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Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A few years ago, we took up the task of reading through the Bible in one year. Many of us started the project and some of us completed it. No matter how far along individuals got, the undertaking was a blessing for each. God's Word blesses His people. It is our daily manna, bread of life. The more we read, the more we find true the words of the Psalmist, "Your word is sweeter than honey" (Psalm 119:103).

Recently, three Lutheran church bodies, including our own, came up with a plan to read through the Bible in three years. Many Bible reading plans focus on checking all the boxes, getting you through. This plan, however, by giving us three years, is able to make sure each day's readings are devotional. Some Psalms and readings from the New Testament will be covered more than once. These repeated readings will aid us in getting through the harder sections of the Old Testament.

My hope is that our entire congregation will take up this task together. My prayer is that we will be blessed together.

Our Sunday morning adult Bible class will follow this Bible reading plan. This will give us a chance to come together with any questions we have as we read. Rather than do Bible study verse by verse, we will look, as it's said, at the forest instead of the trees. We start this Sunday with the Gospel according to Matthew.

We also have online resources to discuss the readings, a Facebook page and our church's website. To find the calendar on-line, go to <https://blogs/lcms.org/2017/lcms-lcc-and-nalc-compile-three-year-schedule-of-daily-bible-readings>. This will also give you further devotional resources. All this is good, but most important is to take these readings and talk to God about them. This is the great value of a devotional Bible reading plan. Each day we read and speak to God about what He is saying to us.

This daily repast strengthens us. We grow in His grace. We grow in Him. Do not just join us in reading; join our God!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations in January

Birthdays

- 1- Sarah Hollingworth
- 5- Jay Hollingworth
- 9- Joe Jager
- 11- Dani McKinley
- 20- Dustin Shreve
- 21- Ann Penfold Amyx
- 22- Gabriel Guagenti
- 23- Alena Guagenti
- 25- Brenda Moody
- 25- Kim McKinley
- 28- Sean Feole

VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Donna Dougherty, member of Holy Cross, passed away on December 6, 2017. Louis Ray Smith, father of Jennifer Harrod, passed away December 14, 2017. June Logsdon, grandmother of Anita Themer, passed away December 18, 2017. May our risen Lord comfort those who mourn.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25

BOOK CLUB: JANUARY 28 DATE CHANGE

Given the busyness of Advent and Christmas, the book club elected to move their meeting time to the last Sunday in January. We will meet after church again and are looking for volunteers to help cook the meal. Gene Veith's *The Spirituality of the Cross* won the vote for next book to read. Gene Veith has an active and interesting blog, updated daily at geneveith.com. He came to Lutheranism late in life and has written much about our faith, especially on the topic of vocation.

PROJECT OUTREACH DINNERS

Project Outreach uses Styrofoam plates and cups, plastic utensils, tea, and desserts every month and those items are always appreciated. A donation box has been set up at the back of the church.

2017 NEW MEMBERS

In the year 2017 we welcomed new members to the Holy Cross family:

Danielle Botkins
Madeline Botkins
Danielle Themer
Patrick Carnes
Mary Carnes
Julie Dillard
Walter Dobrings
Barbara Dobrings



We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

THREADS OF GRACE: JANUARY 16

Threads of Grace is now meeting in Frankfort. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. The next class will be held Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 7pm. Please see Anita Themer for more information.



2018 DIRECTORY

I am currently working on the Holy Cross 2018 Directory. On the table by kitchen window you will find the pages of the updated directory. Please take a moment to check your address, phone number, and email address. Also, if you have a preferred method of contact please note that as well. Thank you, Merrie Feole



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity we really increased our shoe boxes this year. The Sunday School children put together 18 shoe boxes with the help of an Thrivent Action Team grant. This brought our church total to 32 shoe boxes! For the past few years we have been averaging 10 - 12 shoe boxes, so this was a huge jump. Thanks to our Sunday School teachers and parents for shopping with the children and discussing the importance of giving; the children for shopping, making cards and assembling the shoeboxes; all those who donated shoe boxes; and those who prayed. You are all truly appreciated! Kathy

TREASURER'S NOTE

If you use Thrivent cards or pay for any item used by the church but do not want reimbursement Please let the treasurer know. Thank you, Bob Myers.

LIFE QUOTE

"We are weary and overwhelmed by a multitude of life issues. Sometimes we are prideful after doubting God's Word and trusting something else. As the culture decays and evil abounds, we may believe that God ask the impossible of us...In the face of evil., let it be said of us: Look! They remember 'the Lord, who is great and awesome,' and they 'fight for [their] brothers...sons...daughters...wives, and...homes' (Nehemiah 4:14).

Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



God's Voice

What object did God speak through to call Moses to deliver His people from slavery?

Look for the answer in the February's Newsletter
December's Answer: Elijah (see 1 King. 17:1-18:1)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY
January 7	Isaac Guagenti	Madeline Botkins	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Botkins family	Alena Guagenti
January 14	Gracie McKinley	David Themer	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	Josh Botkins
January 21	Kameron McKinley	Charlie Moody	Don Williams	Bob Myers	John Skellie	Shelah Shreve
January 28	Zoe Shreve	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Kathy Vetter	Jennie Shreve
February 4	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Harlan Joseph	Alena Guagenti
February 11	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Brooks/ Runner	Josh Botkins
February 18	Gracie McKinley	Madeline Botkins	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Botkins family	Shelah Shreve

**If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve in your place.
Thank you!**



Sanctity of Human Life Month

January 21, 2018 sadly marks the 45th anniversary of legalized abortion in our land. A conservative estimate is that at least 58 million preborn children have lost their lives and countless moms and dads have been wounded in that time. Each year at this time we remember those who have died and renew our efforts to combat the deadly and barbaric practice of abortion. In the U.S. each year at least 1.2 million abortions are committed. Worldwide that number jumps to about 43 million a year.

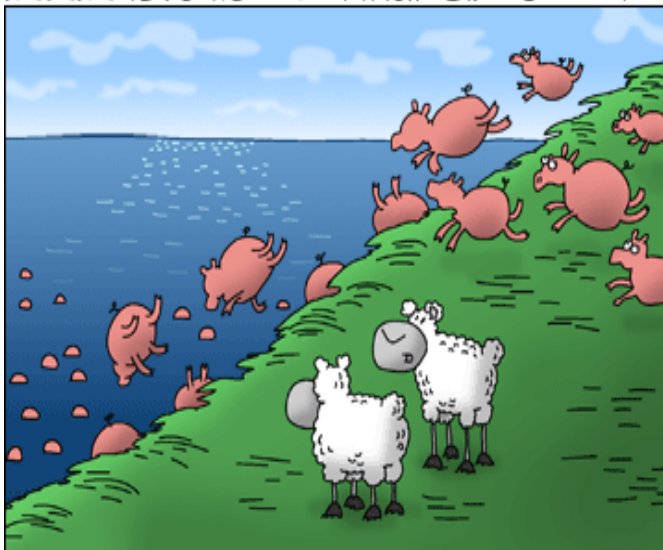
To help us "picture" the enormous number of just 58 million, you may want to check out the video "Millions Dead" on YouTube. This video, produced by Life Dynamics, uses colored beads to illustrate the number of lives lost in all the U.S. wars compared to the number of lives lost to abortion. It is graphic without being gory, and compelling in its goal to help us all have a mental picture of the pervasiveness of abortion.

With the popularity of abortion and euthanasia growing each day, the concept of the Sanctity of Human Life is growing dim. Jonathon VanMaren from Life Site News says "We once lived in a culture that drafted laws to protect "dependents": the very young, the very old, and the disabled. This was done in recognition of the fact that a human being's increased vulnerability correspondingly heightens our moral responsibility to that human being. Now however, the exit strategists of the Sexual Revolution are burning the candle at both ends – abortion for children in the womb, euthanasia and "assisted suicide" for the old. Both children and the elderly parents, you see, can be costly and time-consuming... we don't kill problems anymore. We kill people, and pretend that it is the same thing."

At ALC God has given us the job of advocating for the Sanctity of Human Life from the unborn to the handicapped to the elderly. We are ministering to hundreds of ladies and men who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, struggling with living a life of purity, dealing with grief from a past abortion, raising their grandchildren while being on fixed incomes, needing material assistance, desperate for someone to talk to about their troubled lives and their questions and doubts about God and His love for them. We share Truth with them, we love them in the Lord, and we pray for them. Physical lives are being saved from abortion and spiritual lives are being saved from Hell.

But we can't do it alone. We need the Lord and we need our partners – it is a Team effort, with each person and entity doing their God given job. Your job may be to pray for this ministry, and/ or to volunteer, and/or to donate. We need you to be an EVERYDAY HERO! On SOHL Sunday many of our churches will be distributing special ALC Everyday Hero flyers to remind you that you are an important part of the team that keeps this ministry going! Please take these home, pray over them, and give us a call at 502-647-0300 or email at info@alovingchoiceprc.org to let us know you are willing to be one of our heroes! *ALC Pregnancy Center Newsletter*

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Thanks to J.R. Lucas (See Mark 5:1-19)

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**I'D SAY IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT GOD
PREFERS SHEEP**

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- It's time to change a light bulb and the left side of the aisle begins a debate on "change," while the right side of the aisle musters five volunteers—one to hold the bulb, and four to turn the ladder.
- You carry silverware in your pocket to church just in case there's a potluck.

*But they who wait for the Lord shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like
eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.
-Isaiah 40:31*

Christmas Poinsettias

Our beautiful Christmas Poinsettias given to the glory and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate, were provided by the following. . .

Rutledge family— 2 poinsettias in memory of Mother Rutledge and in honor of our children.

Dave & Anita Themer— 2 poinsettias in honor of our children.

Guagenti family— 2 poinsettias in honor of Nathaniel's and Hannah's baptismal birthdays.

Chris & Brenda Phoebus— 1 poinsettia in memory of Marvin & Stella Kuhn.

Jeff and George Wilson— 1 poinsettia in honor of Gerda Powley.

Kathy Adams— 3 poinsettias in memory of loved ones and in honor of my sons and my church family.

Charlie & Brenda Moody— 2 poinsettias in memory of our parents and in honor of our son.

John & Merrie Feole— 1 poinsettia in honor of our parents and children.

Shreve family— 1 poinsettia in honor of our family far and near.

Roxana & Dave Pontius— 2 poinsettias in memory of Tammi Lee Jones and Brandi Lynn Taylor; Wife- Patricia Bink.

David & Lori Franke— 1 poinsettia in memory of Lori's father, Frank Kaufman.

Karen Kite— 1 poinsettia in memory of Bob Kite.

Dee Carnes— 2 poinsettias in memory of Michael Kleinhenz and Beth James.

Barbara Eaton— 1 poinsettia in memory of departed love ones.

Max & Danielle Themer— 2 poinsettias in memory of Hugo and Judy Themer; Paul Salyers.

Karlan Joseph— 1 poinsettia in memory of Sandra and Larry.

Christmas and Year End Thanks go to...

- All who faithfully serve as church officers, board members, committee members, trustees and representatives to various organizations.
- Our Sunday School staff and its teachers and substitutes for faithfully teaching our children.
- Max and Danielle Themer for the Christmas Program this year.
- All who purchased a poinsettia and / or lily to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas and Easter.
- For Rita Whitehouse and those who helped cook and serve the Advent and Lenten meals and funeral meals.
- All the faithful people who cleaned the church this year
- All who planted flowers, mowed the grass, trimmed trees and shrubs, mulches, weeded and taking care of the brush pile.
- Lori Franke and all the wonderful music she has provided us with during our worship service.
- Those who helped make Friendship Sunday and Rally Day a success.
- All who purchased flowers to beautify our sanctuary this year.
- All who helped make our 13th annual Trunk or Treat a great success especially Carol Spreitzer and Merrie Feole.
- All who contributed to Operation Christmas Shoebox and for Kathy Adams who helps make it happen.
- For Rita Whitehouse who organized our "Ladies Night Out."
- For Rod Shreve for organizing "Mens Night Out."
- Those who talked to visitors and made them feel welcome and those who invite others to church and church events.
- Alena Guagenti for handling our prayer chain and those who prayed for people who are sick and in need.
- For Charlie Adams who planned the youth lock-in.
- Our acolytes, readers, ushers, soloists, worship assistants, technical assistants, altar guild, we thank you.
- All who helped with Vacation Bible School, especially Dave, Anita, Max and Danielle Themer who directed this year.
- All those who help with the youth and youth activities.
- To all those who helped make the Chili Cook-Off a success.
- Everyone who helped the church this year with special offerings.
- Jim Weed for the beautiful stain glass artwork he has made and donated to the church.
- Pastor Guagenti for leading the Adult Bible Studies, Jr. Confirmation, Adult Information, Book Club, and Deep Roots classes.
- All those who provide transportation for our shut-ins to and from the church for services, functions and shopping especially, Harlan Joseph, Rick & Carol Spreitzer, Pastor Guagenti, Rod Shreve, Bob Myers, Merrie Feole, Debbie Nelson and Chuck & Laura Richburg.
- To all those who visit the sick and shut-ins.
- Greg Rutledge and the church council for faithfully leading our congregation.
- All who volunteer in the nursery.
- Rita Whitehouse who organized the blood drive.
- Anita Themer for our ladies knitting class.
- For John Feole who volunteers to do maintenance on the furnaces each year with his brother, Chris.
- For all of those who did maintenance in and around the church.
- For our Federation Representatives, Josh and Jeremy Botkins.
- For Pastor Guagenti, Greg Rutledge, and John Feole planning and leading the Leadership Training Meeting.
- For Brenda Moody for organizing the Plant Swap Give-Away.
- For the Botkins organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. And for all those who helped stuff Easter eggs.
- For John Feole and Mike Carlson who took care for the maintenance on the mowers this year.
- Those who donated to School Supply Give-away, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat and Plant Swap this year.
- Those who volunteered for Thrivent's Habitat for Humanity.
- Bob Myers who takes care of all the recycling within the church.
- For Rita Whitehouse who organized the Bats game outing.
- All of you for the many things you do without being asked. We have accomplished so much by pitching in and working together.

We hope that we have not forgotten to thank anyone. If we have please forgive us, but the Lord knows who you are and the work that you do. We appreciate all your willingness to help in whatever service you perform.

Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless you as you use your gifts to serve HIM.

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 1:1-19; Ps. 1; Matt. 1:1-17 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 1:20-2:3; Ps. 2; Matt. 1:18-25 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 2:4-25; Ps. 3; Matt. 2:1-12 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 3; Ps. 4; Matt. 2:13-23 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 4; Ps. 5; Matt. 3 	6 EPIPHANY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is. 60:1-6; Ps. 72; Matt. 2:1-12; Eph. 3:1-12
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 5; Ps. 6; Matt. 4:1-11 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 6; Ps. 7; Matt. 4:12-25 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 7:1-12; Ps. 8; Matt. 5:1-20 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 7:13-8:5; Ps. 9; Matt. 5:21-42 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 8:6-9:7; Ps. 10; Matt. 5:43-6:15 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 9:8-29; Ps. 11; Matt. 6:16-34 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 10; Ps. 12; Matt. 7:1-23
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 13; Matt. 7:24-8:13 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 11:10-32; Ps. 14; Matt. 8:14-34 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 12; Ps. 15; Matt. 9:1-13 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 13; Ps. 16; Matt. 9:14-31 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 14; Ps. 17; Matt. 9:32-10:4 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 15; Ps. 18:1-30; Matt. 10:5-25 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 16; Ps. 18:31-50; Matt. 10:26-42
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 17; Ps. 19; Matt. 11:1-19 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 18:1-15; Ps. 20; Matt. 11:20-30 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 18:16-30; Ps. 21; Matt. 12:1-14 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 19:1-28; Ps. 22; Matt. 12:15-37 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 19:29-38; Ps. 23; Matt. 12:38-50 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 20; Ps. 24; Matt. 13:1-17 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 21:1-21; Ps. 25; Matt. 13:18-30
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 21:22-32; Ps. 26; Matt. 13:31-43 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 22; Ps. 27; Matt. 13:44-58 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 23; Ps. 28; Matt. 14:1-21 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 24:1-31; Ps. 29; Matt. 14:22-36 			



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Every Sunday
Bible Study and Sunday School-9:45am
Divine Service-11:00am
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*Wise Men Still
Seek Him*



*The Epiphany of Our Lord
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