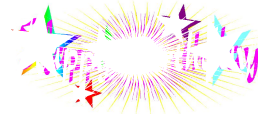


HIGHLIGHTS

From the Pastor

Grace to You and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



Mary Mudd -- August 5th - 85 years

LUTHER'S SEAL

HERE IS HOW LUTHER HIMSELF EXPLAINED ITS MEANING

...The first should be a **black cross** in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from **the heart** will be justified" (Romans 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a **white rose**, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels. (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a **sky-blue field**, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a **golden ring**, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal...
(July 8, 1530 letter to Lazarus (Spengler))

God Bless you,
Pastor James C. Taylor

CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Men in Mission are hosting their Chicken Barbecue for the congregation, Wednesday, August 15th, 6:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Donation tickets will be available beginning Sunday, August 5th, after worship for \$ 5.00. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. No food to go please and no tickets sold at the door.



FALL FESTIVAL APPROACHING

Have you marked the date on your calendar? The Fall Festival is Sunday, September 23rd. **Worship at 10:30 a.m.**, and lunch at 12 Noon. Tickets will be \$ 5.00. Hamburgers, hot dogs with chili, and all the trimmings will be served. You won't want to miss it.

If you would like to donate any **new item** for a bingo prize or give a monetary gift for us to purchase a bingo prize, it would be appreciated (please contact the church office, 210-533-9484).

Remember the day is "Casual Dress" Day. No food to go please and no tickets sold the day of the festival.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED

The church is in need of a part-time custodian. Amancia, our prior custodian, has recently gotten married and has moved out of the area. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please call the church office, 210-533-9484, or speak to Dan Rich.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Due to the absence of the custodian, we need to clean the church. The Council is asking for volunteers on **Saturday, August 11th**, 9:00 a.m. to help clean the Sanctuary. We need to vacuum, dust and tidy up. Hopefully if we have a good turn out, it shouldn't take long.

SANCTUARY AIR CONDITIONER

HPLC had a big expense on the Sanctuary air conditioner these past several months. We had to have a solenoid replaced and a new contactor built, along with other minor items. The cost was \$ 3700. We thank a family of the congregation for their generous donation of \$ 3700 towards this cost.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| Bertha Bailey | Elma Belz |
| Marguerite Hoermann | Ivy Kenneally |
| Doris Kordes | Shirley Ruedrich |
| Elizabeth Ruth | Malcolm Vogt |
| Ruby Yarbrough | |



STATISTICS

Amount Needed for Monthly Budget	\$ 11,040.00
Checking Account Balance 6/30/18	1,467.37
Total Income for June	6,104.84
Total Expenses for June	\$ 8,550.10

The Church Office Will be Closed the week of August 27th, Gail will be out of the office.

NO JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HELD



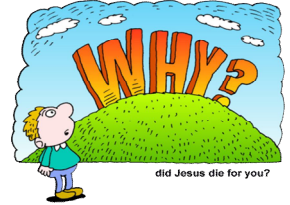
TESTING? While attending a marriage seminar on communication, David and his wife listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

The instructor addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" David leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury All Purpose, isn't it?"

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
AUGUST 20th**

WHY GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.



He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting their time by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

**IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL,
YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!**

B.I.B.L.E. simply means:

**BASIC
INSTRUCTION
BEFORE
LEAVING
EARTH**

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If you would like your birthday published in the newsletter, we publish members birthdays 80 and over. Our records do not have everyone's date of birth, so please let the office know.

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Holy Communion is offered the first and third
Sunday of the month. Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 A.M.**