



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Of the Good Shepherd  
501 Fairfield Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601*

*May 24, 2015*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*  
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share  
the love of Jesus Christ."*

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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

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Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide. If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament  
May 24, 2015  
“Pentecost”  
8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “WE PRAY NOW TO THE HOLY SPIRIT” D. BUXTEHUDE

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who call us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen**

In this love,  
not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of +Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

“SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS”

ELW 396

+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN VERSES 1 & 3, MEN VERSES 2 & 4)**

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' \

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>1</sup> of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too man- <sup>1</sup> y to number,  
living things both <sup>1</sup> small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships <sup>1</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>1</sup> sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them <sup>1</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>1</sup> in due season. R**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, <sup>1</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>1</sup> are created;  
and so you renew the face <sup>1</sup> of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>1</sup> dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup> all your works. R**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth <sup>1</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains <sup>1</sup> and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of <sup>1</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup>**Bless the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
Hal- <sup>1</sup> lelujah! R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:22–27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Chapter 15**

<sup>26</sup>When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

**Chapter 16**

<sup>4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND"* ELW 400

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (10:30)**

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

For the church as it receives your Holy Spirit and shares its hope in Christ. For advocates of truth and forgiveness and for perseverance in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the creation as life takes root and grows. For the earth and all planets, for the sun, moon, and stars, for the natural wonders in, among, and beyond us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the nations as they seek guidance. For government and tribal leaders, for international organizations, for translators and interpreters, for prophets and peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those who suffer as they long for healing. For those who are lonely or forgotten, for those who are ill (*especially*). For veterans, military personnel, and those who advocate on their behalf (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For this worshiping community: For acolytes and ushers, readers and intercessors, musicians and artists, for all ministries of hospitality, and for those who cannot be with us this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember saints led by your Spirit (*including scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonhard Euler, whom we commemorate today*). Open our eyes to your work in the world and inspire hope for the world to come. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**

*“SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART” D. HEGARTY*

**ANTHEM (10:30) “O SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYER” SENIOR CHOIR**

**OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**+ OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
- C Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**+ GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

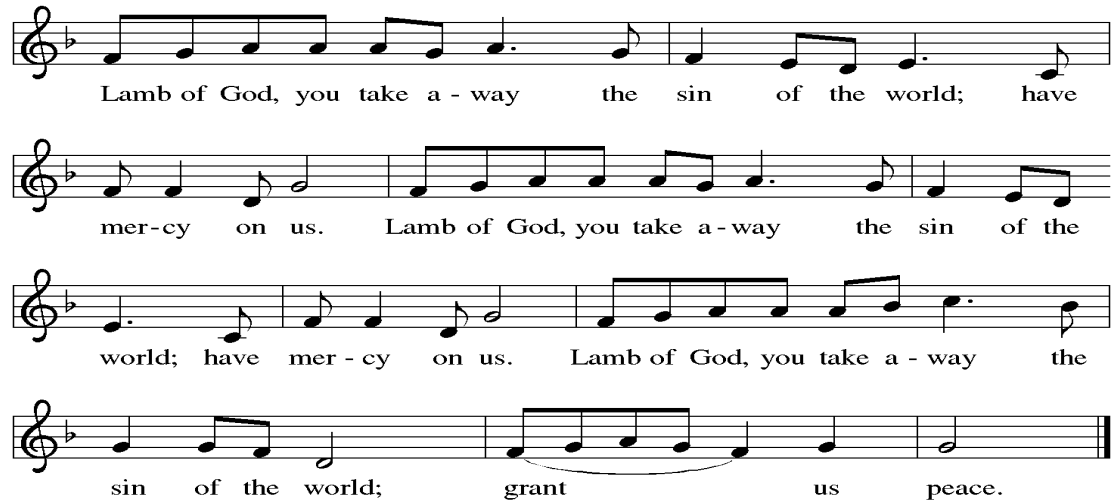
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, Abide in me as I abide in you."

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*

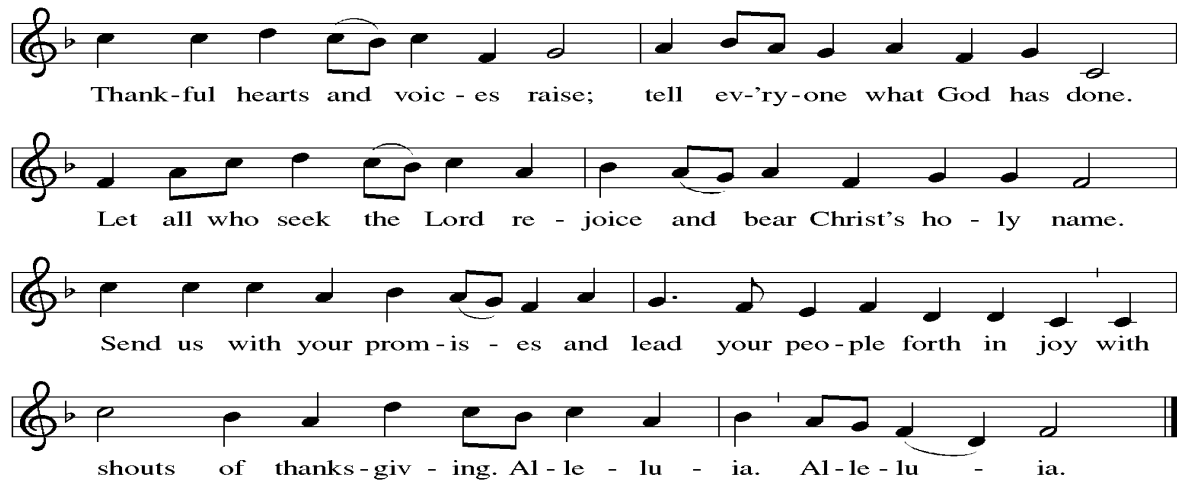


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 397, 404, 470, 471.

### + POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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### + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wise and generous God,  
We thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life.  
Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### + BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.  
**Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day  
and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*“O SPIRIT OF LIFE”*

ELW 405

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*“COME, GOD CREATOR, HOLY SPIRIT”*

*J.S. BACH*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God by Bill & Janet Ambrose in honor of Chuck and Jenny's 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Mark and Lynda Gesalman to Jeannette Public Library in memory of Lynda's mother, Helen Bean.

Bill & Patti Benton to Major Repairs in honor of Bill & Patti's 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Melanie Wood	Alice Podolinski
Acolyte	Peyton / Alex Ryan	Michael Hook
Crucifer	XXX	Abigail Fox
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Open
Ushers	Open	Don Bridges & Ken Hill
Altar Guild	Bobbie Musiak	Lisa Hook
Counters	Sue Strasser & Barb Henderson	

Many Thanks and appreciation for so many birthday cards and good wishes. (It is fun being 90...so far!) Friendship is such a blessing.

Mary Ann Smith

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.**

There is NO service on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The 5:30 service will be at Idlewild Park.

**Sunday School is over for the summer. It will resume in the fall with a brand new program.**

*The Locks have been changed. Unfortunately the transition has not been as smooth as we had hoped. If you got a new key and it does not work, please return it to the office. If you have not tried your key, please do so to determine if it works.*

*Thank you.*



Join Us at Idlewild Park on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets - \$20.00. Purchase them by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Come enjoy the day at Idlewild and join us at 4:45 for dinner and service at 5:30 pm. in Pavilion C – 1. Bring your own dinner. There are lots of yummy food stands or pack your own dinner.



June 10

1:00 pm. – 6:30 pm.

Posters and sign up sheets in the Commons Area.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 24 - 31, 2015

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
Monday		MEMORIAL DAY
		Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot - Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 1:30 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
	6:00 pm.	VBS - Sanctuary
	6:30 pm.	Brownies
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 pm.	Dryridge
Friday	10:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	3:00 pm. – 5:00 pm.	Racculia
Saturday	12:00 pm.	Racculia
	5:30 pm.	Service at Idlewild
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Last Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion

	<u>Important Dates</u>
May 30	Picnic at Idlewild
June 6	Chicken BBQ
June 10	Blood Drive
June 15 – 19	Vacation Bible School
June 19	Family Fun Night

The following young adults will be confirmed today:

Michael Hook  
Abigail Podolinski  
Madelyn Rife

*Congratulations!*

June 6, 2015  
10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.

# Chicken

½ Chicken, baked beans, beverage & chips.  
\$8.00

Tickets may be purchased through the office. Call (724)834-1940 or stop in during office hours (Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.) Or place your order in the offering plate. Pre-purchase of tickets is encouraged. We will also be doing a “Buy one, Give one”. We have a number of people who could benefit from a dinner.



## Youth Group Car Wash

Have your car washed while you enjoy your chicken in the air conditioned social room. All donations will go to the Youth Group & 2015 Youth Gathering.



## Bake Sale

Enjoy a yummy dessert. Hosted by the Fellowship Committee. A sign up sheet will be posted to donate baked goods. All proceeds will go to the Youth Group & 2015 Youth Gathering.