



The Crusader

Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

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CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS...

- Amendments to the July Council meeting minutes.

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Please note, the Church Office will be CLOSED on Labor Day, 9/7, and from 9/11-9/18.



One Small Step for... the Son of Man?

How little would you do for Jesus?

It's probably not a question you expect to hear in church. But more improvement comes in the life of an organization through everybody doing a little than from a few people doing a lot.

Would you be willing to take one small step for Jesus, the one who endured the cross and grave for you?

Most Christians would, but they are not sure what step to take, especially if they have been coming to the same church for years. A 2011 study showed clearly that all churches growing both spiritually and numerically make it simple to know what the next step in the spiritual life was for everyone... from first time visitors to lifetime members.

At this moment in history, taking the next step for Jesus is more critical than ever. We will no longer get help from our culture to live a Christian life, so we need to carry that knowledge around with us everywhere we go.

Our lives, the lives of our loved ones, and the future of our congregation utterly depend on this.

*As Jesus Himself makes clear, being a Christian is more than believing in Jesus, it is being baptized and obeying Him in everything as He walks alongside us, usually unseen and unsensed, every day of our lives. **We need to know Jesus' teachings well enough and be walking with Him closely enough to know how to apply them wisely to our lives.***

*This is why we are developing a new way to make taking the next step in the Christian life easier for both new and longtime members of our congregation. Turn the page to learn about the **ABC's of Discipleship**.*

Each of us has a next step to take in our spiritual life. What is yours?



The **ABC's of D**iscipleship

A Path of Authentic Spirituality at Holy Cross

Accompaniment: Make Friends, Grow Together.

At Holy Cross, the buddy system is going to be foundational to every stage of our spiritual journey. Whatever step you take next, take it with a friend. Do it with an old friend... or reach out to one of the new ones you see around the church.



Basic Training: Get the Right Tools.

Practical prayer, regular worship, daily time with Jesus, spiritual engagement with your whole world, basic Biblical understanding, service to others... these are the basic practices of Christian life. Every week there will be multiple opportunities on Sunday and throughout the week to grow in a basic tool of discipleship.

How could you grow as a Jesus follower right now? With whom could you do it?

Consecration: Setting Your Life Apart.

Intercessory prayer with others, home and midweek worship, spirituality training, in-depth Bible study, shepherding new Christians, leading others in service to our neighbors are the next steps in faithful Christian living. Authenticity and excellence require the commitment of our time, talents, and treasure... and no less so in the service of Our Lord. As you learn the basics, next move on toward a truly integrated, abundant life.

Discipleship: Ongoing Joy and Growth.

Each stage of life requires new things of us. In Christ, God equips us for every season of life. Since walking with Jesus is the Way of true life, that means being transformed "from one degree of glory to another" through our ongoing life in Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

WANTED:

USED TABLETS AND IPADS!

Now that Holy Cross is including our Sunday readings on our website, members and visitors who are visually challenged can use a large screen device to help them read along with the Scriptures!

If you have an iPad or Android Tablet that is in decent repair, please consider donating it to the church so that more people can read the word of God while in worship with us!



Copies of the printed **Prayer List for September** are available in the Narthex. Please keep all who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers and remember them with your cards or phone calls. Your caring is deeply appreciated and can mean so very much!



Bible Study
Tuesday morning
at 11:00 am
in Fellowship Hall.



*The UPPER ROOM for September/October
is available in the Narthex
or contact the church office for a copy.*

ADD GOD'S WORD TO YOUR DAY!

Holy Cross sermons are available as a podcast!

Scan the box to the right, or got to this link:

<https://holycrossnazareth.org/sermons>



Share these with a friend and introduce them to Jesus...
and our life together at Holy Cross!

SEPTEMBER LESSONS

September 6
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 23:21-23
James 5:12-17
Matthew 5:20, 33-37

September 13
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 21:22-27
Romans 12:15-19
Matthew 5:20, 38-42

September 20
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 10:12-19
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 5:20, 43-48

September 27
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 6:1-4



Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of

Jesus

2 Peter 3:18

Family News



Adopt-A-Day Blood Drive

Please join us in supporting Miller-Keystone Blood Center for the Holy Cross Adopt-A-Day blood drive. 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 now **for 5 days in October you can choose the location and date to fit your schedule to help us support Miller-Keystone.** So invite a friend and sign-up! Please **see the flyer on page 6** to schedule a date, and make sure to note our **Holy Cross group ID #4432.** 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."*



Martha Edelman, Sarah Raley, Peggy Nagy, William Murphy, JoAnn Vanhorn, Renee Madea, Skylar Skurjunis, Sandra Muschlitz, Ryan Ortutay, Barbara McMullen, Pamela Berlew, Kerry Livermore, Daniel Drosnock, Madalin Hahn, Anita Trach, Todd Wallace, Trisha Loch, Loretta Millheim, Megan Abbott, Priscilla Hahn, Amy Letterhouse, Kathleen Petersen, Scott MacDonald, Jill Colonna, Heidi Kunsman, Lucas Schoeneberger IV, Cooper Seibert, Matthew Hahn, Kelsi Yotter, Michael McMullen, Judy Odenwelder, Dennis Diefenderfer, Victoria Knauss, Molly Kryman, Staci Searfoss, Ronald Madea, Kirsten McMullen, Amanda Maenza.

Men needed to help take down dead trees that are on the church property. Please contact the church office if you are able to help out. Thank you!



WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS...

Janet Catina

We are so happy to have you be a part of the Holy Cross family!



Kevin & Beth Taby, Allen & Kay Tomko, Joe & Lynn DiBiase, James Jr. & JoAnn Vanhorn, Seth & Brittany Prosoco, Steven & Debra Treon, Randall & Constance Huth, Walter & Catherine Rupp, Steward & Tracey Silfies, Todd & LouAnn Wallace, Raymond & Tracy Hudock, Gene & Diane Dickison, George & Tami Denger, Bruce & Karen Stem, AJ & Kami Arfanella, Dennis & Virginia Soffera, Dave & Kimberly Altemose; Christopher & Amanda Maenza.



Church Life



**Women of Abundance
Outdoor Yard Sale & Bake Sale**
Saturday, September 19
from 7am-4pm under the pavilion.
(Rain Date September 26)



Drop off your Yard Sale donations on Sunday September 13 after the 11:30 service, or the week of September 14 9-1 Monday, Tuesday & Friday, and 1-6 Thursday.

Helpers & bakers needed ~ sign up in the Narthex.

See Michele Verdi with any questions.

Sunday School News



Due to COVID restrictions, Sunday School will not resume in September.
See details on page 7.

Altar Flowers



Fresh Altar Flower sponsorships will resume on Sunday September 13. Cost is \$20 per sponsorship. Please 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 Carol Kratzer, will be used to adorn the altar.



Keith Miller has resigned as Financial Secretary effective October 31st. **Anyone interested in taking over this position is asked to contact the church office or a Church Council member.** 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.

Thank you, Keith, for your many years of faithful service to this ministry!



Since the suspension of fresh Altar Flower Sponsorships during the COVID pandemic, Carol Kratzer has graciously put together beautiful silk floral arrangements to adorn the altar.

Thank you, Carol, for sharing your talents to adorn our altar so beautifully!

A great big **Thank you** to everyone who has stepped up during this pandemic to ensure both our indoor and online Worship Services continue. Thank you to the Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera and Slide Projector operators, all those who are helping with the Outdoor Worship service, and those who have provided your special offerings which have allowed us to upgrade our Streaming Ministry, so we can reach those who can not be with us in person at this time.





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.

OUR ONLY SOURCE OF BLOOD IS FROM DONORS LIKE YOU.



Church Council

**Please note, no Church Council Meeting was held during the month of August.
The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm.
All Church members are welcome to attend.**

Below are amendments to the July 2020 Church Council meeting minutes. Complete copies of the July minutes and amendments are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Attachments are filed in the Church office with the originals.

Michelle Verdi will fill the open seat on Council. **Accepted and approved on a Treon/Raley motion.**

The daycare reopened on August 17, 2020.

There will be no in-person Sunday School at least for the month of September. Pastor Brett and the Sunday School team are looking into a form of Cyber learning for the start of the year.

Tech Assistant Needed IMMEDIATELY for the 8am service. If you can help at this service for the next two months or so, please let Pastor Brett know.



Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank You? Make an announcement?

**Deadline for the OCTOBER Newsletter is
Tuesday, September 15.
EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

**You may email your submissions to
Secretary@holycrossnazareth.org**

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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Financial Secretary ~ Keith Miller

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday:

8:00 am & 9:30 am

(Holy Communion 1st Sunday)

11:30 am Outside Worship (rain or shine)
with Holy Communion

Tuesday at 12:30pm

Wednesday at 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion

Thursday at 10:00 am

Please follow CDC guidelines when attending worship. Thank you!