

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

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We are delighted to have you with us this evening as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ◆ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ◆ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3
- ◆ The Divine Service begins as our musicians begin the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut, or *scherenschnitte*, created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Saturday, July 16, 2022—6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Live Like That (Sidewalk Prophets)

Undo (Rush of Fools)

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Pastor (P): All Rise

**Opening Song of Praise: What I See** (Elevation Worship) (CCLI Song #7181677)

### Intro

**Do you see what I see?**

**Do you see what I see?**

### Verse 1

**I ... see lightning I hear thunder**

**Something stirring six feet under**

**Dead things coming back to life again**

**I ... believe there's about to be another resurrec – tion.**

### Verse 2

**I ... see signs and I see wonders**

**I ... see bursts of living color**

**Dead things coming back to life again**

**I ... believe there's about to be another resurrect – tion.**

### Chorus 1

**Come alive ... wake up sleeper**

**He ... is risen ... we are risen with Him.**

[Turnaround]

### Verse 3

**Hallelujah it is finished**

**See the grave no body in it**

**Dead things coming back to life again**

**I ... believe there's about to be ... another resurrect – tion.**

### Chorus 2A

**Come alive ... wake up sleeper**

**He is risen ... we are risen with Him**

**Paradise ... flung wide open**

**He is risen ... we are risen with Him.**

[Instrumental]

### Bridge 1

**If you see ... what I see**

**That the grave is empty**

**Then you know ... what I know**

**Anything is possible.**

### Interlude

**Do you see ... what I see?**

**Do you see ... what I see?**

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**Bridge 2**

**Opening Song of Praise: What I See** (cont'd)

Do you see ... what I see?  
I ... see signs and I ... see wonders  
Do you see ... what I see?  
I ... see lightning I ... hear thunder  
Do you see ... what I see?  
Something stirring six ... feet under.

**Chorus 2A**

Come alive ... wake up sleeper  
He ... is risen ... we are risen with Him  
Paradise ... flung wide open  
He ... is risen ... we are risen with Him.

**The Call to Worship / Opening Prayer**

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen**

**The Confession of Sins** (SBH, p. 15)

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Pastor (P): Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. For this reason we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

**Together:**

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution:**

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

Song: The Father's House (Cory Asbury)

[Intro]

Verse 1 Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mis-takes  
What ... looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength  
My story isn't over my ... story's just be-gun  
Failure won't de-fine me 'cause that's ... what my Father does  
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Chorus 1 Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... lay your ... burdens down  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... here in the ... Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't wel-come anymore  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... you're in the Father's house.

[Turnaround]

Verse 2 Ar - rival's ... not the endgame ... the journey's where You are  
You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart  
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.

Chorus 2 Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... lay your ... burdens down  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... here in the ... Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't wel-come anymore  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... you're in the Father's house.  
Yeah ..... the ... Father's house.

Bridge Prodigals come home, the helpless find ... hope  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room  
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room  
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.

Closing Chorus Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... lay your ... burdens down  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... here in the ... Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't wel-come anymore  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... you're in the Father's house. [Closing Chorus]

Closing Chorus (acapella) Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... lay your ... burdens down  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... here in the ... Father's house  
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't wel-come anymore  
Oo Oo Oo ... Oo ..... you're in the Father's house.

God's chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

### **The Collect:**

P: The Lord be with you:

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: O God, who has prepared for them that love You such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen**

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a** (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, <sup>3</sup> and said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; <sup>5</sup> and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it and make bread cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate. <sup>9</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 27:7-14** (NASB)

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me.

**C: When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O Lord, I shall seek."**

P: Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**C: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.**

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**The Psalm: Psalm 27:7-14** (NASB) (cont'd)

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my foes.

**C: Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.**

P: I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**C: Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29** (NASB)

<sup>21</sup> And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. <sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. <sup>25</sup> Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, <sup>26</sup> that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, <sup>27</sup> to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

**The Gradual:**

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer. Alleluia, alleluia. In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in Your righteousness. Alleluia. (Psalm 84:8-9; 31:1)

**The Alleluia** (Sung in Unison)

**Allelu**, By Tom Leech (Lyrics based on Psalm 148)

Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-u-ia Al-le-lu-u- ia, Al-le-lu-u-ia.  
Al-le-lu.

The "Gradual" (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture, mostly the Psalms.

"Alleluia" is Hebrew for "Praise the Lord."

**The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:38-42** (NASB)

The Congregation rises and sings, “**Glory be to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; <sup>42</sup> but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

The Congregation sings, “**Praise be to You, O Christ.**”

**The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

**The Announcements**

**Sermon Song: Heaven Help Me** (Zach Williams) (CCLI Song #7126400)

**[Intro]**

**Verse 1**

**When I can’t find the words ..... and I can barely breathe  
I’m falling on my knees, Heaven help me, Heaven help me  
When I can’t feel You near ..... and I can’t hear You speak  
I’m falling on my knees, Heaven help me, Heaven help me.**

**Chorus**

**Help me ..... Help me  
‘Cause I ..... can’t walk this road a—lone  
And I can’t ... do this on my own  
Tell me ..... tell me  
I ..... just need to hear You say  
That everything will be okay.**

**Verse 2**

**When I don’t understand ..... when I don’t think I can  
I know You have a plan, so Heaven help me, Heaven help me.**

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The Apostles’ Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It’s not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.



**Chorus**

Help me ..... Help me  
'Cause I ..... can't walk this road a—lone  
And I can't ... do this on my own  
Tell me ..... tell me  
I ..... just need to hear You say  
That everything will be okay.

**Bridge**

Help me believe it  
When I can't see it  
Help me to know it  
When I can't hold it.

**Bridge 2**

Oh, help me believe it  
When I can't see it  
Help me to know it  
When I can't hold it.

**Chorus**

Help me ..... Help me  
'Cause I ..... can't walk this road a—lone  
And I can't ... do this on my own  
Tell me ..... tell me  
I ..... just need to hear You say  
That everything will be okay.

**Tag**

I ... just need to hear You say  
That everything will be okay.

**Ending**

When I can't find the words ..... and I can barely breathe  
I'm falling on my knees, Heaven help me, Heaven help me.

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness, and provision of life eternal.

**The Sermon:** "God's Power Working in You" | Colossians 1:21-29

**Pastor's Prayer**

**The Offertory Response** (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

**Offering Prayer**

## The Closing & Silent Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

(Please bow or kneel in prayer)

### The Lord's Prayer

Leech/Traditional ABCP 1662

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D2 D D2 Asus4 A Asus4 G ... 3 ... G D2 D2

REFRAIN Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em A A

PETITION: Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done, On earth. As it is in heav'n.

Bm Asus4 Bm Asus4 Cmaj7 Em

PETITION: Give us this day, Our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our sins, As we for-

Am7 Em A A D2

give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And

Dsus4 D D D A A Dsus4 D D G G

PETITION: Lead us not in-to temp- ta- tion. But de- liv-er us from e- vil. For

F#m G F#m G F#m G A

thine is the king-dom, And the pow-er, and the glo- ry, for- ev'r.

D2 D D2 Asus4 A Asus4 G ... 3 ... G D2 D2

REFRAIN: Our Fa-ther, Who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be, thy name.

rit.  
G D Em D G D A D

CLOSING: A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

**Closing Song: Honey in the Rock** (Brandon Lake/Brooke Ligertwood) (CCLI Song #7191257)

**Chorus 1**

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Ev'rything I need You've got, there's honey in the rock.

**Verse 1**

Praying ..... for a miracle, ..... thirsty  
For the Living Well, ..... only You can satisfy  
Sweetness ..... at the mercy seat, ..... now I've tasted  
It's not hard to see, ..... only You can satisfy.

**Chorus 2**

There's honey in the rock, ..... there's honey in the rock  
..... There's honey in the rock, ..... there's honey in the rock

**Verse 2**

Freedom ..... where the Spirit is  
Bounty ..... in the wilderness, ..... You will always satis—fy.

**Chorus 3**

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Ev'rything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan  
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands  
Started flowing when You said it is done  
Ev'rything You did's enough.

**Bridge 1A**

I keep looking, I keep finding, You keep giving, keep providing  
I have all that I ..... need, ..... You are all that I ... need  
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising, You keep proving  
I have all that I ..... need, ..... You are all that I ... need.

**Bridge 1B**

I keep looking, I keep finding, You keep giving, keep providing  
I have all that I ..... need, ..... You are all that I ... need  
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising, You keep proving  
I have all that I ..... need, ..... You are all that I ... need.

**Tag**

I have all that I ..... need, ..... You are all that I ... need, ... yeah.

**Chorus 4**

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Ev'rything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan  
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands  
Started flowing when You said it is done  
Jesus, who You are is enough.

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**Closing Song: Honey in the Rock** (cont'd)

**Interlude**

There's honey in the ... rock, ..... There's honey in the rock  
..... There's honey in the ... rock  
..... There's honey in ..... the rock.

**Ending**

Oh, how sweet, how sweet it is ... to ... trust in You, Jesus  
Oh, how sweet, how sweet it is ... to ... trust in You, Jesus  
Oh, ... how sweet, how sweet it is ... to trust in You, Jesus.

**The Benediction**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen**

**Postlude: Rattle** (Elevation Worship © 2022 Bethel Music CCLI Song  
# 7149088)

**Verse 1**

Saturday was silent, surely it was through  
But since when has im—possible ... ever stopped You?

**Verse 2**

Friday's disappointment is Sunday's empty tomb  
Since when has im—possible ... ever stopped You?

**Chorus 1**

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave, I'm coming out ... I'm gonna live gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling!

[Turnaround 1]

**Verse 3**

Pentecostal fire stirring something new  
You're not gonna run out of miracles any—time soon.

**Verse 4**

Resurrection power runs in my veins too  
I believe there's an—other miracle here in this room!

**Chorus 1**

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave, I'm coming out ... I'm gonna live gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling!  
Dry bones rattle!

[Turnaround 2]

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**Postlude: Rattle** (Elevation Worship ) (cont'd)

**Bridge**

**My God is able to save and deliver and heal  
And re-store anything that He wants to  
Just ask the man who was thrown on the bones of Elisha  
If there's anything that He can't do  
Just ask the stone that was rolled at the tomb in the garden  
What happens when God says to move  
I feel Him moving it now, I feel Him doing it now  
I feel Him doing it now, do it now ... do it now.**

**Chorus 2**

**This is the sound of dry bones rattling ... *Dry bones hear the Word of the Lord***

**This is the praise make a dead man walk again ... *Dry bones hear the Word of the Lord***

**Open the grave, I'm coming out, I'm gonna live, gonna live again  
Open the grave, I'm coming out, I'm gonna live, gonna live again  
Open the grave, I'm coming out, I'm gonna live, gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling!**

**Outro**

**This is the sound. This is the sound. Dry bones rattle!**

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Esther Cox by her children—Alan & Kerry Macugoski, Walt & Beth Cox, and Steve & Peg Cox.

**Special thanks** to Eric Wente and Kurt Ziegler. They are reading Scripture tomorrow at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

**Guest Organist:** We welcome Essi Efthimiou as our guest organist tomorrow. Fred Schell is on vacation, and we are blessed to have Essi filling in for him.

**Nursery Today:** 8:30 & Sunday School—Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—TBD.

**Known to be hospitalized:** Terry Alwine (broken leg)—Canonsburg Hospital.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Michelle Hopkins—praise God that her chemotherapy treatments are completed. Al Hatala—Room 128D at Friendship Village. Patricia VanKirk—liver cancer. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip) is now home, but he will be undergoing rehab. Larry Holt is now at ProMedica for rehab following his recent stroke. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

**On Hospice Care:** Please pray for Margie Jacobson. She remains at home, but her health is failing.

**Current Fund:** Given by Chris and Ron Stout in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by Linda Friedel in thanksgiving for the support she received from both pastors and from the congregation following the recent death of her husband, Pete.

**Official Act:** On Saturday, July 9, at 1 p.m., a funeral service was held for **John R. “Bob” Koehnke** at the Paul Henney Funeral Home. Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to his family.

**VBS Volunteers Urgently Needed:** VBS begins next week (July 25) and we still need volunteers. Please see the announcement on page 17 for details. There is a meeting TOMORROW in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for volunteers. If you can't help in person, donations of gift cards, beverages, and snacks are also needed. Please consider helping with this critical ministry of our church.

**Take Them a Meal Samaritan Ministry Opportunities:** Visit the website. (If you use the family-specific URL, you do not need the password.) Sign up and read any notes or dietary restrictions. If possible, list the dish you will be preparing, so we can try to provide variety. Reminder slips with this information are available at the church entrances. Thank you for blessing these families!

**Taylor family:** We are providing 2 meals a week through August 29. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/NIOF9396](http://takethemameal.com/NIOF9396). (Password is 8593.) Thank you for the prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

**Patricia & William VanKirk:** We are providing 2 meals a week through September 8. Their URL is [takethemameal.com/LONC0466](http://takethemameal.com/LONC0466). (Password is 8376.) Contact Melissa Bostaph at the church with questions or to have her sign you up or deliver your meals.

**Craft & Sew:** Please join the sewing group at 9:30 this Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting! Contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or [Arlene1952@gmail.com](mailto:Arlene1952@gmail.com).

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Our Library Needs You:** Our Library (located next to the Large Sunday School Room) is a great resource for Christian books, DVD's, devotionals, reference manuals and more! We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours per month to help Elaine Widich, our volunteer library coordinator. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph ([MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org](mailto:MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org)) or speak with Elaine if you can help.

**Service Opportunity This Fall:** Summer may be the time you begin looking for a way you can serve the church starting in the fall. If you love children and God's Word, look no further! The Sunday School is in *urgent* need (in September) of at least one, hopefully two or more, teachers for the Preschool age group. Classes of these littlest cherubs are small, and the curriculum provides everything needed. In addition, we would love to increase our list of those willing to rotate in to teach periodically or serve as substitutes as needed for ALL grade levels. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, and contact Sunday School superintendent, Shane Cox, with any questions at [coxfarrierservice@gmail.com](mailto:coxfarrierservice@gmail.com).

**Young Adult Bible Study:** This group will meet next Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. This will be our only July meeting. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at [andrewvogel@ruthfred.org](mailto:andrewvogel@ruthfred.org).

### **Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:**

**Preschool Teacher's Assistant:** Part-time position for the upcoming school year. Please contact Denise Stutzman with questions or to submit your resume: [denisestutzman@ruthfred.org](mailto:denisestutzman@ruthfred.org).

**Nursery Attendant:** Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for nursery workers. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

**Attention All Summer Special Music Providers:** Please let Sally and Fred know what you will be doing for the Special Music by Tuesday of each week. An email would be great—[sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org](mailto:sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org) or [frederickschell@comcast.net](mailto:frederickschell@comcast.net). If we don't hear from you, only your name will appear in the bulletin under the Special Music.

**For the summer months,** the double oak doors leading to the back parking lot will be unlocked for scheduled events, but they will be locked at all other times for security purposes. Please use the South Park entrance (across from Ruthfred Market) when entering the church Monday through Saturday.

**Summer Reading Program for Kids:** "CPH Reads" is a summer reading program offered by Concordia Publishing House. Ruthfred is participating as a way to keep our kids reading and growing their faith over the summer. The program is designed for ages 2 through 5th grade (younger children can be read to by parents or other adults). We have a variety of CPH Arch books available for borrowing, located on a bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall. Parents need to register children on the [cph.org/reads](http://cph.org/reads) website. The books read are then logged online with CPH. There are also cards to take home to track reading progress. Each faith-based CPH book counts for 100 points. Other books can be read for 50 points each. For more information, contact Peggy Glasser.

## **Adult Sunday School Class Tomorrow In Large Classroom**

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

Please join us next Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, as our youth share videos and testimony from their recent trip to Nashville, TN, for Work Camp.

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Tomorrow in the Upper Room

There will be no class in the Upper Room for the summer. Please join the adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom.

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## **Journey Through the Word Summer Session**

**Wednesdays, June 15-August 10**

**10:00-11:30 a.m.**

### **Biblical TV Series "The Chosen" Season 2**

Season 1 was so well received and enjoyed last summer that we decided to continue this year with Season 2. Come for the fellowship, an excellent drama series, and stimulating discussion. No registration is necessary. All are welcome, whether or not you have attended JTTW in the past. Please contact Sue Swan if you have questions, at [writingcygnet@gmail.com](mailto:writingcygnet@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

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Summer Sunday School for Kids

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5th grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

Summer here!

VBS 2022 will be July 25th-29th, 9 a.m. to noon

We are looking for Volunteers!! Volunteer Meeting Tomorrow?



Registration

Registration is open until July 22nd! Ages 4—8th grade. Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit www.ruthfred.org to register.

Questions?

Contact Jason Weighley by email at
Jason.weighley@gmail.com

Unable to volunteer for VBS this year, but still want to help? **We are asking for donations** for our snacks. Please consider donating the following:

Walmart or Target gift cards

Cash or checks

Juice boxes

Instant pudding cups

Ranch dressing

EMPTY food boxes (e.g. cereal or cracker boxes)

Place monetary donations/gift cards labeled "VBS" in the offering basket or in the church office throughout the week. There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall for non-monetary donations. Please have all donations in by TOMORROW. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS:

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tomorrow night, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church.

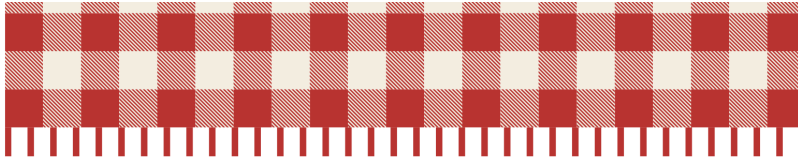
TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, July 19th, at the Burke's house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 448 Bassett Dr., Bethel Park.

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### Questions/concerns?

Contact: Regan Johnson at [ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org](mailto:ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org), or  
(c) (218)-230-5800



SAVE THE DATE!

## **ANNUAL RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC**

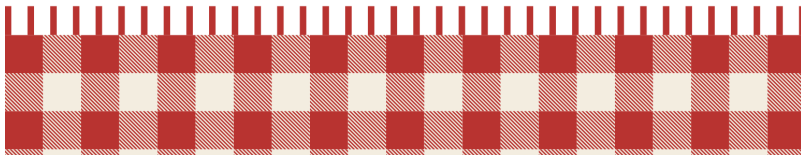
**Saturday, August 20th**

**3 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Ruthfred Ballfield**

We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring a side or dessert to round out our old-fashioned church picnic! Last names A-M bring a dessert, last names N-Z bring a side dish.

Fun for all ages! Pie-eating contest, Bingo, wiffleball, water balloon toss, Praise Team & more!



## This Week At Ruthfred

### **Tomorrow (7/17)**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School & VBS Volunteer Meeting  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Baptism of Averie James Stocker)

### **Monday (7/18)**

HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ESTHER COX

### **Tuesday (7/19)**

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (sewers)  
7:00 p.m.—Worship Team  
HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE SNYDER

### **Wednesday (7/20)**

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word

### **Friday (7/22) St. Mary Magdalene**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)  
HAPPY 94<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ANDY KOVAC

### **Saturday (7/23)**

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—VBS Decorating

### **Sunday (7/24)**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
12:00 p.m.—VBS Decorating  
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A & C Vogels'  
Deadline for Herald submissions for August issue

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Welcome to worship! Here may you find rest for your souls, challenge and comfort alike, and inspiration to share Christ's love as you go forth in faith.

#### Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...255 Sunday School...72

8:30 Live Stream...43

JTTW...18

## Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the pastors, elders and/or church know of your prayer needs.

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Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors only).

Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

## Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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I am a/an:

- 1st-Time Visitor
- 2nd-Time Visitor
- Out-of-Town Visitor
- Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- What It Means To Be a Christian
- Church Membership
- Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- Ways To Share My Gifts

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