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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!

I had planned out a newsletter article about Psalm 119, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." My mind was changed, however, when I read an email in my inbox from John Carney. John was a faithful member of Holy Cross with his wife Connie for many years. They moved back up north a few years ago, but I still hear members talking about John and Connie.

John wrote me about two other former members, Pastor Henry Loppnow and Serene Loppnow. John had discovered that Serene is fighting lymphoma, now three chemotherapy treatments in. He urged us, "Pray for the Loppnows."

I had heard about Serene's lymphoma in August and I gave her a call right away. Serene was happy to talk about family, about church, about God's blessings, but she didn't have much to say about her health. This won't slow me down was her complete and unaltered attitude. She was in good spirits, as ever.

We end every sermon with the blessing, "Now may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord." They are words first penned by a man who was in prison for his faith (Philippians 4:7). Paul showed that peace not just in words on a page, but in how he lived his life, singing hymns joyfully in jail.

Pastor Henry and Serene Loppnow have lived that same peace, beautifully and boldly. They have shown us what the words on the page mean in their lives. Writing to a young pastor, Paul said, "While bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:8). We see that value in lives lived well, in the love inspired so that even the distance of years and miles cannot weaken the bonds of love.

I changed gears to write about John and Connie, Henry and Serene, about joy and peace because it is one of the treasures I regularly receive being called into the ministry of God's Word. I see the bonds of love the Holy Spirit plants, cultivates, and brings to harvest season after season. I thank God both for the faithful planting of the pastors who preceded me and for the love harvesting all around me in God's people.

John asked fervently, "Pray for the Loppnows." I know also the other side. The Loppnows have remained faithful in praying for us. This is God's work in the church. This love is what He has brought us together to receive and to give. This is Christ's church.

Jesus planted the seed of His own life. “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). Now the Father has raised Jesus to His right hand, so we know where our peace is anchored. And thank God we also see it, first in Jesus, but certainly not Him alone. For He is bearing much fruit.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On September 20, 2020, Elijah Alexander Smith and Maximillian Andrew Semeniuk made public confession of their faith, reaffirmed their baptismal vows through the rite of confirmation and became communicant members of Holy Cross.



Keep Elijah and Max in your prayers that they and we remain faithful to the vows they made and to the Lord who has blessed them with the gift of eternal life.



CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Eden Guagenti
- 2- Masyn Botkins
- 3- Debbie Wilbur
- 4- Michael Boardman
- 7- Dee Dee Conder
- 7- Jim Weed
- 8- Phillip Hailey
- 10- Kathy Rice
- 11- Rod Shreve
- 11- Zoe Shreve
- 13- Don Saltzman
- 13- Michael Rutledge
- 22- Brenda Phoebus
- 25- Annette Semeniuk
- 25- Angela Bowles
- 27- Marilyn Murray

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- John & Joni Skellie, 1995
- 13- Jamie & Debbie Lee, 2002
- 20- Joshua & Madeline Botkins, 2010

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting Sunday, September 7th, the church will have a number of take home Sunday School packets available for anyone interested. These packets will consist of activity sheets as well as a small lesson. We will have a number of activity sheets per packet so please take one packet per family. If we run out of packets and you would like one for your family please let Max or Danielle Themer know and we will create additional copies. We aim to have these packets ready every other week. Thanks!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, October 14, 7 PM we will begin a new Zoom Bible study on Ephesians. In six weeks, we will cover the six chapters of Paul's epistle, focused on a mystery. "This mystery is that the nations are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). We may not think of God's church today as a mystery, but in the first century it was something dramatically different. We'll look at how Ephesians explores this unfolding mystery, how Christ "fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22).

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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.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The link for our YouTube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyEYS2vyKx1PLc45wHJcJnw/videos>

FROM THE CHURCH PRESIDENT

I would like to personally thank all our members and guests for their continued support for our church family and community! It is your enthusiasm and effort, especially in these very stressful times, that draws and grows our Christian faith.

Paul writes in Romans (Epistle from August 30, 2020), "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

.....words and lifestyle to live by.

John Feole, President

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- Your mother reminds you often that she wishes you'd studied the organ.
- You dress up as your favorite reformer for Halloween.
- Folgers has you on their Christmas list.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

1. Church elections are quickly approaching. Vice president, Greg Rutledge, and the nominating committee are currently accepting nominations for open positions on the church council. Please prayerfully consider helping serve God's church.
2. For those of you who did not attend the September voter's meeting, there was a long debate about retaining or disposing our church van. A motion was passed to vote on this matter during the next voter's meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Members from our church are currently performing due diligence and will provide this information prior to the meeting. Our plan is to provide this information prior to the meeting to help our members make an informed decision. Per our constitution, voting members must be present to cast their vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Additionally, if you have comments (please make them as concise as possible) for or against retaining the van, you may forward them John Feole or Pastor Guagenti at:

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pastor@holycrosslutheran-ky.org

Thank you, John

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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NO WAY MAN ... YOU KNOW I DON'T
WAIT IN LONG LINES

LIFE QUOTES

"The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)."

Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington

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



KNOW YOUR BIBLE




Strange Vision

What Old Testament prophet had a vision of a valley of dry bones?

Look for the answer in the November's Newsletter
September's answer: 1 Corinthians 1:11-13

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR	MOWING
October 4	n/a	n/a	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Charlie Adams	n/a	Brenda Moody Nancy Kovach	Josh Botkins Jeremy Botkins Oct 7-10
October 11	n/a	n/a	Don Saltzman	Bob Myers	Franke family	n/a	No Communion	Alex VanPelt Mike Carlson Oct 14-17
October 18	n/a	n/a	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Sandy Runner	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Nancy Kovach	Charlie Schufer Sub Oct 21-24
October 25	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Bob Myers Don Saltzman	n/a	No Communion	
November 1	n/a	n/a	Corrie Brian	Charlie Powell	Theresa T. Jennifer H.	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Jennifer Dillard	

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

Saturday, September 19th, was a cleaning day for Holy Cross. Thank you for all who helped with unloading, moving and reloading the shed, trimming trees, cutting down trees, hauling brush, weeding, burning the trash pile, trimming around the church, and pressure washing the church building.



Thank you: Dave Themer, Corrie Brian, John Feole, Merrie Feole, Sean Feole, Greg Rutledge, Suzanne Rutledge, Michael Rutledge, Cindy Alvaro, Jason VanEvera, Eden Guagenti, and Pastor Guagenti.

Thanks also to Corrie Brian for providing us with lunch that day!



Kentuckiana LWML Fall Retreat 2020

October 17, 10 A.M.-Noon

Location: Virtual, via Zoom

Working Together in His Strength

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Bible Study: Pastor Jonathan Mueller

Speaker: LWML district representative

Ingathering: Stocking Stuffer items to be collected at each church. Stockings will be filled at Grace on December 8.

Offering and Registration Fee: To be divided between mites and zone treasury. When considering your offering, please keep in mind that our usual registration fee is \$8.00.

Please send your *offerings to our zone treasurer, Barbara Anderson @
Faith Lutheran Church
7635 3rd Street Road
Louisville KY 40214

*All checks should be made out to LWML Kentuckiana Zone

A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to the president of each LWML group and she will be responsible for forwarding the link to each person in her society.

Each person may also request to be included by sending a request to Karen Tate
kyanalwml@gmail.com

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article – October 2020

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.' " (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125–126)

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 29; Ps. 90; Heb. 3:12-29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 30; Ps. 91; Heb. 4:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 31; Ps. 92; Heb. 4:14-5:10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 32; Ps. 93; Heb. 5:11-6:8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 33; Ps. 94; Heb. 6:9-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 34; Ps. 95; Heb. 7:1-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 35; Ps. 96; Heb. 7:11-28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 36; Ps. 97; Heb. 8:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 37; Ps. 98; Heb. 9:1-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 38; Ps. 99; Heb. 9:11-28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 39; Ps. 100; Heb. 10:1-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 40; Ps. 101; Heb. 10:11-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 41; Ps. 102; Heb. 10:19-31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 42; Ps. 103; Heb. 10:32-39 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 43; Ps. 104:1-18; Heb. 11:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 44; Ps. 104:19-35; Heb. 11:13-28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 45; Ps. 105:1-22; Heb. 11:29-40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 46; Ps. 105:23-45; Heb. 12:1-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 47; Ps. 106:1-23; Heb. 12:7-17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezek. 48; Ps. 106:24-48; Heb. 12:18-29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 1; Ps. 107:1-22; Heb. 13:1-16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 2; Ps. 107:23-43; Heb. 13:17-24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 3; Ps. 108; James 1:1-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 4:1-16; Ps. 109:1-20; James 1:19-27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 4:17-5:5; Ps. 109:21-31; James 2:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 5:6-6:12; Ps. 110; James 2:14-26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 6:13-22; Ps. 111; James 3:1-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 7:1-10; Ps. 112; James 4:1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 7:11-28; Ps. 113; James 5:1-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ezra 8:1-23; Ps. 114; 1 Peter 1:1-12 	REFORMATION DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. 14:6-7; Ps. 46; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36



SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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

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Reformation Day Observed
Sunday, October 25