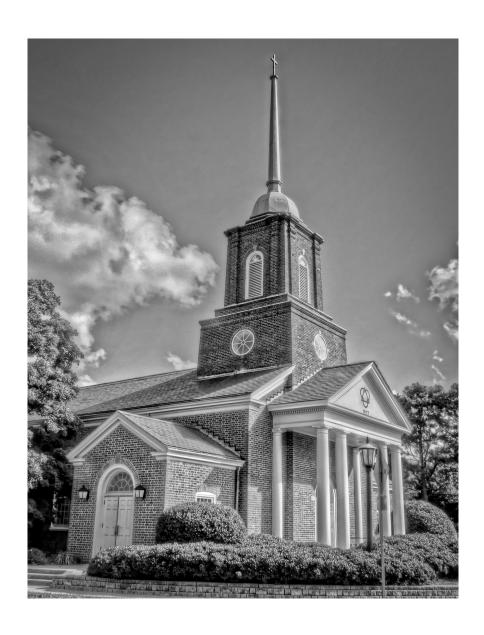
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service • October 2, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost • Setting 1



A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Thank you for joining us online or at our in person worship in the sanctuary.

There are no provisions for the nursery, but if you need to use it, please feel free to do so.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Meditation on *Dunlap's Creek*

James Biery

Announcements

Gathering

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge Our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of Mercy and Forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Hymn My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (THE SOLID ROCK) ELW 596 **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.

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9 (read responsively)

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this

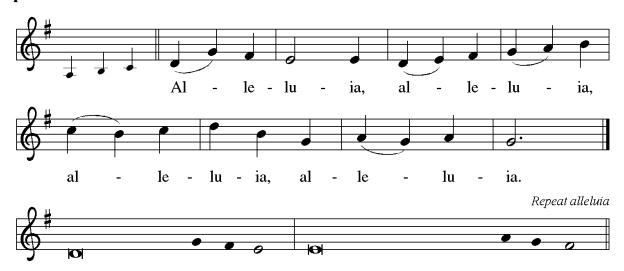
reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



The word of the Lord en | dures forever.

That word is the good news that was an- | nounced to you.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

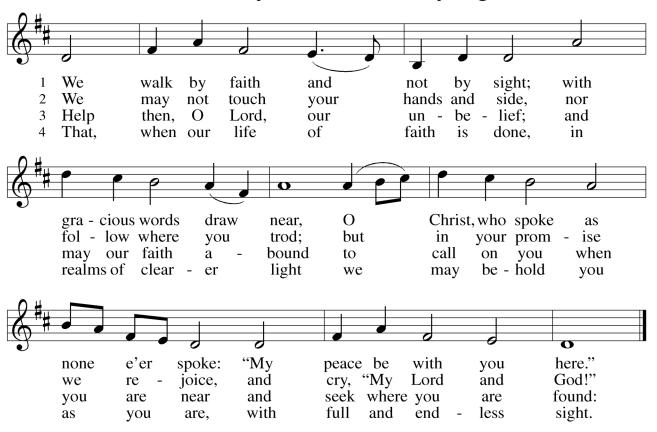
Children's Chat Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (DUNLAP'S CREEK) WOV675

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

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.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace. Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The assembly is seated.

As we gather at your table, as we listen to you Word, help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life: send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

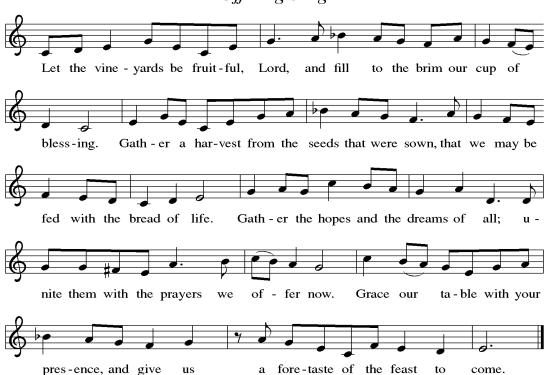
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share this feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

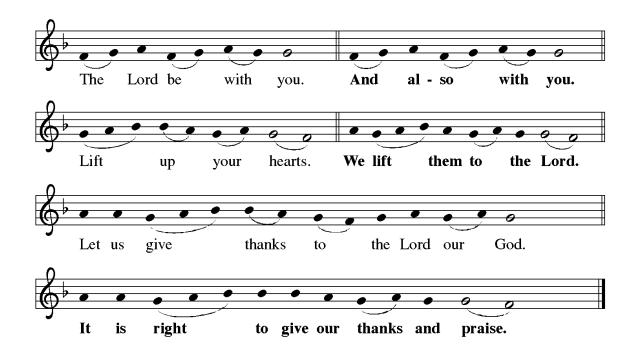
Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen

Meal

The assembly stands.

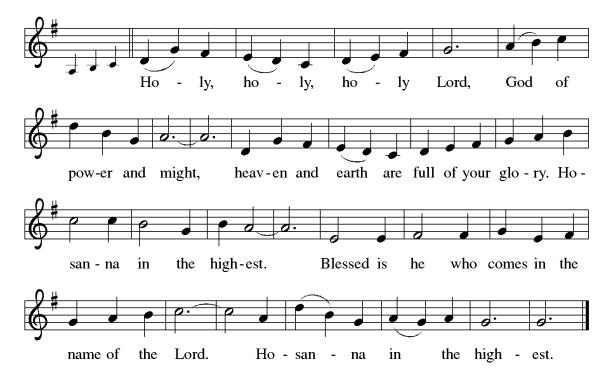
Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

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

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

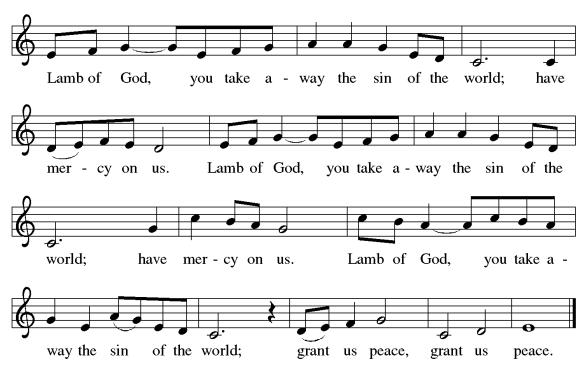
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

Agnus Dei



Sending

Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen**.

Sending Hymn

Founded on Faith (FOUNDED ON FAITH)

ACS 1048

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Fanfare (Douglas E. Wagner)

The greenery arrangements TODAY are presented to the Glory of God.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

Crucifer: Nathan Rummel; Acolytes: Andrew Rummel and Kelly Murphy; Ushers:

John Lunsford; Lectors: Michelle and Zachary Stoffa Camera: Cliff Obara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCA Disaster Relief: On Sunday, September 18, Hurricane Fiona struck Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands causing massive flooding and power outages. Rain continued to fall all day Sunday and into Monday. The islands have experienced devastating flooding and loss of power. The Caribbean Synod led by Bishop Idalia Negrón Caamaño consists of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It's one of the six synods along with the Virginia Synod in ELCA Region 9. We have received a request from Bishop Negrón Caamaño for assistance with recovery. The Caribbean Synod will be purchasing and distributing Wal-Mart gift cards to allow residents to purchase the resources they need. If you would like to help the Caribbean Synod with this project, please make a financial donation to the Virginia Synod Disaster Response Fund using the button below. The Virginia Synod will ensure the financial support gets to the Caribbean Synod.

If you would like to donate, here is the link:

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR1Z/campaign/C-ZDMP

Pastor Tina on Continuing Ed: Pastor Tina will be NOT be away next week as originally planned. Tuesday morning Bible Study will meet as usual.

Walking Worship Wednesdays: The Fall series of Walking Worship Wednesday will begin on Wednesday, October 5th and will continue through October 26th. We will meet in the parking lot of the Mariner's Museum at 5:45pm. Come join us for a walk through the woods with faith and good company.

Inclusion means everyone has a voice!: Reconciling in Christ is a program of the ELCA that supports congregations in their desire to become a more inclusive congregation. We've been called by the Church Council to participate in this journey. One of the first steps is to ask congregants what your thoughts and opinions about this process are. We've created a survey for this purpose and it was emailed to you. We want everyone who considers Trinity their worship home to complete an individual survey. To take the survey online, go to

https://forms.gle/bA4VrCDYQ5j1jbj87

Hard copies of the survey are available in the church library or you can request one be sent to you by contacting the church office. We want to hear from any interested person in order to make this the most inclusive and comprehensive journey possible. This survey should only take about 10-15min to complete. Your responses are completely anonymous. We value your privacy. Your honest responses will help us build a successful and inclusive journey. In order for us to efficiently move forward, we request your response by **October 9, 2022**. Thank you for your time, The RIC Committee (Tricia Wessler, Sue Moeslein, Phil Shook, Wendy Mynoymany, Kathy Stevens)

Trinity Discussion Group, a.k.a. Adult Sunday School Class: Has begun!! **From 8:45 until 9:30 a.m.**, in the church parlor, we will be "catching up with each other" and talking about the introduction to the book "Twelve Unlikely Heroes: *How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You*, by John MacArthur. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS DISCUSSION GROUP.

Glass Vases for The Simple Sunflower: Small to medium sized glass vases are needed to repurpose flowers from The Simple Sunflower. If you have any vases to donate, please place them in the labeled cardboard box at the wheelchair ramp door, near the sacristy kitchen. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next bible study will be held on **October 4th** at **10:30 a.m.** in the church parlor and online via Zoom. All are welcome!

Reformation Remix: The next meeting for Reformation Remix will be held on **Monday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.** A link will be sent out on Monday, **October 10, 2022.** Reformation Remix will continue through October. Don't worry, there's no Remix on Halloween so you can get all your trick or treating in!

Choir practice: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Any youth or adult who enjoys singing is invited to join us - no musical training required, and we can work with any voice!

St Mark Lutheran Church and Sine Nomine Presents. . . are delighted to present "The King of Instruments," an organ concert featuring four outstanding organists on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM. St Mark Lutheran Church is located at 118 Old York-Hampton Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 757-898-9342

A Note from the Finance Committee: Just a reminder that, as Finance Chair Cliff Obara mentioned at the annual meeting, when we vote to approve a NEW budget (done in June), we are also voting to increase our regular offerings to the general fund. If you haven't done that yet, please prayerfully consider the needs of our church family and the needs of our community family, which your offerings help to fill! Thank you!

To make a change, you can go to the Trinity website and click the "online giving" link. Log into your Vanco account and change the amount. You will need to update the CVC number if paying by credit card. If you have questions, feel free to call the office.

VANCO Online giving: The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, **http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com** and click on the green "online giving" link found on the homepage. If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, **245-7861**.

YOUTH

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are **\$5 each** and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form or grab one from either the narthex or church office.

Movies, Donuts, and Discussion: Our youth group aged Sunday School class is in for a treat this year as we explore the books of the Bible through film. Join us as we watch "Thor Ragnarok," "The Lord of the Rings," "Hidden Figures," "Beauty and the Beast," and more during the Sunday School hour. We will enjoy treats and have a great discussion about these movies and Bible stories, taking a look at how they impact our everyday faith life.

Howl O Scream - October 9: The youth group will meet immediately following church on Sunday, October 9 to go to Busch Gardens for the afternoon and enjoy the haunts of Howl O Scream at night. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the youth group bulletin board and indicate if your youth has a pass. We have several free tickets available to us if your youth would like to attend this event. Parents can pick their youth up at the Rummel household after the event.

Light the Night- October 22: The "in person" Light the Night at McArthur Center in Norfolk, VA has returned this year! Our youth group will be walking to Light the Night with hundreds of other folks in the Hampton Roads area as we raise money and awareness for the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. Please make sure that you sign up for this event by October 1, so I can accurately register all interested parties. We will meet on October 22 at 4:30 PM at Trinity and travel together over to McArthur Mall. We will eat dinner at the mall, enjoy the festivities outside, and then join in on the walk through downtown Norfolk.

Lost and Found - November 18-20: All 7th and 8th graders are eligible to attend the VA Synod's Lost and Found event this year which is held at Eagle Eyrie near Lynchburg, VA. This is a wonderful faith centered weekend with kids your age from around the Synod. You will spend your weekend in fun, fellowship, and faith from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, and you will get to see our very own Samantha Harry serve on the planning team for the event. If you are interested in go-

ing, please go online to the VA Synod Youth Website, fill out the registration form, and make a payment before October 24. Also, please sign up on our youth group bulletin board, so we can plan transportation to and from the event. Your registration fee for the event is \$150, which includes an event t-shirt. If you need assistance with the registration fee, please let Kelly Rummel or Pastor Tina know. Remember that there is a Talent Show, so plan on bringing your talent with you if you want to share it.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters), requested by Grant and Donna Owens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis; David Harvey (uncle), requested by Anne Obara and Richard Anderson; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

Youth Schedule 2022 - 2023

September 25 Cook Out and Parent Meeting (Following Worship in the Park)

October 9 Howl O Scream Busch Gardens – Meet at Rummel house

October 22 5 Pm Festival starts, 7 PM Walk starts

Light the Night – Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society – McArthur Center

November 11 Homebound Gifts/ Lock In

November 12 Roanoke College Lutheran Visit Day

November 18-20 Lost and Found (7th and 8th graders – Eagle Eyrie)

December 11 Decorating and Caroling

January 8 Bowling

January 27-29 Winter Celebration (9th-12th graders – Eagle Eyrie)

February 12 Soup-er Bowl Party (Watch the Super Bowl / Canned Food Drive)

March 4-5 Seventh Day 5th and 6th graders

March 17-18 Lock In

April 2 Stuff Eggs and Make Baskets for Homebound members

April 9 Easter Egg Hunt (Easter Sunday)

April 23 Ropes Course (VA Beach Aguarium)

May 7 Fundraiser for 2024 NYG – Cake Auction

June Confirmation Sunday

June 9-11 Youth Assembly

June 25-30 Kairos (Week-long event at Roanoke College – Rising 9th-12th

graders)

July 9-13 Launch (Graduated High School Seniors)

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July YARD SALE for NYG 2024

^{***}Dates are subject to change based off of Advisors' schedules and weather events!***

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV) The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



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