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August 6, 2017

9th Sunday in Kingdomtide

August Memory Verse - Psalm 23:4

“Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and staff comfort me.”

WORSHIP HOST 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Holy Ground”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 749 Psalm 17:1-7, 15**

L: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

P: Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

L: From you let my vindication come!

P: Let your eyes see the right!

L: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

P: ... if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

L: Concerning what others do: I have avoided the ways of the violent by following your word.

P: My steps have held fast to your paths, my feet have not slipped.

L: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

P: ... incline your ear to me, hear my words.

L: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

P: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.

***HYMN No. 452 “Be Thou My Vision”**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to “Lutheran Braille Workers.”

Please see the announcements for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Heaven Came Down" – Michaela Andrison

WORD OF GOD Genesis 32:22-31

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Bread of the World"

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 614** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."
For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

***SERMON SCRIPTURE** Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "You Feed Them!"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

(All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

***HYMN No. 374** "Standing on the Promises"

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

***Please stand if you are able**

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18 Sunday: 8:15 - 51 10:45 – 83

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Connie Fontana & Barbara Ceresa
10:45 – Lee Stewart & Burnetta Green

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Jason Kirsch, Fritz Runser 10:45 – Penny Brant & Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Altar today are presented by Julie Gurowski and Gayle Roberts in loving memory of their father, Dennis Hearn, who passed away 1 year ago today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, August 6

Communion

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

Tuesday, August 8

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Trustees
7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 Quilting
1:00 Bible Study
7:00 Church Council

Thursday, August 10

6:30 NA

Friday, August 11

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
Gym Closed

Saturday, August 12

9:00 Food Bank – help needed
6:00 Contemporary Worship Service

Next Sunday, August 13

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this week will be given to the "Lutheran Braille Workers." Lutheran Braille Workers assisted our Confirmation Class several years ago when one of the sight-impaired students needed a Bible.

About Lutheran Braille Workers

In 1943 it started with a mission: With a dedicated mission heart, Helene Loewe Koehler responded to a plea from Mr. Fred Graepp for Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. As a result, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) was founded in 1943. Helene learned Braille from Mr. Graepp by correspondence, keeping them and her Braille manuscripts in a shoe box under her bed.

The Strategy: Helene's brother, Norman Loeber, created a Braille press using rollers from their mother's ringer washer.

The Team: Helene sought the assistance of the Ladies Aid Society of Trinity Lutheran Church, and this became the first of nearly 200 Braille and Large Print Work Centers.

Today: The Mission is to provide the message of salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ to individuals who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world.

The Strategy: To implement the best means to freely provide quality Bibles and Christian publications in Braille and Large Print formats to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

The Team: Providing the Word of God freely to people who are blind or visually impaired has been the focus of Lutheran Braille Workers since it was founded in 1943. The work has grown from producing titles in a single language to 30 languages; and the volunteer work force has grown from one volunteer working out of a shoebox in her home to more than 5000 volunteers in about 200 work centers across the United States!

The Support: Our publications are distributed free of charge in more than 120 countries around the globe. Volunteers, mission minded financial partners and prayer warriors assist LBW in *helping people touch the promises of Jesus*, delivering God's Word in formats they can read for themselves.

You can learn more about Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. at <http://www.lbwinc.org>

Lutheran Braille Workers: 7/30 - \$88.40

COMING SOON...RADA Cutlery Sale! Our church will once again be selling the RADA Cutlery in the Fall. The brochures are not in yet, but will be placed on a table in the narthex along with the order forms. Get your Christmas shopping done early! Proceeds from this sale will go to our General Church Fund.

GIVEAWAY - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Back to School Donation Drive

Saturday, August 26th 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Please see the bulletin insert, bulletin board flyers or contact Lonny Vogel (724-875-1975) for more details.



August 12: "Weed and Feed." Meet at the church at 10am. We will do some weeding for some elderly individuals in the neighborhood, then go eat a late lunch at Colonial Grill. We will be done by 2pm. Bring money for lunch.

Any questions: contact Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com or 412-610-3289. Don't be shy, leave a voicemail!



Our church picnic will be on August 14, 2017 at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please see the flyer in the bulletin or newsletter for more details on the picnic.



ATTENTION: PARENTS AND CHILDREN FROM TODDLER TO HIGH SCHOOL



Summer Sunday School class will be on Sunday, August 20th at 9:30 AM. The class will have a short lesson by Pastor Bruce, a snack, face painting and making

animal balloons.



PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND
and make our Summer Sunday School a success!

Anyone interested in helping should contact
Ethel Rosenberg (724-864-3833) or
Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098.)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



In order for our worship services to run as smoothly as possible, we need volunteers to help. Currently, we are in need of:

ACOLYTES – young people to bring in the light and take the light out to the world. Robes are usually worn and the acolyte usually sits either in the choir loft or in the front row of the congregation. We hope to have a different acolyte at each service. There is a sign-up sheet for weekly assignment. Third grade students to adult. Contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) to help or for more information.

WORSHIP HOSTS – People who are able to lead at the beginning of the service, reading

from the bulletin, reading the scripture and reading the announcements. The goal is to make the congregation comfortable in our services and welcome in our church. Usually the worship host serves for one month for the convenience of scheduling, but this can vary according to your schedule. High school students to adult. Contact Tracy Hawley (724-863-8915) to volunteer or for more information.

USHERS – These people welcome the congregation, pass out bulletins, take up the offering, collect prayer cards and take them to the pastor, and assist with communion. This is a job for all ages. There are usher teams which serve in rotation at both services and at special services. Contact Tom Lehner (724-864-0823) to volunteer or for more information.

GREETERS – These friendly people stand at the door greeting all who attend our services. They welcome and provide directions to visitors. This is a job for all ages. Contact Burnetta Green (724-863-0255) to volunteer or for more information.

COMMUNION STEWARDS – These people prepare communion and clean-up after the service. It is an important “behind the scenes” service to our congregation. Contact Ed Caswell (724-863-7160) to volunteer or for more information.

ALTAR GUILD – These people change the altar cloths and go through the pews periodically to make sure that pencils are sharpened, pew pads are filled and books are straightened. This is also an important “behind the scenes” service to our congregation and is done at your convenience during the week. Contact Peggy Kooser (724-961-5239) to volunteer or for more information.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER ... CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

On Sunday, September 17, 2017 our congregation is invited to attend a covered dish luncheon after the 10:45 service in the gymnasium/fellowship hall. See the September Newsletter and the up-coming weekly bulletins for more information.



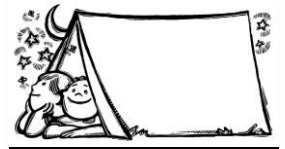
PRAYER QUILT: The *Stitch in Faith Ministry* team are currently taking requests for Prayer Quilts. Please take a peach colored “Prayer Quilt Request” form from the information stand in the Narthex, fill it out, and place it in the slot in the church office door. If you need more information, please contact Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

ANNUAL CONNECTIONAL APPORTIONMENTS

Take note of the annual Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex. Here we will be able to monitor our progress. Let us pull together and help us to reach our goal of \$38,892 for our 2017 commitment.

CAMP NEWS...Please keep the following campers (and Grandmas) in your prayers this week as they head off to Jumonville August 6-9 for Mommy/Daddy/Grandparent and Me Camp:

Beverly McDonald, Dakota Gilroy, Ava Gilroy, Mason Gilroy, Laurie Saporito, Hayden Saporito, Cameron Saporito, Logan Saporito, Irelyn O'Reilly, and Kelton O'Reilly



Our final hoagie sale for the year will be Sunday, August 20th. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Thank you for supporting our campers through prayers and fundraising. What a fun year it was! We had 27 campers registered...an increase from last year!!!



Watch for the new Youth Group schedule in the September Newsletter!

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor, please call the office or Pastor Bruce. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

We express our Christian sympathy to the families and friends of :

Jerry Vernail, Sr who passed away on Monday, July 10th.

Ellen Wobrak who passed away on July 26th from injuries received in an automobile accident.

May God comfort these families and hold them in His loving arms.

