



Cross Currents

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

September 2020

Pastor's Message

By Pastor Munding

Thanksgiving for a Wonderful First Year

As we continue this week through the Psalms in our 150 day journey, we are going to reach one of my favorite Palms, Psalm 34. Written by King David, Psalm 34 is a song of thanksgiving to Yahweh. This Psalm reads as an acrostic poem, meaning that the first letter of each line spells out the whole Hebrew alphabet. Below is an example of what this would look like in Hebrew. I have bolded and enlarged the first letters of each line which plays out the whole Hebrew alphabet from start to finish. Remember, Hebrew reads right to left.

אֲבָרְכָה אֶת־יְהוָה בְּכָל־עֵת תִּמְיֵד תִּהְלֶתוּ בִּפְיִי:

בְּיְהוָה תִּתְהַלֵּל נַפְשִׁי יִשְׁמְעוּ עֲנָנִים וְיִשְׁמְחוּ:

גִּידְלוּ לַיהוָה אֹתִי וְנִרְמָמָה שְׁמוֹ יַחְדָּו:

דְּרָשְׁתִּי אֶת־יְהוָה וְעֲנֵנִי וּמְכַל־מְגֹרֹתַי הֲצִילֵנִי:

Now anyone who has written poetry (or attempted) knows how hard it is to write an acrostic poem and keep a cohesive message. David has done both as he lifts his voice in thanksgiving. This is truly a beautiful Hebrew poem that still reads beautifully in English. This is a Psalm that we can sing when we want to thank the Lord for all He has done!

I wish to lift up thanksgiving to our Lord for the wonderful year He has given me here at Holy Cross. I don't think I have to comment on how unusual this year has been for everyone, but through it all the Lord has continued to show me His grace as I serve all of you as your Pastor. I could not have asked for a better congregation!

Thank you to everyone who wished me a blessed anniversary of my ordination. Thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts. I am not worthy to be a pastor of such a generous and loving congregation! I thank God everyday for calling me here! May the Lord continue to bless each and everyone of you as we continue to sing praises to our Lord for all He has done for us. I know the Lord will continue to shower us with his gifts of salvation this coming year through His Son, Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

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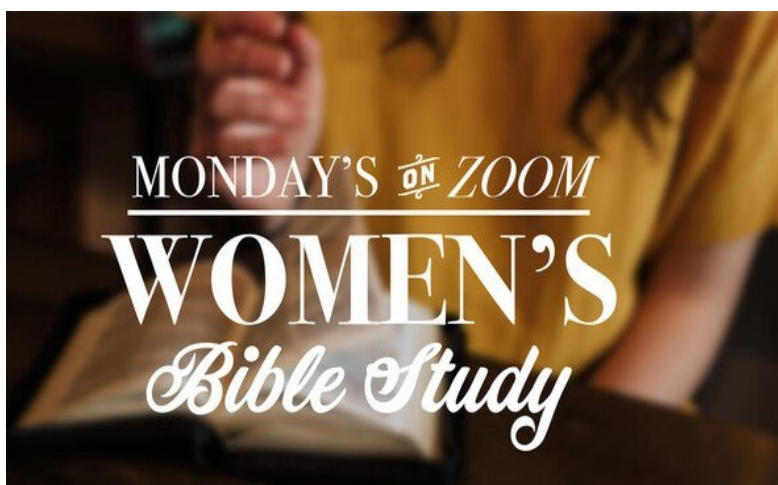
September Holy Cross Bible Studies

Adult Sunday School, 1pm, Zoom

Join us for Sunday School with Eric!

The link is the same &
will be sent out each week.

Questions? Contact Eric Roman
at ericroman@gmail.com"



Monday Women's Bible Study Resumes!

Annaliesa will resume her study on
Monday, 9/14, 10-11:30am.

She will continue to finish Romans.
We will meet via Zoom, the link will be
the same & sent out each week.

Questions? Contact Annaliesa, annalisa-
liedtke@gmail.com or 827-3385



Pastor's Wed. Evening Bible Study Will Re-start: 9/30, 7pm

Join Pastor as we return to Wednesday evening Bible Study. Due to Pastor's vacation (9/16-9/24), we will start on 9/30. Stay tuned for topic & whether we meet in-person (at a distance) or on-line.



Ray	9/3
Karen	9/5
Carolyn	9/7
Linda	9/10
Judy	9/12
Bob	9/14
Cary	9/17
Brandon	9/16
Mitzi	9/19
Roberta	9/19
Marlene	9/23
Melarie	9/24
Howard	9/25
Brian	9/26
Jaan	9/26
Katie	9/27
Ken	9/28
Cooper	9/30



happy anniversary

Bill & Gayle	9/3
Bill & Roberta	9/4
Mike & Melarie	9/13



Alex, first day of Senior year!





The congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church would like to thank Diana for the significant contributions she has made to our congregation in making our worship services inviting, memorable, and joyful.

Over the many years Diana has taken her "small but mighty" group of dedicated singers and transformed them into a cohesive dependable choir. Giving them the confidence to try new things all while having a good time. She's given freely of her own time to make a fun, playful environment where our choir could succeed. The congregation enjoys their harmonized singing, beautiful bell playing, and unique rhythmic accompaniments. She is a very talented musician, song writer, and gifted individual. We've always appreciated the "joyful noise" coming from the choir loft and you will be missed but we will remain here at Holy Cross always "singing" your praises.

Again, thank you so much for making Holy Cross a better place. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and in your new life as you move to Ireland to be with your love. Please visit any time we'd love to see you and hear your beautiful voice once again!

Many Blessings,
Gregg , President
Cheryl , Treasurer



Dear Diana,

Congratulation and my very best wishes to you and the Groom on your upcoming wedding and your future together. May our loving Heavenly Father bless your union.

Wishing you joy and courage in your adjustment to the new surroundings, customs, people and climate.

For enriching the services on Sunday Mornings IN CHUNCH a big thank you to you and the choir for all your work and efforts.

Greet you with a warm hug, Erna

Dear Diana,

We want to let you know what a blessing you are to the Holy Cross Family. We have enjoyed the beautiful music you have helped to bring to our worship services, and we wish you all the best!

Sending prayers on your behalf,

The Coyne Family



Dearest Diana,

It was so much fun having you as our Choir Director. You are the best and I will miss our Tuesday night get-togethers very much.

God's blessings to you and Paul and I wish you both the very best as you start this new chapter of life together in Ireland.

Know that you will be thought of often and fondly, dear friend.

Love, Idalene

Diana –

Thank you so much for sharing your talent with us during our worship services. Also, thank you for being such a joy to work with through the various changes we've had since I have been the secretary! Many blessings to you in all you do,

Blessings, Joyce (& Mike)

Upcoming Fellowship Activities

WHAT: Women's Coffee & Conversation.
Grab your favorite morning drink & join us!

WHEN: Every Monday, starting 8/31, 9-9:45am

WHO: All Women of Holy Cross

WHY: Sometimes, the best moments of connection happen when there is no agenda—when we simply slow down for a cup of coffee & spend some time with friends. We want to hear about what's going on in your life & catch you up on ours. This is the heart behind our Monday Morning Women's Coffee & Conversation.

WHERE: Zoom; the link is the same & will be sent out each week.

????: Joyce Liebe, jliebe@pacbell.net



~ Cleaning Out My Closet ~

LWML Zone 7 Fall Event - Virtual

Saturday, October 3 9am-12:30pm

Hosted by St. Phillip, Dublin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The ladies of St. Phillip have spent much time to plan this unique, on-line event for us! We will have a speaker, Pastor Teller will lead us in Bible Study, we will sing, and more! All from the comfort of our home, no commute! Details coming soon

"for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" Galatians 3:27



Fellowship in the Courtyard, Wednesday, 9/3, 5:30pm

Marlene Roberts and Sue O'Malley are organizing a fellowship for our Holy Cross family. We miss being able to visit with each other. Let's share how we are spending our days and what's new with our families with Pastor and each other.

Please join us at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 2nd for a socially distanced gathering in the courtyard. Please bring your own drinks and a finger food appetizer to share - no dips. Or if you're more comfortable, bring your own food.

Any questions, please contact Marlene or Sue. Please RSVP to Joyce so we have an idea how many to expect.

LWML CNH - August 2020 Mites update

Yes, we are on fire---- for the Gospel with our mites and prayers.

Thank you ladies (& men) for collecting and turning in your mites this summer. It surely is hot August and fire season. **We have funded Grant #2 Loving Retreat for the Lord's Disabled \$7,075, Women in Mission LWML, St. Andrew's, Stockton, California.**

Mites are now being collected for Grant #3. Bringing Children to Jesus Christ with Noah's Ark - \$6,340
LWML Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

2 Lutheran churches, Emmanuel in Maui, Hawaii and Trinity in Manila, Philippines are participating in an international weekly Bible study. Participants in the study span 12 time zones and use Zoom videoconferencing. As a result of this cooperative venture, two young girls have been baptized into the Body of Christ at Trinity in Manila. The grant proposal seeks to sustain and expand these combined efforts, specially with a program known as Noah's Ark. It is a weekly Bible study for teaching children from Scripture, singing hymns and group activities that help develop social and interactive skills. Noah's Ark children reside in the neighborhood close to Trinity; their parents are too busy toiling for their daily food to spend time to hear the Word of God, but do not prohibit their kids from attending Bible studies or catechism. The funds would help to procure Bibles, catechetical and Sunday school materials, micro-projectors, and food to help fund the mission work of Noah's Ark.

REMEMBER
Bring your Mites
when you come
to church!

I know you are praying for our CNH District sisters and their churches and families that are in the fires' path.

Thank you, Penny (Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Beverly Vietor)



September
TO REMEMBER

LWML GivingTuesday has a new date. Give to the Mission Goal on
September 15, 2020



Share your thankfulness on LWML's **GivingTuesday**, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched (up to \$10,000) by a generous donor's gift on GivingTuesday. Donate online at lwml.org/givingtuesday or through LWML Facebook.

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note GivingTuesday with your contribution.)

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard	2  5:30pm Fellowship in the Courtyard	3	4	5 9am Vision Mtg
6 9am Worship Service 1pm Zoom Adult Sunday School	7 HOLIDAY 9-9:45am Women's Coffee/Conversation Zoom 	8 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard	9	10	11	12
13 9am Worship Service Pastor's Family Visits 1pm Zoom Adult Sunday School	14 9-9:45am Women's Coffee/Conversation Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	15 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard LWML's Giving Tuesday	16 Pastor's Vacation	17 Pastor's Vacation	18 Pastor's Vacation	19 Pastor's Vacation
20 Pastor's Vacation 9am Worship Service 1pm Zoom Adult Sunday School	21 Pastor's Vacation 9-9:45am Women's Coffee/Conversation Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Council Mtg	22 Pastor's Vacation 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard	23 Pastor's Vacation	24 Pastor's Vacation	25	26
27 9am Worship Service 1pm Zoom Adult Sunday School	28 9-9:45am Women's Coffee/Conversation Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	29 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard	30 7pm Pastor's Bible Study			

cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg., PH=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9AM
Adult Sunday School 1PM Zoom
Youth Bible Study 11AM
Sunday School 11AM

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

Monday (Ladies) 10AM
Thursday (Adult) 7PM

*****Above subject to change due to COVID*****

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