

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

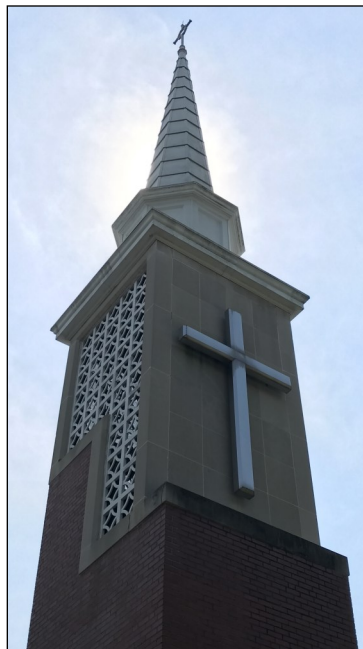
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 17, 2022

Prelude:

"Meditation on Beach Spring"

(L. Visser)

The Opening Hymn:


"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

(SBH#120)

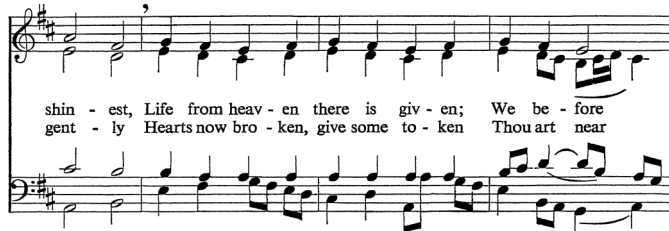
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, A - mong these hearts thy
Sun of the soul, thou light di - vine, A - round and in us
2. Left to our - selves we shall but stray, O lead us on the
And give us stead - fast - ness, that we May hence-forth tru - ly



work be - gin, Thy tem - ple deign to make us;
bright-ly shine, To strength and glad-ness wake us. Where thou
nar - row way, With wis - est coun-sel guide us;
fol - low thee, What - ev - er woes be - tide us; Heal thou



shin - est, Life from heav - en there is giv - en; We be - fore
gent - ly Hearts now bro - ken, give some to - ken Thou art near



thee For that pre - cious gift im - plore thee.
us, Whom we trust to light and cheer us. A-men.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life!
Let thy dear word, 'mid doubt and strife,
Be so within us burning,
That we be faithful unto death
In thy pure love and holy faith,
From thee true wisdom learning.
Lord, thy graces
On us shower; by thy power
Christ confessing,
Let us win his grace and blessing.

4 Grant that our days, while life shall last,
In purest holiness be passed;
Our minds so rule and strengthen
That they may rise o'er things of earth,
The hopes and joys that here have birth;
And if our course thou lengthen,
Keep thou pure, Lord,
From offences, heart and senses;
Blessèd Spirit,
Bid us thus true life inherit. Amen.

*Michael Schirmer, 1606-73
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78*

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

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).

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. 15)

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:

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

“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 from the Greek word 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 Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; You have been my help.

C: Leave me not, and do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

C: Whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27: 1, 7, 9)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**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. 18)

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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (AMB#124)



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou hast for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry-where;



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

Refrain



Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;



O - pen my eyes—
 O - pen my ears— il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart—

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: O God, who has prepared for them that love You such good things as pass man’s understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a (NASB)

¹ Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. ² When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, ³ and said, “My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. ⁴ Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; ⁵ and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant.” And they said, “So do, as you have said.” ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it and make bread cakes.” ⁷ Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate. ⁹ Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰ He said, “I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son.”

The Psalm: Psalm 27:7-14 (NASB)

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me.

C: When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.”

P: Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

C: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.

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The Psalm: Psalm 27:7-14 (NASB) (cont'd)

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my foes.

C: Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

P: I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

C: Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.

The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29 (NASB)

²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. ²⁵ Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, ²⁶ that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, ²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within 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.

The Gradual

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer. Alleluia, alleluia. In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in Your righteousness. Alleluia. (Psalm 84:8-9; 31:1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:38-42 (NASB)

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

³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

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

The Baptismal Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father (SBH572)

Today we are privileged to witness the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We believe that Baptism is God’s work. It is not merely a symbolic application of water, but water used according to God’s command and in connection with His Word (see Matt. 28:19-20). In Baptism God causes us to be born again through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (see Titus 3:5 and 1 Peter 3:21). For little Averie James, Baptism marks the beginning of a new life in Christ that is nourished through a lifetime of continually hearing and learning God’s Word.

1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther Safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho-ly courts they flour-ish.

Nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en Such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.
From all e-vil things he spares them, In his might-y arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

*Caroline V. Sandell Berg, 1832–1903
Tr. Ernest William Olson, 1870–*

The Baptism of Averie James Stocker (11:00 a.m.)

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 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 Pi-
late, 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 Kurt Radke— *This Little Light of Mine* (Trad.)

The Announcements

The Children's Object Lesson

The Sermon Hymn:

**"Breathe on Me,
Breath of God"**

(SBH#470)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,

That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.
Un - til with thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure. A-men.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Unite my soul with thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glowes with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity. Amen.

Edwin Hatch, 1835-89

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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:

"God's Power Working in You" | Colossians 1:21-29

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:

"He Leadeth Me"

(SBH#478)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Voluntary in Free Style"

(J. C. Beckel)



1. He lead-eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught!
2. Some-times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, Some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
By wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis his hand that lead-eth me.



Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me; By his own hand he lead-eth me:



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me.



- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
- 4 And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Joseph Henry Gilmore, 1834-1918, a.

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented in celebration of the 90th birthday of Esther Cox by her children—Alan & Kerry Macugoski, Walt & Beth Cox, and Steve & Peg Cox.

Special thanks to Eric Wente and Kurt Ziegler. They are reading Scripture today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

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.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Terry Alwine (broken leg)—Canonsburg Hospital.

Prayers for Recovery and Healing: Michelle Hopkins—praise God that her chemotherapy treatments are completed. Al Hatala—Room 128D at Friendship Village. Patricia VanKirk—liver cancer. Fred Pellegrino (broken hip) is now home, but he will be undergoing rehab. Larry Holt is now at ProMedica for rehab following his recent stroke. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as all those members of the Ruthfred family who are facing health or other challenges.

On Hospice Care: Please pray for Margie Jacobson. She remains at home, but her health is failing.

Current Fund: Given by Chris and Ron Stout in memory of Jim MacManus. Given by Linda Friedel in thanksgiving for the support she received from both pastors and from the congregation following the recent death of her husband, Pete.

Official Act: On Saturday, July 9, at 1 p.m., a funeral service was held for **John R. “Bob” Koehnke** at the Paul Henney Funeral Home. Our pastors and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to his family.

VBS Volunteers Urgently Needed: VBS begins next week (July 25) and we still need volunteers. Please see the announcement on page 17 for details. There is a meeting TODAY in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for volunteers. If you can't help in person, donations of gift cards, beverages, and snacks are also needed. Please consider helping with this critical ministry of our church.

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.

Craft & Sew: Please join the sewing group at 9:30 this Tuesday, July 19th for our next meeting! Contact Arlene Ball if you have any questions. 412-977-8013 or Arlene1952@gmail.com.

Announcements (cont'd)

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.

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.

Young Adult Bible Study: This group will meet next Sunday, July 24th, 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.

Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:

Preschool Teacher's Assistant: Part-time position 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.

For the summer months, the double oak doors leading to the back parking lot will be unlocked for scheduled events, but they will be locked at all other times for security purposes. Please use the South Park entrance (across from Ruthfred Market) when entering the church Monday through Saturday.

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.

Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom

Following up on Pastor McMinn's solid series on the Ten Commandments, we are undertaking a 10-week Bible study entitled, "The Lamb of God, Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." This video study, wonderfully presented by author Nancy Guthrie, was recently very inspiring for those in our Wednesday morning Journey Through the Word sessions. Please join us for this deeply Christ-centered series. For more information, please contact Kurt Ziegler.

Please join us next Sunday, July 24th, as our youth share videos and 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 writingcygnet@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



**Summer is here!**

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

**We are looking for Volunteers!! Volunteer Meeting Today!**



## **Registration**

Registration is open until July 22<sup>nd</sup>! Ages 4—8th grade. Come with us on a Monumental Journey celebrating God's Greatness, at Ruthfred Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit [www.ruthfred.org](http://www.ruthfred.org) to register.

Questions?  
Contact Jason Weighley by email at  
[Jason.Weighley@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.Weighley@gmail.com)

Unable to volunteer for VBS this year, but still want to help? **We are asking for donations** for our snacks. Please consider donating the following:

**Walmart or Target gift cards**  
**Cash or checks**  
**Juice boxes**  
**Instant pudding cups**  
**Ranch dressing**  
**EMPTY food boxes (e.g. cereal or cracker boxes)**

Place monetary donations/gift cards labeled "VBS" in the offering basket on Sundays or in the church office throughout the week. There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall for non-monetary donations. Please have all donations in by TODAY. Thank you!

# YOUTH NEWS:

## SWAP (6-8 Grade)

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

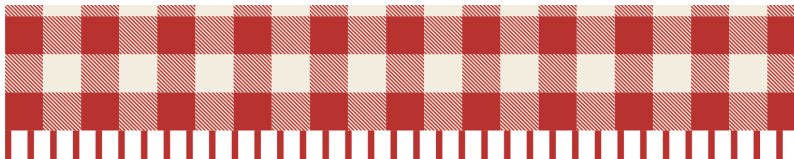
## TNT (9-12 Grade)

TNT will meet on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Burke's house, 448 Basset Dr., Bethel Park, PA.

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Questions/concerns?

Contact: Regan Johnson at ReganJohnson@ruthfred.org, or
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SAVE THE DATE!

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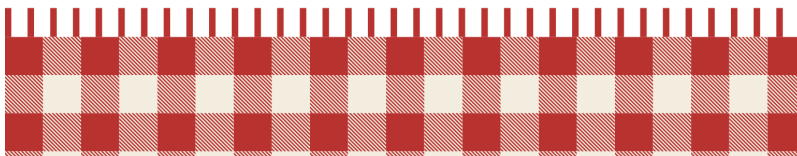
Saturday, August 20th

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 (7/17)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School & VBS Volunteer Meeting
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Baptism of Averie James Stocker)

Monday (7/18)

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO ESTHER COX

Tuesday (7/19)

9:30 a.m.—Craft & Sew (sewers)
7:00 p.m.—Worship Team
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE SNYDER

Wednesday (7/20)

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word

Friday (7/22) St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group (Fireside Lounge)
HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY TO ANDY KOVAC

Saturday (7/23)

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—VBS Decorating

Sunday (7/24)

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
12:00 p.m.—VBS Decorating
6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Bible Study @ A & C Vogels'
Deadline for Herald submissions for August issue

Welcome to worship! Here may you find rest for your souls, challenge and comfort alike, and inspiration to share Christ's love as you go forth in faith.

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...255 Sunday School...72
8:30 Live Stream...43
JTTW...18

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 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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