



A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD!

Holy Cross
Herald
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Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!

Proclaiming
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming
lost lives for Christ!



Holy Cross Lutheran
Church—Warren, MI

REFORMATION WEEKEND

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 505th anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 30, at our 10:00 am service, with a potluck following the service. We will sing a song or two written by Martin Luther and the altar will be adorned in red for liturgical color of the day. Reformation isn't just about the birthday of Lutherans or just about Luther and what Lutherans believe. Reformation is about the heart and soul of Christianity; it's about getting back to what the Scriptures teach: that God saves us by His grace through faith in His Son, Jesus. Come join in the celebration of our Lutheran heritage.



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

SEASONS

This word is capable of carrying many different meanings. We have the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. We have the Four Seasons the musical group. Sorry, I had to throw that in. For the sports minded, their first thought might be of baseball season, or football season, or hockey season, or maybe all of these. For my immediate family, more likely we would first think of deer season, or duck season, or some species of fish. What do you first think of when you hear the word season? Your favorite time of the year? Summer? Autumn? Christmas? I like all of those. Seasons can also refer to a period of time that often represents years, or even decades. Usually that type of season has an identifiable beginning and end. A couple gets married, and they go on as a couple for some years. When they have children, that can be said to be the ending of one season, and the beginning of another. When those children grow up and go to lead lives of their own, that would be another change of seasons.

What I took the long way to get to is that the time for the next season is at hand. At Holy Cross, the season of Pastor Eisinger has passed. I know that Pastor Eisinger and Teryl are loved, and we all have favorite memories of them. We are in a transitional period right now, kind of like that gray, sappy period in late February, early March. We will get through it, as families do. We need to look ahead with faith and courage and know that we are in God's hands, and He will guide us through, if we will let him. We must look forward to the next season with anticipation. It will come.

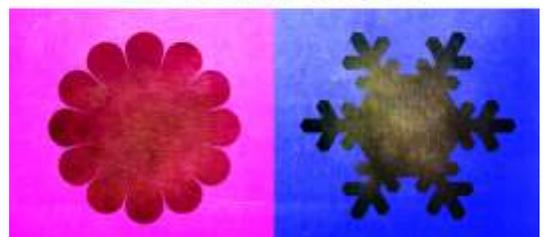
I am reminded of the movie "The Gumball Rally " about a cross country race. Franco, an Italian driver of a Ferrari convertible does this. He says "The first rule of Italian driving " then he pulls the rear view mirror off of the windshield and tosses it over his shoulder and out the back of the car. Then he says, "What's behind me, doesn't matter ". He is a man looking forward. Let's be Francos. Let's do what we can to keep our Holy Cross family strong and together.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Philip C. Green



**There is a time
for everything,
and a season for
every activity
under heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

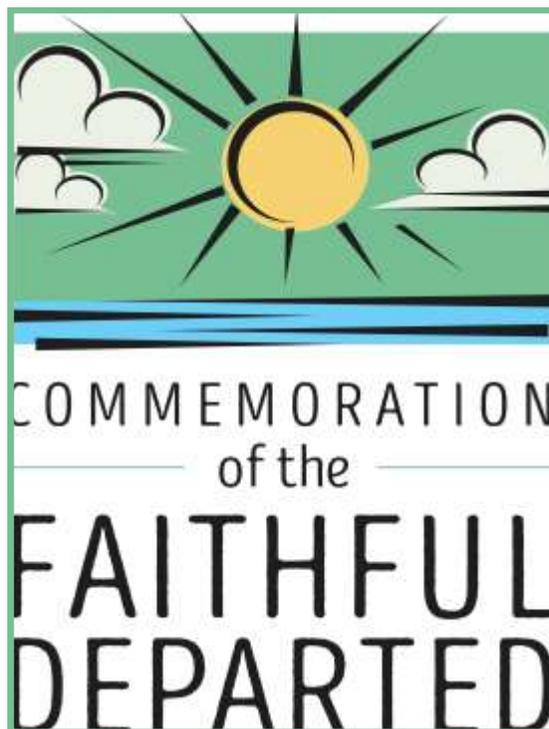


CHANGE IN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Elders have voted to go to one worship service on Sunday and NO change to Saturday's worship service. The Sunday worship service change will start on October 2. Please make note of this change: Adult Bible Class & Sunday School will be from 9:00-9:45 am the Worship Service will be from 10:00-11:00am

ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

As part of our All Saints' Worship on November 5 and November 6, we will remember the saints of the church – ***those who died in Christ during the past year.*** Our service that day will include a special ***Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.*** Please use the forms located in the narthex and in your bulletin to submit name of family and friends who have died in the Lord **since November 1, 2021.** Return the forms to the church office no later than Monday, October 31, 2022.

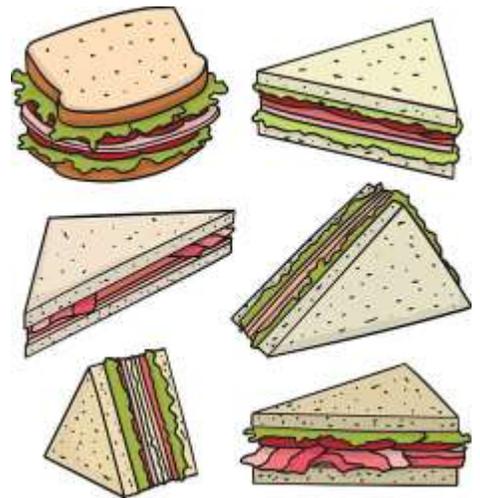


MINISTRIES UPDATES

FAMILY OF GOD UPDATE

Beginning the week of October 9th and ending on October 23rd we are having a Socktober drive. We are collecting men and women's **black socks**, all sizes. Please note that children's socks are not needed at this time. The socks will be delivered with the lunch bags on the 23rd. The collection basket will be by our mailboxes.

We thank the October Lunch Bag Team which consists of Jean Dennis, Shirley McClenahan and Denise Oughton. Ed Danner will deliver the lunch bags and black socks.



I am happy to report that in 2023 we plan on expanding our outreach to FOG. While still handling the Lunch Bag Team we will have the help of Denise Oughton who will handle the hot meals for FOG. I will work with her in setting up dates, cooks, drivers and servers. Watch for more details in the New Year. THANK YOU, Denise!

If you are interested in helping with any portion of this outreach program, please contact Roberta Hanka.

2 Cor. 9:10-11 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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 October 25, 2022 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.

MINISTRIES UPDATES



NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

The New Hope Ministries (Food Pantry) meeting was held on September 10th.

We started a preliminary discussion about having a Thanksgiving food basket distribution. Considering that Covid 19 and its variants are still a concern for many people, we will try to eliminate much of the gathering and socializing that was done in the past. There will be no cookies, coffee, or hot chocolate for refreshments. We want to give out turkey baskets, but we want to keep people spaced apart and moving along quickly. The last holiday distribution was Christmas 2021. At that event we made up 100 baskets but only 93 were picked up or delivered. For Thanksgiving 2021 we also made up 100 baskets, but only 89 were given. There were volunteers who gathered family names, wrote and sent invitations, made telephone reminders and purchased and brought in sufficient food and baskets. There was more help needed to set up, clean up, and make follow up phone calls to those clients who (for many different reasons) didn't come. We have temporarily decided to make 60 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 2022 and see how that goes.

For the month of August, 36 families came for food, serving approximately 111 people. 5 Bibles and 1 package of diapers were given.

The year-to-date totals through August are 189 families, 192 units, serving 645 people. 30 Bibles were given and 19 packages of diapers.

As of the above date, we have not decided on a food-item-of-the-month for those who always like to help. This will depend on the allotment that we will be receiving from Macomb County.

Our next Food Pantry meeting will be Saturday, October 1st at 10 a.m. Please come and bring a friend or a guest.

UNITED WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LWML SUNDAY

Holy Cross will be observing LWML Sunday the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people from all walks of life throughout our community and the world. The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your mite box and we celebrate this every LWML Sunday. Thank you! Our new mission statement reads- "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others" The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 80 years through the LMWL (1942 - 2022).

LWML MITES SPOTLIGHT



There were 14 Mission Grants approved for the 2022 - 2024 biennium for a total mite goal of \$386,000. We look at Mission Grant #1, "I was Naked and You Clothed Me", Orphan Grain Train = \$18,000. The Orphan Grain Train (OGT) began in 1992 in Norfolk, NE. and has shipped relief and humanitarian aid to 69 foreign countries. No distribution occurs without the fixed prerequisite that the Gospel of Christ Jesus be shared. The Michigan branch of OGT began operations in Sebawaing, MI in 2019. They have funded four international shipments to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova and the Republic of Georgia. International shipping costs are the single greatest expense, costing about \$9,000 per year. This grant will fund two international shipments in the next two years. Please continue to contribute to your mite box to help fund this Grant.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Saturday, October 8th at 9:15am in the conference room.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Please begin to consider who YOU will nominate as our 2023 Woman of the Year. Once again, nomination forms will be available by the wooden box outside the sanctuary. Our schedule is as follows:

NOMINATIONS OCTOBER 1-30
VOTING NOVEMBER 1-20
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR NOVEMBER 26/27

Qualifications are for a woman who is an active volunteer in the church and the community and cannot be a paid staff worker. Gentlemen - we welcome your participation in this process.

MOTOWN SOUP SALE

The Ladies Guild and Sunday School will be selling MOTOWN SOUP in November and December.

Motown Soup has created some new items that are interesting and fun and some old favorites are now available in the small size. Boxed assortments make great Christmas gifts and unique packaging can add just the right touch to a thoughtful hostess gift.

Please check out our table of items to purchase and/or order. Order forms will be available with the schedule of pick-up dates. Home delivery is also available upon request.

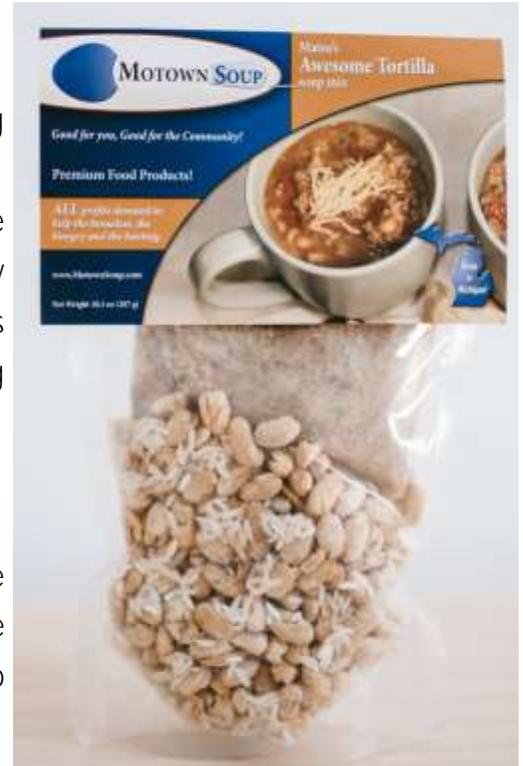
YES – you may collect and submit orders from your friends and neighbors.

YES – you may order online and have your items shipped to yourself or out-of-town.

We look forward to a successful sale as all proceeds will be shared equally by the Ladies Guild and Sunday School.

First day of sale is Saturday November 5.

The options are PLENTIFUL, ordering is EASY and eating is DELICIOUS!



HOLY CROSS BOWLING LEAGUE

Holy Cross started on Sunday (Sept. 11). We are always looking for people interested in joining the league. If you don't have a full team that is fine we can put you on a team who may need a bowler and you can see church friends or make new ones. This is NOT a super competitive league. We are here to have fun! If you are curious and want more information give Mark Coon a call and we can chat about it. My number is 248-219-7538. Hope to see you soon!!!



Holy Cross Members and Friends,

I would like to say thank you to all of you who attended the Rally Day potluck. We had between 60 and 65 people attend. A big thank you to the Ladies Guild for helping us collect and set out the food, to Mark Coon and Brian Leithead for grilling the hotdogs, to all of you that helped clean up, and finally to our Sunday School team for making it all happen. I ask that you continue to keep our ministry in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,
Laurel Clemons-Christian Education

Sunday School Lesson Schedule

October 2nd -The Promise and Fall

October 9th - A New Beginning

October 16th - A Call to Action

October 23rd - A Promising Dream

October 30th - 5th Sunday Potluck (Craft/Activity Sunday for Kids)

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

FALL OUTREACH CAR SHOW

On Sunday, September 25th we held our annual community outreach, fall Car Show. This Holy Cross Lutheran Church sponsored event, has been ongoing for 20+ years. Along with our Blessing of The Rides Car Show in April, these two events each provide us at Holy Cross with an opportunity to bring more than 200 people to our church facility and **share God's Word and witness His Great Love to them.**

We are very thankful for the many members of our congregation who have been faithful each year in assisting the Holy Cross Classic Cruisers car club to present this event. It is our prayer that we can continue this evangelistic outreach by attracting members of our community **using a display of classic cars. We look forward to "sowing the seeds"** of His word as we move forward serving God and our fellow man.

Ron Ratzow, Holy Cross Classic Cruisers





Lotte Weber
Donna Marshall
Shirley Pontious
Harry Roberts
Linda Troppman
Peggy Majeske
Marylou Schmidt
Siegfried Tyburski
Shirley Tallman

Dolly Ferries
Margaret Green
Barb Ugo
Barbara Unger
Jim & Evelyn
Cantwell
Vern & Ruth Parker

FOR THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER

IN MEMORY OF KEN SOBOCINSKI

For the General Fund

Mike & Marie Metcalfe
Gerald & Judy Sobocinski
Andrea & Michael Unger
Earl & Pat Crilley
June & Cecil McDole Charitable Fund
Cathy Zeckzer
Carol Watters
Diane Carr

IN MEMORY OF LAURA CATALDO

For the General Fund

Mike & Marie Metcalfe





October BIRTHDAYS

Tara Kaupp	10/1
Doris Ferries	10/6
Becky Northcott	10/7
Larry Olinger	10/7
Kayla Garza	10/9
Lynn Kenyon	10/9
Ana Conrad	10/10
Shannan Palonis	10/13
Cathy Zeckzer	10/13
Linda Denniston	10/14
Sandra Falbo	10/15
Lotte Weber	10/16
Matt Koppen	10/19
Evan Marchionda	10/19
Jan Danner	10/20
Carson Hicks	10/21
Tara Stewart	10/21
Rachel Yusko	10/21
Susan Krawczyk	10/23
John-Paul Bastian	10/25
Rick Breckenridge	10/25
David Ferries	10/25
Karen Adolph	10/26
Clark Putman	10/26
Emily Schwartz	10/28
Lynn Marshall-Hintz	10/29
Marvin Oswald	10/29
Christian Stewart	10/29
Kaitlynn Prewitt	10/30
Margi Southerland	10/30
Alaina Micallef	10/31

Kevin & Lorrie Atkinson	10/2/1994	28 years
Roger & Maurya Withrow	10/5/2002	20 years
Bob & Judy DeMoss	10/6/1962	60 years
Graddie & Allison Hall	10/7/2006	16 years
Larry & Rose Olinger	10/7/1968	54 years
Ron & Pat Ratzow	10/7/1961	61 years
Dave & Doris Ferries	10/8/2016	6 years
Dave & Carol Sula	10/19/1979	43 years
Jim & Evelyn Cantwell	10/23/1954	68 years
Reece & Mary Hintze	10/24/1959	63 years
Lee & Marlene Wiley	10/25/1986	36 years



October ANNIVERSARIES



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Financial Secretary
Linda Conger, *Council Secretary*

**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP!**

SATURDAY MERITAGE
5:30PM

SUNDAY
10:00AM

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS &
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
9:00 AM