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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. Amen.

In *The Old Curiosity Shop*, Charles Dickens describes a lawyer who flatters endlessly to find a footing to defraud:

It was a maxim with Mr. Brass that the habit of paying compliments kept a man's tongue oiled without any expense; and that, as that useful member ought never to grow rusty or creak in turning on its hinges in the case of a practitioner of the law, in whom it should always be glib and easy, he lost few opportunities of improving himself by the utterance of handsome speeches and eulogistic expressions.

That is a rather nice way of saying Mr. Brass complimented anyone and everyone only to benefit himself. Proverbs understood this behavior: "A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet" (Proverbs 29:5). Paul also pinned the tactic, protesting, "For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, or with a pretext for greed—God is witness" (1 Thessalonians 2:5).

Gross flattery breaks the Commandment, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16, Deuteronomy 5:20). The flatterer says something not because it is true but because he hopes it will gain him something.

Mr. Brass, always looking to cheat his neighbors, spread the nets of flattery wherever he went. More important is Dickens' insight that flattery "kept a man's tongue oiled without any expense." Flattery is like devalued currency. During hard economic times, people have been known to bring wheelbarrows full of dollars just to buy a loaf of bread. Such are compliments to the flatterer. It costs nothing to speak them and so wheelbarrows full are dumped out to buy favors.

For all the commandments, we find there is both a way to break them and a way to keep them. Rather than abuse my neighbor's reputation to defraud him, I can defend him. I can speak well of him. To defend someone when they are under attack does cost something. To put myself in front of someone attacked by our neighbors means I also will suffer attack.

We see Jesus keeping this Commandment by defending us, speaking well of us with His justifying Word. He says we are forgiven, adopted by God. These are no cheap words. He has paid for them with His blood, His dying on the cross. He says we are righteous and justified. He is willing to spark war in heaven to defend us against the accuser (Revelation 12:7-10).

To be a people who defend neighbors, speaking well of them, will cost Jesus' church. The cost, however, comes only in a world that is constantly devaluing the currency of speech. "For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue" (Psalm 5:9). On the other hand, the word of justification, the Word of God, is eternal, sweeter than honey, more valuable than all the treasures of earth.

How do we tell the difference between the keeping of the Commandment with a compliment and the transgressing of the Law with flattery? Truthfully, we don't always recognize others' intent. This is why Mr. Brass spreads his nets. In our own hearts, however, our consciences know whether "You sure are generous," is joyful thanksgiving or a path to breaking the 7th Commandment by way of breaking the 8th Commandment.

If our consciences groan, it's time to give our tongues a rest. Let your ears stand up and turn towards God's Word. Hearing how He speaks of us, how He forgives our neighbors, how He loves, we are caught up in that strain. We, too, can sing to His glorious tune. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!" (Luke 2:14).

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

Fellow members there has been an administrative oversight concerning receipt and acceptance of our church constitution and bylaws, by some existing and new members. Our founding members set about formulating a document that voting members, age 18 and over, would support with a personal signature.

In an effort to make the process as simple as possible, I would ask each member who is not a signatory of this document, please log into the church website-

<https://holycross.360unite.com/constitution>

Review the document (as an alternative or if you don't see the document, use the pull down menu 'About Us', then open 'Constitution'), print and sign the last signature page and send to the church office via mail or digitally sign and send via email to Nancy Kovach (church council secretary).

We will notify all members of record, who are not signatories, via email in the near future.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter

John Feole, Council President
Nancy Kovach, Council Secretary



BIRTHDAYS

3- Tommy Conder
 6- Anita Themer
 8- Aria 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)

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The link for our YouTube channel is:
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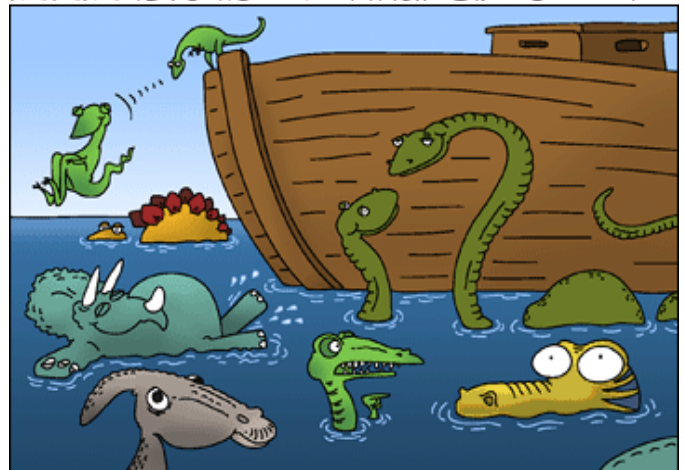
BOOK CLUB

Many, many moons ago now, we read and enjoyed *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. Quite a few of us have now consumed an assortment of reading material and may feel like sharing! I am trying to gauge interest in possibly having a picnic lunch in the fresh air and a discussion over our recent reading selections and possible future titles for the club. Please respond and let me know if you have any interest in attending, what dates and times might be good for you, and possible locales... we are not limited to meeting in the church parking lot! Thank you everyone :) Praying you are all well. Shelah

LUTHERAN HOUR PROJECT CONNECT

The booklets we have on the turning display are on-line, several of them in audio format so you can listen while doing other things. It's a great way to get solid Bible-based content in a digital way. There are the adult-focused booklets we're familiar with as well as content for children, too.

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Thanks to J.R. Lucas (See Genesis 6-8)

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YOU DROPPED THE LADDER BEFORE YOU CALLED FOR A DINOSAUR SWIM PARTY, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- The pastor skips the last hymn to make sure church lasts exactly 60 minutes.
- Bach is your favorite composer just because he was Lutheran, too.
- Requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, "If it's not to much trouble then..."



THANK YOU

A million thanks are due to all those who baked, popped, mixed, shopped, supported, packed and helped delivered! There were so many donations these past few weeks that we had enough to make a third box that went to Frankfort Fire station 3, which is next door to State Police barrack 12.

Luckily Kroger had four banana boxes they could give us to help load up all the drinks and treats! We filled three banana boxes, two paper boxes, both lids from paper boxes, a box for quarts of strawberries and we still had drinks left over that didn't have a box.

There are a few more fire houses and Emergency services stations in Frankfort and a volunteer fire station on 60 between Shelbyville and Frankfort. We can keep the momentum of giving going if folks are willing to continue to bake and buy.

Thank you Corrie for organizing this event!



In lieu of in-person VBS this year, we are considering creating take-home VBS packets with crafts and other materials that can be used at home, as well as possibly some online content. If your family or other preschool/elementary aged children whom you know would be interested in participating in a take-home VBS program (or if you would be interested in helping with it), please contact Max and Danielle

Oh, the depth of the riches . . . of God!

Romans II:33

LIFE QUOTES

"If God does not remember your forgiveness sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses [his or her] guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation."

Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Jonah's Destination

To what pagan city was Jonah sent to preach judgment and repentance?

Look for the answer in the September's Newsletter
June/July's Answer: 1 Corinthians 13

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

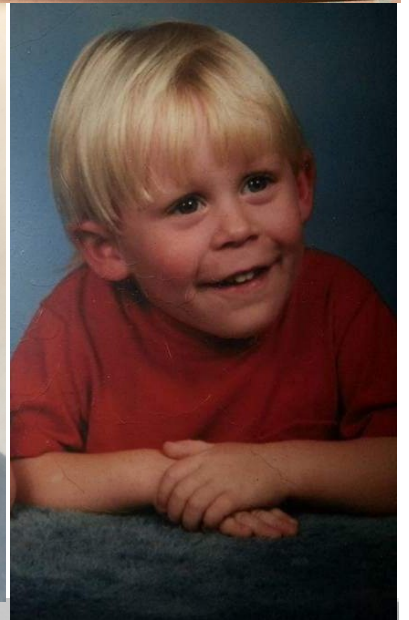
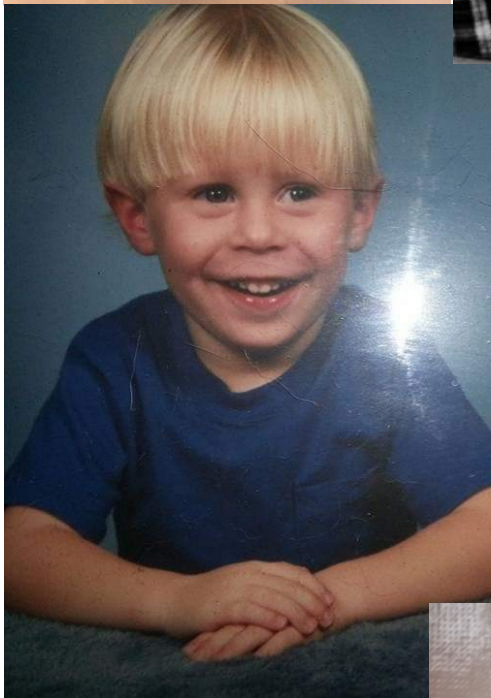
Sunday	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEANING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
August 2			Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Franke Family		Brenda Moody Jennifer Dillard	Dave Franke Max Themer Aug 5-8
August 9			Rod Shreve	John Feole	Kathy Rice		No Communion	Josh Botkins Jeremy B. Aug 12-15
August 16			Corrie Brian	Charlie Powell	Sandy Runner		Rita Whitehouse Jennifer D.	Alex VanPelt Mike Carlson Aug 19-22
August 23			Rebecca Spreitzer	Greg Rutledge	Bob Myers		No Communion	Charlie Schufer Sub Aug 26-29
August 30			Don Saltzman	Bob Myers	Botkins Family		Jennifer Harrod Jennifer Dillard	Dave Pontius Jack Bink Sep 2-5
September 6			Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Charlie Adams		Brenda Moody Nancy Guagenti	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman Sep 9-12

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

Can you guess who these 13 Holy Cross members are?

Whoever identifies all the pictures fastest will win a DQ gift card; if no one is able to identify all by 8/15, the winner will be whoever identifies the most the soonest.





The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – 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.

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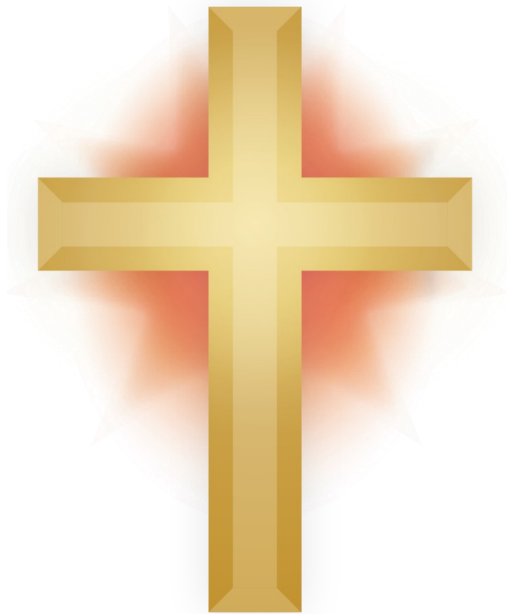


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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2020



I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33