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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
 LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



40 and 50

As of this writing we are a week ahead of a special day in the life of the Christian Church. The fortieth day of Easter's great 50 days is Ascension Day. This year Ascension Day is Thursday, May 26. The Ascension of the Lord is not often highlighted as the important day it is. Furthermore, whenever one tries to imagine what that event looked like, it is always almost comical. In fact, an artist has painted a picture of his idea of what it looked like. He painted the view from Earth right below the Lord's ascending body. So the painting is of the bottom of Jesus' sandals within a dark background which is outlined by the hem of his robe. If you wish, you can use your favorite search engine and see the painting.

While the Ascension continues the exaltation of the Lord, which began on the Day of Resurrection, it has its own place and a purpose in our Doctrine. The Ascension was important enough that it is in what is probably our most familiar creed—the Apostle's Creed. You remember the part of which I speak: "He ascended into heaven and sits on the right and of God the Father Almighty." Simply (perhaps simplistically) put, Jesus left—so he can be closer. While Jesus is still human and will be for all eternity, his humanity is a glorified body which transcends the bounds of physicality.

Ten days after the Day of Ascension is the fiftieth day of the Great 50 Days of Easter! That day is often spoken of as the birthday of the Church. While communities of faith had been meeting with each other many years before the Day of Pentecost, that day brought life to the church in a remarkable new way. On that day when followers of the Lord were together the Holy Spirit was presented in a boisterous way ... the sound of a great wind and flames atop each believer's head. What a sight, sound, and experience that must have been!

This year the Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 5. The liturgical color for the day is red. Be sure to wear red to worship on that Sunday.

The Lord be with you ...



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All Military Overseas & at Home
 All 1st Responders
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church & Officers
 Dixie Battin
 Bourdeau Family
 Paul & Betty Carlisle
 Andrew & Michelle Cook
 Bonnie Fulks
 Scott Galloway
 Joe Garcia
 Lois Hagen
 Larry Ickes
 Grace Johnston
 Betty Jones
 Lehman Family
 Sheri MacIntyre
 Gerald Marsh
 Dolori Morales
 Katherine Nolen
 Sue Tiso

Names will remain in the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 2



God bless each one of you who worked so hard at our son, Kyle's, memorial service.

Thank you for your hugs, prayers, and providing the food and set up for the service.

Thanks to all of you who are helping our family get through this loss.

We love you all!

The Nolen Family



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1 JOE MOYE
 JUNE 4 BARBARA NICKESON
 JUNE 5 BOB PETERMAN
 JUNE 7 BILL KERR
 JUNE 7 ROY LIPSETT
 JUNE 9 MIKE HARLAND
 JUNE 17 PAUL CARLISLE
 JUNE 19 RODNEY BURT
 JUNE 19 LARRY ICKES
 JUNE 21 HELEN WILLIAMS
 JUNE 23 MARY EDMONDS
 JUNE 24 BARBARA MILLER

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 6 JUSTIN & LORI ANKNEY
 JUNE 16 MURRAY & LEIGH REID
 JUNE 28 JOHN & VICKI MCWHORTER

**A Prayer for Peace
 Amid Chaos**

Lord God,

You promise the peace of a still lake
 even in the midst of a storm.

You promise the peace of a slumbering
 child even in the middle of tension
 and disagreement.

You promise the peace of a poppy
 field even in the place of heartbreak
 and devastation.

Your promise is a peace that surpasses
 our human understanding.

So I choose to rest by the still waters, to
 lie down and rest amongst the poppies.

Your resurrection declared peace over
 trauma, power over death, and life
 everlasting.

I trust in you.



Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm—Wednesday Night Connection, bring a pot luck dish to feed 8 people. Our continued theme is the Gospel According to Andy, Barney, Opie and Aunt Bea.

Sunday, June 5 — Pentecost Sunday — don't forget to wear red!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you Susie Green for all your help and agreeing to come out of retirement to serve as our Interim Administrative Assistant. There are not enough words to express how grateful and blessed we are to have your dedication and skills in getting our church office in order.

Happy retirement... again!

**Accept what's
happening in your
life right now, put
what has happened
behind you, let it
all go and have faith
that good things
are coming
your way.**

Nursery Attendants

June 5 - Kathie Saum
June 12 - Vicki McWhorter
June 19 - Janelle Webb
June 26 - Alexis Brown

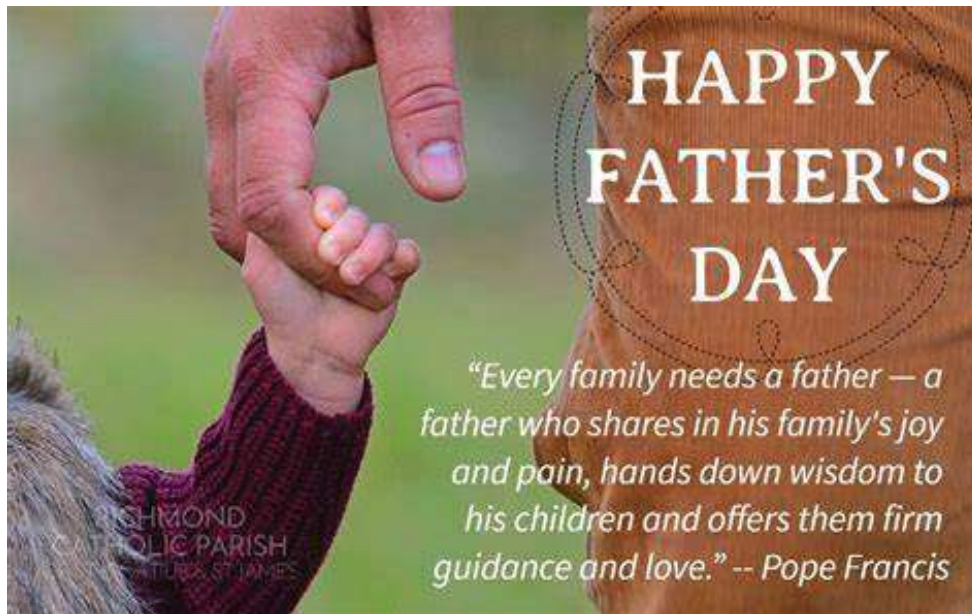


June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission Committee Mtg 6:00 Connection	2 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	3	4
5 Day of Pentecost 10:00 Worship	6	7	8 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	9 9:00 Labor & Landscape	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday 10:00 Worship	13	14	15 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	16 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	17	18
19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 10:00 Worship	20 World Refugee Day	21	22 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	23 9:00 Labor & Landscape	24	25
26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Worship	27	28	29 9:30 -11:00 R&R 6:00 Connection	30 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff		

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On Father's Day we celebrate our fathers and all they have done for us, but let's not forget to celebrate our Heavenly Father! In one sense, God is the Father of everyone, and if you believe in Jesus Christ then you are an actual part of God's family. How cool is that???



Fundraising Update and Meeting

We did not have any Fundraising events in May.

We are planning a meeting on Sunday, May 29 following church. Please join us and bring any fundraising ideas you have for discussion.

Cal Brown
Fundraising Chair



Welcome

Welcome Tammie Vough, our new administrative assistant. Tammie joined us on Friday, May 20th. Tammie lives in Lehigh Acres and comes to us with church office experience and a strong Christian faith. Tammie will be training with Susie for the next few weeks. Please stop by the office to meet her and introduce yourself. Remember, we only have to remember one new name and she has many, many new people to meet.



In those places where you feel like sighing, may Jesus put a new song in your heart. Where you're weary from holding on, may He give you new courage to stand strong. Where you've waited long to see the breakthrough, may He very soon do what only He can do. Sometimes it feels like He's slow to intervene but the truth is, He's meticulous and miraculous, He's sovereign and strategic. He knows what He's doing and He deserves our trust. May we all rest in Him tonight. He'll do the heavy lifting. Blessings to you!

James 5:8 NLT ~ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.



Mission Study Committee

The Mission Study Committee prepared a survey which was sent to the congregation to complete and return to the Church. After receiving your returned surveys, we calculated the results to determine what direction the church wants to go moving forward.

On May 15 following church, we called a Town Hall meeting to present all of the information gathered and to ask for input from the Congregation. Along with the survey results we shared a timeline presented about the Church's progress in time, and a demographic presentation.

We are on our way for calling our permanent (called) pastor for Buckingham Presbyterian Church.

We meet on Mondays at 11:00 am at the Church.

A Mission Study is an opportunity for the Congregation to work together in faith while intentionally listening to God for guidance and direction.

Kathie Saum
Secretary



New Mission Project

Our church was approached by a compassionate and empathetic gentleman in our congregation to assist with an Afghanistan refugee resettlement project. It was determined no Presbyterian group in our area was involved but Lutheran Services was very active in working to resettle 50 families in our Ft Myers area, so the Mission Committee together with approval of Session, have accepted helping these refugees.

There is a great need of which housing is the biggest. If anyone knows of housing available please contact Grace Johnston or Lutheran Services.

Secondary to housing is furnishing the house. Since our church really does not have funds for housing, the committee determined we could adopt a room – the kitchen. Therefore, we will be collecting gently used or new items that could outfit a kitchen. Maybe you have extra dishes, pans, utensils or other items you can deliver to the church and we will store for a short time until Lutheran Services picks them up.

We will be setting up an account for monetary donations if you are so inclined. Keep in mind they came here with nothing. Anything you could provide would be welcome for that empty house.

If you have any questions you may contact Grace Johnston at 302-750-5991 or contact Lillian Pagan at Lutheran Services 239-268-4269. They are located at 4300 Ford Street Suite 109, Ft. Myers 33916.



Stitch N' Stuff

God commands us to love others. One of the most simple ways to love is by helping when we see someone in need. Whether it is our time, money, or energy, giving to help someone in need is a mark of a mature Christian. We also find that helping others is a blessing to ourselves. Plus, you never know when you will be the one in need. Scripture tells us that we reap what we sow and that there are blessings for those who seek a life of serving loving others.

Please check us out every other Thursday from 9:00 -12:00 pm in Clayton Hall. Any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

Darkness Breaking Into Light

If you have ever experienced an unexpected darkness, a silence and stillness you aren't used to, know that these hard times, these devastating disappointments, these seasons of suffering are not for nothing.

They will grow you. They will shape you. They will soften you.

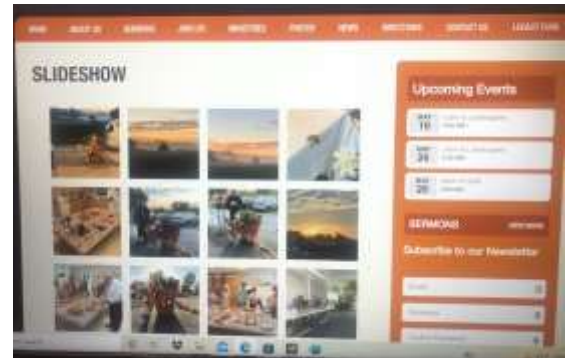
They will allow you to experience God's comfort and compassion. You will find life-giving purpose and meaning when you allow God to take your painful experiences and comfort others. You will be able to share a unique hope because you know what it feels like to be them.

It's okay to tell Him you don't like any of this pain, sweet friend. But don't let the pain cause you to pull away from Him or from others. Bring Him all of your emotions. Hand Him every piece of your broken and hurting heart. And ask Him to use all of this. For your good. For the good of others. For His glory.



Technology Update

The church web page has been updated with recent pictures—check it out!



Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
John Graham

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk



I am the vine
you are the branches
John 15:5

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The Lovely Month of June

Summer came to visit me
In the merry month of June;
She brought her warm and winsome days
And at night she lit up the moon.

Summer came to visit me,
Adorned in her Sunday best;
She wore a hat of sapphire blue
And her gown was daisy-dressed.

Summer came to visit me
And spread sunshine everywhere.
Emerald shoes were on her feet,
Spun-gold was in her hair.

Summer came to visit me,
Sweet songbirds trilled a tune;
And it's all because God fashioned this –
The lovely month of June.

Nora M. Bozeman

 SALESIAN MISSIONS

