



SUNDAY July 23, 2017

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

It is a great pleasure to have already begun my time among the people of Holy Cross. This community is so warm, welcoming, and committed to serving our Lord's gospel both locally and globally.

In a previous issue of the *GROW*, you already read my vital facts: I'm 25, married to Vicar Marissa (serving at Christ the Servant in Waukesha), and finished with seven years of theological education (4 at Luther College and 3 at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago). Most importantly, like you I'm passionate about serving God in unexpected places.

For the last four years I've had the privilege of serving in one of these unexpected places: on the ELCA's Church Council, the highest governing body between triennial Churchwide Assemblies. I wish everyone could join me for those meetings, as our church is doing so much good for the world in Jesus' name. We're starting new churches, feeding millions, and supporting other Lutherans in over 100 countries as they spread the good news.

Our church is also active in helping to bring Christians closer together. For the past two years I've had the privilege of being our denomination's representative to the Moravian Church in North America. I often travel to work with our brothers and sisters in that denomination, which is very theologically similar to ours.

Moravians trace their history back to the Czech reformer Jan Hus, who predated Luther by about a century but had many of the same ideas concerning the centrality of scripture and the importance of regular Holy Communion for all Christians. If Hus had found a safe place to work and teach (he was executed for heresy in 1415), we'd probably call ourselves Hussites rather than Lutherans. We'd be in good company, since Luther called himself a Hussite!

Vicar Hans

Faith Development Registration

It's time to register for the 2017-2018 Faith Development School Year. Faith Development is our Sunday morning ministry for children ages three to sixth grade and is offered at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Kids are learning what it means to live out an everyday kind of faith. Our curriculum, called Whirl, contains age-appropriate lesson materials and videos that are equally engaging to younger and older kids. Kids enjoy the animated characters that help them relate to the questions and challenges of living out their faith. Learner leaflets double as take-home pieces with seven different ways families can put their faith into action throughout the week.

It is our determination that through Faith Development, children will fall in love with Jesus and His church! To find a registration form, you can visit our website at www.holycrosslutheran.org. Once there, look under the "What's Happening" tab and then click on "Forms." The first form you see will be the Faith Development Registration Form. Just fill it out and send it in electronically. Forms are also available on the table outside the church office. The cost is \$35 per child or a limit of \$85 for families with three or more children. Please contact Sue Christiaansen at 251-2740 or suec@holycrosslutheran.org with questions.

Can You Help?

Are you looking for a way to get involved? The Faith Development ministry is looking for interested people to help out on Sunday mornings during the school year. Some of the

responsibilities include: collecting offerings, taking attendance, handing out materials, making copies and other random jobs. You would volunteer about once a month (when you are available) from 8:45-11:45 am and you would be a part of a crew of two. Please contact Sue Christiaansen with questions at 251-2740 or suec@holycrosslutheran.org

Mark Your Calendars!

- The F.A.C.T. food pantry would like to invite all of their volunteers to a picnic on Wednesday, August 16 from 4:30-6:30 pm at Rotary Park, Area 1. There will be hamburgers, brats and much more! Your family members are also welcome. RSVP by August 1 to Monica at 262-250-3489
- On Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 pm, Holy Cross will host a mass choir and orchestra that will present a concert of Reformation based music which will include selections by Martin Luther along with other composers.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To the family and friends of Evelyn Walsh in her passing.
- To the family and friends of Don Koehler in his passing.

THANKS

●Marvin & Marilyn Jacobson would like to thank Pr. Meredith and the congregation for their prayers during Marvin's surgery and recovery. Their prayers were answered as the surgery went great and the recovery time was faster than they thought.

MEMORIAL CHART

- Flower support is given in honor of Alex Butschli's 29th birthday.
- Mission Support is given by Rolf & Barb Berg in memory of Grandpa Lyman Berg.

SERVING ON JULY 29 & 30

Ushers:

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team

7:45 am George & Nanette Hegerty team

9:00 am Don & Sandy Earnest team

10:30 am Jeff & Kim Young team

Lector:

5:00 pm Summer Music Camp

7:45 am Cathy Brill

9:00 am Summer Music Camp

10:30 am Summer Music Camp

Worship Assistant:

Summer Music Camp

Altar Guild:

Barb Berg, Erika & Ray Sawvell, Sandra Lembke, Lisa Burchardt

Greeters:

5:00 pm Lee & Judy Paul

7:45 am Eileen Corbeille

9:00 am Kelly & Steve Stapelman, Howard Westfahl

10:30 am Bob & Lisa Burmeister, Kim & Scott Rasmussen, Betty Redding

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Charlotte & Mason Draeger

8:30 am John Eilertson

10:00 pm Sandy Earnest

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm,
Sunday-7:45, 9:00 am & 10:30 am



TODAY

Reading: Jonah 3

Lectors: Lowell Carl, Ron Jaeger, Sandi Staves, Scott DeChant

TODAY-Sunday 23

Scrip Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

Monday 24

Summer Music Camp 9:00 am

Frisbee 5:30 pm

Christian Ed. 6:30 pm

Tuesday 25

Summer Music Camp 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

TNT 5:30 pm

Evangelism 6:00 pm

Tweens Event 6:30 pm

Wednesday 26

Summer Music Camp 9:00 am

Worship in the Courtyard 6:00 pm

Thursday 27

Summer Music Camp 9:00 am

Friday 28

Church Office Closes At Noon

Saturday 29

Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday 30

Scrip Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

PRACTICE 7 PRAY



“The less I pray, the harder it gets; the more I pray, the better it goes.”

JOIN US FOR

Adults

● Enjoy 9 or 18 holes of golf and support the Mt. Meru Coffee Project and fair trade coffee farmers in our sister community in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania. The Mt. Meru Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 20 at Kettle Hills Golf Course. The day begins with a shotgun scramble tee off at 1:30 pm. Your \$90 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a buffet dinner. Prizes will also be given, including a \$10,000 50/50 hole in one contest, raffle prizes, and a longest drive and putt contest. Not a golfer, you can still join the fun for dinner and prizes. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Blessings & Prayers Based On Luther's Small Catechism

● The Small Catechism of Martin Luther includes blessings for morning, evening, and around the household meal. These prayers are a treasured heritage and deservedly continue to be widely used. The new versions are written with today's Christians in mind.

A Prayer to Begin the Work Day

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands. (Ps. 90:17 ELW)

Generous God, you call us to lives of service. In my words and actions this day, move me to serve in Christ's name. When I lack energy, inspire me. When I lack courage, strengthen me. When I lack compassion, be merciful to me.

You may make the sign of the cross.

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life. Reveal through me your life-giving work, that I love my neighbors as myself. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.