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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!

“Sloths are my spirit animal,” the t-shirt reads, joining a growing menagerie of sloth-centric merchandise available everywhere. Sloths have become so popular that Quaker has developed children’s energy bars with a cartoon sloth on the cover. I’m not sure anyone before had connected an animal known for sleeping and moving ponderously with getting your midday energy back, but sloths are popular enough, so I guess it works.

Similarly, research on human health has discovered an initially surprising link: you might lose weight if you sleep more. We naturally connect staying up late with “burning the midnight oil,” being active. It turns out that insufficient sleep harms the body in a number of ways, including weight gain. Our bodies are made to enjoy regular rest.

Psalm 127:2 says, “It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.” In the Wisdom literature of the Bible, foolishness and vanity are hand and glove. Our prideful overreach, grasping for more than we were made to be, leads us into choices that are bad for us and our neighbors. In Psalm 127’s teaching, pride leads to trying to exceed our natural limitations, taking up unnecessary burdens of worry. “Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

See, it’s not just the body that needs rest. In Psalm 127, God’s gift of sleep is contrasted with “the bread of anxious toil.” We think of families who never settle to eat together at the table, always grazing on-the-go. Our required rest includes sitting at table with family. It includes hearing how God provides. It includes prayer to give burdens back to God. What we do on Sundays at church is all about God’s gifts of rest in Him.

Luther’s *Small Catechism* recognized this gift of rest in the explanation of the commandment, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” What does this mean? “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” Sabbath rest is reposing in God’s Word, taking communion with the brothers and the sisters, praying, and receiving Christ’s gifts (Hebrews 4:1-13).

I often hear, “I just get through the week better when I’ve been to church.” It’s true. It’s true in the same way that we get through the day better when we’ve had a solid eight hours of sleep. It’s true because we’re made to rest. Our entire beings find rest in the God of all grace.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



## Celebrations in June

### *Birthdays*

4- CHARLIE SCHUFER  
8- BRITTANY FRERKING  
9- TODD WIGGEN  
11- CHARLIE MOODY  
11- MERRIE FEOLE  
16- JESSICA ASH  
16- LORIE RUSCH  
18- KATHY ADAMS  
18- DEBORA LEE  
22- ELLIOTT GARRETT  
24- THERESA TIPPETT  
26- ANDY GUAGENTI  
30- JEFF HILBERT

### *Anniversaries*

1- DAVE & ANITA THEMER (1991)  
15- KELSEY & TYLER CARTON (2019)  
19- JEREMY & DANIELLE BOTKINS (2010)  
20- CARL & TAMMY CLARK (1981)  
22- MIKE & JENNIFER HARROD (2002)

### **VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD**

Wayne Neel, a former member of Holy Cross, passed away on May 7, 2021 and Ann Barney, a founding member of Holy Cross, passed away on May 13, 2021. 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*



## Celebrations in July

### *Birthdays*

3- BILL CHAPMAN  
3- MATTHEW RUTLEDGE  
4- AMYE GARRETT  
6- SANDY RUNNER  
8- CASEY JAGER  
10- TIMMOTHY MCCARTY  
13- AARON FRANKE  
14- CHARLES MOODY III  
15- MAELYN BOTKINS  
15- JEREMY BOTKINS  
15- JOSHUA BOTKINS  
15- DAVE THEMER  
21- BRENNY BOTKINS  
21- COLESYN BOTKINS  
22- FRED WILBUR  
25- SHONTELLE ADAMS  
28- LETHA BUTTS  
29- SERENE LOPPNOW

### *Anniversaries*

15- DAVID & DEBRA CONDER (1995)  
20- PASTOR DANIEL & ALENA GUAGENTI (2002)  
25- PASTOR HENRY & SERENE LOPPNOW (1959)  
27- ALEX & JANINE SHREVE (2002)

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

Adult Bible Study will cover Zechariah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the exile. Join us at 9:45am.



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————— Mother's Day to Father's Day —————

### BOOK CLUB & PROGRESSIVE DINNER UPDATE

Alleluia and blessings to all! It is wonderful to be back with one another at church, and since we are now able to gather again, with guidelines in place, we are seeking interested parties for a regrouping of Holy Cross Lutheran's book club. Since social distancing is still encouraged, and we generally attempt to share a meal, I had put forth the idea of a picnic-type of lunch, perhaps under the covered portion of the driveway out front. For our initial meeting, I would request that members come prepared to nominate books. This does not mean you need to give us a book report; rather, convince us that your book is the one we should read!! We keep a multitude of possibilities on our reading list, and you are free to read as many of them as you like. Please email Shelah Shreve at [sesme@bellsouth.net](mailto:sesme@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in attending a book club meeting, and we will prepare from there!



Likewise, we had intended to finally have another go at a Progressive Dinner, and had this planned for March 22<sup>nd</sup> of last year. Unfortunately, our plans were derailed by COVID lockdowns. There is still a keen interest in this endeavor, which takes us into the homes of families from our church, who have volunteered to host, and share different courses of a dinner meal. We could, if enough yard space is available, do this more as a Progressive Picnic/BBQ/Backyard dinner, weather permitting. First, I will need volunteer families to offer up their homes and/or yard spaces for church members to gather. You will also need to be willing to prepare and serve (don't worry, Lutherans love to help!) one course of our progressive meal. If you have an interest in offering up your home and culinary skills, please contact Shelah Shreve at [sesme@bellsouth.net](mailto:sesme@bellsouth.net). If it is easier for you to text or call, my number is 502-640-4293.



May the peace of the Lord be with us all! ☺

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On May 23, 2021, Andrew Isaac Guagenti made public confession of his faith, reaffirmed his baptismal vows through the rite of confirmation and became a communicant member of Holy Cross.



Keep Isaac in your prayers that he and we remain faithful to the vows he made and to the Lord who has blessed him with the gift of eternal life.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT: JUNE 15

LADIES NIGHT OUT IS BACK (with a few changes.) We decided since several ladies do not drive at night any longer that we will change it to LADIES LUNCH OUT. We have picked the third Tuesday of the month as our day to get together.

Our first lunch out will be June 15. We will meet at church at 11:00 and carpool to Cunningham's Creekside on Harrod's Creek. If you plan to go please let me know. You may text me or call me at 751-4303. If I am unavailable you may leave a message. The ladies are looking forward to getting back on schedule with the lunches. Rita Whitehouse



### EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### HOLY CROSS NEWS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church voter's meeting will be held in person on June 13, 2021 following the Divine Service. The agenda and previous meeting minutes will be posted to the church website under 'ABOUT US' pull-down menu, 'CONSTITUTION' tab several weeks prior. The major agenda items will include updates to church roof, soffit repair van sale/proceeds, and board reports. Council will be starting the budget process for fy 2022. please plan accordingly. Please plan on attending the meeting.

Thank you, John Feole, President

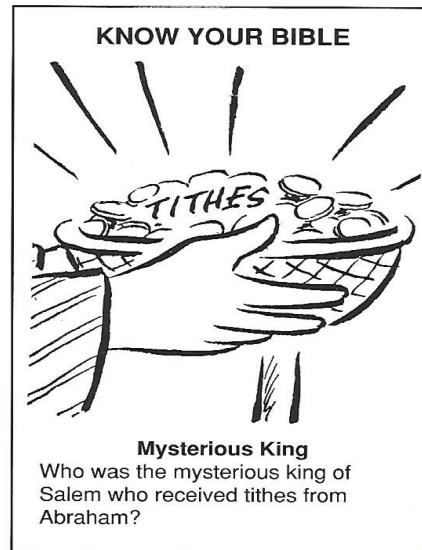
### LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

LHM 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. **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sundays at 9am on 102.7FM. For more information, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) (<http://www.lhm.org>) or call 1-800-876-9880.

### LIFE QUOTES

"The creation of the world and its government is the work of the Lord, and it is not in His declared plan that man will destroy it. The fright peddlers are giving too much power to man. It is God's power they need to recognize, not man's. If man is the basic power, then the answers must come from man, but if God is the sovereign power, then the answers must come from God, and none other. God has provided the answers, and they are in His Word. Our problem is that men pay no attention to them."

*R. J. Rushdoony, author and theologian –  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



Look for the answer in the August Newsletter  
May's Answer: Methuselah (see Gen. 5:25-27)

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Week of	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers	Cleaning	Nursery	Altar Guild	Mowing
June 6	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Franke family	n/a	Jennifer Harrod Rita Whitehouse	David Franke Max Themer June 9-12
June 13	n/a	n/a	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Sandy Runner	n/a	No Communion	Alex VanPelt Mike Carlson June 16-19
June 20	n/a	n/a	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	n/a	Brenda Moody Nancy Guagenti	Rick Spreitzer Charlie Schufer June 23-26
June 27	n/a	n/a	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	n/a	No Communion	Dave Pontius Jack Bink June 30– Jul 3
July 4	n/a	n/a	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Roxanne Pontius Guagenti family	n/a	Rita Whitehouse Cindy Alvaro	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman July 7-10
July 11	n/a	n/a	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Dave Pontius Don Williams	n/a	No Communion	John Feole Steve Rusch July 14-17
July 18	n/a	n/a	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Charlie Adams	n/a	Jennifer Harrod Cindy Alvaro	Greg Rutledge Pastor Guagenti July 21-24
July 25	n/a	n/a	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Franke family	n/a	No Communion	David Franke Max Themer July 28-31

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

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**  
**Newsletter Article – June 2021**

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

**YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...**

- You win \$10 million in the lottery and decide to throw a party and money is no object, so you advertise in the church bulletin, rent the parish hall, and ask all of your friends to bring a side dish or salad.
- Every time something changes, the old one was better.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

The link for our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyEYS2vyKx1PLc45wHJcJnw/videos>



## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

**HAPPY  
Father's  
Day!**

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 Beloved Son  
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 Christ  
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 Cornerstone  
 Counselor  
 Day Star  
 Deliverer

Door  
 Emmanuel  
 Everlasting  
 Faithful and True  
 First and Last  
 Forerunner  
 Foundation  
 Governor  
 Head  
 High Priest  
 Holy and Just One  
 Horn of Salvation  
 I AM  
 Jesus  
 Judge  
 King  
 King of Kings  
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
 Life  
 Light  
 Lion of Judah  
 Lord  
 Lord of Lords  
 Master  
 Mediator  
 Messiah  
 Mighty God  
 Morning Star  
 Nazarene  
 Only Begotten Son  
 Passover  
 Priest  
 Prince of Peace  
 Prophet  
 Redeemer

Resurrection  
 Rock  
 Savior  
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 Son of David  
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Blessed is   
the nation  
whose God  
is the LORD.

*Psalm 33:12*