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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!

“So all Israel went to their tents” (1 Chronicles 10:16). After the wealth and glory of the monarchies of David and Solomon, when the people of Israel went home, they went to tents. David, we remember, made a point of building a stationery palace for the king, then beginning the work of a stationery temple. “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent” (2 Samuel 7:2). The people of Israel, it appears, took much longer to “put down roots.”

The difference between a house and a tent is everything you cannot carry. People who carry their tent-homes on their backs think carefully about every ounce that comes for the journey. A cast-iron griddle is wonderful in a kitchen, but only makes sense at a campfire if you drove there. When you live in a tent, you know what you have. A house lets you collect things you forget you have.

In 2 Kings 22, renovations to the stationery temple led to the corners being cleaned, the dust cleared away, and a lost artifact being rediscovered. The book of the Law- Moses’ teachings- were found. It was like the Reformation of the 16th century AD.

How can you lose the Bible? I like to imagine those first generations of priests who put that book in the corner did so because they knew it so well. They had the book in their minds and hearts and didn’t think they needed to check it. But Deuteronomy had insisted we not just know it:

“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.” (11:18-23)

However it happened, eventually one generation forgot the book was there. Do we blame stationery houses? No. There is a difference, all the same, between a culture of tent-carriers and those who are comfortable in this world.

The book of Hebrews is getting at this in the passages we have been hearing over the past weeks on Sundays. Hebrews 11 describes the great heroes of faith, saying they “acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth” (11:14). In other words, they weren’t satisfied with what they had on earth. They hadn’t made permanent homes here. They were looking for something better to come.

Describing that tent-dweller attitude, Hebrews encourages us: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our

faith” (12:1-2). This always reminds me of accounts from through-hikers, who plan long journeys living by what they carry on their backs. They always overpack and start leaving things behind they’d rather not carry. The tent-dweller, the exile, knows what is worth its weight.

We’re not talking about cleaning our houses. “Lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely.” We’re talking about cleaning our hearts. Is that entertainment news I watch worth the weight of wrathfulness and resentment? Are those tv shows worth the weight of lust? Are those grudges I carry worth the numbness to mercy’s freedom? What is holding me back from running this marathon? It is time to clean out the dusty corners and find the treasure of God’s Word.

For the Biblical tent-dweller, the faithful exile, is not just living a simple life. The great cloud of witnesses lived the hopeful life. They looked ahead to foundations which could not be shaken, to eternal life in the house of God. We look to Jesus, the builder and the architect, because old King David was wrong. David didn’t need to build a house for God. God builds the house for us. Jesus lived the perfect life in the tent of this body, died for us, and rose again, vindicating hope forevermore.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



**FAREWELL  
&  
GOD  
BLESS**



On July 31st we said farewell to Bob Myers. Bob, a dedicated member of Holy Cross and retired Army veteran, Bob was an asset here at Holy Cross. He helped us in many different ways from taking care of our recycling, to keeping our rooms and closets organized, to assisting with driving members to church and many other odd jobs around the church.

We pray Bob will be blessed in his new home in Missouri. We will truly miss him!



### BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Terry Conder
- 2- A. Isaac Guagenti
- 2- Colleen Skellie
- 7- Pastor Guagenti
- 8- Nancy Guagenti
- 12- Rita Whitehouse
- 14- Jason VanEvera
- 15- Jeff Wilson
- 16- Branden Nelson
- 16- Ricky Spreitzer
- 18- Alexander Lee
- 18- Skylar Branson
- 19- Lori Franke
- 19- Sandy Jager
- 21- Elijah Smith
- 22- Richard Spreitzer
- 29- Maxwell Themer
- 29- Mary Carnes

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3- Bill & Judy Chapman, 1983
- 4- Fred & Debbie Wilbur, 1971
- 9- Don & Donna Saltzman 1992
- 9- Brian & Cathy Gehrman, 1994
- 18- Jim & Dottie Weed, 1953
- 28- Rick & Carol Spreitzer, 1991
- 29- Daniel & Ann Amyx, 2012

### VOTERS' MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11

We will have our quarterly voter's meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2022, following church service. All members are asked to attend.



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The Sunday morning adult class will be studying "God's Favorite Words." Each week, we will look at one of the top 100 words used most often throughout the Bible. How do we translate those words? How does their meaning develop through the Bible? Why is this word used so often?

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Hybrid Zoom-In-Person Bible Study Tackles Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians. Our hybrid Zoom class also meets at Pastor Andy and Nancy Guagenti's house. We are reading together some of Paul's earliest epistles, his two letters to the Thessalonica. Join us either in person or through the zoom link. We are looking at switching to Tuesdays or Thursdays and asking for feedback.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76255818359?pwd=WZl8ISH-i4wOMKxDe14gkulQchxkHe.1>

The Guagenti's address is 207 Old Spring Drive, Shelbyville. There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday, September 7.

### LUTHERANISM 101:

#### SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Lutheranism 101 covers the basics and history of the Bible, the church, Jesus' teachings and why Lutherans are Lutheran. We are going to start September 14 at 6:30 PM, but we're still open to feedback from anyone interested. Tell Pastor if you want in on Lutheranism 101.

### DAY-TIMERS: SEPTEMBER 7

Day-Timers will meet on Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30am. For more information please see Charlie Moody.

### CONFIRMATION: SEPTEMBER 14

Children 6th grade and up are eligible for Junior Confirmation. We study the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and talk through how to practice our faith. We plan to start classes September 14, at 5:30 PM.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who worked to make this year's Rally Day a very special event. Special thanks to Rita Whitehouse, Dave and Anita Themer, and Don Saltzman for your generous service and contributions!

## THRIVENT

Navigating the highs and lows of the market. Do you have the information you need to invest with greater confidence?

Join me on Thursday, September 8 at 11:30 am (CDT) for Thrivent's live Market and Economic Update with Thrivent Chief Investment Officer David Royal and a panel of Thrivent investment managers. Attend virtually to gain insights on the latest economic trends and market performance. Register online.

**Wendy Gonzales**

Financial Consultant

## ISSUES, ETC.

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.

## CANOE/KAYAK TRIP: SEPTEMBER 17

We plan to canoe September 17.

Where should we go this time?

Back to the Elkhorn in Frankfort or Floyd's Fork in Louisville? Or does anyone want to go down to Mammoth Cave or try the underground Red River Gorge tours?



## COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AND HEALTH FAIR—

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites you to join us on October 1 st from 10 am – 3 pm for a time of fun, prizes, fellowship, and many free health services. We are thrilled to have the Ron Jones Quartet and the River City Drum Corps in the afternoon. Also, free food and giveaways. 3640 River Park Drive, Louisville, KY. Hope to see you then!

## YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- You don't make eye contact when passing someone in the hall because you think it's impolite.
- In response to someone jumping up and shouting "Praise the Lord!", you politely remind him or her that we don't do that around here.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are looking for quarterly updates for prayer requests. We want to know when prayers are answered, when prayers need a new direction, and even when things are just going on as before. To keep any name that is on the prayer request list on for September, please send in a prayer request or update. You can email our church secretary Merrie at [secretary@holycrosslutheran-ky.org](mailto:secretary@holycrosslutheran-ky.org) or Alena running the prayer chain at [prayers@holycrosslutheran-ky.org](mailto:prayers@holycrosslutheran-ky.org) or pastor for any private prayer requests. There are also prayer request cards on the credenza that can be returned in the basket in the secretary's office.

## HOLY CROSS FOOD BOX

The food box in our driveway is the result of an idea from the Day-Timers group. This is an outreach to the community that all the members of Holy Cross can share and participate in.

Several have been very generous in stocking the box but we continue to need help. There is a list of items on the kitchen door that are suggestions for donations. Money donations, or if those of you who have the Thrivent card would like to share, that too would be appreciated.

Canned foods, cereal, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, puddings, etc. are all needed. As well as household items like dish detergent, and personal hygiene items such as soap tooth brushes, etc. This ministry is helping someone to eat better than they might have otherwise been able to do.

Thanks to all who are helping and we look forward to future donations. Day-Timers

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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NOAH HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ADMIRE THIS GUY'S DETERMINATION IN MOCKING HIM



### LIFE QUOTES

"Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!"

*Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutherans-forlife.org](http://lutherans-forlife.org)*

### KNOW YOUR BIBLE



#### What Happened?

What happened when Aaron stretched his rod over the streams of Egypt?

Look for the answer in the October's Newsletter  
August's Answer: Exodus 7-11

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
Sept 4	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Merrie Feole	Rita Whitehouse Roxanna Pontius	John Feole Dave Themer Sept 7-10
Sept 11	Brenyn Botkins	David Franke	Corrie Brian Zoe Shreve	Charlie Adams	Anita Themer	No Communion	Pastor Guagenti Max Themer Sept 14-17
Sept 18	Gabriel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Sandy Runner	Suzanne Rutledge	Brenda Moody Roxanna Pontius	Greg Rutledge Mike Boardman Sept 21-24
Sept 25	Zachary Semeniuk	David Themer	Don Saltzman Greg Rutledge	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Danielle Themer	No Communion	Robert Chesher Rick Spreitzer Sept 28-Oct 1
Oct 2	Nathaniel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Franke family	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Cindy Alvano	Mike Semeniuk Max Semeniuk Oct 5-8
Oct 9	Masyn Botkins	David Franke	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Anita Themer	No Communion	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman Oct 12-15

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



## ALC Kentucky, Pregnancy Resource Centers

711 Henry Clay Street  
Shelbyville, KY

368 N. Buckman  
Shepherdsville, KY

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1575 Shelbyville, KY 40066

August 4, 2022

Dear Pastor and Holy Cross Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you for your participation in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of faithful partners like you, **we've raised over \$50,000 with more than 50 churches participating.** We are overwhelmed by your support.

***Your church, along with your members, blessed ALC with coins, cash, and checks which contributed \$346.27 to the success of this campaign. Thank You!***

Your generous contribution to the ministry of ALC helps fulfill the mission of protecting the lives of unborn children and supporting and empowering women and families facing or having experienced a crisis pregnancy by sharing the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ. *This year we are particularly excited about launching a mentorship program with the funds you helped us raise.*

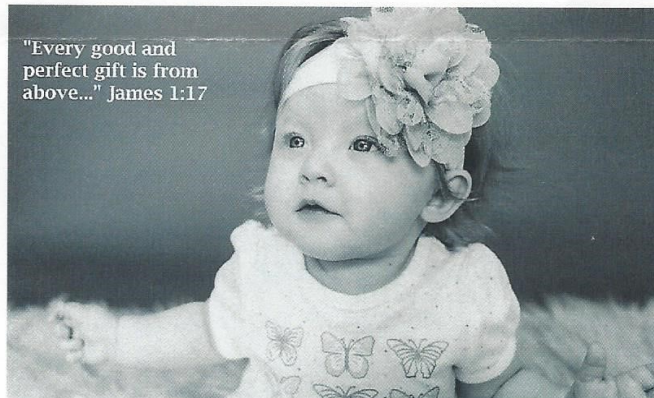
Thank you again for your prayer support and your financial gifts to ALC!

Blessings,

*Adrianne Marcum*

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"Every good and  
perfect gift is from  
above..." James 1:17



If more bottles are turned in to you, please let us know and we will be happy to pick them up and adjust your giving total. If you have empty bottles, we can pick those up as well to be used in next year's campaign.

# **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

### **Newsletter article – September 2022**

#### **What is Stewardship?**

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: “A manager.” That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner’s property on the owner’s behalf.

We are God’s stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God’s fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn’t belong to Him. “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13). So, let’s dive into the God’s Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [cms.org/stewardship](https://cms.org/stewardship)

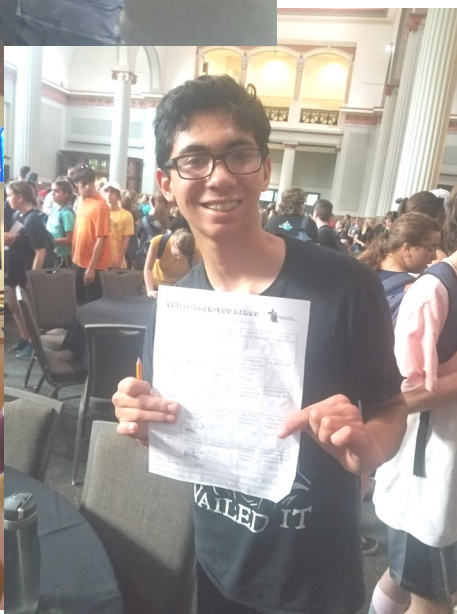


**RALLY DAY  
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2022**





**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2022**  
**ISAAC GUAGENTI MAX SEMENIUK, MIKE SEMENIUK, & PASTOR GUAGENTI**





# REFORMATION SERVICE

## Kentuckiana LCMS Celebration

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY



Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Joseph Ochola Omolo  
Archbishop of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in Kenya



Rev. Ochola Omolo is coming overseas to share the Gospel with us, as well as to strengthen the Swahili-speaking immigrants who gather at Faith Lutheran Church in Louisville.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is located at 8305 Nottingham Parkway, east of Oxmoor Center mall.

Refreshments will follow Divine Service.

# Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

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## Church Tithing and Endowments

### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

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A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Can I make a QCD?

While many IRAs are eligible for QCDs—Traditional, Rollover, Inherited, SEP (inactive plans only), and SIMPLE (inactive plans only)\* —there are requirements:

- You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.)
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.
- Contributing to an IRA may result in a reduction of the QCD amount you can deduct. (The aggregate amount of deductible IRA contributions you make to your IRA after you turn 70 1/2 will reduce the amount of the QCD that is not includible in your gross income.)

Any amount donated above your RMD does not count toward satisfying a future year's RMD.

Funds distributed directly to you, the IRA owner, and which you then give to charity do not qualify as a QCD.

Under certain circumstances, a QCD may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free. Consult a tax advisor to determine if making a QCD from a Roth is appropriate for your situation.

What kind of charities qualify?

The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Some charities do not qualify for QCDs:

- Private foundations
- Supporting organizations: i.e., charities carrying out exempt purposes by supporting other exempt organizations, usually other public charities
- Donor-advised funds, which public charities manage on behalf of organizations, families, or individuals

Tax reporting

A QCD is reported as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. Itemization is not required to make a QCD. While the QCD amount is not taxed, you may not then claim the distribution as a charitable tax deduction.

A QCD is not subject to withholding. State tax rules may vary, so for guidance, consult a tax advisor.

When making a QCD, you must receive the same type of acknowledgement of the donation that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

A tax advisor can help you determine if both your IRA and charity qualify for QCDs.

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\* Per the IRS, a SEP or SIMPLE IRA is considered active if it has been maintained under an employer arrangement under which an employer contribution is made for the plan year ending with or within the IRA owner's taxable year in which charitable contribution would be made.

*Investing involves risk, including risk of loss.*

Fidelity does not provide legal or tax advice. The information herein is general in nature and should not be considered legal or tax advice. Consult an attorney or tax professional regarding your specific situation.

*In summary, a QCD can be a useful tool to help support qualified, non-profit organizations (like your church, etc.).*

*John Feole*





## SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

*And God said,  
"Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens  
to separate the day from the night.  
And let them be for signs and for seasons, <sup>[a]</sup>  
and for days and years,  
and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens  
to give light upon the earth." And it was so.  
Genesis 1:14*

