



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### How Love Grows Cold



***“...the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.” -  
Matthew 24:12-13***

Recently two Chinese pastors and their families, friends of mine, visited my family and me at Ruthfred. They said of one church in China, if two members of that church meet in-person and speak even one word together, they'll be arrested. That's the sort of tribulation our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ are facing. Across China, despite such threats and dangers, many Christians continue secretly meeting in-person. They have such a powerful desire to be in God's Word, to hear It, read It, discuss It, and study It together; to worship God and have fellowship with His people, they gather at great risk. The pastors noted, however, that the love of many Christians, even in China, seems to be growing cold. Even Chinese Christians are notice-

ing growing divisions along sociopolitical lines. It's happening in China today, just as it's happening in America. Love growing cold.

My Chinese friends have noticed that fewer and fewer American Christians gather together in-person for worship. Love for God, His Word, and fellowship with His people seems to be growing cold among American Christians, who seem to be increasingly allowing fear and disagreements to divide them from the family of the Faith.

They said, “Many of the same issues dividing American Christians are dividing Chinese Christians too. Some support Biden while others support Trump. Some promote the covid shots while others oppose them. Some encourage widespread masking while others oppose it. Some greatly fear covid while others don't.”

Even many Christians seem to be growing less tolerant of others who disagree with them. This phenomenon isn't only impacting American churches, but churches around the world. In a way it was comforting to hear that our Chinese brethren are facing the same challenges American Christians face, including at Ruthfred.

We three pastors and our families broke bread together in Ruthfred's fellowship hall (my wife, Erin, made us Kung Pao Chicken) then drove to the South Side, enjoyed a ride on the Duquesne Incline, took photos of Pittsburgh's beautiful skyline, and joined hands at the base of Mount Washington, praying together. Before we parted I asked them to pray the Lord's Prayer over us in Chinese. They did. It was beautiful.

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Later I thought, “They’re Chinese. They were taught communism. We likely have significant differences in our views on politics, economics, the proper role of government in people’s lives, and other issues. 2.7 million American soldiers, including my Dad, ferociously fought the Chinese-backed communists in Vietnam. Still, by God’s grace, my Chinese brethren and I love each other! We love being together, respect each other, our kids happily play together, and we worship the same Lord, Jesus Christ! Whatever our differences, we’re brothers and sisters in Christ! Even as we discussed some sociopolitical issues, we did so respectfully, with love, empathy, and kindness.

What does it look like when Christians’ love grows cold? Jesus said in Matthew 24, starting in verse 10, that in the end, as division and tribulations increase, many Christians will fall away from the Faith. They’ll betray and hate each other. False prophets will mislead many. Wickedness and rebellion against God and His Word will increase. But Jesus promised, *“the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*

What does it look like to endure to the end? It looks like a life lived, by God’s grace, in obedience to His Word. It looks like faithful Christians, even at great risk and despite fear and divisions, gathering together to worship God, hear, study, and discuss His Word in fellowship together. It looks like the family of Faith regularly gathering together, loving each other, empathetically bearing one another’s burdens, despite divisions and tribulations.

Look at the picture at the beginning of this article. Notice in the foreground a red hymnal is missing from the rack in the first pew. It’s missing because it’s on its way to China. I gave it as a gift to one of those Chinese pastors. Our liturgy, hymns, and prayers in Ruthfred’s worship services are filled with God’s Word! Come to worship at Ruthfred! Examine our order of service for yourself. It’s filled with God’s powerful, soul-saving, life-sustaining Word! That Word, which is richly preached, taught, sung, and proclaimed at Ruthfred, is the Power you need to endure to the end! And, *“the one who endures to the end, he will be saved!”*

Love in Christ,  
Pastor McMinn

## **"CPH Reads" Summer Reading Program ...**

***Deadline extended to September 4th***



The “CPH Reads” summer reading program offered by Concordia Publishing House is coming to its 2022 conclusion. CPH is entering readers who reach 1,000 points into a prize give-away. Ruthfred will also be awarding cool prizes as well, including a drawing for a grand prize! To be eligible for the prizes, please be sure to place your tracking cards in the designated blue paper bag located in the fellowship hall. The deadline has been extended to September 4th. The prizes and grand prize will be given out during the Sunday School Gathering on September 11th.



# Church Picnic 2022





## Member Profile:

by Mettelise Ziegler

### Mari Donlin

Marirose Donlin, known to most of her friends as Mari, is originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania. Her mother worked for an orthodontist. Mari worked in the office at age sixteen. It is little wonder that she chose the dental hygiene field for herself. She met her husband Dennis of forty-seven years while studying in Harrisburg.

The couple lived in Camp Hill for a time until moving to the Pittsburgh area and settling in Jefferson Hills. They raised three daughters and one son. They are now the proud grandparents of eight that they see regularly as the children live in nearby south hills communities.

Mari's upbringing was Roman Catholic. After the second daughter was baptized at her local parish church, she was taken aback that the priest did not remember them when they stopped by just a few days after the baptism. It made her wonder about the local Lutheran church in her own neighborhood that she passed every day, and whether that would be a place where the family would have a more personal experience as they learned about the Christian faith.

For many years, Mari enthusiastically served her Lutheran church. She was involved in various ministries, especially the Christian preschool program offered to the community. But then, COVID-19 changed things a great deal. Disruptions in ministry and policies caused many people to look at new churches. And that's when Mari found Ruthfred Lutheran Church.

Mari cannot say enough about how happy she is to be a new member. She has found "such a peace"; "so much nourishment"; "a feeling of being at home"; "an appreciation for the Word of God." Mari spent her first Lent relishing the season as she had never done before.



Mari is "blown away" by how many children are part of the church. She was impressed by a large number of our youth helping at Vacation Bible School (VBS) this past summer. Mari herself ministered at VBS. She is currently helping with funeral luncheons and dinners, attends the XYZ program, and serves on the altar guild. As Mari continues to make friends and find ways to honor Jesus Christ through the church, she remembers her favorite Bible verse:

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8.*

# 2022 Morning Journey Thru the Word Fall Session

It's hard to believe that fall is nearly upon us! I'm excited for our study of 1 Corinthians. This book has so much to say to us today. Corinthian culture and society that surrounded these new Christians was similar to what we deal with today. It was sexually charged with little respect for marriage, materialistic, and pleasure driven. Since the Corinthian Christians had all come out of that environment, they struggled to put off the only behaviors they had ever known. \ Paul doesn't mince words with them, but teaches them how to live a Christ-honoring life in a way that still instructs us today. Chapter twelve deals with the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and the body of Christ. It also contains the beautiful discourse on love in chapter thirteen, the foundation of our existence because God first loved us, Jesus died because of love for us, and we love one another because of Him. Then there's chapter fifteen, a chapter filled with resurrection victory and the declaration of the unbreakable bond we have in Christ. Nothing in this world or the next can sever that bond or separate us from Him. What a Savior! This is a powerful study you will not want to miss.

Everyone is welcome! We have study groups for both women and men and an online discussion group. Please fill out a registration form and put it in the basket outside the sanctuary across from the elevator. Check the church website ([www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org)) to also register online.

Due to retirements of longtime small group leaders and changes in health we currently do not have the number of small group leaders we need to maintain the smaller groups we have always enjoyed. We know there are folks out there who can serve in this way. You do not need to be a Bible scholar and are guided through each lesson and how to teach it to your class. Don't wait to be asked — we may not know who God is calling. We are praying for you to step forward and respond to the Holy Spirit's tug on your heart!

Another need we have is for two people to serve our smallest participants in the nursery, giving their moms (or dads) an opportunity to attend Journey. I was talking to one of our members a few weeks ago who relayed to me that being able to have her children cared for turned into a life-changing experience. She'd not studied the Bible before and didn't know Jesus as her Savior. Thanks to the loving service of our nursery workers, her small group leader, and other Journey members who took her under their wing, she met her Lord and Savior, transforming her life and the life of her family.

Journey through the Word is a ministry that is making a difference in people's lives. We grow deeper spiritually, learn to better love, serve, and worship our Lord and God, and build each other up in faith. As you can see, there are so many ways to participate. Choose one and come journey with us!

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*Submitted by Sue Swan*

# September 2022 Evening JTTW

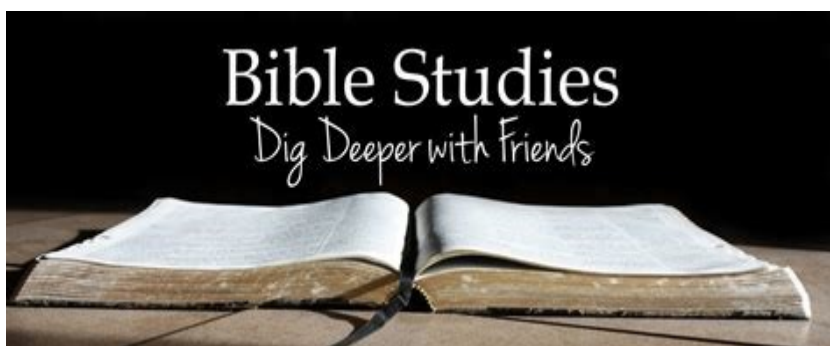
Our world provides us with so many means to communicate in our day that were not available to the early disciples. We have social media, television, zoom calls, telephones, email, snail mail, cell phone texting, and more. We are bombarded by so many things, personalities with an agenda, various opinions, and slanted viewpoints. So, how do you sort through all this? How do you decide what to believe and not believe about the future? And how do you know if we are living in the Last Days-the End Times?

In these days of turmoil, whom are you listening to? Christians need to hear One Voice above all others: the voice of Jesus Christ. The voice of the Lord is the One Expert we ought to prefer above all the other experts, and One whose opinion we ought to value more than all other opinions. Amid thousands of shrill voices screaming for our attention, there is but One Voice we need to hear. The voice of Jesus Christ!

In Matthew 24:1-14 Jesus begins His longest and last address to his disciples in the Olivet Discourse where He warns of deception in the Last Days, that there would be war, strife, and persecution. His words must be echoed today *“but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”* (Verses 6, 14)

Instead of spending our time scanning the headlines, tuning into talk shows, or following the latest social media personality trying to figure out what the future may hold, we should spend as much time as possible listening to His Voice to know Him better. Our relationship with our Savior can be strengthened through prayer and by spending time with Him in the Word. This is a great time to be alive with the command to speak His truth into the lives of others. Evening Journey Through the Word (JTTW) provides us with the opportunity to begin or continue our journey studying His biblical truth. Then when the future becomes present, we will enjoy a wondrously close relationship with the Almighty God and be prepared to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ in peace and comfort. No matter what happens.

Last month Evening JTTW introduced Dr. David Jeremiah's *Signs* series for the 2022-2023 bible study. We invite you to join us and grow in knowledge and comprehension of Scripture while learning about 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse. This year we will use the first of three study guides that will examine the international and cultural signs of the times and the role they play in end-time events. Prior to the evening JTTW meeting, a Forkless Dinner will be offered for families, then following this fellowship time, a Kids Time program is offered for children that runs in parallel with evening JTTW bible study.



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***Have You Registered yet for the 2022-2023  
Evening Journey Through the Word Session?***

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Please join us October 19, 2022 and begin a twelve-week study of Dr. Jeremiah's Signs Study. For additional information talk to Jodie or Mark Riley (or call us on 412.401.9137). Our church-wide offerings available on Wednesday include the activities below. Programs and registration are available from Ruthfred Lutheran Church website at [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org).

Morning Journey Through the Word	9:30AM to 11:30AM
Kids Choir	5:45PM to 6:45PM
Bell Choir	6:30PM to 7:30PM
Forkless Dinners	6:00pm to 6:30PM
Confirmation Classes	6:45PM to 8:00PM
Evening Journey Through the Word	6:45PM to 8:00PM
Kids Time	6:45PM to 8:00PM
Adult Choir	7:30PM to 9:00PM





Lutherans  
For Life

## LFL Life Team

Many of you are familiar with Lutheran's For Life (LFL). In September 2020, LFL held their regional conference at Ruthfred. A few of us have wanted to become more involved with the work of LFL and are exploring the idea of starting a Life Team at Ruth

fred. According to the LFL website, [LutheransForLife.org](http://LutheransForLife.org), a Life Team is a Gospel-motivated group of church members that communicates and shares the abundant love of Christ, in life issues within the church, and outward into the community. Members are equipped through specialized training to be a relational conduit of expertise and practical resources pertaining to the multifaceted aspects of life ministry. These teams are designed to help the pastors with what otherwise might be an overwhelming task. Life Teams are unified, trusted teams that the pastors can utilize to provide life-issue expertise, consistent initiatives, and access to dedicated resources. A Life Team will also help the pastor engage and inform the congregation from the pulpit, through Sunday school, and through youth and adult education about the importance of protecting the sanctity of human life at all stages.

Ruthfred is looking for individuals who are decidedly pro-life in their views on abortion, but the multifaceted aspects mentioned previously are all life issues that can be addressed. Some of these aspects include:

- \* Helping the congregation enjoy their adoptions in Christ leading to the glad exploration of adopting children.
- \* Inviting speakers to equip teens to celebrate Christ and live gratefully for Him with lives of sexual and relational integrity.
- \* Raising awareness of sex trafficking and giving opportunities to the congregation to assist women caught in that snare.
- \* Inviting experts to teach the congregation about dementia and show how to care for those suffering from it.
- \* Provide gospel-centered tools to help people in the congregation to break free from pornography.
- \* Opening a compassionate Biblical dialogue to help congregations apply Christ's grace and truth in the midst of suicide.
- \* Train people how to pray peacefully on the sidewalk in front of abortion clinics.
- \* Hold Baby Showers to give donations to a local crisis pregnancy center that helps women choose life for their unborn children.
- \* Equipping leaders of student ministries to mentor their students in a Biblical worldview of life.

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There are other life issues addressed by LFL on their website not included here. Some relate to assisted suicide, euthanasia, and ministries to help post-abortion women find peace and forgiveness from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Training and certification of team members is provided by LFL. The training will develop nine facets of teamwork. LFL has years of experience in the arena of life issues and their training will equip members to successfully accomplish the tasks.

With the recent reversal of Roe v. Wade, the states will be the center of the abortion debate. If you have the desire to learn more about this, and other life issues, please consider becoming a member of our Life Team. As you can see, there are multiple life issues to consider and we hope there is a great deal of interest in this ministry as there is much work to be done.

In the next few weeks we will schedule an evening meeting for those interested in learning more about this new ministry and will schedule the training shortly thereafter. Please keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for both of these meetings. For those of you who want to learn more, you can find additional information on Life Teams by accessing the LFL website @ [lutheransforlife.org/frontlines/lifeteams](http://lutheransforlife.org/frontlines/lifeteams).



## ***Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life***



*“Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!”*

**Barbara A. Geistfield. D.V.M., Lutherans for Life regional director of Texas**

**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

## Song of the Month

By Tom Glasser

### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Music and Lyrics: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Back in 1980 Bruce Springsteen released his hit song "Hungry Heart" in which the recurring refrain is "Everybody's got a hungry heart." There is certainly great truth to that statement. If you pay close attention to the rest of the lyrics, however, you might find that you're reminded of another 1980 song, "Looking for Love In All the Wrong Places"! In 1989, husband and wife team Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse collaborated on another song that also talks about hungry hearts, but with a much better recommendation for a solution. The refrain to "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" goes like this:

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Jesus himself declared that "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35 And this is just one example of many in which Jesus commends himself to us as the only spiritual food and drink that can truly satisfy our hungry hearts.

I suspect many of you may not be familiar with "Wonderful, Merciful Savior". I probably would not be either except that, as a member of our RLC worship team, I was introduced to it some 5 or 6 years ago. Although written in a hymnodical style, it is probably too recent (1989) to be included in most traditional hymnals such as our SBH. Several excellent renditions are out there on the Internet if you would like to hear it performed.

When asked about how this song came to be written, Eric Wyse narrated the following:

*"I was away on a trip, and when I returned, Dawn showed me a song she was working on that had been birthed in her quiet time. The melody was complete, and most of the first two verses and refrain. We worked together to finish the song, and although I contributed some lyrics, and some 'arranging' of the harmonies, the idea and bulk of the song came from Dawn's pen – and I feel honored to have helped to bring it to fruition. The first Sunday we sang it at Christ Community, the third verse was not complete (we only had the first line 'Almighty, infinite Father...') and during the sermon I saw Dawn taking notes. At the end of the sermon, Scotty asked us to come back and sing that song again, and on the way to the platform Dawn told me she had just completed the third verse. So she sang it then and it was complete." (youwillwantto.com)*

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While writing these song articles the past several years, I have often been struck by how easy it is to sing songs or hymns many, many times, letting the words flow easily off the tongue to beautiful melodies, and yet not fully absorb the content or structure of the lyrics. "Wonderful, Merciful" was another example. Although I have practiced and performed this song many times with the worship team, it wasn't until I sat down to write this article that I noticed its Trinitarian theme.

The first verse is dedicated to Jesus, the Son:

*Wonderful, merciful Savior, gracious Redeemer and Friend;  
who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.*

The second verse is addressed to the Holy Spirit:

*Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.*



And finally, the third verse is addressed to the Father:

*Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.*

## Ponderable Quote:

**One of the peculiar sins of the twentieth century which we've developed to a very high level is the sin of credulity. It has been said that when human beings stop believing in God they believe in nothing. The truth is much worse: they believe in anything.**

**Malcolm Muggeridge**

## VBS 2022 Revisited

# The Lessons Learned Were **MONUMENTAL!**

VBS this year was entitled “Monumental.” We wanted the kids to learn about God’s promises, faithfulness and love.

The stories of the week were the Old Testament story of Joseph as found beginning in Genesis 37 and in the story of Jesus’s death and resurrection. In addition, each day we talked about aspects of the Lord’s Prayer. Each day one of the students took the role of Joseph, donning a hat signifying the situation. Here’s how it played out:

Monday: **God loves you no matter what** Joseph was a beloved son who was given a coat of many colors by his father and betrayed, and sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. (These brothers were led into temptation by their jealousy and did evil to their own brother.) We talked about how God loved Joseph AND He loved the brothers and Jacob, the father.

Tuesday: **God is with you all the time** Joseph is a slave in Egypt in the house of Potipher. He has lost his earthly father, but his Father in Heaven is with him, loving him, blessing him. Joseph works hard and becomes boss of the house, then boss of all of Potipher’s operation. Joseph is tempted to do something evil, but he says he cannot Sin against God. Joseph does right but is again betrayed, ending up in prison. But again, God is with him, blessing him and he even becomes boss of the prison.

Wednesday: **God is in charge** Joseph’s good work in the prison and God’s giving him the ability to interpret dreams, leads to his release from prison to become #2 official in Egypt getting ready for a coming famine. The years of suffering have prepared Joseph, and now he is in a position the save his world from physical starvation.

Thursday: **God is stronger than anything** We began by talking about how Jesus came into the world to save us from death, to pay the fair cost of our sins. We talked about “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.” That Jesus was the “Kingdom” coming to earth and that He did his Father’s will. We talked about superheroes, and about Jesus being the first and still now stronger, by far, than any movie superheroes. We had three treasure chests under the big cross draped in white. Three students opened the unearned gifts: Forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit as our helper, and eternal life because death has been overcome. We talked about Jesus wanting to give those who come to Him in repentance a white robe of righteousness. So much more valuable than Joseph’s coat of many colors or his worldly ability to defeat physical starvation.

Friday: **God is surprising** We had been telling the kids to wait for the end of the Joseph story... So now the starving brothers are traveling to Egypt to get food. How will Joseph act? Will Joseph give in to temptation to use his power to punish the brothers? How exciting that Joseph forgives and declares that God used their actions to bring good to the world. It was an example of “For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.”

Parents and grandparents, this article is written so that you can ask about VBS and see what your children remember of the stories and points....and how they might use the situations and the Lord’s Prayer in their life.

Your VBS Team



*Submitted by Sue Hughes*

## RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 8th, 2022

**Visitors Denise Stutzman and Peggy Glasser** – Denise presented a proposal for improvements to the Ruthfred Lutheran Preschool Program. The proposal is to convert the current nursery into a three-year old classroom. Council passed a motion to approve spending for the preschool upgrades.

Upon a request from the Benevolence Committee, a motion was passed to make a donation for the Kentucky flood victims through Unto.

### Pastor's Report:

- \* A Child Protection Policy was approved by council in 2016 and signed by council members. The policy was recently reviewed by elders, Rich Lindner and Tom Sanders. It was suggested that all VBS volunteers, Sunday school teachers and new council members review and sign the policy.
- \* Scholarships were awarded to Natalie Scott and Mason Mitchell who submitted applications for the FLBS scholarship for the fall semester.
- \* Nathan Stutzman would like to do something at the church for his Eagle Scout project. The Trustees will come up with some ideas to present to council next month.

### Youth Report:

- \* The youth canoe trip next weekend is the final youth event for the summer. TNT continues with the summer hosting tours and senior speeches.
- \* Regan will be moving on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Elder's Report:

- \* Will reported that the elders were stepping up contact with people and helped Pastor McMinn with visits during Pastor Carlson's sabbatical.

### Sunday school Report:

- \* The Sunday School kickoff will be the first Sunday after Labor Day. The Christian Education Committee meetings are going well.

### Trustees' Report:

- \* A motion was passed to move forward with a quote for landscaping to the Patterson Road side of the church.
- \* Sealing and crack filling will start in the parking lot on August 9<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
- \* Trustees are still waiting for the permit to expand the parsonage driveway to include an additional parking space.
- \* LED conversion is complete except the adult Sunday school room and the stage.
- \* The trustees got a quote for blinds in the fellowship hall. Signature Series honeycomb cellular blackening shades, white outside and inside with cordless lift and insulation including a 5 year warranty and 3 year internal cord warranty with a lifetime manufacturer defect warranty 3/8 inch size. Council approved the purchase and installation of the blinds.

### Treasurer's Report:

- \* Chris Clark, Will Charlton and Mark Killinger offered to be on the Budget Committee
- \* There was a small difference between expenses and receipts last month due to the two youth trips, Fly Beyond and the Nashville Youthworks trip.

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## Old Business:

- \* There were six email votes last month by council. 1. AFLBS scholarship for Liv Underwood 2. Hiring two preschool assistant teachers 3. Approval of parsonage driveway quote 4. Interim Youth Director offer 5.
- \* Employment policy revision. Eric Wenthe made a motion seconded by Regan to confirm all of the email votes. The motion passed.
- \* Coltin Cox accepted the position as youth director but will not be able to start until next July. The Youth committee will fill in while there is no youth director.

## New Business:

- \* Council approved the placement of a City Mission donation bin in the church parking lot. The collection bins are for clothes and shoes, etc. There will be a regular pick-up schedule but the church could call if the bin is full and they will come sooner.
- \* Evening Journey Through the Word will be administered by Mark and Jodie Riley this fall. There are many activities in the church on Wednesdays and we do not have many opportunities for fellowship at the church. Mark and Jodie have assembled a team of couples for evening journey. Couples will take turns organizing forkless dinners such as pizza or hoagies and chips.
- \* Pastor Carlson would like to form a committee for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church.

Eric Wenthe closed in prayer and Mark adjourned the meeting at 9:57.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kris Wenthe



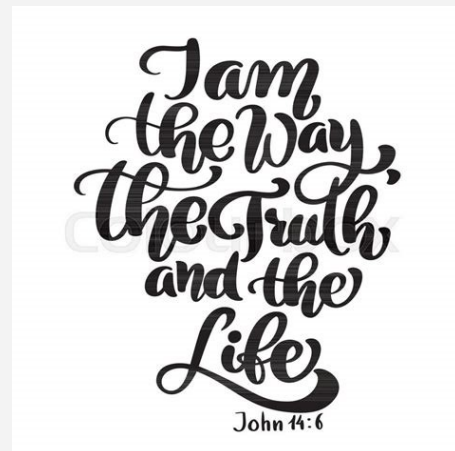
## Official Acts -- August 2022

### Baptisms:

- \* Theodore Louis Dunmire 8/28/22

### Funerals:

- \* Larry L. Holt 8/04/22
- \* Albert J. Hatala 8/25/22
- \* Indicates member



## Worship Team Members for September 2022

### Acolytes: (8:30 and 11:00 respectively)

9/4 Noah McMinn & TBD  
9/11 Jonathan Tarrant & Josh Cimarolli  
9/18 Isaiah Compel & Josh Cimarolli  
9/25 Jonathan Tarrant & Josh Cimarolli

### Crucifers:

9/11 8:30 Maddie Cox  
9/18 11:00 Vienne Battaglia  
9/25 8:30 Maddie Cox

### Ushers:

8:30 Bernard Paterra & John Ruzicka  
11:00 Ben Carlson & Rich Rostauscher

### Altar Guild:

Elaine Widich

### Coffee Hour:

Chris Stout & Arlene Fees

### Counters:

8:30 Mark Killinger &  
Chris Clark  
11:00 Josh Cox &  
Kevin Boehme

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~Psalm 84:10  
(KJV)~

For a day in thy courts  
is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a  
doorkeeper in the  
house of my God, than  
to dwell in the tents  
of wickedness.

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# SEPTEMBER




2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m. (Fireside Lounge)	3
4 Holy Communion 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion 6:00 CITY MISSION FOOD SUNDAY	5 Church Office closed 	6 Craft & Sew (Sewers) 9:30 Preschool Parents' Meeting 6:00 Worship Team 7:00	7 Preschool Opens (age 4) Bell Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Senior Choir 7:30	8 Preschool Opens (age 3) Knit Wits 10:00	9 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m. (Fireside Lounge)	10 Mary Bible Study 9:30 (Fireside Lounge)
11 Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 	12 Craft & Sew (Crafters) 9:30 JTTW Leaders 9:30 Elders' Meeting & Prayer Time 6:30 Council Meeting 7:30	13 Worship Team 7:00 Anniv. of Pastor Carlson's Installation (2009) 	14 Holy Cross Day JTTW 9:15 Esther Noon Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:45 Kids' Time starts 6:45 Senior Choir 7:30	15 Ruth 2:00	16 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m. (Fireside Lounge)	17 Contemporary Liturgical Worship 6:00 
18 Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 (A & C Vogels')	19 Craft & Sew (Crafters) 9:30 JTTW Leaders 9:30	20 Craft & Sew (Sewers) 9:30 Worship Team 7:00 Congregational Input Meeting for 2023 Budget; 7:30 in Fireside Lounge	21 St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist JTTW 9:15 Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 JTTW 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 Kids' Time 6:45	22 Knit Wits 10:00 	23 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m. (Fireside Lounge) XYZ Noon	24 Wedding (Andrea Groves & Crispin Havener) at Heinz Chapel
25 Worship Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 11:00 GIFT Bible Study 6:30 Herald deadline	26 JTTW Leaders 9:30 Benevolence 7:00	27 Worship Team 7:00	28 JTTW 9:15 Children's Choir 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 JTTW 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 Kids' Time 6:45 Senior Choir 7:30	29 St. Michael and All Angels	30 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 a.m. (Fireside Lounge)	





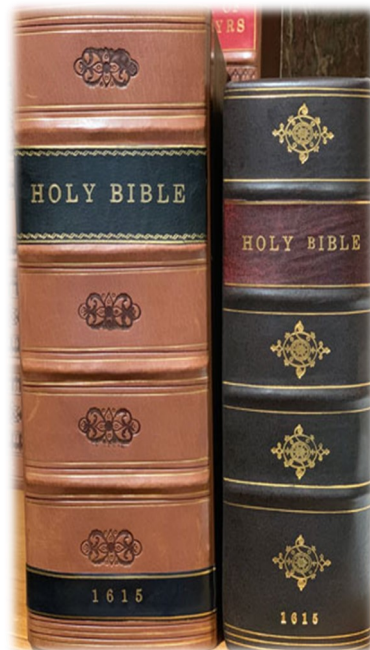
**2022**  
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**Ministry**

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<b>4</b> Sunday School 9:45 NO SWAP	<b>5</b> Church Office Closed 	<b>6</b> TNT @ Church 7-9	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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# Reading Through the Bible 2022

## Schedule for September

1st	Daniel 10	Daniel 11	Daniel 12
2nd	Ezra 1	Ezra 2	Ezra 3
3rd	Ezra 4	Ezra 5	Ezra 6
4th	Ezra 8	Ezra 9	Ezra 10
5th	Nehemiah 1	Nehemiah 2	Nehemiah 3
6th	Nehemiah 4	Nehemiah 5	Nehemiah 6
7th	Nehemiah 7		
8th	Nehemiah 8	Nehemiah 9	
9th	Nehemiah 10	Nehemiah 11	
10th	Nehemiah 12	Nehemiah 13	
11th	1 Chronicles 1	1 Chronicles 2	
12th	1 Chronicles 3	1 Chronicles 4	1 Chronicles 5
13th	1 Chronicles 6		
14th	1 Chronicles 7	1 Chronicles 8	
15th	1 Chronicles 9	1 Chronicles 10	1 Chronicles 11
16th	1 Chronicles 12	1 Chronicles 13	1 Chronicles 14
17th	1 Chronicles 15	1 Chronicles 16	1 Chronicles 17
18th	1 Chronicles 18	1 Chronicles 19	1 Chronicles 20
19th	1 Chronicles 22	1 Chronicles 23	1 Chronicles 24
20th	1 Chronicles 25	1 Chronicles 26	1 Chronicles 27
21st	1 Chronicles 28	1 Chronicles 29	2 Chronicles 1
22nd	2 Chronicles 2	2 Chronicles 3	2 Chronicles 4
23rd	2 Chronicles 6	2 Chronicles 7	2 Chronicles 8
24th	2 Chronicles 9	2 Chronicles 10	2 Chronicles 11
25th	2 Chronicles 13	2 Chronicles 14	2 Chronicles 15
	2 Chronicles 17		
26th	2 Chronicles 18	2 Chronicles 19	2 Chronicles 20
27th	2 Chronicles 21	2 Chronicles 22	2 Chronicles 23
28th	2 Chronicles 25	2 Chronicles 26	2 Chronicles 27
29th	2 Chronicles 28	2 Chronicles 29	2 Chronicles 30
30th	2 Chronicles 32	2 Chronicles 33	2 Chronicles 34



**A joyful heart is good medicine.**

**Proverbs 17:22a**

