

BE JOYFUL IN *hope.*

PATIENT IN *affliction.*

FAITHFUL IN *prayer.*

Romans 12:12, NIV



Holy Cross Herald February 2023

Aiming
our lives toward
Christ!

Proclaiming
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming
lost lives for Christ!

ELDERS' CORNER

***The fourth petition of the Lord's prayer is
"Give us this day, our daily bread".***

Luther's Small Catechism states this petition means God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without their prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Continuing -- daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, animals, money, goods, a devout spouse, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and other such things.

Again, Luther's Small Catechism relates that these words teach us not to be greedy or wasteful or to

worry about the future, but to live contentedly in the confidence that the Lord will give us what we need. Friends, it is easy to worry about the future when we don't have a full time Pastor to lead and guide us. If we can remember how our Lord feeds us in these many ways every day, we can learn the confidence to trust in our future, to trust that the Lord indeed has a plan for his followers here as we worship and reach out these days from Ryan Road to the community.

*Winter blessings to you!
Brian Williams, Elder, Zone 2*



FEBRUARY 22 IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Come and prepare yourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection. The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 7:00 pm. Lenten Worship will be Wednesdays thru March 29, with a worship service each week at 7:00 pm and quiet communion will be offered after each worship service.

IT'S TRADITION ! ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 22

Does a tasty and welcoming Holy Cross dinner of Sloppy Joes stir memories of warmth, fellowship and well-being? Well, some ideas are so good they are timeless. For many years, the Car Club has kicked off the Lenten Season by serving their famous Sloppy Joes on Ash Wednesday prior to the church service. This year, the Ladies Guild is going to assist in carrying on this fine tradition. We will be serving Sloppy Joes (from scratch), salads and desserts beginning at 5:30 PM. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship on Wednesday, February 22. The first Lenten church service begins at 7:00 PM.





February BIRTHDAYS

Marylou Schmidt	2/1
Jeff Hobert	2/2
David King	2/2
Alex Stokes	2/3
Julie Bastian	2/6
Margaret Yusko	2/6
Linda Conger	2/10
Mason Wojciechowski	2/10
Mary Hintze	2/11
Amanda Johnson	2/12
Harriet Ermler	2/13
Charles DeMoss	2/14
John Pepperman	2/14
Mike Yuhase	2/14
Connie Difatta	2/15
Pat Ratzow	2/15
Jennifer Grable	2/16
Jerry Kelly	2/16
Jennifer Prewitt	2/16
Brian Williams	2/16
Wayne Haugan	2/18
Vivian LaCoss	2/20
Jane Bennett	2/21
Graddie Hall III	2/25



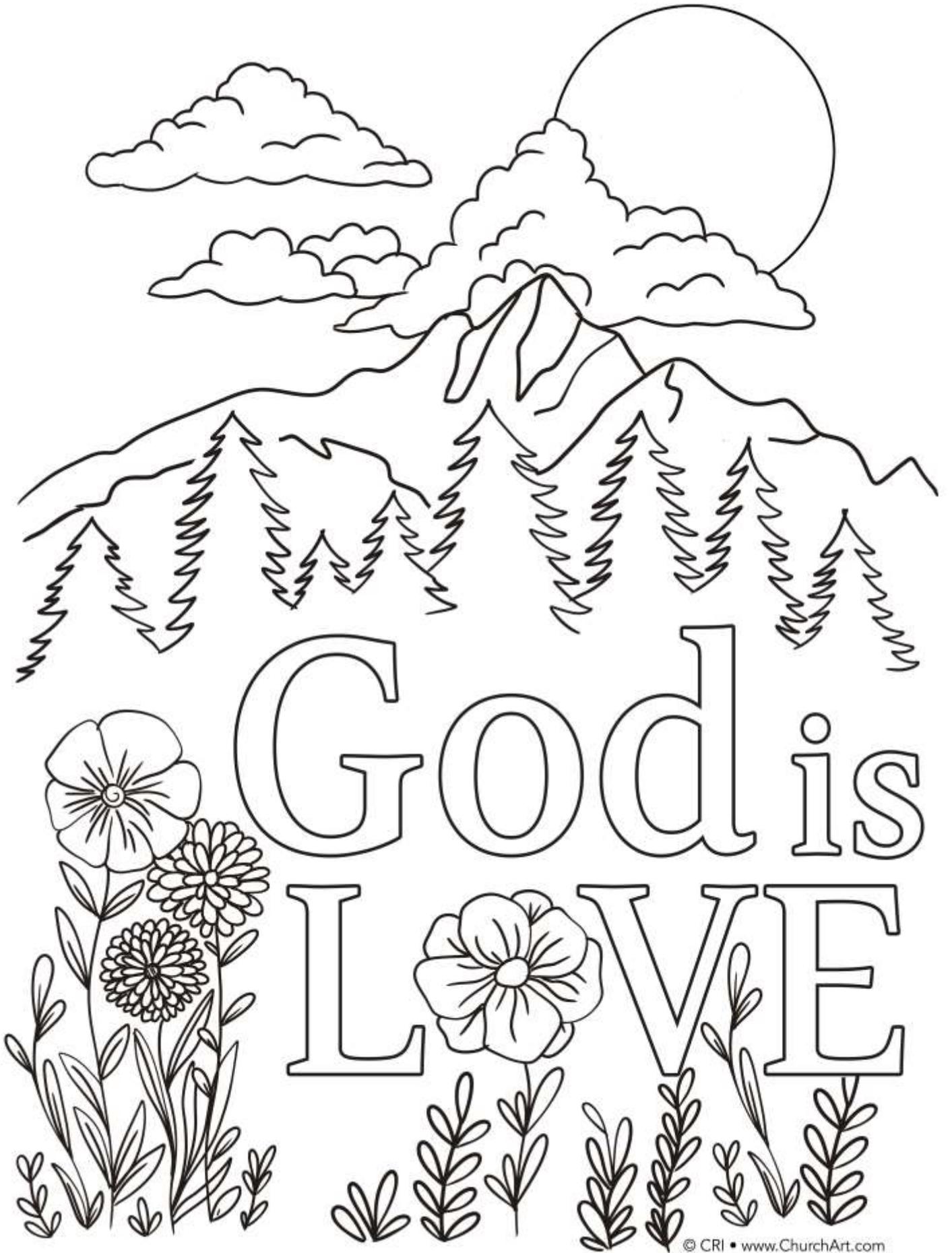
Barb Ugo
Shirley Pontious
Donna Marshall
Donna Kaip
Lotte Weber
Marylou Schmidt
Harry Roberts
Dolly Ferries
Peggy Majeske
Linda Troppman
Shirley Tallman
Barbara Unger
Jane Bennett
Siegfried Tyburski
Jim & Evelyn Cantwell
Vern & Ruth Parker
Fred & Betty Birchard
Don & Shirley Handy
Keep them in your prayers.

Chuck & Sue Schroeder
 2/5/1972 51 years

Pastor & Teryl Eisinger
 2/5/2000 23 years

Fred & Betty Birchard
 2/11/1961 62 years





MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings, Everyone,

We are starting out a new year and a new Church Council.

With the many things going on at Holy Cross, I thought it would be a good idea to have a short article in the Monthly newsletter to update everyone from a council perspective.

Water line breaks - **On December 26, 2022 we had a water line break in the Men's** (big) bathroom. There was a lot of water to be cleaned up. There was also another break in a hot water line that went to the big storeroom behind the kitchen. Everything has been dried up, plumbing repaired and electrical checked out to make sure it is operational and safe. Everything has checked out fine and there are only a few more small things to do for the restoration project to be done. There are many people who stepped up and spent time helping get this all cleaned up and interacted with the companies that did the plumbing, electrical and other restoration activities. God does work in mysterious ways. He took a bad situation and turned it into a blessing. I thank everyone involved for taking their time to help out in many different ways with this.

Council President Activities – At council meeting I talked a little bit about what I would like to work on for 2023.

Centralizing & organizing our information.

Developing a Safety Plan

I plan on updating this every month and let you know of other things happening with the council.

God's Blessings,
Mark Coon



Women's Ministries



LWML MITES SPOTLIGHT

MISSION GRANT #5 is 'God's Word for Teenagers Around the World'

Lutheran Heritage Foundation = \$16,500

The Holy Spirit, at Pentecost, gave Jesus' disciples the gift of speaking in many tongues so that all God's children might hear His Word in their own languages. Acts 2:1-11.

LCMS missionaries and church leaders overseas find there's an additional hurdle to introducing teens to Jesus because, so few resources are available in the languages of the people they serve. In many aspects of culture, teenagers fall in the cracks. How are pastors and youth leaders to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ with young adults on their level?

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation- LHF (a Michigan based LCMS recognized service **organization**) has created a new resource that can help: **God's Word For You, a Bible storybook** specially written at the teen level. Each lesson in this 300-page volume includes a historic timeline and Gospel connection to Jesus. These books are requested right now in Southeast Asia where young churches in Buddhist and atheist cultures have very few resources to teach the faith to young people.

It costs only \$5.00 to print each Bible storybook which means this entire project can be produced for the requested Grant of \$16,500. This will enable LHF to translate and publish 2,500 storybooks written in a language they can read and understand. Please continue to contribute to your mite box to help fund this Mission Grant.

GOOD NEWS: LWML National Mission goal of \$2,150,000 for biennium 2021-2023 has been met. New mission grants will be chosen at the National Convention, June 22-25, 2023, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

REMINDER: Registration began January 9, 2023 for LWML 40th Biennial National Convention, June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration forms are inside **the LWML Quarterly magazine found on the United Women's Ministry board near the back parking lot.** There will be one form on the UWM board for you to review all the information. Any questions, please contact Carol Dehnke.

Women's Ministries Continued

LADIES BIBLE STUDY will be Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 9:00am in the conference room. Margaret Yusko is our Bible Study leader. Please join us!

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN – INGATHERING

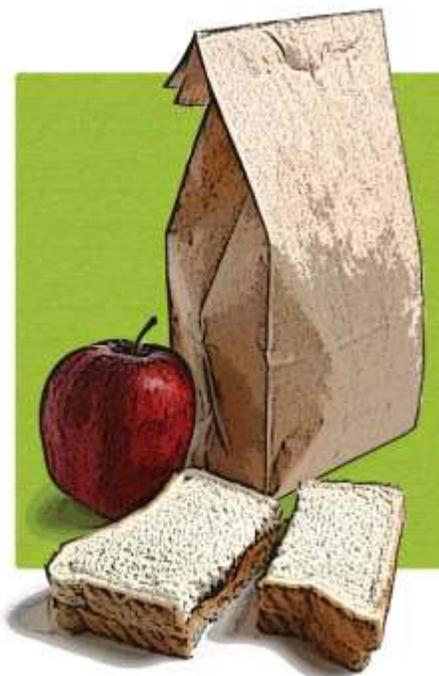
The Woman of the Year Luncheon on Tuesday, March 21 at Burton Manor is also an ingathering event. If you are attending the lunch, please remember that you can bring non-perishable foods and paper products for Detroit food pantries, baby items and disposable diapers for Operation Layette, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries. If you are not attending the lunch but have items to donate, please contact Linda Conger to make arrangements for pick-up. Additional information is available at clwmichigan.com. Thank You.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

We have scheduled dates throughout this year to handle the Lunch Bag Project. The Ladies Guild will be handling the first date which is February 5th and we thank Gerrie Bufford, Carol Dehnke, Mary Kerr, Shirley McClenahan, and Polly Stone who helped with getting supplies or helped with assembling the lunch bags and making the delivery.

The next scheduled date is March 12th - would your group or family be interested in handling this project? It may sound overwhelming but, it's not - we're assembling lunch bags not handling a 7-course meal. Join us in this very rewarding experience.

Contact Roberta Hanka if you have any questions.



BROWN BAG LUNCH



Happy February! 2023 is well underway and so are plans for future Sunday School activities! Please join us for Sunday School, Sunday morning at 9:00. We would love to have you join us as we continue **learning about God's word and what it means for us!**

Sunday February 12th @ 9:00

Valentine's Day Craft Sunday and Party!

Join us for a Valentine themed craft and celebrate the greatest love of all, **God's love for us!**

Vacation Bible School

Yes, VBS is coming back to Holy Cross in 2023! It may seem early but planning is already happening! Keep a look out for dates and other information coming your way soon!

Sunday School would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20



FOOD PANTRY

NEW HOPE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

For Christmas we gave 56 turkey food baskets, serving 258 people. 9 Bibles were given and 2 packages of diapers.

In addition, 28 clients came for food in the month of December, serving 95 people. 15 Bibles were given and 4 packages of diapers.

The ending totals for the year 2022 are as follows: 428 families were given food, serving 1569 people and 433 units distributed. 95 Bibles were given and 27 packages of diapers.

MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In memory of Mae Ristau

For the Building & Property
June Moore

In memory of Robert Czerwienski

For the Building & Property
June Moore

For the General Fund
Janet Cook
Kimberly Fuller



Memorials & Gifts



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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

SATURDAY MERITAGE

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

10:00 AM

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