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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP:

SATURDAYS:

Contemporary Worship at 5 pm
Holy Communion on the 1st Saturday

SUNDAYS:

Worship at 8:00 am
Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: 9:30 am
Confirmation: 9:30 am

Worship at 11:00 am
Holy Communion: 2nd & 4th Sundays

Our Mission Statement

Loving Jesus and
making His love known.

TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2014 – 8:00 & 11:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* **575**

The Invocation (Please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

Pastor: We come this morning, Lord,

People: Just as we are.

Pastor: You seek us to come Lord,

All: That we may be yours forever.

Pastor: Teach us how not to be served but to serve that we may in our daily living improve our serve.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken)

“Lord Have Mercy”

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Hymn of Praise

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... “Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son Jesus to serve you and be our sacrifice for sin. Teach us to likewise serve You with gladness and guide us in improving our serve”.

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9(Bible Page 914)

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:1-10(Bible Page 1,206)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who

resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

All Sing: *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" 560 v 1 + 4*

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20(Bible Page 1,046)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

The Sermon Hymn "The Lamb" 547

The Sermon "Improving Your Serve" **Mark 10:45**
Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

✠ Please rise for

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Apostles' Creed (11:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings (Please be seated)

✠ As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:

✠ **The Offertory** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" 781 v 1+2

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy ..." and the congregation will respond with "hear our prayer.")

Lord's Prayer

8:00 am service continues

11:00 am service concludes on page 7

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord (spoken).

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him Thanks and Praise (spoken).

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am concludes with:

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder	Larry Roach	
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Madisen Vozdecky	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Mary Joyce Donovan and Muriel Pearce	Melodi Kasberg and Debbie Lackey
Lay Reader	Betty Holland	Phyllis Miller
Audio Assistant	Keith Allard	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Tim & Yvonne Burkee	Barbara Hahn
Ushers	Norm Braun, Bev Kuhn, Betty Holland and Kathy Hoback	
Altar flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Leora Laubaugh in loving memory of husband Russell’s birthday. Also by Cathy Hurff in memory of loved ones.	

Stewardship Sentence: Consider your offering to God in relationship to His gifts to you. In faith, we give to God from a heart of gratitude.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, Sept. 7	8:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sunday School & Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Sept. 8	9-11:30	Food Pantry
Wednesday, Sept. 10	9-11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, Sept. 11	6:30 pm	NA/AA in GSH
	6:30 pm	Board of Outreach meeting
Friday, Sept. 12	9-11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, Sept. 13	3:00 pm	W & P Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, Sept. 14	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	SS/Adult Bible Study/Confirmation
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		Blood Pressure Checks

A Measure of Our Devotion

August 31, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014	115
Worship Attendance 2013	95
SS/Confirmation/Youth	5/2/2
Receipts for August 31, 2014	\$1,367.40

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- ***"IMPROVING YOUR SERVE"*** is the title of the sermon series that Pastor Kuehn will be using during the month of September. You are encouraged to read the whole book of Mark during the month. Copies of that book of the Bible are in your mail boxes. Also consider memorizing the central verse of Mark,

***"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."* Mark 10:45**

➤ **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(8) Savannah Champlin; Helena Traenkner (10) Neil Finkenstadt
(12) Carol Springer

- **BOOKPLATES FOR THE PEW BIBLES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** A bookplate may be purchased for \$15.00 each and made out either in memory of a loved one who has completed their earthly pilgrimage or in honor of one who is still with us. An order form is included in the bulletin. Just fill it out and include your check in an envelope and put it in the plate next Sunday. Extra copies of the order form are available in Narthex I if you would like to donate more than one Bible. Also, anyone who would like to purchase a copy of the Bibles we are using in the pews please mark it on the order blank and we will be in touch with you. We would like to order additional Bibles as a group so that we can get you a group rate.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2014-2015:** Beginning today, our Sunday School will be kicking off our 2014-2015 Mission Projects. Our first project is Special Olympics - Pasco. All of the Sunday School offering collected on the first Sunday of each month will be given to them. If you would like to make a donation at anytime to this Mission Project, please mark on your envelope Special Olympics - Pasco. Our second Mission Project is the S.P.C.A. We will be collecting any kind of pet supplies and filling "Fido's Dog House" in the Christian Life Center. Each time that an item is donated, the donor can put their name on a paw print. We are challenging our congregation to circle the Christian Life Center with paw prints. Join in on the fun and support our local pet shelter. We are also accepting clean bedding and towels which are always needed. If you have any questions, please see Sharon Rubia in our SS office.
- **THRIVENT EVENT!** On Thursday, October 30th, Thrivent Financial is hosting a day at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando. We're leaving from King of Kings in Port Richey with a stop at Holy Trinity, Lutz. Total cost is \$40.00. This price includes your ticket to the park, bus transportation, and lunch too. If you haven't seen this theme park before, it is a unique experience with numerous events from the life of Jesus recreated. See <http://www.holylandexperience.com/> for more details. For more information, contact Barbara Hahn at 385-9657.
- **CHOIR IS READY TO START....ALMOST.** The choir is gearing up to start. We have the singers and a new member that is willing to be the choir director. But wait, we don't have anyone to accompany them as they make lovely music. We need someone to play the piano for rehearsals and during the services. If you, or someone you know can fill this position, please have them contact Jerry Brock or Rose Ann Verheyen as soon as possible.

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** – The altar looks so nice each Sunday with flowers on both sides. These bouquets cost \$15 each or \$30 for both arrangements. It is wonderful when our members remember to sponsor the flowers for a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, or just to brighten the altar. Following the service, the flowers are delivered by a Flower Angel to a member who may be ill or homebound. Please remember to place your order by using the envelope from your box, or placing your name, envelope number and reason for celebration on a pew envelope or just any envelope. You then can fill out the clip board by the flower chart in Narthex 1. Thank you for helping to beautify the church every Sunday. Altar guild is also in need of empty 1 pound coffee cans which they use to deliver the flowers to various shut-ins.

- **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE:** LWML Convention will be on **Sept. 26-28th** at Jacksonville, FL. We are privileged to have Beth Butler as our youth representative. Please, come and join us on this weekend... transportation will be provided. For details, call Edie Knudsen soon: (727) 843-0380.

- **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Azina Katerina Alvarez-Pioszak, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Lynn Bish, Richard Brown, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, **Lynn Gish**, Bob Gould, Clarine Greenlee, Jack Greenlee, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, Stew Mallinson, Peter Mohler, Sharon Mountcastle, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Allen Price, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, **Ruth Strausberg**, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Debbie Wright, Karen Young.

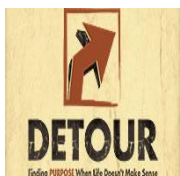
- **Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

- **Homebound:** Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

Food Pantry Item for the month of September

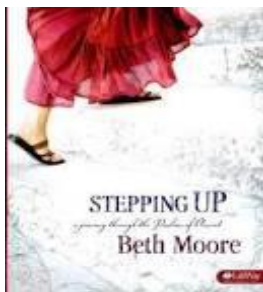
Canned Corn and Canned Green Beans

FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES –



Beginning today at 9:30 am in the Conference Room, John Schaerffer will lead a study titled Detour: Finding PURPOSE When Life Doesn't Make Sense. You thought you knew God's will. Then life went in an opposite direction. What do you do? Learn to read between the lines of your life as we explore the life of Joseph.

Beginning Tuesday September 30th, at 7 pm in the CLC Melodi Kasberg will facilitate a group studying the book "AHA" by Kyle Idleman. This course discusses those times when an AHA moment spiritually leads to honesty and action. Sign-ups are required so that materials can be ordered in time. Please look for the sign-up sheet in Narthex II.



Beginning Sunday, October 19th Stepping Up - A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore will begin. This course is video driven and requires homework although Beth says in the introduction that those who only want to watch the video are welcome. [She may be mellowing in her old age (45?)] Phyllis Miller will facilitate. Sign-ups are needed so we may order supplies. The workbooks for this course are \$13.00.

THE C.S. LEWIS SOCIETY is sponsoring a Tampa Bay Simulcast on Sunday, September 21st from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Christ Community Church in Tampa. The topic is: ***SCIENCE & FAITH (Are they really in conflict?)***. Transportation will be available. For more information, see Phyllis Miller.