



Acts 2:21

**Holy Cross
Herald
June 2022**

**Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!**

**Proclaiming
Christ crucified!**

**Reclaiming
lost lives for Christ!**

PASTORAL MUSINGS

A wise man (Bob DeMoss, from Holy Cross) told me and Teryl when we were shopping for our own home that you buy a house and then make it into a home. Our house has definitely become our HOME! It is more than a place to eat and sleep and be sheltered from the elements of wind and rain, cold and snow. It is for us place of safety and security; a refuge, if you will, where you can hide out from the rest of the world if we feel the need to do that! But more than that, our home is one of the places where our life together happens. Life happens in the kitchen as Teryl and I cook together—using recipes for foods we both grew up with and trying out new recipes that we have come across. And while cooking is going on we are sharing our days together with each other as well thoughts, cares, and concerns; and we are drawing closer with each other.

When family comes to visit or we entertain, we sit at the dining room table. That table was the same table that my father ate meals at when he was growing up with his parents, aunts, and uncles. I sat at that same table growing up when we would visit. My kids sat at that table when they were growing up, and when they come to visit, their children sit at the same table. Life has happened around that table in our dining room. Memories have been stored due to conversation around that table. We have been drawn closer to each other.

In our living room life definitely happens—we watch television and visit with family and friends. But most of all it is where one can view most of our tchotchkes. We have collected so many things over the years; some we have bought ourselves as reminders of places we have been, some are things given to us by family, friends, and members of the various congregations where I have pastored, and some things are from our parents and grandparents. All those knick-knacks have come to tell the story of our lives. They define who we are now and how we got here. And we are drawn closer together because of them.

When we first bought our house, Teryl liked it more than I did. But I have come to love not just the house—I have come to love OUR home! But we have another house that we love even more! It's not in Florida; it's not up north. And like our house in Sterling Heights, it has also become our home. Our other house is our home in Warren on Ryan Road—Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

There Life also happens—our Christian life! Over 19 years we have grown very much at home here. I love sitting in my chair up on the chancel steps and looking out at the congregation. You make me smile because God has brought us together as a family of believers. Our lives have become so intertwined with each other that we really are brothers and sisters in Christ because we share his body and blood given for us on the cross of calvary. Together we have worshiped our Lord; He has fed through his Word—both spoken and under the forms of bread and wine. We have been comforted, encouraged, inspired, and motivated as He came to us through Word and Sacrament and the Holy Spirit. Our lives have happened together, and we have been drawn closer to Him and to each other.

I love coming around the corner of narthex and looking down toward the lounge, for my eyes are drawn toward the stained-glass window of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. What a reminder of our Lord as a God who is gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. And as we walk toward that window, we pass the Baptismal Font with the cross above it! Our children and grandchildren were made God's children at that font (possibly we were, too). The cross aptly hangs above it—not empty but with Christ on it—ever a reminder that at the font God brings to us everything that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection: forgiveness of sin, life, salvation, and the precious gift of His Holy Spirit living in us!

And I love our fellowship hall—how many meals we have had in that hall. How much of our lives have been poured out and shared with one another in the kitchen, the food line, and at the table. How many songs have been sung together? And what has the Lord taught us over the years as we studied the Scriptures together in that space while eating and drinking coffee and donuts? Life has happened in that room, and we have been drawn closer to one another; and most importantly, Christ has drawn us closer to himself!

Holy Cross is more than just God's house. It's our home with him: our refuge, our fortress. It is the wings of His grace gathering and surrounding us as a mother hen would gather her chicks. Our home with Him is in the palm of his hand where we cannot be snatched away. I love my home at 43681. But I love even more the home at 30003! "Lord, I love the habitation of Your (our) house and the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8

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Elders' Corner

Well, we made it, the month of June. We looked forward to this month for quite a while. We have waited for that warm summer sun to shine on us and the warm rays to turn our skin from white to a light brown color. We now have chances to be outside with family and friends sipping on a cold beverage. Just think in a couple of weeks we will be celebrating the official start of summer.

How great the first day of summer is, but, we have a more important day to celebrate, the first weekend in June, we will be celebrating The Day of Pentecost, the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit gave them the knowledge and wisdom to truly understand all that Jesus taught them while He completed His task here on earth.

Remember in our scripture readings we learned that people thought they were drunk because the apostles were speaking in a language that the people understood them. This was the power of the Holy Spirit. This same power will be given to all of us if we just ask. So often we pray to God the Father and God the Son, but remember the Most Holy Spirit. Many times in scripture the Father and Son are mentioned but not the Holy Spirit. You can be sure that where the Father and Son are so is the Holy Spirit. Look at Genesis 1:1-2 and you will see the Holy Spirit being mentioned along with God the Father, (Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.) There He is, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

I like to think how we start off each worship service. We start off by making the sign of the cross to remind us of our Baptism. In our Baptism we were washed clean of original sin by the pouring on of water with the Word. We were again called the children of God. The other important fact is that we were given the Holy Spirit just like the apostles. Along with receiving the Holy Spirit come the fruits of the Spirit. Those being: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Remember what scripture tells us, of all these the greatest is love.

God's Ten Commandments are all about love. In the first three we show love to God. In the last seven we show love to our neighbor. Love, how much did God love us? God sent His only Son to suffer and die for us.

A servant of the Word,
Deacon Tony



UP COMING EVENTS

PASTOR EISINGER'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY

On behalf of the Church Council, please join us on Sunday, July 24th for Pastor's last worship service at Holy Cross. There is only one service that Sunday at 11:00 AM. A letter for Pastor's Celebration Dinner was sent out on May 13th to all Holy Cross families. The dinner will take place after service at 1:00 PM, at the following venue:

Ukrainian Cultural Center
26601 Ryan Road
Warren, Michigan 48091



The dinner will be \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 13 and under. Tickets can be purchased by returning the RSVP form and returning it with a check (made out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church) or cash, to the church office. Your name will be put on the RSVP list, no actual ticket will be given to you. RSVP forms must be returned by Friday, July 1, 2022.

We will not present Pastor and Teryl with a gift because the congregation has paid to have his children and grandchildren flown in from Nevada. If you would like to give Pastor and Teryl a gift, there will be a table for gifts and a box available for cards.

If you have humorous or interesting stories about Pastor that you would like to share during the dinner, please contact Chuck Schroeder.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the church office. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND VACATION OFFICE HOURS



After Memorial Day to after Labor Day the office will be open Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and closed on Friday. Thank you!

I will be on vacation June 3—June 13. Shirley will be filling in for me during that time. She will be in the office from 9 am to 3 pm Monday thru Thursday and the office will be closed on Friday. Thank you for your co-operation. Becky

UP COMING EVENTS



School's Out Fun Night!

**Tuesday June 21st
6:00pm-8:00pm**



**Join us in celebrating Summer
with hotdogs, s'mores and
games!**

**Join us on the front lawn of
Holy Cross for a evening of
fun and fellowship.**



Sign up in the Church Narthex.

**Please bring a chair or
blanket for seating.**

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LWML MITES AT WORK. MISSION GRANT THANK YOU

I am sharing a thank you message we (LWML) received from the recipient of Mission Grant #14, "Support at just the Right Time- Mission Central". LCMS Mission Central assists missionaries with support to prepare, serve and support their families while in the field:



Thank you very much for your generous gift in support of our part in God's work throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We appreciate your continuing generosity towards missionaries. Rafael and I live in the Dominican Republic where he is completing his last year of studies in the seminary and I serve as the Life Ministry Coordinator for missions and partner churches around Latin America. Following Rafael's graduation we will be moving to Chile where he will complete his vicarage, and God willing, be ordained to serve in the Lutheran Church of Chile. I am in my second year of distance deaconess studies with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, as well, and we look forward to seeing how God uses us in His kingdom for years to come. Your prayer and financial support are quite literally what keep us on the mission field to continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May God bless and keep you,
Rafael and Jamielynn Flores

Thank you, Holy Cross, for your continued support through your mite giving.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

United Women's Ministry (UWM) is introducing a new outreach called 3-6-9-12. It is a social ministry for women, 18 years and older, to meet the third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth month of the year. It's a time for women to get together in a social Christian atmosphere, no matter what season of life you are in and will be flexible enough to include our working women. There will be activities planned for those months either here at church or an outside venue. More information will follow.

MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Ministry



WHAT IS PENTECOST?

For the Jews, 50 days after Passover was the celebration of the first harvest (wheat) which brought believers from all over to the Temple in Jerusalem to pray and praise the Lord. God chose that day for the "Big Reveal" of the assignment (purpose) He has given His church on earth, those who believe in Jesus as their Savior: Tell EVERYONE that God's Plan of Salvation has been successfully completed in the person of Jesus, His Son, Who was born, lived, suffered, died, rose from the dead, and ascended back to Heaven, where He waits to "Welcome Home" all who believe in Him as their Savior!

For us, then, Pentecost is the "birth day" of the church, whose purpose, collectively and individually, remains the same today. The materials we will send to the children this month will give this message, and will also show how those early followers (disciples) obeyed it, and the responses it received. Peter's sermon that day brought 3000 people to Christ (Acts 2). Peter healed the lame beggar near the Temple, and this man "went walking and leaping and praising God" as he followed the disciples into the Temple, which gave them the opportunity to again spread the message (Acts 3). Philip was directed by an angel to meet an Ethiopian dignitary who was curious about prophecies of the coming Messiah (Acts 8), which reminded the disciples that "God wants ALL to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

We don't have to go far to find people who don't believe this. Often they are our relatives, friends, or neighbors; or for us "Oldsters", some of the children who receive our mailings. Pray with us that the "seeds" we sow will bring forth much fruit.

"Oldsters to Youngsters" group

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Thanks to our May team for handling the lunch bag project: Larry and Michelle Hoeft handled the items for the bags and picked up the water, while Jean Dennis and Mary Kerr made the sandwiches. The bags were delivered by Gerrie Bufford's daughter, Lisa. Thank you May Team!!

Can you help deliver the next lunch bag project which is scheduled for June 12th? Or would you like to help in some other manner? Contact Roberta and let's discuss this.



SOME OF THIS AND SOME OF THAT

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

For the Month of April, New Hope Food Pantry served 28 Families, 97 people, gave 29 units, 9 Bibles and 1 package of diapers.

The year to date totals are 90 families, 300 people, and 91 units. We gave 16 Bibles and 8 packages of diapers.

Our last meeting before summer recess was May 14th. During the summer months we still continue to make trips to Macomb County, and we also purchase additional food items. We will be loading and unloading groceries, packing brown bags of food to keep the shelves stocked and ready for distribution to our needy families. We will be organizing the pantry room, record keeping and monitoring our "Hot Line" pantry phone number.

Our item of the month will continue to be juice. For those who like to help with contributions, this is a staple item that is put in all our bags of food. We frequently run low on juice.

Our Food Pantry will continue to be operational all year long. If there is anyone in our church family who needs food or something else, New Hope is here for you too. We can help you in private if you prefer. Just ask any member of the Pantry.

Our next meeting in September will be Saturday, September 10th because the Labor Day weekend is September 3rd. Please join us again on Saturday, September 10th, at 10:00 a.m. Still looking for some new faces. See you soon.



HAGGERTY HALL

A proposal was made to the church council at its April meeting that the parish hall be named Haggerty Hall in remembrance of Ron Haggerty. Council readily agreed that naming the fellowship hall after Ron was most appropriate. Ron Haggerty assumed supervision of the Easter Breakfast after Bob Weyhing could no longer do it; he was a major force with the Elders behind the Fat Tuesday pancake dinners, and for many years saw to it that we had a congregational picnic every year. Ron also for a few years organized Fellowship Fridays. Fellowship Fridays consisted of Eating out at various restaurants, feather bowling, and pizza, Christmas Caroling, etc. Ron was all about bringing people together in Christ. Toward the end his mantra, whether the news was good or not good, was "Raise a Hallelujah!" He firmly believed in Christ as his Savior and knew most assuredly that neither death nor life nor anything else could separate him from God's love for him in Christ Jesus.

A plaque is being made to hang above the doors to the Fellowship Hall. When that is completed we will have a little get together in Haggerty Hall to dedicate it in his memory.

MINISTRY NEWS



Rally Sunday
September 11th 2022!

The launch of our new Sunday School program Enduring the Faith, kicks off with Rally Sunday. We are very excited about getting Sunday School up and running again at Holy Cross. In order to make this happen we **NEED your help! We are looking for...**

Teacher: We need just 1 more teacher! NO teaching experience is necessary. Lessons come pre planned with a teacher guide.

Music Leader: Weekly for 10 minutes at the beginning of Sunday School teaching us new songs.

PLEASE prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with us! If there is anything you are interested in helping with or have any questions PLEASE contact Laurel Clemons. There will be an informational meeting between services Sunday June 5th for all interested in helping.



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



Carly Nowakowski	6/1
Fred Birchard	6/2
Anthony Wojciechowski	6/4
Allison Hall	6/7
Anthony Hecker	6/7
Dan Jager	6/10
Dorothy Thiemer	6/10
Larry vandenBerg	6/10
Eric Bean	6/11
Greg Haase	6/11
Graddie Hall Jr.	6/11
Evan Hecker	6/12
Erin Quail	6/12
Judy Mekjian	6/13
Jean Dennis	6/14
Chuck Schroeder	6/15
Jenny McCoy	6/17
Joan VanHouteghen	6/17
Phyllis Ullmer	6/18
Michael Yusko	6/18
Lorraine Nickel	6/22
Denise Schulte	6/22
Irene Bell	6/23
Donna Kaip	6/23
Rose Olinger	6/23
Lary Llewellyn	6/24
Grace Marchionda	6/25
Tony Wojciechowski	6/27
Roger Withrow	6/30



Steve & Becky Northcott	June 6, 1992	30 years
Doug & Linda Conger	June 7, 1969	53 years
Erick & Lorraine Nickel	June 9, 1951	71 years
Marvin & Dee Oswald	June 12, 2004	18 years
Michael & Margaret Yusko	June 21, 1986	36 years
Matthew & Rachael Edwards	June 22, 2013	9 years
David & Christine King	June 27, 2017	5 years
Elyse & Ramon Bearse	June 30, 2017	5 years



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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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Linda Conger, Council Secretary

