

He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.

**ACTS 1:9**

## Holy Cross Herald May 2022

Aiming  
our lives toward  
Christ!

Proclaiming  
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming  
lost lives for Christ!

### ***PASTORAL MUSINGS . . . . .***

One of the things that I will miss when I retire is teaching people about the Christian Church Year (Which I did in an adult instruction class that was finished right before Easter). I love to tell people about each of the seasons and the rites and rituals and traditions associated with them. It's the rites and rituals and traditions that help bind us together; they serve as visual and hands-on lessons concerning our walk with Christ and the salvation that he came to bring us through his death and resurrection.

During the season of Lent Teryl and I like to wrap purple ribbon around all the crosses around the house. We have one cross that spells out John 3:16. She puts a purple ribbon around that one and hangs it on our front door rather than a wreath. It also makes for a nice witness as people drive or walk by and look at our front door.

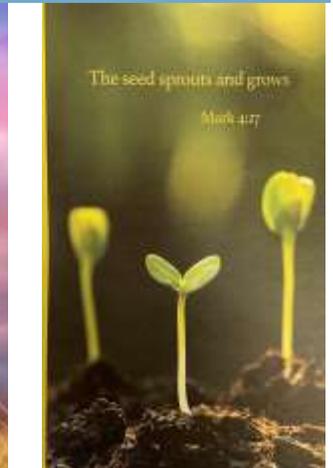
During Advent we put an Advent wreath on our dining room table and use it for our Advent devotions. But we also like decorating the house in blue, the color of Advent, because it signifies hope. Christ came into the world to give us a sure and certain hope! We also like hanging the prayer, Come Lord Jesus, over our dining room windows—one letter on a triangle piece of paper for each letter in the phrase.

It's a reminder, not to pray before we eat, but look forward with eager expectation for Jesus to come again and take us to be with him in paradise.

These are all easy because we do very similar things at church. Adapting them at home is easy and fun to do and certainly brings meaning for us about the current season of the church year we are observing. Celebrating the Church Year at home helps us to focus our faith on our Lord as "more-than-on-Sunday thing"! Our faith, along with Christ in whom we put our faith and trust, comes homes with us; we share our faith—our common bond with Him—with each other.

We also have a couple of books that are on the same subject of observing the Church Year at home. They are, "A Book of Feasts and Seasons" by Joanna Bogle, and "A Continual Feast" by Evelyn Birge Vitz. You can also do internet searches on this as well. Our books provide decorating advice, meals to eat, and activities for children if you have them still at home.

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## Memorial Gifts



### FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

IN MEMORY OF RUTH KUMPF

For the General Fund

Joan McCoy

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IN MEMORY OF RON ATKINSON

For New Hope Food Pantry

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For the General Fund

Carol Heidenreich

### Who's in Charge

As I sit and listen and watch the daily news, all I can do is shake my head. Then I **start to think just who is in charge, because we humans think that we are. I don't think** it is supposed to be this way. I remember a devotional story that I read from David Jeremiah where part of the story started out like this:

A large log was swept from the bank of a very fast-flowing river and is hurtling through the rapids (think of this log as our world). On this large log are thousands of tiny ants, *all of whom think they are in control of the log* (think of it as we are the ants).

Can you think of anything more absurd than for a tiny ant to think that it is in charge or in control of this giant log as it is careening on the waves of a raging river? And yet, so often men and women think that they have what it takes to change the outcome of this tumultuous world in which we live in. We often try to change things to what we think is the best outcome. However, the Bible tells us the complete opposite. This world belongs to God, and God alone. Only God can work out His purposes for the world which He created. The people throughout the scriptures believed just as we believe; that God rules over all as it says in (Deuteronomy 32:8 and in Job 12:23). The prophets also held this belief as stated by the Prophet Daniel. In (Daniel 2:20-22) he shared these words ***"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him."*** The Apostles shared these words from Acts 17:26 ***"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands."***

Don't let the events and the evil in our sinful and fallen world create fear in your heart. Remember that God has *been, is,* and will *always* remain on the throne ruling His creation.

***Nothing is beyond [God's] control.... The Bible makes it very clear that God is in control of everything. Even though we might not understand, have Faith that He is.***

Deacon Larry



Randy Falk	5/1
Charlotte Kramer	5/2
Rachel Ferner	5/3
Joyce Smith	5/3
Mary Gentz	5/5
Kris Llewellyn	5/6
Peggy Majeske	5/8
Janet Garza	5/9
Gail Caldarea	5/10
Casey Danner	5/10
Cynthia Hecker	5/10
Steve Keranen	5/10
Carol Zimmie	5/12
Nick Haggerty	5/13
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Kevin German	5/19
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Olivia Hall	5/24
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Michael Katopodes	5/31

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5/6/2017	5 years
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5/11/2013	9 years
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5/15/1976	46 years
Randy & Debby Falk	
5/17/1992	30 years
Philip & Kathy Green	
5/21/1983	39 years
Matt & Amy Fontana	
5/22/1981	41 years
Dave & Connie Difatta	
5/23/1970	52 years
Dan & Sue Jager	
5/23/1970	52 years
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5/23/1986	36 years
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5/29/1999	23 years



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 Margaret Green  
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 Vern & Ruth Parker

## THIS AND THAT

### Children's Ministry



### **EASTER IS NEVER OVER FOR CHRISTIANS**

Did you know that? Luther emphasizes in the Small Catechism that Baptism, " signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts and, again, a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

How is this possible? "St. Paul writes, Romans, chapter 6: "We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that, like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Fa-

ther, even so we also should walk in newness of life" - in other words, our sins are forgiven and now we have a chance to walk in ways pleasing to our Savior. That makes every new day another Easter for us.

The early church celebrated Easter for 40 days, recognizing that Christ continued to prove Himself the promised Savior in interaction with His disciples for 40 days, and prepared them for their "assignment" to take the wonderful message into all the world so that God's Plan of Salvation would be successfully completed. That is still our assignment today. So we reviewed that Plan in the words of "Jesus Loves me" once again.

May He give each of us the courage to speak up for Him, first where we live and then into the "utmost parts of the world." And may we also find ways to speak of that love with the children in our lives.

### **NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY**

For the month of March New Hope Food Pantry served 23 families, 74 people and gave 1 Bible. The totals to date are 62 families served, and 203 people. We gave 7 Bibles and 7 Packages of Diapers.

Our item of the month is juice again. This is a regular staple that we put in every unit of groceries. If you like to help. please put the juice by the food pantry door. Thank you for contributions in the past.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday May 14th at 10:00 am, **Not May 7th**. This will be the last time that we meet before Summer. This meeting has been rescheduled because several of our pantry members will be away on the earlier date. Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 am



# UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items in honor of our LWML 80th Anniversary. We exceeded our goal of collecting 80 items! We received slippers, pajamas, robes, socks, hankies, toiletry bags, sheets, paper plates, plastic cups and silverware, toilet tissue, paper towels, soap and kitchen garbage bags. Our congregation is so generous. May God bless each one of you. Thank you, again.



## **LWML CONVENTION:**

- LWML delegates for MI District convention, July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> are Shirley McClenahan and Connie Haugan. They will vote on new Mission Grant proposals and by-law changes. Please pray God will guide them in all their decisions.
- Ana Conrad will be the Young Woman Representative (YWR) for our LWML Suburban Lights Zone.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:15am. Please join us and invite a friend!



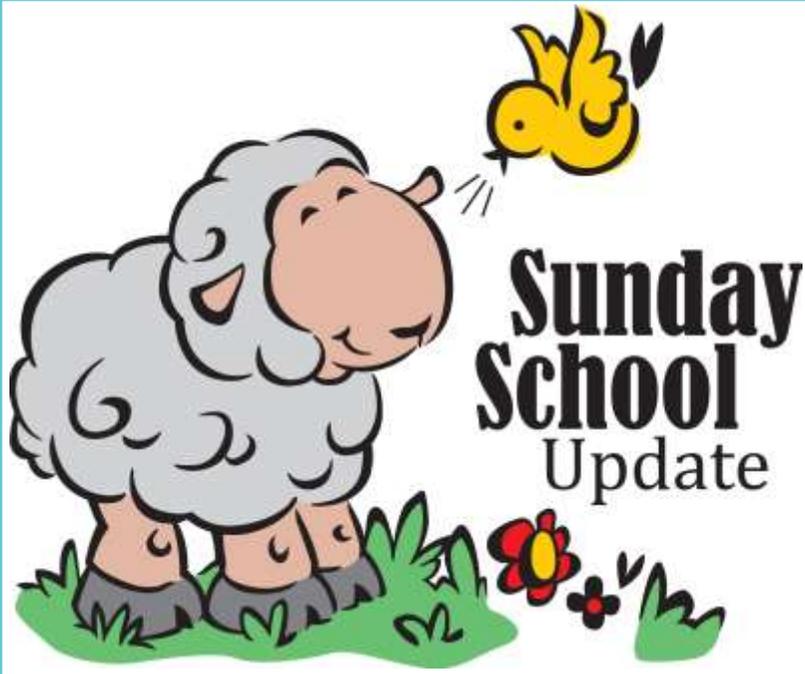
## **FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)**

Thanks to our April team for handling the lunch bag project: Carol Dehnke, Chris Gold, Shirley McClenahan and Brianna Prewitt and to Ed Danner who made the delivery. Special thanks to Chris Gold who took the time to have items sent to us for use in the lunch bags.

Thanks to our Food Pantry for the fruit/applesauce cups which took care of 4 lunch projects. Also thanks to the Evangelism Committee for offering to supply the 50 water bottles for June, July and August. It truly takes all of us working together to make this happen.

May's team and driver is all set. We're looking for a driver for June 12th - can you help?

Contact Roberta with any questions you might have regarding this project.



## 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...**

Teachers: P-K, 1-3 and 4-6

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.

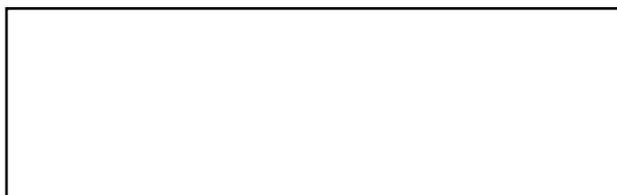
PLEASE prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with us! If there is anything you are interested in helping with or have any questions PLEASE contact Laurel Clemons. There will be an informational meeting between services Sunday June 5th for all interested in helping.



# Plan To attend Rally Day!

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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**

