

*We
have come
to worship Him*

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 an offering basket.

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 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 29, 2023

Prelude:

“Air” (G. F. Handel)

“Chorale and
Variations” (J. G.
Walther)

The Opening Hymn:

“There’s a
Wideness in
God’s Mercy”
(AMB #416)

(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heav'n;
3 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;

There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take Him at His word;

There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in His blood.
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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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 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).

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. 15)

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

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

“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.

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Worship Him, all you His angels. Zion heard and was glad.

C: The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O Lord.

P: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice.

C: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

(Psalm 97: 1, 7, 8)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**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. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

C: Amen.

“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 Hymn of Praise:

"Search Me, O God" (AMB #478)

1 Search me, O God, — and know my heart to — day; —
 2 I praise Thee, Lord, — for cleans — ing me from sin; —
 3 Lord, take my life — and make it whol — ly Thine; —
 4 O Ho — ly Ghost, — re — viv — al comes from Thee; —

Try me, O Sav — ior, know my thoughts, I pray. —
 Ful — fill Thy Word and make me pure with — in. —
 Fill my poor heart with Thy great love di — vine. —
 Send a re — viv — al — start the work in me. —

See if there be — some wick — ed way in me; —
 Fill me with fire — where once I burned with shame; —
 Take all my will, — my pas — sion, self and pride; —
 Thy Word de — clares — Thou wilt sup — ply our need; —

Cleanse me from ev — 'ry sin and set me free. —
 Grant my de — sire to mag — ni — fy Thy name. —
 I now sur — ren — der, Lord — in me a — bide. —
 For bless — ings now, O Lord, I hum — bly plead. —

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1912–1988
 Tune: Maori melody; arr. Norman Johnson, b. 1928

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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 pray: Almighty God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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: Micah 6:1-8; 7:14, 15, 18-20 (NASB)

¹ Hear now what the LORD is saying, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² "Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, because the LORD has a case against His people; even with Israel He will dispute. ³ "My people, what have I done to you, and how have I wearied you? Answer Me. ⁴ "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt and ransomed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ "My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered him, *and* from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD." ⁶ With what shall I come to the LORD *and* bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? ⁷ Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

¹⁴ Shepherd Your people with Your scepter, the flock of Your possession which dwells by itself in the woodland, in the midst of a fruitful field. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. ¹⁵ "As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt, I will show you miracles." ... ¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob *and* unchanging love to Abraham, which You swore to our forefathers from the days of old.

The Psalm: Psalm 15 (NASB)

P: O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

C: He who walks with integrity, and works RIGHTEOUSNESS, and speaks truth in his heart.

P: He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

C: In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; he swears to his own hurt and does not change;

P: He does not put out his money at interest, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

C: He who does these things will never be shaken.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NASB)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." ²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to know* God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no man may boast before God. ³⁰ But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

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 Gradual

So the heathen shall fear the Name of the Lord and all the kings of the earth Your glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Alleluia.

(Psalm 102: 15, 16; 97: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (NASB)

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

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Anthems

8:30 Bell Choir—*In the Bleak Midwinter* (arr. K. McChesney)

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

What can I give him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—Give him my heart.

11:00 Senior Choir—*This Is My Commandment* (H. Morgan)

This is my commandment
that ye love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man
than to lay down his life for his friends.

The Announcements (Please be seated)

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon

Hymn:

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

(SBH #466)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves.

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.

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.

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: "What Does God Desire? Justice, Mercy, Humility" | Micah:6:8

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:

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft
for Me"** (SBH #379,
2nd tune)

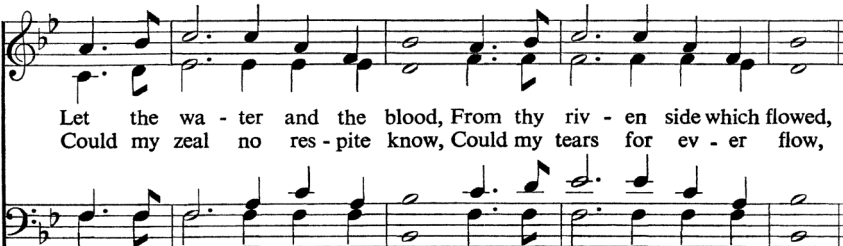
The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

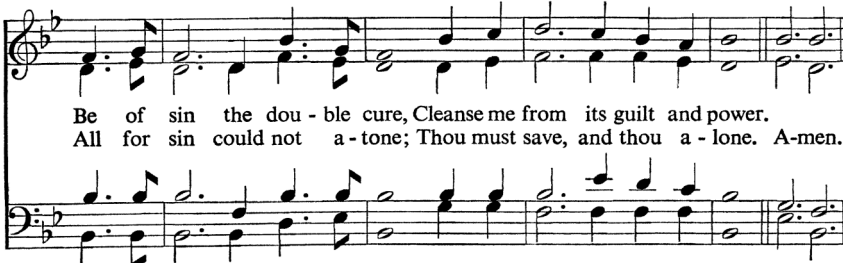
"Fugue in D" (W. Fr.
Bach)



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for ev - er flow,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone. A-men.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee. Amen.

Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-78

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Mary Habovick to the glory of God for His many blessings, and for a church that stands in His inerrant Word.

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

Guest Organists: Essi Efthimiou continues as our long-term substitute during Fred's recovery.

Known to be hospitalized: Fred Schell—has moved to Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Sewickley. Fred's home address is: 103 South Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Lundy Castro—**Canonsburg Hospital**. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Please pray for Becky Lindner. Also, please keep in your prayers all those in the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

Craft & Sew Fund: Given by Debbie Skundrich in memory of Jim Agnew and in honor of his dear family.

Current Fund: Given by Barbara Watt in memory of Jim Agnew. Given by Eugene Hershberger in memory of Jim Agnew. Given by Michael & Mary Jo Hensler in memory of Jim Agnew. Given by Susan Huston in loving memory of her cousin, Jim Agnew. Given by Janelle Ghise Psihas in loving memory of her father, Cornell Ghise. Given by Oscar & Sue Zolbe in memory of Terry Alwine.

Sincere Thank You: Ellen Alwine is grateful to the Ruthfred congregation for the flower arrangement, cards, and expressions of sympathy she has received since Terry's passing.

Journey Through the Word: Morning JTTW began a new study on January 18, 2023—Nancy Guthrie's The Promised One (Jesus in Genesis). Contact Sue Swan if you would like information about this study: 412-708-3535 or writingcygnet@gmail.com. The evening group is studying Dr. David Jeremiah's The Book of Signs. This week's topic will be "Apathy: Don't Let Society Beguile You." (Matthew 24) Each lesson stands alone; there are plenty of books. Please contact Jodie or Mark Riley if you need more information: 412-401-913.

Support Life: During January and February, we will be collecting items needed by the two pregnancy centers we support, Health for Her in Bethel Park and New Life Options in Monongahela. Bins will be in the Fireside Lounge through February 12th for your donations. There will be a box in the church office for gift cards. Thank you for supporting these ministries! Please contact Jill Kurtz with any questions. The following items are especially needed: baby wash, baby lotion, bathtubs, crib sheets for **mini** cribs, video baby monitors, diaper bags (backpack style), girls' sleepers 9 months to 2T, girls' outfits 12-18 months, boys' sleepers 9-18 months, boys' outfits 9 months to 4T, and gift cards for Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohls, etc. (Clothing, mini crib sheets, and diaper bags can be gently used.)

A New Member Class continues. Meetings are in the Fireside Lounge during Sunday School.

Bible Reading 2023: Please join us in reading through the entire Bible in 2023, starting on January 1, 2023. We will be using the YouVersion Bible app, which provides a reading guide for each day (including a daily Psalm), over 150 videos to engage readers throughout the year, and a talk-it-over feature. The daily reading schedule will also be available on the Ruthfred website, as well as being printed in each month's Herald. The theme for 2023 will be "One Story That Leads to JESUS." For questions, or to sign up, please email Don Roose at donroose@yahoo.com.

Time & Talent Sheets: If you have not already filled out your Time & Talent Sheet for 2023, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the church office. The information about your interests is updated each year, so we do need a new sheet each year. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve the church and your fellow members!


Craft & Sew is calling: We are in need of new or gently used dish or hand towels (no microfiber towels please). These are used to make adult clothing protectors. The residents of various nursing homes love these. Please put your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. If you or anyone you know could use a clothing protector (adult bib) please let me know. We will gladly give you as many as you need. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. Arlene Ball: 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

Preschool Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Register online at Ruthfred.org. Contact: preschool@ruthfred.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been moved to the Library.

Movie Night: Tonight, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., we will host a viewing of the faith-based documentary "Ends of the Earth." Learn about Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots going to "hard-to-reach villages, willing to risk it all for the sake of sharing Christ's love." The documentary explores stories of faith, calling, and adventure by weaving together the true stories of MAF pilots, past and present, who strive along with other missionaries, churches, and organizations to take the gospel to the most isolated and inaccessible places on earth." MAF was added to our benevolence budget this year. Come see how your monetary gifts are being used. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Kurtz.

City Mission Food Sunday is next Sunday. Please bring your canned and dry goods to benefit the City Mission in Washington, PA. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.



PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR OUR FIRST MONTHLY

Fellowship Breakfast

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Fellowship Hall

Held during Sunday School hour
(9:45am-10:45am)

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Assorted Juices, Coffee, Tea,
(GF and Dairy Free options will be available)

*There will NOT be any Adult or Children's Sunday School this day,
please join us for breakfast and fellowship instead!*

Adult Sunday School Class in Large Classroom*

Pastor Carlson is 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.

***Audio recordings of the class are available on the Ruthfred website.**



YOUTH NEWS

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is a **SWAP** meeting tonight at the church, 6-7:30.

Save the dates:

7 p.m. February 24 to 2 p.m. February 25: 30-Hour Famine: Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for this annual, nationwide event. The kids go without food to better understand the lives of kids who this even was created to help—those who face hunger on a daily basis. In addition to learning about world hunger and what they can do to help, the youth will be participating in themed games and volunteering at the World Vision Center. Forms and sign-up sheets are available outside the Youth Office. Contact Kris Wentz or Jill Huwe with questions.

Friday, March 17: Parents' Night Out Dinner. Youth in Grades 6-12 will help prepare and serve a delicious meal for their parents!

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet at Ruthfred on January 31st, 7-9 p.m.

Save the date:

March 24-26: Seneca Hills Retreat for Grades 9-12.

Questions/concerns?

Contact: Any member of the Youth Committee

This Week At Ruthfred

Today (1/29) 4th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday (1/30)

9:30 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

Tuesday (1/31)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (2/1)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

5:45 p.m.—Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.—Forkless Dinner

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—Confirmation; JTTW; Kids' Time

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

Herald deadline

Friday (2/3)

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

Sunday (2/5) City Mission Food Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Communion Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Communion Service

6:00 p.m.—Communion Service

We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Welcome!

Attendance for Last Week:

Contemporary Worship...58

Sunday Worship...269 Sunday School...93

8:30 Live Stream...48

JTTW (morning)...30

JTTW (evening)...45

Kids' Time...21

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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