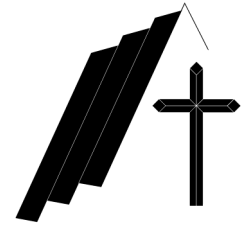


HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CROSS



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Effectively Working

We're getting into the "Reformation" time of year. The themes of the Sundays begin to turn more toward spiritual warfare and the Lord's preservation of His Church.

One of the false beliefs purported in Roman Church leading up to the Reformation that tends to get less attention in our day, though I think it warrants more, is the belief that peace with God is attained thru the Sacrament even if one simply goes without faith. This belief is probably more well-known in the Lutheran Confessions by its Latin description: "*ex opera operato*" ("by the work itself"). As it played out before the Reformation, if someone was not sorry for sin, they could still go to Communion and believe they were receiving forgiveness and grace. They received His body and blood as if He were lifeless, powerless, or dumb; and would then go back on their way with little if any remorse for personally offending God, still thinking they accumulated merits toward heaven. They wanted Communion, but not freedom from the very sin that blinded and enslaved. Or they took Communion like a good luck charm for help and protection in their own vain pursuits.

But Christ is our risen, living Lord. He is not powerless or dumb. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us, cleansing us from all unrighteousness, and giving us eternal life by virtue of His bloody death for our sins, and cleanses from all unrighteousness. In the Sacrament the Living One who forgives us hereby also communes with us for life ongoingly by His word. Beyond the Service itself He dwells in and works in and through us in the world as we have His word. The Holy Spirit calls His words to remembrance and works faith to understand and believe them. This is not a "dead" body we are partaking of, nor is this just a ritual act we do, so that "doing the work itself" without faith means "I have God's threat off my back, so I can go back to live life *my* way." No, by His true body and blood He palpably speaks our peace with Him now through the battles and confusing world we face.

If and when someone persistingly wants to come to Holy Communion without sharing our common public confession (i.e., remaining of a different church body) they likely have an *ex opera operato* view of the Sacrament. They don't want to turn from differing beliefs and/or commitments they intend to continue holding, nor to commit to walking under and learning from our living Lord with us, but they want to think they are free no less.

As a fellow sinner, I can see how we could fall into an *ex opera operato* partaking of the Sacrament. When our minds drift to idols, i.e., things we trust in for our good more than the true God, or to outright indulge in them, God seems more out of the picture, distant, idle, ignorant, or even dead. We tend to think He does not know what we are doing or that we're minded to get away with. To be sure, I can do my same outward "work itself" of going to church, mouthing the liturgy, saying a "polite" response, etc. But if I have something more on my mind than His grace and good will for me in

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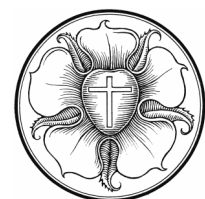
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Christ, and/or a prayer to help me in my spiritual challenges, I tend to think God is not listening or observing. With my mind turned toward an idol, chances are I will be bored, distracted, or anxious to get the Service over with, rather than be attentive, because though bodily present, I am elsewhere no less. My attention is fixed on some other person, place, thing, or activity. And so, if Christ's body and blood is being offered and I find myself distracted, chances are I'm not rightly receiving the Sacrament. Yet, if I'm struggling with distractions to idols, coming to the Sacrament with a prayer for help in that is very appropriate.

In the *Large Catechism* and elsewhere Luther notes how all sins are idolatry. This is why the very First Commandment addresses this and pervades through all the commandments. But if I am freed by Christ from idolatry, I will be receptive to His word. But in a mind and heart under bondage to an idol I will not want to hear Christ's word. I will want to hear about what I think can give me greater help apart from Him. Yet this "thing" (or activity, or status, or...) which I desire for making me strong, wise, more alive, etc., is really in effect making me lifeless and ineffective toward anything important. Cut off from Christ, I can do nothing - nothing effective for any enduring significance.

For example, my inordinate attention to that famous celebrity does not make me more like them or liked by them, but an idol-worshipping manipulatable "nobody." My inordinate worship of a certain place turns my attention to that place, rather than "here," where there is a real person who needs my attention and valued service. In contrast, the true God, who has paid for my sins of idolatry, has set me free for a life that isn't so distracted, constrained, nor ineffective, but able to serve my neighbor. Nor am I constrained to the love of money or some sort of wealth, but wealth remains in the status it's intended for - for my use, rather than *it* using *me*.

A portion of Psalm 115 poetically describes this, and it repeats in Ps. 135. This seems to show this is a major doctrinal theme, and may have been a popular theme or song in the OT:

"Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases. [Their] idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak, eyes, but do not see. They have ears but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield...."

This is a contrast to how the Lord presents Himself in the Scriptures – Creator and Giver everything and author of all goodness, not at all idle or an idol, but Who even went beyond our imagination to give Himself for our redemption. As such, He turns us in the way of true freedom, even as He is free.

David 2 Samuel 22 notes similarly about not merely idle objects, but also people: "With the crooked, You make yourself seem tortuous." It's much like a guilty criminal is suspicious of others and incriminates others for thinking like him. A crooked person idolizes his or her devious activity, and yet God to them always seems a crafty enemy who may find him or her out.

In contrast as 2 Sam. 22 says, God also shows Himself merciful to the person who is merciful, and blameless to the one who is blameless, pure to the one who is pure. How did such a person get to be merciful, blameless, and pure? Through faith. The Lord Himself by declaring people to have such descriptions and standing that properly are Jesus,' He also works faith in them by the Holy Spirit to believe and receive this. Repentant sinners can know by faith that these are how God reckons us for Jesus' sake, and they are also what He will effectively be working in them as they continue to do so and apply themselves to the works He points us to.

Pastor Meissner

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy

by Burnell F. Eckardt Jr., Editor-in-Chief, *Gottesdienst*

Why does the celebrant say, after the Words of Institution, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” while holding high the elements?

This practice was taught by the Reverend Wilhelm Loehe, the German pastor who supplied the early Missouri Synod with its first pastors in the mid-nineteenth century. The practice has from antiquity been a traditional part of the Western rite, said in connection with the Agnus Dei (“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,” etc.) The high point of the Mass having just been reached with the recitation of the Words of Institution, it is most fitting for the celebrant now to do exactly as John the Baptist did. Recall how John had said these same words when he saw Jesus coming to him (St. John 1:29). Here, in the Sacrament, is the same Christ. It is proper, then, for all the congregation to utter a robust *Amen* in response, as well as to sing the Agnus Dei. ✠

Why does the pastor kneel during the singing of the Agnus Dei?

After the Words of the Institution have been spoken, the celebrant turns and holds Host and cut before the people, declaring, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” to which the people respond with the traditional response of ancient Israel, “Amen!” Next, the people sing the Agnus Dei (“Lamb of God”), in preparation for reception of the Lamb of God in the Sacrament.

Meanwhile, the pastor is kneeling at the altar. This is the traditional posture of the celebrant for the Agnus Dei, during which he prays the *secreta*, which is the “private” prayer of preparation for his own reception of the Sacrament. In this the celebrant mimics and portrays Jesus, who in Gethsemane withdrew from His disciples a stone’s throw away (St. Luke 22:41), to pray privately. Here again the distinction between celebrant and Christ is blurred, as the iconic nature of the office becomes manifest. The pastor will commune immediately after the Agnus Dei, since the celebrant always communes first and then feeds the people.

The traditional *secreta* includes the following: “I will receive the bread of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof. Only say the word and my soul shall be healed” (cf. Ps. 116:17, St. Matt. 8:8).

Another appropriate form of the prayer of preparation is St. Bonaventure’s thirteenth-century *Prayer of Humble Access*—appropriate, in fact, for anyone to pray before receiving the Sacrament—which runs as follows:

O Lord, who art Thou, and who am I, that I should presume to place Thee in the foul sewer of my body and soul. A thousand years of tears would not suffice for once worthily receiving so noble a Sacrament. How much more am I unworthy, wretched man, who daily sin, continue without amendment, and approach in sin. Yet Thy mercy is infinitely greater than my misery. Therefore, trusting in Thy mercy, I presume to approach. ✠

October is Church Worker & Pastor Appreciation Month

Our church workers dedicate themselves, day in and day out, to serving their church and school communities. That means it’s always the right time to show them our appreciation

To help the church be intentional in showing that appreciation, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has set aside the month of October and other special days throughout the year to highlight different kinds of church workers and their service. You are encouraged to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ across the LCMS in using these opportunities to show appreciation to our church workers, who serve us in a multitude of ways as they preach, teach and care for God’s people in body and soul.

On Oct. 11, we begin our month of church worker appreciation by thanking God for our pastors, who stand in the stead of Christ as they bring us His gifts of Word and Sacrament. The LCMS offers suggestions and resources to show your gratitude and support for pastors. Check out <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/church-worker-appreciation-pastor-2025/> to see 10 ways to show your support for church workers & Pastors during the month of October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Theology on Tap - The Kansas City North Circuit invites you to Theology on Tap, a monthly theological discussion publicly led by Circuit pastors. We plan to meet at Chicken N Pickle (1761 Burlington St, North KC, MO 64116) starting at about 6:30pm on September 24 & October 29. Bring yourself and someone else!



Pastor Meissner is available for private Confession and Absolution by appointment during the week or on Sunday mornings, following Corporate Confession and Absolution which is held at 8:00 am each Sunday. You can also join Pastor Meissner for the service of Matins on Tuesdays, at 8:00 am after Men's Bible Breakfast, or on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 am & Saturdays at 8:30 am.

Portals of Prayer—The July-September edition of Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. (The October-December edition will be available at the end of September.) Please consider making a donation in exchange for your copy. A standard copy costs the church \$2.00, while the large print copy costs the church around \$3.00. Thank you!



Church office hours: The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays. The ECC office is open Monday-Friday. Please contact us at 816-452-9113 or church@holycrosskc.org if you have any questions. **Please submit any announcements** to be included in the weekly information notes to the church office by Thursdays at 7:00 am.



Please Remember: Friday is Pastor's "Day off." Unless there is an emergency, please wait until the next day to contact him so he has time to refresh.

Heit's Point Lutheran Camp SINGLES Retreat God's Steadfast Love Sept. 11-13, 2026

Come join other Lutheran singles from around MO and KS as we study the Scriptures in an OUTDOOR retreat setting, talk about God's Steadfast Love with Pastor Mallardi, have FUN, good fellowship and good food!

Friday 5:30 Registration
6:30 Dinner
7:15 Opening, Songs, Ice Breakers
8:00 Psalms Bible study
9:30 Campfire followed by fellowship time

Sat 8:00 Morning Prayer/Songs and Breakfast
10:00 Psalms Bible study
11:00 Team Building and Lunch
1:00 Free Time
3:00 Psalms Bible study
4:00 Group Activity
5:30 Dinner
7:00 BUNCO
Evening Prayer

Sun 8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Church Service
Camp amenities are available for use all day!



* All-inclusive 2-night stay in Spitz Center based upon 3 in a room \$150/person (individual rooms may be available, cost will increase) RSVP by Sept. 6

To Register: heitspointlutheran.org or call 660-668-2363

28345 Heit's Point Ave Lincoln MO - Strengthening our Connection to Christ

A Little Levity...

- They were older, probably in their 60s, and they wanted to be married. Marvelous, I thought. So we sat down in my office to get acquainted and to discuss plans for the wedding. I soon discovered that one of the things that had brought them together was their passion for dogs. On and on they went about their three pets. But I didn't realize how important these companions were until the couple showed me the proposed wording for the wedding invitation. It began, "Fred, Angel, and Twinkle request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their owners..."
- Pastor and his wife were sleeping peacefully one night. Suddenly she was awakened by a noise that seemed to come from the chicken house, so she woke her husband, who went outside to check. Approaching the chicken house, he saw a young man holding a gunny sack half full of clucking chickens. The youth spotted him, dropped the sack and ran. Without saying a word, Pastor picked up the sack. Chickens kept coming until someone inside asked, "How many do we have now?" In his best preacher's voice, he replied, "Five—since I started holding the sack!"

Music at Holy Cross

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4



Handbell choir will resume this fall on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am. We need some new players. We would love to have you join us! We can teach you everything needed to ring a position. You do not need to know how to read music! See Linda Rusche (816-797-2696) if you have any questions.

Holy Cross Choir will begin practices on Sep 19, at 10:00 a.m. No experience is needed, come and join the fun and fellowship!



Calling all instrumentalists - Did you play in an orchestra or band in school? Are you interested in playing during special services at Holy Cross? Please contact Rebekah Meissner, we have a spot for you in the organ loft.

We will have an **Organ Workshop** at Holy Cross Lutheran, Kansas City, Missouri, on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. If you are not a church organist, please pass this information along to your organist(s).

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Optional MasterClass from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

Place: Holy Cross Lutheran, 2003 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64118.

Cost: \$35.00 per person. \$45.00 if you participate in the MasterClass. Cash or check at the door.

On Saturday, October 17, 2026, Mrs. Bethany Johnson, Kantor at Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas, will share her knowledge during an organ workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Bethany began her work as an organist at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas, in 2010. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Parish Music and Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin in 2015. Bethany earned her Masters of Church Music degree at the University of Kansas in 2017. She has been a private music instructor in piano and violin since 2010, serves on the committee for the American Guild of Organists in Topeka, and has served as the organist for Higher Things conferences since 2016. She has led Organ Workshops at Holy Cross for three years.

Our sessions will include information about the tempo and pulse of hymns, planning music from pre-service to postlude, and organ pedaling skills. If you have specifics you would like to include in any of these topics, please send them to us! This year we are offering an optional **MasterClass**. This will be after Session III in the early afternoon. If you would like to participate, please prepare a piece (or hymn) to play. Bethany will work with you (similar to a private music lesson) in front of everyone else on how to improve your technique for whatever you are playing. It may seem intimidating, but it is such a positive growing experience, and there is always more to learn.

Schedule for Saturday, October 17, 2026:

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Matins
9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Session I - More Information will Follow
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Session II - More Information to Follow
11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Lunch
12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m.	Session III - More Information to Follow
12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Responsive Prayer
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Optional MasterClass

The cost will be \$35.00 for Sessions I, II and III; \$45.00 if you would like to participate in the MasterClass. If you would like to attend, please respond to this message or send a message to: holycrosskcmusic@yahoo.com. Please include: Name; Email Address; Phone Number; Church Name & City/State; MasterClass Yes or No.

H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y !!

September

Judy Olson
Carter Schaunaman
Stephen Loyd
Elenita Wendt
Beverly Welty
Randy Wilson
Chad Contreras
Marian Stariwat
Mark Tennison
Ginny Valleau
Kathryn Allison
Daniel Jerde
Terrie Kerksiek
Joshua Madeleka, Sr.
Richard Viets
Sally Contreras
JoAnne Ellington
Roberta Keltner
Mandy Dobbelaere
Darrell Schulz
Brandi Shapiro
Pamela Dunkin
Linda Hill
Michael Schaunaman

October

Christopher Richards
Rich Rusche
Karrie Strough
Roger Cvetan
Toni Shapiro
Jackson Pohl
Carol Salonen
Bradley Falls
Bobby Neill
Melissa Schroeder
Stephanie Shapiro
Diane Lutman
Gloria Dobbelaere
Zach Mass



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

“LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS,
BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES
ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL
THINGS. LOVE NEVER ENDS.”
1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8A

September

M/M Joseph DeCuyper
M/M Luther Salonen
M/M Archie Nyen
M/M Harold Allison
M/M Dave Senne

October

M/M Brook Harness
M/M Tim Strandberg
Rev/M Craig Meissner
M/M Ethan Hedges
M/M Geraughty Badger
M/M Pat Schroeder



July/August 2026

Transfers Out/Releases

- * Jason, Caitlin, Aelfric & Emiko Pettijohn
(to St. John Lutheran Church, Farley,
MO)

Baptisms/Confirmations/Transfers In/ Profession of Faith

- * Gunnar Williams (from Messiah Lutheran
Church, Independence, MO)

From the Board of Stewardship

GIVING MADE EASY - You may now make a one-time donation or set up recurring contributions through our website's *eGiving* donation page. The eGiving option is secure, fast, and easy to use. You can donate by visiting www.holycrosskc.org and selecting "eGiving" or by simply scanning this QR code. Please contact the church office at 816-452-9113 if you have any questions or need additional assistance.



Holy Cross Children's Sunday School Rally Sunday is Sept 13 2026

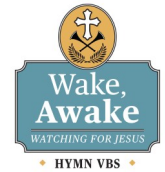
We have a High School (3 students) and elementary (1 student) class this year. We would love to fill up our rooms and the Lord would provide the teaching staff, as He always does, so if you know any children, grandchildren, or anyone that needs to hear the Word, encourage them to attend. Sunday School does not replace the parents primary role of teaching the faith but rather adds to it, by teaching the Bible accounts needed for upcoming confirmation classes lead by Pastor. Just let me know if you have children coming so we can get the material ordered and prepare for a class. Thanks for caring.

God's Blessings / Carl Pigors
Sunday School Superintendent



Vacation Bible School – 'Wake, Awake'

On July 20 and 21, Vacation Bible School, Wake, Awake, was held for the ECC children of Holy Cross. The children learned about Peter, Jesus and the Big Catch, Jairus' Daughter and Jesus, and how the Lord is always with His people. They enjoyed skits, crafts, games, snacks, storytelling, and music. VBS concluded with a short program and an ice cream social on July 22.



Many, many thanks to the many volunteers, Holy Cross and ECC staff, who made VBS possible this year.

"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER." - PSALM 23:6



IN LOVING MEMORY OF..

David Olson

- * Evelyn McConnell
- * Sid & Roberta Keltner
- * Alan Bahl
- * Glenn & Gloria Borcharding
- * Dolly Brauer
- * Robert & Lois Dahl
- * Romaine Fuglestad
- * The Haining Family
- * Gene & Darla Hanson
- * Jeanie Jones
- * Deb & Ed Lake
- * Duane & Darlene Lysne
- * Harlan & Judy Lysne
- * Archie & Jean Nyen
- * Carl & Shara Pigors
- * Doris Reeve
- * Rich & Linda Rusche
- * Sheila Schmidt
- * Darlene Sherman
- * Mary Smith
- * Erik & Jeannie Strand
- * Paula Strobl
- * Judy Zimmerman

Irma Kerksiek

- * Carl & Shara Pigors
- * Sid & Roberta Keltner
- * Darlene Sherman
- * Carlene Heimsoth
- * Archie & Jean Nyen
- * Doris Meyer
- * Mary Chapman
- * Ina Morris
- * Margaret Shannon
- * Jim & Sandy Ehlers
- * Mary Margaret Braton
- * Eleanor Kear

From the Board of Christian Mercy:**Swaddling Clothes**

Mission statement: "The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship and the forgiving Word of God." *"In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind."* Job 12:10 ESV

For the months of July and August 2026 we served 84 families (19 were new) and provided 139 packages of diapers, 139 packages of baby wipes and 48 big items.

We continue to stay very busy sorting and organizing the various donations we receive. The pack 'n' plays have worked out very well for people to drop their donations off. They just ring the doorbell and someone from the office lets them in. Very simple. Our sorting times are usually on Wednesday's after Bible Class but if anyone would like to help please let us know and we could offer another sorting time if anyone is interested.

We are still trying to find a time to visit the Parkville Women's Clinic. We are hoping to get that accomplished before fall begins.

Swaddling Clothes applied for a grant from the Harry C. Arnote Charitable Foundation which is located in Chillicothe, Missouri. We received a grant in the amount of \$3,787. The funds are used to help us purchase many items such as diapers, wipes, toys, high chairs, strollers, shampoo, baby wash, hair brushes, sippy cups, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. etc.

We had previously received a grant from the Roy D. and Ingaborg G. Randolph Memorial Endowment Fund is being used to purchase four new chest of drawers to store clothing and supplies. It will give us 20 drawers to put things like socks, hats, bibs, clothing and various items away. Our storage area is very limited so we have to design ways to make everything fit so our area is clean and organized. We also built a clothing rack for all of the onesies so that they can be hung up instead of being in totes. It helps our families to easily find the items they need. Also looking to purchase something on a long rod to help us clean our front door windows. Seems our window is always dirty! Pictures will be sent to Endowment Fund as soon as everything is completed!

The Gladstone Parade planning is still a work in progress. SC hopes to have an entry along with Holy Cross doing something more for the 75th Anniversary. The theme is "CRANK IT TO ELEVEN MAXIMUM FUN AT GLADFEST 47." The parade will be on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Our next Center openings (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) will be Saturday, September 12, 2026 and Saturday, October, 10 2026. PLEASE sign up on the SC bulletin board in the Narthex by Sunday, September 6 for our September opening or Sunday, October 4 for our October opening if you would like to volunteer. PLEASE NOTE: that it is important to sign up so that we know how many volunteers are available to help on our opening days. Please watch your weekly bulletin for SC updates. Thanks be to God for all of the volunteers and congregational support to keep our SC Center open!

In Christ's service, Shara [816]654-2294 or arabs2016@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!

TRULY I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS,
YOU DID IT TO ME." MATTHEW 25:40

Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. Through your generosity, you are helping the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and seminary continue to carry the Gospel to people starved of God's Word for so many years.

Today, even as international conflict adds a threat to the work of the church and seminary, the restoration of Lutheranism in Russia continues. Though there are difficulties posed by the war, we are thankful that we continue receiving and sending funds needed to keep the seminary operating. Currently, the Novosibirsk seminary has three residential, and fifteen online pastoral students. They also have a women's study program with six deaconess students.

Your gift matters; your prayers matter—today and eternally, as graduates from the Novosibirsk seminary carry God's love into the world through the Word and Sacrament and acts of mercy. Once again, thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In Christ, the Light of the World,
Rev. Dr. Timothy C.J. Quill

Youth Group Kids, FYI!!!

(Check with Missie or Terrie for details!)

Thank you to all who attended the new US Flag Dedication ceremony and a special thank you to Don & Jennifer Miller who made this possible by donating the flag and solar light! Our new all-weather flag will now fly 24/7 with a solar light on it at night! We enjoyed honoring 11 of our Holy Cross Veterans. The ceremony ended outside with raising the flag to patriotic music from a trumpet player, playing, "To the Colors" followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Reminder: If you have any US Flags to dispose of (properly), please see Reece Schroeder.

Please pray for a successful year as our YG kids return to school.

Pastors and Youth Group leaders in our Circuit (King of Kings, Christ, St. Stephen and Holy Cross) have been meeting monthly to form a common emphasis with Northland Lutheran Youth so that they are able and willing to express their faith and become capable of leading other Christians in prayer and study.

The first Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) will meet with High School Youth, Oct. 11 at St. Stephen. The object of this first event is to build an appreciation among the students of our fellowship with other Christians as the body of Christ from various families, churches and schools.

If you'd like more information, please visit with Missie, Terrie or Pastor.

Missie & Terrie
YG Co-Chairs
Proverbs 22:6



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis 7:00 pm Board of Elder's Meeting	2 7:30 am Matins	3 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	4	5 8:30 am Matins
6 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class 10:00 am Divine Service	7 Offices Closed Labor Day	8 7:00 am MBB 8:00 am Matins 10:30 am Ch. Guild Mtg 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis 5:30 pm Ladies' Night Out at Palacio Maya	9 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	10 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	11	12 8:30 am Matins 10:00-1:00 pm Swaddling Clothes Store
13 Holy Cross Day (observed) 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	14 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel 5:30 pm Church Properties Meeting	15 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis	16 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	17 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	18	19 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
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				1 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	2	3 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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11 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service 4:00-6:00 pm Circuit Youth Event at St. Stephen Lutheran Church	12 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel 5:30 pm Board of Church Properties Mtg	13 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 10:30 am Chancel Guild Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis	14 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	15 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	16	17 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Organ Workshop
18 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	19 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	20 NO Men's Bible Breakfast NO Matins NO Youth Catechesis	21 NO Matins NO Bible Class	22 NO Matins NO ECC Chapel	23	24 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
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