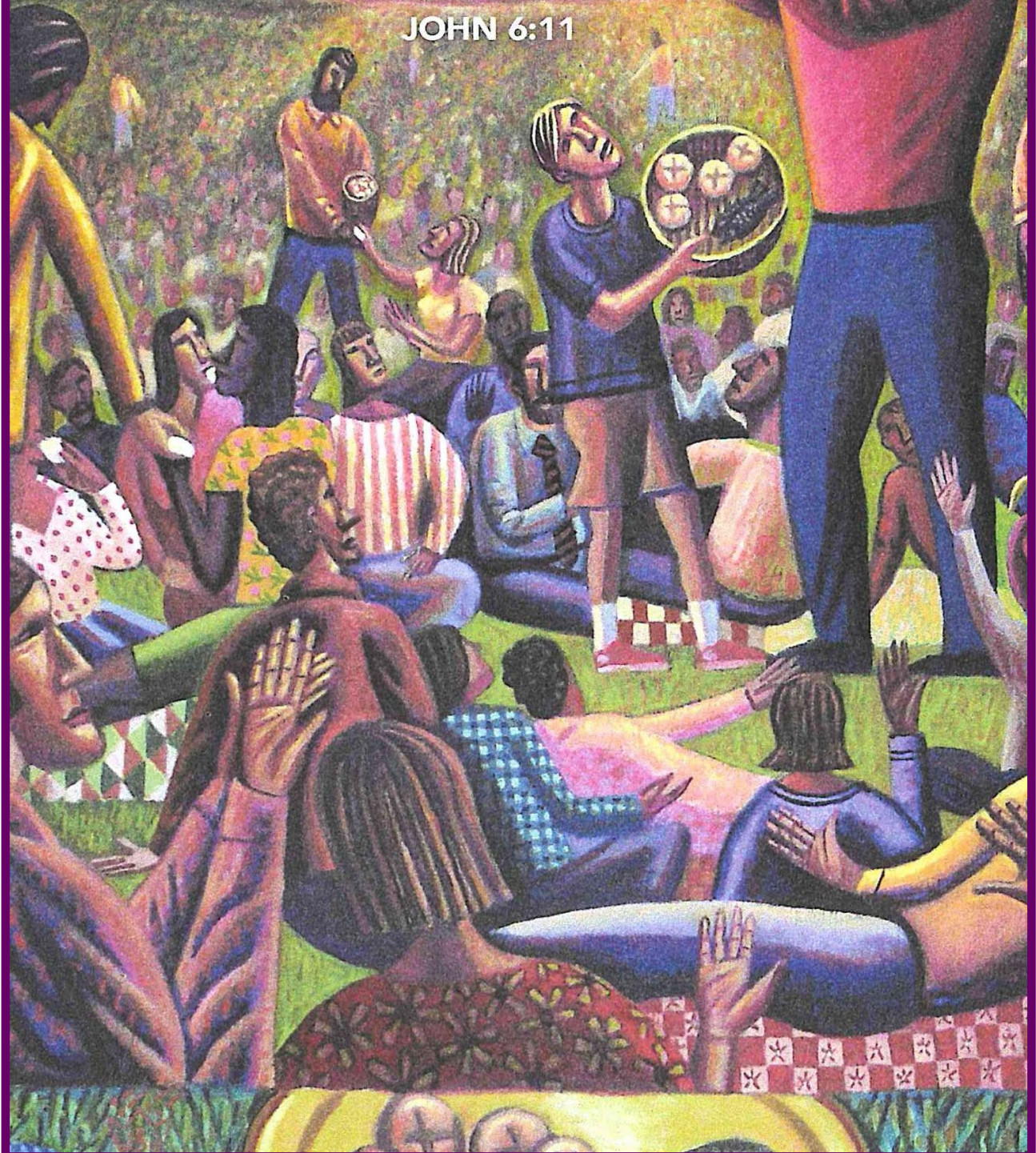


JESUS TOOK THE
LOAVES, AND WHEN
HE HAD GIVEN THANKS,
HE DISTRIBUTED THEM

JOHN 6:11





in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Versicles (*Common*)..... page 260

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle..... pages 261-262

(sung) The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the
Holy One of Israel.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

Readings

Old TestamentGenesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm..... "Psalm 136"

(Lisa Gulick-cantor)



C His__ love is true, His__ love is true, His



stead - fast love will nev - er end.

Praise the Lord, for He is good—His love is true and has no end.

Praise the God above all gods—His love is true and has no end.

Praise the Lord above all lords—His love is true and has no end.

No one else does what He can—His love is true and has no end. **Refrain**

Heavens high are His wise work—His love is true and has no end.

He set earth upon the deep—His love is true and has no end;

gave the sky its mighty lights—His love is true and has no end;

burning sun, cool moon and stars—His love is true and has no end. **Refrain**

God found us when we were low—His love is true and has no end;

freed us from our enemies—His love is true and has no end.

He feeds ev'ry living thing—His love is true and has no end.

Praise the God of heav'n above—His love is true and has no end. **Refrain**

Holy Gospel Mark 6:45-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Common)page 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism (All)page 264

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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;

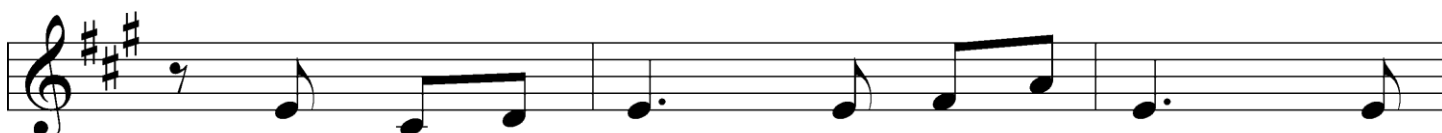
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

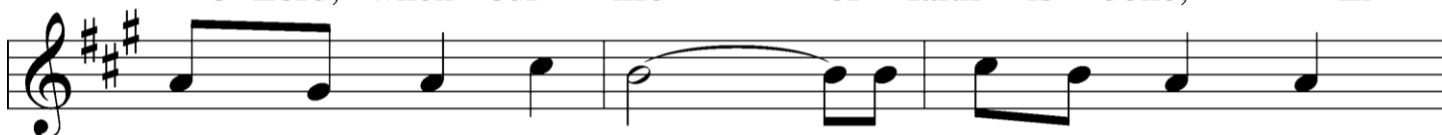
Sermon.....“Bow, Bow, Boat, & Bread”

Stand

Hymn.....“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” #720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry “My Lord and God!”
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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Offering

Offering plates will not be passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Prayers

Prayerspage 265

P . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

. . .

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Collect for the Wordpage 265

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C Amen

Morning Prayerpage 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticpage 266

(sung) Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.

Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessingpage 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

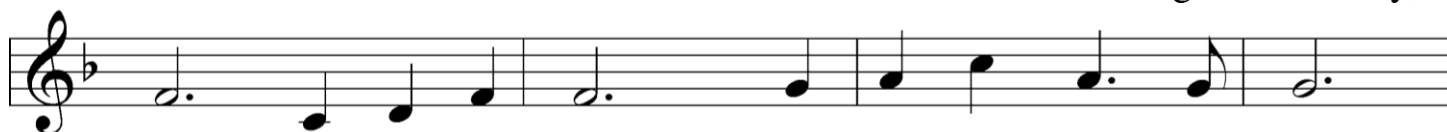
P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn "*Not Unto Us*" #558



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous-
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

Dismissal (Bethlehem’s Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Rich Vanderburgh (“Doxology”, from the Genevan Psalter, Hayes)

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Next week’s readings:

OT: Exodus 16:2-15; Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16; Gospel: John 6:22-35

Attendance Last Saturday: 23	Attendance Last Sunday: 54
Total Offering: \$7,055.56	Missions: \$100.00
Home Use: \$6,859.57	Non-Offering: \$95.99

Serving us today:

- Elders/Ushers.....Willie Crespo
- Musicians..... Rich Vanderburgh
- Soloist Lisa Guilck
- Altar Committee.....Cindy Schnell (Chair), Diana Hoemann, Judy Schache
Samantha Schnell, Stephanie Schumaker
- Flower Committee Karen Haase (Chair), Lana Vanderburgh

This Week’s Schedule

- Monday-26
 - 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
 - 10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots at the Park
 - 5:30 p.m. MMG Picnic in the Park in Clinton
 - 6:30 p.m. 4-H Group
- Tuesday-27
 - 7:30 p.m. Education Board Meeting
- Wednesday-28
 - 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
 - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study
- Thursday-29
 - 1:00 p.m. Games and Card Group
 - 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study-“Psalms-Poetry on Fire”
- Friday-30
 - 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- Saturday-31
 - 5:00 p.m. Children’s Message
 - 5:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Sunday-1	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study and Jr. and Sr. Youth Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Preschool/Elementary Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey’s sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (the young son of Trinity— Clinton’s pastor & his wife), Katie Kurz, Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons’ father), Lynn Lowe, Kathy Marshall, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair’s close friend), Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy, Pat Strayhorn (friend of a member) and Bryan Tebbenkamp.

For Samantha Brown and Nathan Schultz who will be getting married Sunday afternoon. We pray the Lord’s fullest blessings to them on their marriage and unfolding life together in Christ’s love. Every goodness and joy to them!

For Pregnant Mothers, especially Bridgette & Jonathan Sharp, Corinne & Jeremy Allison, Bekah & Chris Kelley, and Kara & JeVon Savage. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you’re feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don’t hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch it live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at blchurch.com.

Saturdays begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Children’s Message, and services start at 5:30 out back under the cottonwood tree (through September 4th). In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. All of the Saturday services are non-Communion devotional services.

Wednesday Communion Services are being held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the 1st, 3rd or 5th Communion Sunday—the next will be **August 4th**. These devotional services are focused on a different one of the nine fruits of the Spirit each time. Consider making this part of your spiritual growth this summer!

Sunday School for Preschool/Elementary

Children’s faith lessons are held each **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** near the cottonwood tree out back, half an hour before the Saturday service. **Sunday’s faith lessons** are happening **at 9:45 a.m.** in the fellowship hall downstairs. These are great opportunities for your children to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in trust toward their Savior!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Reforesting Faith—This book study/discussion group will be making a return this late summer and into the fall. Only two people joined Pr. Joel for the first couple of sessions last year, and then it was decided to table it ‘til this year. At least some of it will be outdoors, but that will depend on who’ll be participating. If that’s you, **let Pr. Joel know a day or time that works best**—otherwise he’ll select what seems a good window. Based on Dr. Matthew Sleeth’s book of that name (subtitled “What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His Love for Us”), this is a great way to get a better understanding of created life, Scripture, and faith more clearly through the lenses of stewardship, salvation, and restoration.

“Reading Romans” Study on Sunday Mornings! We’re working through the remaining chapters of this important biblical letter, and you’re more than welcome to join us in the conference room **from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** as we cover a lot of good ground yet together!

Sunday Youth Bible Study—Jeremy VanWey is currently leading a study that is exploring C.S. Lewis’s classic on the wily ways of evil, *The Screwtape Letters*. Make sure to make it, and spread the word to others so that a good group can work through it together!

Zoom Bible Study—“Psalms: Poetry on Fire” will be taking a break during the month of August. We will start back up after the Labor Day weekend.

Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies—Wednesday's 10:30 a.m.—12 noon study on 1 Peter has resumed; all are invited to join in this gathering in our conference room. Saturday Bible studies will resume in September, after Labor Day.

Opportunities to Serve

Bethlehem's Vegetable Garden was converted to raised beds this year and is growing thanks to the recent rains balancing out all the heat. We're also glad to have a neighboring family helping out with everything and growing a box of their own! *Would you like to be in the group of regular garden helpers? Talk to Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel to get in the garden group and find out what needs to be done and when. Many thanks!*

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild will be traveling to Clinton to have a picnic in the park with Martha Friedmeyer on **Monday, July 26**. Please meet at the church at **4:45 p.m.** so we can carpool together. Martha will be providing drinks and asks everyone to bring a dish to share. Martha has also offered to take everyone to Hanna Bananas for dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Sheree Moody.

Merry Widows/Friends group will be meeting on **Thursday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m.** in the church basement. This is a week earlier due to the rummage sale being held the following week. Bring a sack lunch and a friend. Dessert will be provided.

Exercise Class is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone, men and women are welcome to come and play board games or cards. Bring a game and a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

Miscellaneous

Rummage Sale—Drop off of items will begin on Monday, August 2nd. Items can be placed in the Sunday School room downstairs. **Do not bring big items until the week of the sale.** The sale will be held on **Friday, August 20 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, August 21 from 8am-1pm**. Further details about the sale and a work schedule will be coming in the near future. Please call Peggy Hoyer or Barb Chasar with any questions.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called "*Simply Giving*". You may also place your offering in the plate in the Narthex.

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· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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