



## How Are Things in Your Heart?

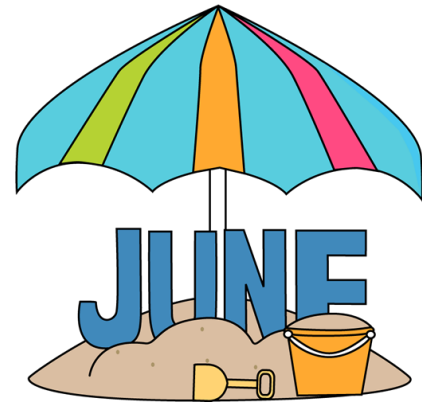
Karl Barth, tells the story of Professor Tholuck, of Halle, who used to visit his students and press upon them the question, "Brother, how are things in your heart?" Not how things are with your head, your ears, your touch, nor with your level of industriousness or service to the Lord in works, but specifically; "how are things with your heart." No one can answer that question for you, but you. Are you close to God in your heart or are you drifting away.

Three summers ago while visiting a church in Copper Harbor I heard a story about a man who found a job painting the middle line on the road. The first day he painted an incredible two miles of road and the boss was very impressed. He could not believe it, two miles of perfect striping. The second day the man painted 1 mile which was still good and the quality was exceptional. The third day however the man only painted a half mile and that worried the boss, but he thought he would give him one more day. On the fourth day the man only managed to paint a quarter mile, so the boss called him in. He asked the man, "How can you paint two miles the first day, one the second, a half mile the third and only a quarter mile the fourth, is something wrong?" The worker replied, "Every day I kept getting further away from my bucket!"

So after that groaner, I ask you again, how are things in your heart, are you close to God or do you sense yourself getting further and further away from God? As I look back on those times in my life when my life was the most troubled, it nearly always coincided with those times that I was ignoring God's Word and ignoring the presence of God living in me. At those times I was fighting the Holy Spirit rather than honoring and following the leading of Christ's Spirit in me. If you were to look back, I suspect you would find the same battle went on in your life as well.

Galatians 5: 24-25 reminds us as Christians that the Holy Spirit dwells within all of us; "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Grace and Peace, Pastor Brett



## 2017

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# May 2017 Church Statistics

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
April 30	67	\$2,556.00
May 7	64	\$3,989.40
May 14	77	\$2,247.34
May 21	70	\$3,939.02
May 28	TBD	TBD

## RELAY FOR LIFE, June 24-25

### Cookie Bars Needed

Community Church has been asked to provide deserts for this year's participants in the annual Relay for Life. We are asking for volunteers to provide 20 dozen cookie bars (brownies, lemon bars, peanut butter bars, etc.) - or cookies. The cookies need to be individually bagged in a zip bag or wrapped in plastic for health reasons.

If you are willing to provide baked goods for this event, please sign up in the narthex or call Kathy Bromley at 510-5410.

**Baked goods are to be dropped off at the Hospitality Tent by the 3 flag poles at Oriole Field on Saturday, June 25th before 11 a.m. Kathy can pick your baked goods up if you call her (510-5410).**

# Upcoming

EVENTS

## JUNE

- Scholarship and Graduation Sunday, June 11
- Pastor Installation Sunday, June 25
- CWF Salad Social, Friday, June 30, 11 am - 1 pm

## JULY

- Church Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 9, 2 pm
- Nursing Home Worship, Sunday, July 30  
2:00 pm Tendercare  
3:00 pm Ludington Woods  
3:45 pm Oakview



A giving sign up sheet and envelope for the June 23-24 Relay for Life are in Fellowship Hall through the week of June 12.

## Council and Committee Meetings—June 2017

<b>Christian Women's Fellowship</b>	Monday, June 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Room 11
<b>Finance and Personnel Committee</b>	Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 20a
<b>O.A.K.S. Committee</b>	No meeting in June
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 20a
<b>Missions Committee</b>	TBA
<b>Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.) Communications Committee</b>	Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 10
<b>Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)</b>	TBA
<b>Council of Ministries</b>	Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 11
<b>Long Range Planning Committee</b>	No meeting scheduled at this time



## LECTIONARY READINGS June, 2017

6/4/17 Pentecost Sunday (Communion Sunday) Acts 2:1-13 Acts 2:14-28
6/11/17 "By Faith: Abraham Moves" Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12 Genesis 12: 1-5
6/18/17 "A Fathers Faith" Genesis 22:1-12 Hebrews 11:17-19
6/25/17 Pastor on vacation celebration Dedication of Grandson to God.



## 2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

June 4	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Pews
July 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
October 1	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	Intinction
November 5	<b>All Saint's Sunday</b>	Pews
November 26	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Pews



Les & Susan Johnson	06/09
Bruce & Ruth Fletcher	06/10
Wayne & Ronnie Buskirk	06/11
Van & Sally Burmeister	06/17
Richard & Virginia Underwood	06/23
Ray & Joanne Cummins	06/23
Katie & Don Peterson	06/25
Harry & Shirley Laude	06/27
Jim & Margaret Cross	06/28

Larry Gustafson	06/07
Leshia Beltz	06/10
Van Burmeister	06/11
Helen Geil	06/13
Tammy Smakal	06/19
Les Mortensen	06/27



**Crossroads Deadline:  
June 21, 2017**

**Crossroads Folding: June 29, 2017**



## Council of Ministry Meeting Highlights - May 17, 2017

Treasurer's Report for April 2017: Income to date: \$61, 978.83; Expenses to date: \$58, 539.24. The Year-to-Date income is greater than the previous year's income due to a very generous one-time donation. Consequently, the budget is over-stated by approximately \$3,400. General Fund Balance: \$18,700.28

Personnel update: Lisa Dains is now working Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 1:00 and handling all aspects of the secretarial position. Cheri Welch, our custodian, continues to do great work.

All committees are asked to turn in written reports of their respective committees to the church office one week prior to the council meeting. The reports will be available in the council folders on the Sunday prior to the council meeting.

Worship: Plans were made for Memorial Day. Flags will be placed around the church for Memorial Day weekend. Pentecost Sunday is June 4 and all are invited to wear red. The chancel will be decorated with red flowers. Graduation Sunday is June 11. There are approximately 10 to 14 scholarships to be awarded to Seniors. The service of installation for Pastor Brett is set for Sunday, June 25. A list of ushers is being compiled and those on the list will be assigned a Sunday or Sundays. If the assigned Sunday is not convenient, you are asked to trade or find someone to take your place. A container for the Box Tops for Education has been placed in the Narthex as well as a basket for recycling bulletins. Please take your bulletin as you leave the sanctuary and place it in the basket.

Christian Women's Fellowship: The carpet in the dining room is scheduled to be cleaned by our very capable custodian the week before the salad social. The Salad Social is scheduled for Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. A 100-cup coffee maker is being purchased to replace a non-working one.

Building Use and Maintenance (B.U.M.): Some roof repairs have been completed. The Spring clean-up took place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. A grab bar and an Occupancy Sensor Light Switch were installed in the women's downstairs bathroom.

Christian Education, Membership/Outreach and Evangelism: An ice cream social is planned for Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. A Fall dinner as a fund raiser was discussed. Some outreach programs such as a Day Care Cooperative and a Series of Speakers/Music events for the community were discussed.

Communications: The flow of information to members and friends was discussed. The monthly newsletter for June will be distributed to those who have e-mail. Those without e-mail will be able to pick-up the newsletter on the Sunday before the end of the month on the table in the Narthex. Those who are unable to attend due to illness, infirmity, distance will receive the newsletter via regular mail. Members are asked to make sure their e-mail is current and report any changes to the church office.



The sincere sympathy of Community Church is extended to the families and friends of Herb Chinworth, who died May 3rd, and Ted Wierda who died May 20th.



Please save "Box Tops" for education and Little Caesar's Proof of Purchase for the Lakeview Elementary Kindergarten, Mary Cefaratti's class (Patrick Spalding's girlfriend). You can drop them off with Pastor Brett or the office.



## Salad Luncheon



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Join the members and friends of the Community Church for the Annual Salad Social in the

church dining room on **Friday, June 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** A time of fun, delicious salads will be provided by the ladies of the Community Church for an \$8.00 donation at the door. Join in for lunch and fellowship!

The chairwomen of the committee will be calling the women of the church to ask for kitchen help and salad donations. If you are not called, please consider donating a salad and/or volunteering your time for this special event.

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who turned out to clean up the church grounds. The yard, flowers, and bushes look fantastic!

**Sunday, June 11th** we will recognize the recipients of this year's scholarship awards and the 2017 high school graduates during our worship service. Please notify the office if you have a graduate who will be participating. Refreshments will be served at coffee hour in honor of these students.



### BELL CHOIR

Ruth Anderson  
 Kathy Bromley  
 Sally Burmeister  
 Wayne Buskirk  
 Mary Carlson  
 Maralyn Gable  
 Patti Otto  
 Kathy Spalding  
 John Stapleton  
 W. John Clement



### CHANCEL CHOIR

Elaine Earl  
 Shirley Laude  
 Cindy Reader  
 Laurie Hamilton  
 Sally Burmeister  
 John Stapleton  
 Steve Iteen  
 W. John Clement

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIRS



### CANCELLATIONS—NEW INFORMATION

In cases of bad weather, a decision to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 7:30 a.m. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio stations: WMOM, WKLA (AM and FM), KZ96, K-ROCK. It will also be shown on TV channel 13 WZZM. If school is closed during the week, all church activities will be cancelled until noon. If committees wish to cancel afternoon or evening meetings, committees should contact their members and the office should be contacted.

**PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



**IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Dick Boes**, second knee replacement recovery  
**Hilda Parker**, recovery from surgery  
**Marie Mortensen**, healing  
**Judy d'Anton**, successful lung transplant, Dave Swathwood's Sister  
**Michael Beeker**, health issues, Dorothy Boon's son

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

Daryl and Leshia Beltz  
 Jim and Yuri Cerminaro  
 Tony and Connie Johnson  
 Dean and Debbie Lundberg

**MILITARY**

**Blake Bentz - Navy, Deployed**  
 Grandson of Dave & Diane Swathwood



**ON-GOING**

**Chuck Oleniczak**, health concerns  
**John Ball**, health concerns  
**Larry**, health concerns  
**Lisa Dains**, health concerns  
**Ann French**, eye surgery recovery  
**Tim Ryan**, back surgery, Sue Sabin's son  
**Michael Heinrich**, paralyzed in motorcycle accident  
**Florence Beerman**, health concerns  
**Barbara Peters**, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter  
**Terry and Tim Krystiniak**, health concerns, encouragement and support  
**Eric Lund**, lost both arms in Afghanistan, friend of Community Church  
**Chuck Oleniczak**, health concerns  
**Harold Figgins**, health concerns  
**Betty Foorman**, health concerns  
**Daniel Williams**, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin  
**Sherrie Sanders**, health concerns  
**Fred Compos**, throat cancer  
**John Barber**, health concerns  
**Joe Newton**, cancer  
**Dianne Nason**, Health issues  
**Gerry Flanery**, illness







**Gavin Morgan**, Scout Troop 1190, in remission  
**Kurt Spalding**, cancer is gone

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**Autumn Winds** - Marylyn Brown  
**Willowbrook** - Thelma Bowden  
**Oakview** - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson, Fred Fleetwood  
**Ludington Woods** - Don Swier

All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks. After two weeks, the name will be dropped from the list unless Janet VanEpps or the office are notified that the prayer need is on-going. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

# June

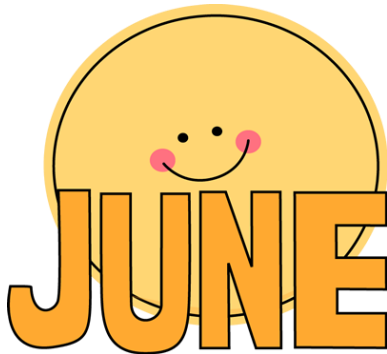
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28 <u>Worship 9:30am</u>	May 29  Cub Scouts 7pm	May 30 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Cub Scouts 4-pm Boy Scouts 7pm	May 31	1 Bulletin Folding 10am	2 	3
4 <u>Worship 9:30 am</u> <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> <u>Communion</u>	5 <u>CWF Mtg. 9am</u>  Cub Scouts 7pm	6 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7  <u>Finance/Personnel 6pm</u> <u>Worship Committee 7pm</u>	8 Bulletin Folding 10am	9	10
11 <u>Worship 9:30am</u> <u>Scholarship and</u> <u>Graduation Sunday</u>	12  Cub Scouts 7pm	13 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm <u>CE/MOE/COM 6pm</u> Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	14	15 Bulletin Folding 10am	16 	17
18 <u>Worship 9:30am</u> <u>Father's Day</u> 	19  Cub Scouts 7pm	20 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21  <b>CROSSROADS</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>  <u>Council Meeting 7pm</u>	22 Bulletin Folding 10am	23	24
25 <u>Worship 9:30am</u> <u>Pastor Installation</u> <u>Sunday</u>	26  Cub Scouts 7pm	27 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30pm-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	28	29 <b>CROSSROADS</b> <b>FOLDING 9:30 am</b> Bulletin Folding 10am	30 <u>CWF Salad Social</u> <u>11 am - 1 pm</u> 	



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# CROSSROADS

## JUNE 2017



### CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

#### CHURCH STAFF

##### Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

##### Music Director

W. John Clement

##### Membership/Financial Secretary

Lisa Dains

##### Custodian

Cheri Welch

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### 2017 COUNCIL

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

Steve Iteen  
 Robert Lanterman  
 John Stapleton  
 Jack Thiel

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/18

Tonda Cadey  
 Ruthann Kyle  
 Don McKay  
 Janet VanEpps

#### 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Darlene Carpenter  
 Maralyn Gable  
 Diane Swathwood  
 Lorrie McKay

#### Moderator

Steven Iteen

#### Vice-Moderator

Robert Lanterman

#### Clerk

Ruthann Kyle

#### Treasurer

Donna Hallin

#### Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean  
 Stephanie Thomsen

#### Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman  
 Betty Orton  
 Jack Thiel

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER AND WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST OR ARE ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 231-843-9275 SO THAT OUR RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED. THANK YOU.