

Abundant News

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



Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

October 2022

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The Reform of Our Hearts

It is Reformation month again, and as I said at our Seasons of the Son service on Back to Church Sunday, the work of reform in the life of the Church is ongoing... and it begins with us. Each of us has aspects of our Christian life that need strengthening, ways in which our walk with Christ that has grown sloppy, bad habits that need breaking, practices of prayer and worship that need bolstering—or beginning.

While we cling to the Reformation's proclamation that we are "saved by grace through faith," it is thick, deep personal practices of our faith that enable us to remain faithful to Christ in the midst of pressures to the contrary. As the Apostle Paul wrote;

*"It was [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God **and become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching...*

Ephesians 4:11-14

The winds of false teaching are blowing fiercely at this moment in history, and each of us needs to be re-formed by God's Word if we some day hope not merely to be saved, but to hear from Him, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Take some time to come to an extra worship service or try a Bible study for the first time... and let your personal Reformation begin!

P. Bratt

**Golden Age Sunday
sign-ups are taking
place now!**

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**September 14
Council Meeting
Highlights...**

- Harvest Home
- Turkey Drive
- Golden Age

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October Lessons....

October 2

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms 62

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:1-10

October 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-19a

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19

October 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-30

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 4:1-15

Psalms 5

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-17

October 30

Reformation Sunday

Revelation 14:6-7

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



Copies of the
**SEPTEMBER/
OCTOBER**

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

October Altar Flower Sponsors....



October 2

Julie Millheim, D.J., MaryAnn, Bobby, Mary J. & Emily Drosnock in memory of Stephen J. Drosnock.

Terry & Deb Johnson in honor of Joshua's Birthday.

October 9

Kathleen Unger in honor of my Birthday on October 7.

Keith Johnsen in memory of Christine Johnsen's Birthday October 18.

October 16

Barbara Lynn-Sarley in honor of Loved Ones.

Barbara Gubich in memory of Betty Creyer.

October 23

Dave & Diane Breinig in honor of

our 46th Anniversary and Diane's Birthday.

Eileen & Warren Rohn in honor of our Wedding Anniversary.

October 30

Paul Grube in honor of Paul & Kathy Grube's Anniversary.

Kathleen Unger in memory of my Father.

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.

The LORD's Work Continues...

Don't forget that the mission of the Church to spread the good news about Jesus continues while we cannot gather. Support that work by sending in your tithe, clicking the link below, or scanning the code to the right with your smart phone.



<https://holycrossnazareth.org/support>

Stewardship...

Offerings received during the month of
August totaled \$15,028.00.

Thank you for your generous support !



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

Family News



Brett Jenkins;
 Joshua Johnson;
 Kimberly Barr;
 Kiley Yotter;
 Corbin Bombico;
 Rebecca Grube; Benjamin Koehler;
 Barbara Losagio; Bernard Petrick; Judy Petrick; Kathleen Unger; James Weller; Juliana Young; Debra Johnson; Suzanne Lewis; 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; Frederick Grube; Luke Schoeneberger V; James Voth; Matthew Diefenderfer; Nicholas Grant; Darren Landro; Jennifer Landro; Raymond Scuderi; Alison Snyder; Andrea Fisher; Diane Short; JoAnn Altemose; Mariah Brearman; Jacqueline Markulics; Miranda Smith; Paul Blosser; Nicholas Grant; Michael Cleffi; Heidi Sweetser-Cohen.



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 Vituszynski; Michael & Jennifer Cleffi.



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!



With the addition of our new Fellowship Committee, we are changing the name of Sunday Fellowship to "**Social Hour**" to avoid any confusion. **Same great service, just a different name!** Please stop by the Social Hall after Sunday services and join us for refreshments and

Christian friendship with your Church family! Each week a different committee hosts the Social Hour.

Your hosts for October are....

- October 2~ Finance
- October 9 ~ Altar Guild
- October 16 ~ Spiritual Growth
- October 23 ~ Spiritual Care
- October 30~ Prayer Shawl



Congratulations to **Jacob Sutton and Laura Ziegler** who were united in Holy Matrimony on June 18, 2022. May God grant you all of life's blessings and love's joys.

Weekly Youth Group Meetings

Every Sunday night at 6:30-8:00pm,

Youth in 7th-12th grade are invited to a time of friendship and growth in Christ!



7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes will be held at **5:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month beginning on **October 2** in Fellowship Hall. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Brett with more details.



Upcoming Events



Harvest Home Sunday, October 9



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

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

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



GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY

On **October 16**, we will honor our **members and guests aged 70+** and they will share a delicious luncheon prepared by Nathan Grube in Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up in the Narthex for the luncheon by October 2. You can also RSVP by calling the church office, 610-759-7363.

Youth Helpers are needed - sign up in the Narthex.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

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.



2022 TURKEY DRIVE

Our annual **"Wing and a Prayer" Turkey Drive** for 2022 will be held from **October 2 - November 6**. We are inviting **YOU** to help in this meaningful project by sponsoring Thanksgiving Turkeys for the Bath Area Food Bank.

Visit the table in the Narthex, and fill out and place your monetary donation in a *Turkey Drive Envelope*. Then, write your name on YOUR turkey and hang it up in the Narthex. 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 in our community who is in need!

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



On **Sunday, November 13, 2022** 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 23.** **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 13, and placed in the November Newsletter.**

Church News

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our Social Ministry Committee is in need of more members. It just requires a few hours each month to make a visit to a group of women on NW1 at Gracedale and help get gifts ready for our shut-in members at Christmas and Easter. Please consider serving on this committee which brings joy, not only to others, but also to ourselves. If interested, please let me know at 610-248-2025, or contact the Church Office. Blessings to you, Barbara Lynn-Sarley



The **Women of Abundance** Yard Sale was a huge success!



Over \$2,900 was raised to help groups in need in our community. Thank you to the men, women, and our youth who helped in so many ways!



Bring your ideas and join Women of Abundance for our monthly meetings, held at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday of the month.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who answered the urgent need for PASTA at the Bath Area Food Bank. Holy Cross always comes through when there is a need in our community, and those who benefit from it deeply appreciate it!



Our Membership Handbook has been updated. It contains valuable information about all aspects of Holy Cross, including descriptions of all the Ministries within our Church. Please consider serving our Lord in one, or more, of these Ministries. Contact information is provided for each Ministry. Sign up in the Narthex for the Ministry that interests you, or contact the Church Office.

A copy of the Handbook is in the Narthex for your reference. If you would like your own personal copy, please sign up in the Narthex and one will be provided to you.

THANK YOU to Kate Grube for updating our Handbook.

2022 Annual Atlantic Mission Region Convocation

will be held at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church
Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22.

All congregation members are welcome to attend.



Women's Conference (register by October 7)

**Informal Bible Study
Featuring Plenary Speakers
Stuff the Truck!**

See the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall for information,
or visit

<https://www.atlantic-nalc.org/2022-amr-convocation/>

School Kits needed for Disaster Response



Each congregation is asked to bring components for at least 7 complete school kits. Please DO NOT have them assembled ahead of time. They will be doing a "hands on" assembly line at the Women's Conference. Below is the list of items requested to complete one school kit. **Please sign up in the Narthex, or contact the church office, for the items you would like to provide.**

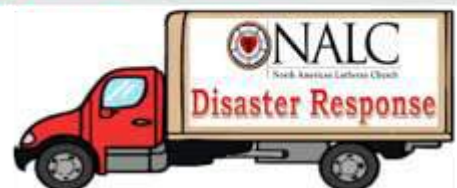
- 1 Backpack ~ 4 Notebooks ~ 4 Pocket folders ~ 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler ~ 1 pencil sharpener ~ 4 pencils ~ 4 pens ~ 1 big eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils or markers
- 1 box (10 count) 2-gallon resealable bags. (only 1 box needed)

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!

A complete list of items needed is available in the Narthex, or [Click here](#).

**All items need to be brought
to the Holy Cross
by Sunday October 16.**



Church Council

Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for September 14, 2022

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: Ray Scuderi and Diane Dickison.

GUESTS: Pastor Brett.

New Business (Open Discussion):

Donation to Klecknersville Rangers approved. Girl Scouts Troop 8881 will be using Fellowship Hall for their bi-monthly meetings. Adult Children of Alcoholics will no longer be using our building for their meetings, but extended their appreciation to the church for the many years they met at the Church. Delegates from the Church are needed to attend the NALC Convocation October 21 and 22. Sunday offering counters are Ruthann Siegfried, Rita Weller, Cindy Bonney, Lois Iasiello, and Diane Dickison. Date for New Member Dinner needs to be decided. Discussed inactive memberships.

Review of Reports:

The Secretary's report: Accepted and approved.

The Treasurer's report: Accepted and approved.

Office Secretary Notes: See New Business above.

Finance: Reports provided and reviewed with no comment.

Pastor's Report: Working on the beginnings of a community service ministry-looking for someone to chair. We have been having persistent problems with streaming and are trying a new service which lets us stream directly through our website. Youth Ministry is up and running for the Fall. A group of parents are now helping with off-site activities. Confirmation classes begin on October 2. We could still improve the usability of our website. Violet McCandless is helping Kris in the office, however we continue to look for someone who can help with more tech-oriented duties. Emergency Response meeting September 29 at 7pm.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild: Kate Grube will be rejoining.

Discipleship Ministries: **Christian Education:** Confirmation classes starting. Additional volunteers are needed as Sunday School grows. **WOA:** Yard-

sale was a success. Next meeting September 24 at 10:00am. MUMs (Mom's Uplifting Moms) began -we hope it continues to grow. We are blessed to have the teens and leaders of the Christian Co-op, which is up and running.

Emergency Planning: See Pastor's Report.

Mutual Ministry: Daycare will be shutting down no later than October 14. They will have to resolve repurposing the furniture and toys.

Property: New snow plow service needed. New members for Property Committee needed. Two windows need repair. We need to expedite a roof plan. Considering solar panels. Fire alarm system bell and Annunciator were replaced. Recessed lighting fixtures in the Sanctuary need replacing. We are looking for volunteers to build scaffolding. Fellowship Hall upgrades are on hold for now. Also discussed downspout issues, crack in foundation, parking lot, exterior sign needs updating and cleaning. Council approved installation of Security Cameras.

Worship Arts: Bethany starting to work on Advent and Christmas, and restarting Bell Choir.

Youth Group: Continues to grow.

Old Business: Kate to consider options with various tracks for large projects. Boy Scouts usage agreement.

Boy Scouts Update: Scouts are having a Christmas Wreath fundraiser and would like to donate wreaths to the church. They installed lights in the Pavilion and purchased a battery generator to run them. They would like to replace the picnic tables and take ownership of the old ones. Scout Project pending final approval for a flagpole in the garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled
WEDNESDAY, October 12, at 7:00pm.**

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

- September 2022 Church Council Minutes.
- August 2022 Treasurer's reports.
- October 2022 Calendar.
- October 2022 Giving Service to the Lord 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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2022 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)

Sunday School during the 9:30 service.

Tuesdays at 12:15pm

Lunchtime Prayer with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with Holy Communion