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

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

When you give something up, you have the opportunity to replace it. This is the glory of fasting. We give up a little good for a little while and receive a greater good. In Christ, we hope and we do find an eternal good.

With restaurants challenged to serve during social distancing, many people have reduced their eating out. Some have taken joy in replacing that food with home-cooked options. We're trying our hands at baking, canning, and curing. Fermented vegetables may have just moved from the category of "No way!" to "Fascinating!"

Others don't have time to cook and are feeling pinched. No matter how adventurous we are, no matter how much time we have, most of us don't have the hours of experience, the trained staff, or the equipment professionals in the restaurants have. It's hard for any of us to make homemade food that is top grade.

I think a similar effect may be in play when we try our hands at home devotions. At church, our musicians practice and are skilled. The larger number of voices singing both covers mistakes and lifts us up. Pastors spend the entire week fashioning their sermons. I hope and pray and work that we feel strong nourishment from a usual Divine Service.

Now, while separated from one another, we are missing part of what we are used to getting on Sundays. We need to step up the blessings of the Word we receive on a daily basis.

If we don't have a previous routine for home devotions, our first attempts at them may not feel as nourishing. Kids probably won't start out with the focus to sit still. Without established habits, we may even feel relieved to have forgotten or skipped.

If it was up to us alone, we might give up. The Holy Spirit, thanks be to God, intervenes, blesses the reading of the Word, picks up our prayers, and truly nourishes us. The same Spirit who pours out gifts on Sundays can pour out gifts every day.

Brothers and sisters, the blessing of home devotion is important right now for you as an individual. With increased fear, anxiety, and the threat of death, you need to double up on your intake of the Bread of Life. The wisdom, peace, and hope of the Spirit flow from God's Word.

This blessing will also strengthen your family. Don't think of it as a four-star feast where the kids have to be on their best behavior. There's no shame if it feels like a Tuesday-night meal. Tube steak and carrot sticks still bring protein and beta-carotene. Thanks be to God, that is just we needed tonight.

As the habit grows, our homemade offerings improve. From the beginning, the Holy Spirit's blessings are there. Even so, that doesn't mean we can't follow a recipe. Resources to aid us in home devotion can be found here and here. Please feel free to talk to me as well; I'm happy to help anyone add home devotions to replace some of things we've given up.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations in May

Birthdays

- 4- Erica Flanery
- 7- John Cromeans
- 10- Kameron McKinley
- 10- Gracie McKinley
- 11- Max Semeniuk
- 11- Carly Dejarnette
- 12- Melissa Hardin
- 13- Chase Ragland
- 14- Ken Shreve
- 15- Jamie Lee
- 15- Walter Dobring
- 15- Olivia Botkins
- 19- Doug Boardman
- 19- Nancy Kovach
- 23- Danielle Themer
- 23- Peter O'Neil
- 25- Rebecca Spreitzer
- 25- Samuel Themer

Anniversaries

- 25- Charlie & Brenda Moody (1979)
- 25- Scott & Monica Yaroma (2001)
- 26- Charlie & Lexi Powell (2019)

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: MAY 7

Our church president, John Feole, has determined per our Constitution and Bylaws the need for a special Voters' Meeting. The subject is church finances. We are calling a Voters' Meeting for Thursday, May 7 at 7 PM via the internet using the Zoom application (details to follow). It's not an emergency, but it is timely.

HELPING HANDS AT WORK

A message from Corrie Brian: Hi, everybody! I hope we are all doing our best to stay safe with clean hands and safe distances. This is a time like no other when countless people may need help to even just get food! We have been asked by the Health Department to potentially help others around us by delivering food or other tasks. I will coordinate what help will be needed. Let me know if you would like to help and what hours and days of the week you are available. Also let me know if you or anyone you know needs help.



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The link for our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyEYS2vyKx1PLc45wHJcjinw/videos>

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Upcoming Events for Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE SALE

With so many of us at home this would be a great time to clean out those closets and garages! We are looking at holding a rummage sale with the proceeds going towards the much needed storage shed! Hopefully we can set a date soon. Volunteers will be needed. We will need help the week prior for setting up and pricing, working the day of the yard sale, and afterwards, with cleaning and boxing up the unsold items. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. If we do not get enough volunteers the rummage sale will be canceled. We appreciate any donations for the sale! For more information please see Kathy Adams or Merrie Feole.



COOKING WITH CORRIE

Cooking with Corrie has not been canceled just delayed. Corrie Brian will be cooking the meal. Any ladies who want to assist Corrie with the preparations need to be here at 4pm. Dinner will be at 5:30pm. Men are also invited to attend. For information please see Corrie.

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GOOD NEWS, JUST 40 LAPS AROUND THE
WILDERNESS FOR DISOBEYING GOD ...
BAD NEWS, EACH LAP TAKES A YEAR

BOOK CLUB

The book Club has chosen C.S. Lewis's *The Last Battle* as the reading selection for the next book club meeting. This is the last book in the *Chronicles of Narnia* and a fitting book for the Lenten/Easter season. It is available in many formats and is not too long of a read. They will be having a spring/Easter themed luncheon that day. For more information please see Shelah Shreve. Date of next meeting to be determined.



Brenda Moody, Rita Whitehouse, Jenny Shreve, and Nancy Kovach are keeping they distance!

They are enjoying lunch and fellowship time together.

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- It's time to change a lightbulb 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 actually think Pastor's jokes are funny.
- Requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, "If it's not too much trouble then..."
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LIFE QUOTES

"There are no clues we can assemble, no plot we can reason out, to understand how our great God is the thrice holy Three in One. We can only confess as we do in the creeds: 'I believe.' The Triune God who exists apart from time acted in time and history in Christ to save us. For that mystery we will give thanks and praise to our Triune God for all eternity, joining the saints and angels in endless praise: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!' (Revelation 4:8b)."

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



New Leader

Who became the leader of God's people upon the death of Moses?

Look for the answer in the June/July Newsletter
 April's Answer: Elijah (see 1 Kings 18:17-39)



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	MOWING	ALTAR GUILD
May 3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Charlie Adams	n/a	Charlie Schufer	n/a
May 10	n/a	n/a	n/a	Franke Family	n/a	Dave Pontius Jack Bink	n/a
May 17	n/a	n/a	n/a	Kathy Rice	n/a	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman	n/a
May 24	Brenyn Botkins	Jeff Wilson	Don Williams Bob Myers	Sandy Runner	Josh Botkins	John Feole Steve Rusch	TBD
May 31	Isaac Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Bob Myers	Shelah Shreve	Greg Rutledge Pastor Guagenti	TBD
June 7	Gabriel Guagenti	Dave T Themer	Rod Shreve John Feole	Botkins Family	Jennie Shreve	Dave Themer Max Themer	TBD

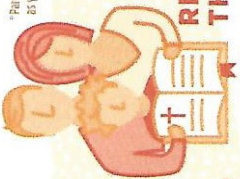
If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve in your place.

RAISING CHILDREN TO KEEP THEM IN THE FAMILY OF FAITH

God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments during worship at church, and then the family's devotional life at home keeps its members connected to those gifts all week long. This routine creates a lifelong rhythm that helps keep kids in the faith throughout all stages of their lives.

82%

% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs and were active in their congregations were themselves religiously active as young adults, according to data from the latest wave of the National Study of Youth and Religion.



READ THE BIBLE

Take turns reading Bible passages out loud. Use the "Daily Lectionary" (LSB, Pages 299-304) for suggested Bible readings for each day.

HOLD FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Use a simple order of worship to guide your family devotions. See Pages 294-298 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) for brief services for different times of the day.

Repeat the hymns from Sunday throughout the week to make a connection between your daily prayer life and the Sunday Divine Service.

THE Family Altar

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray before meals and at bedtime. Teach your child that the liturgy and hymns are part of their prayer life. God first speaks to us through His Word, and then we speak back with praise.

TALK ABOUT LIVING IN FAITH

Use spare moments throughout the day — while in the car, while waiting in line and so on — to discuss faith issues. As children are able, start applying the Small Catechism to real-world events and conversations.

THE ESSENTIAL LUTHERAN LIBRARY FOR THE FAMILY

- The Story Bible
- Faith Alive Student Bible
- The Lutheran Study Bible
- My First Catechism
- Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation
- My First Hymnal
- Lutheran Service Book



All of these resources are available at cph.org

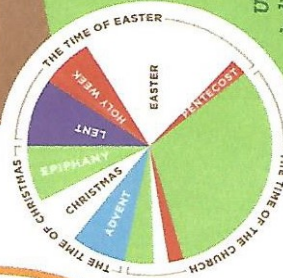
TIPS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Set aside a specific time each day

Use a ribbon to indicate the color of the Church Year

Consider lighting a candle

Sing a hymn together



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Mothers in the Bible Quiz

Who was the mother of Jesus?

(Matthew 1:16)

- Miriam
- Mary
- Bathsheba
- Martha

Who was the mother of Cain and Abel?

(Genesis 4:1-2)

- Delilah
- Hagar
- Eve
- Ruth

Who was the mother of John the Baptist?

(Luke 1:57-60)

- Martha
- Deborah
- Elizabeth
- Mary Magdalene

Who was the mother of Isaac?

(Genesis 21:3)

- Sarah
- Elisabeth
- Gomer
- Mary

Who was the mother of Jacob and Esau?

(Genesis 25:21-26)

- Sarah
- Rebekah
- Hannah
- Rachel

Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?

(Genesis 46:19)

- Lydia
- Keturah
- Rachel
- Anna

Who was the mother of King Solomon?

(2 Samuel 12:24)

- Bilhah
- Bathsheba
- Dinah
- Jezebel

Who was the mother of Ishmael?

(Genesis 16:15)

- Hagar
- Leah
- Rachel
- Rebekah

Who was the mother of Samuel?

(1 Samuel 1:20)

- Esther
- Hannah
- Deborah
- Eve

Who was the mother-in-law of Ruth?

(Ruth 1)

- Julia
- Lydia
- Huldah
- Naomi



MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD

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EVE

JOCHEBED

ELIZABETH

SARAH

PHARAOHS DAUGHTER

REBEKAH

NAOMI

MARY

RACHEL

HANNAH

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
April 19, 2020**

Attendance- Pastor Guagenti, John Feole, Greg Rutledge, Kathy Vetter, Corrie Brian, Dave Themer, Dave Franke, Rita Whitehouse, Max Themer, Danielle Themer, Charlie Adams.

Opening Prayer- Pastor Guagenti

The meeting was held via webinar as a result of Covid-19 social distance government guidelines. John Feole went over the procedures for using Zoom. Pastor conducted the meeting.

Treasurer- Corrie reported that income is looking good. Regular envelope offerings compared to what we budgeted for the year is almost \$17,000 over. Income looks good despite everything. Over \$1,100 for lent offerings. Plate offerings are a little low. We are up on Concordia plan. There have been no large expenses recently only normal salaries and utilities. Finances good so far.

David Franke asked if the thermostats are running on regular schedule? Pastor noticed that they were running on the same schedule and emails have been sent to Jennifer Harrod and John Feole to readjust the thermostats. He also asked about savings going down in the past and has any of that been put back into the account? Corrie said that the \$4,000 that had been taken out in late third quarter of last year has been put back. She said that she is looking at putting more back into savings later in the year.

David Themer asked about the Small Business Administration (SBA) Payroll Protection Plan loans made available by the government. Corrie referred to John Feole. John said that we must wait for the next round of funding since the initial rounds of funds were depleted. Jennifer Harrod thought that it would be a good safety net to have just in case we need it in the future. Corrie asked if the money could be used for whatever they choose but Jennifer stated that 75% must be used for payroll for it to be forgiven. Many council members recommended we apply for the second round of funding.

Minutes- February council meeting minutes were reviewed. No comments.

Board Reports:

Education- No report.

Elders- The elders are trying to reach out to everyone using the directory and to others associated with the church but not in town during social distancing. They have split up the names to call with the elders. Rod Shreve has agreed to also help make the calls. They are doing this every weekend. They are also working with Pastor on the FM transmitter and with conducting another drive-in service. Pastor brought up the drive-in service and having another one on May 3rd and possibly be prepared to have one every other Sunday (on the 1st Sunday in May and again on the 31st). Rita said she would like to have an outdoor service sometime in the summer. Communion-Pastor and Dave have been discussing using pre-packaged wafer and wine. The difficulty seems to be with handing out communion. Rita asked how much the prepackaged communion would be? Dave said \$30 to \$50 per 100. She also asked if we could not set out the communion on a table and people could drive through and pick it up. Dave said that they are continuing to look at the options following the state rules. Greg Rutledge said that he thought we should hold off communion for now. Pastor will continue to speak with Dave and the elders on this issue.

Note: The webinar ended and was restarted. Jennifer Harrod and David Franke were not present for this webinar.

Evangelism- No Report. Pastor said that Debbie and Alena have talked about remaining school supplies and if it was possible to get them to homes in need during this time. Discussion is ongoing for the best way to distribute them.

Fellowship- The committee decided not to do the Easter baskets for the shut-ins but instead sent out Easter cards. The Louisville Bats baseball game for early June has been postponed until later.

Stewardship- Kathy Rice said that the email she sent, referencing member stewardship last month, got a good response. And as per Corrie's report, Kathy, thinks that everyone is doing great. Pastor brought up E-giving (a form of electronic giving or donation). Kathy suggested Joyful Giving, an electronic giving platform developed by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) since there is no charge attached. Dave Themer asked what the charge is for Pay Pal. John Feole said for nonprofit organizations the charge is 2.2% + \$.30 per transaction with PayPal. John stated that he prefers Joyful Giving. He suggested we set up the Joyful Giving account with LCEF. Pastor said that it would take 3 to 5 days. He said that transferring the money from LCEF to another account might be a problem for the financial treasurers. Pastor asked if anyone had any other suggestions for E-giving. Corrie brought up asking members what method they would prefer using. Pastor said that there may be others who are not members, watching the web, that would like to give but do not know how. Dave asked if they should take a vote on this issue and who would be tasked with setting it up. Kathy said yes to E- giving and to talk to the financial treasurers about setting it up. Pastor will speak to Rod Shreve after the meeting to see if he would be willing set up the E-giving account. No vote was taken.

Trustees- Dave Themer said that maintenance on the mowers has been completed. An electric weed eater and blower has been purchased. Plans are to move the existing shed and put the new shed in it's place. Corrie and her father will be doing the excavating. Jason Van Evera will help with laying concrete. Plans are in the works for permits. Pastor stated that Debbie Nelson has provided the church with sanitizing products to use on door handles, etc. Bob stripped and waxed the kitchen floor.

Education- Charlie Adams said 30 attended the youth lock in.

Pastor- He will resume Jr. Confirmation classes by Zoom (internet webinar) this upcoming Wednesday. May 24 had been scheduled for Rite of Confirmation for Elijah Smith and Max Semeniuk. Pastor stated the date may need to be changed.

Cindy Alvano and Jason Van Evera have finished the Adult Information class and want to join the church. They understand why we have not been able to accomplish this request.

10 church service videos have been done on YouTube and 4 children's videos. The plan is to continue using Nancy and Andy Guagenti's home for taping the videos. The church's sound and light conditions have prevented Pastor from recording at Holy Cross. He was asking for feedback on future recordings. He said that his father, Andy, has done an enormous amount of work helping with the recordings. Discussion was held on the best way to collect offerings during the drive-in services. A firm plan was not established due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Services are being mailed to shut-ins.

Vivian Snider has requested member transfer to St Peter's church in Columbus IN.

Rita asked about Jim and Dottie Weed. Pastor spoke with Jim and said that Jim is doing well. They are receiving the sermons.

Note: The March voters' meeting was canceled due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions. A new date has not been established.

The next council meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2020.

Dave motioned to adjourn. Rita seconded. Motion is carried.

Pastor closed with prayer.

MAY 2020

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