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

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

Paul brings his first letter to the Thessalonians to a close saying, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). He gives us this picture of joy flowing regularly through an uninterrupted connection to a God of all grace. And this is what God wants for us, to rejoice in Him regardless of our circumstances.

I remember when I was younger, to get connected to the internet meant dialing up with the modem, tying up our only phone line. There were a series of odd and distinctive noises as we waited for the desktop computer's screen to change. The connection couldn't last long because calls couldn't get through.

Now, constant connection to the internet is being discussed as a new right, free Wi-Fi, now something we all seem to expect. How many people sleep with a connection to the web right next to them, often being the first thing they check upon waking up? Surveys report the number is high.

We are communicating with invisible entities without ceasing. People we have never met in person become regular contacts through bulletin boards, games, comment sections, and social media. And yet this communication does not seem to bring joy. Only 13% of Americans surveyed thought our technological advancement has brought more joy to them. At the same time, 42% worry they are wasting more time and 40% report growing distraction.

If the average child spends 5 hours a day staring at a screen every weekday, how many minutes a day do we spend in prayer? "Pray without ceasing," but instead we seek what?

Paul continues in 1 Thessalonians, "Do not quench the Spirit." These words make me think of how our acolytes put out candles, covering them so that under that screen the oxygen runs out and the flame dies. The Spirit came as a rushing flame to the church, filling the disciples with love and an ability to connect with peoples in other languages and cultures. We can't quench that birthright and gift. Our regular, unceasing prayers are oxygen for the Spirit's fire in our lives.

When you next click the mouse or jab the smart phone awake, pause and pray. Rather than let a commercial break tempt you to things you don't need, take a break to give thanks to the Father who gives what is just right. To pray without ceasing does not mean going on and on. It means checking in, giving thanks regardless of the circumstance, speaking to One who does not want His gracious hand to be invisible in your life.

Technology changes life in surprising ways, but His mercies are new every morning. Find them in unceasing prayer, rejoicing at our great God.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Terry Conder
- 2- A. Isaac Guagenti
- 2- Colleen Skellie
- 7- Pastor Guagenti
- 12- Rita Whitehouse
- 15- Jeff Wilson
- 16- Branden Nelson
- 16- Ricky Spreitzer
- 16- Chris Phoebus
- 18- Alexander Lee
- 19- Lori Franke
- 19- Sandy Jager
- 21- Elijah Smith
- 22- Richard Spreitzer
- 23- Kara Kremer
- 29- Maxwell Themer
- 29- Mary Carnes

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3- Bill & Judy Chapman, 1983
- 4- Fred & Debbie Wilbur, 1971
- 7- Rebecca & Clay Anderson, 2015
- 9- Brian & Cathy Gehrman, 1994
- 18- Jim & Dottie Weed, 1953
- 28- Rick & Carol Spreitzer, 1991
- 29- Daniel & Ann Amyx, 2012

BAPTISM

On Saturday, August 25, 2018, Donald Williams was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We wish Don God's continued blessings.



NEW MEMBERS

On August 26, Holy Cross welcomed new members Andy Guagenti, Nancy Guagenti, Jack Bink, and Don Williams. We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: SEPTEMBER 8

Men's Night Out will be dining at Tumbleweed in Shelbyville, Saturday, September 8. This month they will meet during the day at Noon. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 9

Our Rally Day kick-off starts the Sunday School year right with a potluck feast. This year, the Carnes family is taking care of slow cooking pork for us so we'll only need sides and desserts from everyone. Come join us at 9:45 AM for Sunday School and stay through regular service at 11 AM and the meal at noon. Bring friends - all are always welcome!

LADIES NIGHT OUT: SEPTEMBER 11

Ladies Night Out will be dining at Jim's Seafood in Frankfurt on Tuesday, September 11. You may meet at the church at 6pm to carpool or at 6:30pm at the restaurant. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

VOTERS' MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16

There will be a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, September 16 following the Divine Service. All members are asked to attend.

BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER 16

Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 16, following the Divine Service.



They will be discussing the book *Unbroken*, a World War II Story of survival, resilience, and redemption written by Lauren Hillenbrand. Book Club will also view the movie *Unbroken: Path to Redemption* on Saturday, September 15.

THREADS OF GRACE CLASS: SEPTEMBER 18

Threads of Grace is now meeting in Frankfort. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. Please see Anita Themer for more information. They meet again on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm.

DEEP ROOTS: SEPTEMBER 20

A recent survey found nearly 2 in 5 Protestant churchgoers agreed with the statement, "My church teaches that if I give more money to my church and charities, God will bless me in return." A deeper dive into the study found Lutherans going the opposite direction. Lutherans represented the only Protestant denomination where the majority doubted the idea that God wants them to prosper financially. We'll start by comparing the "prosperity gospel" with the Scriptures. Then, we'll discuss why it is so popular in America and why Lutherans appear inoculated against it. Join us September 20 at 7 pm.

**CANOE TRIP: SEPTEMBER 30**

Let's go canoeing! A canoe trip has been planned for Sunday, September 30. We will leave following the Divine Service. You will need to bring a bag lunch. Please let Pastor Guagenti or Greg Rutledge know if you going by Sunday, September 23.

TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOER 27

Make your Calendars! The date for Trunk or Treat has been set for Saturday, October 27 from 3 to 5. Debbie Nelson is looking for suggestions for this year's events. If you have a preference for activities please let her know. A volunteer sheet has been posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Please see Debbie for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

Join us for a new Sunday morning Bible class on Kings. This book is always looking ahead to Christ and His kingdom, while showing with blunt honesty both the heroics and foibles of Israel's kings. How did they seek first the kingdom of God? How will we?

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone that has provided meals to Jim and Dottie. They have not only enjoyed the delicious food but the visits as well. Please look at the sign in sheet on the bulletin board and let's keep those meals going to them. Rita Whitehouse

MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS : THANK YOU

Words can hardly express my THANKS for you, the members of Holy Cross. It was really very special that so many of you joined us at Grace to celebrate the 25th year of my ordination into the pastoral office. Some of you might remember that it all took place underneath a tent on the property where your church now stands. Thank you for your gifts of money and the tickets to Derby Dinner Playhouse. You are all very special to my family and me. We thank the Lord for all of you. May the Lord continue to give us the energy to be His witnesses where He has planted us. God's Blessings! Pastor Henry H. Loppnow

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers that were said for my brother, Tommy. Also thank you for those who came to the visitation at the funeral home, those who gave memorial gifts to the church, and for the many cards that were sent to our home. I am so blessed to have such a loving church family. Brenda Moody

SENIOR'S GROUP

I will be looking at starting up the senior group in September or October. If interested please let me know. Rita Whitehouse

MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN

Our church will experience some turnover at the end of this year on our church council. Our volunteer leadership positions are critical. You (volunteers) provide the guidance, wisdom and experience to help our church become a better tool for the Lord. As we approach the Fall season, I will personally solicit your help as either incumbents or new volunteers for vacant council positions. More information will be available in the near future. Please ask Him for guidance and consider your service to our church. Thank you, John Feole

REFORMATION SERVICE: OCTOBER 28

Reformation Service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 28, at 3pm. Redeemer is located at 3640 River Park Drive, Louisville.

LIFE QUOTES

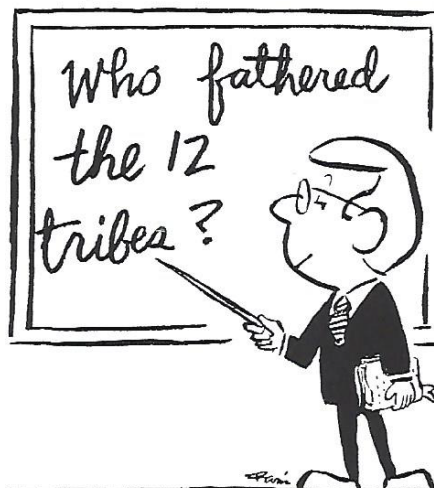
"The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children's children the wisdom of the Lord."

Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota

**"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-
www.lutheransforlife.org**



KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Father of Many

Whose descendants became known as the twelve tribes of Israel?

Look for the answer in the October's Newsletter
August's Answer: Baruch (see Jer. 36:32)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| SUNDAY | ACOLYTE | READER | USHER | USHER | CLEAN | Nursery | Mowing |
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| September 2 | Elijah Smith | David Franke | Joel Franke | Harlan Joseph | Kathy Vetter | Jennie Shreve | Josh Botkins Jeremy Botkins Sept 5-8 |
| September 9 | Isaac Guagenti | Jeff Wilson | Rod Shreve | John Feole | Harlan Joseph | Anita Themer | David Franke Max Themer Sept 12-15 |
| September 16 | Gracie McKinley | Madeline Botkins | Charlie Moody | Rita Whitehouse | Brooks / Runner | Alena Guagenti | Alex VanPelt John Skellie Sept 19-22 |
| September 23 | Kameron McKinley | Charlie Moody | Harlan Joseph | Aaron Franke | Botkins family | Josh Botkins | Dave Pontius Jack Bink Sept 26-29 |
| September 30 | Zoe Shreve | David Themer | Don Williams | Bob Myers | Franke family | Jennie Shreve | John Feole Steve Rusch Oct 3-6 |
| October 7 | Eden Guagenti | Nancy Kovach | Alex VanPelt | Charlie Adams | Kathy Vetter | Anita Themer | David Themer Brian Gehrman Oct 10-13 |

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE APPOINTED DAY, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO SERVE IN YOUR PLACE.

INDIANA DISTRICT LCMS
**GOD'S PLAN**
OUR **FUTURE** AND **HOPE**

*You are invited to the
Installation of*

Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, President

Rev. Dr. D. R. Stuckwisch, First Vice President

Rev. David Shadday, Second Vice President

Rev. Nathan Rastl, Third Vice President

Rev. Peter J. Brock, Fourth Vice President

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, Secretary

September 9, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Reception following the installation.

RSVP: church@zionfw.org by August 30

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES SPRINT TRIATHLON: SEPT 3

The 4th Annual Lakeview Ministries Sprint Triathlon, 5K Run/Walk, Children's Fun Run will be held on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. This Labor Day event is a sporting and fund raising effort designed to benefit both the camp's mission of providing a Christian experience of growth, inspiration, and recreation and its desire to keep registration costs financially feasible for any family that wants to send their child or children to camp. Fellowship, food, and entertainment for the whole family will be provided. (A free will offering will be accepted to defray food costs.) For more information www.lakeviewministries.com/triathlon. (910) 803-1098, or (812) 342-4815.

MOSES

Filmed before a live audience, Sight and Sound Theatres have filmed their theater production of "MOSES." It will be shown at the Regal theater in New Albany on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30pm and on Saturday, September 15 at 12:55pm. In addition to the feature, audiences will also join a 'behind the scenes' look at the amazing history of Sight and Sound theatres, their location and stage shows seen by more than 23 million visitors. Tickets are \$12.50. Advanced tickets can be purchased from FATHOMEVENTS.COM or at the Regal theater. This film will also be show at AMC Stonybrook 20, Louisville, and Tinseltown Louisville—same dates, same time.



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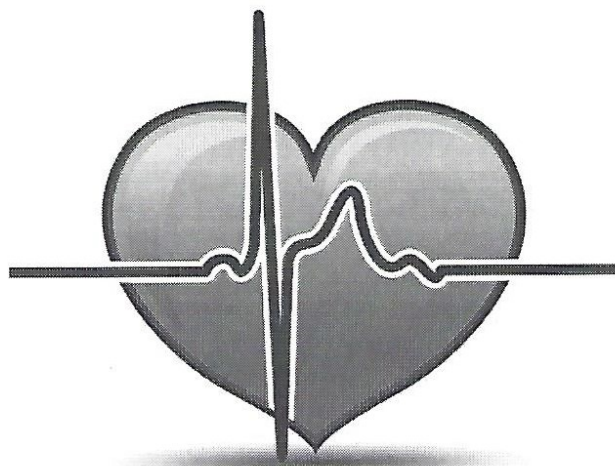


**HEALTH
FAIR**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22ND**



- * **Yard Sale** * **10-3**
- * **Kid's Books**
- * **Family Fun**
- * **Bible Give-away**
- * **Food**
- * **Entertainment**
- * **Many Free Health Services**
- * **Door Prizes**



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August 1st, 2018

Dear Friends at Holy Cross Lutheran,

Thank you for your participation in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of faithful partners like you, we've raised a grand total of **\$26,693.31!**

For your records, your church received 35 bottles and returned 29, which resulted in a giving total of \$182.79. If more bottles are turned in, please let us know and we will be happy to pick them up and adjust your giving total. We're also happy to receive any empty bottles as it will save us the expense of purchasing more next year.

Your generous contribution to the ministry of ALC helps fulfill the mission of protecting the lives of unborn children and supporting and empowering women and families facing or having experienced a crisis pregnancy by sharing the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ.

As ALC continues to grow and minister to women and families, we are seeking prayer warriors. We believe God moves mightily as his children bring their praise, burdens, and requests to Him. We want to see God move in the hearts of those considering abortion AND in the hearts of abortion providers. We believe this will only happen if we, His people, commit to pray like we've never prayed before. Please email me at diana@alcshelbyville.org if you would like more information on involving yourself and your congregation in our prayer ministry.

Thank you again for your support and for your financial gifts to ALC!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Diana Cahill'.

Diana Cahill
Executive Director

SEPTEMBER 2018

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

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Rally Day
First day of Sunday School
September 9, 2018