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**Worship: 10:00 a.m.      Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

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## Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sundays	9:00 AM	Fellowship before Worship Bible Study	In person
Mondays	10:00 AM	Bible Study	In person & FB Live
	5:00 PM	A Pint & Fellowship	Zoom
	7:00 PM	Pastor and a Pint	Zoom
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Weekly Bible Lessons At G & G's Cafe	In person & FB Live
	3:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study	In person
Fridays	10:00 AM	Book Study Group	Zoom

**Contact the Church Office to become a part of one of these groups today**



## ***Scripture Readings***

<i><b>Aug. 6 (Prop. 13)</b></i>	<i><b>Tenth S. a. Pentecost</b></i>	<i><b>Isaiah 55:1–5</b></i>	<i><b>Psalms 136:1–9 (23–26)</b></i>	<i><b>Rom. 9:1–5 (6–13)</b></i>	<i><b>Matt. 14:13–21</b></i>
<i><b>Aug. 13 (Prop. 14)</b></i>	<i><b>Eleventh S. a. Pentecost</b></i>	<i><b>Job 38:4–18</b></i>	<i><b>Psalms 18:1–6 (7–16)</b></i>	<i><b>Rom. 10:5–17</b></i>	<i><b>Matt. 14:22–33</b></i>
<i><b>Aug. 20 (Prop. 15)</b></i>	<i><b>Twelfth S. a. Pentecost</b></i>	<i><b>Isaiah 56:1, 6–8</b></i>	<i><b>Psalms 67</b></i>	<i><b>Rom. 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32</b></i>	<i><b>Matt. 15:21–28</b></i>
<i><b>Aug. 27 (Prop. 16)</b></i>	<i><b>Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost</b></i>	<i><b>Isaiah 51:1–6</b></i>	<i><b>Psalms 138</b></i>	<i><b>Rom. 11:33–12:8</b></i>	<i><b>Matt. 16:13–20</b></i>



## **All Saints Ladies' Bible Study Sessions Thursdays @ 10 AM Changing to Wednesdays @ 3 PM on Aug 23 in the Fellowship Hall**

All ladies of All Saints, you are invited to join our Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. There is no study guide to purchase and no video to watch. Just bring your Bible and join us as we dive into scripture together.  
For more information, please contact Sally Wesche.



## ***Making a Joyful Noise***

*My choice for this month is: "In Christ Alone". We sing this song at least every two months and each time it resonates with rich meaning. This is the most sung hymn that written in this century throughout the world.*

*From Godtube:*

### **The Story Behind In Christ Alone**

Written in 2002, "In Christ Alone" was the first collaborative effort between Townend and fellow songwriter (and now good friend) Keith Getty. "The song came about in an unusual way," Townend explains. "Keith and I met in the autumn of 2000 at a worship event, and we resolved to try to work together on some songs. A few weeks later Keith sent some melody ideas, and the first one on the CD was a magnificent, haunting melody that I loved, and immediately started writing down some lyrical ideas on what I felt should be a timeless theme commensurate with the melody. So the theme of the life, death, resurrection of Christ, and the implications of that for us just began to tumble out, and when we got together later on to fine tune it, we felt we had encapsulated what we wanted to say."

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

*Luann*

***"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!"***

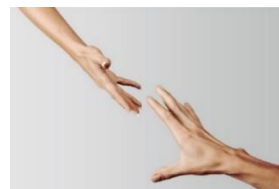
# Summer of Prayer Continues...

What if the church prayed? Not just the Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning and Evening prayers or specific supplications but collective, focused, meditative prayer toward a common goal. We have a very big God who desires for us to come to Him in prayer. He promises to answer us.

What if the church prayed together? What if members of All Saints Lutheran Church stir up one another, encourage one another and exhort one another to PRAY. What if we prayed for the purpose and future of our church body, prayed for the transition that will be upon us in the coming year and prayed for the needs of our community, neighborhoods, homes, and beyond. What if we were a "people who prayed" for God to send us?

We invite you to join your brothers and sisters in Christ on a summer journey that takes you no farther than the places you regularly travel; your home, community, and church. Join us! Questions? Contact Gail or Pat DeLuca.

## *Women Helping Hands*



Our meeting this month will be on August 18. We are back to meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on the blankets, and we will be creating a schedule for Sunshine Care Home projects. Things like – having a hymn sing, leading a light exercise class, hosting a "game" day, doing inexpensive crafts together, etc.

Have any questions? Contact Luann

## **ALTAR GUILD BRUNCH**

A thank-you brunch for our All Saints altar guild volunteers will be held at the church on August 19<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock. In addition to those already on our roster, we welcome anyone who would like to serve the church but isn't quite sure what role he or she would like to take on. Come join us for brunch and check us out. This might be exactly what you've been looking for.

Not sure what the altar guild actually does? Members rotate throughout the calendar year to prepare the sanctuary for communion Sundays before the service and clean up afterwards. We also care for the sacred vessels and altar linens and see that flowers are in place in the sanctuary.

In addition to enjoying brunch and time with each other on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the altar guild will make a donation to a local charity chosen during the brunch.

If you're already a member, we look forward to great company and great food. If you're not a member yet, we look forward to welcoming you to the group.





# *Monthly Mission Focus:*

## *Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan*



*"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel." Mark 16:15a*

*We are simply called to be faithful in service and by the grace of God we strongly see the ministry guided and led by the Lord himself! So much has already been accomplished, more than we could ever have hoped for.*

*The support we receive from you is greatly appreciated and we could not do this without your prayers, resources, and sharing of the ministry. Thank you for partnering with us.*

*Pastor Jay and Julie Dass*

*If you would like to make a donation to the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan, please write a check to "All Saints" and note the mission in the memo.*

*All donations need to be given by Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.*



***Thank you for your donations for this year's  
bash.***

***You can still help!!***

***Come to the First United Methodist Church***

***\*Set up Friday, August 4 starting at 8:00 AM***

***\*Experience the Bash and assist families on Saturday, August  
5 at 9:30 AM***

## ***Sunday Servants for August***

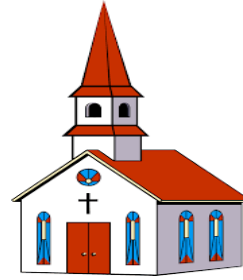
Date	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Worship Assistant
Aug 6	Connie	Ralph B & Ralph M	Betty	Pamela
Aug 13	Denise	Duane & Don	Sally	Pat
Aug 20	Mel	Jon & Janet	Patrice	Lisa
Aug 27	Betty	Debby & Denise	Lisa	Sally





***Household of the week:***

**Ed & Mickey Combs – Aug 6**  
**Bob Corbe – Aug 13**  
**Steve & Kit Curlee – Aug 20**  
**Pat & Gail DeLuca – Aug 27**



***Circuit Church of the week:***

***St John the Apostle, Buford – Aug 6***  
***St Peter, Dahlonge – Aug 13***  
***Trinity, Athens – Aug 20***  
***Trinity, Toccoa – Aug 27***



***Birthdays***

**Noni Hammerstrand – Aug 2**  
**David Lange – Aug 3**  
**Bill Steffens – Aug 13**  
**Pamela Replinger - Aug 16**  
**Denise Windham – Aug 19**  
**Barbara Lang – Aug 22**  
**Lis Withrow – Aug 26**  
**Rick Angelo – Aug 27**  
**Catie Bryans – Aug 29**  
**Jon Pearson – Aug 29**



***Anniversaries***

**Bob & Judy Angelo – Aug 2**  
**Tom & Cathie Marion – Aug 5**  
**Frank & Marge Brandt – Aug 6**  
**Stephen & Kathy King – Aug 12**  
**David & Linda Sosensky – Aug 15**  
**Charles & Myra Leitner – Aug 19**  
**David & Carol Lange – Aug 26**  
**Bob & Pam Bray – Aug 27**