

Holy Cross Herald April 2022

Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!

Proclaiming
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming
lost lives for Christ!

PASTORAL MUSINGS

One of the things I enjoy in my spare time is roaming the floors of King's Used Books in downtown Detroit. They have a great theological section on the fourth floor and a nice section on the first of Bible Studies and commentaries. I was recently there and came home with four books and a small pamphlet. One of the books I found was published by the old (Lutheran) Muhlenberg Press in 1946. It is titled, "A Manual on Worship".

As the title suggests, the book is all about our Lutheran way of worship. The introduction to the book had some very enlightening things to say about the Lutheran Church being a liturgical church and why we come to church in the first place. I was so intrigued with them that I am going to let the words of the writer be my musings for this month. While the author of the book was Paul Zeller Strodach, Pastor F. H. Knubel wrote the introduction that I am sharing with you.

For good reasons she chooses to be liturgical in her worship, and her people with all of their freedom universally follow the choice.

One of her reasons is that public worship must be preserved from individualism. The Church is a social organism, a divine and the only enduring social organism. The man

who “goes to church” only for his personal spiritual profit has mistaken the character of a church service. His conception of worship is an entirely selfish one. He has failed to distinguish between private devotions and public worship, both of which are necessary. The Christian as he “goes to church” should realize himself as an integral part of a congregation, of a fellowship of men, of the communion of saints. The worship is a social function. He prays with others for the whole and for many great interests, not primarily for his individual needs. The Lord’s Prayer, with its “we” and “us” and “our” is the ideal prayer for public worship. The worshiper may rightly go beyond even the one congregation and recognize himself as in unity with all congregations of Christians. The effort to worship publicly in this manner will soon open up an increasing joy for the Christian, as he realizes the new richness of his worship. It becomes manifest however that from his point of view a well-conceived liturgy is needed, and that no passing thought of a single minister should determine how the many shall worship.

A second reason for liturgical worship grows out of the first one. The fellowship of ideal worship is greater than the whole company of Christians now on earth. We may know ourselves as one in our praise of the Lord with the saints of all ages. There is a unity with those who now worship Him in heaven. This is the powerful thought in the *Te Deum* (from *Matins*): ‘Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.’ It is the same thought of the united worship of heaven and earth which is found in the doxologies: ‘Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host.’ So also the *Preface in the Communion office* repeats it: ‘Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising you and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, etc.’ It is an added joy therefore to the true worshiper if he may realize that he is using forms which the saints of the ages have employed. Such is the case with the historic *Liturgy*. It has not been prepared by some committee, however wise and pious. It has grown with the centuries. The piety of all times has tested it, added what was worthy, cleansed it from what was unworthy. The fragrant incense of a ceaseless devotion of multitudes to the Savior comes to us in the *Liturgy*.

(The above was written by me in April of 2010—long before any of us had ever heard of or dreamed of a pandemic striking the world over! But as I perused this article I saw an opportunity to share it again and put it in context with 2022. What is said about worship then is still true today. When this pandemic started one of my fears, and that of many other pastors besides myself, was that people would get so used to worshipping online that they would not return to church once the pandemic was over. Too many people are too slow in coming back. The Christian does take all the proper precautions to keep from getting and/or giving COVID. The Church corporately does the same. And having done all that we can from a human point of view to protect ourselves and those around us, we put our faith and trust in the Lord, set our fears aside, and get on with our lives. We were created by God to be social people; to be in the world, just not of the world. Recently two visitors worshiped with us. Both, not related, had been worshipping online but finally came to the realization that online worship just wasn’t as meaningful and inspiring as worshipping in person. HOW TRUE! 4/22)

A Blessed Easter season to all of you as we gather over the next seven weeks with the Church in heaven and on earth to praise and worship our creator and redeemer!

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♪ ♪ **I love to tell the story**
Twill be my theme in glory ♪ ♪

Another Ash Wednesday, another Lent, another Good Friday, and another Easter. I've lived through quite a few Easter seasons, but they are always sort of the same. Sometimes what I give up or what and who we have for dinner changes but everything else sort of stays the same. The sermons, the songs change a little. The way we dress has changed over the years, sometimes even where we go to church changes.

Lots of things in our world and life change constantly. Sometimes good, sometimes bad, but there is always change. Don't like the weather? wait a minute and it will change. But there is one thing that hasn't changed and will never change and that is Gods' love for us. In fact, He loves us so much that He sent His own Son to the cross to die for our sins...for everyone. That will never change. He paid the full price once and for all.

The Priests of old used to give sacrifices over and over again and once a year would go behind the curtain to the Holy of Holies and sprinkle blood on the altar for our sins, but Jesus shed his own blood on the cross to cover all sins. He split the curtain wide open so all could go directly to God.

We continue to sin, but God now sees us as pure and holy because we have been washed clean with the blood of Jesus. So, another Easter season reminds us and helps us remember what Jesus did for us. I am so grateful that will never change.

♪ ♪ **To tell the old old story**
of Jesus and His love ♪ ♪

Chuck Schroeder, Zone 3





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 9, Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 pm

Palm Sunday, April 10, Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 and 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 14, Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15, Worship at 11:00 am and Tenebrae Service at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16, Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion 11:00 pm

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER CELEBRATION, April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 am with Holy Communion



He is Risen...



April BIRTHDAYS

Kristy Hicks	4/1
Ray Marchionda Jr.	4/1
Erick Nickel	4/1
Lily Clemons	4/2
Vickie Yuhase	4/6
Anna Llewellyn	4/9
Denise Ritthaler	4/10
Bryan Wiley	4/11
John Unger	4/12
Lorrie Atkinson	4/13
Eric Hecker	4/16
Sandi Pepperman	4/16
A.J. Wojciechowski	4/16
Philip Green	4/18
Mary Brandenburg	4/19
Cindy Pfahlert	4/21
Mike Kramer	4/22
Mary Northcott	4/22
Chris Bastian	4/23
Lucy Grimm	4/23
Robert Ehresman	4/24
Erica Grable	4/27
Marie Metcalfe	4/27
Dan Garza	4/28
Dana Hecker	4/28

Michelle & David Stokes
4/1/2017 5 year
Steven & Mary Gentz
4/5/2008 14 years
Brian & Susan Williams
4/11/1987 35 years
Joseph & Julie Bastian
4/27/1991 31 years
Jim & Sadie Nowakowski
4/28/2006 16 years



April ANNIVERSARIES



Remember our Shut-ins

Mae Ristau
Lotte Weber
Donna Marshall
Ken Sobocinski
Shirley Pontious
Harry Roberts
Peggy Majeske
Linda Troppman
Shirley Tallman

Marylou Schmidt
Siegfried Tyburski
Dolly Ferries
Margaret Green
Barb Ugo
Jim & Evelyn
Cantwell
Vern & Ruth Parker



Is coming back to Holy Cross this Fall!!

Many changes are coming to Holy Cross in the coming months and what better time to kick off a brand-new Sunday School Program!? Enduring the Faith kicks off Sunday September 11th with a traditional Rally Sunday so save the date! More info to come.

We need your help! Please consider sharing your time and talents with us.
We are looking for

P-K Teacher
1-3 Grade Teacher
4-6 Grade Teacher
1-2 Substitute Teachers
(No experience necessary! Lessons are preplanned and
lesson prep is super simple)

Music/Opening Leader
(Weekly 10-15 Minutes)

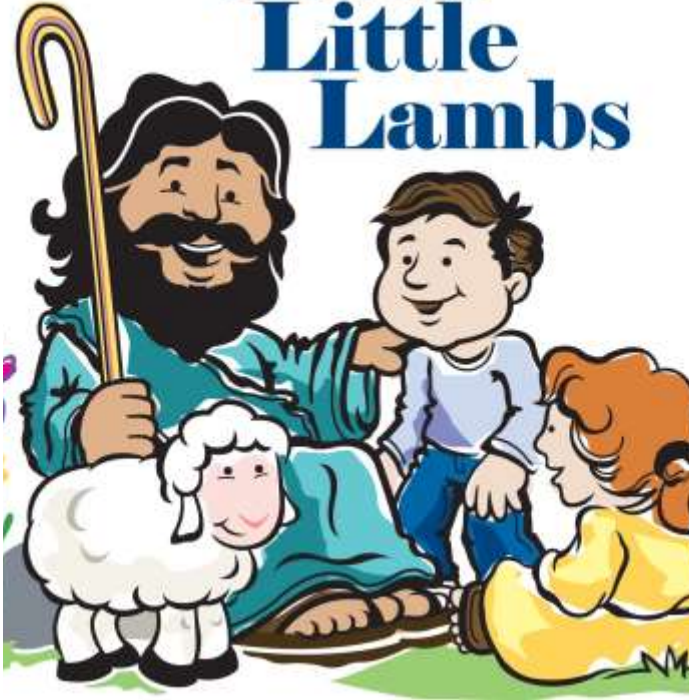
Craft Sunday Leader
(Sundays TBD)

If you are interested, please contact Laurel Clemons. We will be having an informational meeting with those interested in helping in May. PLEASE prayerfully consider becoming a part of this Ministry. This is a much-needed Ministry at Holy Cross. We also ask that you keep us in your prayers, and as we prepare for serving the Lord and Children that He brings to us.

THIS AND THAT

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS Oldsters to Youngsters

Jesus' Little Lambs



The April mailing from "Oldsters to Youngsters" will, first, contain a calendar with suggestions for Fasting (giving up things), Prayers, and Almsgiving (doing good for others) in the remaining days of Lent, plus the true account (not to be confused with a "made-up" story) of Good Friday. Then the joy of Easter will be celebrated, the Joy of Jesus' resurrection which assures us that one day we, too, will rise from the dead!! We will send these with a prayer that the children, as well as their parents, will be moved to want a closer relationship with Jesus and His church.

If you will have children as guests in your home, we encourage you to borrow some books from the children's section in the library to share with them. There will also be a few extra worksheets and pictures

available on our table in the hall. May you have the opportunity to share your Easter joy in Jesus with some child.

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

In the month of February, we served 20 families, 71 people, gave 3 Bibles and 2 Pks. of diapers. Year to date totals are 39 families, 129 people, 6 Bibles and 7 Pks. of diapers.

We recently received a nice allotment of food from Macomb County. Thank you to Chuck Schroeder and Tim, for helping along with Ed and Casey Danner to carry it in.

We have decided to start serving clients inside the building again. This will give us an opportunity to speak with them and ask if there is anything more that we may help them with.

There were no plans made to distribute Easter food baskets.

The item of the month is juice again. If anyone wants to help, please put it by the food pantry door. Our next pantry meeting is Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. We will always welcome new people and visitors.

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION is Thursday, July 7 through Saturday, July 9, 2022 in Frankenmuth. Registration began on March 15th through the www.lwmlmichigan.org website.

Please consider attending this year with the location being so near. You will enjoy meeting old and new friends, hear wonderful speakers and bible study leaders. You can participate in servant events and celebrate with us at our 80th Anniversary **"Birthday Bash" on Friday night.**



MOST MINISTRIES Eyeglass collection is ongoing. We have received a generous amount of glasses and we thank those who have donated so far. The eyeglasses collected were given to Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) at the Woman of The Year luncheon on March 15, 2022. CLW will deliver the glasses to MOST Ministries located in Ann Arbor. These glasses will be taken and used during mission trips to countries that lack the resources to provide glasses for people with vision problems.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be Saturday, April 9th beginning at 9:15 am. Our Bible study will be on Comfort and Hope based on Jeremiah 29:11-12. Invite a friend and please join us!

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)



Our thanks to the following team for handling March's lunch bag project: Gerrie Bufford, Jean Dennis, Mary Kerr, Lois Uhl and Maurya Withrow and to Gerrie Bufford's daughter, Lisa, for handling the delivery. Also, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Erick Nickel for their monetary donation towards the sandwiches!!

April's team is all set but, we need a driver. Could you deliver the lunch bags to Family of God on April 24th at 1pm? Or could you handle another date for delivery - call me and let's chat about the dates that are available - Roberta Hanka.

MORE THIS AND THAT

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

IN MEMORY OF AL ZECKZER

For the General Fund

John & Karen Wright

James M. O'Neal

Denise Schulte

Benjamin Castens

Dea Barham

Lynne Eifert

Steve & Becky Northcott

Jan Cook

Joyce & Brian Esterberg

Elizabeth Pieper

Cathy Zeckzer

S. Zeckzer family

J Wright family

Dan & Shirley Lamar

Tracy & Mike Sheehy

Donna McCormack

Joyce & Debbie Smith

Pattie & Shaun Kaminski

Karol Deming

IN MEMORY OF AL ZECKZER

For the Children's Ministry

June Moore

IN HONOR OF ROBERTA HANKA

For the Food Pantry

Doris Swalec



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

The Lenten Banks may be turned in during Holy Week. If you were unable to get a bank, you may use a plain envelope marked stewardship to contribute to our campaign. Please put your envelope number or name on the bank with masking tape or on your plain envelope put your envelope number or name.

Our goal is to have a new manger done for outside the church.

Thank You, Stewardship Ministry

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Financial Secretary
Linda Conger, Council Secretary

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

SATURDAY MERITAGE - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AND 11:00 AM
Bible Class - 9:45 am

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