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July 30, 2017

8th Sunday in Kingdomtide

July Memory Verse

Romans 12:21 “Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Nellie Brown

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 “Morning Has Broken”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 755 Psalm 24**

L: The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,

P: ... the world and those who dwell therein;

L: ... for God has founded it upon the seas,

P: ... and established it upon the rivers.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

P: And who shall stand in God’s holy place?

L: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

P: ... who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

L: They will receive blessing from the Lord,

P: ... and vindication from the God of their salvation.

L: Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord,

P: ... who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

***HYMN No. 540 “I Love the Kingdom, Lord”**

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

DEDICATION HYMN No. 143 “On Eagles Wings”

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

WORD OF GOD James 5:13-20

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "I've Got Peace Like a River"

***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. 405 "Seek Ye First"**

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 8:5-17**

SERMON "The Hem of Jesus' Garment"

***HYMN No. 2140 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Sing with All the Sons of Glory"**

***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: 19 Sunday: 8:15 - 51 10:45 - 83

SERVING YOU TODAY

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men's Group 10:45 – Tom Lehner

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 in honor of:

... yesterday's wedding of Jesse and Heather Simms from Mom Simms.

... our 50th wedding anniversary from Bruce and Nellie Wiancko.



THE POTLUCK DINNER in celebration of Bruce and Nellie Wiancko's 50th anniversary will be today at 12:30PM. You are welcome to come even if you haven't brought a dish to share
No gifts please.

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, July 30

Prayer Shawl Dedication

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Adult Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:30 Pot Luck Dinner

Tuesday, August 1

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 2

Norwin Community Picnic at Idlewild

Thursday, August 3

6:30 NA

Saturday, August 5

- 9:00 Irwin Sidewalk Sale
- 6:00 Contemporary Worship Service

Next Sunday, August 6

Communion

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

CHANGES IN REGULAR MEETINGS:

Church Council is rescheduled to Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 PM.

Outreach Committee is rescheduled to Tuesday, August 29th at 7:00 PM.

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>

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILTS/SHAWLS will be at each service this week. Please see Mary Reed, Burnetta Green, or Cindi Painter to obtain a Prayer Card to be attached prior to the services.

We need your assistance! If God has laid it on your heart and/or you know of someone who has a need of a Prayer Quilt/Shawl please take it to that person(s) after it has been dedicated. They will be place on the quilt rack in the Sanctuary by the Pulpit and are available to anyone who needs "God's loving embrace." Thank you in advance!

PRAYER QUILT/SHAWL MINISTRY CHANGES AT IRWIN FUMC - Hands to Work-Hearts to God Ministry continue to meet each Sunday during the Sunday school hour. Only the yarn bins have been moved to the quilting room which is located next to the upstairs balcony. Those who need yarn from our yarn bins, please see Mary Reed, Cindi Painter or a custodian for access.

DATES TO REMEMBER: *Stitch in Faith Ministry* will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please join us Wednesday morning, August 9 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, or Wednesday, August 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

WHEN TO GIFT A PRAYER QUILT/SHAWL

Examples of situations when a prayer quilt/shawl could be given:

When undergoing medical procedures, birthing, nursing a baby, bridal shower or wedding gift, during an illness and recovery, ministering to others, graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination . . . there are endless possibilities.



Giftng a prayer quilt/shawl is truly a blessing for the giver and receiver!

HISTORY OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS: After graduation from the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo developed a Prayerful Ministry. It was in 1998 they combined their compassion for knitting/crocheting and prayerful ministry and spiritual practice. This enabled them to reach out to those who needed comfort and joy.



The Prayer Shawls could be quilted, knitted, crocheted, woven or even machine knitted as well. The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient throughout its creation. Upon its completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

Janet Severi Bristow writes "Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles ..."

Camp News...

Our last hoagie delivery will be **Sunday, August 20th**. Orders can be placed today, August 6 and August 13. Forms are on the camp table in the narthex. Complete your form and place it in the box on the table. All hoagies are \$6.50. Thank you for helping our kids go to camp and for helping our ladies go to the Women's Retreat! Your support is very appreciated!



Questions on camping...Contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com



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.)



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.*
