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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!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. We do not mind special days and seasons out of requirement (Col. 2:16-17). We do, however, find following the church calendar to be encouraging and beneficial. Taking a season each year for added devotion, fasting, and concentrated repentance blesses us. Placing this season just before Easter adds to the celebration of Jesus' defeat of our sin, His salvation for us to eternal life without sin.

This year, we will not have special daily devotions produced in connection with our Wednesday night theme. The group of writers I work with each year had a number of impediments which piled up. This year, the in-house devotions lie fallow. There are other resources for devotions we can use. Lutheran Hour has devotions at lhm.org/lent. You can get devotions not just in written form but even read to you in audio format.

Our Wednesday night theme is "Whodunnit." We will look at all the various big time players in Israel in the first century. Why did such different groups agree they all wanted Jesus to die? Who is responsible for Jesus' death? Like any good mystery, you may think you already know the answer, but surprises are in store.

I hope there is some fun to be had with this format, but not just fun. The goal for our Wednesday night vespers service is to give us a lot more background to understand the Gospels better. We'll learn about Pharisees, Sadducees, Herod, Pilate, and more, deepening our understanding of Jesus' ministry through the cross which is central to Lent. If I can give a little spoiler, note, that Jesus says in John: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (John 10:18).

Once again, we will have both an early and late vespers, with meals in between. We continue to be open to feedback on what time is best. We want everyone to be able to participate.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations in February

Birthdays

- 1- Shelley Hermann
- 4- Robert T. Chesher
- 7- Dave Pontius
- 11- Logan Skellie
- 13- Joshua Shreve
- 13- Darcy Themer
- 15- Ruth Hacker
- 17- Travis Jager
- 18- Preston Garrett
- 23- David Franke
- 24- Cathy Delk
- 24- Tracy Lancaster
- 24- Brian Ragland
- 26- Judy Chapman

Anniversaries

- 1- Andy & Nancy Guagenti (1974)
- 7- Dave & Roxana Pontius (1980)
- 21- David & Lori Franke (1987)
- 27- Cecil & Lisa McCarty (2006)

DAY-TIMERS: FEBRUARY 1

Day-Timers will meet on Wednesday, February 1 at 9:30am. For more information please see Charlie Moody.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

AWAKE MINISTRIES MEALS

The Day-timers group takes a meal to the Awake Ministries ladies the third Monday of each month. Awake Ministries is a rehab house in Shelbyville providing help for ladies recovering from addiction. If anyone would like to participate in helping with the meals once a month you would be more than welcome to participate. We take an entrée, salad, bread, dessert and drink. See Brenda Moody if you would like to help. The meals are open to anyone in the congregation that you like to participate.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Jessica Hvala for the donation of not one but two printers to Holy Cross. Your gift is very much appreciated. Thank you.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Adult Bible Class began a new class on Luther's heavyweight main event clash with Erasmus. These two titans of the Renaissance debated how we understand Scripture, how we can approach God, and what it means to be a human being. The work Luther wrote, delivering the KO blow to Erasmus, *The Bondage of the Will*, is a masterpiece. Over the next six weeks, we will cover the Scriptures that were at the center of this debate and how it has remained relevant for 500 years. The Class meets at 9:45am Sunday mornings.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Tuesday, Hybrid Zoom-In-Person Bible Study will be reading and studying Paul's epistle to the Romans in our hybrid Zoom/In-Person Bible class. We'll meet at church and have Zoom access as well. Join us either in person or through the zoom link at 7pm.

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

To Join the Zoom Meeting

:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89139535214?pwd=d3pSUxM5eWhMSWc3Y01FR3VLNwVnQT09>

Meeting ID:89139535214

Passcode: holycross

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

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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I TOLD YOU NOT TO CHASE THE CATS
UNTIL AFTER NOAH SHUT THE DOOR

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- The only open pew is up front, so you volunteer to shovel the sidewalk.
- Ole and Lena are really the names of your relatives.
- You know what a Lutheran Church Basement Woman is.

Don't put a question mark where God
put a period.

CAMP LAKEVIEW

Every year thousands of kids, youth, and families come to Lakeview Ministries. Why?



It's because they know **YOU BELONG at CAMP.** Coming to camp gives you an all access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces levels of stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, it lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life.

Online registration of the 2023 summer season at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages is currently open. Programs are available for students families of all ages. For more information, visit camp's website at www.lakeview.camp or call the camp office a 812-342-4815. Come and experience the power of Camp! Brochures are located in the magazine rack and in the Sunday School rooms.

HOLY CROSS 2023 DIRECTORY

The 2023 Directory is available. You may pick one up from the credenza at the front entrance of the church. If you would like to have one mailed to you please let me know. Merrie secretary@holycrosslutheran-ky.org

CHILI COOK-OFF AND FUNDRAISER: FEBRUARY 25

Members and guests, the date of the Chili Cookoff fellowship event is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 6:00pm (5:30pm set-up). Please



mark your calendars. A sign-up list will be posted in the rear of the church for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up and for items needed for the chili cook-off. See you there! For more information please see Charlie Moody.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teachers are needed for the lower grade classes. You would be teaching only 3-5 times between January and May. All materials will be provided for you. If you would like to volunteer please see Marilyn Murray. Volunteers to clean the church are also needed. You would be cleaning approximately every 4-5 weeks. For more information please see Jennifer Harrod.

LIFE QUOTE

"How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Measuring Angel

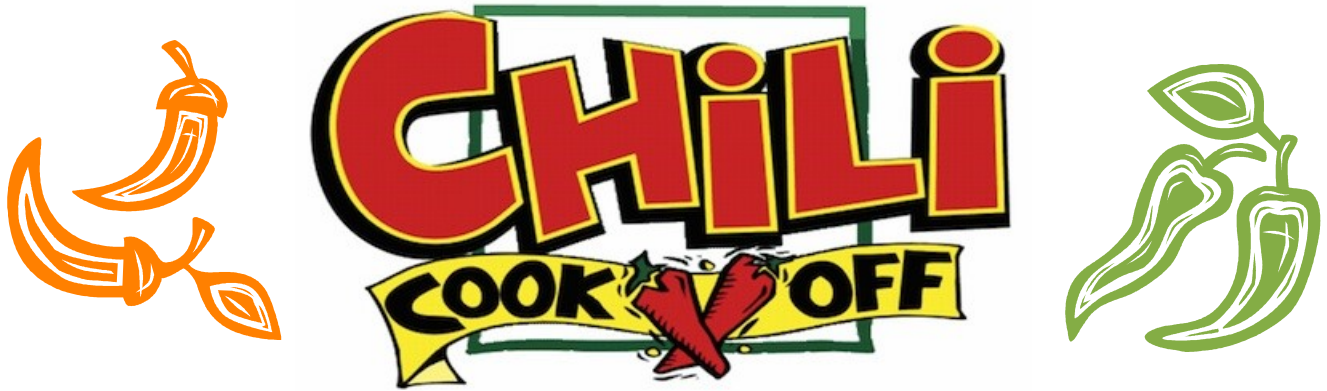
What Old Testament prophet had a vision of an angel measuring Jerusalem?

Look for the answer in the March Newsletter
January's Answer: 2 John (see 2 John 1)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
February 5	Brenyn Botkins	Nancy Kovach	Corrie Brian Zoe Shreve	Roxana Pontius Guagenti family	Suzanne Rutledge	Brenda Moody Karen Hite
February 12	Gabriel Guagenti	David Franke	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Charlie Adams	Merrie Feole	No communion
February 19	Zachary Semeniuk	Charlie Moody	Don Saltzman Greg Rutledge	Frankie family	Danielle Themer	Jennifer Harrod Karen Hite
February 26	Nathaniel Guagenti	David Themer	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Sandy Runner	Anita Themer	No communion
March 5	Masyn Botkins	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Suzanne Rutledge	Brenda Moody Annette Semeniuk
March 12	Nathaniel Semeniuk	David Franke	Corrie Brian Zoe Shreve	Roxana Pontius Guagenti Family	Danielle Themer	No communion

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



THE EVER-POPULAR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! Our ever-popular event is scheduled for

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 6:00PM (5:30PM set-up)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 181 Old Seven Mile Pike, Shelbyville.

- Awards for 'Best in show' and runner-up in 'Red', 'White', 'Spicy', 'and Most Unique' chili.
- Please bring a ladle, warming dish and any extra-ordinary utensils you may need to serve your chili. Holy Cross will provide all other standard kitchen items.
- As always, we will provide some other menu item for those who do not wish to eat chili.
- Note: A signup list will be posted in the rear of the church for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up and for items needed for the chili cook-off.

For more information, please see Charlie Moody

Thanks in advance for your support. See you there!!



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LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY: [LCMS.ORG/STEWARDSHIP](https://lcms.org/stewardship)
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – FEBRUARY 2022

DON'T REPLACE "AND" WITH "OR"

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. As we confess in the Small Catechism's explanation of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, God gives us everything we have and enjoy. First we confess that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses" (SC II). Then we confess that He gives us material things. The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word and with the word or. It is always written with the and, but when we read it, we read it with the or. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolls that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents and treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents or treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents AND treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents and treasure to our families, our society, our church and our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents and treasure together.



SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023



February 22, 2023
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service