

LET THE WHOLE  
EARTH BE FILLED  
WITH HIS

Glory.

Psalm 72:19

Holy Cross  
Herald  
September 2023

Aiming  
our lives toward  
Christ!

Proclaiming  
Christ crucified!

Reclaiming  
lost lives for Christ!

## GOD'S POETRY

Vacationing on one of the Great Lakes usually brings the opportunity to see a sunrise or sunset, depending on what side of the lake you are on. It is truly one of the beautiful moments in life to watch a full sunset or sunrise with those you love. It's an inspiring show, to be sure. God's show. God's poetry.

Psalm 19:1-6 states, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Without speech or language, without a sound to be heard, their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun. Like a bridegroom emerging from his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course, it rises at one end of the heavens and runs its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

Sometimes these inspiring sunsets and sunrises spill out within me into poetry. Here is one I wrote during a sunset and one during a sunrise in Michigan.

I hope they inspire you.

### **The Call of the Rising Son**

Malaise of gray across the line  
Blue tint of summertime  
Son's crown peaks above  
Warm wink of brightened love

Great lake waits and imitates  
Perfect circle rising high  
Bans that heal  
Stripes that cry

Steam dreams from water's face  
Stretching out to touch thy cape

Shimmers of gold reflecting straight  
I step forth with Peter's gait  
Should I falter help me stand  
That I may reach that kingly land

### **The Sunset Way**

Golden shimmer  
Dancing waves of light  
Drawing my soul  
To divine brightness

Evening comes  
As it descends  
And darkness grows  
With all its trends

But in the night  
He brings us hope  
The moon and stars  
And all he wrote

That I may shine  
The sunset way  
From deep within  
From day to day



## **BLESSING OF THE PETS**

God created everything - even the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the creatures that live on the ground. And all that God created he called "good!" while he was creating it and "very good!" when he was finished.

Some of the creatures that God made are very near and dear to us - those domesticated animals we call pets! They bring so much comfort and joy to our lives. So why not join us here at HCLC on **Saturday, October 7, at 11:00 am** for **THE BLESSING OF THE PETS**.

Weather permitting, we will be outside on the front lawn (otherwise inside the fellowship hall). People get blessed when they go to church, so why not let these precious members of your family be blessed, too!

## Elder's Corner

Maurya and I were traveling up north on Labor Day to visit her cousin and his wife. I noticed the four grand kids have been living there with them for a while. They had been asking a lot from Grandma and running her ragged, so I took the three older kids to the party store for some ice cream. I played a song with the lyrics, “You can't always get what you want.” Even though the songwriter had a very different message in the song, the kids got my message.

The lyrics of this song can also apply to us. When we pray to God for things we want, sometimes we don't get it. But if we keep praying, we might get what we need.

It says in James 4:3, “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

Sometimes we ask with the wrong motives. Prayers should be in line with his will. So, asking God for the Detroit Lions to win the Super Bowl in our lifetime might be the wrong thing to ask for. But we can still hope it's his will!

It says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “pray unceasingly.” Does this mean to spend every waking moment talking out loud to God? For your sake I hope not. We should try to live in God's light and try to keep our hearts and attitudes in line with God's will and have a better relationship with Him. It does not always work out that our prayers will be answered the way we want, but the Holy Spirit will always work God's purpose within us. Our vessel is a work in progress, but God is faithful.

Just be patient and keep the faith,

Roger Withrow, Elder Zone 4



# HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## **HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

Holy Cross will be celebrated the weekend of October 8-9, 2023. Our Holy Cross Women's Ministries include Women's Ministry, Lutheran Women in Mission, and Counsel of Lutheran Women. Below is a description of each one.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY (HCWM) (FORMERLY LADIES GUILD)**

Holy Cross Women's Ministry (HCWM) focuses on Service, Fellowship and Christian Education. We want to promote and encourage active participation of women from the congregation and women visitors. We offer support to our shut-ins, sponsor special activities, help with funerals and potlucks, and sponsor a lunch bag program for the homeless. Our social ministry promotes friendship and fellowship. We remain strong in our faith in studying God's word at our monthly Women's Bible study. All women have gifts to share, and we invite you to join us at our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)**

Lutheran Women in Mission is an auxiliary of the LCMS who 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 LWML (1942-2022). Our main goal is financially funding grants for mission needs in Michigan and globally. The list of Mission Grants we are supporting this year is on the HCWM board for your review. Holy Cross supports the mission grants with dimes, quarters, and dollars they put in their mite boxes. We encourage spiritual growth with Bible studies and devotions from LWML resources. We offer friendship, fellowship, and service to others when we meet during our Spring and Fall Events. These events are a wonderful way to meet our Christian sisters from other congregations as well. See below upcoming LWML events. We invite all women of Holy Cross and their friends to join us.

### **COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN (CLW):**

The Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) was founded in 1964 by and for LCMS women in Metro Detroit. Membership currently consists of approximately 50 congregations and 10 inter-congregational organizations. Although CLW supports these auxiliary ministries with collections and opportunities for service, the primary goal of the CLW is to provide scholarships for seminarian students from member congregations. Holy Cross' involvement with CLW is through our participation in the annual Woman of the Year (WOY) luncheon in March. The CLW is a 501-3c organization and accepts donations for the scholarship fund year-round. Additional information is available at [www.clwmichigan.com](http://www.clwmichigan.com) and Facebook.



# HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONTINUED

## **UPCOMING EVENTS – OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.**

Please note – this LWML Servant Event is in place of October Women's Bible study:

\* Saturday, October 14, LWML Servant Day at St Augustine Luth, Troy. Servant events are activities which benefit and support ministries. Our servant events give you a chance to live out your faith by connecting acts of service to daily life. The servant event we are doing is assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief for distribution. Please join us and enjoy fellowship with food, devotion, and crafts. The sign-up sheet is on the HCWM board found in the hallway near the back parking lot. Carpooling will be available. Deadline to sign-up is Oct. 9. Any questions, please contact Maurya Withrow.

\* Saturday, October 21, LWML Fall Rally Event at Huntington Woods Lutheran. Registration begins at 9:00 am and program begins at 9:30 am. Our speaker is Rebecca Yowell, from Wellspring Lutheran Family Services. The sign-up sheet is on the HCWM board found in the hallway near the back parking lot. Carpooling will be available. Deadline to sign-up is Oct. 17. Any questions, please contact Carol Dehnke

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to their mite boxes for our July and August LWML Mite Challenge. We collected \$103.50. With your giving, you are sowing seeds of faith and honoring God through the mission grants you are helping to support. Bless you Holy Cross members.

## **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

Come join us on Saturday, November 11 for our new Women's small group Bible Study. We will be using the book called "Promised Rest" for our study. Bible Study at 9:30 am. If you plan on attending, please let us know. There will be a sign up sheet on the Women's Holy Cross Ministry board if you would like a copy of the book. In not, copies of the study will be available. The cost of the book is \$16.99 on Amazon or is available through Concordia Publishing House.





## **October Sunday School Happenings**

Sunday School and Youth Bible Study  
Weekly from 9:00am-9:45am  
Join us and invite your family and friends!

### **Sunday School Lesson Schedule**

10/1: Matthew 2  
10/8: Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13  
10/15: Luke 5:1-11  
10/22: Craft Sunday  
10/29: Reformation Day (Skit Practice)  
Sunday School will be performing a skit at the  
Reformation Potluck Celebration.



passing out goodies to the kids. It is going to be a night of fun! Invite your family and friends!

**Trunk or Treat**  
**Saturday October 28 at**  
**7:00 pm**  
Sunday School is hosting a  
trunk or treat.

We want this to be an out-  
reach event and we need  
your help! Please consider  
decorating your trunk and

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16

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

On October 7th the Saturday Church Attendees will be assembling the Lunch Bag Project which will be delivered on October 8th.



## **SOCKTOBER**

Holy Cross will be collecting all types and sizes of socks for men and women during the weeks of October 8th and October 15th. Collection boxes will be at the front door and also by our mailboxes. These socks will be delivered to FOG on November 5th.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in so many different capacities to serve the homeless at Family of God.



## *Homebound Members*

Lotte Weber  
Donna  
Marshall  
Shirley  
Pontious  
Harry  
Roberts  
Linda  
Troppman  
Peggy  
Majeske  
Shirley Tallman

Donna Kaip  
Jane Bennett  
Barb Rohde  
Siegfried Tyburski  
Dolly Ferries  
Barbara Unger  
Shirley Handy  
Barb Ugo  
Jim Cantwell  
Elle Tacke  
Paul Meyerand  
Vern & Ruth Parker

## MORE THIS AND THAT

### **FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**



### Memorial Gifts

#### **IN MEMORY OF JERRY KELLY**

FOR THE GENERAL FUND  
Ron & Joanne Vollbrecht

#### **IN MEMORY OF EVELYN CATWELL**

FOR THE MUSIC MINISTRY  
Peggy Majeske

### **GOOGLE CALENDAR**

Check out our Google Calendar on our website [holycrosswarren.com](http://holycrosswarren.com). All our Worship Services, Bible Studies and events are listed on that calendar and is updated almost daily. When you go to the website calendar you will be able to click on the event and see more information about the event. I will be including a copy of the google calendar in the bulletin each week and doing away with the weekly schedule in the bulletin. I will continue to send out this week at Holy Cross. If you are not receiving this email, please make sure that I have your email address. Thank you, Becky.



# HAPPENINGS HERE AT HCLC

## SENIOR MINISTRY

Join us for Seniors' Bible Study on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon in the fellowship Hall. Our topic is the Fruit of the Spirit.



## GERMANFEST LUNCHEON

Join us after worship on October 29th for a Germanfest lunch. We are celebrating our German Lutheran Heritage and Reformation. See you at this 5th Sunday luncheon.

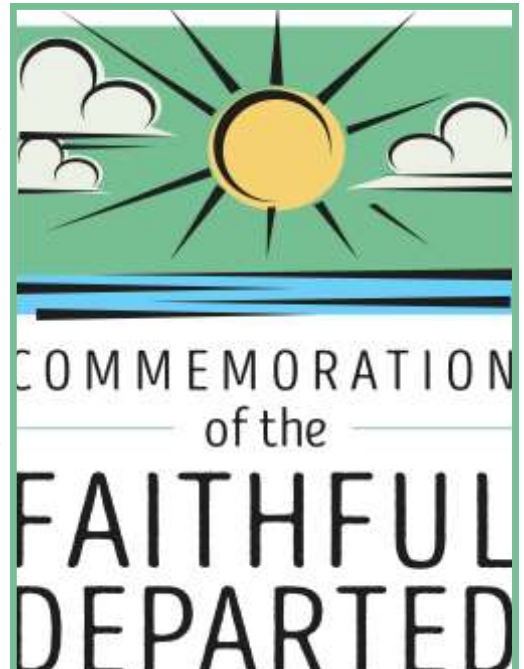
## ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS SERVICE

On Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm we will have a very special service in remembrance of all the saints that have gone before us. The order of service will be complete with some added touches. Join us to find out what they are.

## ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

As part of our All Saints' Worship on November 4 and November 5, 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*, who were Holy Cross members or associated with Holy Cross members.

Please use the forms located in the narthex and in your bulletin to submit names of family and friends who died in the Lord **since November 1, 2022**. Return the forms to the church office no later than Monday, October 30, 2023.



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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

**Saturday - 5:30 pm**

**Sunday - 10:00 am**

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

**Saturday - 4:30 pm**

**Sunday - 9:00 am for all Adult, Youth  
& Children**