

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 the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ◆ Since her charter in 1949, 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 2.
- ◆ 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 8, 2018

Prelude:

"Aria"

(Flor Peeters)

"Morning Hymn"

(Flor Peeters)

The Opening Hymn:

"O Saviour, Precious Saviour"

(SBH419)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. O Sav - iour, pre - cious Sav - iour, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2. O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought,

O Name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove;
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought;

We wor - ship thee, we bless thee, To thee a - lone we sing;
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We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King. A - men.

3 In thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine;
The glory that excellet, O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee, we bless thee,
To thee alone we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above,
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess thee,
Our Saviour and our King. Amen.

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

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 Sin (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: The Lord is the strength of his people.

C: He is the saving strength of his anointed. Save your people, and bless your inheritance.

P: Feed them also, and lift them up forever. Unto you will I cry, O Lord, my rock; be not silent to me.

C: Lest if you be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. (Psalm 28: 1, 8-9)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 41)

**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. 44)

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.

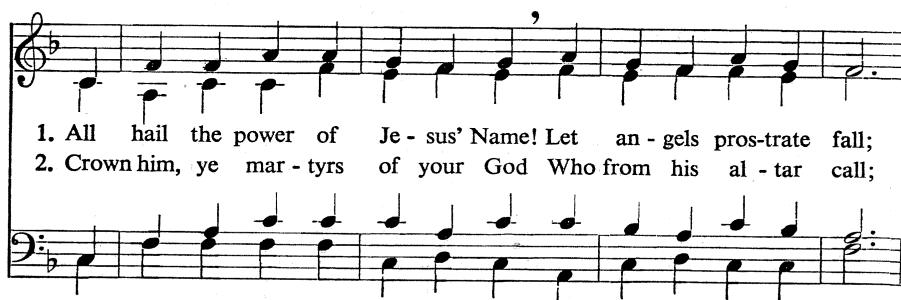
C: Lord, have mercy.

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

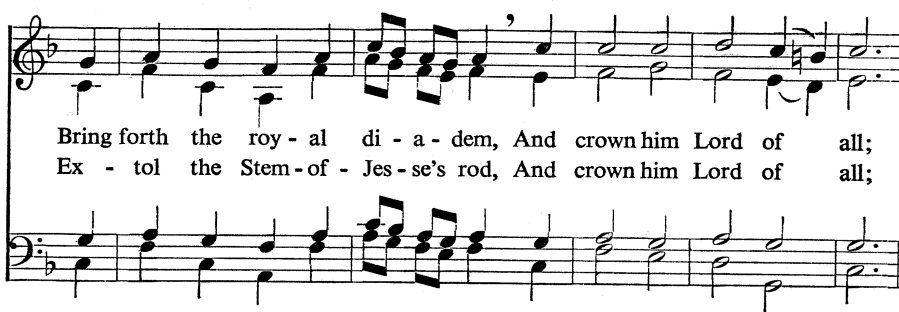
C: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise:

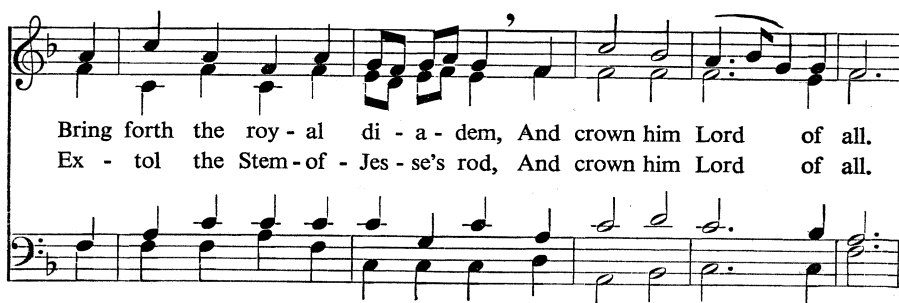
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (SBH426, 2nd tune, vs 1 & 6)



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God Who from his al - tar call;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all;
Ex - tol the Stem - of - Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all;



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3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

6 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet, 1726-92
John Rippon, 1751-1836*

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 continue to pray: Lord of all power and might, who is the author and giver of all good things. Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 First Lesson: Ezekiel 2: 1-5 (ESV)

And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

The Psalm: Psalm 123 (ESV)

P: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress.

P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

C: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 (ESV)

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The “Gradual” (Latin for *step*) is a liturgical reading bridging the readings of the epistle and the Gospel. It is comprised of Scripture,

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for “Praise the Lord.”

The Gradual:

Return, O Lord, how long and let it repent thee concerning your servants. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia, alleluia. O clap your hands, all you people. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Alleluia.. (Psalm 90: 1, 13; Psalm 47: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Mark 6: 1-13 (ESV)

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

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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 Announcements (Please be seated)

The Special Music

8:30 & 11:00 Christy Hinkelman—Wayfaring Stranger

(Folksong, arr. Walters)

The Apostles’ Creed is a statement of Christian belief used since the early Church. It’s not specific to any one Christian denomination, but used by the Church as a whole. We choose to confess it together as a unified reminder of what we believe to be true about God, and His caring service to us.

The Sermon Hymn:

"God Moves In A Mysterious Way" (AMB583)

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way, His won - ders to per - form:
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
3 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take: The clouds ye so much dread
4 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But trust Him for His grace;

He plants His foot - steps in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
He treas - ures up His bright de - signs And works His sov - 'reign will.
Are big with mer - cy and will break In bless - ings on your head.
Be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

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:

"(Extra)ordinary" | Mark 6: 1-13

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 Offering & Offertory

"Lord, Speak To Me" (Gerald Near)

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.

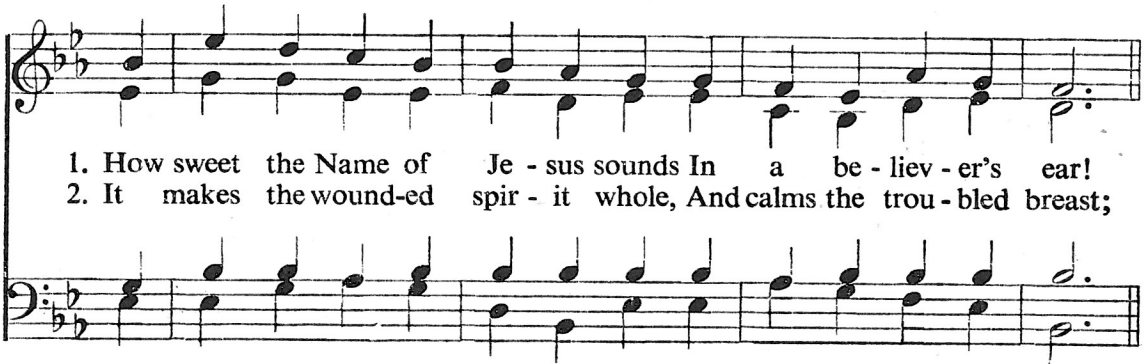
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

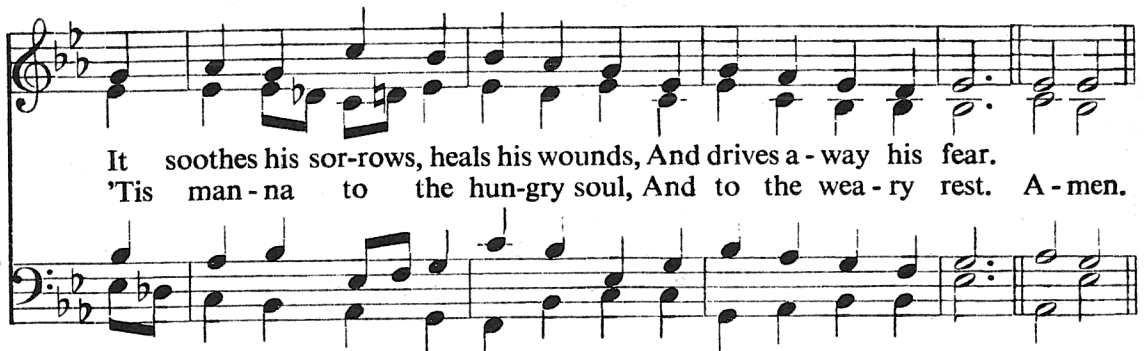
C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

"How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds" (SBH406)



1. How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!
2. It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole, And calms the trou - bled breast;



It soothes his sor-rows, heals his wounds, And drives a - way his fear.
'Tis man - na to the hun-gry soul, And to the wea - ry rest. A - men.

3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But, when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

5 Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy Name
Refresh my soul in death. Amen.

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Voluntary" (William Selby)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by the Cuthbert Family in loving memory of their parents and grandparents.

Nursery Today: 8:30—Greta Kelly; during Sunday School—Shari Smith; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

Known to be hospitalized: Joan Knepfelpamp—Canonsburg Hospital. Ellie Williams (7/11)—Jefferson Hospital; Kathy Rostausher (7/18) Jefferson Hospital.

The Women's Ministry Planning Meeting will be held in the Conference Room this Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in order to continue planning for the Fall start-up. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Mary Circle will meet Saturday, July 14th at the home of Erna Jochum at 9:45 a.m. Erna resides at the Concordia Residence in Mt. Lebanon, 1300 Bower Hill Road. For those wishing to carpool, we will meet at the church at 9:30a.m. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday. Visitors are welcome. Any questions, please call Betty King at (412) 835-7510.

VBS Donations Are Needed: Please pick a fish and sign up at bottom of the stairs. All donations need to be returned to the box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday July 15th. Thank you all for your contributions!

The Ambassador's will be with us in Concert this Wednesday, July 11th. We will also host a strawberry shortcake refreshment time following the concert. Be sure to attend this Fun event. This is an outstanding opportunity to invite your friends and family members as well. Come and let us fellowship together and learn about these dedicated Lutheran young people.

Our next EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE will be held on **Sunday, July 15th at 6:00 PM in the large Sunday School room.** Prayers and meditations will focus on our Lord Jesus, the Source of truth. As we seek to serve God, Jesus' perfect truth frees us to be all that God meant us to be. Join our church family and invite others for this uplifting evening of praise, worship, and fellowship. A heart in tune with God can't help but sing His praise! **".....Jesus said, 'If you hold to My teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.'" JOHN 8:31-32**

Sight and Sound Theatre Trip: We are planning a trip which will be the first of several to come! Looking forward to October 4th and 5th for an excellent adventure to Sight and Sound Theatre to experience the theatre's production of "Jesus". This will be an overnight trip with travel provided by Lenzner Tours. See more information on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. Mark your calendars and make your commitments for the trip. We need at least 35 people. If you are interested see either Patricia Lutz or Norma Vogel.

VBS WEEK FOR 2018—MONDAY, JULY 23rd THRU FRIDAY, JULY 27th

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018
LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Osier continues with...

“The Hard Sayings of the Bible”

Over the course of the next several weeks this summer, we will be exploring a number of difficult passages of the Bible and bringing clarity to them in both understanding and application of them.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room

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**Upcoming Birthdays**

- ◇ Happy **90th** Birthday to Richard Hummel on Saturday, July 14, 2018.
- ◇ Happy **92nd** Birthday to Al Hatala on Monday, July 16, 2018.
- ◇ Happy **90th** Birthday to Andy Kovac on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Please remember all of the above with birthday wishes and prayers.

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The AFLBS VBS Team “Foundation” (members are Dalton Jordahl, Derick Perry, Paige Blake, and Megan Thonsgaard) will be at Ruthfred the week of VBS (7/23-7/27). If you would like to host them for a lunch or dinner meal during the week, please contact Pat Lutz at the church office.

Current Fund: Given by Steven Graham MD in memory of Dolores Berlin.

Pastor’s Fund: Given by a friend in Christ in honor of the marriage of Ron and Chris Stout.

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YOUTH NEWS:

TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will be held back at church this Tuesday.

SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There IS SWAP tonight!! SWAP is our weekly get together for 6-8 Graders, during this time we play games, have a Bible lesson, and get to know one another as we become a community in Christ. **If your child is going from 5th to 6th grade this year they are officially invited to join our SWAP group.**

Brunch (9-12 Grade)

On certain Sundays we host brunch after Church for the youth at the Fouks' House. Brunch typically starts immediately after church, and goes until around 4pm. If you like good food, good company, and fun games, brunch is perfect for you. **There will be brunch July 22.**

Movie in the Park Night (6-12 Grade Youth and Families)

On July 21st we will be hosting a family movie night for youth families in the ballfield at church. We'll kick things off at 7pm with a hotdog/ hamburger dinner and some yard games. As soon as the light level permits we will begin watching "The Incredibles" on an outdoor screen. If you would like to attend this event, you need to RSVP to Brandon by July 18th with the number of people you will be bringing. Don't forget those blankets and camp chairs!

Save the Date:

July 21 Movie in the Park

July 22 Brunch

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com / (c) (715)-781-6063



THE AMBASSADORS

..... *in concert*

Ruthfred Lutheran Church
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VBS is July 23-27th!
Looking for Volunteers!!
WE NEED YOU!
Let's make it great for the kids!!

Please look at how you can get involved!

We really need YOU
some, we are looking
Look how you can help!
Go to following web-
vbspro.events/p/



to help make VBS awe-
for lots of volunteers!
site to sign up: [https://
events/0d5334](https://events/0d5334)

**Visit the table at the bottom of the stairs on the first floor
for more information!**

Questions?
Contact Lauren Compel by email at
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This Week At Ruthfred

Today (7/8) HERALD ARTICLE DEADLINE

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Monday (7/9)

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

Tuesday (7/10)

7:00 p.m.—Women's Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday (7/11)

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study

12:00 p.m.—Esther

7:00 p.m.—Ambassadors in Concert

Thursday (7/12)

6:30 p.m.—Ruth

7:00 p.m.—College and Career Group

Friday (7/13)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera

Saturday (7/14)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICHARD HUMMEL

9:30 a.m.—Mary

Welcome to worship, sisters and brothers in Christ.

May you hear God's voice in a special way today.

During the announcements, please sign the Friendship
Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:

Church...436 Sunday School...131

Prayer Requests

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

☐ Please keep this request
Private (to be kept amongst the
pastors and vicar 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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