

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

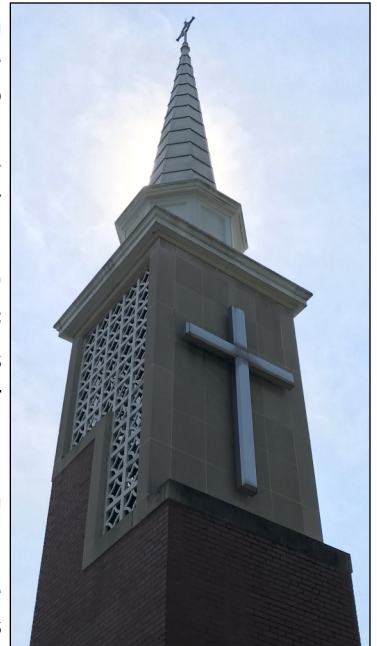
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 an offering basket.

## 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 *scherschnitte*, created specially for our church by local artist 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 9, 2023

## Prelude:

### **"Kyrie, Recit, Trio and Gloria"**

(F. Couperin)

## The Opening Hymn:

### **"He Leadeth Me"**

(SBH #478)

(Please stand as we  
join our hearts in  
song)



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.*

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. 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** (SBH p. 42)

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.

**The Introit** (Read Responsively; Please stand) (SBH p. 43/96)

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. 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.

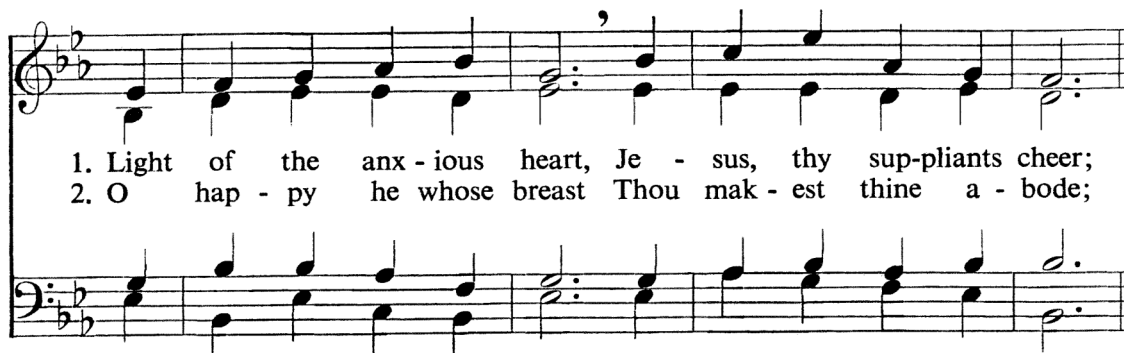
**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

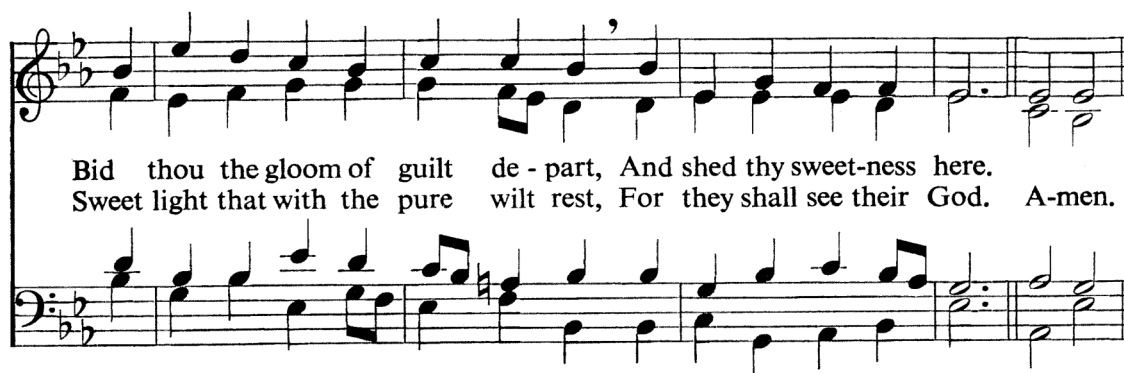
**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"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 Hymn of Praise: "Light of the Anxious Heart" (SBH #475)**



1. Light of the anx - ious heart, Je - sus, thy sup-plant cheer;  
2. O hap - py he whose breast Thou mak - est thine a - bode;



Bid thou the gloom of guilt de - part, And shed thy sweet-ness here.  
Sweet light that with the pure wilt rest, For they shall see their God. A-men.

3 Brightness of God above,  
Unfathomable grace,  
Within our hearts implant thy love  
And fix thy dwelling-place.

4 To lowly minds revealed,  
Our Saviour we adore;  
Like tribute to the Father yield,  
And Spirit, evermore. Amen.

*Ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153  
Tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68*

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** (SBH p. 52/96)

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: Zechariah 9:9-12** (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of *My* covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 145:1-14** (NASB)

P: I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever.**

P: Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**C: One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

P: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

**C: Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will tell of Your greatness.**

P: They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

**C: The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.**

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**The Psalm: Psalm 145:1-14** (NASB) (cont'd)

P: The LORD is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.

**C: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and Your godly ones shall bless You.**

P: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power;

**C: To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.**

P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

**C: The LORD sustains all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:14-25** (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. <sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good. <sup>17</sup> So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. <sup>20</sup> But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. <sup>21</sup> I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. <sup>22</sup> For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, <sup>23</sup> but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

**The Gradual** (SBH p. 52/96)

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) (SBH p. 52)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30** (NASB)

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

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. <sup>28</sup> “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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

**The Confession of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed (Confessed in Unison) (SBH p. 54/5)

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.

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—*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*  
(T. Dorsey)

## **The Announcements**

**The Children’s Object Lesson:** Jack Rusenko, President of Arab Y.E.S.

**The Sermon Hymn: "Lead Us, O Father"** (SBH #472)

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JAMES LANGRAN, 1835-1909

*Devotionally, with breadth*

1. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace; With - out thy  
2. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of truth; Un - helped by

guid - ing hand we go a - stray, And doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows  
thee, in er - ror's maze we grope, While pas - sion stains and fol - ly

still in - crease; Lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing way.  
dims our youth, And age comes on, un-cheered by faith or hope. A-men.

3 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;  
Blindly we stumble when we walk alone,  
Involved in shadows of a darkening night;  
Only with thee we journey safely on.

4 Lead us, O Father, to thy heavenly rest,  
However rough and steep the pathway be,  
Through joy or sorrow as thou deemest best,  
Until our lives are perfected in thee. Amen.

*William Henry Burleigh, 1812-71*

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:** "Jesus Gives Rest to Burdened Souls" | Matthew 11:25-30

**Sermon Notes:**

**The Offertory Response** (Sung in Unison; Please Stand) (SBH p. 56)

**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) (SBH p. 57)

**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** (SBH p. 57)

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 Need Thee Every Hour"**

(SBH #479)

**The Silent Prayer & Chimes**

**The Postlude:**

**"Dialogue"**

(F. Couperin)

1. I need thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord;

No ten - der voice like thine Can peace af - ford.

*Refrain*

I need thee, O I need thee, Ev - ery hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - iour, I come to thee. A-men.

2 I need thee every hour,  
Stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power  
When thou art nigh.

3 I need thee every hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide,  
Or life is vain.

4 I need thee every hour,  
Teach me thy will;  
And thy rich promises  
In me fulfill.

5 I need thee every hour,  
Most Holy One,  
O make me thine indeed,  
Thou blessèd Son. Amen.

*Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835–1918  
Refrain, Robert Lowry, 1826–99*

# Announcements

**The altar flowers** are presented by Judy, Jim Jr., Jeff, and Jennifer Agnew in memory of Jim Agnew on his July 9th birthday. Thank you Jesus for giving us this loving husband and father.

**Special thanks** to Al Macugoski and Jason Weighley. They are reading Scripture today at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, respectively.

**Nursery Today:** 8:30—Donna Weighley; 11:00—Claudia Patalong.

**Known to be hospitalized:** None known.

**Prayers for Recovery and Healing:** Jodie Riley—breast cancer. Bill VanKirk—skin cancer. Karl Munn is now home. Dee Coldsmith—Providence Point Rehab. Susan Boehme—ankle surgery. Gene Hersherberger—treatment for lung cancer. Amy Jones (Al Malone's daughter)—broken pelvis. Her address is 1216 Valley St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Abby Stutzman—autoimmune disorders. Virginia DiSalvo is at a rehab facility for PT, but she has developed a blood clot which is requiring bed rest. 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:** John Coldsmith and Cliff Morton. Please support them with your prayers and cards.

**Current Fund:** Given by John and Cynthia DeJames in memory of Erna Jochum.

**Sincere Thank You:** "Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent me get well cards and messages following my recent knee replacement surgery. I am truly blessed to belong to such a caring congregation."—*Sue Dawson*

**Condolences:** Our pastor and congregation extend Christian love and sympathy to Joanne Salvetti's family and friends. Joanne passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Visitation will be at Paul Henney Funeral Home from 2-4p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023. The funeral will be at Ruthfred at 11a.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Following the funeral service, there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at Ruthfred for a time of celebrating Joanne's life and comforting one another.

**Craft & Sew Fund:** Given by Barb Thomas in loving memory of my dear friend Joanne Salvetti.

**Youth Fund:** Given by Bill and Sue Rotz in memory of Joanne Salvetti, a dear friend who will be missed.

**VBS 2023:** Dates are July 24-28. The theme this year will be "**Twists and Turns.**" Come and learn how following Jesus will help you through life's twists and turns. Registration is open at: <https://www.myvbs.org/RuthfredLutheran/>.

**VBS 2023 Volunteers Needed:** Please prayerfully consider being a **Crew Leader** volunteer for VBS. This is the most important position for VBS, as Crew Leaders guide the kids from class to class and help to ensure the success of VBS. No advanced training is needed—just a willingness to help children learn God's Word. You can sign up online at the registration link (<https://www.myvbs.org/RuthfredLutheran/>) or on the sheets on the interior window outside the Fellowship Hall entrance. We also need **snack and craft volunteers**. Please note that all volunteers age 18 and older must have current clearances. There will be a **volunteer meeting** in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY**, after the 11 a.m. service.

# Announcements (cont'd)

## **Employment Opportunities at Ruthfred:**

**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.

**2023-2024 Preschool Registration** is now open online at [ruthfred.org](http://ruthfred.org). Contact Annie Buzon ([AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org](mailto:AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org)) with any questions or to schedule a tour. Spaces are available.

**Youth Bible Camperships:** \$100 Bible Camperships are available to our youth attending a Christian camp. All camperships must be approved by Church Council. Deadline to submit an application is **TODAY** for approval at the July Council meeting. Application forms are available on the table at the bottom of the stairs near the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. Please place completed applications in the Council Secretary mail slot in the Conference Room.

**Ruthfred 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Request:** Next April, Ruthfred will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation. Planning has begun for celebrating this milestone. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Becky Evans. In the meantime, please be thinking about your happiest memories of Ruthfred. If you are willing to share a memory or memories, there is a collection box on the table near the elevator on the lower level. Or, feel free to send an email to [ruthfred@ruthfred.org](mailto:ruthfred@ruthfred.org). Thank you for blessing us with your memories!

**Altar Flowers:** There are still a few openings remaining on the flower chart for this year, the most immediate need is August 20th. Just call the office to let Sally or Felicia know. Thank you to all who help provide this beauty in our sanctuary!

**Calling All Picnic Planners:** We need YOU! Our annual Church Picnic is a wonderful way for us to enjoy food, fellowship, games, and entertainment on our beautiful church grounds. We need people with a heart for planning fun and engaging events. Our date is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Many hands make light work! If you'd like to participate in the planning, have questions, or have ideas and suggestions you'd like to share, please reach out to Felicia Rieck ([FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org](mailto:FeliciaRieck@ruthfred.org)) or Erin McMinn ([ErinMcMinn@hotmail.com](mailto:ErinMcMinn@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible.

**VBS 2023 Donations List:** Please consider donating a snack item for VBS. Alternatively, please consider donating gift cards for Walmart, Target, or Aldi, which would be used to purchase any snack items not donated. A donation bin is in the Fellowship Hall for snacks, while a box for gift cards is in the church office. The items needed are:

Pretzel rods (25 bags)	Red Twizzlers (10 bags)	Swedish Fish (20 large bags)
Pretzel sticks (25 bags)	Apples (25 bags)	Bananas (20 bunches)
Fig Newtons (25 packages)	White icing (4 tubes)	Red fruit roll-ups (4 boxes)
Juice boxes (20 packages)	Frozen mini pancakes (25 boxes)	
	<b>Regular-size marshmallows (25 bags)</b>	

**Lutheran Ambassador:** There are copies of the July issue available on the tables near the sanctuary entrances for you to take home and enjoy reading!

**Heartfelt Thanks:** "I would like to thank the members of Ruthfred for all the support and help you showed for Erna while she was in nursing care and at her funeral. The visits, the cards, and the prayers brought her so much happiness and comfort. The funeral service was beautiful! The voices of the choir were as if heaven was opening, and I knew she was smiling down and joining in from heaven. God's presence spoke during the homily and touched the hearts of my family as well as those in attendance."—*Annemarie DeJames*

# Announcements (cont'd)

**Journey Through the Word Summer Film Festival:** Many excellent Christian movies have been released through the years. A variety of old and new, fiction and documentary, will be shown for your viewing pleasure! See the complete list of movies and brief summaries in the May issue of *The Herald*. Come for one; come for all! No registration is necessary, and **all** are welcome! Movies are shown at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays (except July 26) through August 9. This week's movie will be "I Can Only Imagine." This biopic of musician Bart Millard (lead singer of the band "Mercy Me") dramatizes the story of how he wrote the song by this name. The song, about his relationship with his father, considers what it would be like to go to heaven and meet God. This song was released in 2001 and became the best-selling Christian single of all time, while also crossing over to country and pop radio, an unusual accomplishment.

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** We're blessed and excited to announce that Ruthfred will welcome several guest preachers in the coming months on Sundays when Pastor McMinn and his family will be away. On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the AFLC's Presidential Ministry Associate, Pastor Jason Holt, will preach. On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the AFLC's Vice President, Pastor Gary Jorgenson, will preach and serve Holy Communion. On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (Reformation Sunday) the Dean of the AFLC's seminary and beloved Ruthfred pastor of 17 years (1996-2013), Pastor James Molstre, will preach here once again! We look forward to welcoming these dear pastors, and hearing them preach God's Word!

**Volunteer Guidelines:** Please note that **all volunteers age 18 and older must have current clearances** in order to serve with children and youth at VBS, Sunday School, and youth events. Clearances are good for 5 years. Contact Felicia Rieck in the church office for more information.



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**  
RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

- Do you love teaching children?
- Do you love sharing the love of Jesus?
- Are you looking for a part time position where you can do both of those things?

**Great! We are Hiring for the 2023/2024 school year!**  
Email your cover letter and your resume to  
[AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org](mailto:AnnieBuzon@ruthfred.org)



## **Adult Sunday School Class Today In Large Classroom**

**This week** we will welcome **Jack and Kathy Rusenko** to the Adult Sunday School class. They will speak about their mission work with Arab Y.E.S. (Youth, Education, and Science in the Arab World). Jack and Kathy currently live in the U.A.E., where Jack serves as president of Arab Y.E.S.

They work together organizing projects for this organization (which they founded in 2015). They also work with the George Washington Amity Series, which works to facilitate connection and understanding between Christians and Muslims. Please welcome Jack and Kathy and come to learn about their ministry first hand.

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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 Mason for youth Sunday School classes. If you can help with the nursery this summer, please contact Shane Cox.

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## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **SWAP (6-8 Grade)**

There is a **SWAP** meeting tonight at Ruthfred, 6-7:30 p.m.

### **TNT (9-12 Grade)**

**TNT** will meet on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m., at Isaac Cox's house (1349 Beach Dr., Monongahela, PA 15063).

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### **Questions/concerns?**

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(c) (412)-926-8698**

**Save the Date!**

# **RUTHFRED CHURCH PICNIC**

**GAMES | FUN | MUSIC**



Get ready for Ruthfred's annual church picnic! We'll be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs, you bring a side or dessert. Last names A-K please bring a salad, L-S please bring a side (not salad), and T-Z please bring a dessert.

..... **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH** .....  
**RUTHFRED BALLFIELD**

**3 PM - 7 PM**

## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (7/09)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School & New Member Class

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Monday (7/10)

9:30 a.m.—Mary Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

6:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Prayer Time

7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting

## Tuesday (7/11)

7:00 p.m.—Worship Team

### Wednesday (7/12)

10:00 a.m.—Journey Through the Word Summer

### Films ("I Can Only Imagine")

### Noon—Esther Circle

HAPPY 93<sup>rd</sup> BIRTHDAY, JACKIE FELLER!

## Friday (7/14) St. Mary Magdalene

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

### Saturday (7/15)

6:00 p.m.—Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday (7/16) 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School & New Member Class

1 1:00 a.m.—Worship Service

HAPPY 91<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY, HELEN MCNALL!

Welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen.

**Please be sure to greet one another in His Name!**

Attendance for Last Week:

Sunday Church...287   Sunday School...47

8:30 Live Stream...33


JTTW...18

## Prayer Requests

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

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☐ Please keep this request private (for the pastor 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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