

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

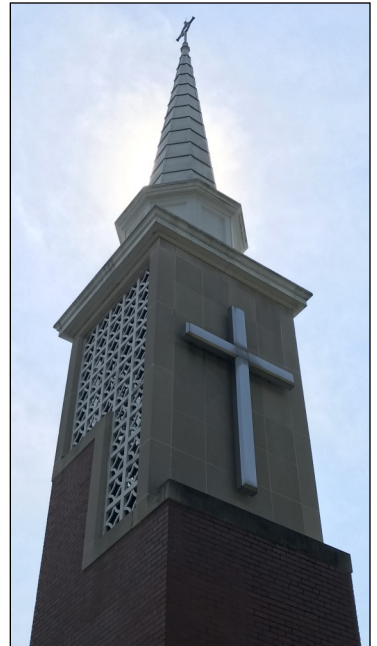
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We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, July 29, 2018

Prelude:

"Siciliano"

(J. S. Bach)

"Sing Praise To God"

(Barry Bibb)

The Opening Hymn:

"To God Be The Glory"

(CCL2958862)

(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'

gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the
prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lies, That mo - ment from
Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be Our won - der, our

Refrain

Life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the

Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

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. 15)

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:

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).

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: Behold, God is my helper.

C: The Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto my enemies.

P: Cut them off in your truth. Save me, O God, by your name.

C: And judge me by your strength. (Psalm 54: 1, 4, 5)

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:

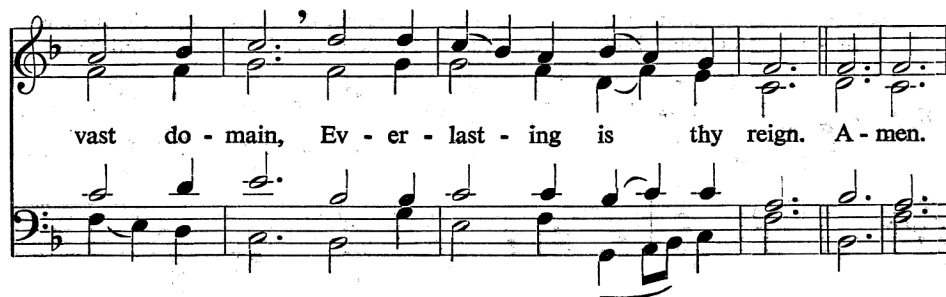
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (SBH167, vs 1 & 4)



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name; Lord of
All on earth thy scep - tre claim, All in



all, we bow be - fore thee!
heaven a - bove a - dore thee; In - fi - nite thy



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign. A - men.

2 Hark! the loud celestial hymn

Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

3 Lo! the Apostolic train

Join the sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,

Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery. Amen.

The "collect" is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to "collect" the prayers of God's people.

God's chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us continue to pray: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end..

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7: 6-12 (ESV)

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. ¹² "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.

The Psalm: Psalm 135: 1-6 (ESV)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord.

C: Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

P: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

C: For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

P: For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

C: Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1: 3-14 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

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

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

The Gradual:

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is your Name in all the earth. Who has set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia, alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to my law. Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Alleluia. (Psalm 8: 1; Psalm 78: 1)

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lesson: John 17: 17-24 (ESV)

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

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

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

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth

And In Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Announcements (Please be seated)

The Special Music

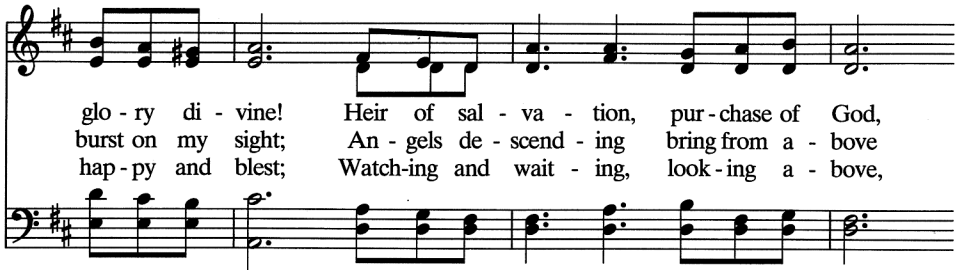
8:30 & 11:00 Kurt Radke—“Lead Me, Guide Me” (Doris Akers)

The Sermon Hymn:

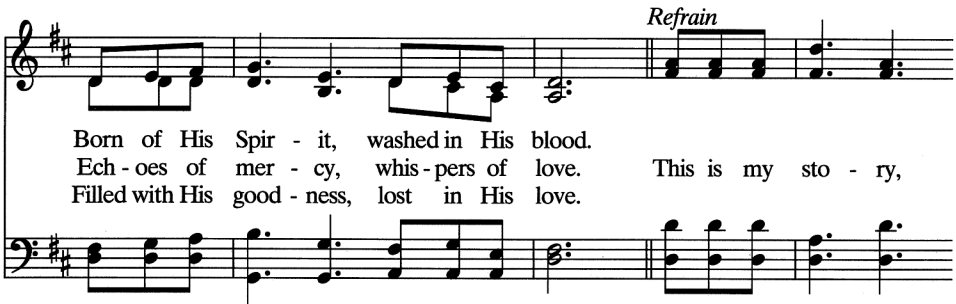
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" (AMB511)



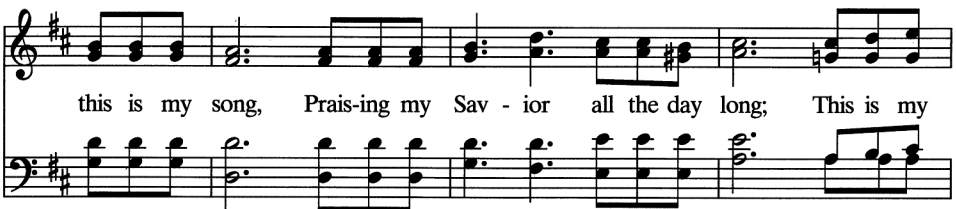
1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion— all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



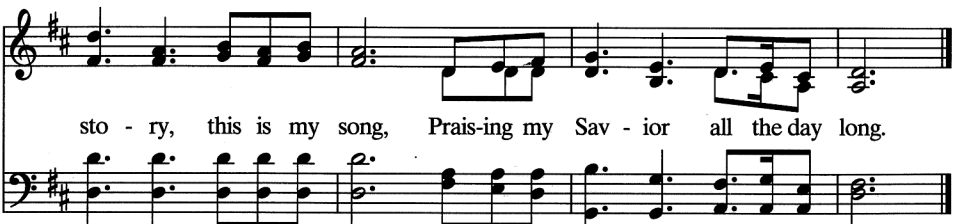
glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



Refrain
Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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:

"Our Identity In Christ" | Ephesians 1: 3-14

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 and Offertory

"O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (Thomas)

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:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (AMB404)

1 And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the
2 He left His Fa - ther's throne a - - bove, So free, so in - fi -
3 No con-dem-na - tion now I dread, I am my Lord's and

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who
nite His grace! Emp-tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for
He is mine; A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

Refrain

Him to death pur - sued?
Ad - am's help - less race. A - maz-ing love! How can it be
right - eous-ness di - vine.

That Thou, my God shouldst die for me? A - maz - ing love!
(A - maz-ing love!)

How can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
(How can it be) (That Thou, my God,)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude:

"Psalm 19" (Marcello)

Announcements

The altar flowers are presented by Joanne Schroth in loving memory of her son, Bradley.

The chancel rail arrangement is presented by Chris Stout in love and honor of her husband, Ron, on his birthday.

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

Known to be hospitalized: Stacie Klick—Family Hospice & Palliative Care.

Official Act: On Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., funeral services were held for Joan Knefelkamp, 83, in the sanctuary of our church.

Back to School Giving Tree Project: We are collecting back to school items for the Salvation Army center on McNeilly Road until August 19. Stop by the Giving Tree by the upstairs elevator and take a tag listing needed items. Donations can be placed in the marked bin in the fireside lounge. Any questions, contact Jill Kurtz. Thank you for your participation.



Church Picnic: Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12th starting at 2:00 p.m. at the baseball field at the church. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a bounce house, airbrush tattoos, balloon sculptures, a craft for the kids, games and more... Come enjoy a day of fellowship and fun!

A Note from Pastor Amiot: My father, Mark Amiot, passed away from cancer last Wednesday, July 18th. Thank you for praying for him before, during, and after my time as your vicar. Condolences may be sent to my mother, Nancy Amiot, 206 4th Ave S, Crookston, MN 56716. Thank you, Pastor Alex Amiot, Thief River Falls, MN.

Knitting/Crochet Group: Have you always wanted to get together with other women who love to knit and crochet? We would like to hear from you! It is our hope to start a knitting/crochet group on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you would be interested in such a time of sharing craft and learning from each other, see Patricia Lutz or call (412) 835-7140 ext.225. All levels of skill are invited beginner to accomplished knitters and crocheters. Let us hear from you today!

The Congregational Input Meeting for the 2019 Budget will be held in the Lounge on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Finance Committee Meeting.

Ruthfred's Preschool: It's not too late to register for the 2018-2019 school year. There are openings in the morning (MWF) and afternoon (MW) class. Information and registration forms are on the church website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018
LARGE CLASS ROOM (Adult)

Pastor Osier continues with...

"The Hard Sayings of the Bible"

Continuing to explore a number of difficult passages of the Bible and bringing clarity to them in both understanding and application of them.

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Ryan Saul will be sharing about his mission trip to Indonesia.

UPPER ROOM (Adult)

Please join the Adult Large Sunday School Class Room

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**GIFTS TO OUR CHURCH**

**Pastor's Fund**

Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Joan Knefelkamp.

Given by Jim and Lee MacManus in memory of Sally Giuntini, Tim Roney's mother and Don Funk.

Given by Bob and Gladys Reith in memory of Don Funk.

Given by Frank and Betty King in memory of Don Funk.

Given by Terry and Carolyn Crump in memory of Don Funk.

**Music Fund**

Given by Joyce Bock in memory of Joan Knefelkamp.

**Sunday School Fund**

Given by David and Cleopatra Grafton in honor of the baptisms of their daughters, Arialla and Alaina.



# YOUTH NEWS

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

In the summer months our Tuesday night high school group meets in the homes of youth that have volunteered to host. This Tuesday we will be at the Fouks' House from 7pm to 9pm, address is:  
2333 Lesnett Rd Upper St Clair, PA 15241.

## **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. **If your child is going from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year they are officially invited to join our SWAP group.**

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

On certain Sundays we host brunch after Church for the youth at the Fouks' House. Brunch typically starts immediately after church, and goes until around 4pm. If you like good food, good company, and fun games, brunch is perfect for you. **There will be brunch August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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

On August 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-6pm our high school group will be going on our annual canoe trip in Perryopolis. Cost is \$10 and the total trip length is about 8 miles. Let Brandon know soon if you are interested in coming.

### **Save the Date:**

**August 11**    Canoe Trip

**August 19**    Brunch

Questions/concerns?

Contact Brandon Fouks: Fouksanator@gmail.com

(c) (715)-781-6063



## This Week At Ruthfred

## Today (7/29)

8:30 a.m.— Worship Service

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

## Thursday (8/2)

7:00 p.m.—College & Career Group

### Friday (8/3)

6:30 a.m.—Men's Prayer Group @ Panera's

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church as we rejoice in the Spirit's gifts, receive God's Word and become refreshed to go forth and serve again in Jesus' name. During the announcements, please sign the Friendship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

Attendance for Last Week:  
Church...361    Sunday School...67

## 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:

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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