

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (www.aflc.org)

We are delighted to have you with us this morning 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 charter in 1949, 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 2.
- ◆ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins 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.

The Divine Service of the Word

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 23, 2018

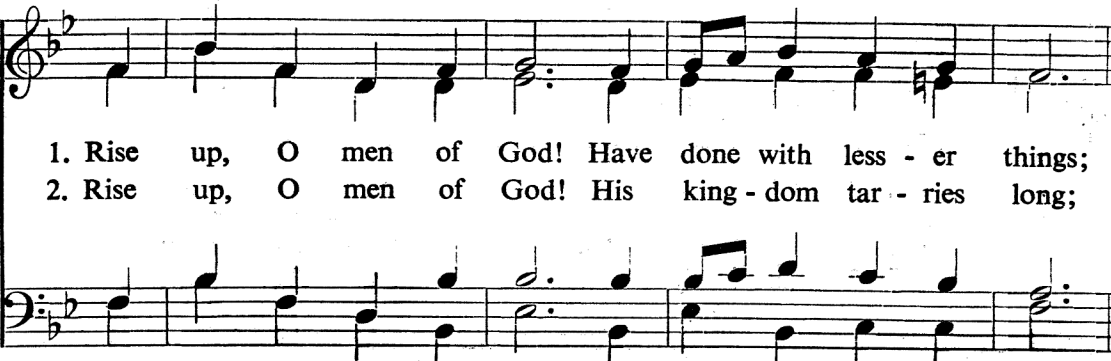
Prelude:

Air with Variations (Leo Sowerly)

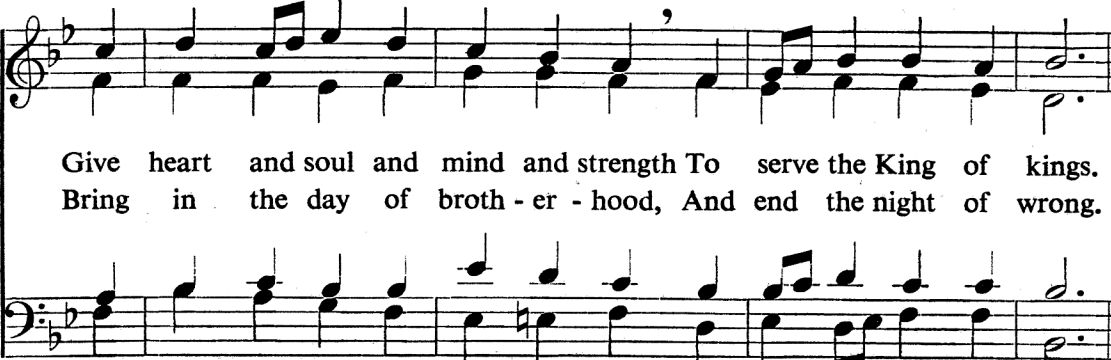
The Opening Hymn:

"Rise Up, O Men Of God!" (SBH541)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;



Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood, And end the night of wrong.

3 Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up and make her great!

4 Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

The Call to Worship

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 Sin (SBH, p. 41)

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.

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

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

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

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

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

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

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).

"Introit" means "to enter into," and is a responsive reading meant to lead God's forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only-begotten son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Righteous are You, O Lord.

C: And upright are Your judgments. Deal with Your servant.

P: According to Your mercy. Blessed are the undefiled in the way.

C: Who walk in the law of the Lord. (Psalm 119: 1, 124, 137)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 41)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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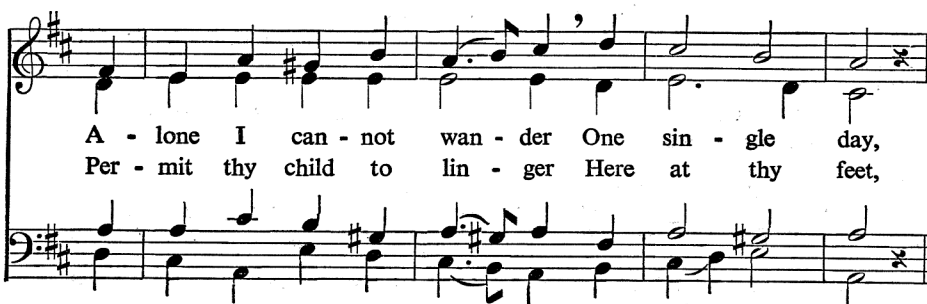
C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Hymn of Praise:

"O Take My Hand, Dear Father" (SBH292)



1. O take my hand, dear Fa - ther, And lead thou me,
Till at my jour - ney's end - ing I dwell with thee.
2. O cov - er with thy mer - cy My poor, weak heart,
Lest I in joy or sor - row From thee de - part.



A - lone I can - not wan - der One sin - gle day,
Per - mit thy child to lin - ger Here at thy feet,



So do thou guide my foot - steps On life's rough way.
Thy good - ness blind - ly trust - ing With faith com - plete. A-men.

3 Though oft thy power but faintly
May stir my soul,
With thee, my light in darkness,
I reach the goal.
Take then my hand, dear Father,
And lead thou me,
Till at my journey's ending
I dwell with thee. Amen.

The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

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: Let us continue to pray: Lord, we beseech You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 9: 30-37 (NASB)

When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, and she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out the window. ³¹ As Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it well, Zimri, your master's murderer?" ³² Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two or three officials looked down at him. ³³ He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot. ³⁴ When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter." ³⁵ They went to bury her, but they found nothing more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. ³⁶ Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; ³⁷ and the corpse of Jezebel will be as dung on the face of the field in the property of Jezreel, so they cannot say, "This is Jezebel."'"

The Psalm: Psalm 90: 1-6, 12 (NASB)

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

P: You turn man back into dust and say, "Return, O children of men."

C: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by, or as a watch in the night.

P: You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep; in the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew. In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew; toward evening it fades and withers away.

C: So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 12: 1-24 (NASB)

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them. ² And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword. ³ When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God. ⁶ On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." ¹² And when he realized *this*, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ When he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. They kept saying, "It is his angel." ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened *the door*, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brethren." Then he left and went to another place. ¹⁸ Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to* what could have become of Peter. ¹⁹ When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they be led away *to execution*. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and was spending time there. ²⁰ Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because their country was fed by the king's country. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and *began* delivering an address to them. ²² The people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³ And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴ But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

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."

Welcome & Friendship
Pads

SS—Jore's sharing

Schedule:
1) Family Brunch 12:30
2) Men's Bro. Dinner
(last day to sign up)
3) XYX Sign Up

Opportunities to Pray:
1) Styche Family
2) Schmidt now at
Manor Care
3) Vicar Czymbor

Lyrics on page 14
Lyrics on page 15

The Gradual:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He has chosen for His own Inheritance. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Alleluia. (Psalm 33: 6, 12; 116:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 12: 16-21 (NASB)

The Congregation shall rise and sing, "**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**"

And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. ¹⁷ And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?' ²¹ So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The Congregation shall sing, "**Praise be to Thee, 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 (Please be seated)

The Special Music

8:30 Worship Team—"Allelu" (Tom Leech)

11:00 Senior Choir—"Ride the Chariot" (arr. Thomas)

The Sermon Hymn:

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word" (SBH155, 2nd tune)

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in thy word, Curb
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, thy power make known, For

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses provided.

those who fain by craft or sword Would wrest the king-dom from thy
thou art Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend thy Chris-ten-dom, that

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Son, And set at naught all he hath done.
we May ev - er - more sing praise to thee. A - men.

The third system concludes the hymn. The melody and accompaniment end with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the staves.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

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:

"Pains & Prayers; Words & Worms" | Acts 12: 1-24

Sermon Notes:

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 thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The Offering & Offertory

"The Heavens Are Telling" (Beethoven)

The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Closing Hymn:

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

(SBH195)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Fugue in C Major"

(J. S. Bach)

1. On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go; Con-quered
2. If with hon - est - heart - ed Love for God and man, Day by

hath our Lead - er, Van-quished is the foe. Christ with - out, our
day thou find us Do - ing what we can, Thou who giv'st the

safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy; Who, if we be faith - ful,
seed - time Wilt give large in - crease, Crown the head with bless - ings,

Refrain

Can our hope de - stroy? On our way re - joic - ing As we
Fill the heart with peace.

for-ward move, Heark-en to our prais - es, O thou God of love! A-men.

3 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit
Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing
Now and evermore. Amen.

Allelu

By Tom Leech

Lyrics based on Psalm 148

Chorus:

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

Verse 1

Alleluia; praise the Lord of heaven.

Alleluia; praise Him all creation.

Alleluia; praise Him for his glory.

His name is wonderful.

Verse 2:

Alleluia; sing unto to Him praises.

Alleluia; sing with all the angels.

Alleluia; now, and with a loud voice,

Come sing a wondrous song.

Closing Chorus:

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

Al-le-lu.

Ride the Chariot

Logan Huwe, Conga Drums

Ride the chariot in the morning Lord,
Ride the chariot in the morning.

I never shall forget that day,
When all my sins were taken away,
I'm gettin' ready for that Judgement Day.
Ride on, ride on.

My feet were snatched from the miry clay,
I'll serve my Lord till Judgement Day.
I'm gettin' ready for that Judgement Day.
Ride on, ride on.

Are you ready my brother?
Are you ready my sister?
Yes, I'm ready for the Judgement Day.

Are you ready for that journey?
I'm ready for that journey,
Oh, ride on, ride on, my Lord.
Ride the chariot in the morning, Lord,
Ride the chariot in the morning.
I'm gettin' ready for that Judgement Day!

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Linda Schweitzer in memory of Wilmer Schweitzer. Lovingly remembered and greatly missed by family and friends.

The chancel rail flowers are given by Bob and Judy Boyd with gratitude for many answered prayers, 48 years of marriage on September 19th and in loving memory of John H. Dennis.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Greta Kelly; during Sunday School—Shari Smith; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Cheryl Schmidt—Shadyside Hospital.

Gerry Styche is on hospice care and in declining health. Her current address is: 108 Clearview Drive, McMurray PA 15317.

Official Acts: A funeral service was held for Elmer Wunderlich on Thursday, September 20th at the Beinhauer Funeral Home.

Fall Family Brunch-Fellowship, Food and Fun: Covered dish, today, Sunday, September 23, 2018 (NO STEELER GAME THAT DAY). Time – immediately following the second service (12:15) until about 2:30 p.m. Entertainment of jugglers/dancers. Sign up to attend today after the 8:30 service and prior to the 11:00 service. Please come! It will be great to spend time together and share our comfort food! For questions, contact Bev Rowan.

Men's Annual Dinner Rev. Dr. Ed Glover, founder of Urban Impact and Man Up in Pittsburgh will be our speaker this year! Our Steak/Chicken Dinner is on Thursday, September 27th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kurt Radke will be providing the music. The Family Deli will be catering for a cost of \$15.00/adult and only \$10.00/youth. Pastor Glover has a passion for men's ministry and you don't want to miss this great time of fellowship together!

Hey XYZers: It's *that* time again. Today is the last day to sign up for our luncheon and program on September 28th. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. Looks like we have a good turn out and it should be a great event with Atty. Ben Urso of Zachary-Brown explaining Elder Law and how we can protect our assets. Be sure to sign up today!

Please continue to pray for Gina Consoli. Gina had a brain tumor partially removed last month. Her MRI scheduled for Friday, September 14th has been postponed due to Hurricane Florence. Please keep her in prayer. Her address is: 4305 Excursion Drive, Dalzell, SC 29040

We understand mistakes are made and if you, inadvertently, took home a blue pyrex dish, please return it to the church. Thank you.

Library Committee: We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 26th in the conference room at 1:00 pm. to begin the process of cleaning out some of the books. We will, also, be talking about the new system that will be more user friendly. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us—the more hands we have the faster the job will go!. Thanks in advance.

Pray for Vicar Czymbor as he is in Israel on a seminary trip this week. A general AFLC donor has underwritten the cost of all seminary students and faculty to visit Israel!

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Nate and Rhoda Jore will be sharing about their mission in Uganda

Sunday, September 30, 2018—Sunday, November 18, 2018

Pastor Carlson begins a series on Ezra-Nehemiah—"Re-visioning Church"

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room thru Sunday, 11/18/18

Next Sunday the adults will begin a new series together (both large classroom and the upper room) on "Envisioning the Future" through the lens of the books of Ezra-Nehemiah. We will study how God Regathered, Rebuilt, Reformed and Renewed His people for their role in God's great work of Redemption and Restoration of our world.

Acts Preaching Series: Today we continue our 12-week preaching series in the book of Acts. We will discover how God formed and called the Church for the Mission of sharing the Good News throughout the world.

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**Happy 91st Birthday to Harry Fjaere** on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Please remember Harry with birthday wishes and prayers.

**Congratulations** to Rob and Kait Roth and big sister, Katherine, on the birth of Kase Thomas on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

**Although our Sight and Sound** venture is still a while off, it is important that we form a committee of everyone who is considering taking the trip. In order to be timely, the last date to sign up will be February 24, 2019, as we will need to contact everyone, collect the funds for the trip and finalize everything with the bus company. Sign-up sheets, as well as, a copy of the itinerary are located on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. This promises to be an excellent trip. Sign up today!!

## **Pastor's Fund**

Given by Jim and Lee MacManus in memory of Ruth Speer and Ralph Cue (Debbie Smith's father).

Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

Given by Mick and Marlene Nowicki in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

Given by Mike and Kathy Prentiss in memory of Dagny Fjaere.

# YOUTH NEWS

## **SWAP (6-8 Grade)**

**There will be SWAP Tonight!** SWAP is our weekly get together for 6-8 Graders, during this time we play games, have a bible lesson, and get to know one another as we become a community in Christ.

## **FALL FESTIVAL (6-12 Grade kids & Families)**

Steve and Peggy Cox have once again opened their farm to the youth and their families for our annual fall festival. The Festival will be taking place on **October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 9pm** at the Farm. During this time, we will be participating in fall themed activities, enjoying great food, and watching an outdoor movie (weather permitting). Contact Brandon ASAP to RSVP if you are planning to attend.

## **SWAP Retreat (6-8 Grade)**

Registration is open for this year's annual SWAP retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp. We will be leaving from church on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, and returning Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> around 3pm. During their time at Seneca Hills the kids will play large group games, participate in worship, enjoy great food, and take in a number of sessions from a guest speaker. Forms are available outside the youth office, cost is \$65.

## **SWAP Late Night (6-8 Grade)**

**On September 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a late night for Grades 6-8. The Late Night will start at 5pm, at Church, and end at 10pm. During that time, we will play games, eat pizza, watch a movie and enjoy spending time together. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brandon ASAP.

## SAVE THE DATE

**September 29 – SWAP Late Night**

**October 6 -- Fall Festival**

**October 19 -- SWAP Retreat**

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com / (c) (715)-781-6063

## This Week At Ruthfred

### Today (9/23)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
12:15 p.m.—Fall Family Brunch  
6:30 p.m.—GIFT Bible Study @ Killinger's

### Monday (9/24)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

### Wednesday (9/12) Herald Mailing

9:15 a.m.—JTTW  
5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir  
6:45 p.m.—JTTW/KidsTime  
6:45 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes  
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

### Thursday (9/27)

10:00 a.m.—Knitting Group  
7:00 p.m.—Career & College Group  
7:00 p.m.—Men's Annual Steak Fry Dinner

### Friday (9/28)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera  
12:00 p.m.—XYZ

God has showered us with love, and we respond by uniting in worship. Welcome, one and all! During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

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Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...371 Sunday School...126  
JTTW (morn)...72 Children...00  
JTTW (evening)...70 KidsTime...34

## Prayer Requests

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

☐ Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors and vicar 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.

Date:

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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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