

Cross Currents

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

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Pastor's Message

By Pastor Mundinger

Where Do You Find Your Security? In Man or in God?

"A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress, so that to have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe Him from the whole heart; as I have often said that the confidence and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol".

-Martin Luther *The Large Catechism: The First Commandment*-

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, where do you find your security in life? There of course is only one answer to this question, it is found in God alone. We as Christians know this to be the right answer yet how often do we actually place our trust in God? Do we fully believe that our Heavenly Father has placed Jesus at his right hand to reign for all eternity? Do we believe that the gates of Hell can never overcome Christ's Church? Do we believe that Christ has overcome the world through His death and resurrection and there is nothing to fear for those who have been baptized in Him?

As we inch closer and closer to November 3rd, it is becoming apparent that a lot of Christians in America have made a god out of politics. As the above quote by Luther states a god is anything that we place our trust in and it is where we seek refuge and security. The false god's in our lives are not just small house idols like we see in the Old Testament, they are anything in our lives that takes the place of the One true God.

Many times I have heard people say that if (insert candidate here) wins

this year's election instead of (insert other candidate here) then all hope is lost, our nation is doomed and my life will be in ruin. I'm here to tell you that you cannot look for security in either candidate. Your hope and refuge is not found in Trump. Your hope and refuge is not found in Biden. Both Trump and Biden are not perfect and we should never elevate them to such a level. To raise them to a place where in your eyes they are the answer to all of the problems in the world is a very dangerous action. We risk making an idol of them in our own lives, putting our faith

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Ultimately we know and confess that God alone is our refuge. He alone is our place of security in times of trouble and distress. Man is sinful but God is perfect in all His ways. The world has already been overcome by our Savior who promises that He is with his Word and sacraments until the end of the age. Do not be anxious about the turmoil that we are witnesses to in this world, turn to God, repent, and believe in the Gospel.

I am reminded of the parable of the two houses in Matthew 7. One house was built on the sand and the other was built on the rock. When the wind and the waves came crashing into the house built in the sand it fell but the house built on the rock was left standing. If your faith is placed in God alone you have the full confidence knowing that when the rains and waves of this sinful life come crashing down, our house which is built on the firm foundation of Christ will not fall into the sea. Those whose house is built on the shifting sands of this world, which includes political parties and politicians, will not be able to stand the winds and the waves which the devil throws at it. If your god is politics, then you have no true security and refuge. When it comes to your security, your mind should be set on the things of Heaven not the things of man.

Now this doesn't mean that we as Christians shouldn't vote in this upcoming election. It is our duty as citizens of the United States to vote for our elected officials. God has called us to the vocation of good citizens which comes with certain responsibilities. As Christians we are called to vote in a manner which reflects all that has been revealed to us in Scripture. We must take a serious look at everything God has spoken to us is through His Word and we must not abandon that Word when we go into the voting booth.

And we also know that no matter who wins, Christ's victory at Calvary can never be taken away from us. Many empires have risen and have fallen throughout the ages. There will probably be a time where the United States follows suit, but we need not fear that time for God's Kingdom will never fail us. Christ's church will always remain!



10/3	Erna	10/24	Annaliesa
10/6	Claudia	10/26	Carole
10/6	Kristie	10/28	Betty
10/13	Mike	10/29	Sandy
10/14	Walt	10/30	Cheryl
10/18	Kimberly	10/31	Gregg
10/19	Dee		

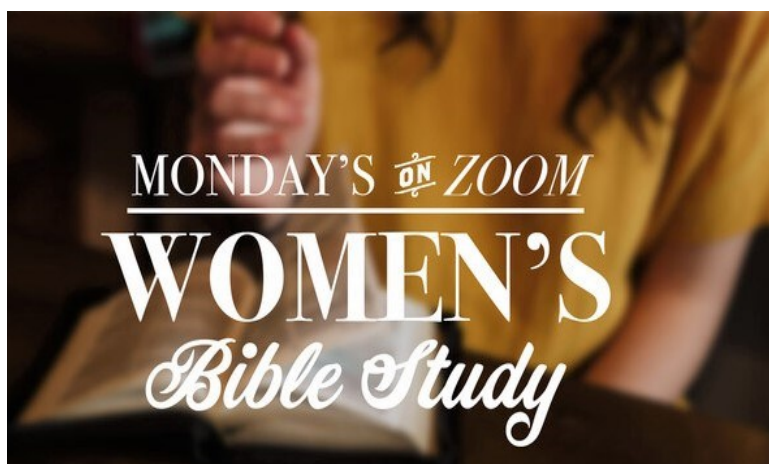
10/7	Michael & Brittany
10/10	Donald & Carolyn
10/12	Gregg & Cheryl
10/19	Joe & Peggy
10/20	Ken & Liz
10/29	Bill & Kim
10/30	Tom & Sue

October Holy Cross Bible Studies

Adult Sunday School, 1pm, Zoom

Join us for Sunday School with Eric!
The link is the same & is included in
the Friday Announcements.

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



Monday Women's Bible Study, Zoom

Annaliesa will lead our study on
Mondays, 10-11:30am.

The link is the same & is included in the
Friday Announcements.

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



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

Join Pastor as we return to Wed. evening Bible Study. Bring & wear your mask, & also social distance yourself when you arrive. There will be plenty of room in the parish hall to sit away from each other so we can remain safe. We will have Zoom available for those who do not wish to meet in person.



Last year, at Pastor's suggestion, I coordinated a "Secret Sister" outreach with YVCS.

Several members of Holy Cross signed up & each were assigned a YVCS teacher/staff member, along with a completed form with basic personal info, their likes, preferences, & prayer needs. We supported them by giving cards/ words of encouragement, treats, gift card, and prayers throughout the school year.

In June we had a COVID safe reveal in the courtyard (remember the write up & pictures in the July/August Cross Currents. It was a very rewarding activity for all who participated!

In fact, most want to repeat it this year and YVCS wants to be assigned a Holy Cross member & reciprocate. So I'm coordinating it again, this year I changed it to **"Secret Pal"** to make it clear that it is open to men & women.

Contact me to participate in this local outreach this year. Thanks, Joyce

What Happens When the Church Moves

From Dayspring.com, Sep 25, 2020 by Jordan S

October is Ministry Appreciation Month and we want to celebrate all of those who have made an impact on our lives and our faith journeys. The church has overcome immense obstacles this season, and it has been truly inspiring to see so many believers come together outside of the walls of the church.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ([1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV](#))

As believers, we are often reminded that the church is not a building, but it is the body of believers within the building. We know this to be true, because we are the hands and feet of Jesus going out into the world, but have you ever seen a more shining example of this than in the past six months? Church buildings closed all over the country, traditional services were no longer allowed to meet in person, Bible studies went virtual, small groups could no longer meet in homes. And the church moved.

Street churches started popping up in neighborhoods where neighbors were able to gather outside safely. Virtual Bible studies and community groups started Facebook groups and scheduled Zoom calls. Tech teams at churches around the nation put in countless hours to learn and set up the technology that allowed their congregation to tune into church from home on Sunday mornings. Parades wound through the streets to recognize hard-working pastors and celebrate birthdays and big life events. Instead of the traditional meal train for someone who had a baby or lost a loved one, meal delivery services were sent into overdrive due to the outpouring of love from friends and neighbors.

Easter Sunday was celebrated in living rooms and backyards everywhere. People came together in ways that they never would've had the opportunity to before. Early morning prayer groups started in neighborhoods, with friends walking together outside and praying over their lives and the lives of those around them. Greeting cards were sent all over the country to encourage and love on others. Youth pastors went above and beyond to ensure that their kids were safe and healthy when youth group wasn't an option. People showed up for their elderly neighbors and loved ones, bringing them groceries and meals and showing them they were loved.

We never could have imagined a time in our lives when the physical doors of the church were closed, but we lived through it. And we learned a very valuable lesson – what happens when the church moves, is that God moves. When the church was out in a neighborhood, bringing strangers together, God was moving. When the church was spending time out of their week to meet virtually, God was moving. When the church was making meals and delivering groceries and making signs for drive by parades, God was moving. When the church was sending cards full of God's Word to people all over the world, God was moving.

As we enter into Ministry Appreciation Month and beyond, let us not forget this time in our lives. Let us appreciate the people that have ministered to us throughout our lives. Let us continue going out into the world and sharing God's love. Let us continue allowing God to move, no matter where we are.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Every Tuesday at 11:00 am.

In the Sanctuary . . .

Or Virtual (wherever you are)!

Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Group begins in the Word with a short devotion.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:6 ESV

We **PRAISE** God for the gift of faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

We offer **THANKSGIVING** for God's many blessings.

We ask for **FORGIVENESS** for unfaithfulness, wavering, lack of courage . . .

We speak **PRAYERS** for everyone on the Prayer List, each name, one by one.

We pray **IN JESUS's NAME**.

We **LISTEN**.

We also include prayers for Holy Cross, pastors, our community, our state, our nation, our world, and prayer requests that have been given to us privately.

"Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Isaiah 65:24 ESV

Upcoming Fellowship Activities



~ Cleaning Out My Closet ~

LWML Zone 7 Fall Event - Virtual

THIS SATURDAY: Saturday, October 3

9am-12:30pm Hosted by St. Phillip, Dublin



Join the ladies of St. Phillip for this unique, on-line event! We will have a speaker, Pastor Teller will lead a Bible Study, we will sing, & more! All from the comfort of our home, no commute!

Speaker: Denyse Blasdel, Certified Christian Image Consultant

Anyone can join, especially since we can attend from home! Use this link to register, & you will be sent the Zoom info:

<https://www.stphilipchurch.com/clothed-in-christ>

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

In lieu of in-person offering & In Gathering, a \$10 donation will be split between *CNH Mites* and *CNH District Disaster Relief Fund* (for N. CA Fires)



Mustard Seed

Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

Living in Prayer

**Pray Always - Anywhere, Any Time,
Any Place!**

In the Word

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. **1 Chronicles 16:11**

Of the Word

Today's schedule: go to work, pick up groceries, make a casserole and take it to a sick friend, help with the children's homework, make lunches for tomorrow, put kids to bed, fall asleep during the late news. When our day is so hectic, how can we add "prayer time" to an already overly committed schedule?

Maybe the solution is to incorporate prayer into every event of our day. While preparing the meal for a sick friend, pray for her needs and ask God for the wisdom to bring her words of comfort. When you drop off the meal, ask to pray with her. Before your family meal, add petitions for family concerns. When the worries of the day keep you awake at night, turn to God in prayer.

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise (James 5:13).

Walking with my Lord

Dear Lord, starting today I will try to add more prayer time to my life. Please be patient with me as I learn to change my complaining into prayers for help, for comfort, and then for thanksgiving. This I pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WOMEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION

*Join us on Zoom,
Monday's at 9am*



All WoHC are invited to join!

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.

The link is the same & is included in the Friday Announcements.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church October 18, 2020

LWML Sunday



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*



***REMEMBER: Bring your Mites
and Wear Purple.***

Mites collected at Holy Cross are sent to
LWML CNH. The district then forwards
25% to LWML to support the
national Mission Grants.

*Women in Mission –
"Serving the Lord With gladness"* Psalm 100:2

WoHC (Women of Holy Cross) is part of LWML
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Thank you for making this a *September to Remember!*

Your donations are supporting missions that by the grace of God will share
Jesus' love at home and around the world!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our
2020 GivingTuesday challenge! Because of
you, \$90,726.48 was given for mission work!

This means LWML, through your generous
gifts, greatly exceeded the matching amount
of \$10,000 by a generous family.

That brings the total to **\$100,726.48**
given to support the 2019-2021 LWML
Mission Goal

Dear Holy Cross members,

I would like to thank you for the 16 years of support you gave me while I was the Holy Cross Choir Director. Thank you also for your kind words in the previous newsletter. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 we weren't able to have any kind of final choir party or farewell. That wasn't quite the plan, but of course our plans are not always God's plans. :) Over those years it was so fulfilling to be able to share various kinds of music (including my own compositions) with voices, chimes, and instruments to embellish the worship services. I am so thankful for all the choir members who dedicated their time and talents to this music ministry. We had a lot of fun "making a joyful noise unto the Lord!"



I pray you are all keeping safe and healthy in these challenging times!

God's blessings, Diana Meux



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Diana & Paul's Wedding Ceremony, 30th Sept 2020, St Finian's Church, Dublin

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SAVE



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Virtual view on YouTube

**YouTube screenshots of wedding,
taken by Nancy Hoffman**



Diana, do you take ...




Checking YouTube after



Pronounce you man and wife..

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9am-12:30pm LWML/CNH Zone 7 Fall Event Zoom
4 9am Worship Service 1pm Zoom Adult Sunday School	5 OFC CLOSED 9-9:45am Women's Coffee/Conversation Zoom 10-11:30am Ladies Bible Study Zoom	6 11a Prayer Group, Courtyard	7 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	8	9	10 9am Vision Mtg
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Sunday Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service 9AM
Adult Sunday School 1PM Zoom
Youth Bible Study 11AM (on hold)
Sunday School 11AM (on hold)

Week Day Bible Study Schedule:

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

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