

The Holy Cross Lutheran Crusader

Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

June/July 2021

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Hazy, but not Lazy

The lazy, hazy days of summer are looming on the horizon as I write this. The pale greens of spring have given way to the deep greens of summer, school sports and school itself are wrapping up, and the smell as I drive through Jacobsburg Park on my way home is nothing short of heavenly.

But while the haze of summer humidity is definitely ahead, I would not describe the next few months in our church calendar as "lazy!" Maybe we have all had enough "lazy" in our lives since COVID-19 locked us all in our homes over a year ago. Whatever the reason, our congregation is making it clear that it wants to have some meetings that are not virtual:

- **June 26th** **Women of Abundance Meeting**
- **June 27th** **Bike Blessing (between services)**
Congregational Meeting
All-Church Picnic (rain date July 11th)
- **July 19-23** **Vacation Bible School**
- **July 25th** **Christmas in July**
- **July 26-31** **Youth Service Trip**

And this is just the start; in the works are a church yard sale, music outreach nights, a new member welcome, and the return of both in-person Sunday School and Dinner and a Movie coming in the fall.

I don't know about you, but I cannot wait to see each other again and be in "full swing!"

Pr. Brett



May 12 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS...

- Plan for VBS in the works.
- Summer Outdoor Service will resume June 13th.
- Finance Committee looking for ministry or service to assist in yearly audits.

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Weekly Lessons...

June 6

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 13

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 1

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 [11-17]

Mark 4:26-34

June 20

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 124

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 27

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

July 4

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 11

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:[1-7] 8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 18

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-44

July 25

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 136:1-9

Ephesians 3:14-21

Mark 6:45-56



Altar Flower Sponsors



June 6

Dave & Diane Breinig in honor of Dave's Birthday.
Warren & Eileen Rohn in memory of our Mae Altemose.

June 13

Dave & Diane Breinig in memory of
Carol Gannon (Diane's sister).
Paul & Deborah Durnin in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

June 20

Marie K. Silfies in memory of Dennis Silfies.
Renee & Ron Madea in honor of their 39th Wedding Anniversary

June 27

Debbie & Steve Treon in honor of Dillon & Tara's 1st Anniversary.
Marcellus & Anita Trach in honor of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

July 4

Linda Rissmiller in honor of Kathy Harris' Birthday.
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July 11

Barbara Gubich in honor of Barbara & Rick Gubich's Birthdays.
Julie Millheim, DJ, MaryAnn, Bobby, Mary J., and Emily Drosnock
in memory of Robert Millheim.

July 18

Gloria Longley in memory of William Longley.
**Gloria Longley, Arthur Edelman, Charmaine Bartholomew, and
Raymond Edelman** in memory of father, Arthur Edelman.

July 25

Ethel Florey in memory of Chester Florey.
Linda Rissmiller in honor of Chad & Kathy Harris' Anniversary.

Please see the binder in the Narthex, or contact the Church Office to sponsor fresh Altar flowers. **Two sponsors are sought for each Sunday of the year** at a cost of \$20 per Submit your payment in a completed Designated Gift Envelope.

Sponsors can pick up their flowers by the Monday after their sponsorship date. Any flowers left after Monday will be used for sick & shut-in visits.

Thank you to all our Sponsors!



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Holy Cross sermons are available
as a podcast!

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

<https://holycrossnazareth.org/sermons>



Share these with a friend and
introduce them to Jesus...

Family News

June & July Birthdays:



David Breinig; Nicole Kufrovich; Jamie Hahn; Benjamin Vituszynski; Lisa Amy; Gerald Bartholomew; Elizabeth Jenkins; Howard Kindred; Deborah Letterhouse; Alton Mann, Jr.; Jennifer Vandegrift; Katie Ann Grube; Debra Heffelfinger; Terry Johnson; Karen Bachman; Iain Jenkins; Sandra Trach; Adrienne Barnowski; Anthony Bombico; Dennis Klipple; Rebekah Livermore; Linda Rissmiller; Bryce Arfanella; Shelly Stevenson; Jeremy Trach; Jack Scuderi; Duane Stevenson, Jr.; Benjamin Gostony; Paul Grube, Sr.; Darcy Murphy; Cooper Marotta; Ethan Trach; Stephen Rissmiller; Amanda Leindecker; Jillian Skurjunis; Nicole Skurjunis; Charmaine Bartholomew; Jackie Fernsler; Scott Wunderly; Vinetta Heinly; Ronald Short; Richard Michael; Pat Miller; Aida Rios; Rachel Sutton; Byron Burger; Sandra Michael; Justus Grube; Beatrice Klipple; James VanHorn Jr.; Charlene Klipple; Natasha Silfies; Susan Kindred; William Metzgar; Katherine Harris; Kameron McMullen; Timothy Vituszynski; Barbara Gubich; Richard Gubich; Janae Sinclair; David Vandegrift; LouAnn Wallace; Carol Kratzer; Denise Nolder; Robert Sandt; Alice Bittenbender; Pamela Snyder; Danielle Brearman; Gloria Mazzie; Kami Arfanella; Lynne Auger; Gavin Roth; Mildred Silfies; Addison Kneisly; Michele Verdi; Amanda Bombico; Pat Sandt; Keith Berlew; Rebecca Hahn.

June & July Anniversaries:



Gerald Sr. & Victoria Knauss.; Paul Jr. & Deborah Durnin; Jody & Danielle Brearman; Phyllis & Jeffrey Gostony Sr.; Brian & Tama Minnich; Marcellus & Anita Trach; Ronald & Renee Madea; Isadore & Jill Colonna; Trisha Loch & Tyler Norton; Robert & JoAnn Sandt; Richard & Sandra Michael; Phillip & Judy Odenwelder; William & Carolyn Metzgar; Karen & Marc Szczepanski; David & Jennifer Vandegrift; Dillon & Tara Treon; James & Cheri Roth; Adam & Morgan Grube; Terry & Julie DeGroot; Michael & Kirsten McMullen; Alton Jr. & Joanne Mann; Linda & William Prueter; Nathan & Margaret Grube; Howard & Susan Kindred; Sherwood & Jane Altemose; Elton V. & Nicole Herrick; Joseph Jr. & Gloria Mazzie; Chad & Katherine Harris.

Mason Richard Smith, *son of*

Cori-Anne Bensing & Justin Smith
was baptized at Holy Cross on
May 5, 2021.

Welcome into the Lord's family!



Congratulations 2021 Graduates!!!

Graduates will be honored and prayed for during services on June 13, 2021



High School

Rebecca Hahn, daughter of Priscilla Hahn, and granddaughter of Madalin Hahn, graduated from Nazareth Area High School. Rebecca will be attending Millersville University, majoring in Technology & Engineering Education.

Daniel Kryman, son of Tim & Kim Kryman, graduated from Stroudsburg High School. Daniel will be attending the Automotive Training Center to study marine mechanics/technology.

Hannah Kryman, daughter of Tim & Kim Kryman, graduated from Stroudsburg High School. Hannah plans to attend Drexel University to pursue a BS in Dance.

Milan T. Losagio, daughter of Dr. Mark D. Losagio, graduated from Northampton High School with High Honors and Distinguished Honors. Milan plans to follow in her dad's Chiropractic footsteps.

College

Jillian Rissmiller, daughter of Stephen & Jennifer Rissmiller, graduated from Northampton Community College with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Jillian will be transferring to East Stroudsburg University.

Raymond Scuderi, husband of Carly Scuderi, graduated from DeSales University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Ray's future plans include never going to school again!

Church News

Grounds Committee



Thank you to the current members of the Holy Cross Weed & Leaf Control Team, for your commitment to keeping the Church grounds looking good!

We are in need of a few more members to commit to maintaining an outdoor section of the church grounds.

An area could be sponsored by an individual, a family, shared by a group, or a youth could be sponsored by a mentor who may not be able to do the work but offer their experience and guidance to a youth (making their own arrangements to meet to do the work). You may carry out the ongoing cleanup of your area as your schedule permits. It's suggested that you continually monitor for weeds, pruning and cleanup of your area.

Visit the Narthex to check out the photo of the numbered sections of the church grounds that are in need of sprucing up, and sign up by the number of the corresponding section you wish to maintain.

We need to make a good first impression on people coming to Holy Cross. And what is one of the first things they will notice – weedy, unkempt flowerbeds!

Please consider taking a part in making the outside of God's House beautiful and inviting!



Sunday Fellowship is when we get to know each other and become family to one another. **Stop by after services and join us for Christian friendship with your Church family! Each week a different committee hosts Fellowship time.**

Thank you to our hosts for June...

- June 6 ~ Spiritual Growth
- June 13 ~ Bible Study
- June 20 ~ Church Council
- June 27 ~ Making Missions Happen

HELP WANTED



The Daycare is hiring Full-time and Part-time Assistant Teachers. You must be 18 years of age, or older. Must have all background checks, or be willing to obtain them. Experience in child care is preferred, but not mandatory. If you are interested, submit your resume to holycrossdaycare1@gmail.com. Thank you!

This n' That...



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** Friday June 11 through Monday June 21.

MAY OFFERINGS

Offerings received during the month of **May** total \$11,054.40 to date.



Thank You for your continued support!



Copies of the JULY/AUGUST Upper Room will be available in the Narthex at the end of June, or contact the Church Office to have one mailed to you.



Women of Abundance meeting on Saturday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a friend!!

WOA wants to help you clean out your closets, and contribute to help others. Our annual **YARD SALE** will be held **August 21, 2021**. Donations times and more information will be available at a later date. All household items, books, toys and treasures will be accepted. There will be baked goods as well. Please plan on stopping by!



Discipleship Roadmap

How do I get involved in life at Holy Cross? It is a question we have been blessed to hear more and more lately... and we want *everyone* to be able to answer that question!

Orientation classes will begin in the fall for those who have recently joined our congregation or are just getting involved, but the graphic to the right describes the shape of life for all of us. Worship is the heart of our life together, and from it flows Growth, Sharing, and Service. We surround all of this with Prayer so that in all things our heavenly Father's will may "be done on earth as it is in heaven."

If a visitor asks you where to start, it is as simple as A, B, C...

ACQUAINTED: Get to know people through worship and fellowship experiences that will walk a spiritual path with you.

BASIC TRAINING: Acquire prayer and Biblical skills that will help you live a deeply fulfilling spiritual life.

CONSECRATION: Establish habits that set your life apart for Jesus Christ, habits of love.

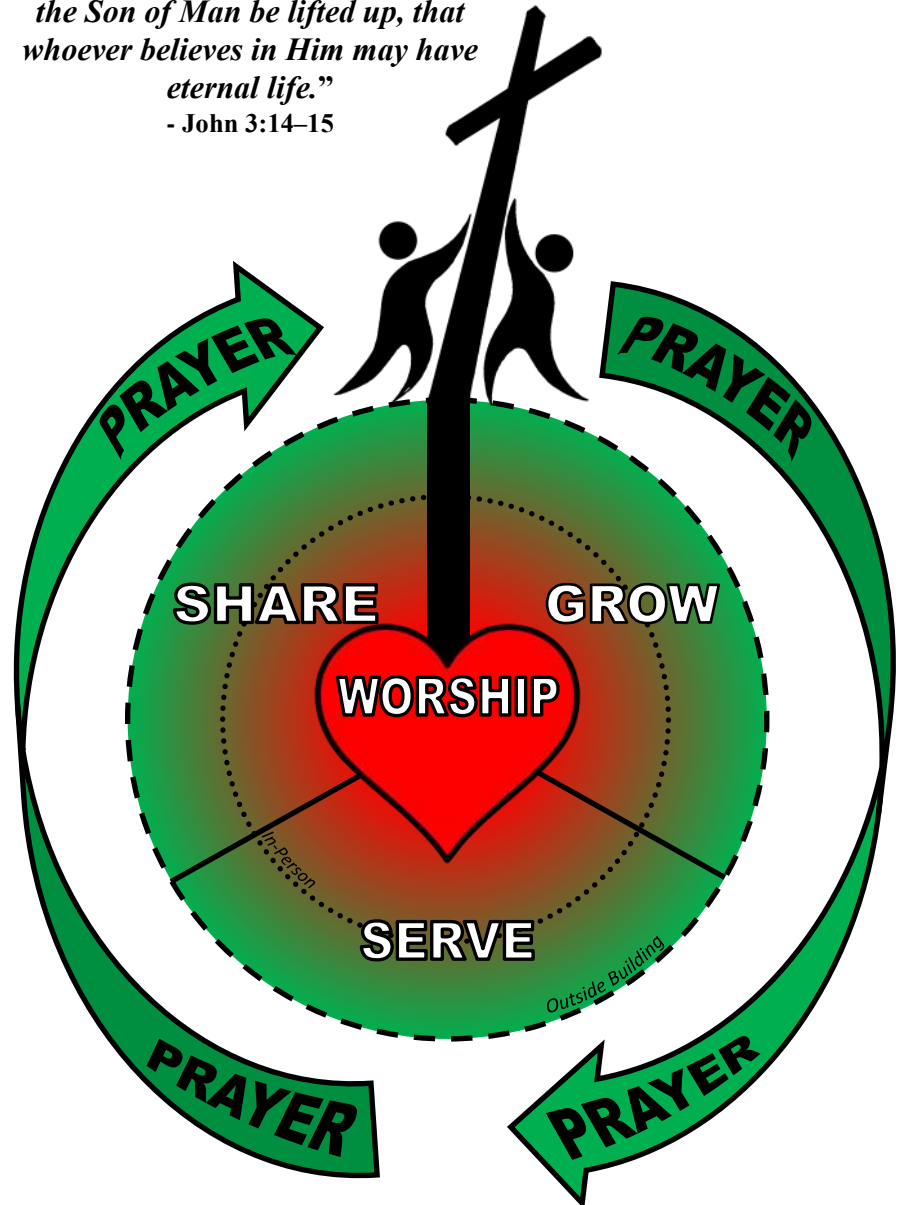
DISCIPLESHIP: Ongoing joy and growth are found in a daily relationship with God in Jesus.

Life at Holy Cross

Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

- John 3:14-15



Invite a Friend... to Coffee

Our streaming services offer a new way to invite a friend to church for the first time; invite them over for coffee!

Watching an online service together with a friend—either livestreamed or prerecorded—is an easy and non-threatening way to share your church family with a friend. Discussions after it is over can be fascinating and lead to a deeper friendship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HELPERS NEEDED!

Our children have lost so much to due to COVID-19, and we want to give them something special as life is getting “back to normal.”

July 19-23 from 6:30pm-8:00pm, Holy Cross will host Vacation Bible School for our community with the theme *Christmas in July...If we can get enough helpers!*

Would you be willing to help us offer this to the families of our community? So many of our families were still isolated at Christmas this past year, we want to give them the chance to reconnect this summer and celebrate again the coming of our Savior!

The move to evening hours was made so that more of our parents could be involved in the process of offering a fantastic, Christ-honoring Vacation Bible School experience to Moorestown. Since we will probably be one of the few churches doing so, this is also a great outreach opportunity!

*Please contact the church office as soon as possible to let us know that you can **serve** our young people by helping them grow as we **share** Jesus with them at Vacation Bible School!*



NEEDED:

Amateur Photographers

Our increased online presence as a congregation means we have a need for **YOUR photos!**

When you see something special around Holy Cross that grabs your eye, pull out your phone and get a photo of it; you can post it directly to social media or send it to the church office so we can add it to our website or Facebook page.

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June 27th

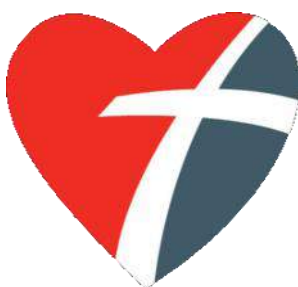
Bike Blessing, Church Picnic Congregational Meeting

Be sure to join us on June 27th for a great day of renewed activity at Holy Cross! We begin with a bike blessing between services in the morning.

Bring the kids to check out the bikes, like you see Katie Grube doing at our 2018 blessing! Then, following a brief congregational meeting at 11am, we are having an old fashioned church picnic. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite side dish or dessert and enjoy it with a pulled pork sandwich provided by the Lion's Club for a \$7 donation. Our own **Women Of Abundance (WOA!)** have volunteered to serve us at this special event, which will make the day extra special.



So mark your calendar, and plan to join in the festivities on this day of renewed congregational connection and **sharing!**



Attention All Thrivent Members!

We have lots of activities coming up at the church in the next few months that we can use Thrivent Action Teams to help fund. So, we are asking all Thrivent members to contact the church office and let us know that they are a member. Thrivent encourages us to use these teams to support our gospel ministry... let's take them up on it!

Church Council

Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for May 12, 2021

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.

5 members were present.

Absent: Diane Dickison, Cindy Denker, Jesse Way, Cooper Marotta, Steve Rissmiller, Michele Verdi.

GUESTS: Pastor Jenkins.

A quorum was declared due to absent Council members. President Paul Grube indicated Pastor Brett Jenkins will be a voting member for this meeting.

Items before the regular agenda: None.

New Business: Discussed initiating a Crafts Bazaar, possibly at Christmas time. Steve will discuss with Debbie Letterhouse who was active during our last bazaar and report back to Council.

Secretary's report: April meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Voting on reports deferred until the June 2021 meeting.

Office Secretary Notes: Questioned use of facilities. Council approved use of facilities for church members; all other requests will be reviewed by Council on a case by case basis. Nazareth Soccer Club resumed use of our fields.

Pastor's Report: Accepted and approved. Would like to have Ben and Bethany teach new liturgy music through Pentecost. Prayer Groups will be relaunched after Holy Trinity Sunday. VBS discussed, however there is no clear leader willing to step up and spearhead. Possible dates July 19-23 6:30-8pm. Beginning June 13 to August 29, the outdoor service at 11:15 will resume. Ryan Ortutay offered to build an elevated worship leader deck outdoors on the rear of the property; this would allow people using the picnic pavilion, grassy area next to the playground, parking lot, and campfire area to see Worship Leaders. It will also have the natural backdrop of the mountains. Details forthcoming.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild: New people are being trained-could always use extra people. We are setting up for communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays. Deb Treon and Barb Struss are the lead helpers. Welcome back Kate Grube. We are updating one reference book with colored pictures on altar set up & duties.

Mutual Ministry: Paul Grube asked Council to enter Executive Session for discussion on personnel items, which were voted on and approved. Daycare expressed concerns with Soccer traffic and negligence of some parents to follow the one-way traffic flow. It was address with the Soccer Club and the issue seems to have rectified. Council voted to follow state COVID guidelines for church services and activities

Property: A 3rd quote for the Security System has been received. Council asked for the previous 2 quotes to be resent to members to review.

Old Business: Tax Exempt Status-still being worked on.

Other Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next regular meeting June 9 at 7:00 pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact a council member with any questions or concerns.



***The following items are posted
On the Bulletin Board in the Narthex:***

- May 2021 Church Council Minutes
- April 2021 Treasurer's Report
- June 2021 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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Pastor@holycrossnazareth.org

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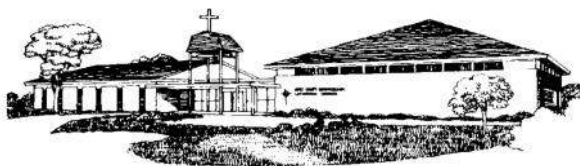
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Congregational Officers

President ~ Paul Grube, Jr.

Vice President ~ Jesse Way

Secretary ~ A.J. Arfanella

Treasurers ~ Darren Landro and Cindy Denker

Financial Secretary ~ Jaime Roth

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday:

8:00 am ~ Traditional Liturgy

9:30 am ~ Informal Worship
(Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Tuesday Prayer Service & Eucharist
at 12:30 pm.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion.

Please follow CDC guidelines when attending Worship.