

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

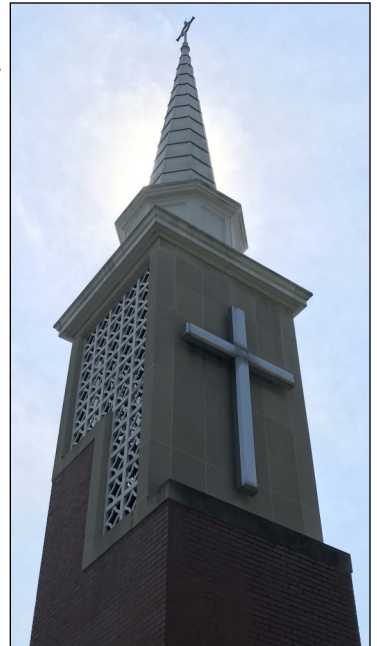
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ♦ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ♦ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ♦ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut, or *scherenschnitte*, created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 24, 2022

Prelude:

**"Jesus, Name of
Wondrous Love"**

(H. J. Gauntlett)

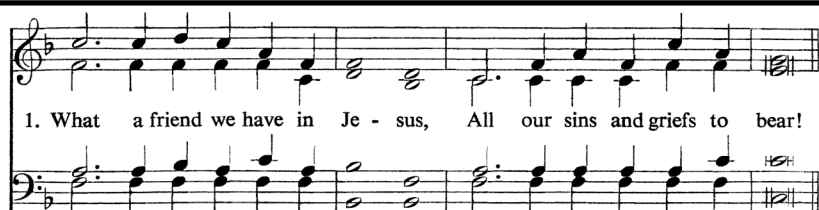
**"I Will Never Leave My
Jesus"** (J. G. Walther)

The Opening Hymn:

**"What a Friend We
Have in Jesus"**

(SBH459)

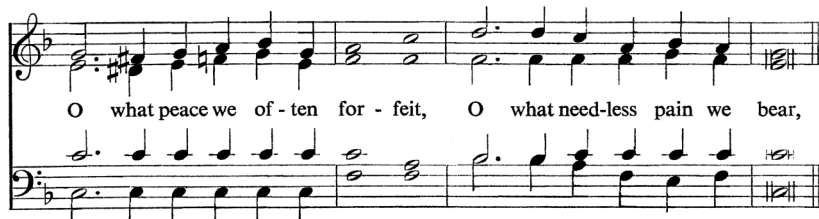
(Please stand as we join
our hearts in song)



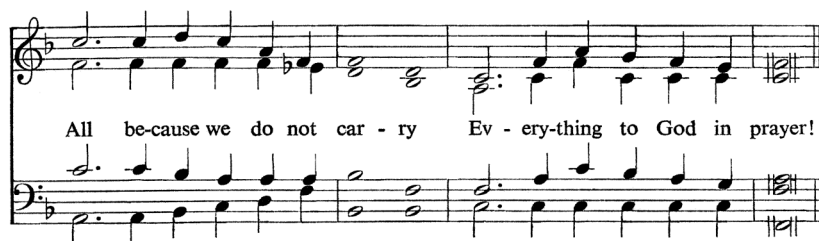
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven, 1820-86

The "invocation" is Latin for "call upon." In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ's name we have access to the Father's throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God's presence and blessing upon this service of "divine liturgy" in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sins (SBH, p. 41)

Pastor (P): Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

"Introit" means "to enter into," and is a responsive reading meant to lead God's forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

"Kyrie" is Latin for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: 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. 43)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 48)

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

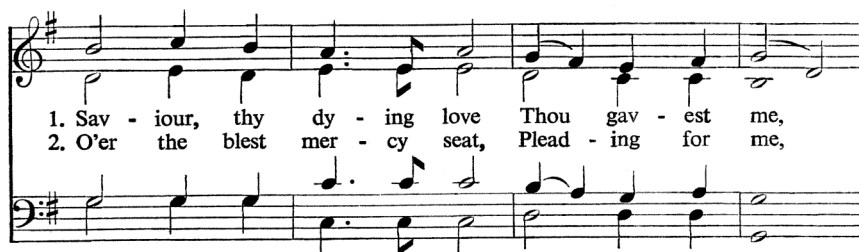
C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

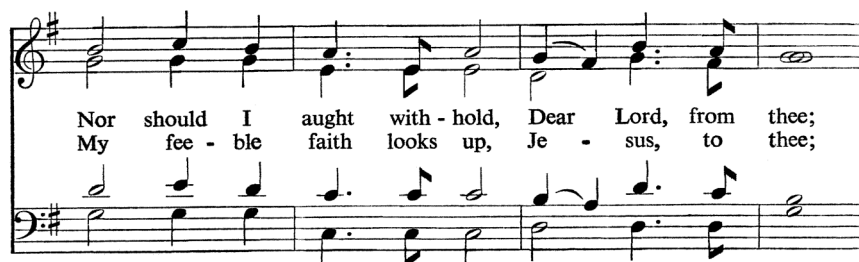
C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Hymn of
Praise:**

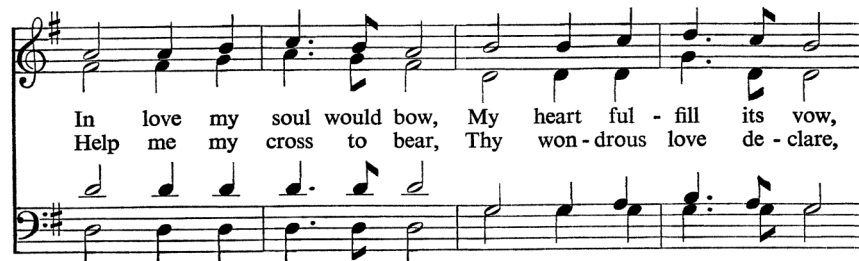
**"Savior, Thy Dying
Love" (SBH463)**



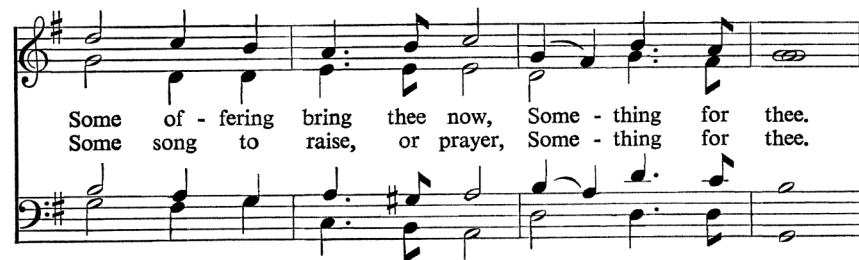
1. Sav - iour, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me,
2. O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee;
My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee;



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
Help me my cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,



Some of - fering bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.
Some song to raise, or prayer, Some - thing for thee.

3 Give me a faithful heart,
Likeness to thee,
That each departing day
Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won,
Something for thee.

4 All that I am and have,
Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life,
Dear Lord, for thee;
And when thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be,
Through all eternity,
Something for thee.

Sylvanus Dryden Phelps, 1816-95

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 Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:20-33 (NASB)

²⁰ And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. ²¹ I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.” ²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. ²³ Abraham came near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep *it* away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?” ²⁶ So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account.” ²⁷ And Abraham replied, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am *but* dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ He spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose forty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do *it* on account of the forty.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.” ³¹ And he said, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy *it* on account of the twenty.” ³² Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it on account of the ten.” ³³ As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

The Psalm: Psalm 138 (NASB)

P: I will give You thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to You before the gods.

C: I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

P: On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul.

C: All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O Lord, when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

P: And they will sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

C: For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

C: The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 (NASB)

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; ¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

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 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 Gradual:

Do return, O Lord; how long will it be? And be sorry for 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: Luke 11:1-13 (NASB)

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

¹ It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." ² And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"⁵ Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

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 Special Music: 8:30 & 11:00: Christy Hinkelman—*Precious Jesus* (Jay Althouse)

The Consecration of VBS Volunteers (both services)

The Announcements

Military Service Blessing for Josh Libell (8:30)

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn: "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray" (SBH452)

1. Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With rev-erence and with fear;

Though dust and ash - es in thy sight, We may, we must draw near. A-men.

2 We perish if we cease from prayer,
O grant us power to pray;
And when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

3 God of all grace, we come to thee
With broken, contrite hearts;
Give what thine eye delights to see,
Truth in the inward parts.

4 Give deep humility; the sense
Of godly sorrow give;
A strong desire, with confidence,
To hear thy voice and live;

5 Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone;
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
On Christ, on Christ alone;

6 Patience to watch and wait and weep,
Though mercy long delay;
Courage our fainting souls to keep,
And trust thee though thou slay.

7 Give these, and then thy will be done;
Thus strengthened with all might,
We, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
Shall pray, and pray aright. Amen.

James Montgomery, 1771–1854

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: "How to Speak to God" | Genesis 18:20-33

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:

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

(AMB457)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

“Laudate Dominum”

(P. G. Kreckel)

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
2 Let me at Thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3 Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy face;
4 Thou, the Spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,

While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
Heal my wound-ed, bro - ken spir - it, Save me by Thy grace.
Whom have I on earth be - side Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

Refrain

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

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

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Tune: William H. Doane, 1831–1915

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Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Mick and Marlene Nowicki to the Glory of God in memory of their baby daughter, Lisa Margaret.

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

Guest Organist: We welcome Essi Efthimiou as our guest organist today. Fred Schell is on vacation, and we are blessed to have Essi filling in for him.

Hospitalized: Fritz Motzer is very ill and at St. Clair Hospital. He is unable to have visitors, not even Grace, but cards and prayers are welcome. Grace welcomes cards or phone calls. Their new address is: The Waters of McMurray, 441 Valley Brook Rd., Apt. 307, McMurray, PA 15317.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Patricia VanKirk—liver cancer. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip) is now home, but he is undergoing rehab. Larry Holt has returned to Paramount (Room 113), but the stroke has left him paralyzed on one side and unable to speak. Terry Alwine has returned home to continue his recovery from a broken leg. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

In Hospice Care: Margie Jacobson, Marie Wilmer, and Al Hatala. Please keep them in your prayers.

Live Stream Fund: Given by Sandy and Fred Pellegrino with thanks to the entire Ruthfred congregation for the prayers, phone calls, and support since Fred's accident. We are so thankful! Fred is starting to mend. Hope to see you all soon.

Pastor's Fund: Given by Chinnella Cooper in honor of Sandy Pellegrino and her family.

Welcome Back to Pastor Carlson and family! Today we welcome Pastor Carlson back from his much-deserved sabbatical. Thank you to Pastor McMin, the Elders, and all those who stepped in to cover duties while Pastor Carlson was away.

Take Them a Meal Samaritan Ministry Opportunities: Visit the website. (If you use the family-specific URL, you do not need the password.) Sign up and read any notes or dietary restrictions. If possible, list the dish you will be preparing, so we can try to provide variety. Reminder slips with this information are available at the church entrances. Thank you for blessing these families!

Taylor family: We are providing 2 meals a week through August 29. Their URL is takethemameal.com/NIOF9396. (Password is 8593.) Thank you for the prayers and support for the Taylor family. Contact Jill Kurtz with any questions.

Patricia & William VanKirk: We are providing 2 meals a week through September 8. Their URL is takethemameal.com/LONC0466. (Password is 8376.) Contact Melissa Bostaph at the church with questions or to have her sign you up or deliver your meals.

Our Library Needs You: Our Library (located next to the Large Sunday School Room) is a great resource for Christian books, DVD's, devotionals, reference manuals and more! We are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours per month to help Elaine Widich, our volunteer library coordinator. Please reach out to Melissa Bostaph (MelissaBostaph@Ruthfred.org) or speak with Elaine if you can help.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet TODAY at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew and Cassie Vogel's house. This will be our only July meeting. All young adults are welcome to join. For questions or further information, please contact Andrew at andrewvogel@ruthfred.org.

Announcements (cont'd)

VBS Decorating: Please consider helping TODAY, starting at noon, with the decorating for VBS.

Service Opportunity This Fall: Summer may be the time you begin looking for a way you can serve the church starting in the fall. If you love children and God's Word, look no further! The Sunday School is in *urgent* need (in September) of at least one, hopefully two or more, teachers for the Preschool age group. Classes of these littlest cherubs are small, and the curriculum provides everything needed. In addition, we would love to increase our list of those willing to rotate in to teach periodically or serve as substitutes as needed for ALL grade levels. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, and contact Sunday School superintendent, Shane Cox, with any questions at coxfarrierservice@gmail.com.

Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:

Preschool Teacher's Assistant: Two part-time positions for the upcoming school year. Please contact Denise Stutzman with questions or to submit your resume: denisestutzman@ruthfred.org.

Nursery Attendant: Do you have a heart for the youngest in our Church family? We have a need for nursery workers. Please contact Shane Cox if you can help.

Attention All Summer Special Music Providers: Please let Sally and Fred know what you will be doing for the Special Music by Tuesday of each week. An email would be great—sallyondrejko@ruthfred.org or frederickschell@comcast.net. If we don't hear from you, only your name will appear in the bulletin under the Special Music.

Summer Reading Program for Kids: "CPH Reads" is a summer reading program offered by Concordia Publishing House. Ruthfred is participating as a way to keep our kids reading and growing their faith over the summer. The program is designed for ages 2 through 5th grade (younger children can be read to by parents or other adults). We have a variety of CPH Arch books available for borrowing, located on a bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall. Parents need to register children on the cph.org/reads website. The books read are then logged online with CPH. There are also cards to take home to track reading progress. Each faith-based CPH book counts for 100 points. Other books can be read for 50 points each. For more information, contact Peggy Glasser.

Additional July Birthday: Please wish a Happy 90th birthday to Helen McNall, who celebrated on July 16th!

Lutherans for Life Quote: "God's Son began His life weak and helpless, laid in a feeding trough. He began His ministry weak and tempted, vulnerable in the desert. In a weakened state from the scourging, Jesus died on the cross, making you right with God, filling you with His strength. And when God supplies your strength, you are strong, indeed." — *Marie MacPherson, author*

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Please join us today as our youth share videos and moving testimony from their recent trip to Nashville, TN, for Work Camp.

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### **Today in the Upper Room**

There will be no class in the Upper Room for the summer. Please join the adult Sunday School Class in the Large Classroom.

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Journey Through the Word Summer Session

Wednesdays, June 15-August 10

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Biblical TV Series “The Chosen” Season 2

Season 1 was so well received and enjoyed last summer that we decided to continue this year with Season 2. Come for the fellowship, an excellent drama series, and stimulating discussion. No registration is necessary. All are welcome, whether or not you have attended JTTW in the past. Please contact Sue Swan if you have questions, at writngcygnet@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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### **Summer Sunday School for Kids**

Miss Bunny (Barger) and Miss Susan (Wholey) will continue their wonderful Sunday School class for 4- & 5-year-olds through the summer. Jason Weighley & Friends will offer a special Sunday School series for kids ages 6—5<sup>th</sup> grade featuring the Torchlighters’ animated films about heroes of the Faith. Students in grade 6 and up will join Regan for youth Sunday School classes. We plan to have the nursery staffed. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

| <b><u>RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES</u></b><br><b><u>OF BUDGETED FUNDS</u></b> | <b>Expenses Compared to Receipts</b> |                                  |                                                  |                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                        | <b>Member</b><br><b>Donations</b>    | <b>Transfers</b><br><b>Other</b> | <b>Less:</b><br><b>Actual</b><br><b>Expenses</b> | <b>Surplus/</b><br><b>(Shortfall)</b> |
| <b>Year to Date June 30, 2022</b>                                      |                                      |                                  |                                                  |                                       |
| Current                                                                | 439,739*                             | (34,000)                         | 408,281                                          | (2,543)                               |
| Building                                                               | 17,156                               |                                  | 13,980                                           | 3,176                                 |
| Benevolence                                                            | 79,304                               | 34,000                           | 98,770                                           | 14,534                                |
| Totals                                                                 | 536,199                              |                                  | 521,031                                          | 15,167                                |

\*Includes special gift from Birmingham UCC—see article in March Herald newsletter



VBS is here!  
VBS 2022 will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon



Questions?  
Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
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## YOUTH NEWS:

### SWAP (6-8 Grade)

There is **SWAP** tonight, 6-7:30 at the Church.

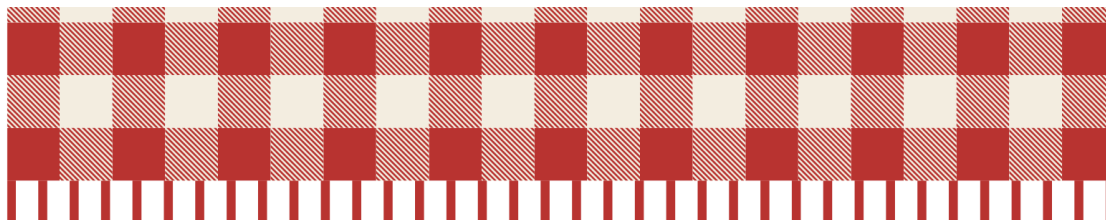
### TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Hoppe's house, 7-9 p.m. The address is 5115 Windgate Rd., Bethel Park, PA.

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Questions/concerns?

Contact: Regan Johnson at ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org
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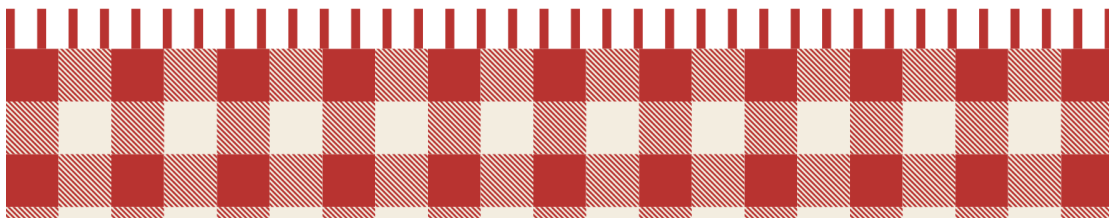
Saturday, August 20th

3 pm - 7:00 pm

Ruthfred Ballfield

We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring a side or dessert to round out our old-fashioned church picnic! Last names A-M bring a dessert, last names N-Z bring a side dish.

Fun for all ages! Pie-eating contest, Bingo, wiffleball, water balloon toss, Praise Team & more!



This Week At Ruthfred

Today (7/24)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Noon—VBS Decorating

6:00 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study (A & C Vogels')

Monday, (7/25) Vacation Bible School Week Begins

9:00 a.m.–noon—VBS

7:00 p.m.—Benevolence

Tuesday (7/26)

9:00 a.m.-noon—VBS

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

Wednesday (7/27)

9:00 a.m.-noon—VBS

NO Journey Through the Word

Thursday (7/28)

9:00 a.m.-noon—VBS

Friday (7/29)

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

9:00 a.m.-noon—VBS

11:30 a.m.—VBS Closing Program

Sunday (7/31)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

Herald Deadline

Dear family, welcome to his time of worship. Share a word of peace with someone now.

Attendance for Last Week:

Contemporary Worship Service...32

Sunday Worship...250 Sunday School...68

8:30 Live Stream...47

JTTW...16

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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