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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.

Our Synod met in convention over the past several days. Officials are elected and issues discussed. Some issues are new and some are not.

Since 1959, ten times Synod conventions have passed similar resolutions as one that passed unanimously July 23, 2019: The LCMS “publicly [condemns] the sin of racism in all its manifestations.” The resolution continued to mark racism as a sin of pride that “denies the biblical truth that all humanity has a common origin in Adam.” So, we’re encouraged to work toward racial reconciliation.

If you step back, it’s sadly curious that Synod has felt it necessary to condemn racism ten times over 60 years. What is the staying power of racism? How can it seem so obviously wrong to so many and yet endure as a temptation with power?

I’m not sure I can answer those questions. Moreover, I’m not sure, the more we look, that there’s any sin we’ve learned to leave behind. Furthermore, it is often when we feel most secure against a certain temptation that it sneaks up on us. Advances in technology have not been able to cure souls. Refined social structures have not eradicated greed, envy, or sloth.

In Romans 7, Paul talks about how the law and sin are connected. He begins in verse seven saying that he would have known covetousness had it not been for the commandment saying, “You shall not covet.” But then, in verse eight, Paul adds this: “Sin seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.” Just a few verses later, he laments. “The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.”

Part of us, when we hear something is wrong, wants to rebel. If we make ten more resolutions about racism, the true words won’t change false hearts. Why do we make resolutions, then? There are several reasons. First, it is important in a time of moral flux to make it clear to any who want to know what we believe to be true. The law can act as a guide. Second, it is good to bolster public standards. The law can act as a curb. There is one more important reason. We reaffirm that every human being is made in the image of God, requiring not only respect but also love, and we do this to hold a mirror before our own selves. Social ills endure because not a one of us is fully healthy. The only One who is pure has ascended to the right hand of the Father, an anchor behind the veil to bring us home (Hebrews 6).

He is the One who will finally bring us all together, every tribe and nation, praising Him in every language, harmonized by the Holy Spirit, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:9-10).

When any persistent sin frustrates us, either in society at large or in our own personal lives, looking to the hope of the salvation we have in the Lamb not only restores our peace, but reminds us how He overcomes. He endured racial prejudice dying under a title of mockery, “King of the Jews.” He is risen again, savior of all nations, king of kings, and prince of peace. In Him, we are more than conquerors (Revelation 2, Romans 8:37).

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



## CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Tommy Conder
- 6- Anita Themer
- 9- Carl Clark
- 14- Ashley Lancaster
- 15- Joel Franke
- 16- Debbie Nelson
- 16- Lisa McCarty
- 25- Greg Rutledge
- 29- Mary Ann Conder
- 30- David Conder
- 30- Chris McKinley
- 30- Robert Myers

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 18- Walter & Barbara Dobring (1979)

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

Join us for the 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?

### LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS: SATURDAYS

Lutheranism 101 class is at 10 am. This ten-week course covers the basics of our faith, the Bible, and church history. New members go through this class before joining to get a sense of what we believe, teach, and confess. Everyone is welcome to join. Please see Pastor Guagenti for more information.

### SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS: FRIDAYS

The Sign Language Class meets at 10am on Fridays. For more information see Nancy Guagenti.



### NEW MEMBERS

On June 9, Holy Cross welcomed new members Donna Saltzman, Don Saltzman, and Jennifer Dillard. We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

### SENIORS MEET: AUGUST 6

The Seniors will be going to Locust Grove in Louisville on Tuesday, August 6. They will meet at the church at 10am to carpool and will lunch in Louisville. If it rains they will instead lunch in Shelbyville. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be going.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT: AUGUST 13

Ladies Night Out will be going to Johnny Carino's in Frankfort on Tuesday, August 13. If you wish to carpool please meet at the church at 6pm or you may meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

### MEN'S TIME OUT: AUGUST 17

Men's Time Out will be going to Johnny Carino's in Frankfort on Saturday, August 17. You may meet at the church to carpool at 11:30am or at the restaurant at noon. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

### DEEP ROOTS: AUGUST 14

Deep Roots tackles new horizons in BioEthics. From meat grown without animals to cyborg bodies we'll discuss ethical questions rising as technological prowess grows. What does the Bible teach about the human body? How does this impact our view of issues that are crossing the horizon of imagination into our own lives? The next Deep Roots is Wednesday, August 14 at 7pm. If there's a topic you'd like to see addressed, let pastor know. All are welcome.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY: AUGUST 17

The date and time for the Give-Away is Saturday, August 17 at 10am. We will need volunteers to help leading up to and on the day of the giveaway. A box has been set up in the back to begin collecting donations for the giveaway.

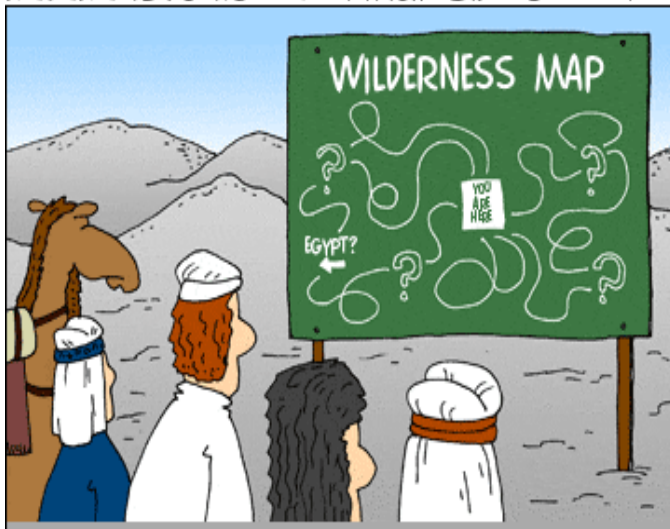
Items needed: # 2 pencils (8 or 10 pack), 3 prong folders, colored pencils (12), crayons (24), pencil top erasers, large red erasers, glue sticks, washable markers, notebook paper, composition books, spiral notebooks.

For additional information or to volunteer please contact Debbie Nelson.

### THREADS OF GRACE: AUGUST 20

Threads of Grace meets here at Holy Cross. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. Please see Anita Themer for more information. They will meet again on Tuesday, August 20.

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### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is currently reading *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene. The novel presents a fascinating and unique interpretation of religion and how it affects human nature. The most striking image presented by this interpretation is the lead character, a whisky priest on the run from Mexican authorities. Date for the next meeting to be determined. For more information, please see Shelah Shreve.

### OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN TEACHER POSITION

Our Savior Lutheran School is looking for a qualified Language Arts teacher for the 6th-8th grades. Interested teachers can call Tracy Hannon, Administrative Assistant at (502) 426-0864.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered to help with the rummage sale. Thank you to those who donated items, helped set up, priced, work the day of the sale, and cleaned up afterwards. It would not have been possible without all of you. We made \$1,848. Money raised will go towards the building of the new shed. Thank you!

### HOUSE NUMBER PEDESTALS

Charlie Schufer says he will make anyone a house number pedestal if they give an extra \$20 donation to church.

### PROJECT CONNECT

The Project Connect rack at the back of the church has been recently stocked. Please stop by and check out the pamphlets.

### YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- You make spaghetti at your house with the little macaroni noodles because they're not so messy then.
- You don't make eye contact when passing someone in the hall because you think it's impolite.
- Someone asks you after church if there's any "decaf coffee" and you laugh because you KNOW that it doesn't have caffeine, it can't be coffee!

## LIFE QUOTES

"Marriage and family, sexuality and procreation reflect the grace of God in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:32). Therefore, sexuality sought outside of marriage or exercised exclusively to gratify self and flesh's appetites cheaply imitates, poorly substitutes for, and only incompletely apprehends the fullness of God's blessing for it. Celebrating and engaging in the blessings of chastity, modesty, and even celibacy best protect and prepare the heart patiently awaiting His vocation to marriage. And taking one's place within the Christian fellowship, whether as spouse or single, leaves nothing lacking (Mark 10:29-30)."

*Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutheran For Life*

**"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-**  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## KNOW YOUR BIBLE



### Plea for Onesimus

What book of the New Testament was written on behalf of a runaway slave?

Look for the answer in the September's Newsletter  
 June/July's Answer: Mary Magdalene (see Mark 16:9)



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEANING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
August 4	Elijah Smith	Nancy Kovach	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Franke family	Kathy Vetter	Jennifer Harrod	D. Franke M. Themer Aug 7-10
August 11	Max Semeniuk	David Franke	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Kathy Vetter	Alena Guagenti	No Communion	A. VanPelt M. Carlson Aug 14-17
August 18	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Harlan Joseph	Josh Botkins	Brenda Moody	D. Pontius Jack Bink Aug. 21-24
August 25	Brenyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Sandy Runner	Shelah Shreve	No Communion	J. Feole S. Rusch Aug 28-31
Sept 1	Gabriel Guagenti	David Themer	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Botkins family	Jennie Shreve	Rita Whitehouse	D. Themer B. Gehrman Sep 4-7
Sept 8	Zoe Shreve	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Franke Family	Alena Guagenti	No Communion	C. Phoebus C. Schufer Sept 11-14

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





# **Free School Supply Give-Away!**

**Saturday, August 17  
10 a.m.**

No early birds, please.

Open to any family in Shelby County  
with elementary-age children.

While supplies last, there will be  
crayons, folders, pencils and some  
other items to help get back-to-  
school preparations started.

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**LOUISVILLE CITY FC**

**SLUGGER FIELD**

**1 P.M. | AUGUST 11, 2019**

**RSVP: [TMNLouCityFC19.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tmn-lou-city-fc-19-tickets-54444444444)**

No products will be sold.

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**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**  
**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**AUGUST 2019**

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.” (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nation—and the Nations to Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM's flagship program **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sundays at 9am on 102.7FM. For information, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) (<http://www.lhm.org>)

# AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 5:15-6:7;</li> <li>Ps. 31;</li> <li>Matt. 15:21-39</li> </ul> <b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 6:8-23;</li> <li>Ps. 32;</li> <li>Matt. 16:1-20</li> </ul> <b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 6:24-7:2;</li> <li>Ps. 33;</li> <li>Matt. 16:21-28</li> </ul> <b>3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 7:3-20;</li> <li>Ps. 34;</li> <li>Matt. 17:1-21</li> </ul> <b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 8:1-15;</li> <li>Ps. 35;</li> <li>Matt. 17:22-18:6</li> </ul> <b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 8:16-29;</li> <li>Ps. 36;</li> <li>Matt. 18:7-20</li> </ul> <b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 9:1-13;</li> <li>Ps. 37:1-22;</li> <li>Matt. 18:21-35</li> </ul> <b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 9:14-29;</li> <li>Ps. 37:23-40;</li> <li>Matt. 19:1-15</li> </ul> <b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 9:30-10:17;</li> <li>Ps. 38;</li> <li>Matt. 19:16-30</li> </ul> <b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Kings 10:18-11:3;</li> <li>Ps. 39;</li> <li>Matt. 20:1-16</li> </ul> <b>10</b>
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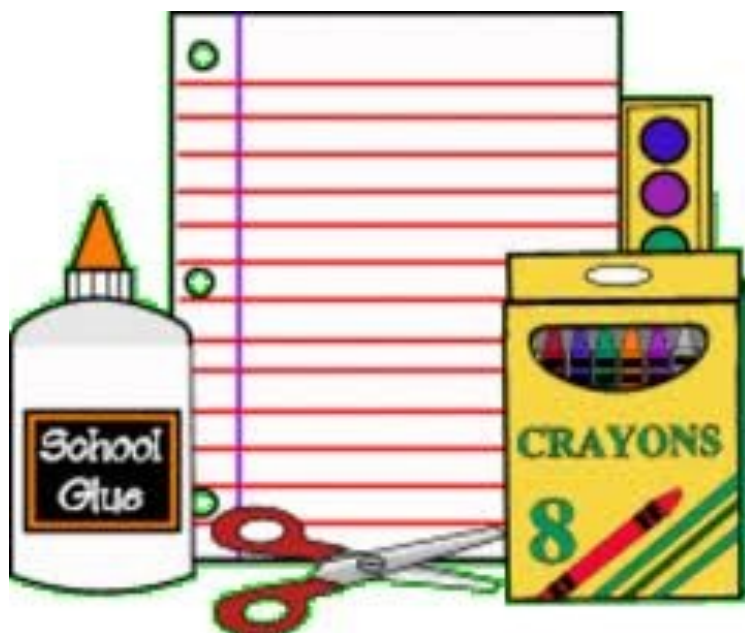


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