



**The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word of our God
will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8**

Holy Cross Herald September 2022

Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!

Proclaiming
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming
lost lives for Christ!



**Holy Cross Lutheran
Church—Warren, MI**

ELDERS' CORNER.....

A recent Gallup poll reported that the number of American adults that believe in God is 81%. This compares to 92% of American adults in 2011 and 6% lower than five years ago. Gen X and Millennials are driving this change in American culture. The poll claims that Millennials are leading the way to a “worldview” outlook in America. All the more reason for Christians to remember, as Pastor reminds us, to be “in the world,” but not “of the world.”

It is difficult for me to understand how anyone could just accept the declaration that there is no God and how our world and the universe, as beautiful and complex as they are, “just happened.” Author Eric Metaxas, in his book Everything You Wanted to Know About God claims that “Our culture is so obsessed with the physical and material that we have lost the ability to think logically about anything outside of that realm.” I believe that’s why God’s word is so critical for guidance while living in today’s world.

In Chapter 55, verse 8, Isaiah says “For my thoughts are not your thoughts and neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord”. We must be strong in God’s word and through the power of prayer, pray for our nation and especially those devoted to the material world, to come to realize the wisdom, compassion, and the power of our omnipotent Triune God.

Earl Crilley, zone 6

September is here!

Our Sunday School Rally Sunday is September 11th! There will be one worship on Sunday at 10:00 am followed by a Potluck to help kick off our new



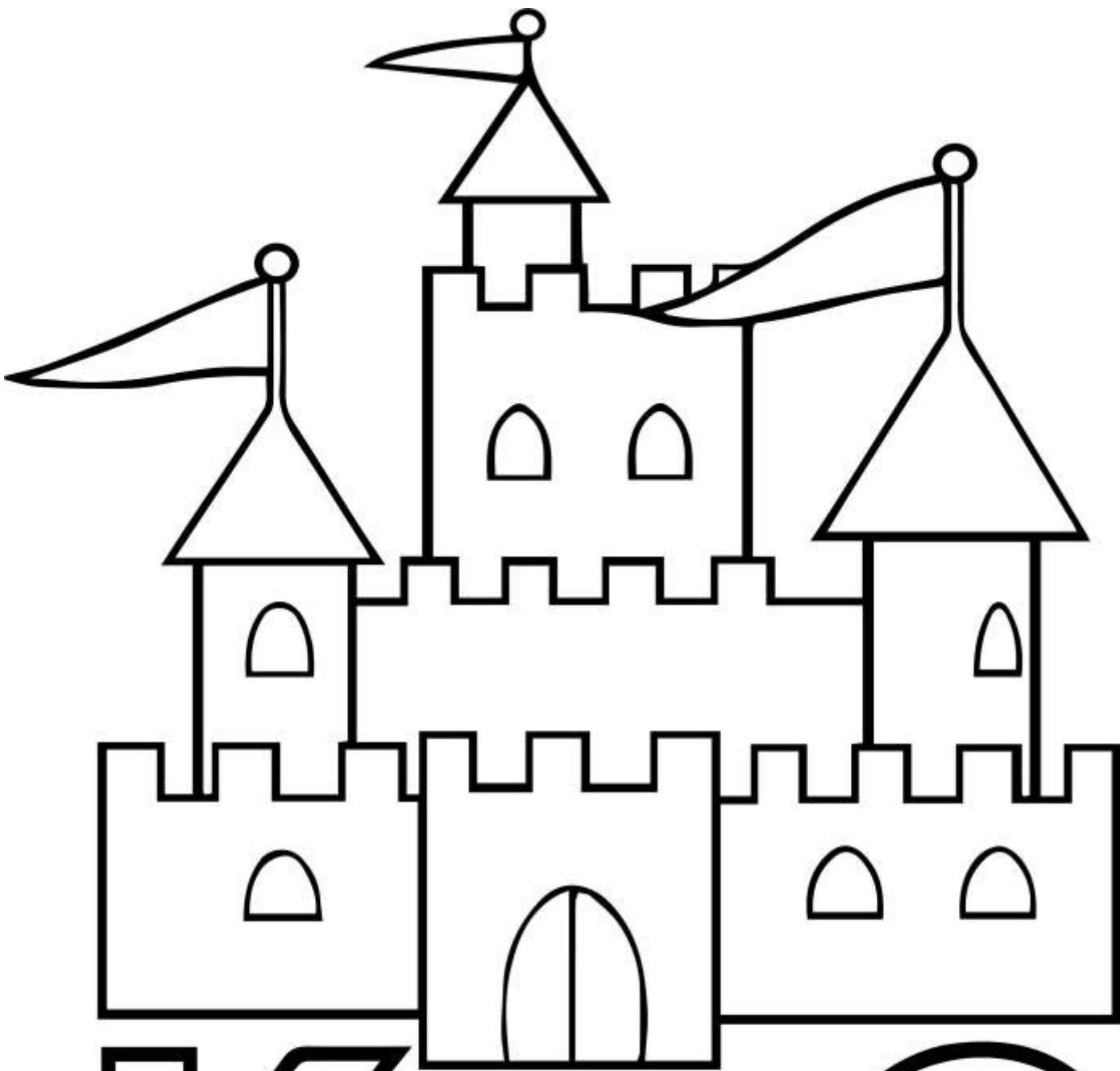
Sunday School Program! (Saturday is still at 5:30 pm) There is a sign up in the Narthex for the potluck. Please join us in celebrating Sunday School at Holy Cross!

Please do not forget to invite friends, neighbors, and Grandchildren to join us for Sunday School. Our awesome group of teachers and volunteers have been busy planning exciting things! There are Sunday School Registration Forms on the Welcome Center.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has donated school supplies to us! We now have fresh supplies to start our year. If you are interested in still donating items, we could use the following. Small Dixie Cups, Animal Crackers, Teddy Grahams, and other snack items. There is a basket outside the Sunday School Office for donations. Thank You!

Please continue to keep this Ministry in your prayers. We ask that you pray for our teachers and volunteers but most importantly we ask that you pray for the children, not just the children in our classrooms but the ones who have not been brought to us yet!

Blessings, Laurel Clemons



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LWML CONVENTION JULY 7-9, 2022

Our convention's theme was "My Sheep hear My Voice" from John 10:27. More than 450 women were inspired by God's word through our speakers, our bible studies and our fellowship together. There were 14 Mission Grants on the ballot and all 14 grants were approved. This is the first time in many years that all mission grants were voted to be fully funded. Praise God. Our total mite goal for the 2022-2024 biennium is \$386,000.

Our delegates at the Convention were Connie Haugan and Shirley McClenahan. They so enjoyed serving as delegates and wanted to share their experiences and impressions. See their thoughts below:

To Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend the LWML Convention in Frankenmuth, MI held on July 7-9, 2022 and being invited to be one of the delegates for Holy Cross. I am quite impressed with the LWML organization and its members. Carol Dehnke provided me with the website and other information to prepare for the Zoom meeting with Zone President Laura Boeberitz to review the items that would be on the voting ballot.

Spending two and a half days with 450 Lutheran women was quite the experience. At the first day servant events I was impressed to see the work being completed, many of the tables had ladies waiting for a seat to participate. I completed an embroidered eye glass case and would really liked to have tried working on one of the grocery bag mats for the homeless, but the seats were always filled, with ladies waiting. Later in the afternoon delegates were trained on how to use the handheld voting machine and we again reviewed the ballot items.

The opening service held at St Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth was something to see, the banners from each zone were processed into the beautiful historic church. The church is not air conditioned and since the day had quite high temperatures the packed church was quite warm, the message was equally warm to our hearts.

There were several vendors at the conference with information to share. The gentleman from LSEM (Lutheran Special Education Ministries) was quite interesting and I learned information that I was not aware of even though I have worked many years for Public School Districts.

The voting on Friday was tedious, but we survived. Someone seated nearby compared it to being in Washington DC and sitting in on a session of Congress.

The closing service held at the WEC (Worship and Event Center) was very nice, we got to catch up with Pastor and Deanna Rossow who were in attendance, their son Justin was the Key-note Speaker, and their daughter Brooke and her two daughters provided the music.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity for me to attend the LWML Convention.

Sincerely,
Connie Haugan

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED

Dear Holy Cross,

Thank you, Holy Cross, for allowing me to attend as a delegate to the LWML Convention this past July. What a thrill to be there. I enjoyed the Bible studies all the way down to the uplifting music.

To see so many women in one place and to share the love of Jesus was just awesome. Oh, yes, the love of purple too! Thank you again.

God's Blessings,
Shirley McClenahan

Ana Conrad represented our LWML Zone, Suburban Lights, as our Young Woman Representative (YWR). She too wrote a short thank you note:

I would first like to thank all of the LWML women from the Suburban Lights Zone Churches for letting me be your YWR representative.

It was a great honor for me to be your 2022 YWR, for my first LWML Convention. I would say God lead me in the right path to being an YWR. May God bless you all this year and in the years to come.

Your YWR,
Ana Conrad

THANK YOU!!

We want to say thank you to everyone who participated in our LWML Mite Challenge for the months of July and August and donated to their mite box each day. Through your generous giving we are able to fund our Mission Grants. The final total collected will be reported in October's newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

LWML Zone Fall Rally Event will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022 at St. Augustine Lutheran Church in Troy (SALT). Our own Ana Conrad, who was our Zone LWML Young Woman representative (YWR) at the July Convention in Frankenmuth, will tell us about her experiences. We invite everyone (women and men) to join us. Look for more information (time, cost, etc.) in the bulletin.

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Saturday, September 10th at 9:15 am in the conference room. Margaret Yusko is leading us in our Bible Study. Please join us!

3-6-9-12 SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join us Friday, September 23rd for a wine tasting evening. We will meet at Michigan by the Bottle in Royal Oak at 5:30pm. There will be a Sommelier who will explain the flavors in the wines you choose and instruct us in pairing wine with food. You will purchase your wine selections and we will provide the snacks. We will have a sign-up sheet on the UWM board (near the back parking lot). We may use the church bus if we have enough in attendance.

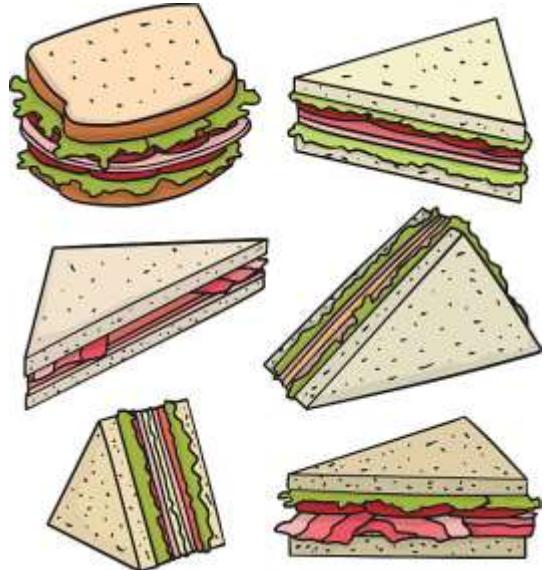
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FAMILY OF GOD UPDATE

Our thanks to Denise Oughton and her family with their help in the September 25th Lunch Bag Project. Delivery to FOG is being made by them as well.

We thank the folks who made monetary donations to help with the purchase of mustard seed devotions, mayo packets, mustard packets, cutlery sets, lunch bags and sandwich bags.

We are thinking ahead and plan on continuing this project into next year. We would also like to be able to handle more hot meals. I'm looking for someone to help in this area as I can't handle both projects. I'm willing to guide/work with someone to help you understand the process. Call Roberta Hanka if you have questions or are interested.



MORE THIS AND THAT



FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY
AND AUGUST

IN HONOR OF PASTOR EISINGER
For the Sunday School
Mike & Marie Metcalfe

BUILDING AND PROPERTY NEWS

The building and property ministry is working on several projects around the church and needs your help. If you have a special talent to share with the building and property ministry, consider coming to our monthly meeting. Our next meeting is September 27, at 7:00 pm. Join us and see how you can help. Contact Chuck Schroeder or Reece Hintze if you have any questions. Thank you for praying about joining our ministry.



Lotte Weber
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Shirley Pontious
Harry Roberts
Linda Troppman
Peggy Majeske
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Siegfried Tyburski
Dolly Ferries
Barbara Unger
Margaret Green
Barb Ugo
Jim & Evelyn
Cantwell
Vern & Ruth Parker

MORE THIS AND THAT

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry meeting this September will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 10 a.m. after the Labor Day holiday.

Please come and join us. Bring a family member or a friend. All are welcome.

For the month of June, we served 25 families, 83 people, gave 26 units, 3 Bibles and 6 packages of diapers.

For the month of July, we served 19 families, 76 people, 19 units and gave 6 Bibles.

Through the month of July our totals are: 153 families served, 534 people, 156 units were given, 25 Bibles and 18 packages of diapers.

The pantry is still well stocked, but for those who always want to contribute, juice is usually needed. It is supplied with every unit. We are also collecting those used plastic store bags. Items may be dropped off by the Food Pantry door. Thank you.



THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much to our Holy Cross family and friends for such a grand retirement celebration! We were in awe at the turnout! The gifts and cards of well-wishing were over the top. You have given us memories galore! The Lord continues to bless you, keep you safe in his wings of grace and mercy, and bring you to everlasting life. With much love and thanksgiving, Pastor and Teryl

STEWARSHIP MINISTRY

Welcome back, hope your summer was a good one. We will start our schedule up on September 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your ideas with you. See you then.
Sharon Adler, Stewardship.

MUSIC NEWS



Singers and Ringers — WE WANT YOU!

As the Summer draws to a close, it's time to get back to choir and handbells!

We invite all singers and ringers, high school age and up, to join the choir and handbell choir. ****Reading music is not a requirement — no experience necessary! ****

We've also heard some interest in starting a **Men's Choir** — This would be an exciting addition to our music ministry! If you are interested, you can email Michael Katopodes at

michaelkatopodes@gmail.com or find him before or after a weekend service.

We are also happy to welcome any instrumentalists to aid in worship — if you play an instrument of any kind (no kazoops please!), we'd love to include you.

We have a lot of exciting music moments coming up this season and we would love for you to be a part of them!

Choir meets Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45 pm beginning 9/8

Handbells meet Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm beginning 9/15

Men's Choir, 1 hour per month, time to be determined

We can't wait to see you there!

Contact by email for more information (or catch either of us before or after church!) :

Michael Katopodes (*choir*): michaelkatopodes@gmail.com

Marie Metcalfe (*handbells*): honold1451@gmail.com



Kevin Atkinson	9/1
McKenzie Drew	9/1
Conner Hicks	9/1
Joann Farmilo	9/3
Shirley Pontious	9/3
James Pfahlert	9/4
Joel LaCoss	9/8
Hailey Hall	9/10
Lindsey Kaupp	9/10
Barb Rohde	9/10
Denise Oughton	9/11
Paul Bean	9/12
Earl Crilley	9/12
Jamie Yusko	9/13
Teryl Eisinger	9/15
Kaitlin Haggerty	9/16
Cara Wojciechowski	9/16
Kaylee Agudo-Honold	9/17
Mike Metcalfe	9/18
James Marquette	9/19
Katie McClenahan	9/19
Ruth Parker	9/21
Dawn Bean	9/23
Joan McCoy	9/24
Timothy Schwartz	9/25
Holly Yusko	9/26
Judith DeMoss	9/27
Sarah Krawczyk	9/27



Brian & Angela Leithead	9/1/2019	3 year
Wayne & Doreen Fillmore	9/15/1973	49 years
Earl & Pat Crilley	9/17/1960	62 years
Vern & Ruth Parker	9/20/1947	75 years
Glen & Amy Schwartz	9/20/1986	36 years
Brian & Bonnie Esch	9/23/1978	44 years
Doug & Pam German	9/23/1983	39 years
Wayne & Connie Haugan	9/30/1989	33 years
Jerred & Tara Kaupp	9/30/2000	22 years
James & Jennifer Prewitt	9/30/2000	22 years

*God's blessings on your
birthdays and
anniversaries!*

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

SATURDAY MERITAGE

5:30PM

SUNDAY

8:30AM & 11:00AM

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