

# RUTHFRED HERALD

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## Thank You for a Great Year!

By Vicar Kevin Czymbor

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

Time and timing are so often outside of our control and manipulation. Last summer we arrived in Bethel Park much later than usual, at the end of June. In spite of that, we felt the great love and support of the Ruthfred Congregation much earlier than usual because of the circumstances surrounding the birth of our son, Ezra. Our need for prayers for Jacci and Ezra during that time and your awesome prayer response made us feel a part of the family here at Ruthfred long before we ever got to meet you in person. It is times like that where the body of Christ is an amazing thing to be a part of.

Now the time has arrived for us to say goodbye. We will be moments away from leaving by the time you read this. As I began to experience the first of many last moments at Ruthfred, I feel the reality of God’s Word in Ecclesiastes 3:4: *“A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”* The many relationships built this past year now reach the hard time of saying goodbye. A time of mixed feelings, weeping and mourning contrasted with the excitement of looking ahead to the future ministry God has called me and my family into.

The time comes to thank you for so many things. We thank you for the time and energy you have invested in my training for pastoral ministry. For the many wonderful ways you have supported and encouraged not just myself but my wife and my kids as well. Thank you for the sacrifice of enduring through my mistakes and learning this past year; you were always gracious in your handling of such things. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and to be served by you. There are many current members of Ruthfred, as well as some we have lost this past year, that will forever be a part of me and my future ministry to others.

My final Sunday of serving at Ruthfred will be May 5th. Then we hit the road to Minneapolis, Minnesota for my graduation from the seminary on May 11th. We will return to Bethel Park to complete packing shortly after that. On Saturday May 18th we will be loading up our moving truck and hitting the road for our new home in South Dakota. We hope to make a party of it and have it done quickly. If you are able and willing to join in, please let us know.

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*“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you.”*  
1 Samuel 12: 23-24

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The submission deadline for the next Herald is  
**Saturday, May 18, 2019.**

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## Member Profile

By Mettelise Ziegler

# Patty Willmott

*For God so loved (Patty) that He gave His one and only Son, that (Patty) believes in Him and shall not perish but have eternal life.*



Patty Willmott and her mother Grace Diehm attend the 11:00 AM service. You cannot miss her. She is the one smiling continuously, in gratitude for an extraordinary recovery after a life-threatening event in 2012.

A Bethel Park native, Patty attended West Virginia University, earning a degree in Business Administration and Accounting. Freshman year, she received a Gideon Bible. Although she and her family had attended a United Church of Christ in Carrick, she had never really come to transformative faith until she considered the prayer printed in that Bible and asked for forgiveness.

While at university, Patty met and later married her husband Jim. They have three children, now grown, raised in several different communities throughout New Jersey. Tim is in farmland preservation. He still lives there with his wife Katie. Patty's youngest, Andrew, an accountant like his mother, also resides in the state. Amy is an entomologist, studying insects, employed by Ohio State University. She is married to Zane with whom she has a daughter.

On November 5, 2012, on the backside of Hurricane Sandy, after a migraine headache lasting three days, Patty called her employer to say she was so sick she could not even get out of bed. She tried to stand but could not walk. She has little recollection of the next few days.

Somehow, Patty managed to crawl to a telephone. She called her daughter Amy who was too far away to help. In a panic, Amy called her best friend who incredibly happened to be driving by her street at just that time. Later, Patty learned she was rushed to one hospital, then to a second and finally flown to a third. She died twice on the journey.

Patty had suffered an unexpected brain aneurysm that viciously burst. The doctor gave her a 1 % chance of survival. Yet, Patty survived without being able to walk, talk or eat by mouth. It took four weeks in a hospital, six weeks in a rehabilitation facility, and two years in outpatient rehabilitation to get her on her feet again.

When Patty's father died in 2016, she and Grace considered how to support one other. So last October, she moved to Concordia of the South Hills with her mother. Grace introduced Patty to Ruthfred since she had become a member by then.

Patty loves the church, Morning Journey through the Word, XYZ, and Craft & Sew. She has learned to "never say never." She never imagined life taking her back to the South Hills but is glad to be here.

John 3:16 is Patty's favorite verse, inspiring her thoughts and actions. She is looking forward to "what the Lord will have for (her) next." At this point, Patty is considering a job in accounting once again. Life looked hopeless in 2012. Look what the Lord has done! "Never say never."



## Official Acts

March 25–April 14, 2019

### Funerals

\*Lois Jean Christ—April 12, 2019

### New Members

April 14, 2019

Jacqueline Battaglia, children Samuel and Theodore  
Becky Gusky, children Reilly and Evan  
C. Marty and Felicia Rieck, children Colin and Aidan  
Alanna Rudolph  
Jenna Schwartz

\*Indicates Members

### Recognizing our Graduates

Please let Paula in the church office know if you have a High School student who is graduating this spring (and possible college or work plans) or if you have a College student who is graduating (along with the graduate's degree).

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## Announcements



Thank you to all those who assisted with the Easter basket stewardship. This year's event went very well thanks to you! Whether you donated purchased items or homemade goodies, helped with organizing the items the night before (Connie!), or assembling or delivering the baskets to the recipients on April 13, I know the recipients appreciated you—and so did I.

P.S. Save those Easter baskets, please! We can keep and use them next year for the Easter basket stewardship. If you received a basket this year and can donate it for us to reuse it next year, please leave it on the shelf outside the kitchen. Thank you again!

-Submitted by Bev Rowan

### Letter from Prison Fellowship

Dear Ruthfred Lutheran:

Thank you for the faithfulness you have shown to Prison Fellowship for 30 years! And thank you for your generous year-end donation. We so appreciate you and your church standing in the gap with us as we share and spread the Gospel to those affected by crime and incarceration. May you experience God's abundant blessings in 2019.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 5:45 Children's Choir 6:30 Junlor and Senlor Confirmation Classes 7:30 Senlor Choir	<b>2</b> NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	<b>3</b> Men's Prayer Group 6:30 a.m. @ Panera's  Mother / Daughter Spring Dinner 6:30	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Communion Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Communion Service 11:00 Vicar Czymbor's Farewell Reception 12:00  Communion Service 6:00 GIFT Bible Study @ Kurtzes 6:30	<b>6</b> Craft & Sew 9:30  Elders' Meeting 7:00	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 Esther 5:45 Children's Choir 6:30 Junlor and Senlor Confirmation Classes 7:30 Senlor Choir	<b>9</b> Knit Wits 10:00	<b>10</b> Men's Prayer Group 6:30 a.m. @ Panera's	<b>11</b> Mary 9:30
<b>12</b> MOTHER'S DAY Recognition of High School Senlors at both services Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00	<b>13</b> Confirmation Public Exam 7:00 Council Meeting 8:15	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 Sr. Confirmation Class 7:00 Nursery School Closing Program  7:30 Senlor Choir	<b>16</b> Ruth 2:00 	<b>17</b> Men's Prayer Group 6:30 a.m. @ Panera's  Keepers of the Faith 6:30	<b>18</b> HERALD ARTICLE DEADLINE  Evening of Prayer & Praise 6:00
<b>19</b> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00	<b>20</b> Craft & Sew 9:30	<b>21</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00	<b>22</b>  7:30 Senlor Choir	<b>23</b> Knit Wits 10:00	<b>24</b> Men's Prayer Group 6:30 a.m. @ Panera's	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00	<b>27</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> HERALD DISTRIBUTION DATE  7:30 Senlor Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Men's Prayer Group 6:30 a.m. @ Panera's	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 <u>2019</u>	4 <u>TNT</u>
5 <u>Retreat</u> Sunday School SWAP 6-7:30pm @ Church	6	7 TNT 7-9pm @ Church	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:45am <b>No SWAP</b> Mother's Day	13	14 TNT 7-9pm @ Church	15	16	17 Table Top Friday 6-10 @ Church	18 <u>MIGHT</u>  <u>SWAG</u>
19 Sunday School 9:45am SWAP 6-7:30pm @ Church	20	21 TNT/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome 7-9pm @ The Church	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Brunch</b> Sunday School 9:45am SWAP 6-7:30pm @ Church	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 TNT 7-9pm @ The Church	29	30	31	

## Ruthfred Youth Ministry Calendar