



Sunday, August 2, 2020

Reading: Mark 12: 13-17

Worship Leaders: Pastor Meredith Bedker

Musaus, Pastor Drew Yoos, Pastor Sara Yoos, Vicar
Matt Olson



A Message from Pastor Meredith

When we postponed worship on the weekend of March 15th I never dreamt that we would still not be meeting for worship in person by August 2nd. Yet it is the right thing to do. I more than realize we are not all on the same page in this regard. I've heard from some of you that "other churches are meeting in person." That is true, they are, but dynamics of each congregation is different.

I speak on behalf of the staff to say no one misses our regular worship schedule more than we do. I think we can all agree that we miss our faith community. We miss seeing our church friends. We miss watching the Noisy Offering. We miss worshipping the Almighty in a sacred place that we call home. It is difficult and I for one will never take worshipping in person for granted ever again.

We need to pray for an extra measure of patience and trust in these days. This will not last forever. However, we don't want to look back and say we gathered as a large group in person too soon. Covid 19 is a nasty disease and we still don't know the long term effects on the young or the old. What we do know is that it is hitting close to home and people of all ages; even infants have tested positive. What we do know is that even healthy young people have been affected. What we do know is that some people have lost love ones to this disease. What we do know is that you all are too important to us to make a mistake on these decisions. I pray that in this month of August you will take advantage of the variety of ways we have planned to re-gather through House Church and many types of Zoom activities. The church is deployed into the community. We continue to make a difference! Be the light of Christ to your family members, friend, neighbors and strangers.

August Sermon Series: Faith & Politics

We've been told never to talk about these two things. But faith and politics are the way we arrange our life together for the common good according to our values as followers of Jesus. Instead of negativity, division, and partisanship, we'll discover together how life-giving talking about politics can be when done through a lens of faith. You will be invited to continue the conversation started by the sermon each week by joining a "Sermon Chat" with the preacher on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm as we grapple together with how our faith guides the way we live in community. The Zoom link for this discussion will be sent with Sunday's email. Please call the office if you'd like to join by phone.

Holy Cross House Churches

We know you've been missing gathering for worship and seeing your people each week. And since we are all still unclear about when it will be safe to gather again as a large group, we are providing a new, more intimate way to be church during this pandemic. So Holy Cross will help facilitate in-person House Church gatherings for all who want to go a little deeper in their faith with others. For more information and to register visit holycrosslutheran.org or call the church office.

Catch Your Breath

Do you feel like you've been running a marathon and just need a break, even for just a minute? Both the biblical Hebrew word "ruach" and the biblical Greek word "pneuma" have the double-meaning revealing a connection of breath, wind and spirit. Join Vicar Matt on Facebook or YouTube each Wednesday when we will take a breath and relax during a short prayer and moment for reflection. You can use this time to refuel your spirit and help you catch your breath.

Coffee Connections Begins August 19th

We have heard that many of you are missing opportunities to be together in fellowship. Our new Coffee Connection will be a time for you to connect with each other. Join our staff for a time of devotion and conversation. Grab a cup of coffee and your bible, log onto Zoom or call in and enjoy some time together to reconnect and interact with other members of Holy Cross. Coffee Connection begins on Wednesday, August 19 from 10:00-11:00 am. Please register ahead of time to receive a zoom invitation. Registration can be found on our website - holycrosslutheran.org. If you do not have a computer or access to zoom, call Ellie Schmidtke after August 9th at 262-424-7764 for additional options.

Faith Development

Registration for the fall is now open. What's new this year?

- All registration is online, with one form required per family. You can register at our website at holycrosslutheran.org.
- WAVE is a new, mid-week opportunity for Faith Development. This is primarily for 3rd-6th grade students who may have older siblings already at church for Student Ministry Night on Wednesdays. This is also for families looking for an option to worship together on Sunday mornings.
- There is no registration fee for any programs. We hope that by your participation, your faith and generosity will grow as a family!

First Communion Sunday

Many of you were looking forward to celebrating your First Communion last spring, which was postponed due to the pandemic. This is going to be rescheduled for our outdoor service on Sunday, September 13. The instruction for first communion will be held over Zoom on Sunday,

August 30 at 7pm. A packet and "taste of communion" will need to be picked up from the church office prior to the class. Please email Pastor Sara at sara@holycrosslutheran.org for the Zoom link and packet pick-up instructions.

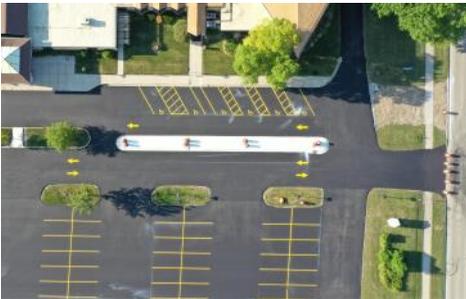
Let's Play Wacky Golf!

Everyone is invited out to the ballfield during the week of Aug 16-23 for a round of Wacky Golf, a fun, faith forming game for the whole family. Instructions and equipment will be on the field and everything will be self-guided. We just ask that if there is more than one household unit playing that everyone wear a mask and respect physical distancing guidelines.

Church Directory to be Published

We are in the process of updating our annual membership directory (the small one) for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to Holy Cross, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Eleonore or Jeff in the Church Office. Also, we would like to have the most up-to-date contact information for our members included in the directory. Please email or call the church office with any changes in your membership status, address, phone number or email address by August 9. (email addresses are not published but are used for church communications).

The South Lot is Paved!



The paving and striping of the south parking lot has been completed, and it looks beautiful! Restoration work on the lawn areas and the installation of handrails in the west median are the last steps for project completion. Please note the traffic flow changes from Pilgrim Road. There is now a single driveway approach from Pilgrim Road. This supports both inbound and outbound traffic. Handicap parking has been moved next to the walkway next to the building for safer and more accessible access. This lane is

only to be used for handicap parking. The rest of the lot is the same as before, only now we can see the lines! Thanks to everyone who worked on this project and donated over the years to make this happen!

School Supply Collection

The start of the school year may look different for some students, but many still need assistance with essential school supplies. We will be conducting a school supply drive through Sunday August 9th. All school supply donations will be split between our partner congregation, All Peoples Church in Milwaukee, and the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry, to be distributed to families in the Greater Menomonee Falls community. Since our Milwaukee students will be

starting with virtual learning you will have noticed we added new items including earbuds (wired with microphones) and wireless mouse (mice) to the list to aid families with virtual learning. Please drop off donations by Sunday, August 9th. Any questions please contact, Amanda Juedes, our Minister of Partnership & Mission, at amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org. During the week, you may leave your donations on the cart outside the church office, between 9am and noon. On Sunday mornings after the 10am worship (on August 2 and 9) drive around to the Preschool entrance on the north side of the building for drop-off.



School Supplies Needed

Wireless earbuds wired with microphone	Wireless mouse
New backpacks	70-count notebooks(wide & college rule)
12"ruler with inches and centimeters	Binders (1or 1 1/2")
Blunt tip or older child scissors	Box of 16 or 24 crayons
Glue bottles and glue sticks	Pack of index cards
Compass and protractor	Loose leaf paper (wide and college rule)
Graphic paper (loose or tablet)	Fat markers (8-10 count)
Washable thin markers (8-12 count)	New ballpoint pens (blue or black)
Mechanical pencils	Pencil boxes/pouches
Pencil sharpener (with receptacle)	Pocket folders
Scientific or graphic calculators (new or used)	Red pens and pencils

Memorials

A memorial was received from Kim Shipway in memory of Brent Oliversen. Memorials were received from George & Donita Bruder, Adam & Darlene Offenbecher, Marlene Ellis, Cathy Gustafson and Joyce Oldenburg in memory of Donald Oldenburg.

Christian Sympathy To

The Bentrup and Dorsey families on the passing of Justin Bentrup.
The Timple and Everts families on the passing of Austin Timple.

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