



# *HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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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 Jesus Christ!

Soon, our tree branches will be bare, evening darkness will stretch longer, and we won't think twice about grabbing a jacket on the way out the door. In the world, there are gifts to be sold and family gatherings to manage. In the church, the changing of the seasons remind us of Jesus' promised return, when the family of God will be gathered together eternally in perfect love. We do not know when Jesus will return but our confidence in that return gives us both hope and peace.

Advent, beginning this year November 27, is a season to be more conscious of time. As Moses reflected in his great prayer about time, "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Through Advent we mark the Sundays, lighting candles on a wreath. While the growing light reminds us to hope in Jesus' coming, the evergreen reminds us of our invitation to join God's eternal life.

The world will blare that there are only 13 more shopping days until Christmas. For us, the countdown is not simplistic. "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10). On the one hand, eighty years sounds long; on the other hand, "they are soon gone." Who has not looked up at a child or grandchild and wondered how they aged so quickly.

The candles on the Advent wreath burn down, the first shorter than those that come after. The evergreen retains its color, wrapping in that endless circle. Our lives on this earth "are soon gone," while simultaneously, we are made for eternity. "Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil" (Psalm 90:15).

The wisdom that comes in numbering our days realizes we don't have time for everything in this world; we have time for everything in the next world. This world is full of toil and trouble; the next world is full of gladness. We can mark time morning after morning with God's steadfast love (90:14). Turning to God, gathering with His church, being constant in prayer, singing the hymns of grace in our homes, marking time that way leads to satisfaction, peace, love.

Otherwise, your days will fritter away in hustle, bustle, toil and trouble, and before you know it, the season will have changed and night fallen. May it not be, Lord! Rather, "let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children" (90:16). Putting God's work before our eyes, reading the Bible, gathering around His gifts, that is what "establishes the work of our hands" (90:17).

Finally, the Advent wreath will have all the candles on the perimeter lit and the pattern will break. We will find one last candle in the center, the white candle that represents Jesus' coming to us. There is the wisdom that comes from numbering our days: Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:9-29). I pray God's steadfast love satisfy you all through the end of this year and into eternal life, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



## Celebrations in November

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Dottie Weed, wife of Jim Weed and member of Holy Cross since 2006, received her crown of life October 13, 2022. 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*



### 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 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 Thessalonica. Join us either in person or through the zoom link Tuesdays at 7pm.

The Guagenti's address is 207 Old Spring Drive, Shelbyville.

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

### Sunday School Christmas Program

This year's Sunday School Christmas program will take place during the 11:00 service on December 11. "Joy to the World" presents the Christmas story with scripture and song! Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour, beginning on November 13, and continuing through the day of the performance.



### Thanksgiving Eve Service: November 23

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service with communion November 23. I am glad for feedback on whether that should be at 5 or 7 PM.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

This year there will also be four Advent evening services since Christmas falls on a Sunday. We will continue the practice started this past Lent having two evening Advent services (5 PM and 7 PM) surrounding an Advent meal.

With Christmas on a Sunday, we will have Christmas Eve service as usual at 7pm. Christmas Day will be Sunday 12/25's service at 11 AM. There will be no Sunday School. There will be communion.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS: DECEMBER 4

Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, December 4 following the Divine Service. On November 20 we will also need help with bringing the decorations down from the attic. All help is greatly appreciated.

### LADIES TEA

Come join us for afternoon tea, possibly at the Little Mount Lavender Company in Simpsonville. Tea will be either Friday, November 11 or 18 around 2 or 3 PM. More details, including confirmed location, will follow via email and in upcoming bulletins. Let Corrie know if you would like to attend, via text, email or in person.

### KFUO.ORG RADIO

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(See Genesis 3)

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IT'S FROM THE SERPENT ... HOW NICE OF HIM TO THINK OF US

### CHURCH LIBRARY

I am in the process of organizing the church library. If you have books to donate to the church library please drop them off in the church office. Thank you, Merrie

### AWAKE MINISTRIES MEALS NEEDED

The Day-Timers group takes a meal once a month to the Awake Ministries Women's residence on College Street. The ladies are so appreciative of "home-cooked" food. There are 8-10 women in residence. The meal includes an entrée, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. If anyone in the congregation would wish to provide a part of the meal, please see or call Brenda Moody at 747-0142 or text 502-321-5616. Thank you.

### 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.

However, the food box is getting low. We need canned tuna and chicken, beef stew, ravioli, spaghetti o's, soups, fruit cups, jello, pudding cups, mac & cheese, spaghetti, tomato sauce, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly. Money donations, or if those of you who have the Thrivent card would like to share, that too would be appreciated. Thanks to all who are helping and we look forward to future donations. Day-Timers Group

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

- Peas in your tuna noodle hotdish add too much color.
- You make change in the offering plate for a ten.
- You think butter is a spice.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

### HOLY CROSS BAKE / SALE AUCTION

Thanks to everyone that baked for the cake auction and purchased baked goods. It was a successful auction and everyone had a great time. The funds raised will go toward meeting our \$2000 matching funds that will be applied to our 2022 budget shortfall. Let's make it happen! We raised \$1279.00! After our bake sale, that leaves us \$721.00 left to go. Bless all who participated and thank you. Be on the lookout for more events in the coming months. Thank you also to Jason and Cindy for handling the auction and for Corrie keeping track of purchased items.



#### DAY-TIMERS: NOVEMBER 2

Day-Timers will meet again on Wednesday, November 2 at 9:30am. For more information please see Charlie Moody.

### 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 18. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kathy Adams



### Kentuckiana LWML Fall Retreat

**November 12, 2022** 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**Registration** opens at 9 AM \$10 Registration fee includes lunch



***Cast Your Burden on the Lord*** - Psalm 22 & LH 738

#### Resurrection Lutheran Church

**Speaker:** Archbishop Joseph Ochola Omolo (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya)

**Ingathering:** Members are welcome to make a donation towards the ministry work of Archbishop Omolo in Kenya.

**Servant Event:** Witness Bracelets For MOST Ministries

**Offering:** Offerings to be given towards Hope for the Destitute, a nonprofit organization in Kisumu, Kenya that provides educational support for orphaned children and shelter for needy widows.

\*All checks to be made to Aboite Lutheran Church. Please put Hope for the Destitute on the Memo



### LIFE QUOTES

"Respect for God's chain of authority holds true with the police, legislators, governors, presidents, and judges who have been placed over me. Some I may have chosen willingly, while others I may have voted against or had no say in. Still, we believe God has given them their authority. I may feel a responsibility to oppose their plans or how they perceive and execute justice, but even then, I owe them respect and honor."

*Pastor Dan Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutherans-forlife.org](http://lutherans-forlife.org)*



### KNOW YOUR BIBLE



#### First Miracle

What was the first miracle performed by Jesus at Cana of Galilee?

Look for the answer in the December's Newsletter  
October's answer: Twelve (see Matthew 14:20)

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
November 6	Gabriel Guagenti	Dave Themer	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Anita Themer	Brenda Moody Karen Hite
November 13	Zachary Semeniuk	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Franke Family	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion
November 20	Nathaniel Guagenti	David Franke	Corrie Brian Zoe Shreve	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Karen Hite
November 27	Masyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Don Saltzman Greg Rutledge	Charlie Adams	Danielle Themer	No Communion
December 4	Nathaniel Semeniuk	David Themer	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Franke family	Merrie Feole	Brenda Moody Annette Semeniuk
December 11	Eden Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Sandy Runner	Danielle Themer	Rita Whitehouse Annette Semeniuk

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

# **TURKEY SUPPER & BAZAAR**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

1787 Klerner Lane  
New Albany, Indiana

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**DRIVE-THRU 3:30-6:30 PM**

**DINE-IN 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

(Meal includes turkey, dressing, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, slaw or carrot salad, roll, dessert.)

**Bake Shop, Bazaar, and Silent Auction  
Open from 3:00-7:00 pm (No Charge)**

**Supper Tickets available at the door:**

**Drive-thru:** Adults & Children both \$12.00 each.

**Dine-in:** Adults \$12.00 and children 8 and under is \$8.00

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**  
**Newsletter article – November 2022**

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It’s the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

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



**Holy Cross Charlestown Hike**  
**October 22, 2022**







**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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**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm**