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

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we begin November, many of our thoughts will be towards elections in our country. Who will rule us over the next term? At the end of the month, I hope our thoughts settle around something wonderfully certain, the advent of our King, Jesus. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29, beginning a season of hope and preparation.

A book of the Bible that also pairs political concerns with faith and hope in the kingdom of the Messiah is Daniel. Daniel lived in the time when Jerusalem was destroyed and so many Israelites were carried into Babylonian captivity. Daniel was privileged to serve the conquering king Nebuchadnezzar but that opportunity was fraught with danger. Displeasing kings who expected to be worshipped as gods could lead to being thrown into fiery furnaces (Daniel 3) or lions' dens (Daniel 6).

And yet, when Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that foretold his downfall, Daniel does not cheer the chastening of a murderous tyrant with delusions of godhood. He says, in effect, would that your dream fell on your enemies instead of you! How many years had it been since Israel had been Nebuchadnezzar's enemy, falling before him in war? Yet Daniel could love Nebuchadnezzar.

No doubt Daniel longed for Israel's captivity to end, for the walls and temple of Jerusalem to be rebuilt. But in that time of Israel's punishment, foretold by Israel's prophets, Daniel put his head down and served an evil king, even wishing that king be spared trouble.

Trusting that the times and the seasons are God's, that He will lift up the humble and bring down the mighty, allows us to live with hope and faithful service to our neighbor. As Daniel explains Nebuchadnezzar's fearful dream, the king comes to know he will be humbled, humiliated even. But repentance will lead to mercy and restoration. What was true for Israel as a nation would be true for Nebuchadnezzar as a man. It is true for all generations. When humbled, we can turn to the Lord in hope and faith and He will raise us up at the right time.

Daniel 4 repeats this theme: "the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will" (4:25, 32). As the chapter closes, even Nebuchadnezzar confesses, "All the works [of the King of Heaven] are right and His ways are just; and those who walk in pride He is able to humble" (Daniel 4:37). Did Daniel's gracious, faithful service help inspire the least expected Gentile to believe and be saved?

In this vein, our Advent theme this year will center around waiting for the Lord. The Psalms, Prov-

erbs, and Isaiah all use this phrase exactly, "Wait for the Lord" (Ps 27:14, Pr 20:22, Is 40:31). Even more widespread in the Bible than the exact phrase is the concept, reaching from Abraham and Sarah waiting for Isaac's birth to the church's waiting for the return of Jesus.

We will ask in Wednesday vespers and daily Advent devotions, how do we wait for the Lord? How does our hope lift us while our hearts cry, "How long, O Lord?" We will see His faithfulness, inspiring our faith. We will know the coming kingdom. I pray you join us in the Advent hope: "Come Lord Jesus!"

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

2020 STOCKING STUFFER PROJECT

STUFFING STOCKINGS-

Please Join Us : Tuesday December 08, 10:00-
Noon Boxed Lunches will be available:
Grace Lutheran Church
1787 Klerner Ln, New Albany

ITEMS NEEDED: Small toys (McDonalds are fine), COLORING BOOKS, Small Stuffed Animals, Candy Bars, Candy Canes, Mittens/Gloves, Hats, Children's personal care items, Socks, Hair decorations, Card games, Baseball Cards, Crafts/Art, Games, Stickers, Small cars/trucks, Small school supplies, Dolls, Jewelry, Playdough, Books, Christian items. Anything that will fit in a Christmas stocking. Please no gum, play guns, or anything that would encourage violence.

Stockings will be given to children visiting an incarcerated parent during the holidays, children in youth shelters and other children needing help and support.

Note to Thrivent Members: If your church has a collection for this, it could be a Thrivent Project. Contact Dolly Jenkins at 812-989-3093

HANGING OF THE GREENS: NOVEMBER 29

Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 29, following the Divine Service. Volunteers are needed to help with the decorations. For more information please see Rita Whitehouse.

CELEBRATE BIRTH INGATHERING

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I propose we also celebrate the birth of other babies, specifically those helped by Shelbyville's ALC(A Loving Choice) Pregnancy Support Center and the mothers who choose to have their babies rather than abort. I will provide an in-gathering box where we can collect baby items for ALC to give the mothers as needed. Ideas would include, but are not limited to: receiving blankets, onesies, bath items, board books, baby toys, pacifiers, crib sheets, sleepers, wipes, outfits, etc. They are in particular need of larger size diapers (size 4,5,6) as they do not stop support at the newborn stage. I think it will be fun to shop for a baby as we remember that Jesus came to us as a babe in Bethlehem. She will soon have the table and drop box set up. The last date for donations will be Sunday, December 20. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kathy Adams



ADVENT SERVICES: DECEMBER 2,9,16

Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays at 7pm on December 2, 9, and 16.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held Thursday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Christmas Day service with communion will be at 10:00am Friday, December 25th.



Celebrations in November

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Sam Adams
- 5- Flo Penfold
- 6- Nathaniel Guagenti
- 7- Austin Yaroma
- 9- Kevin McKinley
- 11- Matthew Jager
- 13- Michael Rutledge
- 14- Hannah Guagenti
- 14- Roxana Pontius
- 18- John Skellie
- 25- John Feole
- 27- Alex VanPelt
- 29- Carol Spreitzer
- 30- Lindsey Runner

VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Harlan Joseph, a longtime member of Holy Cross, passed away on October 6, 2020. He is survived by his daughter Sherry and son Scott. May our risen Lord comfort those who mourn.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25



FLAG RAISING

Will be a flag raising ceremony at Holy Cross on Wednesday, November 11th. Time to be determined.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays at 7 PM we have a 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Sunday School packets are available for anyone interested. These packets 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. The packets are located on the credenza at the front entrance of the church.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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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

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Camp changes lives. We need your help to sustain this life-changing ministry. We have weathered many storms in our 55 years of existence, but this pandemic has been crippling. Due to the cancellation of summer camp programs and group rentals, we have seen a loss of income nearing \$800,000. We have cut expenses wherever possible, but we need additional assistance in order to help preserve this ministry for future generations. Our goal is to generate \$400,000 of income by the end of the year. This will help sustain us until summer 2021. For more information and to find out how you can donate and/or take action, visit lakeview.camp/storm. Please help us weather this storm and continue to be a place for people to connect, grow in faith, and spend incredible time in God's creation for years to come.

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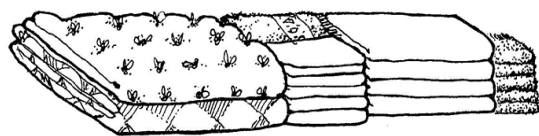
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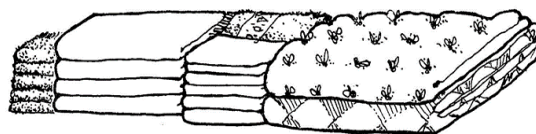
SHARE THE WARMTH!

Redeemer Lutheran Church is sponsoring a
BLANKET GIVE AWAY
in conjunction with the Food Pantry.

YOU CAN HELP!

Please deliver your donation of
NEW blankets, quilts, and/or throws to
Redeemer Lutheran Church
3640 River Park Drive
Louisville, KY 40211

Items are needed by Monday, December 7th.
Questions? Call the Church Office at 502-776-5945.



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(See Psalm 100)

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HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE
WERE THANKFUL?

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- Your congregations first two operating rules are "Don't change" and "Don't Spend."
- At Thanksgiving you serve lutefisk and try to convince your kids it's really a turkey.

LIFE QUOTES

"Maybe you enjoy showing hospitality to others, whether at home or as part of a joint effort at church. Perhaps you invite people who are lonely or people who are hungry or homeless or far away from home. Perhaps you are reaching out to refugees or to international students. Perhaps you take a casserole to a family with a new baby or buy toothpaste and toilet paper for the local homeless shelter. If so, you are showing hospitality to Jesus. What an honor to be able to do so!"

*Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries –
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KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Shepherd Prophet

What prophet of the Old Testament was a herdsman from the village of Tekoa?

Look for the answer in the December's Newsletter
October's answer: Ezekiel (see Ezek. 37:1-4)



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
November 1	n/a	n/a	Corrie Brian	Charlie Powell	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Jennifer Dillard
November 8	n/a	n/a	Rebecca Spreitzer	Greg Rutledge	Roxanne Pontius Guagenti family	n/a	No Communion
November 15	n/a	n/a	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Dave Pontius Don Williams	n/a	Brenda Moody Jennifer Dillard
November 22	n/a	n/a	Don Saltzman	Bob Myers	Charlie Adams	n/a	No Communion
November 29	n/a	n/a	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	n/a	Jennifer Harrod Jennifer Dillard
December 6	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Sandy Runner	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Nancy Guagenti

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Voter's Meeting
September 20, 2020

The Church Voters' meeting was called to order by President John Feole.

John led the prayer for our meeting.

Attendance: John Feole, Pastor D. Guagenti, Rita Whitehouse, Nancy Kovach, Lori Franke, David Franke, Karen Hite, Alena Guagenti, Don Saltzman, Donna Saltzman, Brenda Moody, Charlie Moody, Dave Themer, Cindy Alvano, Jason Van Evera, Kathy Rice, Greg Rutledge, and Bob Myers.

Minutes were reviewed. Jason moved to accept the minutes as written. Rita Seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report– Above budget. Motion by Bob and seconded by Cindy to accept the report. Motion carried.

Board reports-

Education: No current report.

Elders: No current report.

Evangelism: No current report.

Fellowship: No current report.

Stewardship: No current report.

Trustee: Have received two bids for the alarm system. Waiting for others. Information on tent rental/purchase was emailed to council members, received a bid for parking lot resealing, ongoing maintenance on lawn equipment, burglar and fire alarms are outdated and need to be replaced to work properly. New noisemakers in the attic have been installed to scare away the racoons, old shed has been moved in preparation for the new building, mice bait stations have been put in shed, trees have been trimmed and one removed, trimming around the building is planned for Fall, lights and fire extinguishers checked by Simplex Grinnel. Registering church for Rural King's church week for 2021.

Youth No current report.

Pastor: Having some problems with the internet, may need better quality. Ephesians will be the next Bible study. Sermons mailed to the shut-ins, private communions being offered, visits being made to Harlan Joseph. Elijah Smith and Max Semeniuk were confirmed September 20, 2020. In person confirmation classes for Eden Guagenti and Zoe Shreve began on September 16, 2020. Rev. David Tannahill will fill in for Pastor on October 4, 2020.

Old business: On going are background checks, status on the storage shed, security.

Dave moved and Jason seconded John's recommendation that we extend the waste management contract. It will be a 3 year contract for one container. Motion carried.

New Business: Continued discussion about keeping the van or selling it. A letter will be sent to each church member regarding the van so that all will have a chance to voice an opinion. During the December Voters' meeting we will vote on the matter. In the mean time Bob will take the van to the Ford

dealership to get an estimate on its value. Might also find out if we could get a reduced insurance rate since the van is not currently being used.

Noted that we need to keep an eye on the roof for repairs and to plan to have it replaced.

Also some of the soffits need repair. Asking that we consider increasing our giving to cover this.

We are beginning to get some of the newer members signing the voting memberships forms.

Next council meeting– October 4, 2020. Think about new budget and upcoming election of officers.

Next Voters' meeting– December 13, 2020.

Dave moved and Nancy seconded that we close the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Nancy W. Kovach

UPCOMING VOTERS' MEETING

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 to John Feole or Pastor Guagenti at:

gofastfalcon@gmail.com

pastor@holycrosslutheran-ky.org

Thank you,

John

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SAINTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rev. 7:9-17; ▪ Ps. 149; ▪ 1 John 3:1-3; ▪ Matt. 5:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 8:24-36; ▪ Ps. 115; ▪ 1 Peter 1:13-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 9:1-15; ▪ Ps. 116; ▪ 1 Peter 2:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 10:1-17; ▪ Ps. 117; ▪ 1 Peter 2:13-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 10:18-44; ▪ Ps. 118; ▪ 1 Peter 3:1-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 1:1-2:16; ▪ Ps. 119:1-8; ▪ 1 Peter 3:8-22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 2:17-45; ▪ Ps. 119:9-16; ▪ 1 Peter 4:1-19
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ADVENT BEGINS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is. 64:1-9; ▪ Ps. 80; ▪ 1 Cor. 1:3-9; ▪ Mark 13:24-37 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 7:5-65; ▪ Ps. 121; ▪ Rev. 2:8-11 					



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