



Holy Cross Herald February 2022

Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!

Proclaiming
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming
lost lives for
Christ!

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The more things change, the more they stay the same. No-where is this more true than in the church—the institution that is the most resistant to change!

Think of the change that came to the church when Gutenberg invented his moveable type printing press. It certainly aided Luther in the reformation—his Ninety Five Theses were rapidly and widely disseminated because of it. Not only were the Theses the talk of educated theologians and academics, but also the peasant in the street. The Bible was brought into the homes of not only the educated and wealthy but the poor as well. The truths of God’s Word, chiefly that we are saved by grace through faith, were now able to be known by everyone. And think about the greatest change that had to come to the church—how they worshiped. How did the church worship without the printed word? Hymns and liturgy had to be memorized and spoken from rote—usually in Latin, a language nobody knew or understood. Congregations went from being spectators to being participants.

And for all of that change that was brought to the church, the church of the 21st century isn’t all that different from the church of the 15th and 16th century. The liturgy is still pretty much the same, church architecture, while more modern, is still the same, robes are still worn by the clergy, pews are still in the nave, and the Bible is still the sole rule and norm of Christian faith and life.

Or think of the change that came to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod when Bibles, church publications, hymnals, and liturgy went from the German language to the English language. Many felt this would be the end of their German heritage, culture, and language itself. English began to creep from the life of the church to life at home. Today, Missouri Synod churches that offer a German language service are very rare, and finding a pastor who can lead the worship service and preach in German is even rarer.

And yet for all the change that came to the church in going from German to English not much has changed. Today we still want to know if a fellow member of the church is German in their origin, we make light humor of our “German” stubbornness, and we take great pride in our German heritage. Each week we gather for worship and we still sing the very same liturgy as our Saxon forbears; we still practice congregational autonomy, and we still value a highly educated clergy.

And what changes will the church deal with next? Although they call it worship wars, it really isn't a war. Some Lutherans have chosen to worship differently than the rest of us. The organ and piano have been exchanged for other instruments and the music to the hymns is more in line with popular secular music. But congregations are still sitting in pews, still confessing their sins and receiving absolution, still taking the body and blood of the Lord for the forgiveness of their sins and receiving the historic Aaronic benediction at the end of the service.

In some cases change has occurred without our even realizing it has taken place. But because the more things change the more they stay the same we haven't even noticed or realized it. For example, our new Lutheran Service Book contains about a dozen hymns in it that are praise and worship songs. They have been around so long and stood the test of time that they have become mainstream and are now a part of many church hymnals.

Some churches have gone to screens and projectors to enhance their worship services. While some may be convinced that this is the work of the devil and the ruin of many a congregation, it is in some ways a step back to the worship life of the church during the 13th and 14th century. They worshipped without paper in their hands. They had to have the service memorized and say their parts of the liturgy from memory all the while looking straight ahead at the altar and the worship leader rather than looking down at their paper bulletin.

As the printing press and English made worship available, relevant, and more meaningful to a wider audience, I suspect the “technological” changes we are experiencing today will produce the same results. Change will take place, but not really. The church will still worship with its historic liturgy, confession and absolution will still take place, the Lord's Supper will still forgive sins and strengthen faith, the benediction will still be spoken at the end of the service, and congregational life will go on as it always has.

Fifty years from now Holy Cross, like every other LCMS congregation, will be different, but will still be the same. It's true. Because the more things change, the more they stay the same.

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Elders' Corner

It's February. The shortest and usually one of the darkest and coldest months. That said it's my favorite, mostly because it is the month I was born. And everyone celebrates my birthday because it's on the fourteenth. Maybe I'm wrong and there is something else about that date that people celebrate. Oh yeah, it's also Valentine's Day.

Valentine's day brings thoughts of love and romance. As Christians we are told not to only love our spouses and family but everyone even those who hate us. "But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also." Luke 6:27-29 KJ

So, when someone treats you badly, remember they too are God's creation and treat them lovingly instead of following our worldly instinct to react in kind.

Mike Yuhase
Elder Zone 8

Looking forward to the EASTER SEASON



Transfiguration Weekend - February 26 & 27

Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2, 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship - Wednesday's, 7:00 pm

Holy week beginning with

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 10

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 7:00 pm,

Good Friday - April 15, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday - April 16, 11:00 pm,

Easter Celebration - April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 am

At this time we will not be having our Lenten dinners or Easter breakfast.

HERE IS THE NEWS FROM NEW HOPE

We had an average number of clients for the month of December and the pantry is still thriving. Our dedicated members are still distributing food and packing bags of groceries. Food continues to be brought in, sorted and put on shelves. Our director has stepped down but will remain active in the group. Someone has stepped up to lead the group in the future. Our treasurer has left the group, but we have a volunteer to fill the loss. We are trying to remain hopeful that we can continue to keep the pantry moving forward.

For the Month of December, we had 24 families, serving 98 people. We gave 3 Bibles and 3 Pks. of diapers. We also gave 93 turkey food baskets for Christmas, serving approximately 372 people.

Our total numbers for the year are 426 families, serving on an average of 1549 people. We gave 430 units, 22 Bibles and 17 Pks. of diapers.

Our item of the month is juice.
It can be put in the basket by the pantry door
if you would like to contribute.

Please join us at our next Food Pantry meeting
Saturday, February 5th, at 10 a.m.
Everyone is welcome.

I was hungry and you
gave me food,
I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink.

Matthew 25:35, NRSV



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

THANK YOU all for participating in the recent nomination and election process of our 2022 WOY. This year's nominees were: Carol Dehnke, Roberta Hanka, Tara Stewart, Phyllis Ullmer, Linda Conger, Doris Ferries, Jamie Yusko, Denise Oughton, Denise Vandenberghe and Dawn Bean.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

CONGRATULATIONS!
PHYLLIS ULLMER, our 2022 WOY, will represent Holy Cross at the annual luncheon.

DATE: March 15, 2022

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: Macomb Sports & Expo Center (Macomb Community College), 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C.

PRICE: \$32 (Includes \$1 for Detroit Food Banks / \$1 for Seminarians)

RSVP: EventBrite Link at clwmichigan.com
Jan Cook will collect money and make our group reservation. Please use Sign-Up Sheet on UWM Bulletin Board by 2/20. Transportation by church bus will be available.

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild is a group of 14 ladies who enjoy using their God-given gifts and talents in many different ways. The summary below lists all the things we have done over the past several years. We hope this list inspires some new ladies to join us in our efforts to “foster Christian love and fellowship and fill needs for service”.

LADIES GUILD

PURPOSE: *The purpose of the Ladies Guild shall be to use time and talents in support of Holy Cross’s ministry, fostering Christian love and fellowship and filling needs for service.*

Activities that foster Christian love and Fellowship

- Sunshine Lady – Our designated Sunshine Lady sends cards and notes to all shut-ins for birthdays, holidays and thinking of you
- Funeral Luncheons – serve meals as requested
- 5th Sunday Potlucks
- Made Cinnamon Stick Easter Crosses in 2020 as a craft to sell in 2021
- Christmas lunch at a restaurant replaces the December Meeting
- Lenten Suppers
- Field Trips – DIA, Jiffy Food Factory Tour, Dearborn for POBLO tour of activities offered to community, Pastor’s bus tour of Detroit

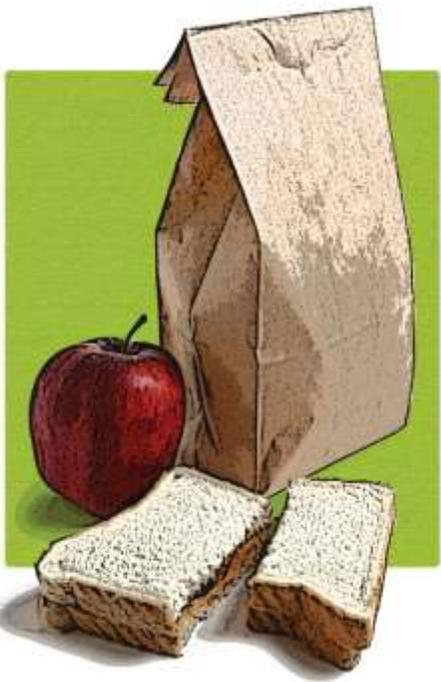
Activities that Fill Needs for Service

- Kitchen Pantry
 - ◇ Purchase and replenish supplies as needed
 - ◇ Work with Building and Property to keep all the equipment in good working order and compliant with fire and sanitation codes

- Outreach
 - ◇ Family of God – provide Sunday dinners for 100 or more attendees and/or bagged lunches (50) for their Street Ministry
 - ◇ Provide monetary support to LCMS seminarian students
 - ◇ Provide encouragement and monetary support to confirmands to attend retreats
 - ◇ Recognize confirmands with gift of corsage/boutonniere
 - ◇ Pre-Christmas Social in November 2021

- Provide amenities and upgrades to the Building
 - ◇ Purchased comfort height toilets for the men and women’s handicapped stalls
 - ◇ Purchased Window Blinds for the Fellowship Hall (Motown Soup Fundraiser)
 - ◇ Décor for the Fellowship Hall (in process)
 - ◇ Purchased carpeting and blinds for Thekla Pfeiffer room
 - ◇ Had carpeting throughout church building and also original furniture in hallway professionally cleaned

FAMILY OF GOD
(FOG) UPDATE



BROWN BAG LUNCH

Our sincere thanks to the January Lunch Bag Team which consisted of: Linda Conger, Carol Dehnke, Allison Hall, Roberta Hanka, Maurya Withrow and Margaret Yusko. Some of the ladies roasted the turkeys and chopped the meat while others chopped the vegetables for the combination of these two items to make a turkey salad sandwich. Phyllis Ullmer and Tara Stewart completed the job by handling the rest of the items for the lunch bags.

Pastor Tyler will be at our church on February 13th - watch the bulletin for further details on this. On this day we have Carol Heidenreich, Shirley McClenahan and Denise Oughton preparing the lunch bags for Pastor Tyler to take back to FOG.

Our next lunch bag project is due on February 27th. Rev. Hanna's group will be handing this project but, we need someone who will make the delivery to FOG which is located at 7354 Whittaker St., Detroit, MI. It needs to arrive there by 1pm on February 27th. Can you help us and make the delivery?

If you are interested in helping with a lunch bag project please contact Roberta Hanka (586-486-5645). We have dates set all the way into Nov. - does any one month appeal to you to handle this?

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



The word 'JOY' is written in large, colorful letters. The 'J' is green, the 'O' is pink with a yellow silhouette of a person with arms raised inside it, and the 'Y' is orange.

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE

The 2022 LWML Michigan District Convention will be held in Frankenmuth, Thursday, July 7th – Saturday, July 9th. Our theme is 'My Sheep HEAR My Voice', John 10:27.

A little bit of history: the first LWML Michigan District convention was held in Frankenmuth in 1942. How special that LWML is celebrating their 80th anniversary this year in the same city!

Frankenmuth is so close and if you've never been able to attend a convention, due to distance, this would be a wonderful opportunity for you. You will meet ladies from all over Michigan, hear motivational speakers, attend Bible Studies and participate in servant events. So mark your calendars ladies!!

LWML SPOTLIGHT

The focuses on Mission Grant #14: Support at Just the Right Time – Mission Central = \$15,000. These funds will assist the LCMS 'Mission Central' with support for missionaries. Mission Central was started in 1994 to take the mission of bringing Jesus to the world and has become the largest LCMS network providing support for missionaries to prepare, serve, and support their families while in the field. Mission Central also provides a place for missionaries to stay while on home service, offices for the volunteers and facilities for mission events. Thank you for your continued support through your mite contributions.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought in their canceled stamps during the holiday season. We will continue to collect used/canceled stamps to help fund Becky Grossmann's ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators. All stamps are useful, but foreign or commemorative ones are more valuable. The box to deposit your stamps is on the mite table outside the Sanctuary.

MINISTRY OF OLDSTERS TO YOUNGSTERS

To continue the Epiphany theme, two 'REVEALS' of Jesus' divine nature will be taught. First, in the true account of His forgiving and healing powers (the paralyzed man who picked up his "bed" and walked); and then in the incident of His walking on the water and giving Peter permission to do the same. No mortal has those powers. Jesus IS the God-man!

In a nod to Valentine's Day (wouldn't that saint be appalled if he saw how his day now is so much about amorous love?!) there will be some things the children can use to express their love to family and friends, and perhaps to others who need to know it, too. All in the name of Jesus, who is the embodiment of the Love of God!

May the Lord enable the children (and all of us) to witness to the love received from Jesus by showing love to others. Amen.



Memorial Gifts

ME-
OF



In memory of Jackie Johnson

For the General Fund

Pat Stewart
Earl & Pat Crilley
Mike & Marie Metcalfe
Al & Cathy Zeckzer

For the Music Ministry

Jan Cook
June Moore
New Hope

For the Food Pantry

Marcus & Arlene Coon

MORIALS FOR THE MONTH JANUARY

In memory of Jan Klumpp

For the General Fund

Roberta Hanka
Carol Heidenreich

In memory of Frank Erdodi

For the General Fund

Ron & Joanne Vollbrecht
Janice Hoffman
Cheryl Sydney Harris
Connie & Jeffrey Beutenmiller
Despina Traicevski
Carol Heidenreich



Marylou Schmidt	2/1
Jeff Hobert	2/2
David King	2/2
Alex Stokes	2/3
Mike Bierbower	2/4
Julie Bastian	2/6
Margaret Yusko	2/6
Linda Conger	2/10
Mason Wojciechowski	2/10
Mary Hintze	2/11
Amanda Johnson	2/12
Harriet Ermler	2/13
Charles DeMoss	2/14
John Pepperman	2/14
Mike Yuhase	2/14
Connie Difatta	2/15
Pat Ratzow	2/15
Jerry Kelly	2/16
Jennifer Prewitt	2/16
Brian Williams	2/16
Wayne Haugan	2/18
Vivian LaCoss	2/20
Jane Bennett	2/21
Graddie Hall III	2/25

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 Dolly Ferries
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 Ken Sobocinski
 Shirley Pontious
 Margaret Green
 Linda Troppman
 Marylou Schmidt
 Siegfried Tyburski
 Vern & Ruth Parker
 Jim & Evelyn Cantwell



**Homebound
MEMBERS**



**REMEMBER THOSE
IN HOSPICE CARE.**

Ron Atkinson (father of Kevin Atkinson)

<u>COUPLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Chuck & Sue Schroeder	2/5/1972	50
Pastor & Teryl Eisinger	2/5/2000	22
Fred & Betty Birchard	2/11/1961	61



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SATURDAY MERITAGE
5:30PM

SUNDAY
8:30AM & 11:00AM
Bible Study 9:45AM

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