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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!

This week at our monthly pastors' meeting, I found myself chatting about cell phone etiquette with two retired pastors and one pastor just out of seminary. Over the weekend, the *Washington Post* had run an article detailing the current etiquette demanded, now sixteen years after the first iPhone was released. I asked the pastors—with half a century dividing the ages of our youngest and oldest—if what the article said was true, that we should never leave voice messages.

“What?!” the youngest said, finding the *Post's* guidance absurd. The *Post* also says we shouldn't call people out of the blue, but always text first before calling. Another pastor guffawed, “Not everyone we call even texts.” I don't know. The *Post* seemed pretty sure about this.

Earlier in the summer, my wife and I were shopping at an old used bookstore and stumbled across an out-of-print etiquette manual from another era. The book runs several hundred pages long, detailing rules for casual conversation, rules for handling in-laws, rules for setting the table for various meals. It would be impossible to memorize all these rules. Today, many of those rules seem impractical. There's a reason that book went through several editions over its decades-long publishing history. Etiquette changes. The rules must be different when every man carries a handkerchief in his pocket than when every man carries a smartphone.

The Ten Commandments do not change. Time and time again, widely varying cultures across the world have reduplicated the moral basics of “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” Murder is murder whether committed with a wooden club, a chemical poison, or a remote-controlled drone. These truths are timeless because they put into words what we are built to have all through our lives: love. “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of God's law” (Romans 13:10).

Words try to describe love, try to encourage love, try to demand love, but love can't just be words. Love needs to be action. Even action is not enough. “Let love be genuine” (Romans 12:9). If we feel like people are putting on a show, that the lovely actions aren't driven by genuine zeal in the heart, then all the words and actions add up to nothing.

From the beginning of the Bible, the God who is love showed His love in every way. He created this world for us. After sin stained the world, He intervened in the world, calling a people, Israel, to show His love throughout their history. He wrote His love into Scriptures. All of that was prologue that He might become one of us. He lived a life of genuine love. Though He did not need to die, He chose to die, for us, to show the full zeal of His love. The Father raised Him from the dead to show love is stronger than death.

Which brings me back to whether it is “right” or “wrong” to leave a voicemail. If that seems like a dramatic swerve, I mean, exactly! Whatever current debates strike at, none hold a candle to the love displayed in the life of Christ.

I don’t begrudge people who pen the temporary laws of etiquette. They are trying to grease the gears of society, hoping politeness will make people’s lives easier. There are worse things to write about and worse things to do. But for love to finally wipe away every law and be all in all, we will need Love incarnate to come back and bring us home, freed from sin forever.

In the meantime, brothers and sisters, let our discussions about right and wrong know their place. Yes, there are some things that will never change. Deep down, even when people want to argue with those unchangeable commandments, they know. We can be gentle where we debate, gracious as we listen, ever confident in God’s Word. We don’t need to be proved right. God’s Word doesn’t need to be proved right. And on the matters that shift as handkerchiefs change into cell phones, my ears are open. Feel free to text me (or leave me a voicemail) all about it.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 29

The Louisville LCMS circuits' joint reformation service will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Georgetown, IN, at 2 PM on Reformation Sunday, October 29. There will be lunch at Shepherd of the Hills beforehand. District President Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch will be preaching.





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
- 26- Christopher Anderson
- 27- Marilyn Murray

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- John & Joni Skellie, 1995
- 13- Jamie & Debbie Lee, 2002
- 20- Joshua & Madeline Botkins, 2010

VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Letha Butts passed away on August 20, 2023. 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*

EVERYONE HIS WITNESS (E1HW)

Adult Bible Class is continuing with Rev. Dr. Mark A. Wood's *Everyone His Witness* Bible study will train us how to witness to our faith in our modern world. This Bible study was commended by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention. One church testified that after training 65 of his members in this program, his congregation has added 25 new members. Class is at 9:45am



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study is on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Join us either through the zoom link or at the Andy and Nancy Guagenti's home. Their address is 1023 Windsor Dr., Shelbyville. To Join the Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID:89139535214 Passcode: holycross

DAY-TIMERS: OCTOBER 4

Day-Timers meet October 4 at 10am.

LUTHERANISM 101: OCTOBER 10

Lutheranism 101 covers the basics and history of the Bible, the church, Jesus' teachings and why Lutherans are Lutheran. Timing is still being finalized, looking at class beginning Tuesday evening, October 10. Please let Pastor know if you would like to join Lutheranism 101.

SHAKER VILLAGE: OCTOBER 20

On Friday, October 20, the Day-Timers group is planning a trip to Shaker Village. They will meet at the church at 9:45am to carpool. They will eat lunch there so bring lunch money. Let Rita know if you are going to eat there so she can make reservations, if required. Everyone is invited to join them.

HOLY CROSS HIKE: OCTOBER 7

Holy Cross has planned a hike for Saturday, October 7 at Bernheim Arboretum. It will be great time to enjoy the fall weather, see the changing landscape, and fellowship with your Holy Cross family. Everyone is invited. For more information please see Pastor Guagenti.



LIFE QUOTES

“The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God’s commandment of ‘You shall not murder’ (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.”

Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan –

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Rebuilt Walls

What book of the Bible describes the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem?



Look for the answer in the November’s Newsletter
September’s answer: David, on the death of his son (see 2 Sam 18:33)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
October 1	Brenyn Botkins	Jason VanEvera	Charlie Moody Tammy Clark	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Merrie Feole	Rita Whitehouse Cindy Alvano	David Franke Max Themer Oct 4-7
October 8	Gabriel Guagenti	Mark Murray	Rita Whitehouse Zoe Shreve	Don Saltzman	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion	Mike Semeniuk Oct 11-14
October 15	Zachary Semeniuk	David Franke	Alex VanPelt Jason VanEvera	Franke family	Anita Themer	Brenda Moody Cindy Alvano	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman Oct 18-21
October 22	Nathaniel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Charlie Adams Corrie Brian	Charlie Adams	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion	Thank You Mowers!!
October 29	Masyn Botkins	Nancy Kovach	Cindy Alvano Greg Rutledge	Sandy Runner	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Cindy Alvano	
November 5	Nathaniel Semeniuk	Corrie Brian	John Feole Don Saltzman	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Anita Themer	Brenda Moody Karen Hite	

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

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

DAY-TIMERS COMMUNITY PROJECT

Holy Cross Day-timers participate in a community project the 3rd Monday of each month. We prepare a meal for the women who reside at Awake Ministries in Shelbyville. The food does not have to be homemade. We provide a main dish, salad, dessert, bread, and drinks. The women are always so appreciative! If anyone would like to help, please speak with Brenda Moody.

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>) or call 1-800-876-9880.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Trunk or Treat
October 28, 2023;
2 to 4 pm

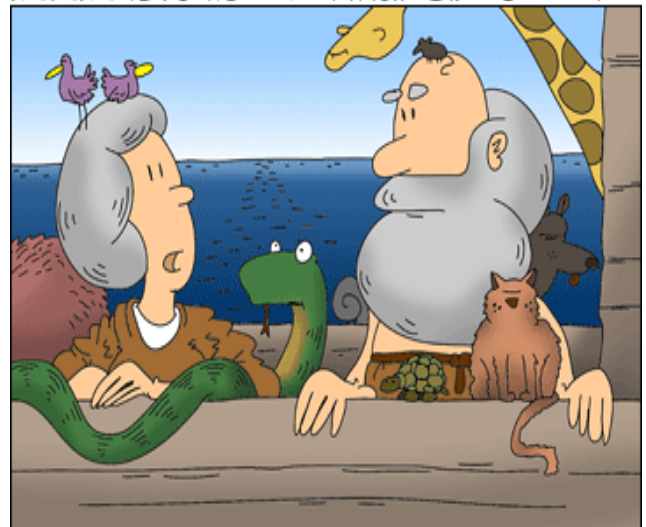


The date for Trunk or Treat has been set for Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 4 pm.

Volunteers and trunks are needed.

A volunteer sheet has been posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Please see John Feole for more information.

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Genesis 6-8) 11-30-2012

I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE ME OUT SOME NIGHT AND JUST GET AWAY FROM IT ALL

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- The doilies underneath the Thanksgiving flowers make nice snowflakes at Christmas.
- You think the communion wafers are too spicy.
- You feel guilty about not feeling guilty.

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM®



Join us for a workshop on how to share
the powerful Gospel.
Sundays in September-October beginning 9/10
9:45 AM | Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors who have not heard the Good News. After this program, you will be more effective witnesses of Jesus in your everyday life!

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article – October 2023

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Je-hovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship





We Need Trunks!

And volunteers.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.
The Holy Cross "Trunk or Treat" has been scheduled for
Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 4pm

Decorate your trunks and
hand out candy to the trick or treaters.

Hot Dogs & Chips

Costume Contest

Children's Crafts

Trophy for "Best Decorated Trunk"!

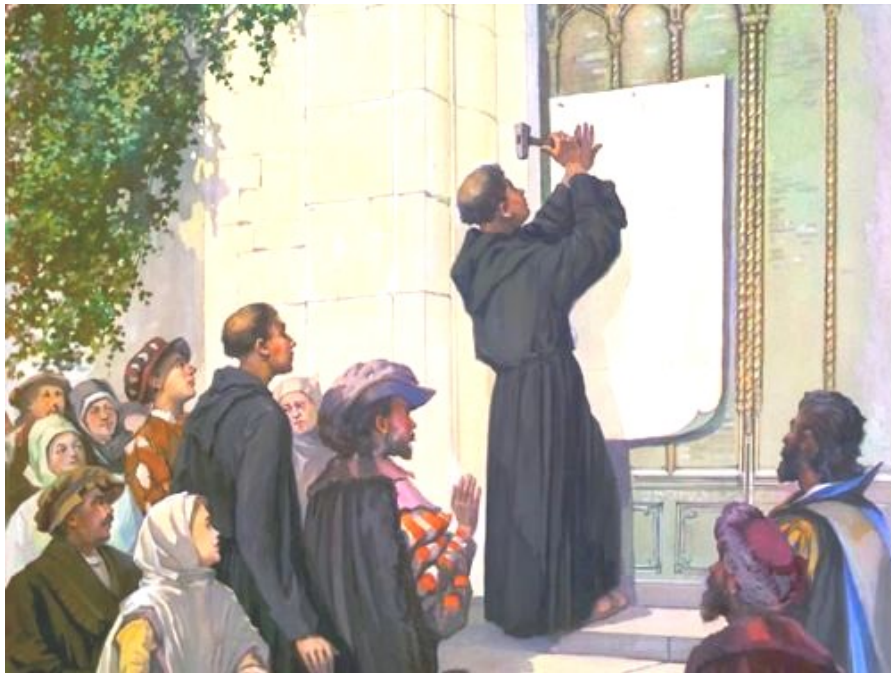


SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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

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Reformation Day (Observed)
Sunday, October 29