

## **As Lutheran-Christians, we believe these truths:**

### **■There is no way to God** *[period]*.

#### **•The good news: God comes to us!**

“For God in God’s wisdom made it impossible for people to know God by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called “foolish” message we preach, God decided to save those who believe...God chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important...This means that no one can boast in God’s presence. But God has brought you into union with Christ Jesus, and by him we are put right with God.” [1 Corinthians 1]

### **■Jesus reveals that God is love.**

#### **•The good news:**

#### ***God is faithful and merciful!***

“The proof of God’s amazing love is this: that it was while we were sinners that Christ died for us.” [Romans 5:8]

### **■Grace for us includes hope for others**

#### **•The good news:**

#### ***God desires all be saved!***

“God’s purpose is that everyone be saved and come to realize the truth. And that is, that there is only one

God, and only one mediator between God and humanity, Jesus Christ. He gave himself as a ransom for us all—an act of redemption which happened once, but which stands for all times as a witness to who Jesus is.” [1 Timothy 2]

### **■Vocation of the baptized**

#### **•The good news:**

#### ***our lives matter in God!***

“Think of it this way: we are dead to sin and alive to God. That’s what Jesus did...Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time into God’s way of doing things—remember, we’ve been raised from the dead! Sin can’t tell us how to live any longer. We’re living in the freedom of God.” [Romans 6]

### **■Priesthood of all believers**

#### **•The good news: We are chosen**

#### ***By God to do God’s work!***

“We are chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, instruments to do God’s work and speak out for God, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God has made—from being nothing to something, rejected to accepted.” [1 Peter 2]

### **■All life is sacramental**

#### **•The good news:**

#### ***God’s presence fills the world!***

John 1 testifies: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. As Word, Jesus was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being ...And in that Word was life...that Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth.”

### **■Worship is horizontal**

#### **•The good news:**

#### ***God is remembered among us!***

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD ...worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God’s...Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving...Give thanks to God, bless God’s name. For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, God’s faithfulness to all generations.” [Psalm 100]

## ■ Scripture as rule and guide

### •The good news:

#### **God's Word stands forever!**

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."

[2 Timothy 3]

## ■ Perfection misses the point

### •The good news: **Although sinners, we believe more boldly still!**

"I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different."

[Romans 11]

## ■ Our response to God: freedom and gratitude

### •The good news: **In Christ, we are free to be...and to do!**

"As for you, YOU were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting physical desires control you. Instead, let love make you serve one

another. For the whole Law is summed up in one commandment: *Love your neighbor as you love yourself.*" [Galatians 5]

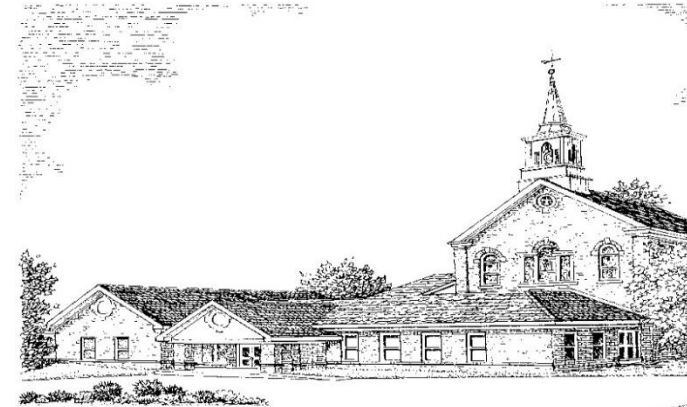
## ■ Faith forms the church, which is God's forgiven people

•The good news: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. [Luther, *Small Catechism*, Creed: 3<sup>rd</sup> Article]

## ■ An ecumenical heart

•The good news: "There is one body and one Spirit... one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all." [Ephesians 4]

## Brickerville United Lutheran



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## **UPCOMING:**

**Annual Community Picnic  
Saturday, 6 July**

**"Exploring our Neighborhood"  
Saturday, 3 August, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Annual Flea Market  
Saturday, 22 September**

**Boo-Fire  
Saturday, 26 October**