



THE PINE CONE

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“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” (Isaiah 43: 2-3)

Floods, rising rivers, fires... Isaiah might also have added earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, illness, and attacks on the innocent. When it comes to our fears and the challenges in life that weigh heaviest on our hearts, Scripture wastes no time calling these things out by name. Indeed we know there is nothing new under the sun. God's Word knows and addresses all of life's hardships and downfalls, and so it is to the Word we turn when faced with these dangers. Most recently our neighbors and relatives in Louisiana have faced the disasters Isaiah spoke of, and as we observe the destruction on TV or in person, we recall our own trudge through the high water. Many here have faced the rising river, and by the grace of God were lifted up through the help of so many generous souls who shouldered our burden as part of their journeys. And so I applaud the faith I see in action on the part of this congregation and those like it who have sought to shoulder that burden for our brothers and sisters next door. No, we can't fix everything. We can't replace all that was lost. But even the smallest gift given in the spirit of grace and mercy is a vessel of peace through which God will certainly work.

We are moved to action by events such as this for many reasons, but I believe the primary driving force is that these events are simply more visible. When a great disaster is televised or featured in the newspaper, our attention is instantly drawn in that direction. This is a good thing! This is how people are able to make a difference for those across the region, nation, or world when help is needed. But as you well know, all disasters are not visible. Earth-shattering moments often occur with no publicity, no fanfare, and with a quiet that belies their significance. For the individual suffering cataclysmic loss or fear or shame,

the disaster may be hidden behind a smile or masked with levity. Your neighbor's house stands tall and strong, but what about the person inside? Is there peace in the heart?

The fires and floods that rage within us bear the consequence of sin in this world and in our lives. The damage and hurts we carry inside may be hidden from view to our neighbors, even to those with whom we share a table. But the God who promised Israel to walk with them down every treacherous road knows your pain, your disaster. He sees your burden of an internal train wreck. The God of the universe and all creation peers into the dark, silent corners of your heart and cherishes the broken child He sees there. It's to that person inside who fears abandonment He promises everlasting companionship and peace. This is the gift God sends into the world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, His Son. Because Jesus walked with us, died for us, and now lives in glory, we never have to fear traveling through the dangers alone. God's mercy and love are our constant companion no matter what disaster may befall us.

As you seek to find ways of making a difference in the lives of those dealing with the aftermath of floods and other tragedies, remember the silent pain of those around you. Remember the gift of divine friendship brought by Christ. Remember that the grace found in that friendship is yours to share with those who need a friend. By grace through faith celebrate each opportunity to serve, and be blessed to be a blessing!

God's Peace to You,
Pastor Brock

A pine cone is the seed-bearing fruit of the pine tree; those seeds will plant other trees. Here at the Lutheran Church of the Pines, we believe that our members are not here solely to nourish ourselves; we carry the Word (seeds) with us out into the world to plant in other God's children we meet.



Greetings from the Outreach Ministry,

Can you believe it's already September? This year is going by so fast and I just can't help but smile when I think about all of the great things going on around here. It's September which means next month is October and well, you know what that means! YES! We are gearing up for Trunk or Treat and The City Trunk or Treat and we are going to need lots of candy. We will start taking donations of individually-wrapped candy. If you weren't able to come out to Coleman Ave last year, I encourage you to stop by. You may even want to bring your car to decorate or help at the church booth. If you are looking for ways to volunteer let me know; there will be plenty of opportunities coming up.

I would also like to take this time to encourage you to participate in our Parenting Class and Life's Healing Choices Class. These classes have some wisdom and knowledge that can be beneficial to you or someone you know. And if you are interested in helping teach these classes, we could always use more leaders.

Once again, thank you all for your continued effort for community outreach.

Counting It All Joy,
Hope Roche
Outreach Ministry Coordinator

Life's Healing Choices

9 week class

Cost of
class
\$10

**New Class Starts
Sept. 5th**

We've all been hurt by other people, we've hurt ourselves, and we've hurt others. And as a result, every single one of us ends up with some sort of hurt, hang-up, or habit. But the question we all face is, Where do we go from here?

Life's Healing Choices offers freedom from our hurts, hang-ups, and habits through eight healing choices by using the Beatitudes of Jesus.

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Lutheran Church of the Pines
is happy to announce the start of
Christian Active Parenting

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Sept. 5th**

What you will be learning:

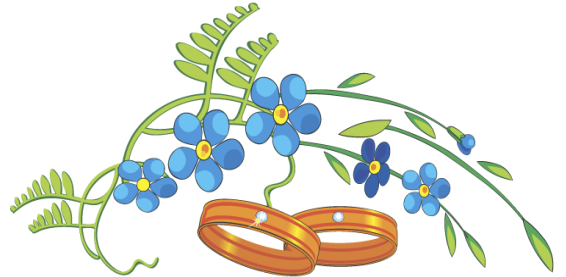
- styles of parenting
- non-violent discipline guided by God's love
- opening communication channels
- Biblical tradition of encouragement
- overcoming anger through the word of God
- 7 Smart Things for School Success
- Christian influences in your child's life
- preventing future use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs
- parenting a special-needs child
- family meetings

Contact Hope Roche @ 228-467-6771 or hope@lutheranchurchofthepines.org

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the time You have given us with our loved ones. Please bless the coming year as we celebrate with the ones still here and honor those who are now with You. Guide us as we treasure these memories and make new ones. Amen.



Bruce Prestien	3rd	Connie Henderson	16th
Richard Hackmann	4th	Brandy Gordon	16th
Charlotte Schultz	4th	Nicholas Proulx	18th
Gary Frisard	5th	Gerald (Jerry) Spears	19th
Jennifer Loveday	6th	Carla R. Isted	23rd
Lyndsey Taylor	7th	Kelly George	24th
Vincent Rex Isted	8th	Devon Proulx	26th
Arline Morris	9th	Matthew Rester	26th
Peggy Frisard	13th	Dave Kelso	27th
Michael Tackebury	14th	Dennis Johnston (<i>In Memory</i>)	28th
Betty Ho	14th	Vance Rowe	29th
Turnell Gordon	14th	Milton Zimmer	29th

Josh & Bethany Thomas	1st
Michael & Marjorie Tackebury	7th
Rachel & Matt Sekinger	22nd

THANK YOU to Tangled Blue for their recent Concert!



We were privileged to host Joel and Aimee Pakan on August 13, and send them best wishes for their exciting venture as Composers in Residence at [The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia \(LTSP\)](https://www.lutherantheologicalseminary.edu/). We hope to welcome back trumpeter Tim Rutkowski to Church of the Pines soon!

<https://www.facebook.com/tangledbluemusic/>

SEPTEMBER WEEKLY HELPERS

Flower Donations

Please consider donating flowers in celebration of marriages, anniversaries, baptisms and birthdays, or to say “Congratulations” or “Thank you.” You may sign up on the flower chart posted on the wall outside the sanctuary. Your donation will be included in the Sunday bulletin and/or here in the Pine Cone.



After the 10:30am service, flowers may be taken with you, or donated to shut-ins, hospitals, or other facilities, bringing beauty to those who cannot be physically present in church.

If you want the flowers purchased for you, **please mark on the flower chart Altar Guild purchase** or contact Shirley Halterman: 228-255-2088 or Cappy Kelso: 228-342-1400 or Liane Myers: 228-467-6771 or by email: office@LutheranChurchOfThePines.org

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flowers provided by</i>	<i>In Honor/Memory of</i>
9/4	Marvin & Sally Schultz	In Celebration of Mom’s (Charlotte’s) 95 th Birthday (9/4)
9/11	Juanita Weary	In Memory of her Father
9/18	Dave and Cappy Kelso	Dave Kelso’s Birthday (9/27)
9/25	Carla & Rex Isted	

Date/Time		Greeters	Altar Assistant	Ushers	Readers	Acolytes
9/4	8:30	Juanita Weary	Matt Sekinger	Martha Driscoll & Carla Isted	Shirley Halterman	Open
	10:30	Cassie Breland	Bruce Prestien	Becky Verdin & Haleigh Hanley	Russ Urban	Mallory Peters
9/11	8:30	Martha & Leo Driscoll	Matt Sekinger	Martha Driscoll & Carla Isted	Tommy Martin	Open
	10:30	Brandy Gordon	Bruce Prestien	Brandy Gordon & Paula Carter	Cassie Breland	Brandon Peters
9/18	8:30	Martha & Leo Driscoll	Matt Sekinger	Gary & Peggy Frisard	Tommy Martin	Reece Dalton
	10:30	Charlotte Sterling	Bruce Prestien	Becky Verdin & Haleigh Hanley	Hope Roche	Open
9/25	8:30	Martha Driscoll	Matt Sekinger	Vernon Paroli & Mark Myers	Tommy Martin	Open
	10:30	Liane Myers	Bruce Prestien	Dana Bielstein & Shanna Dixon	Shanna Dixon	Open



Wednesday Night Grub	
9/7	Dick & Peggy East
9/14	Open
9/21	NO SERVICE Pastor Brock out of town
9/28	Tina Thornton



Devotion for Children: OLYMPICS

Bible Verse: *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."* Hebrews 12:1-2a

Message: How many of you watched the Olympics on TV? The summer games are only held every 4 years. More than 10,500 athletes from 206 countries competed for medals in the Olympics. The athletes have worked long and hard for the opportunity to represent their country and to try to win a medal. They are going to keep their eye on the prize and will not let anything stand in the way of doing their very best.

Our Bible lesson today describes a race that you and I are running that is even bigger and more important than the Olympics. Our Bible lesson today says, "Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, let us run the race that God has set before us. Throw aside anything that will slow you down. Keep your eyes on Jesus." What is this race that we have before us? It is the race of following the example that Jesus set for us and expects us to follow as one of his disciples. It is a race of obedience to God's Word and faithfulness to Jesus' call to "Follow me."

Can you imagine an Olympic athlete starting the race but giving up when the medal was within reach? The race may not be easy, but the prize will be worth giving our all. Never give up! Keep your eyes on Jesus and, like the apostle Paul said, "Press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Pray: Dear Father, help us to be faithful in running the race which you have set before us. We pray that we will keep our eyes on Jesus and follow the example he set for us. Keep us from the sin that will prevent us from faithfully running our race. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

<http://www.sermons4kids.com/>



Run the Race

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2

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MARKED	FIX	HINDERS	CLOUD	SIN

Budget

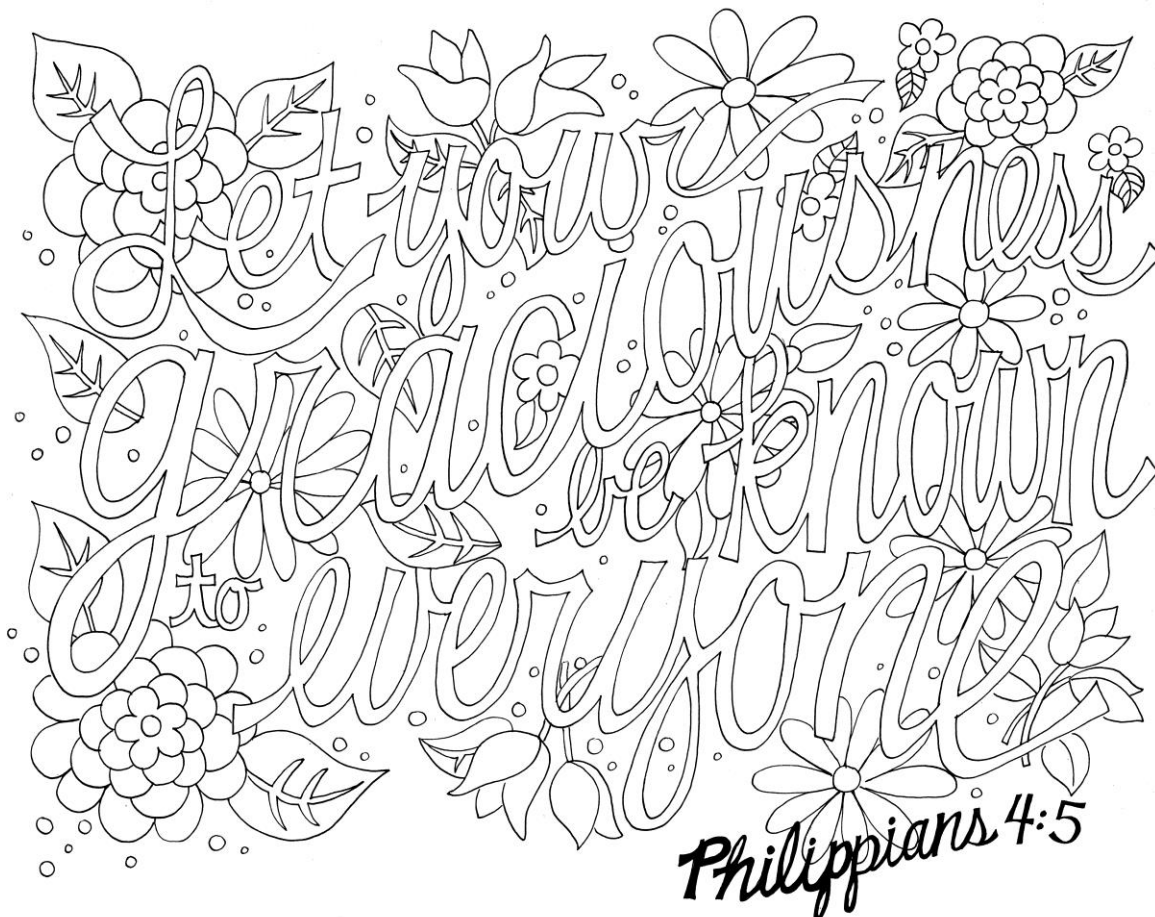
Annual Budget	2016									
	July					August				
Weekly Budget	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
\$181,750										
\$3,495										
Tithes Received Weekly	\$2,800.93	\$3,265.73	\$2,738.29	\$2,638.50	\$3,227.56	\$3,640.19	\$3,365.89	\$2,095.00	\$2,627.96	
Monthly Budget	\$17,475.96					\$13,980.77				
Tithes Received Monthly	\$14,671.01					\$11,729.04				
Amount Under or Over for Month	-\$2,804.95					-\$2,251.73				
Amount Under or Over for Year	-\$6,796.33									

Noise Offering



Last month's noise offering was for the King's Kitchen. The King's Kitchen is an outreach ministry of Central Baptist Church launched in November of 2012 to feed the homeless and indigent in the community. They serve a nutritious meal Monday – Friday, 11:30AM – 1:00PM, in a facility located behind their church at 1203 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis (across the highway from the post office). The King's Kitchen is always looking for volunteers and food donors. If you are interested, please contact the Central Baptist Church at 228-467-0529. Lutheran Church of the Pines raised **\$155.85** for this mission through its Noise Offering last month.

The noise offerings for September, October, and November will go to Hancock County DHS to provide Christmas gifts for children in the foster care system. Currently, Hancock County has over 400 children in foster care. The Hancock County DHS office is located at 856 Highway 90 and can be reached at: Economic Assistance (228-467-4565), Family & Children's Services (228-467-4100), Child Support (877-882-4916).





Christianity in the News!



Rural Church Among Those Providing Aid After Louisiana Flood

WALKER, La. — Aug 21, 2016, 6:31 PM ET

Outside the small town of Walker, Louisiana, a rural Baptist church has become an oasis for flood victims. As waters rose amid torrential rains earlier this month, National Guard rescue crews dropped people off at South Walker Baptist Church because it sits on a ridge of relatively high ground in Livingston Parish near Baton Rouge. Even as flooding has receded in recent days, the church — like many other places across hard-hit south Louisiana — has continued providing sustenance for the body and soul. It sheltered 96 people in the days after the storm, and Pastor Mark Carroll said the sanctuary is still a dormitory for more than 20 who lost their homes, including a man who had been living in his car until Saturday. It is also housing volunteers who have come to help people rebuild.

With a congregation of about 100 and with help from the community, the church is offering hot meals, running a pantry stocked by donations from around the U.S. and conducting prayer services. Carroll said the church had been planning a revival in about a month, but he believes the storm recovery is making that happen now as people build relationships with each other through God. "It's been this entire community," Carroll said by phone Sunday. "We couldn't have done anything without everyone, and I mean just about everyone, pitching in." Chuck Craft, a member of South Walker Baptist, said Sunday that he and his wife, Karen, lost their home about a mile from the church but they've been able to salvage some irreplaceable items such as photos of their four children and 16 grandchildren. He said everyone in their family is safe, and that's the most important thing. "My story is no different than anybody's down the road," Craft said Sunday. "Everybody's life is out on the curb to be picked up by garbage." The Baton Rouge area got thunderstorms with at least 2 to 3 inches of rain Sunday, said the National Weather Service, which posted a flash flood warning for part of the day.

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Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said Sunday that people around the U.S. are just starting to pay attention to the extent of flooding that killed at least 13 people in Louisiana. He told CNN's "State of the Nation" that the disaster has received less attention because it wasn't a hurricane or named storm. Edwards, a Democrat who took office this year, said he suggested to President Barack Obama and presidential adviser Valerie Jarrett that they delay a trip to Louisiana until the initial disaster response was over and recovery efforts had started. Obama is traveling to Baton Rouge on Tuesday.

Edwards also praised Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's Friday trip to Baton Rouge, saying "it helped to shine a spotlight on Louisiana and on the dire situation that we have here." Officials are setting up a temporary bus system to help people in and around Baton Rouge whose vehicles were damaged by flooding. The bus service, provided by a private company, will run from downtown Baton Rouge to the towns of Gonzales, Walker, Denham Springs, Central and Geismar. The contract is for one week, but services could be extended if there's a need. Mike Steele, spokesman for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, said Sunday that two disaster recovery centers also have opened in areas that flooded in south Louisiana. He says more will open as buildings are found with enough parking and proper access for people with disabilities. Steele said more than \$30 million in federal housing assistance has been approved for residents in the state. About 3,200 people remained in shelters.

Craft, 57, said the home where he and his wife have lived more than three decades is elevated nearly three feet, but it still had about five feet of water standing inside for the better part of a week. Because of the damage, he said they'll start over, as will many others affected by the flood. For now, the Crafts are staying with relatives and trying to keep a sense of humor.

"We're like cockroaches down here," Craft said with a laugh. "You can't kill us."

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/rural-church-providing-aid-louisiana-flood-41558737>

September 2016						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Ladies Night 6pm
4 Worship Service 8:30am SS/Adult Bible Class 9:15am Worship Service 10:30am	5 Monday Night Life Support 6pm Labor Day	6	7 Adult Bible Study 1pm Contemporary Worship Dinner 5:45pm Worship Service 6:30pm	8	9	10 Saints Alive 2pm Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum in Biloxi
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“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.” **Psalm 34:8**

September Message Board

If you have announcements or pictures for upcoming events or general messages for the congregation, be sure to let me know! You can text me at 985-788-2101, email me at LMKingUSA@hotmail.com, or leave me a note in the newsletter mailbox of Mrs. Liane's office!

Thank you!! -Laura


SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!!!
PLEASE CONTACT Christina Eichelberger or Pastor Cain if you are interested

Pastor Brock Cain is in the LCOP office on Tuesdays thru Fridays. If you would like to visit with him, please call his cell or the church or email him to set an appointment.

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Saints Alive!
Maritime and Seafood Museum
Sat Sept 10, 2pm
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors
Contact Gene/Shirley Halterman (228-255-2088) or Dave/Cappy Kelso (228-342-1400)



Don't forget to sign up to have your picture taken!

See Shanna for details!

Please sign up on the 2016 Flower Chart by the picture board near the church office.

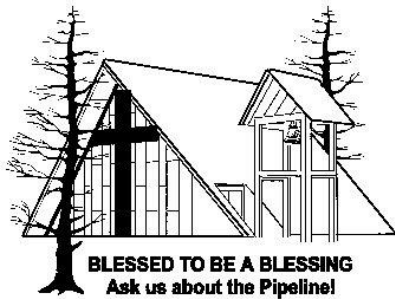
LADIES NIGHT
Saturday September 3
Bring a dish!
6PM

October's Ladies Night will be DINNER AND A MOVIE!
Movie and Restaurant times TBD

NOW TAKING CANDY DONATIONS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

(INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED)





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Sent with love and a prayer for:



Worship Opportunities:

Worship with Holy Communion	8:30am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:15am
Worship with Holy Communion	10:30am
Wednesday Contemporary Service	6:30pm
(Contemporary Service with a light meal before at 5:45pm)	