

**David said to the Philistine,  
“You come against me  
with sword and spear and javelin,  
but I come against you**

**in the name of the LORD Almighty,  
the God of the armies of Israel,  
whom you have defied.**

**This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands,  
and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.**

**This very day I will give the carcasses of the  
Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals,  
and the whole world will know that  
there is a God in Israel.**

**All those gathered here will know  
that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves;  
for the battle is the LORD's,  
and he will give all of you  
into our hands.”**

1 Samuel 17:45~47 (NIV)



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Pastor Henry Koch

## Welcome to Worship!

### Regular Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: See *Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

## Prayer Before Worship

O God of tenderness and strength, bless our home and our love, our comings and our goings. Keep us from growing weary in doing good, and sustain us in the hour of trouble. Help us deal tenderly with each other, and knit our lives together in love for you and one another.

Amen.

## Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

# THE SERVICE *Setting One*

February 7 & 8, 2026

Thank You to Our Choir, Who Will Sing

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* by Johann J. Schuetz,  
composed by Melchior Vulpius, arranged by Edward H. Meyer.

**Note:** The arranger of this piece is the deceased older brother  
of our member, Roger F. Meyer.

## INSTALLATION OF JEFF HEINE AS ELDER AND PAM TIETZ AS GENERAL TREASURER.

### Sexagesima Sunday

Why the funny name? Those over 60 years old may remember historic Latin names for Sundays of the Church year—names which faded starting 50 years ago. “Sexagesima” comes from the Latin word for “sixtieth.” February 8 is about 60 days before Easter. (February 15 in the historic Western church calendar would be called “Quinquagesima Sunday”, representing roughly 50 days before Easter.) These names do not always align with a precise count of days but rather serve as symbolic markers. They represent a season of thoughtful transition from ordinary time toward the self-examination and repentance traditionally associated with Lent.

“There is a significant and growing appreciation for the historic rites of the Western Christian church, often driven by a desire for tradition, beauty, and deeper spiritual rootedness in an increasingly secularized world. This interest spans across ... communities, particularly among younger generations who are seeking tangible, sensory-rich worship experiences.

Many young adults are moving away from casual, contemporary worship in favor of ‘high church’ services that utilize historical confessions, incense, and traditional music. They are drawn to the mystery and stability that these ancient practices offer.”

**STAND**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

### ***Silence for meditation and reflection***

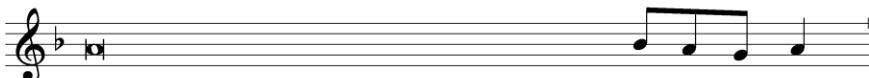
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# *Lord, Have Mercy*



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



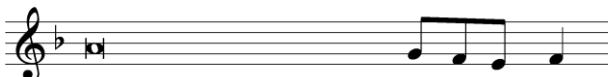
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



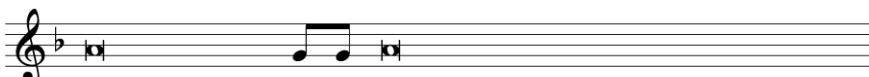
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



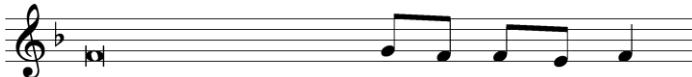
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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## Give Glory to God!

### HYMN

### Congregation Sings Verses 1 & 3

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O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom  
2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the  
3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of



from on high, O Truth un-changed, un - chang - ing, O  
gift di - vine, And still that light is lift - ed O'er  
bur - nished gold To bear be - fore the na - tions Your



Light of our dark sky, We praise you for the  
all the earth to shine. It is the chart and  
true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wan - d'ring



ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern  
com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, Mid mists and  
pil - grims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and



to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.  
dark - ness end - ed, They see your face to face.

## THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in **bold**.)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### First Reading

1 Samuel 17:42-51 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>42</sup>When the Philistine got a good look at David, he despised him, because David was just a boy, nothing but a good-looking, red-headed boy.

<sup>43</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come against me with sticks?” The Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will feed your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the countryside.”

<sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

<sup>50</sup>So David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine and killed him, even though David did not have a sword in his hand. <sup>51</sup>So David ran, stood over the Philistine, took hold of his sword, drew it out of its sheath, killed him, and cut off his head with it.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

# HYMN

REFORMATION

Congregation Sings Verse 2

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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon on;  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effect ed. But for us fights the valiant to de-vour us, We tremble not, we fear no thanks have for it; He's by our side up-on the need. That has us now o'er-tak-en. The one Whom God him-self elect ed. You ill; They shall not o-ver pow'r us. This plain With his good gifts and Spir-it. And old ask, "Who is this?" Now means dead-ly woe; world's prince may still Je-sus Christ it is, do what they will— Scowl fierce as he will, Hate, steal, hurt, or kill— Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in The al-mighty Lord. And there's no oth-er He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is Though all may be gone, Our vic-to-ry is fight; On earth is not his e-qual. God; He holds the field for-ev-er. done! One lit-tle word can fell him. won; The king-dom's ours for-ev-er!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

## Second Reading

Acts 16:24-35 (EHV) The Earthquake and the Jailer's Conversion

<sup>24</sup>Because he received such a command, the jailer threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted with a loud voice, “Don't harm yourself, because we are all here!”

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

<sup>31</sup>They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup>Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God.

<sup>35</sup>At daybreak the magistrates sent officers, saying, “Release those men!”

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

*Refrain*

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## GOSPEL

### Matthew 16:13-20 (EHV)

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “**Who do people say the Son of Man is?**”

<sup>14</sup>They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, “**But you, who do you say that I am?**”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.** <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

*The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Be Seated

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**JUSTIFICATION**

**382**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -  
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - ry high and storm -  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - ry earth - ly prop  
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness

er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840-1901.

## SERMON

STAND

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
    Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
    born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, died, and was buried.  
    He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
    He ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
    Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the holy Christian Church,  
    the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body,  
    and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

**OFFERING** (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## Setting One (Responsive)

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially... .here name the person and the cause of the petition]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you,  
who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person].  
Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose  
again.

**Amen.**

**Congregation Sings Verses 1-6**

**308**

**As Surely As I Live, God Said**

1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I  
2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What  
5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are

would not have the sin - ner dead, But  
forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -  
tru - ly par - don and ac - quit, And  
you will loose, that shall be free; Un -  
his who died that we might live; The

that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -  
stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who  
those whose sins you do re - tain Con -  
to my Church the keys are giv'n To  
min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is

pent, and live through end - less days."  
will re - pent of sin - ful ways.  
demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
op'n and close the gates of heav'n."  
but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally!

**Stand  
PRAYER**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

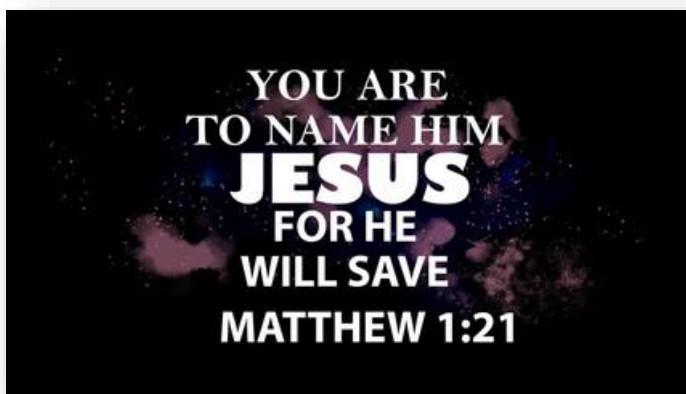
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

308

As Surely As I Live, God Said

7 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally!



Dear children,  
let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

## Last Week's Attendance

Saturday (01/31/26): 25

Sunday (02/01/26): 70

Total: 95

Sunday, February 8	Worship Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, February 9	OUTREACH MEETING	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 11 <b>Pastor's "Drop-In"</b> <b>Consultation Times:</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, February 12	<b>LADIES AID MEETING</b> EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, February 13		
Saturday, February 14	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, February 15	Worship (Communion) Sunday School <b>Bible Study</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, February 16		
Tuesday, February 17	Worship at Mala Strana <b>Choir</b>	11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.



Heart icon **He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love.**

1 John 4:8 kgy





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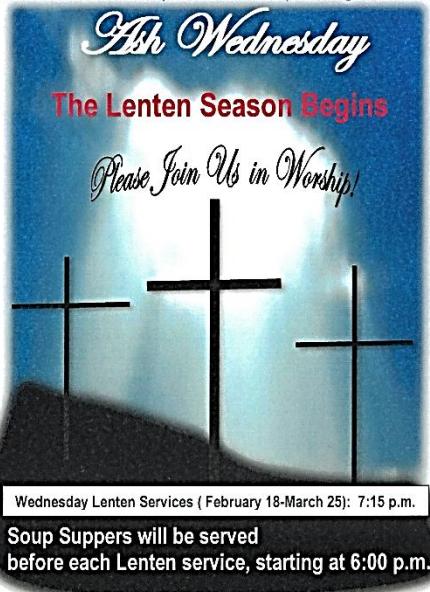
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Reg. Service Times: Sunday 9 a.m. | Saturday Noon

**LENTEN SEASON | HOLY WEEK | EASTER  
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Ash Wednesday	February 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	February 25	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 4	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 11	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 25	7:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday	March 29	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Sunrise)	April 5	7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	April 5	8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	April 5	9:00 a.m.

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Please grab some of these invitations to hand out to friends and family. They are on the literature table.

**USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
February 8 (9:00 a.m.)	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
February 15 (9:00 a.m.)	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
February 18 (7:15 p.m.)	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
February 22 (9:00 a.m.)	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
February 25 (7:15 p.m.)	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud

*Thank you for serving as an Usher, as you greet, guide and help worshipers in God's House!*



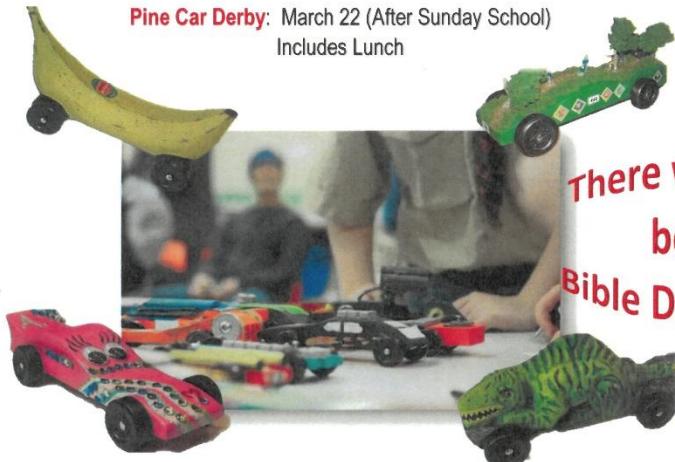
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## “Trailblazers”

For All Kids (Grades 1-8)

**Pine Car Shop:** February 22 (After Sunday School till Finished)  
Includes Lunch

**Pine Car Derby:** March 22 (After Sunday School)  
Includes Lunch



There will also  
be a  
Bible Devotion.

Sign Up and Pick Up Your Pine Car on the  
Literature Table!

Don't forget  
to bring a  
friend!



**First**, kids will race the  
new cars built in 2026.

**Second**, we'll have a  
Vintage Race, where  
we'll race cars from  
previous years.

**FYI:** There are usually  
extra pine cars that  
guests can use to race in  
the special Vintage Race.

Make sure to pick up a pine car kit on  
the literature table. Please fill out the  
form that you received your car kit.