

Abundant News

I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly ~ Jesus



Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

October 2021

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Called Out Ones... Assemble!

On the [18th Sunday of Pentecost](#) (September 26th), we saw a [video](#) for the offering of a thought that introduced us to the meaning of the word "Church" in the New Testament. The Greek word we translate as "church (ekklesia) means "Assembly of Called-Out Ones."

This month sees a great assembly convening at our little church—the entire Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC. This will probably not happen again for at least 15-20 years, so it would be a good idea to make a point of dropping in for at least one of the worship services; they are sure to be spectacular and moving, and usually only congregational representatives get the chance to see such a large portion of the whole church assembled in one place.

Assembling is important—indeed, integral—to being a Christian. The Bible has no vision of a solo Christian, which means that the idea that our faith can save us while we deliberately and persistently separate ourselves from the rest of the Body of Christ is unbiblical.

I am not talking about being away from the rest of the Body due to illness, as so many have had to do over the last year and a half. I am talking about continuing to stay away when the crisis is past and it is possible to be with those God has called us out from the world to live among as fellow Christians. This harms us and it harms those whom God wants to use us to touch spiritually.

This month we celebrate the Reformation. One of the most important teachings of the Reformation was "the priesthood of all believers." Each of us has the privilege and responsibility to minister to others. We need to gather to do this.

So; Called-Out Ones... Assemble!

Pr. Brett

Campfire

October 2
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September 8, 2021 Council Meeting Highlights...

- Harvest Home October 10.
- Turkey Drive Oct. 3-Nov. 7.
- Convocation October 22 & 23— Assistance needed on October 21 with help setting up.

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October Lessons....

October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-25

Psalms 128

Hebrews 2:1-13 [14-18]

Mark 10:2-16

October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 3:12-19

Mark 10:17-22

October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Psalms 119:9-16

Hebrews 4:1-13 [14-16]

Mark 10:23-31

October 24

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

October 31

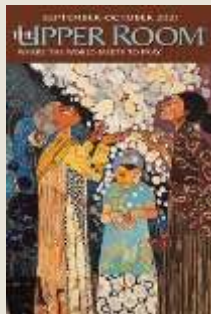
Reformation Sunday

Revelation 14:6-7

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



**Copies of the
SEPTEMBER/
OCTOBER**

**Upper Room daily
devotional are
available in the
Narthex, or contact
the Church Office
to have one mailed
to you.**

October Altar Flower Sponsors....

October 3

*Kathleen L. Unger in honor of my Birthday.
Julie Millheim, D.J., MaryAnn, Bobby, Mary J. & Emily
Drosnock in memory of Stephen J. Drosnock.*



October 10

*Dave & Diane Breinig in memory of
Carol Gannon, Diane's sister.
Kathleen Unger in honor of her Birthday.*

October 17

*Barb Sarley in memory of Chuck Sarley.
Barbara Gubich in memory of Betty Creyer.*

October 24

*Dave & Diane Breinig in honor of
our 45th Anniversary and Diane's Birthday.
Gerald & Suzanne Lewis in memory Grace A. Dunbar & Jean M. Lewis.*

October 31

*Julie Millheim, D.J., MaryAnn, Bobby, Mary J. & Emily Drosnock
in memory of Isabel E. Coleman.
The Amy Family in honor of Greg & Lisa's 22nd Wedding Anniversary
and Tommy & Kate's 1 year Anniversary.*

Thank you to all our Altar Flowers Sponsors!

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.



*Matthew 23:11 says.. The greatest among
you shall be your servant.*

ALTAR GUILD is looking for new team members to help prepare for Sunday worship, always working in teams on assigned months.

Also looking for anyone that may only be available from time to time to work with others when decorating the Sanctuary for special occasions.

No experience necessary... For more information please contact Barb Struss, Deb Treon or anyone on Altar Guild.



Tech help needed. Please contact the Church Office or talk to Pastor Brett if you are tech savvy and willing to share your talent to serve our Church.

Family News



William Prueter;
Brett Jenkins;
Joshua Johnson;
Kimberly Barr;
Kiley Yotter;

Corbin Bombico; Rebecca Grube;
Audrey Herrick; Benjamin Koehler;
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; Raymond Scuderi; 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; Michael & Terry Koehler; 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 Vitzuszynski; Ronald & Judy Muschlitz.



Copies of the printed **Prayer List for October**

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!



Stop by after services and join us for Christian friendship with your Church family! Each week a different committee hosts Fellowship time.

Your hosts for October are....

October 3 ~ Women of Abundance
October 10 ~ Hospitality
October 17 ~ Property
October 24 ~ Altar Guild
October 31 ~ Finance

Faith, Fellowship & Fun Campfire

Saturday, October 2 at 6:30pm



Campfire songs and informal Worship with Pastor Brett.

Enjoy 'Smores, Toasted Carmel Apples, and Cider



Please bring your own lawn chair



7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes begin on Sunday **October 3** at **5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Brett with more details.

HOLY CROSS DAYCARE CENTER'S
696 JOHNSON RD. NAZARETH, PA 18064

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND VENDOR FAIR

WITH TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021
TRUNK-OR-TREAT STARTS AT 11:00AM

Just \$15 to participate!

CONTACT US AT
HOLYCROSSDAYCARE1@GMAIL.COM
WITH QUESTIONS

Convocation News

2021 Annual Atlantic Mission Region Convocation

will be held at Holy Cross on
Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23.

All congregation members are invited to attend.



[Women's Conference](#) (register by October 8)

Informal Bible Study

[Featuring Plenary Speakers](#)

[Stuff the Truck!](#)

**Please plan on joining us to celebrate
the fullness of God's Worship.**

[Click here for a schedule of events.](#)

With current disaster response supplies depleted,
donations of **quilts**, flood buckets, **health kits**,
school kits, **diapers**, **Bibles**, and **gift cards** from
Home Depot, Lowe's, and Walmart
are urgently needed.

Help us Stuff the Truck!

Flyers with more information are on the counter in the Narthex or [click here](#).



Upcoming Events



Harvest Home Sunday, October 10



Place donations of canned/non-perishable food items for the Bath Food Bank in the box in the Narthex.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please use a Designated Gift Envelope marked HARVEST HOME.

Let's care...and share....generously!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

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 in the Sanctuary 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.

GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY



On **November 14**, we will honor our **members and guests aged 70+** and they will share a luncheon prepared by Nathan Grube in Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up in the Narthex for the luncheon by October 24. You can also

RSVP by calling the church office, 610-759-7363. **Youth Helpers are needed - sign up in the Narthex.**

2021 TURKEY DRIVE

Our annual **"Wing and a Prayer"** Turkey Drive for 2021 will be held from **October 3 - November 7**. We are inviting **YOU** to help in this meaningful project by sponsoring 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

Youth Helpers needed - sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.

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. Please make checks out to *"Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church"*. It's that simple... and best of all—you will find the joy of knowing you have helped someone who is in need!



On **Sunday, November 14, 2021** 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 24.** *IF YOU HAVE 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 14, and placed in the November Newsletter.**

Join us on Saturday **October 30**, for **DINNER AND A MOVIE**
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the movie
"MARTIN LUTHER"

*ALL ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND!*

Sign up in the Narthex



Church Council

Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for September 8, 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.

Eight members were present. Absent: AJ Arfanel-la, Jesse Way, Steve Rissmiller, Michele Verdi.

GUESTS: Pastor Brett.

New Business (Open Discussion):

Review of Repairs. Donation to Klecknersville Rangers approved. Gift for regional director approved.

The Secretary's report: Accepted and approved.

The Treasurer's report: Accepted and approved.

Office Secretary Notes: Tax Exempt application still needs to be completed. Pastor will continue to work on until Diane can assist at a later date.

Pastor's Report: Accepted and approved. I will be at the Society of the Holy Trinity General Retreat from 9/27-10/1/21. I will be leading worship with Communion at Twining Village on 9/8/21. Videos were made of participants reading Scripture for use on Back to Church Sunday. A letter was sent to new/newer members of the congregation explaining Faith 5 Intergenerational Spiritual Growth initiative. The process of learning the new church software has begun. We are experiencing difficulty covering every time slot for Tech Ministry. Participation in this ministry will be mandatory for confirmands going forward. A more cost efficient online giving platform is being considered.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild: Currently 10 members on the team. Cleaning day scheduled for 9/25/21; this will include trying to clean the pews from all the sanitizing spray build-up. We have purchased some outdoor welcome banners. Working on sanctuary and fellowship hall décor for the convocation.

Discipleship Ministries—Christian Education: Sunday School is ready to start.

Mutual Ministry: There is a need for people to serve with clean up of our grounds, including weeding, trimming and general clean up. Constitution Committee will meet next week to begin discussing restructuring the set-up of Council. Day-

care has asked for a list of responsibilities when it comes to Property. The Daycare program is an extension of Holy Cross and a partner for serving our community. They share the costs that contribute to things like electric, water testing and insurances.

Property: Cooper will reach out to a service company to assess the current condition of our Fire Alarm system. Discussed replacement of carpet in Fellowship Hall, and parking lot re-sealing.

Old Business: Tax Exempt Status discussed (see Office Secretary Notes).

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled
WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021, at 7:00pm.
All Church members are welcome to attend.**

Stewardship...

Offerings received during the month of August totaled \$19,681.25.

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Cross!

The following items are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex:

- September 2021 Church Council Minutes.
- July 2021 Treasurer's reports.
- October 2021 Calendar.
- October 2021 Giving Service to the Lord Schedule.
- Thank you Card from MaryAnn Vorholy.
- Fall Fellowship Host schedule.

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

Pastor: Rev. Brett Jenkins, STS
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Traditional Music Worship Leader: Ben Watson

Church Secretary: Kris Sterner
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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)

11:15 am ~ Outdoor Worship
(June-July-August ~ weather permitting)

Tuesday Prayer Service & Eucharist
at 12:30 pm.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion.

Please follow CDC guidelines when attending Worship.