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## What Time Should We Worship This Summer? Learnings from the Survey

Thanks to all who responded to the Board of Worship request for feedback on the question of changing our summer worship times. Your answers and comments were very helpful to the members of the Board, who ultimately decided against proposing any change in our worship times, for the following reasons:

- It is clear, both from well-documented research and your own responses, that holding one combined Sunday worship would result fewer people attending.
- While many responses reflected a willingness to attend no matter what time worship was held, a strong minority from both services indicated that they would be unwilling or unable to attend one service if it would be much later than the early service or much earlier than the later service. A variety of understandable reasons were given for this.
- Changing to one service made it more difficult for those who want to attend Sunday School to do so. It seemed wrong to impact this ministry without a strong reason.
- On the question of what positive reason resonated best with those who favored a change to one service for summer, the majority checked “meeting people from the other service,” a goal which the Worship Board felt might better be met by another strategy (more on this below).
- The Board felt that any monetary savings to be gained by simplifying the worship schedule (thereby lowering the honoraria) for Pastor Verkouw’s and Murray’s substitutes would likely be outweighed by lower attendance and offerings.

Because many of you indicated a strong desire for occasions of fellowship between the steady groups that meet at our three worship times, the Board of Worship has proposed to the Congregation Council that we consider scheduling three Sundays throughout the year on which we would have one service together to mark a special occasion. Some suggested Sundays were:

- Pentecost, to support our confirmands and celebrate this major Festival together.
- Rally Day, to mark the end of summer and the beginning of a new education year.
- Sunday just before or after Christmas, depending how the calendar falls.
- Sundays on which we have congregational meetings, to encourage more attendance.
- Other ideas, not yet considered.

The council will be considering this proposal over these early weeks of summer.

Again, thanks to all whose responses helped us enter into this decision in a way that was responsible to the thoughts and opinions of our members.

Pastor Verkouw, Jenny Fritsch and Mindi Graver for the Board of Worship

### CALENDAR - June 23—29

#### **Friday**

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor .....6:30 a.m.  
NA Home Group—Stafford Room .....11:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday**

Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.

#### **Pentecost 3**

**Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

**Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39**

Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Adult Christian Formation Hour ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship—Nave .....10:30 a.m.  
Matu—Chapel .....1:00 p.m.  
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

#### **Monday**

Staff Meeting—Office .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability —Auditorium .....6:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday**

Tutoring Session—Stafford Room .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday**

Dramability—Auditorium .....6:00 p.m.

To view monthly events go to our website

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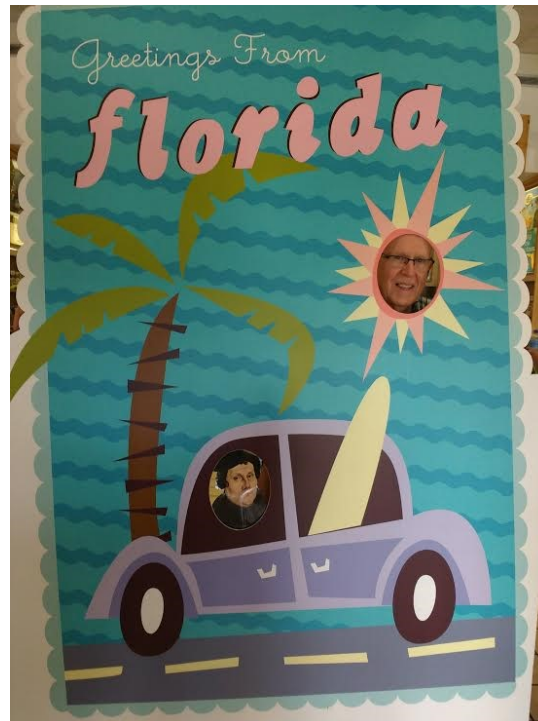
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### Attendance for Worship

**Worship**     16 / 42 / 122 = 180  
**Sunday School**     21



**Carl Hartman and Martin Luther  
traveling together in Florida!**

## Stewardship Snippet

**June 25, 2017 (3rd Sun. after Pentecost, Year A)**

[Jesus told his disciples,] "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

—Matthew 10:38b, 39

All stewardship issues ultimately involve the question, "How are you living? Really?" Today Jesus gives us a strange paradox to ponder. If we "find" our life in ways the world tells us to -- through



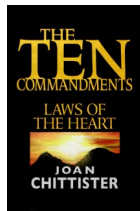
activities that feed our pleasure centers, our egos and our bank accounts -- then Jesus says we lose out. But if we pick up our cross and "lose" ourselves in the things of God – prayer, service, sacrifice, love for God and neighbor -- then we actually find our lives. How would you pick up your cross? What part of your ego needs to be crucified in order for you to more fully follow Christ and, therefore, find your life?

**Adult Christian Formation**  
**"10 Commandments of the Heart"**  
**Sundays in the Auditorium**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**  
**June 18 - September 3**

Are the Ten Commandments just a set of rules or are they a way of life? How does each one call us to reflect on our life and values? What does it mean to love God and our neighbor in a world where violence, greed, and fear threaten our lives, our values, our hearts?

Joan Chittister answers these and other questions. Each chapter focuses on what one of the commandments means for us today. The final two shed light on the two Great Commandments, "Love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself."

Please join us for this highly acclaimed video series by Sister Joan Chittister, member of the Order of the Benedictine Sisters, Erie PA.



**Deborah/Elizabeth Circle**  
**Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> at Luther Acres**

The Deborah/Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Round at Luther Acres for a time of conversation and Bible study. At about 11:30 we will conclude with lunch together. Please join us! For further information, please contact Joyce Saeger or Carol Main.



Please mark your calendars!

**Reformation 500**

**Reformation Day 500**  
**October 29, 2017**  
**Special Observances at Grace**

**Reformation Fair**  
**Intergenerational Event at 9:00 AM**

**German-Themed**  
**Congregational Meal**  
**following the 10:30 AM Service**



**Hymn Festival 4:00 PM**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**750 Greenfield Road**  
**Lancaster, PA 17601**

**\*\*Choir Rehearsal**  
**Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 AM**

**Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week:** Barry Gentzler, Ellen Hines, Robert Jenson, Gina Pacelli, Fred Shilling,

**Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers:** Sue Albertson, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, Shirley Brady, John & Dolores Byers, Ron Coyle, Jerri Crooms, Judy DeWitsky, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Josephine Good, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Dick Herr, Phyllis Jackson, Eleanor Kelley, Devin Krautsack, Pat Long, Augusta Madenford, Betty Mahler, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Barbara Music, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Mark Powell, George Ries, William Salzman, Jean Schuam, Catherine Schnader, Dave Schober, Linda Semler, Jay Smoker, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Pat Suter, Judy Sweigart, Gene Tabbutt, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

### A note from the family of Doris Andrew...

My family's thanks to Pastor Verkouw and my mother's communion visitors for their care while she was at Susquehanna Valley Nursing Home and also for their support to our family during her funeral service.

Debbie Buckwalter



A big thank you to all who rose to the occasion and, more importantly, remembered to wear red for Pentecost. According to our calculations 94 people wore red (\$94) and 22 people wore red socks (\$44). Pastor and I will make a donation in Grace's name for \$150 (we rounded up) for the Synod "Sock it to Hunger" challenge.

Thanks so much for your participation! Kathryn



**Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ...**  
**Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.**



### Backyard Vegetable Garden ([EARTHEASY.COM](http://EARTHEASY.COM))

#### Garden Layout:

**orientation and shade-** The plants in your garden will want to face south, and will require a minimum of 5 hours of direct sunlight per day. Observe the path of shadows during the day from any trees, fences, tall objects or adjacent buildings in your yard. Sunlight calculators are available which give you a more precise measurement of sun exposure for choosing ideal planting locations. The area of maximum continuous light will likely be the best location for your garden.

**proximity to trees, root systems** - besides the shading effects of trees, consider the spread of their roots. Locate your garden plot at least 10' beyond the drip line of any nearby trees. If you must grow close to any trees, you may need to dig a barrier around your garden to block root incursions. This can be done by digging a narrow trench to hard clay, or at least deeper than existing roots. Set a sheet of galvanized metal roofing, or any inert heavy material which roots cannot penetrate, on edge. Then fill in the trench with the barrier material even with the soil level or slightly above.

