

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

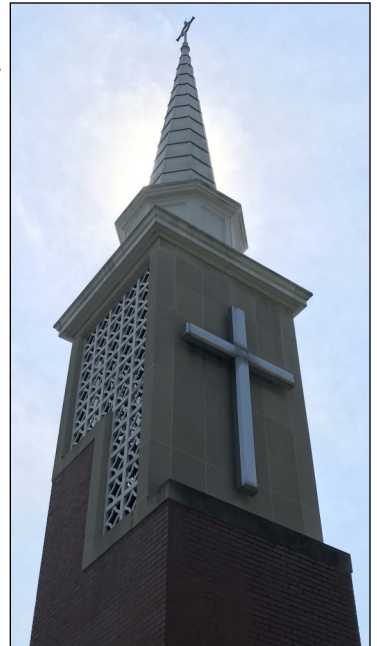
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 2022

Prelude:

"Allegro Maestoso"

(G. F. Handel)

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

(D. Wood)

The Opening Hymn:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(SBH#520, 1st tune)

(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y, Hold me with thy
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my

power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, Feed me
jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, Strong de - liv - erer, Be thou

till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield. A - men.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee. Amen.

*William Williams, 1717-91
Tr. from the Welsh by the author
and Peter Williams, 1722-96*

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: 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: Have respect to the covenant.

C: O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause.

C: Forget not the voice of Your enemies.

P: O God, why have You cast us off forever?

C: Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

(Psalm 74:1, 20-23)

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.

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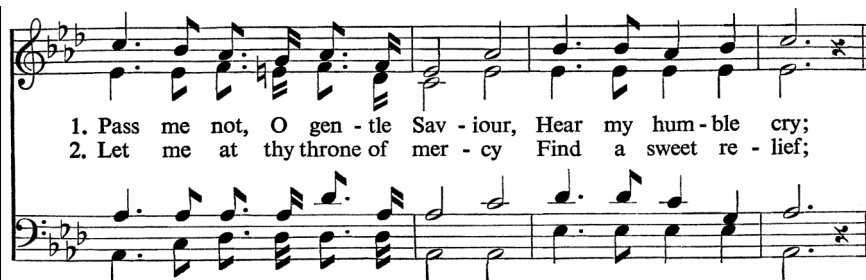
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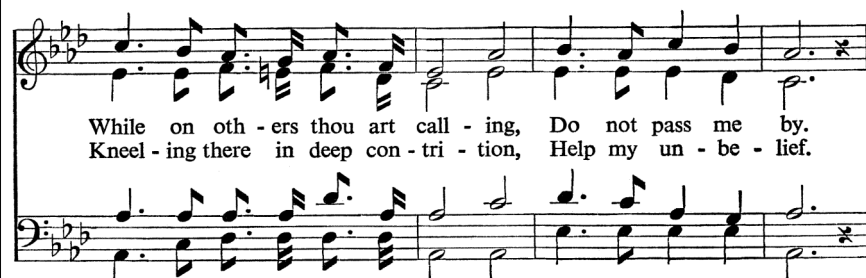
**The Hymn of
Praise:**

**"Pass Me Not O
Gentle Savior"**

(SBH#461)



1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - iour, Hear my hum - ble cry;
2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;



While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.

Refrain



Sav - iour, Sav - iour, hear my hum - ble cry, While on



oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

3 Trusting only in thy merit,
Would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by thy grace.

4 Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside thee,
Whom in heaven but thee?

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

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: Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity. And that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command. Through Thy 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: Ezekiel 34:11-24 (NASB)

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest," declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷ "As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats. ¹⁸ Is it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!" ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, "Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad, ²² therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken."

The Psalm: Psalm 119:169-176 (NASB)

P: Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give me understanding according to Your word.

C: Let my supplication come before You; deliver me according to Your word.

P: Let my lips utter praise, for You teach me Your statutes.

C: Let my tongue sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness.

P: Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts.

C: I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight.

P: Let my soul live that it may praise You, and let Your ordinances help me.

C: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NASB)

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*. ¹⁶ Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gradual:

Have respect to the covenant. O let not the oppressed return ashamed. Arise, O God, plead Your own cause. Forget not the voice of Your enemies. Alleluia, alleluia. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. Alleluia. (Psalm 74:20-21; 88:1)

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: Luke 15:1-10 (NASB)

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. ² Both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So He told them this parable, saying, ⁴ "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Congregation shall sing, **"Praise be to Thee, O Christ."**

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 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: Senior Choir—"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Kendrick/Schrader)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story:
Shine on me.

11:00: Will Charlton—"When Leaves Fall" (Thad Fiscella) — Piano

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

"O For a Closer Walk with God" (SBH#466)



1. O for a clos - er walk with God, A calm and heaven-ly frame,
2. Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew When first I saw the Lord?
3. What peace-ful hours I once en-joyed! How sweet their mem - ory still!



A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view Of Je - sus and his word?
But they have left an ach - ing void The world can nev - er fill.



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| 4 Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast. | 5 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee. |
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6 So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1731–1800

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 Shepherds His People " | Ezekiel 34:1 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 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:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(AMB #187)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

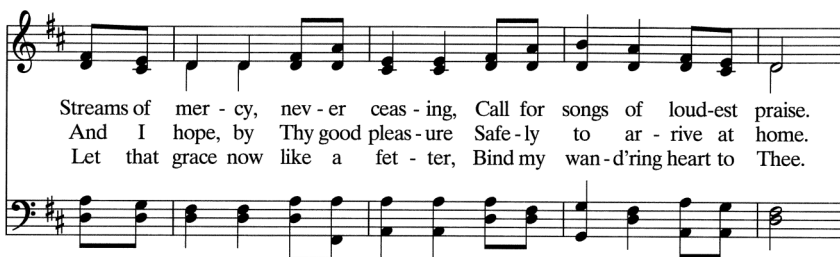
The Postlude:

"Finale from Concerto Five"

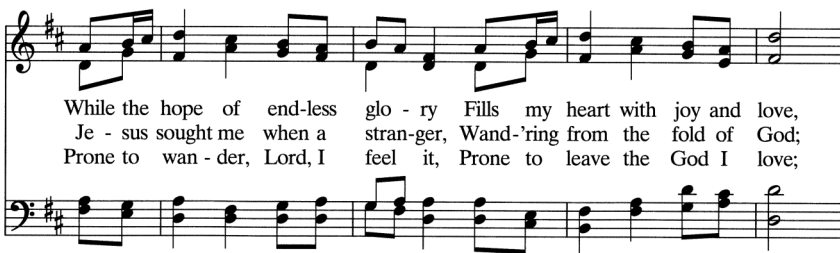
(G. F. Handel)



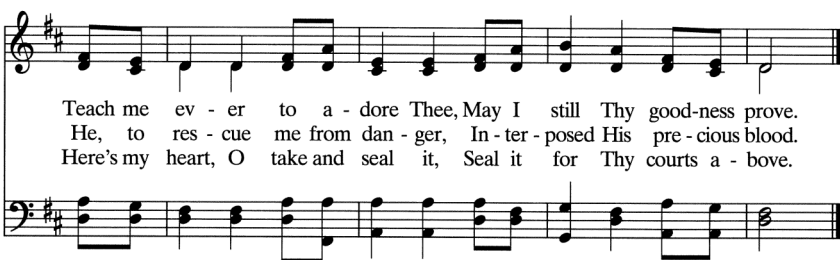
1 Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer, Hith-er by Thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a deb - tor, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure Safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wand-'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Teach me ev - er to a - dore Thee, May I still Thy good-ness prove.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790
Tune: John Wyeth, 1770-1858

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Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Carol and Bill Ward in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. They fondly remember being united in marriage by Pastor Dennis and Pastor Molstre.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Jenna Schwartz & Sadie Carlson; Sunday School —Jenna Schwartz; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Larry Sheatsley—Canonsburg Hospital, Room 226. Please keep him in your prayers and support him with cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Elizabeth Hardy is now home recovering from her recent surgery. Carolyn Carr is at home recuperating from a serious concussion. Phone calls are difficult, but she appreciates cards. Terry Alwine is now home from the hospital. 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 Pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Patricia VanKirk, who passed away on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Official Act: On Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 11 a.m., Pastor Carlson and Pastor McMinn officiated at the funeral of Patricia VanKirk in the sanctuary at Ruthfred.

Current Fund: Given by Marian Meyer in memory of Larry Holt.

A sincere thank you to all for the many cards and prayers for my recovery from surgery.
Elizabeth Hardy

Address Update: Marian Meyer, Concordia of South Hills, 1300 Bower Hill Rd., Apt. 1325, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

“Souper” September: We are again going to hold our annual “Souper” September soup drive in memory of Pastor Dennis. 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, September 4th, and the last day to drop off will be Sunday, September 25th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Ward at (412) 559-2592 or wardmailbox1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Family Fall Festival: Hold the date—Saturday, October 15, 3-8 p.m. at the Cox Family Farm.

Children’s Choir: Children in grades 1-6 are invited to meet together on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:40, starting September 14, to enjoy a time of biblical, Scripture-centered music education. For more information, please contact Melissa Manzo, 724-518-0220 or mmanzos@yahoo.com.

2023 Budget Congregational Input Meeting: Each year during the church budget planning, a meeting is open for members of the congregation to attend to ask questions or provide their input for the forthcoming budget year. The Congregational Budget Input Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge. Church members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward or John Morden.

Announcements (cont'd)

Thank You from Light of Life Mission: “It was a joy to worship with the Ruthfred congregation and to spend time in the Adult Sunday School Class! We are so grateful for Ruthfred’s support over the last 40 years.”—**Blessings, Colleen**

Sincere Thank You: To the Ruthfred congregation for always advancing my name to the Lord. I am so grateful. Thru thick and thin, I always know you are praying. It means so much!—**Caryl Hansen.**

Attention all XYZers: The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the Library. Norm Candelore and Kim Geyer, from the Retail Operations Department at Sarris Candies, will speak at the next meeting, which will be Friday, September 23. They will share history, as well as product samples. Yum! Please be sure to sign up to hear the program and also to experience a great lunch, lovingly prepared by our own Peggy Cox.

Calling all crafters: Our start-up date for the Craft & Sew crafters is Monday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. If you can cut, paste, or sew a straight seam, we could use your help. Mark your calendar and join us for our crafts and lots of chatter. For further information, please contact Kathy Rostauscher, 412-833-1198.

Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word: It’s that time of the year when our hearts return to Fall Bible study! Wednesday morning JTTW will resume on September 14th. We will be studying *1 Corinthians*. If you have not yet registered, there will be a basket across from each elevator with registration forms. Please fill one out and give it to an usher. We have groups for both men and women and an online study group—all are welcome! Join us for this important and relevant study. Questions? Contact Sue Swan—412-708-3535 or writingcygnet@gmail.com.

Benevolence Committee: Our next meeting will be Monday, September 26th at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. We will be discussing the budget. We invite the congregation’s input, so please speak with a committee member or come to the meeting with suggestions or questions. Committee members are Sue Hughes, Patty Condre, Kathi Siciliano, Tom Swan, and Jill Kurtz.

Compassion International: There is still a table display by the elevator on the sanctuary level in connection with last Sunday’s presentation in the Adult Sunday School class. Packets containing pictures and information about children needing sponsorships will be available at the table. Our world is filled with children who need to be fed, both physically and spiritually! Through Compassion International, we feed them in the name of Christ!

Life Team: We are considering the formation of a Lutherans For Life (LFL) Life Team at Ruthfred. This will be a group of individuals who want to become involved in the sanctity of human life issues related to abortion, assisting crisis pregnancy centers, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and many other areas. Training is prepared by LFL and will equip members of the team to work effectively in these ministries. There is an article published in the September Herald that will more fully address the Life Team and its work. Shortly thereafter we will schedule a meeting for those members who want to explore how to become more involved in the pro-life arena. Keep your eye on upcoming bulletins for the date and time.

Adult SS Class In Large Classroom

Today, Pastor Carlson will be sharing about his experiences in visiting different churches this past summer. In addition, he will lead a discussion about why our worship service has the format it does, and what this means for us.

Looking ahead for Adult Sunday School:

Sunday, September 18th: Pastor Carlson will begin teaching a series on the book of I Thessalonians for the Adult Sunday School Class.

The little book of I Thessalonians is perhaps the earliest canonical writing of St. Paul. It's focus is **"The Life of the Christian Congregation."** It is a gem of a book, filled with "an unmingled sweetness" of Christian love. In it we will be learning about sharing our faith, serving one another, living godly lives, understanding the end times, and how to live out the Gospel in the community of the congregation. You are invited!!! It will be wonderful to study and discuss this book together!



2022-2023 Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

We invite you to join us and grow in knowledge and comprehension of Scripture concerning "31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse". Evening JTTW 2022-2023 will use the first of three study guides that accompany Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs to examine the international and cultural signs of the times and the significance to end-time events.

Evening JTTW provides families with the opportunity to begin or continue the journey of studying biblical truth. Then, when we face the future, we will enjoy a wondrously close relationship with the Almighty God and be better prepared to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ in peace and comfort. Please consider growing with us to be informed witnesses for Christ. This is a great time to be alive, a time God chose for us with a command to speak His truth into the lives of others.



Please join us **October 19, 2022**, as we begin a twelve-week study of Dr. Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. Our Wednesday evening gatherings will begin with a Forkless Dinner offered for all families from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Following this fellowship time, a Kids' Time program is offered for children that runs in parallel with Evening JTTW. For more information on programs and to register for Evening JTTW, visit the Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at www.ruthfred.org. There is also an article in the current issue of the Herald.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodie or Mark Riley, 412-401-9137.

YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight for the middle school students! 6-7:30pm at the Church.

Save the date: SWAP Retreat at Seneca Hills, October 22-23. More information coming!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on September 13th, 7-9 p.m.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee (Pete & Jill Huwe; Eric & Kris Wentz; Jon & Denise Stutzman; or Shane & Kate Cox)



Kids Time



Did you love VBS? Then come and join us Wednesday nights for some fun, friends, and fellowship—all while learning more about God's Love.

WHEN: Wednesday nights, Sept 14, 2022 - Feb 15, 2023

TIME: 6:45-8:00 p.m.

WHO: All kids in grades Kindergarten-6th

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/kidstime2022>

NO Registration Fee

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (9/11) Sunday School Rally Day

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School Fall Kick-Off

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday, (9/12)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (Crafters)

6:30 p.m.—Elders' Meeting & Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Tuesday (9/13) Anniversary of Pastor Carlson's Installation (2009)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (9/14) Holy Cross Day

9:15 a.m.—Journey Through the Word (JTTW)

Noon—Esther

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Thursday (9/15)

2:00 p.m.—Ruth

Friday (9/16)

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

Saturday (9/17)

11:00 a.m.—Memorial Service for David Brown (son of Martha Kanagy, stepson of DeWayne) at Paul Henney Funeral Home

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Liturgical Worship Service

Sunday (9/18)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A.&C. Vogels'

On this first Sunday of the new program year, we welcome everyone to Ruthfred Lutheran Church, where all may share in worshiping God and growing in faith.

Attendance for Last Week:
 Sunday Worship...295 Sunday School...70
 8:30 Live Stream...28

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.

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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