



# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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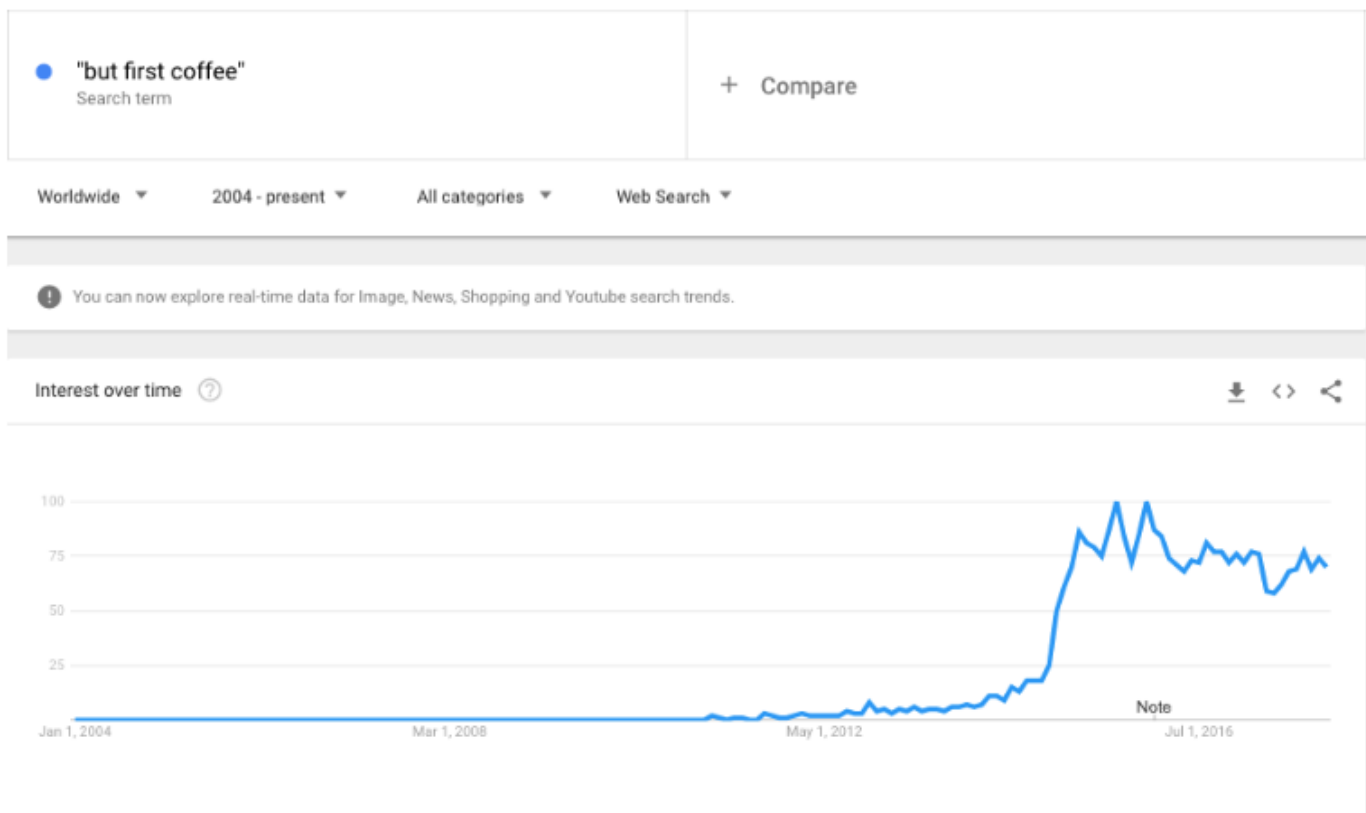
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*Making peace by the blood of his cross -Colossians 1:15-20*

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In 1842, trying to explore a southern pass through the Rockies, an intrepid explorer wrote back to his pregnant wife: "It was a loss which none but a traveller [sic] in a strange and inhospitable country can appreciate; and often afterward, when excessive toil and long marching had overcome us with fatigue and weariness, we remembered and mourned over our loss in the Kansas." So, wrote John C. Frémont, one of California's first U.S. senators, and the first Republican nominee for President. Before his political career, Frémont was sent to find a westward pass to connect the continent's two great coasts. His travels were difficult and harrowing. If you picked out the passage quoted above without knowing what he was missing, you might wonder if Frémont was describing the loss of all their pack mules, the loss of navigational equipment, or the loss of food. They did lose those things, but those were not the losses he was describing. The loss Frémont mourned more than any other was the coffee beans spilled into the river rapids!

Coffee has a compelling hold on many of us. "But first coffee" has become part of our regular lexicon. Google Trends reports the term took off in March 2014 and is still running strong:



While coffee pots are common in many church kitchens, the *Book of Mormon* prohibits drinking caffeine. This is a topic I actually bring up when Mormon missionaries stop by. It may seem to be a side issue, compared to our more important religious differences. But it is hard to answer this clear teaching from the apostle Paul: “The Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits... who require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving” (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Why is it wrong for a religion to outlaw caffeine? Paul explains “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the Word of God and prayer” (1 Timothy 4:4-5).

You may not love coffee as much as John C. Frémont or J. S. Bach. A great love in your life may be chocolate or cats or football. We may think of these things as areligious, just something out there in the world. Paul, however, teaches us to see anything as capable of holiness. Jesus died for the whole world. He redeems everything. There will be a new creation, and in it, John C. Frémont will have coffee in abundance. Praise God! The things we love in this world are God’s gifts to us. We sanctify them by thanking Him.

As we approach Thanksgiving, embrace thankfulness. Whatever you love in this life, bring it into your prayers to God. Thank God for singing violins and spinning yo-yos and crackling fireplaces and cackling parrots. Thank God for children’s questions and maple syrup and wind-snapping flags. Thank God for combustion engines and no. 2 pencils. Thank God He did not keep His wondrous holiness distant in the heavens but sent His perfect Son into our darkness to bring light. Truly His light brings holiness into every corner of all this wonderful world. Wherever we go, whatever we do, there can be awesome holiness. But first... thanksgiving.

Your thankful 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

Barbara "Barb" Eaton received her crown of glory on October 6, 2023. Barb was a founding member of Holy Cross. 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*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
As we approach the beginning of the church year, we near the end of our "regular" year. While it has been a year of many blessings financially it has been a tough year for the church.

I'm going to be very blunt.

We are currently in a bad financial situation. We are borrowing from Peter to pay Paul right now and as all of you know, that is not sustainable for long. We are pulling money from our savings to pay monthly bills.

Now, I want to make sure while we discuss the current situation that we never forget how blessed Holy Cross has been thru the years. We were gifted land and finances early on and we get to have services in our beautiful church that is fully paid for.

If you ever want to hear the whole story of how many blessings came our way to start this church, sit with Pastor Loppnow, Kathy Adams, Rita Whitehouse or Jennie Shreve to get the full awe inspiring story.

That being said, we now need to figure out how to overcome our current financial shortfall

Obviously increased giving is the easiest way. Prayerfully consider your church giving and see if you can help.

Are you current with what annual giving you had planned? It is easy to miss some of our tithes and forget.

While council is working on next years budget and trying to figure ways to save, if you have any ideas, let a council member know.

And lastly, and most importantly, pray for our church. God has always found a way before for us to survive and thrive and He is always in control.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration of how to help in this trying time.

God's blessings on you day.

Peace,  
Dave Themer (Council President)

## **MILK & HONEY & BLOOD:**

### **WHY WAR INHABITS THE HOLY LAND**

Our new adult Sunday School class starts next week. We'll be looking at the history of the Holy Land from the Old Testament to Jesus' time to today. Why has there been so much blood shed in the Promised Land? Are there prophecies we need to know for today? What did Jesus teach His disciples about Jerusalem and Judea? For these questions and more, please join us 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:

[:https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89139535214?pwd=d3pSUxM5eWhMSWc3Y01FR3VLNWVnQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89139535214?pwd=d3pSUxM5eWhMSWc3Y01FR3VLNWVnQT09)

Meeting ID:89139535214 Passcode: holycross

### **LUTHERANISM 101: THURSDAYS 8-9PM**

Lutheranism 101 covers the basics and history of the Bible, the church, Jesus' teachings and why Lutherans are Lutheran. Classes are on Thursday 8-9pm. Please let Pastor know if you would like to join Lutheranism 101.

### **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

## **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: NOVEMBER 22**

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service with communion November 22 at 7:00PM.

### **ADVENT**

This year there will also be three Advent evening services this year. Advent meals are on Wednesday's 12-6, 12-13 and 12-20 from 6:00-6:45. This year' will be "The Image of God" how that affects the way we live in the world today.



### **LADIES LUNCH/COOKIE EXCHANGE: DECEMBER 2**

Ladies get your recipes and mixers ready for a cookie exchange and lunch on Saturday December 2. We will do the cookie exchange at 10:30 and then go to lunch at 11:45 at Bell House.

Please bring two dozen of you favorite cookies to exchange with others. Also please let me know by November 18 if you would be interested in going to lunch. I know it's early but there will be a lot of requests for reservations for the holidays. Rita

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS: DECEMBER 3**

Hanging off the greens is Sunday 12-3 after Devine service. Volunteers are encouraged to stay and help. The more volunteers we have the easier and faster it will be to decorate the church for the holidays.



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: DECEMBER 17**

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 11:00am. Practice for the program will begin Sunday, November 19.

### **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.



## 2023 KENTUCKIANA ZONE LWML STOCKING STUFFER PROJECT



### STUFFING STOCKINGS-

#### Please Join Us

DATE: Tuesday December 05, 10:00-Noon

AT: Grace Lutheran Church

1787 Klerner Ln, New Albany

Lunch will be provided

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE STOCKINGS

Small toys (includes McDonalds), Coloring Books, Christian items, Small Stuffed Animals, Mittens/Gloves, Hats, Children's personal care items, Hair decorations, Card games, Baseball Cards, Crafts/Art, Games, Stickers, Small cars/trucks, small school supplies, Dolls, Jewelry, Playdough, Small Books. Anything that will fit in a Christmas stocking. Please no gum, play guns, or anything that would encourage violence.

Stockings will be given to children with an incarcerated parent, children in youth shelters, and other children needing help and support.

ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT GRACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH BETWEEN 8:30 & 4

Weekdays (812-944-1267) Or

Call Dolly Jenkins 812-989-3093

Note to Thrivent Members: If your church has a collection or fund raiser for this, it could be a

#### **LIFE-LINE SCREENING: DECEMBER 1**

Holy Cross will host Life-line screening on December 1. Screenings are for carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, atrial fibrillation, and bone density tests. All are non-invasive. Appointments take about an hour or so. Call 866-964-9087 for an appointment. No Walk-ins.

ALC  
pregnancy resource center

# Saving Lives One Heart at a Time

FEATURING KIRK CAMERON



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Together with our Advocates,  
we invite you to join us.

Friday, November 3 | 7:00-9:00pm

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport  
830 Phillips Lane | Louisville, KY



Single Ticket: \$125

Table (10 Seats): Starting at \$1,000

Table with Premium placement: \$2,500

Additional VIP tickets and sponsorships are available.

Purchase tickets online with QR code and at [alcgala.com](http://alcgala.com)  
or mail a check with the enclosed RSVP card.

#### OUR ALC MISSION

ALC is a community resource that serves to protect the lives of unborn children, support and empower women and families facing or having experienced a crisis pregnancy by sharing the hope, love, and grace of Jesus Christ.

For questions, please contact  
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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) (<http://www.lhm.org>)



## LIFE QUOTES

"What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'"

*Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan –*

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



## KNOW YOUR BIBLE



### Impossibility

What famous Old Testament prophet asked, "Can a leopard change his spots"?

Look for the answer in the December's Newsletter  
October's answer: Nehemiah (see Neh. 4:1-6)

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
November 5	Nathaniel Semeniuk	Corrie Brian	John Feole Don Saltzman	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Anita Themer	Brenda Moody Karen Hite
November 12	Eliza Pierce	Jason VanEvera	Charlie Moody Tammy Clark	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion
November 19	Brenyn Botkins	Mark Murray	Greg Rutledge Michelle Ewers	Don Saltzman	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Karen Hite
November 26	Gabriel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Alex VanPelt Jason VanEvera	Charlie Adams	Anita Themer	No Communion
December 3	Zachary Semeniuk	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Adams Corrie Brian	Franke family	Suzanne Rutledge	Brenda Moody Annette Semeniuk
December 10	Nathaniel Guagenti	David Franke	Cindy Alvano Zoe Shreve	Sandy Runner	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Annette Semeniuk

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



## TRUNK OR TREAT 2024

Members and guests.. our event was a huge success! Our visitors exceeded expectations by a large margin. We had several guests request more information about our church. We had several last minute 'trunk' entries. A very hardy 'Thank you!' to all the volunteers !! Blessings to each and every one of you. John and Merrie Feole- event sponsors.





# **TURKEY SUPPER & BAZAAR**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

1787 Klerner Lane  
New Albany, Indiana

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**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 2:00-7:00 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 2023**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

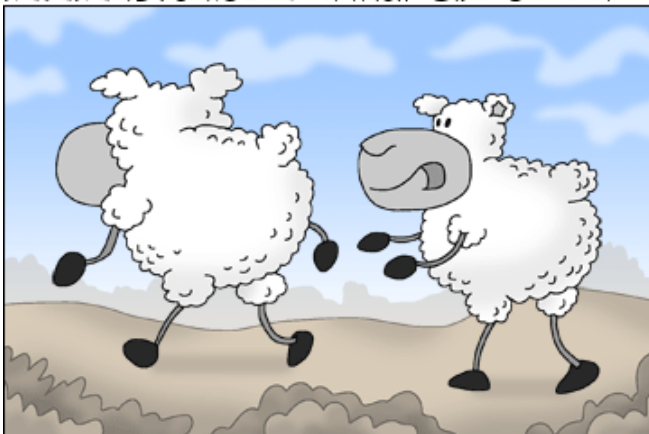
Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

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(See Isaiah 53:6)

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**IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE ASTRAY ...  
CAN WE PLEASE STOP AND ASK FOR  
DIRECTIONS?**

**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.



**SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!**

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

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 22, 7:00pm**