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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.

The way we do something often impacts what it means to us. Many husbands clumsily insist on carrying their wife over the doorstep of their first home. How many knocked heads could we avoid if we just said, "It's nice that this is ours together, you first"? But plain-spoken words often do not compare to romantic gestures. The way we do things impacts meaning.

During the past year and a half, we have changed the way we do some things. When we heard from the congregation that doing communion the way we did before was a concern, we considered changes. Holy Cross' elders, pastor, and retired pastor, consulted with other churches, prayed, discussed and repeated those steps several times. We wanted the way we practiced communion to match our understanding of God's gracious presence.

We did not think nearly so much about the way we give offerings. We have moved the offering plates close to the door and people can drop an envelope when they enter or leave. Today, I want to reconsider what we are doing when we give offerings.

We can read about some of the first church offerings in Acts. "Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet and it was distributed to each as any had need." (Acts 2:32-35)

The way the first church gave emphasized their unity, their care for one another, and that their generosity was directly connected to the good news the apostles preached about Jesus. This is like carrying the bride over the door, no heads bumped, with a flourish, a kiss, and sticking the landing.

Later in 2 Corinthians, Paul spoke to those whose giving was not nearly so free and easy. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver." (9:6-7)

To Corinth, Paul recognizes that giving can be like planting, letting something go in the hopes that it will bring back something better. That hope should motivate giving that is cheerful. For others, there

remains fear that rains will wash out the crops and the offering will be only lost resources. Paul's analogy of the farmer recognizes the reluctance but encourages faithful planting. The only way to reap bountifully is to sow bountifully. Certainly that first church was able to be so generous to the needy because they lived on the banks of a free flowing generosity from all members together.

When we give space for offerings in a normal church service with music and the passing of plates, it encourages us to think about what we're doing, to pray about these gifts, to offer to God while others are also offering. It is meant to be worship we do together.

No doubt, some of us are still praying and recognizing our teamwork while dropping a gift in at the door. But there is also a temptation to lose some of the meaning or some of the beauty.

I urge you to recapture that meaning and beauty in your prayers. I heard from one member who gives electronically, he still puts in an envelope precisely to keep the experience of being a part of our giving together, to remind himself why and to Whom he is giving.

For we can only give cheerfully when we remember "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). God's offering to us was His only begotten Son. We are freed to live generously. Why? We trust the God who wouldn't hold back His Son, will never hold back what we need. He is faithful in giving our daily bread. Indeed, on the Last Day, the Bridegroom Christ Jesus will carry His church over the threshold of heaven and say, "In my Father's House are many rooms," welcome home!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

REFORMATION SERVICE: OCTOBER 31

The joint Louisville LCMS Reformation Service will be held on October 31, 3pm at Grace Lutheran Church in New Albany IN. Anthems will be sung by Sundanese from Resurrection Church and Congolese from Faith Lutheran Church. Sermon will be by Pastor Charles St-Onge <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/stonge> who coordinates mission work in the Caribbean and Latin America while also serving a congregation in Montreal.



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
- 11- Zoe Shreve
- 13- Don Saltzman
- 13- Michael Rutledge
- 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

VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Carl Clark, member of Holy Cross, passed away on August 20, 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

BOOMERS, BETTERS, AND GEN XERS (AND ANYONE FREE DURING THE DAY)!

Our organizational meeting will be October 6 (Wednesday) at 10:30 am. We want to decide what time and how often to meet, what types of service projects we could do, topics of concern, etc. Pastor Andy has offered to lead a devotional to begin our meeting. Please come with your thoughts and suggestions. Peace to all, Charlie Moody.

Thanks, Charlie (502) 532-1172

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 9:45AM

For the next four to six weeks on Sunday mornings, we'll be looking at how the church of the apostles maintained a unified view of truth while bringing in peoples from very different cultures, classes, and lifestyles. In a world that tells us "you do you" and "live your truth" we see something very different, a full truth that builds up community, a Spirit that fosters love and grace. "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" is literally for everyone. Join us! We're also experimenting with recording Bible studies for people to listen to. If you're interested, let us know.



COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 17

Council meeting Sunday, October 17, 2021 following the Divine Service. Important agenda items are van proceeds and annual budget. Please plan on attending this important event.

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES EMPLOYMENT

Lakeview Ministries is in search of their next Director of Operations to join the incredible team already in place. They are seeking a strong leader to supervise the staff at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages and lead all aspects of the summer camp and retreat season programming. This is a year round, full time position with competitive salary and full benefits. To view the job description and submit a resume, visit www.lakeview.camp/work



LIFE QUOTES

"Life ministry is about walking together, bearing one another's burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her 'busy' preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ's Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!" *Deaconess Rachel Geraci, former Mission and Ministry Director for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For*



KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Go to Nineveh

What prophet of the Old Testament was commanded by God, "Arise, go to Nineveh"?

Look for the answer in the November's Newsletter
September's answer: Ezekiel (see Ezekiel 37:1-4)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR	MOWING
October 3	Zoe Shreve	Jeff Wilson	Cindy Alvano	John Feole	Theresa T. Jennifer H.	Merrie Feole	Rite Whitehouse Cindy Alvano	Dave Pontius Jack Bink Oct 6-9
October 10	Eden Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Don Saltzman	Bob Myers	Roxanne P. Guagenti's	Anita Themer	No Communion	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman
October 17	Brenyn Botkins	David Themer	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Dave Pontius Don Saltzman	Suzanne Rutledge	Rita Whitehouse Cindy Alvano	John Feole Steve Rusch Oct 20-23
October 24	Gabriel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Charlie Adams	Danielle Themer	No Communion	Thank you Mowers!
October 31	Zoe Shreve	Jeff Wilson	Corie Brian	Greg Rutledge	Franke family	Brenda Moody	Brenda Moody Cindy Alvano	

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

HELLO FRIENDS OF LAKEVIEW

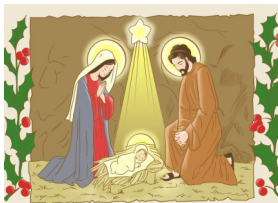
We are planning another great year for Bethlehem Boulevard, taking place on the evenings of December 4th and 5th, but we can't do it without your help! We are most in need of individuals and families who are willing to dress up and (not speak lines) pantomime various parts of the Christmas story for people to view as they drive by in their cars. We also need people to help with traffic, carolers, people to bake treats, and some seamstresses willing to sew some simple costumes. This is a wonderful way to partake with us in furthering the ministry of Lakeview Springs and sharing the good news of Christ in Advent. We can't advertise until we get our volunteers lined up, so if you have any interest in helping, or any questions, please email Jose at jose@lakeviewministries.camp or call 910-803-1098.

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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>

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- You can't have a meeting without having a meal.
- Sharing the peace during the service takes more time than the sermon.

KFUO.ORG RADIO

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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries 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. LHM's flagship program **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sundays at 9am on 102.7FM. For information, visit www.lhm.org (<http://www.lhm.org>)

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RIDE, AND PROVE YOURSELF RESPONSIBLE
WE CAN DISCUSS MOVING UP TO A CAMEL
... HAPPY SIXTEENTH, BUD

VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2021

Attending: Greg and Suzanne Rutledge, Donna and Don Saltzman, Rita Whitehouse, Lori and Dave Franke, Charlie Adams, Rob Myers, Brenda and Charlie Moody, Nancy Kovach, John and Merrie Feole, Pastor and Alena Guagenti

Previous meeting notes: Zoe Shreve's name was spelled incorrectly.

Motion to accept meeting notes: Bob Myers

Second: Merrie Feole

Vote: all yes

Treasurer's Report: assets are down \$11K since this time last year largely due to soffit and roof repairs

Budget vs. Actual-item 8374 roof/soffit - approved for \$7K loan for soffit repair, not in income yet

Bob Myers-loan is a liability vs. being income

Motion to accept report: Dave Franke

Second: Bob Myers

Vote: all yes

Roof/soffit: total approximately \$25K, \$20K from insurance check, \$5K from money from state for road widening/front bank and from contingency fund

Soffit is almost done, roofers used chicken wire to prevent entry of raccoons and other pests

Front gable-currently exposed, gutters will be added to prevent damage to brick and mortar from rain water

Funds all around-\$7K loan and insurance money

\$7K loan payment = \$80-100/month

\$15K Line of Credit-approved, for emergencies only

Tithes since January have been down

Board Reports

No reports for:

Education

Elders

Evangelism (including Grace Happens)

Fellowship

Stewardship

Trustees (from 6/13 agenda): The internet at church is slow on streaming the church services. I checked with AT&T to see if there was a problem with the modem/router. The current service is working properly. They said this has been a common problem with churches, schools, etc. that are now streaming content. We currently have 6 mH on downloading and 1mH on uploading. In order to upload efficiently, it needs to be at least 3 mH.) They have a new broadband wireless router that is available that would have the download upload speed at 8 for 88.34 per month including the 8.34 monthly charge for the wireless router. We currently pay 30.00 a month for the internet. I am including this in the notes in case we are interested in the future. The cost may go down as times goes on.

Pastor: we are working to get back to normal.

Less people attending since we're back to normal, due largely to summer travels

Not sure if people aren't around due to back to normal

VBS-no preparations so far

Idea-1-day, end of summer, on a Saturday-more volunteers should be available

Max and Danielle are responsible for both VBS and Sunday school

Let them know if you can help

Lutheran church said no in-person VBS

Louisville Federation of churches-we could get a grant, as well as Thrivent

Bob Myers-there are two bins of VBS materials in front right closet

Van Sale: where will proceeds go? - go into designated van fund

Greg Rutledge-why would we need van fund ongoing?

Merrie Feole-van fund would be used for future van rental for events

Pastor/Greg: Suzanne said \$10K asking based on online research

Older model with less features-appreciation (vs. depreciation)

Charlie Adams: we need to remove our name before selling it

John Feole: removing name would help marketing, he will check locally to see who can remove

John Feole-carry van discussion to next meeting

New idea-gazebo roof: insurance adjuster-gave us some funds for it

Trees near gazebo need trimmed or remove to protect it

Quote-\$1K for labor (roofing contractor)

They suggest we buy shingles; they'll provide all other materials

\$1,500 total quote

No voter's vote needed because amount is so small; informing voters of details

Donations received thus far cover half of the cost

Charlie Moody-recent update to computer, updated to recommended settings, just FYI

Next Council meeting- July 18th

Next Voter's meeting- September 19th

We are now signed up to participate in AmazonSmile, which enables .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to be given to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. To do this, start at smile.amazon.com.



The former Holy
Cross Van has a
new mission

Faith Lutheran
Church
Pastor Stebbins
and
members

We Need Trunks!

Holy Cross will be having a "Trunk or Treat" event on October 30 from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Decorate your trunks and hand out candy to the trick or treaters. This WILL NOT be canceled. However, the event might be changed somewhat in the event of bad weather.



Thanks to Corrie, Suzanne, Jennifer, and Dave Themer for a spotless playground!! They sprayed, scraped, dug and pulled weeds so our youth can have more fun.



“From Fear to Faith” John 8: 31-32

LWML Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Our Savior Louisville

9:30 am to 1:15 pm

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

Fee: \$10

Speaker: Dr. Karen Krigger,

Dr. Krigger is a family physician at
U of L and member of Redeemer.

She will speak on the
Redeemer Wellness Outreach Ministry.

Ingathering: New or slightly used throws
and blankets for Redeemer's
Throw/Blanket Give Away



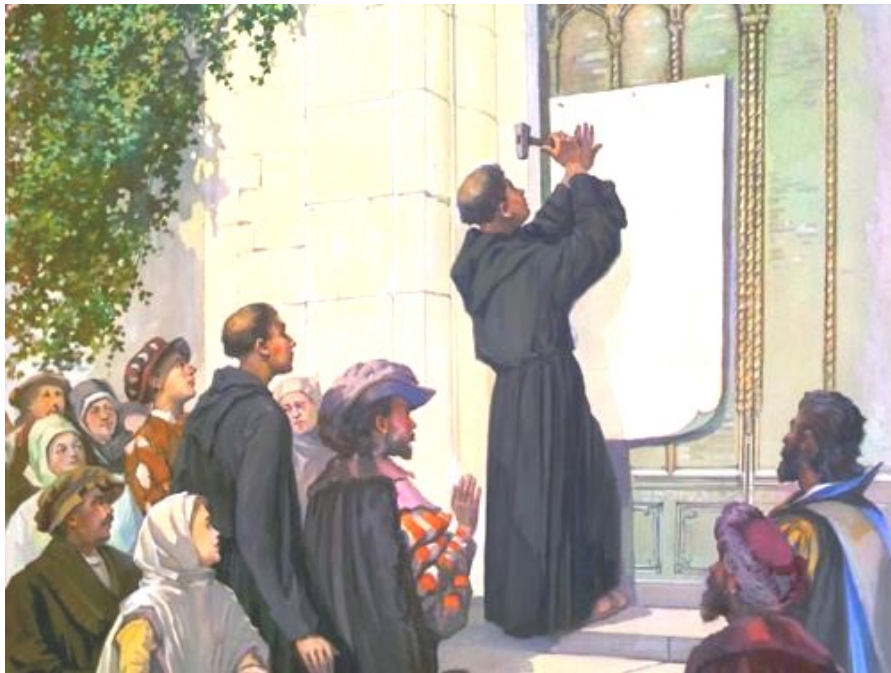


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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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Reformation Day
Sunday, October 31