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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!

“And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12). We know the strength of a threefold cord. St. Paul goes even further in his first letter to the Corinthians, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (12:12). The strength and ability of a body goes far beyond a simple cord. As a church, we are strong as we bind together. Blest be the ties that bind!

I set as a goal for this year for each of our committee chairs to restore their committees. I encouraged them to have recruited members of their committee by mid-year, and by year’s end to have begun to meet regularly.

Committees are like the threefold cord the wise teacher describes. We check each other. We strengthen each other. If someone is laid low, their whole committee does not go down. Others can pick up the slack. If an idea is good but needs time to find traction, encouragement is there. If an idea is good but not yet fit for our church body, a different kind of encouragement is provided.

Committees that are staffed retain institutional knowledge. A new chair does not have to come in and reinvent and relearn. When we look to replace a leader who needs to step back, a staffed committee can either provide the new leader consistent support or provide the recruiting ground for the new leader.

Brothers and sisters, I encourage you to be ready to volunteer for this work. If there is a committee you are interested in helping, let me know. If someone asks you to join their committee, prayerfully consider it. If you haven’t filled out a time and talent survey, grab one from the credenza and let us know what you can do.

When our Lord sent out His disciples, it was two-by-two. When the deacons were formed, it was a group of seven. When Paul and Barnabas went their separate ways, they each found new partners for the mission work.

The church is a body. Our Lord intends our spiritual life to be life together, as one flock. May God bless our re-forming, our walk together. Amen.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

3- Tommy Conder
6- Anita Themer
8- Aria Themer
14- Ashley Lancaster
15- Joel Franke
16- Debbie Nelson
16- Lisa McCarty
25- Greg Rutledge
29- Mary Ann Conder
30- David Conder
30- Chris McKinley
30- Robert Myers

WELCOME

On June 15 we welcomed new member

Welcome

Ed Bergeron and returning members Travis Fuhrman, Amy Fuhrmann, and Emily Fuhrmann. We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

The Adult Bible Class is studying the book of Exodus. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

LUTHERANISM 101

Lutheranism 101 - covers the basics of the Bible, church history, and why Lutherans do what Lutherans do - meets Tuesdays 6 PM. Class is suspended August 5.

DAY-TIMERS: AUGUST 6

Day-Timers meet on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 10am. For more information please see Charlie Moody.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesday nights at 7 PM, either in person at church or by Zoom. We will be covering the Bible's prophecies about Israel. What does the Bible say will happen to the people of His Name? We'll look at Jesus' Mount of Olives discourse, Daniel's apocalyptic sections, and more in this limited time class. Class will be suspended August 6.



To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89632645835?pwd=W8SQIwwHzQbCOezle8DoFE7tOeX9Jy.1>

Meeting ID: 896 3264 5835

Passcode: Alleluia

BREAKFAST GATHERINGS

The Louisville Breakfast Gathering meet at Chic-fil-a, 3420 Bardstown Rd, for fellowship and Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to join us! They will meet again September 5.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! Rally Day is set for September 14th and we look forward to welcoming our students back to Sunday School. Please plan to join us for festivities after the Sunday service. More details to follow.



GAME NIGHT: AUGUST 15

Game Night is Friday, August 15, at 6:30pm. They are asking that you bring a snack and 2 liter to share. There will be pizza. You may also bring a favorite game to play.

THANK YOU

The Day-Timers were able to deliver 105 books and 67 magazines to the residents of Crestview Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. We were told that the residents were eager to have "new" materials to read. Also we delivered 14 boxes of diapers to A Loving Choice Pregnancy Center. We were so well received at both places. A heart-felt THANK YOU to our church family for your generosity. We were able to BLESS many because of your response.



BAPTISM

On Sunday, May 25, 2025, Ruth Louise Ewers was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Ruth is the daughter of Anthony and Michelle Ewers. Her sponsors are Christine Lyon and Curt Rhodes. We wish Ruth God's continued blessings.



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On June 8, 2025 Gabriel Guagenti, Zachary Semeniuk and Nathaniel Semeniuk made public confession of their faith, reaffirmed their baptismal vows through the rite of confirmation and became communicant members of Holy Cross. Gabriel is the son of Pastor Daniel and Alena Guagenti. Zachary and Nathaniel are the sons of Mike and Annette Semeniuk. Please keep Gabriel, Zachary and Nathaniel in your prayers that they and we remain faithful to the vows they made and to the Lord who has blessed them with the gift of eternal life.

MEMORIAL SWING

On July 8, construction for the Rod and Shelah Shreve memorial swing set was completed. The swing set was designed for enjoyment by all ages, including teens and adults. This swing set was also built as Isaac Guagenti's Eagle Scout Project. Isaac would like to thank all the people from Holy Cross and from BSA Troop 470 who came to help with construction and aided the project with their time and support. He would also like to thank the following businesses who gave donations to support the project: Little Caesars, Ethington Building Supply, and Summers Nursery and Landscape.



DAY-TIMERS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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DAY-TIMERS' GATHERING

June 4 The Day-Timers went to lunch at Wagner's Diner and toured the Derby Museum. We had a great time.



YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS JULY 19-23



Isaac Guagenti, Eden Guagenti, Gabriel Guagenti attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 19-23 along with chaperones Alena Guagenti and Charlie Adams. This triennial event, which The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has held since 1980, brought together nearly 20,000 other youth and adults from around the United States and the world.

At the Gathering, participants heard the Gospel proclaimed each day in Bible studies and breakout sessions, fostered relationships with fellow Lutherans, and completed a collective 150,000 hours of community service. Youth ministry starts in homes and congregations, but the Gathering gave youth a chance to see Christ's church beyond their own communities, as they came together to hear God's Word with thousands of their peers from LCMS churches all across the country.

Gathering alums will return to their homes and communities filled with the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Spending time in the study of God's Word and in fellowship with other Lutherans helps them endure in their faith throughout life, especially as we wait with joy for the resurrection. The ability to attend the Youth Gathering is made possible by the hours our youth leaders and volunteers put into building ministry programs for teens and organizing the entire experience, from registration to transportation and hotel rooms.

We thank God for their safe travel and God's blessings as they grow in their faith!



HOLY CROSS COMMITTEES

The following are committees here at Holy Cross.
The list is not complete as we are currently updating it.

Fellowship Committee

Mike Boardman, Chair
Charlie Adams
Jennie Shreve
Merrie Feole

Trustees

Jennifer Harrod, Chair
Dave Themer
John Feole
Greg Rutledge

Education Committee

Suzanne Rutledge, Chair
Tammy Clark
Merrie Feole

Stewardship Committee

Rita Whitehouse, Chair
Cindy Alvano

Ushers

Alex VanPelt, Chair
Greg Rutledge
Michelle Ewers
Don Saltzman
John Feole
Charlie Moody
Tammy Clark
Cindy Alvano
Zoe Shreve
Jason VanEvera
Charlie Adams
Corrie Brian
Dave Pontius

Elder Committee

Charlie Moody, Head Elder
John Feole
David Franke
Greg Rutledge
Rick Spreitzer

Evangelism Committee

Jason VanEvera, Chair
Cindy Alvano
Alena Guagenti
Isaac Guagenti

Altar Guild Committee

Rita Whitehouse, Head
Lindsey Pierce
Jennifer Harrod
Annette Semeniuk
Brenda Moody
Cindy Alvano

Save the Date: October 6th

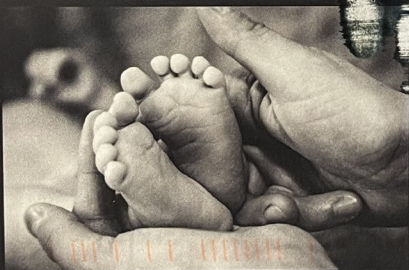
6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Olmsted Louisville

3701 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40207

ALC

Annual Gala Fundraiser



*"Speak up for those
who cannot speak
for themselves"*

**Proverbs
31: 8-9**

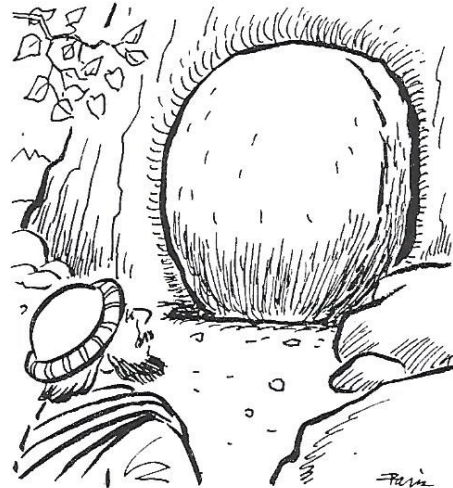
LIFE QUOTES

"We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God's precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself."

Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutherans-forlife.org



KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Burial of Jesus

Who claimed the body of Jesus and placed it in his own tomb for burial?

Look for the answer in the September's Newsletter
June/July's Answer: Capernaum, near the Sea of Galilee
(see Matt. 4:13)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEANING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD	MOWING
August 3	Masyn Botkins	Jason VanEvera	Charlie Adams Corrie Brian	Don Saltzman	Merrie Feole	Jennifer Harrod Lindsey Pierce	Charlie Moody Mike Boardman Aug 6-9
August 10	Eliza Pierce	Charlie Moody	Alex VanPelt Jason VanEvera	Charlie Adams	Anita Themer	No Communion	John Feole Anthony Ewers Aug 13-16
August 17	Colesyn Botkins	Nancy Kovach	Don Pontius Greg Rutledge	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Suzanne Rutledge	Rita Whitehouse Lindsey Pierce	Greg Rutledge Tom Bledsoe Aug 20-23
August 24	Michael Rutledge	Corrie Brian	John Feole Don Saltzman	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Merrie Feole	No Communion	Dave Franke Alex VanPelt Aug 27-30
August 31	Nathaniel Guagenti	Jason VanEvera	Charlie Moody Tammy Clark	Don Saltzman	Anita Themer	Jennifer Harrod Lindsey Pierce	Pastor Daniel Isaac Guagenti Sep 3-6
September 7	Masyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Cindy Alvano Zoe Shreve	Charlie Adams	Suzanne Rutledge	Brenda Moody Annette Semeniuk	Robert Chesher Brian Gehrman Sep 10-13

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

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article – August 2025

JESUS' TRANSFORMING PRESENCE

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost’” (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector’s curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus’ own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus’ house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus’ approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus!

Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

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.

HELP COMPLETE THE NEXT VILLAGE AT LAKEVIEW

Lakeview Ministries is seeking adult volunteers to help with the construction of the sixth village at Lakeview Villages. A very wet spring has delayed progress, and we could use extra hands to get the project moving forward. If you're comfortable using tools—or simply willing to lend your time and energy—we'd love your help. Whether you're part of a church trustee board, small group Bible study, a group of young adults, or simply someone with a heart for serving the Lord, you're invited to pitch in.

Lunch is provided, and limited housing is available for those interested in staying overnight for a multi-day experience.

To learn more or sign up, contact Pete Bolden at Pete@lakeview.camp or call 812-530-8006.

HOLY TRINITY MOVIE NIGHTS: AUGUST 2

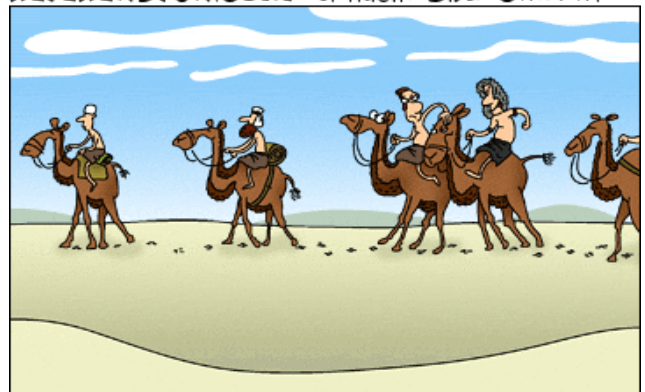
The youth group at Holy Trinity is hosting a few free movie nights. There will be games, crafts and snacks with a family friendly movie after sundown. All are welcome rain or shine. The next Movie night is Saturday, August 2, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. This will be a Water Day! (Bring extra clothes). Holy Trinity is located at 2416 S. Highway 53, LaGrange.

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- You think butter is a spice
- The Church is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot.
- You have more than five flavors of Jell-O in your pantry.

Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

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ANOTHER TAILGATER ... AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT, IT'S A PHILISTINE

AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 10am Day-Timers Meet	7	8	9
Pastor and family on vacation August 3-9						
10 9:45am Adult Bible Study 11am Divine Service Council Meet	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 6pm Lutheran- ism 101	13 7pm Zoom Bible Study	14	15 6:30pm Game Night 	16
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SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL

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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2025



Rally Day Celebration
September 14, 2025