



Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

October 2020

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Reformation... 2020 Style

The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age
Beset by change, but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

That is the first verse of hymn 433 in our green hymnal... and 2020 has seen the Church face its share of change. COVID has driven us into our homes, made Communion a challenge, and taken away the blest "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" by depriving us of the face-to-face fellowship within which "we share our mutual woes," and "our mutual burdens bear."

On top of that, Christianity, far from having a privileged place in our society, is on the cultural outs. As I write this, actress Patricia Heaton just tweeted that "social media [will] be filled with an onslaught of arrogant pronouncements based on breathtaking ignorance of religion in general, Christianity specifically and Catholicism in particular by people who wouldn't recognize God if He bit them on the bum." Based on the ignorance of my cousins of even basic Christian beliefs, I doubt she will be wrong.

It is time for us to rise from the dead once again. If the Church in general and Holy Cross in particular is going to thrive in decade ahead, we have to be clear-eyed, seeing our situation with 20/20 vision. All of us have to take personal responsibility to commune with Christ through worship, prayer, learning more about our faith, and prioritizing our faith over our other interests, including giving sacrificially to the church's mission. Only in that way will we have a faith robust enough to renew our ties, overcomes all obstacles, and gives rise to the kind of compelling personal testimony that brings new people to Christ.

Pr. Brett

Calendar of Events can be found on the website under "Church Life - "Calendar of Events"



Financial Secretary needed
See page 5



**Miller-Keystone
Adopt-A-Day
Blood Drive**
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SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS...

- Turkey Drive.
- Two new Council members needed in January.
- Financial Audit coming to an end (report available upon request).
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Let us Endure to the End

“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” - Matthew 24:12–13

Recently had a heartbreaking conversation with a loyal member of our congregation. They had come to worship for the first time in many months, but because they saw many people without masks on and a couple of people got much closer than social distancing allows without asking whether it was okay, they got uncomfortable and left.

We are blessed to live in a state where our Governor placed *absolutely no conditions* on houses of worship reopening or even closing in the first place, so any precautions we have engaged in have been of our own free choosing. Because of Paul’s lesson in 1 Corinthians 8, we chose to take every precaution so that as many people could join in worship again as possible, including wearing masks within the building.

It has been several months since we reopened the church, and I have to admit, I myself have gotten sloppy with the protocols we put in place as a community; I forgot to sanitize my hands before a midweek Eucharist and one Sunday I instinctively reached out to give someone a hug without asking. They ducked and shied away from me with a word of apology, but it was *I* who needed to apologize, for I was the one violating the covenant we had made with each other as a community.

I reached out to my Christian sister because I love her; as weird as it is, I needed to *not* reach out to her because I love her. In the same way, we all need to wear masks in the building; not because we believe it is absolutely necessary, not because we believe doing so is even useful, but because we made a covenant with each other to do so.

Keeping our word to each other is important. It is what allows us to keep going as a family of faith. None of us are going to be in agreement with everything that church Council or the congregation as a whole decides to do. (I am told that everyone was not happy with the particulars of the sanctuary redesign in 2007!) Keeping our promises to each other lays the foundation of trust that makes Holy Cross more than just the place where we worship—it makes us a family of faith.

So, let us keep our word to each other and so “endure to the end” of this current crisis... it will come! And when it does, we all want Holy Cross to emerge as a beacon of the Gospel’s light....and the kind of self-sacrificing life the Gospel inspires.

Pr. Brett



With the fall season and cooler weather coming upon us, please note that the **last 11:30 am Sunday outdoor service will be held on October 11**. Therefore, beginning October 18, there will be **no 11:30 Sunday service** until further notice.



OCTOBER LESSONS

October 4 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:1-9; James 2:1-13; Matthew 6:1-4

October 11 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost
TBD; Matthew 6:16-18

October 18 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost
TBD; Matthew 6:19-24

October 25 ~ Reformation Sunday
Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;
Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-2

What's In Your *Other* Window?

Did you know that if you miss worship on Sunday, the recordings are still available on our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook](#) page?

That means that while you are doing other things—working, playing or just surfing the web throughout the week—you can open up a second window and listen to the music and message that bring you the Word of God.

Do you know Holy Cross has added several members during the COVID lock-down? Most of these people connected to us first through our online ministries. If you are not watching or listening, you are missing out on the chance to get built up in the Word.

In addition to Sunday, there are also these options to stay connected to God and your faith community throughout the week:

- The [Holy Cross App](#)
- The [sermon podcast](#)
- Tuesday (12:30pm) and Wednesday (7pm) worship
- Tuesday Bible Study (11am)

Thursday morning worship will be discontinued beginning in October, but *watch for new opportunities for spiritual growth in the weeks ahead*. We hope to unveil some major improvements to our online ministries by Reformation Sunday!



Special Thanks

Special thanks to all those who gave so much time and effort to the yard sale we held on September 19th. The ladies of WOA (Women of Abundance) put in a lot of time and effort to make the sale a success, working hard the previous nights and arriving at 5am for event setup. The crisp, cool air didn't deter most of

them from staying the whole day, and many congregation members helped set up and tear down as well as contribute the goods we sold.

As event organizer Michelle Verdi said:

We did great!. The weather was beautiful and the people were the greatest. As you know we partnered with a Circulo de Oracion [a neighboring Pentecostal church] to lend a helping hand.

They gave us a loving friendship. Also, they brought incredible food that kept us all on our feet and running all day. We made wonderful friends we will have forever. What a special treat! That was really CHURCH!

If you missed it, you missed a great day; but don't worry! We will be seeing more of our new friends from Circulo de Oracion church as we all hope to worship and celebrate together in the future!



Family News



William Prueter; Debra Mouisset; Brett Jenkins; Joshua Johnson; Kimberly Barr; Kiley Yotter; Rebecca Grube; Audrey Herrick; Barbara Losagio; Bernard Petrick; Judy Petrick; Kathleen Unger; James Weller; Juliana Young; Debra Johnson; David Heinly; Lydia Stein; Jodi Kneisly; Roxane Shook; Mark Young, Jr.; Dennis Soffera; Logan Minnich; Diane Breinig; Emily Frack; Beth Taby; Wesley Webb; Paige Grube; Brittany Prosoco; Frederick Grube; Luke Schoeneberger V; James Voth; Darren Landro; Jennifer Landro; Alison Snyder; Andrea Fisher; Diane Short; JoAnn Altemose; Mariah Brearman; Jacqueline Markulics; Miranda Smith.



Scott & Pambi Longley; William Jr. & Barbara Romanishan; James & Rita Weller; Jeffrey & Debra Heffelfinger; Matthew & Miranda Smith; Greg & Lisa Amy; Gary & Carol Kratzer; Eric & Jaime Roth; Becky Novotka-Benotto & Silvio Benotto; Warren & Eileen Rohn; Barry & Victoria Gaugler; Richard Jr. & Tina Huth; David & Diane Breinig; Paul Jr. & Kathy Grube; Tim & Amy Vituszynski; Ronald & Judy Muschlitz.

Altar Flower Sponsorships

October 4

Julie Millheim, DJ, Mary Ann, Bobby, Mary J. & Emily Drosnock, in memory of Stephen Drosnock.
Paul & Deborah Durnin in memory of Allen & Dorothy Scholl.

October 11

Dave & Diane Breinig in memory of my sister Carol Gannon.
Barbara Gubich in memory of Betty Creyer's Birthday.

October 18

Barbara Lynn Sarley in memory of Chuck Sarley.
Karen Odenwelder is memory of Bobby Odenwelder.

October 25

David & Diane Breinig in honor of Diane's birthday and our anniversary.
Christine Diefenderfer in honor of my 3 great-grandsons, Logan, Hunter and baby to-be.

Fresh Altar Flower sponsorships resumed on Sunday September 13. There are a few sponsorships available for the remainder of 2020. Cost is \$20 per sponsorship. Please see the binder in the Narthex, and submit your payment in a completed Designated Gift envelope. Flowers can be picked up by the Monday after your sponsorship date. Any flowers left after Monday will be used for visitations.

Please note, beginning in January 2021, on the weeks where there are no sponsorships, fresh flowers for the altar will not be ordered, and beautiful silk flower arrangements, made by member Carol Kratzer, will be used to adorn the altar.



Members of our congregational family, Thank you so much, for your love and support during Lisa's recent surgery. Your prayers and words of concern were such a blessing to us, and the meals you provided were not only very helpful at a busy time, but tasty and wonderful!

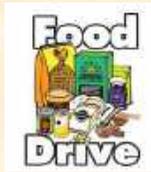
*We are blessed to love and serve you.
Love and respect, Lisa & Pr. Brett*

Church News



Harvest Home Sunday, October 11

We are collecting
non-perishable food items,
and monetary donations
for the Bath Area Food Bank.



Donations can be dropped off during Church office hours, or during Sunday services.

Place monetary donations in a Designated Gift Envelope marked "Harvest Home-Bath Food Bank".

God has blessed us richly with an abundant harvest; in response, we seek to be a blessing to those who are hungry.

Please care... and share... generously!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Share the names of your loved ones who have passed from this life to be with the Lord. **You are invited to write their names on a special table cloth that will be available during the month of October.** This cloth will then be used as the altar cover for the Communion table on All Saints' Sunday.

Also, a sheet is available in the Narthex to write the names of those who have passed away within the last year, whom you would like to be remembered. Their names will be read aloud during services on All Saints Sunday.

If you are unable to attend worship and would like a name written on the cloth or added to the list, please contact the Church Office and we can do that for you.

ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE



Our annual "Wing and a Prayer" Turkey Drive for 2020 will be held from **October 4 - November 8**. We are inviting YOU to help in this meaningful project. We are seeking sponsors for Thanksgiving turkeys for the Bath Area Food Bank. You can take part by giving a gift in one of the following sponsor categories, though any amount is appreciated!

"A Wing" — \$10 Gift

"A Drumstick" — \$15 Gift

"The WHOLE Bird" — \$20 Gift

Beginning October 4, visit the table in the Narthex, and fill out and place your gift in a *Turkey Drive Envelope*. Then, write your name on YOUR turkey and tape it on the window! Or mail your donation to the church office, indicating it's for the Turkey Drive. It's that simple... and best of all—you will find the joy of knowing you have helped someone who is in need!

Let us who have been richly blessed rise to the occasion and meet the need that is before us!



Veteran's Recognition ~ Sunday, November 8

On Sunday, November 8, 2020 we will honor living members of our Congregation who are veterans that have served in the military. **If you are a veteran, please provide your NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK and any special recognition/awards you would like to share, to the church office by October 25.** *IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUPPLIED THIS INFORMATION IN THE PAST, WE DO NOT NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU, unless you would like to change that information.* Names will be read aloud during services on November 8, and placed in the November Newsletter.

Church News



Financial Secretary needed.

After many years of faithful service, Keith Miller has resigned as Financial Secretary effective October 31st. Qualifications include a strong attention to detail, comfort in working with numbers, and confidentiality. Hour requirements are approximately 1 hour per week, with slightly more required at Christmas and Easter. **Anyone interested in taking over this position is asked to contact the church office or a Church Council member.**



WOMEN OF ABUNDANCE

Women of Abundance will meet at **9:30 am on October 24.**

Please bring your smiling faces and a friend to join our sisterhood celebration.

WE HAVE MUCH TO PLAN!

Blessings, Michele



Giving online is easy and convenient!
Visit our website at
<https://holycrossnazareth.org/support>

This upcoming Christmas season, we will again work with the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley to provide filled shoeboxes for their "Holiday Hope Chest" fund drive. These filled and wrapped shoeboxes are distributed to underprivileged children in the Lehigh Valley. Monetary donations are also being accepted and a shoebox will be filled and wrapped for you. Monetary donations can be submitted in a Designated Gift Envelope marked "Holiday Hope Chests".

Watch for more information coming soon on how you can participate!

***** Empty shoeboxes needed *****
Please place in the Narthex.
THANK YOU!

Deadline for the November Newsletter is **October 15.**

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

You may email your submissions to Secretary@holycrossnazareth.org



Holy Cross Daycare & Preschool News

We are looking for **2 full-time and 2 part-time Teacher's Assistants.**

We are having a **Trunk-or-Treat and Vendor Fair** event on **Saturday October 24 from 10:00am-12:00pm.**, following COVID guidelines. Vendors are welcome, or anyone can sign up for a spot to decorate their car and hand out candy for \$10/spot.

We are also looking to fill **3 spots on our Advisory Board.** We need a Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer (experience in finances is required).

Please contact Nicole Miller, Interim Director, at 610-759-8761 or at holycrossdaycare1@gmail.com, or contact the Board at holycrossdaycareboard@gmail.com, for more information on the above, or to sign up for the Trunk or Treat event.



JOIN US FOR A BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church and Miller-Keystone Blood Center are partnering for a special Adopt-A-Day blood drive to save lives.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER LOCATIONS

[Plainfield Twp Fire Co, 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap | October 8th](#)

[1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem | October 10th](#)

[2925 William Penn Highway, Suite 105, Easton | October 14th](#)

[1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem | October 20th](#)

[1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem | October 24th](#)

To schedule your donor appointment please call **800-B-A-DONOR** and mention **Group ID 4432**. You can also schedule your appointment online at **GIVEaPINT.org** under the Adopt-A-Day link; be sure to include your **Group ID 4432** under the **Notes** section of the form.

Miller-Keystone normally collects 60% of its blood donations from business, school and community event donations. When Covid hit, that went to 0% in two short weeks, so blood donations are needed now more than ever.

Any questions please contact Colleen Greene or Karen Odenwelder.

*Please keep in mind Pastor's words
"You too were saved by a donation of blood...
and someday you will meet the donor."*

OUR ONLY SOURCE OF BLOOD IS FROM DONORS LIKE YOU.



Church Council

Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for September 9, 2020

COMPLETE Church Council Minutes are posted on the board in the Narthex. Attachments are filed in the church office with the originals.

The meeting minutes summarized here are pending Council approval at next month's meeting.

Nine members were present. Absent: Lynne Auger, Sarah Raley and Steve Rissmiller.

GUESTS: Pastor Jenkins, Emily & Evan Frack.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted and approved, .

The Pastor's report was accepted and approved. July-August 2020 42 live and online Worship services conducted. Looking into the possibility of a mid-week evening Bible Study on Facebook. Looking for ideas on how to increase participation in Christian formation opportunities. Pastor is helping a group of our young people form a Bible/Theological discussion group to meet in the community as both a formation and evangelism opportunity, and asks for encouragement as it formalizes. Joyce MacDonald has continued to work hard on developing a more effective Sunday School program. Implementation of the new camera system is awaiting arrival of a new computer that can handle the system. One of our projectors is having problems.

Office Secretary Notes: Status of COVID waiver requested. Council consideration to replace air/heating unit in the church office. Altar Flower sponsorships resumed 9/13. Harvest Home 10/11.

Correspondence: Letters from Church Mutual regarding changes to policies at renewal.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild: Worked with Pastor to set up communion.
Constitution Committee: Daycare Constitution is to be tied to ours. Looking for another member to assist with this committee.

Daycare: No report. To meet with Mutual Ministry.

Discipleship Ministries: Discussed future start of Bethel Bible series on Sundays, and Wednesday service at 6:30-7:00 followed by class by Pastor, a Prayer Group and a Bethel Bible series. We will be helping out a local church Circulo d'Oracion (Circle of Prayer) get launched. A joint worship will be held. WOA holding a yard sale bake sale 9/19 from 7-4pm. Proceeds will go to outreach in our community. Circulo d'Oracion will participate.

Finance: Report provided to Council. Audit has been completed - Thank you to Mary & DJ Drosnock, Jamie Roth and David Heinly. Two completed audits for Daycare can be viewed upon request. There are some ac-

tion items to take care of. Treasurer's reports: Any expenditures over \$500 need to have Council approval; Reconciling accounts to make sure expenses are being pulled from the right places. PPP loan and BB&T account discussed.

Making Missions Happen: No requests for assistance.

Mutual Ministry: Extended Nicole Miller as interim director of the daycare until March 2021. Tractor and push mower sold-these funds will go towards an alarm system. Worship Arts Director position is committed to the end of the year-discussed the possibility of an extension. Looking for someone with Human Resources experience to help out.

Property: New lights with timers in parking lot. Looking for suggestions on heat upgrades to help lower the electric bill. 3 emergency lights must be replaced. Getting quotes for roof repairs. Discussed removal of water fountains and obtaining water coolers.

Spiritual Care Team: Per Barbara Lynn-Sarley email, still not visiting shut-ins. Members continue to send greeting cards to keep in touch.

Sunday School: Joyce MacDonald has an online program ready to go. If interested contact her or Pastor.

Old Business: Tax Exempt update-waiting on approval from state on Articles of Incorporation then the tax-exempt process can begin. Daycare closure: the state mandated a new clearance certification from all teachers and personnel. This was to be done by July 1st but was not completed. The school was shut down on July 22 as the state reviewed, approved and sent teachers their clearances. Daycare re-opened on August 17.

New Business: Removal of "snowball" bush near pavilion discussed. Annual Turkey Drive will be held. Holiday Hope Chest program will be held this Christmas season. Two new council members will be needed in January.

Other Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled
WEDNESDAY, October 14, at 7:00pm.
All Church members are welcome to attend.**



The following items are posted in the Narthex:

- September 2020 Church Council Minutes
- August 2020 Financial Reports
- October 2020 Church Calendar

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC/NALC)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC/NALC) is to respond to the Love of God shown most fully to us in the great gift of his Son Jesus Christ. We engage in five ministry areas – **WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARNING, SERVICE, and SUPPORT** – to boldly confess Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Our Staff

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## Congregational Officers

President ~ Paul Grube, Jr.

Vice President ~ Jesse Way

Secretary ~ TBD

Treasurers ~ Darren Landro and Cindy Denker

Financial Secretary ~ Keith Miller

## Sunday Worship Schedule

(Holy Communion 1st Sunday)

**8:00 am** ~ Traditional Liturgy

**9:30 am** ~ Informal Worship

(also available to watch LIVE online at 9:30am)

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm**

with Holy Communion

*Please follow CDC guidelines  
when attending Worship.*