

Holy Crossings

Our Mission... to seek, share, and serve our Savior

September 2019

PRIOR LAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER (PL-IFC) NEWS

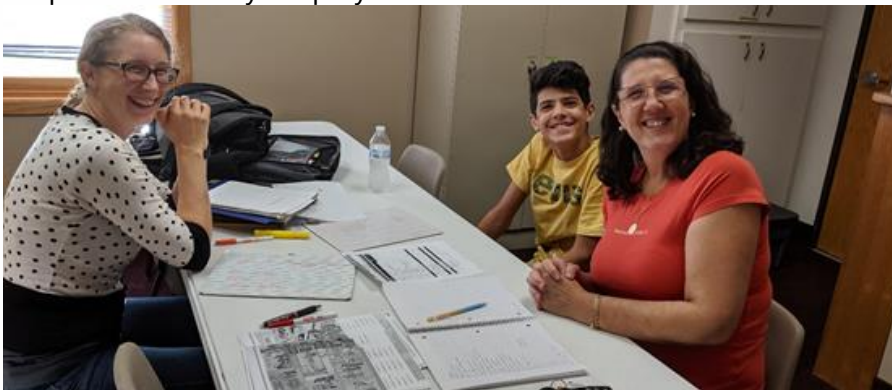
Praise God that we are building relationships with our immigrant neighbors through the PL-IFC. English classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. We currently have 4 - 5 regular students at various levels. We also have a sewing class on Friday evenings where 1-3 students attend.



Connie and Amina are working on repairs in this class. They have completed other projects including making potholders and pillows.

Amina is in the basic English class. We've met her daughter (Istahii) and 3 of her grandchildren. When school starts Istahii has asked us to help tutor her children and help her pass her GED test.

God has blessed the PL-IFC with cheerful and talented volunteers. It's amazing to see how God has placed congregational members with the knowledge and education needed to meet the needs of the immigrants as they are identified. It's just so exciting to hear the learning and laughter coming from each classroom. Please keep the PL-IFC in your prayers.



Laura with Cyro and Yara. They are originally from Brazil. Sometimes Yara's husband Generson also comes to English classes.

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GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER!

NEW Classes, NEW Curriculum, NEW Christian Growth (Sunday School) Opportunities for you and your family begin Sunday, September 8th with Rally Day! Everyone is invited, and needed, to participate; so the body of Christ at Holy Cross can be healthy and strong to share the greatest story ever told with each other and our neighbors and friends! You and your family are important to God, come and grow in the gift of faith you have been given for an abundant life! ... Your brothers and sisters in Christ look forward to seeing you!



Sunday Schedule

8:15 AM

Traditional Worship

9:45 AM

Christian Education Hour

11:00 AM

Contemporary Worship

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22: 6

SHOE AWAY HUNGER

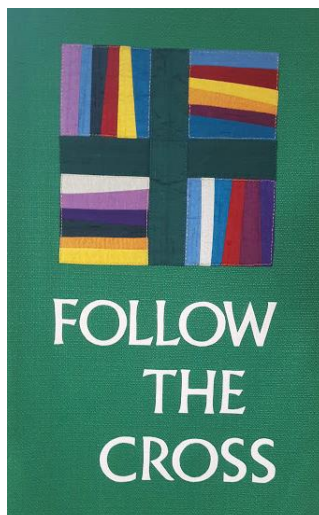
We will be collecting new or gently-used footwear to donate to *Good in the Hood*. For every one pair of footwear received, their *Shoe Away Hunger* program is able to feed one person with up to seven days of essential groceries through their *Feeding the Future* programs. Footwear can include sneakers, sports shoes, casual shoes/boots, winter boots, flip flops, ice skates, etc. Look for a collection bin in The Commons during September through October 20th. For more info cc *Good in the Hood*, go to www.goodinthehood.org

Questions, please talk with Joy Anderson, Pam Hunter or Pat Harvey.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Stop the Money Fights - Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University (FPU)! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams! Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, your FPU group will learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. FPU includes your member workbook and other exclusive online benefits through a free year of Financial Peace Membership. Contact Jimmy Anderson at 952-374-9462 or visit fpu.com/1095175 for more info.



September Sermons

Sept. 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Rally Day

Theme: FREE! Christ Breaks the Chains that Bind Us. (Understanding the Struggle with Sin and Fear).

Text: Philemon 1–21

Sept. 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Stewardship Sermon Series – God’s Steadfastness and Faithfulness - 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!

Text: Malachi 3:6-18

Sept. 22, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: God’s Steadfastness and Faithfulness 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!

Text: Genesis 20:1-18

Sept. 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: God’s Steadfastness and Faithfulness 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!

Text: Psalm 23:3

Oct 6, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15AM Service

LWML Sunday

Theme: CHRIST DOES THE HARD WORK “Moving Mulberry Trees” Join Jesus On His Mission!

Text: Luke 17:1–10

Rally Day is Sunday, September 8, 2019

Come join us! We will dedicate and pray for our teachers that Sunday in our services, have breakfast (please see the sign up on the bulletin board for how you can contribute to this) during the SS hour, have some singing and do a simple cross craft project that every age will be encouraged and asked to participate in! Also there will be some "games/activities" for the younger ones separately as well! Please pray about our new start to Christian education/discipleship as we seek first God's kingdom and will!

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org. Check-out LHM's daily devotions too.



September 1

"Begin Again"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The book of Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a new series of messages based on the first book of the Bible.

(Genesis 1:1 - 2:30)

September 8

"Play Your Pat"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

This week on The Lutheran Hour: Dr. Michael Zeigler says we each have a part to play on God's stage-with a script, without a tryout, with freedom and responsibility. How will you play your part? Dr. Zeigler and his guest, Dr. Charles Arand, discuss our place in God's creation and our role in caring for it, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Genesis 2)

September 15

"The Dream is Alive"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The fall of man... and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to relate to you and to me with grace and truth. (Genesis 3)

September 22

"Intervention"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

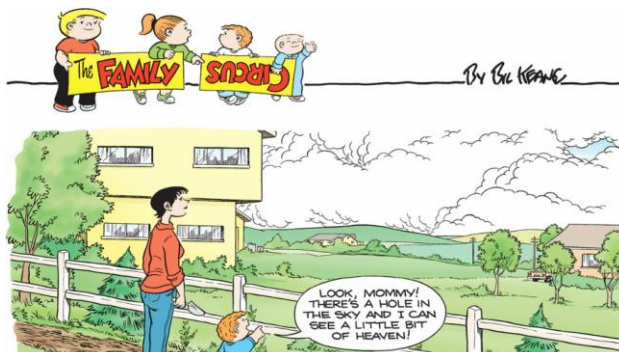
Genesis Series - The account of Cain and Abel is more than a story of murder. (Genesis 4)

September 29

"The Story We Needed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series (Genesis 5-9)



NEW CLASS REACHING ISLAM STARTING!



Nadar Alaraj missionary to the MN S. District and POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) will be leading the Adult Education Class, starting September 8, from 9:45 10:45am in the sanctuary.

The class will go for 7 weeks. September 8 will be an introduction to the class as it is Rally Day! Please join us for this class that the Lord may bless us in our outreach to our community as Christ bids us in *Matthew 28:19-20*. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing..."

If you would like to consider supporting Nader and Georgette's mission work, please contact Pastor Jobst for more information. A goal is to lift up 50-70 individuals having a heart for local mission ministry of the Gospel with a monthly contribution to Nader's and Georgette's ministry that is over and above our general offerings for the ministry here at Holy Cross. Individuals can give as able, \$10, \$25, \$35, \$45, a month. There is a shortfall currently this year for Nader and Georgette as the POBLO, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, National ministry. Again, please contact Pastor Jobst if you are considering supporting the outreach to immigrants. Thank you!



Stewardship Ministry - LCMS Stewardship Ministry - September 2019 Newsletter

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.

Women's Ministry at Holy Cross

What is the LWML? LWML stands for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

It has as its "mission heart" thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world.

It is also **Lutheran Women in Mission**, the dba ("doing business as") name adopted by the Board of Directors in January 1998.

It is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenges to share the Gospel message.

It is composed of individual women and women's groups within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings.

The LWML seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among women of the LCMS through education, inspiration, and service.

A major emphasis is the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of mite box offerings. These mite box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942.

All women at Holy Cross are invited to attend any of our Bible studies, fellowship in-gatherings or servant activities. In September we'll gather on the 23rd at 6:45pm. Watch of details on our upcoming events. Join us when you are able!

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Amina (left picture) and Asha (right) are from Somalia. Amina is just learning how to communicate in English – her grandchildren told us they just make motions to help her understand. She is progressing very well. Asha understands and speaks English but needs help with reading and writing. The one on one teaching helps with these specific needs as well builds relationships.

**The JOY of the
LORD is your strength.
Neh. 8:10b**

FALL RALLY

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

9:30 GATHER, REGISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

10:00 PROGRAM

SARAH WIPPICH, PRINCIPAL OF TRINITY FIRST

LUTHERAN SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS

AND STUDENT CHOIR GUEST APPEARANCE

Gifts from the Heart~ Gift Cards to Aldi, Glue Sticks, Ziploc bags - various sizes,
Dry erase markers, Clorox Wipes, Book Tape & Duct tape, and/or
Non-perishable snacks: granola bars, fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, graham crackers.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES PLEASE JOIN US AT:

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9201 NORMANDALE BLVD, BLOOMINGTON

\$10 INCLUDES LUNCH

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM VICKI CASE OR PAT HARVEY