

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 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 9, 2018

Prelude:

Be Thou My Vision (Gordon Young)

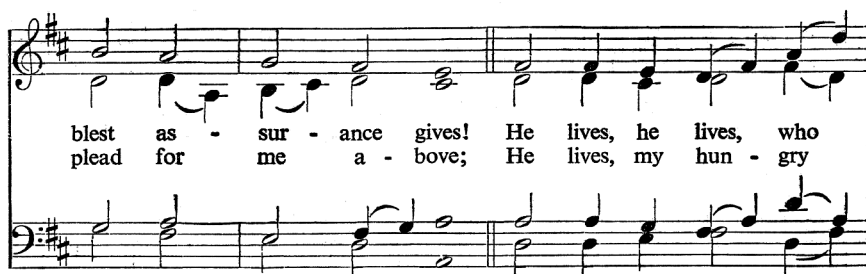
The Opening Hymn:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (SBH387)

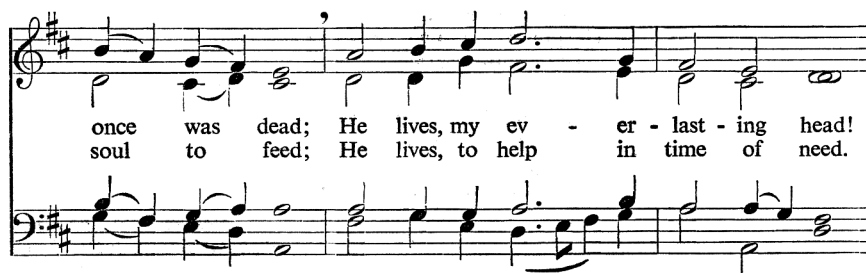
(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What joy the
2. He lives, to bless me with his love; He lives, to



blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who
plead for me a - bove; He lives, my hun - gry



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!
soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

3 He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

4 He lives, all glory to his Name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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)

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.

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: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me.

C: O You, my God, save Your servant that trusts in You.

P: Be merciful to me, O Lord.

C: For I cry to You daily. Rejoice the soul of your servant. For to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. (Psalm 86: 1-4)

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. 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:

“My God, Accept My Heart This Day” (AMB442, vs 1-3)



- 1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, And make it al - ways Thine,
- 2 Be - fore the Cross of Him who died, Be - hold I pros - trate fall;
- 3 A - noint me with Thy heav'n-ly grace, A - dopt me for Thine own;
- 4 May the dear Blood, once shed for me, My blest a - tone - ment prove,
- 5 Let ev - 'ry thought, and work, and word, To Thee be ev - er giv'n:



That I from Thee no more may stray, No more from Thee de - cline.
Let ev - 'ry sin be cru - ci - fied, Let Christ be all in all!
That I may see Thy glo - rious face And wor - ship at Thy throne!
That I from first to last may be The pur - chase of Thy Love!
Then life shall be Thy ser - vice, Lord, And death the gate of heav'n!



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.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us continue to pray: O Lord, we beseech You, let Your continual mercy cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your gracious aid, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

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 First Lesson: Acts 9: 1-22 (NASB)

Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,² and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,⁶ but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."⁷ The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;¹⁹ and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."²¹ All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"²² But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

The Psalm: Psalm 67 (NASB)

P: God be gracious to us and bless us, *and* cause His face to shine upon us.

C: That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You will judge the peoples with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth.

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

C: The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

The Epistle Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-24 (NASB)

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴ and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² I was *still* unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; ²³ but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they were glorifying God because of me.

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

"Alleluia" is Hebrew for "Praise the Lord."

The Gradual:

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your Name, O most High. To show forth Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night. Alleluia, alleluia. O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Alleluia. (Psalm 92: 1-2; 57: 7)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 21: 15-19 (NASB)

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

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

The Congregation shall sing, **"Praise be to Thee, O Christ."**

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.

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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 Presentation of Bibles to the Jr. Confirmation Class (8:30 & 11:00)

The Special Music

8:30 Patricia Lutz—Be Still, My Soul/What A Friend We Have In Jesus
(arr. Sponberg/Hall)

11:00 Senior Choir—My Tribute (Crouch)

Welcome and Friendship Pads

Opportunities to Connect This Week

**SS for all ages (Jeff Kipp—Chosen Ppl Min. will be in the Large Classroom
Elders Prayer @ 6:00 & Council @ 7:30 Tomorrow
Wed. Fall Schedule starts—Kids Time, Morning JTTW & Eve. JTTW**

Opportunities to Pray:

Grace Motzer (SCH)

Kim Dolence (SCH)

Gina Consoli—MRI this week

Hannah Newman will marry Thomas Pan at Emmanuel Pr. in NYC

Looking Ahead

Fall Family Brunch 9/23 12:30-2:30 (Fun for the kids

Men's Brotherhood dinner (9/27 @ 7—Ed Glover—Man Up ministries—\$15)

The Sermon Hymn:

"Thou, Whose Almighty Word" (SBH309)

1. Thou, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2. Thou, who didst come to bring On thy re - deem - ing wing

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, steady eighth-note pattern. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two verses. The first verse ends with a double bar line.

And took their flight; Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the
Heal - ing and sight, Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the staff. The first line of the system ends with a double bar line.

gos - pel - day Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
in - ly blind, O now to all man - kind Let there be light! A - men.

The third system concludes the hymn. The melody ends with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the staff.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light! Amen.

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:

"New Beginnings" | Acts 9: 1-22

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

"Jesus Shall Reign" (H. Alexander Matthews)

The Consecration of the 2018-2019 Sunday School Staff, JTTW and KidsTime Leaders (8:30 and 11:00)

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:

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

(AMB471)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Prelude in C Major"

(J. S. Bach)

1 I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it
2 Con - se - crate me now to Thy ser - vice, Lord, By the
3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -
4 There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the
pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in pray'r and with
cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

arms of faith And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
stead - fast hope And my will be lost in Thine.
Thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend.
may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain

Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;
(near-er, near-er,)

Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.

My Tribute

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me.
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude;
All that I am and ever hope to be – I owe it all to thee.

To God be the glory
For the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me,
With his pow'r he has raised me,
To God be the glory
For the things he has done.

And let me live my life,
Let it be pleasing Lord, to thee;
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary.

With his blood he has saved me,
With his pow'r he has raised me,
To God be the glory
For the things he has done.

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Grace Diehm and Dot Corbett for widows and widowers in loving memory of their spouses.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Cheryl Schmidt—ManorCare in Whitehall.

Help Sought - Operation Christmas Child: Anyone interested in coordinating or helping to coordinate this Samaritan's Purse shoebox project in October, please contact Jill Kurtz for details.

More Help Sought: Women's Ministries is looking for individuals, couples or groups to take on organizing a Christmas Giving Tree Project. These begin in November. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jill Kurtz.

Fall Family Brunch—Fellowship, Food and Fun: Covered dish, Sunday, September 23, 2018 (NO STEELER GAME THAT DAY). Time: 12:30—2:30 p.m. Entertainment of jugglers/dancers. Sign-up to attend today, September 9th and September 16th. More information to follow. It will be great to spend time together and share our comfort food!

Thank you for the blessings of scripture, prayers and visits from Pastor Carlson and Vicar Czymbor after my recent surgery and recuperation. I especially appreciate the opportunity to have communion at home. It meant more than I can tell you particularly at this time. Thank you Vicar Czymbor. *Marly Willis*

XYZ: Don't forget to sign up for the September 28, XYZ luncheon and program to be held in the fellowship hall at 12:00 noon. Our speaker for the event is Attorney Ben Urso of the Law Firm Zachery-Brown in McMurray. He will be bringing us a program entitled "Estate and Elder Law: The Most Important Document You Need to Protect Your Assets". The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Pat's office. Looking forward to seeing you all again after our summer break!

Upcoming Wedding: Next Sunday, September 16, 2018, Hannah Newman and Thomas Pan will exchange wedding vows at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Please continue to pray for Gina Consoli. Gina had a brain tumor partially removed last month. She will be having an MRI on September 14th, with the possibility of having the remaining 20% of the tumor removed in a couple weeks. Please keep her in prayer. Her address is: 4305 Excursion Drive, Dalzell, SC 29040

The date for the Men's Night/Brotherhood Dinner has been changed to Thursday, September 27, 2018. More info to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Messianic Rabbi Jeff Kipp will be with us today...

He will be speaking on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year which begins on sundown today, September 9th. On this festival day, the Jewish people celebrate God's creation of the world, and of Adam and Eve in particular. It is a celebration of life and a consecration of one's life to God for the coming year. This will be a great way for you to begin this new fall season and renewed spiritual commitment to God and life in the church. Please come and join us!

Sunday, September 16, 2018

We will be sharing memories of Pastor Dennis as we mark the 10th year anniversary of his passing this week.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room thru Sunday, 11/18/18

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**Morning and Evening JTTW, KidsTime Begin on Wednesday, 9/12/18**

**Children's Choir Begins on Wednesday, 9/19/18**

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September Birthdays

Happy 91st Birthday to Arnette Tober on Wednesday, 9/12/18

Happy 99th Birthday to Esther Headrick on Wednesday, 9/19/18

Happy 90th Birthday to Margie Jacobson on Thursday, 9/20/18

Happy 91st Birthday to Harry Fjaere on Sunday, 9/30/18

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

GIFTS TO OUR CHURCH

Youth Fund

Given by Dan and Judy Bender in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Elizabeth, Gordon and Emma Hardy in memory of Stacie Klick.

Given by Dorothy Huff in memory of Stacie Klick.

Current Fund

Given by Donna Johnson in memory of George Meyer.

Given by Cliff and Joan Morton.

Pastor's Fund

Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in loving memory of the late Pastor Dennis for those many years of not only being our Pastor but also mentor and friend.

Music Fund

Given by Dorothy Kratz in honor of her two new great grandchildren, John C. Kratz and Isanna Kratz.

Women's Ministry Fund

Given by Cliff and Joan Morton.

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**Thank You:** A huge thank you to Pastor Carlson and Sadie, Pastor Osier, Vicar Quanbeck, Vicar Czymbor and some other loving members of our congregation who came to visit when I was in the hospitals and rehab centers. Also a big thank you to those who offered prayers, called me and kept in touch with Bob and sent beautiful cards. Last, but not least, thank you to all who donated to, assembled and delivered the lovely Easter baskets. Everything was much appreciated. What a privilege it is to belong to such a faithful and loving congregation. Please continue to pray for us; those prayers are what got us through all of this. Thank you with loving hearts. ***Judy and Bob Boyd***

**Our next EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE** will be held on **Sunday, September 16th at 6:00 PM** in the large Sunday School room. Prayers and meditations will focus on our worship of Jesus, the One and Only! What a beautiful name it is - the name of Jesus! 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! **"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."** ***PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11***

### **Morning Journey Through The Word**

Morning JTTW begins on Wednesday, September 12th from 9:15—11:15 a.m. Our topic for the first half of this year (from September through November) will be The Seven Churches of Revelation and will cover the first 4 chapters of “The Revelation”. Christ dictated these letters to the Apostle John while he was in exile on the Island of Patmos. When Jesus sent these messages to the first century churches they were timely and meaningful...and now, 2000 years later we believe they can be applied to our century and our personal lives as well.

Also...Morning JTTW is considering adding a Men’s group for those who would like to consider a daytime study.

Registration slips for “Morning Journey Through The Word” are available in the baskets at the church entrance or via the church website. Return completed slips to the baskets or church office. Childcare for pre-school and nursery age children will be available. **Questions: Joanne Segerdahl (412) 833-2069 / Sandy Newman (412) 306-0995**

### **Evening Journey Through The Word**

We are really pleased with what we are planning for this year! We are going to look at the themes, books, characters and content of the Bible through a single lens of “Telling the BIG STORY of God’s single story of redemption and restoration of His created world.” This might well be the opportunity you have been waiting for to “make sense of the whole of Scripture” as it unfolds together! Along with the material this year, there is also a five day devotional guide that you can use to help you develop the practice of spending a few guided minutes in God’s Word during the week, and to allow for additional study of the passage. Our Confirmation classes are also going to be tying into these studies each week as well, so their parents are especially encouraged to be part of this together! My prayer is that all of the members of our congregation would continue growing in their faith and also be equipped in sharing the Big Story of the Good News of God’s Salvation.

**Please register by going online to our Ruthfred page, or by contacting Jill Huwe or call the church office.**

The format is to meet together for a time of teaching. The Worship Team will again lead us in song, and then we will break into small group for continued study, discussion, and prayer.

Start Date: Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 6:45pm – 8:00pm.

Place: Adult Large S.S. room.

# YOUTH NEWS

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

**There will be 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.

## 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Fall Festival (6-12 Grade kids & Families)

Steve and Peggy Cox have once again opened their farm to the youth and their families for our annual fall festival. The Festival will be taking place on **October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 9pm** at the Farm. During this time, we will be participating in fall themed activities, enjoying great food, and watching an outdoor movie (weather permitting). Contact Brandon ASAP to RSVP if you are planning to attend.

## SWAP Retreat (6-8 Grade)

Registration is open for this year's annual SWAP retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Camp. We will be leaving from church on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, and returning Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> around 3pm. During their time at Seneca Hills the kids will play large group games, participate in worship, enjoy great food, and take in a number of sessions from a guest speaker. Forms are available outside the youth office, cost is \$65.

## SWAP Late Night (6-8 Grade)

**On September 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a late night for Grades 6-8. The Late Night will start at 5pm, at Church, and end at 10pm, during that time we will play games, eat pizza, watch a movie, and enjoy spending time together. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brandon ASAP.

### Save the Date:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| <u>September 23</u> | Brunch          |
| <u>September 29</u> | SWAP Late Night |
| <u>October 6</u>    | Fall Festival   |
| <u>October 19</u>   | SWAP Retreat    |

Questions/concerns?

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

## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (9/9)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Monday (9/10)

9:15 a.m.—JTTW Leaders Meeting

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew

6:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

## Tuesday (9/11)

## Remembering 911

### Wednesday (9/12)

Happy Birthday Arnette Tober

9:15 a.m.—JTTW

12:00 p.m.—Esther

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir

6:45 p.m.—JTTW/KidsTime

6:45 p.m.—Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Classes

7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir

## Thursday (9/13)

10:00 a.m.—Knitting Group

6:30 p.m.—Ruth

### Friday (9/14)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera

Welcome to worship and the start of a new year of Christian education. May all who gather here know God's love. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...435    Sunday School...107

## 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 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:

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Name:

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Children:

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Address:

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Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

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Email:

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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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