



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume on September 11 at 9:30 am, but it is time to sign up for this class now! An online sign-up went out in this week's email update. A paper sign-up is available in the narthex. The class will be studying, "The New Testament You Never Knew."

Nominating Committee

We are currently in the process of gathering names for the nominating committee, which nominates candidates for church council. If you are interested in learning more, please see Beverly Rettig or Pastor Robb.

Prayer List Clean-Up

It is time for us to clean up our church prayer list. Many of the requests are currently out of date, Please submit any prayer requests you have to us prior to September 22.

The Gathering

Our women's Bible study group, The Gathering, meets the last Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, August 26, at the home of Barbara Little. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Little or Debbie Lundell.

Biscuits and Bluegrass

On Wednesday, August 17th from 11 AM - 2 PM at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Newnan, Senior Adults from all local congregations are welcome to gather for a Biscuits and Bluegrass event. Our time together will begin with a biscuit-making demonstration by Pastor Ashton Roberts (All Saints, Lilburn) followed by a time of food and fellowship with biscuits, local jams, and other delicious options. At 1 PM we will move into the sanctuary where local bluegrass artist Hannah Sage will offer an hour-long bluegrass concert for our enjoyment. All are welcome and a \$10 love offering is suggested.

If you have any questions or to RSVP, please email Pastor Jennifer Roberts at rev.jennifer.rlc@gmail.com.

Germany Highlights

Debbie Lundell and Judy Owen

Debbie and Judy had a wonderful time on the partnership trip to Germany. They saw and visited with some of the people who have visited us. Judy stayed with Max and Christiane Baurenfiend and Debbie stayed with her former host, Dr. Gabi Lange and her mother (Mum). Judy was able to reconnect with her former host, Ida Ruel, who came to dinner one evening, invited everyone for coffee and cake (a great German tradition), and attended the Passion Play with the group.

Eight people from Auferstehungskirche and two Americans attended the Oberammergau Passion play on Sunday. None of them had seen it before. The production was held in an open air theater (with a canopy) and lasted over five hours with a three hour break for dinner. This production has been performed for close to 400 years, usually in the years ending in zero. Only persons from the town may be in the play and about 2,000 residents participate in some way. There is a chorus of over 60, an orchestra, children and even live animals. While everything is in German, a manuscript in other languages is available for sale.



Auferstehung's senior's group met and enjoyed a German-American theme. Debbie presented a PowerPoint in German about Saint Luke Church, and a member of the German church also did a presentation about their church's recent activities. Pastor Benjamin had moved to a position in a large hospital, so the church is without a pastor at the moment



Participants had a true mountain top experience when they rode a cable car to the top of the second highest peak in Germany, the Nebelhorn, and worshiped there with other tourists. This event made the Augsburg newspaper, and the headline reads, "So Close to Heaven." The service was led by 2 pastors, the Swabian bishop, Axel Piper, and Bishop Kevin Strickland in a combination of German and English.

The group participated in several discussions with bishops from the area. The Catholic bishop was asked what he thought of the overturn of Roe vs. Wade, and he shared that the German laws permit abortion only in the first trimester and only after counseling. He said their church opposed abortions, but did not promote punishing those who obtained them. The Bavarian Bishop, Bedford-Strohm, shared many ideas including research he had done for a recent book called Piety and Happiness. He said that happy people are thankful, forgiving, worry-free, and have good relationships with family and friends. (As one pastor pointed out, we as Christians would add the spiritual element of having a good relationship with God).



There was a reunion with two of the young people who visited in 2019. Manuel is doing a gap year working in an elementary school before attending university to become a teacher. Valerie Gut is doing an internship in architecture and plans to go to university in a few years. Her birthday is July 4th, and she came to dinner at Gabi's on that day with a red, white and blue cake with an American flag iced on the top. She wants to spend her birthday in America sometime in the future. Also, Andi Rieger came to dinner at Christiane's one evening. He is now a young man, just starting an internship in real estate. He will be visiting Debbie and Joe in August.

Travels also included visits to: the historic parts of Augsburg and Munich, many beautiful churches, a medieval city built in part of an ancient crater, a gorgeous gorge, a castle, and botanical gardens. The people were hospitable, generous and kind, the program was excellent and varied, and the weather was good so it is hard to imagine how the trip could have been better unless there had been a little less walking (Debbie's opinion).

Upcoming Commemorations

August 8 Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

August 10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

August 11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

August 13 Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

August 14 Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

August 15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

August 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

August 24 Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

August 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

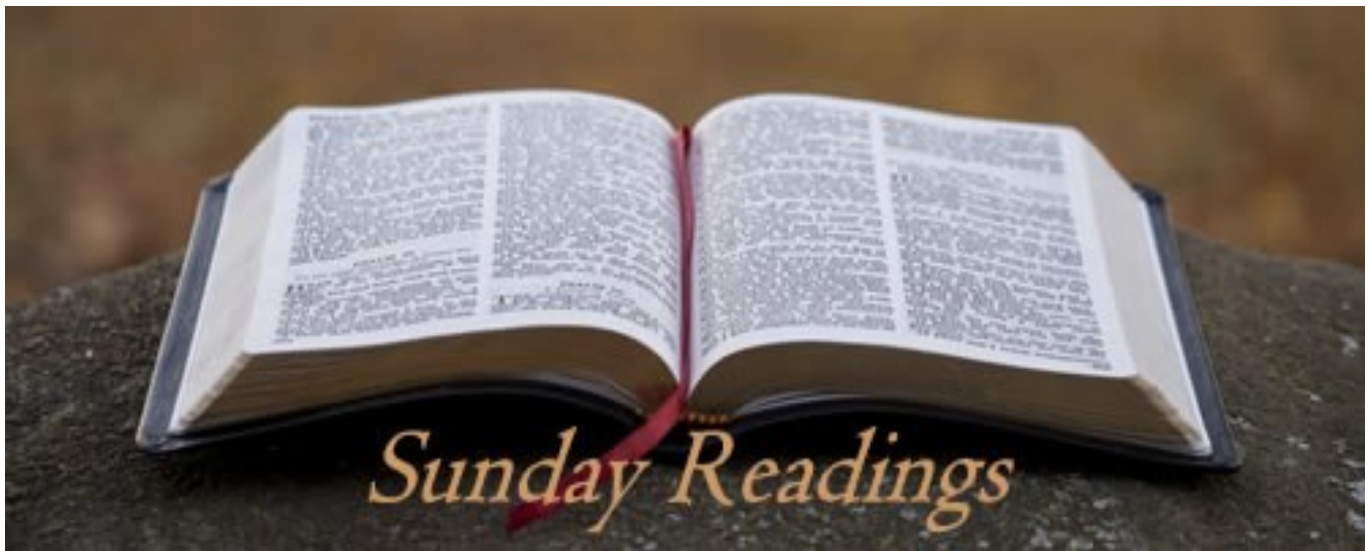
Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

August 28 Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

September 2 Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.



August 7

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

August 2022 Sunday Servants

August 7

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

August 14

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Egas Family

August 21

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

August 28

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

Financial Report as of June 30, 2022

Income and Expenses for June

Unrestricted Income: \$11,991.69

Restricted Income: \$1,956.80

Other (Unrestricted): \$208.85

Total Income: \$14,157.34

Total Expenses: \$12,734.99

Unrestricted Cash Flow: -\$534.45

Treasurer's Translation

1. Income was short of expenses in June by \$534.
2. We now have \$4,226 in the Building Maintenance fund and \$11,210 in the Capital Campaign fund.
3. Currently we need \$14,167 per month to meet budget.
4. Budget shortage for the year is \$4,210. Expense surplus for the year is \$1,677.
6. No benevolence payment was in June. Year-to-Date total is \$4,000.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Chong Brauer; Rick and Dorothy Bradberry; Mike Scott and family; Jana Justice; Noel Peek; LaMont Sudduth; Shirley Jones; the Adair Family; Shawn Hiltunen Johnston and family; Nilgul Taylor; Jeffrey Wedge; Erin Lannen; Mike Gassaway; Charlotte Baldwin; Jan Hammons; Mariya King;

Ongoing Requests

Morgan and Jordan, Heather and Sierra, Lenore and Family, Corey Sease, Gigi's House

Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Mallory Lively, Cindy Gourley, Janet Neese, Dottie Ogaz, Christy Adams, Lauren Corcoran, Jeremy Hutchinson, Danielle Harrell, Nick Ludley, Eddie Lopez, Elga Dhillon, Mikki Jackels, Bobby Swanger, Damen Denzin

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Mallory Lively, US Navy; Connor Roberts, USMC

If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know so that they may be included on this list.

August 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | July 30 AA 9 am |
| July 31 Worship 11 am | 1 Al-Anon 12 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 AA 9 am |
| 7 Worship 11 am | 8 Al-Anon 12 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 AA 9 am |
| 14 Worship 11 am | 15 Al-Anon 12 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 AA 9 am |
| 21 Worship 11 am | 22 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for news- letter submissions | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 AA 9 am |
| 28 Worship 11 am | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |