially Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Sue Rider, Bill Politis, Deb Wood, George Ulrich Jr, Kathy Plourde, John Burdick and Katie Leary*. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs. We thank you for receiving Myles and Molly in baptism. Continue to strengthen them in faith and use us as signs of your gracious love and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, hear the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

G Amen.

Stand as you are able.

Sharing the Peace

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts & Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

God Extends an Invitation

ELW 486 (red book)

Offertory Prayer

☞ Let us pray . . . Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

☞ **so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☞ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to_es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy God, Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and you fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

☑ You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He 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 life given for us and his rising from the grave,

☑ **we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.**

☐ By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

☑ **strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.**

☐ Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

☑ **both now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **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 forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion:

☐ Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471 (red book)

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ.

G **Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Stand as you are able

Blessing

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

G **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 537 (red book)

Sending

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Worship Leaders

| | 8:00 am | 10:00am |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Assisting Ministers | Randy Teegardin | Mark Anton |
| Cantor | Mark Anton | Myrina Clements |
| Lector | Steve Kaiser | Joyce Daugherty |
| Communion Server | Melissa Patton | Sandy Mosteller |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Gavin Patton | Gabe Barnaart |
| Usher | Mark Anton | Gwen Hansen |
| | Volunteers | Sandy Mosteller, Joe Longcor |
| Greeter/Coffee Hr. | Mark/Jana Bishop | Doug/Diane Neeb |
| Nursery | Volunteers | Children's Church |
| | | Tom, Hope, Emma Peck |
| Chancel Team | Wales Family | Ingrid Morgan |

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 2, 2016

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| Assisting Ministers | Lorie Gladyness | Mark Anton |
| Cantor | Jack Vos | Mark Anton |
| Lector | John Burdick | Sandy Mosteller |
| Communion Server | Brenda Teegardin | Diane Neeb |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Katie Pohl | Emmalee Peck |
| Usher | Randy/Brenda Teegardin | Doug/Diane Neeb |
| | Lyle/Joyce Proksch | Dave Neeb, Ed Domke |
| Greeter/Coffee Hr. | Jack/Carol Vos | Eve Wright |
| Nursery | Volunteers | Children's Church |
| | | Phil & Amy Poholski |
| Chancel Team | Jeanette Ulrich | Mary Kleinbrink |

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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| Today, September 25 | Adult Forum – Parables 9:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am New member brunch after each service High School & Middle School Youth Groups 6-7:30 Baptism: Myles & Molly Rosenberger 10:45 am |
| pm | Wednesday, September 28 Prayer group 6:00 pm |
| Thursday, September 29 | Clapper Kids 3:45-5:00 pm Grace Notes 5:45-7:00 pm |

Stewardship Information

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of canned pasta, ie, spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc. Donations can be placed in the box outside Pastor Paul's office.

Worshippers last week: 90

Weekly Giving: \$4,127.30

Budget

Amount: \$4,226.98

Children at the 10:45 service will be invited to participate in Children's Church after the Children's Sermon. They will return with the leader at the time of the Passing of the Peace.

New Member Brunch – scheduled for today after each service to welcome our newest members; Derrick, Jenn, Myles & Molly Rosenberger; Mary Jane Hayner; Dick & Linda Melcher.

We celebrate with the Rosenberger's this morning with the baptism of Molly and Myles.

Let's beautify our church – looking for volunteers that would like to beautify the grounds of Grace Lutheran Church on **October 1**. Skills needed: helping out, having fun, playing in the dirt, meeting and working with those you know and maybe a few you don't know. We plan to work 9 am - ? (depends on how many volunteers help out). If you have questions, please contact Phil Poholski at 269-948-3655.

Fall Festival - Saturday, **Oct. 8th** from 6 until ? Social Activities would like to invite everyone to a fall festival at Doug and Diane's pole barn. All ages are welcome. There will be games for kids and adults, a bon fire to roast s'mores and hotdogs, or to tell stories around. Please bring a dish to pass, table service will be furnished. We will provide pop, cider and hot dogs. You're welcome to bring your beverage of choice. We are not in the church so it could include some of your favorite alcohol. (Pastor Paul said it was acceptable.) Come and enjoy some free time and celebrate the remodeling of our church. Our address is 3561 Barber Rd. Hastings just a short distance from the church. Phone 269-945-9470. If you need directions just ask or give us a call

CROP Walk – the annual Barry County CROP Walk to address the problem of world hunger is scheduled for **October 9**. You can be a walker or you can commit to supporting a walker through your gifts. The walk begins at First United Methodist Church, 209 W Green St, Hastings. Registration at 1:30, walk is 2 miles from 2-3 pm, celebration 3-4 pm. Contact Kim Domke, 269-908-0024, or Jane Secor, 269-569-1275, if you would like to help. Checks should be made payable to CWS-CROP.

Pasty Sale – Saturday, **November 12**. Sign-up sheet is on the wall outside of Pastor Paul's office, for baked pasties \$7/each, or unbaked pasties \$6/each. There is also a sign-up sheet for helping with the preparation, cutting, making & baking of the pasties. See the sheet for times and dates. Grace is hoping to pre-sell up to 450 pasties this year with the funds going to support Grace youth activities, so tell your friends, tell your neighbors and get those pre-orders in!