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

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are the same day, February 14. The church setting may not seem romantic—being reminded that your bodies will turn to ash—but please bring your family or date all the same!

Truthfully, what we do in church turns out to be very helpful for the long-term health of romance and love. One of the best indicators of marital health is how often couples go to church together. Those who go to church together once a month or less have divorce rates at 42% and above. Those who go to church together every week are at 27%.

Why? When we're talking statistics over a population as large as our country's, you can never pinpoint one reason that tells the story for all couples. Nevertheless, I believe the habits we instill in church of repentance and forgiveness are essential not just for romances but for friendships and other healthy relationships.

The movie *Love Story* popularized the line, "Love means never having to say you're sorry." Would that it were so! Would that the sparks of love our hearts contain would be blown into steady fires that keep all our relationships warm!

The truth is that we also sin every day. We all fail each other. And when we do, repentance and forgiveness are how true love reacts. Every time we come together in church, we are humbled to recognize and address our sins. More importantly, we are shown that our God is love. The love of God was willing to endure a cross. His active presence in our lives inspires the kind of love that can brave sacrifice.

Love means being free to say you are sorry because of the confidence you have in love's forgiveness. That's not as snappy a quote, I know. But the way we learn to love with repentance and forgiveness restores relationships, whether they be scratched, dented, or truly broken. We begin Lent remembering we are ashes, but well before the lilies of Easter, even in that same Ash Wednesday service, we receive into our mouths the medicine of immortality, the Body that overcame death and gives us life forevermore. That, I think, is an even nicer Valentine's present to share than even chocolate-covered strawberries.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations in February

Birthdays

- 4- Robert T. Chesher
- 4- Clayton Bono
- 11- Logan Skellie
- 13- Tanner Shreve
- 15- Ruth Hacker
- 17- Travis Jager
- 18- Preston Garrett
- 22- Dottie Weed
- 23- David Franke
- 24- Cathy Delk
- 24- Tracy Lancaster
- 24- Brian Ragland
- 26- Judy Chapman

Anniversaries

- 21- David & Lori Franke (1987)
- 27- Cecil & Lisa McCarty (2006)

CONGRATULATIONS

We thank and praise God for the birth of Eleanor "Ellie" Grace Themer who was born January 18th at 12:17am. She weighed 7 lb 3 oz and is 18 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to parents Max and Danielle Themer and grandparents Dave and Anita Themer.

BAKE SALE / AUCTION FUNDRAISER: FEBRUARY 4

There will be a bake sale on February 4 following the Divine Service. We are looking for donations of your favorite baked goodies to auction. Proceeds will put towards the new flooring in the sanctuary. Please see Rita Whitehouse for more information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: FEBRUARY 6

Mark your calendars Ladies! We will dining out in Shelbyville at the Bell House on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. They will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

DEEP ROOTS: FEBRUARY 7

February 7 Deep Roots returns with a class on Lent. When did this practice start? What are some of the best traditions of Lent? We'll look especially at what Jesus says about His disciples not fasting while He was with them but fasting later on. What is the place of fasting in the Christian life?

LENTEN MEAL: FEBRUARY 14

The Lenten meal will be on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. We will serve from 5:30 until 6:30. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please let Rita Whitehouse know how many from your family will be coming so she will know how much food to prepare.



THREADS OF GRACE CLASS: FEBRUARY 20

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, Feb. 20, beginning at 7pm. Please see Anita Themer for more information.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: FEBRUARY 20

Men's Night Out will be dining at Tumbleweed in Shelbyville on Tuesday, February 20. They will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY 25

Book Club takes up Madeline L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* for the February 25 meeting.

USHER TRAINING: FEBRUARY 25

Usher training for all ushers is scheduled after church, February 25, 2018. Training will last less than one hour. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you, John Feole.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

We will have gluten-free communion hosts available. Let Pastor know before church if you want one.

THANK YOU!

Pastor and his family want to say thanks to the church for all their generosity this past Christmas and throughout the year. We are so thankful for our church family and all they give to us. God bless you all!



LIFE QUOTE

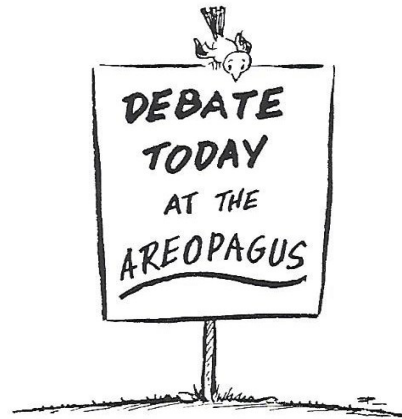
"If it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God."

Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org



KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Paul's Debate

In what famous city did Paul debate with philosophers about the Christian faith?

Look for the answer in the March Newsletter
January's Answer: A burning bush (see Ex. 3:1-10)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY
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	Charlie Moody	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Botkins family	Shelah Shreve
February 25	Kameron McKinley	Madeline Botkins	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	Jennie Shreve
March 4	Zoe Shreve	David Themer	Don Williams	Bob Myers	John Skellie	Alena Guagenti
March 11	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Kathy Vetter	Josh Botkins
March 18	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Harlan Joseph	Shelah Shreve
March 25	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Brooks / Runner	Jennie Shreve

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower chart has been updated. Please pencil in the date in which you will be providing flowers for the altar and fill out a form, located below the chart, with the information you would like to have printed in the bulletin. Please leave the form in the pocket provided, also located, beneath the chart. For more information please see Merrie.



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. For more information please see Jennifer Harrod.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"The Lutheran Hour" is every Sun. morning at 6:30am on Louisville radio WHAS-840AM and at 7am on Cincinnati radio WLW-700 AM. Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus. "On Main Street", sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries, is a TV program with Dr. Dale Meyer as host. It is broadcast each Sunday afternoon on Louisville Television Channel 24, at 5pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SNOW REMOVAL

We're recruiting new helpers for removing snow from the church parking lot. We set up a blade on the front of the grasshopper we normally use for grass cutting. So we have the machine but we want to have a group of people at the ready for when the snow piles up. There's no set schedule on the snow removal, other than that it needs to be done between when the snow hits and we have a scheduled service. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Harrod, our Head Trustee.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for my Christmas gift. It was very thoughtful. I feel very blessed to be a part of the Holy Cross family.

Merrie Feole



CAMP LAKEVIEW

Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages (near Seymour, IN) are currently registering campers, grades K-12, for the 2018 summer season. What a great place to have fun and learn about God at the same time! To get more information, visit the camp's website at www.lakeviewministries.com or call the camp office at 812-342-4815. Online registration for Lakeview Ministries opens on February 1st at 9am. Last year, many programs were filled quickly, so register online today!



HOLY CROSS 2018 DIRECTORY

The 2018 Directory has been completed. You may pick one up from the credenza at the front entrance of the church.

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.

FROM THE PIANIST

A big thank you for the Christmas card and gift. You are a very special church family. Thanks again, Lori Franke



PLANT SWAP EARLY START

This year in preparation for the Plant Swap and Giveaway, Thrivent Action Teams will help sponsor us starting some seeds months before we'd give them away. If you're willing and able to water some seeds for several weeks, we will provide the seeds the pots and the dirt. Talk to Debbie Nelson.

Lent & Holy Week 2018

February 14

Ash Wednesday Service

Lenten Meal 5:30 to 6:30PM

Divine Service 7PM

February 21 - March 21

Lenten Service 7PM

March 25

Palm Sunday 11AM

March 29

Maundy Thursday 7PM

w/ Communion

Prayer Vigil

March 30

Good Friday 7PM

April 1

Easter Sunday 11AM

Please join us!



A Loving Choice Pregnancy Resource Center
P O Box 1575
Shelbyville, KY 40066
502-647-0300
www.alcshelbyville.org

January 2018

Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you for faithfully supporting ALC Shelbyville in our mission to save women and babies from abortion. Your partnership helps us meet the physical, emotional, & spiritual needs of the women and families we serve and allows us to share the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ.

I am excited to share some highlights of 2017 with you:

- 1,887 total visits (89% increase)
- Began 'Empowered Parenting' class in January 2017 offering free dinner and childcare; enrollment has increased to approximately 20 participants per 8-week session
- Opened 'Baby Store' in March 2017 allowing moms (& dads) to shop for baby items using Baby Bucks earned while attending programs at ALC
- Men's ministry has expanded to include peer counseling and group mentoring
- Community outreach has led to an increase in post-abortion recovery support
- Weekly Bible studies have encouraged spiritual growth and fellowship among the women we serve
- Established preventative outreach for students in local schools and churches
- 78% increase in the number of limited ultrasounds performed by medical professionals who volunteer their services
- **32 women chose life of the 35 abortion-vulnerable/minded women we served in 2017!!**

We are grateful for your support that makes everything possible!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diana Cahill'.

Diana Cahill
Executive Director

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2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 26:12-34; Ps. 33; Matt. 16:21-28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 27:1-40; Ps. 34; Matt. 17:1-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 27:41-28:9; Ps. 35; Matt. 17:22-18:6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 28:10-29:14; Ps. 36; Matt. 18:7-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 24:32-66; Ps. 30; Matt. 15:1-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 25:1-18; Ps. 31; Matt. 15:21-39 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen. 25:19-26:11; Ps. 32; Matt. 16:1-20
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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – February 2018

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

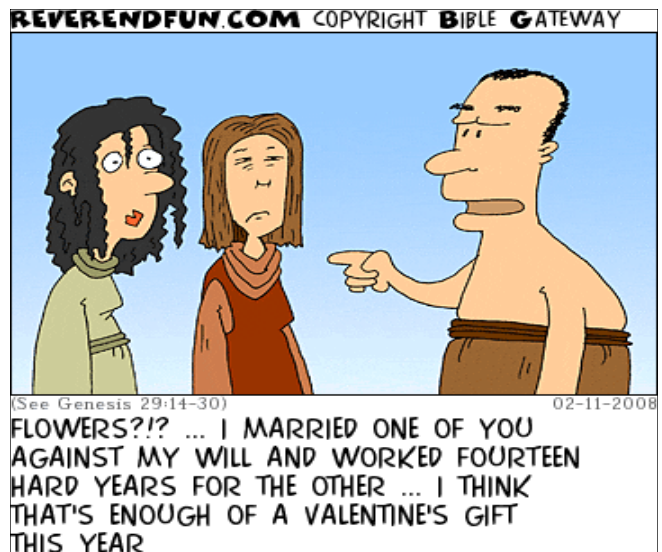
Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

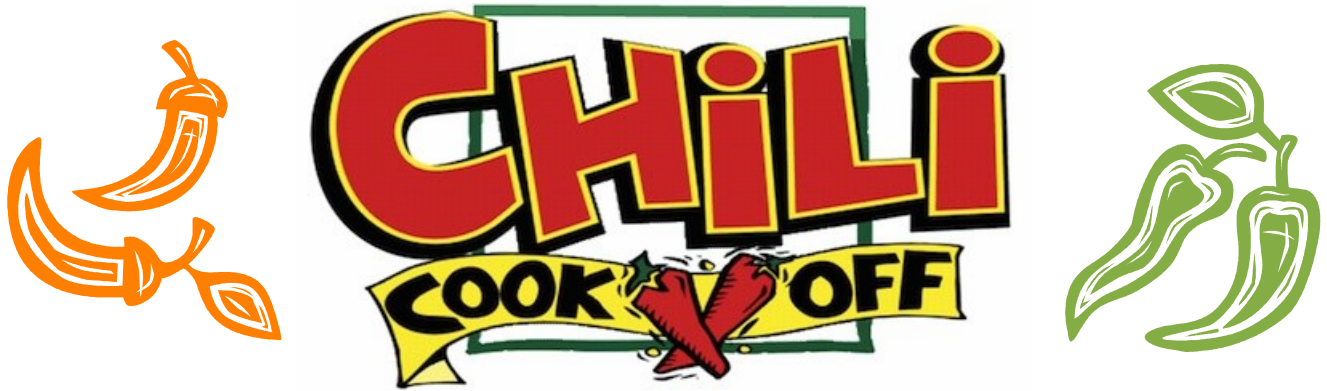
YOU KNOW

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- the doilies underneath the Thanksgiving flowers make nice snowflakes at Christmas.
- you have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.
- you're at an evangelistic rally and you actually manage to raise your hands waist high.

Happy
Valentines
Day





THE EVER-POPULAR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! Our ever-popular event is scheduled for, **February 24, 2018** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 181 Old Seven Mile Pike, Shelbyville.

We will again invite neighbor Lutheran churches to our cook-off.

- Awards for 'Best in show' and runner-up in 'Red', 'White', 'Spicy', 'Most Unique' and '~~H~~ot' chili.
- Please bring a ladle, warming dish and any extra-ordinary utensils you may need to serve your chili. Holy Cross will provide all other standard kitchen items.
- As always, we will provide some other menu item for those who do not wish to eat chili.
- Note: A signup list will be posted in the rear of the church for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up and for items needed for the chili cook-off.

Thanks in advance for your support. See you there!!

For more information, please call or see Dave Franke, Rick Spreitzer or Dave Themer





SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

**"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 2018; 7:00pm
Lenten Meal 5:30 - 6:30pm