

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

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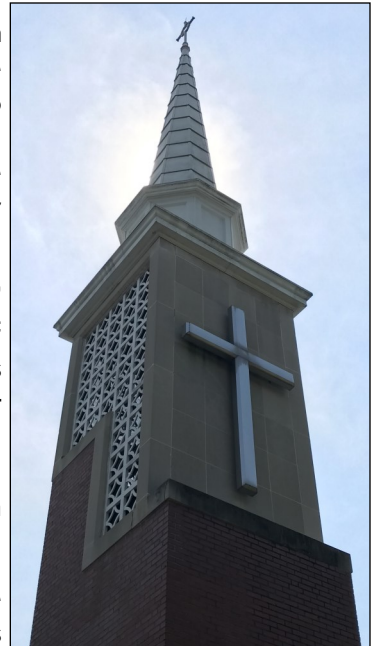
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 an offering basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 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 *scherschnitte*, created specially for our church by local artist Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 13, 2023

Prelude:

"All Glory Be To God On High"

(B. M. Cull)

"I Shall Not Want"

(Gene Clarke)

"Epilogue Of Praise"

(Franklin Ritter)

The Opening Hymn:

"O Worship the King"

(SBH #163)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, thy

sing his won - der - ful love; Our shield and de - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space; His char - iots of wrath the deep
power hath found - ed of old; Hath stab - lished it fast by a

An - cient of Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.

- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant, 1779–1838
Psalm 104*

The "invocation" is Latin for "call upon." In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ's name we have access to the Father's throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God's presence and blessing upon this service of "divine liturgy" in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

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.

The Call to Worship and Invocation

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. 41)

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: 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

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: As for me, I will call upon God, and He shall hear my voice.

C: He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

P: God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abides of old.

C: Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you.

P: Give ear to my prayer, O God;

C: And hide not Yourself from my supplication.

(Psalm 55:1, 16, 18, 19, 22)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 43)

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.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Hymn of
Praise:**

**"Let All the World
in Every Corner
Sing"**

(SBH #418)

1. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing, 'My God and King!'
2. Let all the world in ev - ery cor - ner sing, 'My God and King!'

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thith - er fly;
The Church with psalms must shout; No door can keep them out;

The earth is not too low, His prais - es there may grow.
But, a - bove all, the heart Must bear the long - est part.

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George Herbert, 1593–1633

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: O God, who declares Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace, that we, running the way of Your commandments, may obtain Your gracious promises, and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; 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: Job 38:4-18 (NASB)

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding, ⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors when, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; ⁹ when I made a cloud its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ And I placed boundaries on it and set a bolt and doors, ¹¹ and I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther; and here shall your proud waves stop?’”

¹² “Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, *and* caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³ that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴ It is changed like clay *under* the seal; and they stand forth like a garment. ¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and the uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶ Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸ Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you know all this.”

The Psalm: Psalm 18:1-6 (NASB)

P: “I love You, O LORD, my strength.”

C: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

C: The cords of death encompassed me, and the torrents of ungodliness terrified me.

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The Psalm: Psalm 18:1-6 (NASB) (cont'd)

P: The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me.

C: In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:5-17 (NASB)

⁵ For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), ⁷ or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." ⁸ But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

¹⁶ However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" ¹⁷ So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

The Gradual

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of Your wings. Let my sentence come forth from Your presence. Let Your eyes behold the things that are equal. Alleluia. Alleluia. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God. Defend me from them that rise up against me. (Psalm 17:2, 8, 13, 14)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Matthew 14:22-33 (NASB)

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

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. ²³ After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. ²⁴ But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

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 Special Music

8:30 & 11:00: *My Faith Is An Anchor* (S. Claypool)

Peggy Glasser & April Blackston

Tom Glasser, keyboard and Robert Vogel, piano

The Announcements

The Receiving of New Members: (8:30 & 11:00)

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.

The Sermon Hymn: "This Is My Father's World" (SBH #487)

In moderate time

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
 na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me ev-ery-where.

3 This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world;
 Why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
 God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1858–1901

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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 Sarcasm" | Job 38:4-18

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 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.

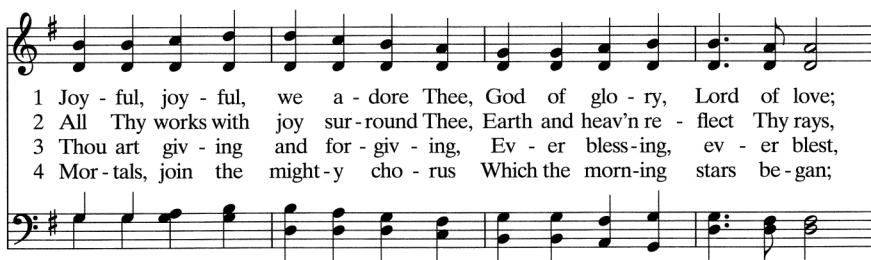
May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

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

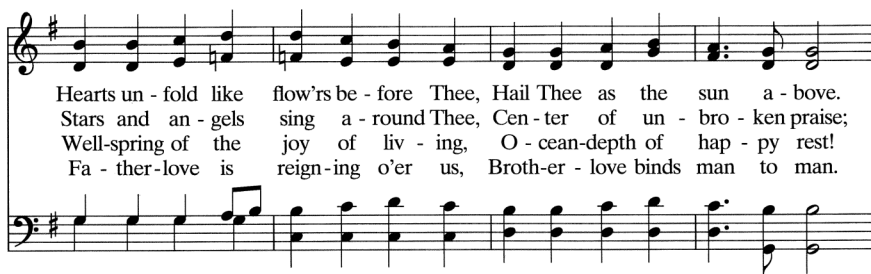
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

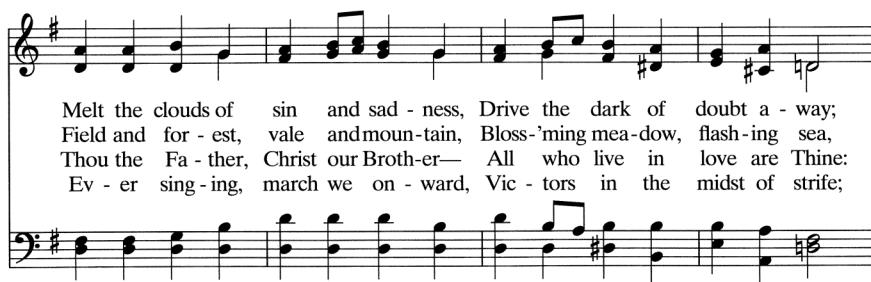
The Closing Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (AMB #197)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Hail Thee as the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise;
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther-love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er - love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Bloss - 'ming mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou the Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine:
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Tune: melody from Ninth Symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827

HYMN TO JOY
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The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major (J.S. Bach)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Jason and Donna Weighley in honor of our daughter Heather's 20th birthday.

The chancel rail flowers are presented by Rich Lindner in loving commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his marriage to Becky on August 11, 1973. Thank you, God, for such a wonderful blessing!

Special thanks to Al Macugoski and Eric Wente. They are reading Scriptures at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., respectively.

Substitute Organist: Please welcome Peggy Arelt as our substitute organist this morning. We are grateful to her for sharing her talent in this way!

Nursery Today: 8:30—Donna Weighley; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: None known.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Dot Corbett—back at Concordia after a brief stay at St. Clair Hospital. Debbie Huffman—at home recovering from surgery. Jodie Riley—breast cancer. Bill VanKirk—skin cancer. Dee Coldsmith—Providence Point. Marian Meyer—back fracture. Ken Meyer (Marian's son)—stage 4 prostate cancer. Gene Hershberger—treatment for lung cancer. Amy Jones (Al Malone's daughter)—broken pelvis. Her address is 1216 Valley St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Abby Stutzman—autoimmune disorders. Virginia DiSalvo. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Condolences: Our pastor and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of our dear member Larry Sheatsley. Larry passed away on August 6, 2023. Please keep Larry's family, including members Mark and Edda Sheatsley, and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. A Funeral Service for Larry was held on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 11:30am at Jefferson Memorial.

Condolences: Our pastor and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of our dear member Joanne Segerdahl and her family on the passing of her sister, Norma Kuhlman, on August 7, 2023. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Current Fund: Given by Marian Meyer in memory of Jim Segerdahl. Given by Ed and Elaine Ek in memory of Jim Segerdahl. Given by Paul DeVecchio in memory of Jim Segerdahl. Given by Edward and Tracy Weller in memory of Jim Segerdahl. Given by Norma, Bob, & Lynn Vogel in memory of Donna Neil. Given by Natalie Kugler & The German American National Congress ("D.A.N.K." Pittsburgh Chapter #58) in memory of Erna Jochum.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Mary Lou and Joe McKenna in memory of Larry Holt. Given by a Friend in Christ in memory of Larry Holt.

Benevolence Fund: Given by Joan & Cliff Morton in memory of Jim Segerdahl. Given by Carol & Andy Ausefski in loving memory of Jim Segerdahl.

Youth Fund: Given by Mari Donlin in memory of Joanne Salvetti

Announcements (cont'd)

Kids' Time Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy games and teaching kids about the Word of God? If so, we need you for **Wednesday night Kids' Time** starting September 14 to help spread the love of Jesus. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Mason Mitchell at MasonMitchell@ruthfred.org. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity at Ruthfred:

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.

Volunteer Guidelines: Please note that **all volunteers age 18 and older must have current clearances** in order to serve with children and youth at VBS, Sunday School, and youth events. Clearances are good for 5 years. Contact Felicia Rieck in the church office for more information.

2023-2024 Preschool Registration is now open online at ruthfred.org. Contact AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour. Spaces are available.

Leaders of Youth Today Email (LYTE) Sign-Up: This group is a monthly email chain for anyone who wants to stay up-to-date with current events in the lives of youth and youth culture, including the health and events of Ruthfred youth. LYTE will serve as a training and equipping resource for those who serve the youth of our church, both within the walls and outside the walls. If you have a desire for the youth in our congregation to know and love Jesus within the culture where they live, this group is for you. Please contact our Youth Director, Coltin Cox, if you would like to be added to the list: ColtinCox@ruthfred.org.

Support Life: Human Coalition/Health for Her in Bethel Park has contacted Ruthfred with some urgent needs. If you would like to make a donation, please place your items in the marked bin in the Fireside Lounge by TODAY. If a group would like to go in on an item, they are in need of NEW (still in the box) Pack 'N Plays, travel systems, and infant car seats. Other needs include shampoo, lotion, diaper cream, wipes; NEW receiving blankets, baby blankets, and mini crib sheets; NEW or GENTLY USED **newborn** short & long sleeve onesies; **newborn** girls' sleepers; **newborn to 6 months** girls' and boys' spring/summer clothes; **newborn to 12 months** girls' fall/winter clothing; and **newborn** boys' fall/winter clothing. Thank you for your help. Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

"Souper" September: We are again going to hold our annual "Souper" September soup drive in memory of Pastor Dennis. It's hard to believe that it has been 15 years since he was called to his heavenly home! This year's donations will benefit S.H.I.M. (South Hills Interfaith Movement) located in Bethel Park, and also City Mission in Washington, PA. Any type of soup will be accepted, but they are especially in need of low-sodium soups. The container where you may place your donations will be outside of the kitchen beginning Sunday, 9/3, and the last day to drop off will be Sunday, 9/24. For questions please contact Carol Ward at (412) 559-2592 or wardmailbox1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Ruthfred 75th Anniversary Committee Request: Next April, Ruthfred will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. Planning has begun for celebrating this milestone. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Becky Evans. In the meantime, please be thinking about your happiest memories of Ruthfred. If you are willing to share a memory or memories, there is a collection box on the table near the elevator on the lower level. Or, feel free to send an email to ruthfred@ruthfred.org. Thank you for blessing us with your memories!

New Members

These people are being received today by confirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Aiden Anderson

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Meghan Mitchell

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Bethel Park, PA 15102

Anna Marie Bostaph

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Bethel Park, PA 15102

Jack & Lisa Robinson

350 Ridge Rd.

McDonald, PA 15057

Rodlyn Checcio

267 Toura Dr.

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Anna Sanchioli

2517 Starkamp St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Melissa Lowman

2517 Starkamp St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Save the Date!

RUTHFRED CHURCH PICNIC

GAMES | FUN | MUSIC



Get ready for Ruthfred's annual church picnic! We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs, you bring a side or dessert. Last names A-K please bring a salad, L-S please bring a side (not salad), and T-Z please bring a dessert.

..... SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

RUTHFRED BALLFIELD

3 PM - 7 PM

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Why is Ruthfred part of a national church body called the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)? What's the AFLC, what's a congregation, and why does that matter to me? Pastor McMinn and others will guide the adult Sunday School class through a series called "*The Gospel in The Congregation*," written in part by Pastor James Molstre, a former pastor at Ruthfred. Join us for this series, which includes great videos and a short, helpful workbook. Don't assume you already understand the Biblical role of a congregation and your part in it. Come and see for yourself what it's all about.

This Sunday we will begin **Lesson 6—Spiritual Gifts in the Congregation.**

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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—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters' animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Mason for youth Sunday School classes. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

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

There is a **SWAP** meeting tonight at Ruthfred 6-7:30 p.m.

### **TNT (9-12 Grade)**

TNT will meet on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 7-9:00 p.m. at the Nirellas' house (3427 Thornwood Dr., Bethel Park).

**Save the date:** Hazelbaker's TNT Canoe Trip, Saturday, August 19, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Questions/concerns?

**Contact: Coltin Cox at ColtinCox@ruthfred.org, or
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This Week At Ruthfred

Today (8/13)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

New members welcomed at both services.

Monday (8/14)

6:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting & Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Happy 90th Birthday, Eleanor Dymond!

Tuesday (8/15)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Friday (8/18)

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)

Saturday (8/19)

11:00 a.m.—Memorial service for Donna Neil at Ruthfred

1:00 p.m.—Baptism service for Winona and Valerie Miller

Sunday (8/20)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

3:00—7:00 p.m.—Church Picnic with Praise Team

A joyous and blessed Sabbath to you, brothers and sisters in Christ! Welcome to worship!

Attendance for Last Week:

Worship...257 Sunday School...43

8:30 Live Stream...31

JTTW...22

Prayer Requests

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

☐ Please keep this request private (for the pastor 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:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

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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