



The Town Line
Lutheran

Town Line Lutheran Church, Alden, New York

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 am

Sunday School

9:45 – 10:45 am

September 2017

Our Mission

“Called to Be a Servant Community”



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

September can be an exciting time! Especially here in Western New York, people try to cram in a year's worth of warm weather fun. Hopefully after all that summer fun, many of us find ourselves rejuvenated and ready to "get back to work." We are excited for things to start up again, whether it be school or work or volunteering or other activities. We are often ready to dive in and get going.

So it is hard for me to give you this month's book of the Bible because it is not an easy or uplifting read. I would hope that I could inspire you with this month's book of the Bible, but instead I worry that it might depress you. Then I remembered that I had read this quote by Mark Twain: "What is joy without sorrow? What is success without failure? What is a win without a loss? What is health without illness? You have to experience each if you are to appreciate the other. There is always going to be suffering. It's how you look at your suffering, how you deal with it, that will define you." Mark Twain may not have been an overly religious man, but there is deep spiritual truth in his quote. This deep truth you can find in our book of the Bible this month, Lamentations.

This book is a lament, a lament over horrible things that have happened. It can help us appreciate the good things happening in our lives now by comparing our joys to the struggles listed in this book. It can also help us put our own pain in perspective. When we find ourselves thinking that our life is horrible, it's a good time to realize that others have pain too. We all have struggles, we all have pain, we all have moments where we feel like we want to give up. Yet God is there, even when we don't see him, even when we are at the bottom of the barrel. That truth is found in this book. It's a lament for God to take away the bad things, but found in it are some glimmers of hope and trust in God.

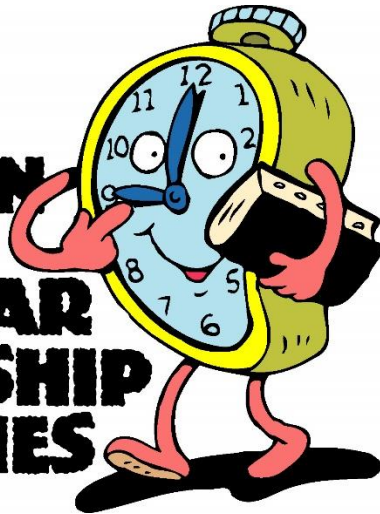
So maybe as you read this book, think about the blessings in your life. Contrast them to the challenges in life you have faced. And remember, God is not just there in the good times, but God is there in the bad, to help us get through, to bring us again to a place of joy and excitement.

I hope you enjoy (maybe enjoy isn't the right word) Lamentations, and if you have any questions, please ask!

God's peace,

Pastor Serena

RETURN
to
**REGULAR
WORSHIP
TIMES**



Worship
returns to
8:30 and
11:00 am

Sunday,
September
10th



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Congregational meeting
October 15, 2017 - 12:15

All members are encouraged to attend

Church council members are needed.

Please consider joining our Church council this October. Be a part of making future decisions at Town Line. If interested or have any questions, please call John Wild, Council president. Thanks.

Volunteers needed for Visitation team

The Visitation team is comprised of members from our congregation who visit those members who are not able to attend Sunday service in person. Members spend fellowship time about once a month with these shut-ins and also offer them communion. Typically a visit can last anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour. The number of members requesting visitation continues to grow and we have a need for more volunteers. Please consider giving it a try. You can also partner up with someone and go as a team.



Sunday School Rally Day

September 10, 2017

9:45 am

2 by 2: I'm paired with God to do great things!

Join us as we begin a new Sunday school year as we learn about how working together and working with God makes the world a better place! All children and youth ages 3 and up are invited to help us kick off a great year.

Our wonderful pre-K/K teacher of many years, Ms. Bev, is ill and will not be able to teach for a while. We are in need of volunteers to help teach her class as she recovers. Please speak to Pastor Serena or Michelle Muscoreil ASAP if you can help.

We are also in need of substitute teachers and party organizers (Christmas pageant and year end celebration). Please speak to Michelle if you can help.

The Sunday School is collecting pairs of items to give to Symphony Manor (a nursing home in Lancaster). There is a collection box in the gathering area. We are looking for pairs of items: shampoo and conditioner, soap and lotion, new socks, new gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your help is appreciated!

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**

Town Line Lutheran

Sunday School Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ School grade: _____

Name of parent (s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Preferred _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Preferred _____

Home email address: _____

Siblings: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

Allergies or other Medical conditions:

In Case of an emergency contact: _____

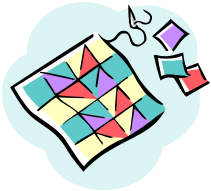
Relationship to child: _____

I authorize Town Line Lutheran Church to publish photographs taken of my child _____ at church events on publicity materials such as Facebook.

Parent signature: _____



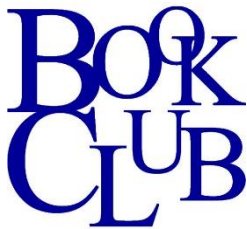
Naomi Circle will meet **September 12** at 12:30 pm. Come join us for Bible study and friendly conversations. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.
All woman of Town Line are invited!



The QUILTERS will begin our new season on Monday, Sept. 11. We will then meet every other Monday from about 9:15 am until 1:00 pm (Sept. 25, Oct. 9, 23, etc.). Bring your lunch and enjoy good fellowship and conversation while joining in a worthwhile outreach to our community.

A huge “thank you” to all those who have been donating sheets and material over the summer. There is an ongoing need for these items during our season and we would very much appreciate you keeping us in mind when “cleaning house.” Items may be left in the church coat room marked “Quilters.”

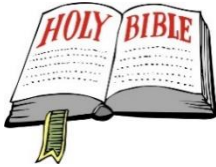
Please consider joining us as we continue our service to those less fortunate. We welcome anyone (come when you can, leave when you must) and will be glad to show you how easy it really is to help. If you have any questions, please call Lois Stutzman at 683-2782.



Calling all Readers You can join the Town Line book club at any time. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the Church. Just read the book and join us for lively conversation on the book.

September “The Painted House” John Grisham

Please email/call Jeanette Dickinson at:
bellgoddess_2000@yahoo.com or call 681-3966 with any questions



Bible Study: By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Starts Sept 13 @ 10am. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the birth of our church. In honor of that a special Bible study will be held for 7 weeks starting on Sept 13 @ 10am.

No experience necessary! Come when you can.



Reformation Pot Luck Lunch and German food "cook off." Sunday, October 29 @ noon.

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (the birthday of the Lutheran church!). In honor of that we are having an old fashioned pot luck Reformation Sunday.

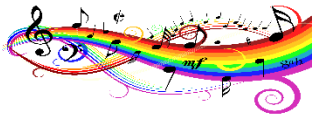
We will also have special contest for the best "German" food. Time to pull out your old German family recipes (or go online and find one) and make them for this event. Watch the bulletin and next newsletter for more info.

We are in need of set up, clean up and organizational help for this event.

If you would like to help, speak to Pastor Serena.

Thrivent Financial information

Representative Brian Makey will be updating us on Thrivent Financial on Sunday, September 10th before each worship service.



"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."
Victor Hugo



**OUR MUSIC GROUPS ARE IN GREAT
NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

Please considering using your talents for:

CHANCEL CHOIR

High school-adults

Men & women

/Rehearsals Wednesdays @ 7:30 Beginning Sept.20th

BELL CHOIR

High school-adults

Men & women

Rehearsals the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ 6:15 beginning
Sept 20th

WOMEN'S CHOIR

High school-adults

Rehearsals the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month @ 7:00 pm
beginning Sept 21st

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW HOW TO
READ MUSIC ❤️ YOU JUST NEED A WILLING HEART! ❤️**

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining one of our choirs. It's a great chance to serve and have a lot of fun. You learn a great deal about music terminology, reading music, working as an ensemble and above all praising our Lord with the gifts we were given. Please consider serving and if you have any questions please feel free to call me

Kate Snyder Director of Music 668-5610



We Are the Church!

Town Line Youth

**Youth group for kids grades
6-12**

Together we serve, learn & praise!

Town Line Youth News...

Our first event:

Sun. September 10th @ noon

- Youth group informational meeting
for *parents & youth*
- select parts for Fairy Tale Theater!



KIDS IN CHRIST

YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 3-6



"REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT!"

We provide the treats & visit our
homebound members!

FOLLOWED BY SNACKS & GAMES

Sat. Oct 28th 1:00-3:00

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

Dear Town Line congregation, Thank you very much for the gift card and supporting me in my college Journey. Emily Klimczak.

Dear parishioners of Town Line Lutheran, On behalf of the Pediatric patients at HighPointe on Michigan, I would like to express by sincerest appreciation for the very generous “cheerful coins” donation. These funds will go directly to benefit the children on the unit including needed clothing, school supplies, specialized equipment and activities program. A special thank you to Patricia Ball, a member of the HighPointe Women’s board, who suggested the unit as the recipient of this donation. My best to all of you for a safe, happy and healthy summer. Sincerely, Colleen Krauss Senior Director of Long term care at Highpointe.

Dear Town Line quilters, Thank you for being so nice and giving me the most beautiful quilt. It covers my bed and brightens my room at Elderwood. The sight of it each day, reminds me of all the great memories of Town Line Lutheran Church. Janet Seitz.

Thank you for the Tops gift card! I’m sure it will come in handy. God bless, Steffanie Zehler.

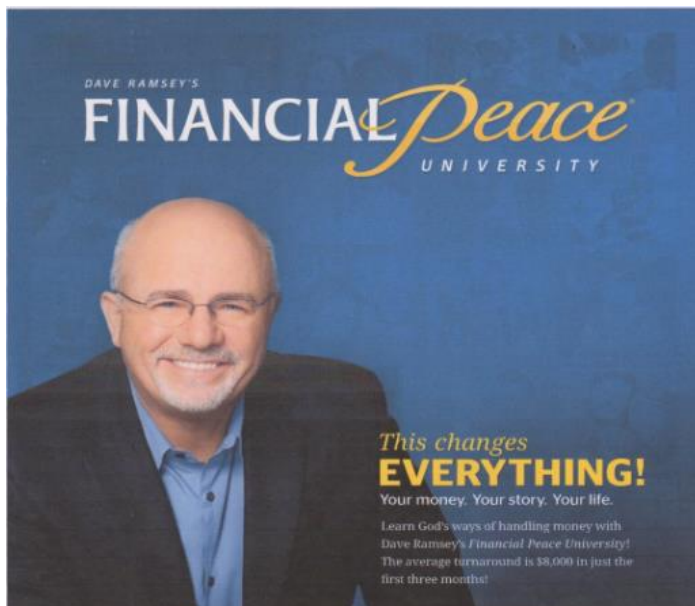
Thank you for the golden blessed gift. As we rejoice and give thanks to you and our new family of friends. You are angels without wings. Thank you for the gift of love.
From Symphony manor.



TOWN LINE
LUTHERAN
MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Order memorial brick(s)
in memory of your
loved ones.

Order forms are available at
the Church
Have Questions?
Call the Church office



Starting on **Sunday, September 10** at 6 pm

Town Line Lutheran

Here is the link to sign up.

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/48010/class/254362/atid/lmi>

The Town Line Lutheran Newsletter

In order to help us cut costs and also waste less of our world's precious resources, we will not be mailing the newsletter to your door. Here are your choices on how you can get your newsletter:

1. **Email:** drop an email to Diane at the office to receive your newsletter electronically. The church email is townlinetllc@aol.com.
2. **Pick up paper copy at church:** Paper copies of the newsletter will be available for you to take home the last Sunday of every month.
3. **Download from the church website:** www.townlinelutheran.com
4. If none of the above work we can mail it to your home

If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please drop off or email your articles by the 15th of any given month.



If you have a change of address or phone number, please email the Church and let us know

Email addresses are needed: If you would like to have your email added so we can contact you in this way, please email the Church: Townlinetllc@aol.com.



Check out our website at www.Townlinelutheran.com



**Friend us on
Facebook!**

Join us on Twitter!

How can you help others or get help?

Here are a few local agencies

Alden Pantry collection

You can bring items for the Alden Food pantry to church any Sunday. There is a blue box located in the Coat room.

Alden Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers.

Call 937-7105 for more information

Hearts and Hands “Faith in Action”

A Neighbor helping neighbor” volunteer program

Call: 542-2226 www.heartsandhandsfia.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Become a friend of Ronald: Find us on Facebook.

Suicide Bereavement support

For immediate help/support call 24 hours a day:

(585)202-2783 Erie County Crisis Services
(716)834-3131

Lutheran Charities

www.wnylutherancharities.org

716-632-2623

Alzheimer’s Association of WNY

24/7 Helpline 1-800-272-3900

Program.wny@alz.org

2805 Wehrle Dr Suite 6 Williamsville, NY 14221

Hospice Buffalo

225 Como Park Cheektowaga, NY 14227 716-686-1900

Essential Care for Children, a program of Home Care Buffalo

225 Como Park Boulevard Cheektowaga, NY 14227-1480

(716) 686-8006

Caring Hearts Perinatal Program

150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 359-8056

Life Transitions Center, Inc.

The Mary & Ralph C. Wilson Counseling Center

150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14221-1480

Phone: (716) 836-6460

Caring Hearts Home Care

892 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 686-8300

Worship Assistants for September

Ushers

Early (8:30 am)

Bryce Blair
Jeweliet Blair
Harold Gardner
Mike Thore

Late (11 am)

Marcie Mason
Justin Mason
David Baehre
Mark Reddy

Acolytes

8:30 am
3 Mackenzie Mertz
Jacob Dulski

10:00 am
Matilynn Schmidt

10 Riley Streit

11:00 am
Paige Jegierski
Daulton Mason

17 Josie Wild
Victoria Wild

Ben Wild
Anna Jegierski

24 Samantha Wild

Shawn Scotland
Jon Mollenkopf-Grill

Communion Set-up

3	John Wild	8:30 am
10	Tricia Phillips	11:00 am
17	Anne Stanek	8:30 am
24	Charlie Turner	11:00 am



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for all the
above Ministries!**

Call the Church office if you would
like to help at the church in any of
these or our many other ministries

Church Council 2016-2017

President	John Wild	716-937-8894
Vice President	Larry Muscoreil	585-547-3677
Secretary	Elli DeFilippo	716-937-7953
Treasurer	Patty Zehler zehler.patricia@yahoo.com	
Financial Secretary	Michael Dewitt	716-937-3453
Benevolence Treasurer	Barbara Sims	716-683-3134
Trustees:	Robin Gilbert	716-810-2719
	Tyler Uebelhoer	585-750-2432
Deacons:	Harry Mandris	716-937-0322
	Rick Krueger	716-937-9533
Member	Ann Marie Appleby	716-650-8785
Member	Heidi Wild	716-983-5507

Church Staff Information

Ministers: All the People of God in this place

Pastor: The Rev. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill

Cell: 716-510-2939 Email: pastorserena@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Merlin H. Knauff (retired)

Church Council President: John Wild

Secretary: Diane Casell Office: 684-1467

Sexton: Ann Stanek

Music Director: Kate Snyder: 668-5610

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am – noon

The doors will be locked for the safety of our staff and volunteers, please knock or use the doorbell at the carport door when you stop by. If you need assistance outside of these hours please call/text Diane 716-713-3149 or Pastor Serena 716-510-2939

Thanks for your cooperation.

Facts and Figures

Sunday	Attendance	Offerings
August 6	72	\$4,074
August 13	84	\$2,510

Needed Weekly \$3,800

September Wedding Anniversaries

September 4 36 years Cheryl and Steven Fallon
September 4 35 years Patricia and Harold Gardner
September 5 58 years Eileen and Robert Ulbrich
September 7 60 years Diana and Ronald Huber
September 10 68 years Joan and Howard Randall
September 12 58 years Thelma and Bill Dabb
September 25 63 years Shirley and Harold Huehn
September 28 38 years Patti and Clifford Nowicki



Did we miss your special Anniversary (10, 20, 25 and over 30 years) If so, please let us know at the Church office.

Baptism

July 16, 2017 Reese Morgan, daughter of
Ryan and Lauren Rogers.

Death

Called to the Church Triumphant on our member **Penny Butlak** on July 7, 2017. A funeral service was held at Town Line Lutheran on July 14, 2017. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Robert Strong** who died on December 20, 2016. A Memorial service was held at Town Line Lutheran on July 15, 2017.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Zach Voltmann** who died on June 27, 2017. A Funeral was held at Town Line Lutheran on July 8, 2017.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sandy Luderman and family on the death of her mother, **Marian Neff**.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Molly Bauer and family on the death of her cousin, **Tom McCarthy**.

Town Line Lutheran Memorials

In memory of **Ron Wilhelm** from Rick and Kathleen Paine

In memory of **Penny Butlak** by Rita Hake
George and Dorothy Hake
Virginia Mainus



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Althea Green | 18 Betty Frey |
| 2 Thomas Armitage | 18 Harry Mandris |
| 2 Ryan Enser | 18 Carole Noel |
| 2 Deborah Hamm | 18 Carol Pache |
| 2 Justine Fritz | 18 Mike Thore |
| 2 Samantha Lewczyk | 19 Nicholas Kron |
| 2 Steven Randall | 19 Ryan Lee |
| 2 Donna Stutzman | 19 Herbert Schmidt IV |
| 2 Malia Wild | 20 Rachel Johnson |
| 3 Tom Dickinson | 20 Brian Kendall |
| 5 Raymond Abell | 20 Ryan Kratzke |
| 5 Lynn Czajka | 20 Jodi Rospierski |
| 5 Matthew Hamm | 21 Meghan Seitz |
| 5 Steven Holcomb | 22 Tammi Kron |
| 5 Ronald Kidder | 23 Dawn Guidie |
| 7 Justen Phillips | 23 Ian Johnson |
| 8 Rick Krueger | 23 Alexander Muench |
| 9 Evelyn Kauderer | 25 Jacob Klimczak |
| 9 Jacob Muench | 25 Nick Preusch |
| 10 Mark Czajka | 25 Benjamin Reiner |
| 10 Larry Luderman | 25 Tonya Wanat |
| 10 Cynthia Menzies | 26 Craig Sims |
| 11 Zachary Heberlein | 26 John Smith |
| 12 Erin Bliemeister | 26 Patricia Zehler |
| 12 Eric Guidie | 27 Rebecca Cooper |
| 12 Kathi Jegierski | 27 Charles Turner |
| 12 Mackenzie Mertz | 28 Wes Piasecki |
| 12 Luciano Muscoreil | 28 Deborah Schall |
| 13 Eric Wilckens | 28 Cheryl Schreiner |
| 14 James J Macken | 30 Lillian Skubis |
| 14 Deborah Peebles | 30 Olivia Casell |
| 14 Samantha Peters | 30 Bonnie Aston |
| 16 Randy Stanek | 30 Michelle Hill |
| 16 John Stutzman | 30 Nathan Johnson |

Did we miss your birthday?

If so, please contact the
Church office, 684-1467.



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