



THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF THIS CONGREGATION



It is time for all of us to stop and think about the future of this congregation.

Will it continue to grow or will it limp along? In thinking about the church and its future, let me get personal about the future of this congregation. How much effect do **YOU** have on the church? Sounds like a leading question and you're right. The movement of the church is dependent upon the individuals who make up the church. Let me share a few thoughts with you:

IF OUR CHURCH GROWS it is because your attendance is regular and you invite and bring friends regularly.

IF WE ARE AN ACTIVE CHURCH, it is because you are committed to her ministries and give your time and influence to them.

IF WE ARE A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH, it is because you insist on nothing short of Biblical preaching and teaching.

IF WE ARE A FRIENDLY CHURCH, it is because you are friendly. You take the time and initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

IF WE ARE A CHURCH THAT REACHES OUT TO NEW PEOPLE, it is because you are a soul winner and **YOU** are interested in bringing others to Christ.

IF WE ARE A CHURCH STRONG IN ADULT EDUCATION, it is because you attend Bible Class, and/or are involved in a small group study and look for other educational opportunities to help better understand how God works with you in today's world.

IF WE ARE A GIVING CHURCH, it is because you give: not just of your tithes and offerings but of your God given abilities and time.

What kind of a church do you see for the future? May I suggest you look into the mirror and see a key individual for the future of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**

Then may I suggest you look into the Word of God and there find **A LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO LOVES YOU AND HAS GIVEN HIS LIFE FOR YOU!** You are His servant!

This doesn't mean adding a new program to your already existing programs. Instead, it means transformation from the inside out---as a disciple, as a church. Asking, "What is God up to?" and "How can I be part of it?" This transformation is "practicing God's life before a watching world." It includes worship, preaching, communion, loving one another, caring for the poor, and sharing Jesus' gospel. Thus: "All of God's people are on mission to engage their surrounding neighborhoods, not just a few who are sent outside the church to do something called missions".

Together we can make this congregation an effective Body of Christ. It will take all of us working together, with dedicated leaders and an active participation by each of you. Our love for God must have top priority; our concern for others must be evident; and our joy to serve the Lord needs to dominate our life until the time that He calls each of us to Himself in glory. Think it over!!

**You are the church!
Now Go...Grow... and serve others.**

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



As another academic year comes to a close, we congratulate the graduates of our high schools, colleges/universities, and seminaries! Our graduates this year are Dylan Vannett, Evan Kruse, and Chloe Einarson. We pray for God's blessings as you move forward in your vocations!

Dylan is graduating from Prior Lake High School and will be attending the University of North Dakota in the fall. And Evan is graduating from Shakopee High School and will be attending Concordia-St. Paul in the fall.

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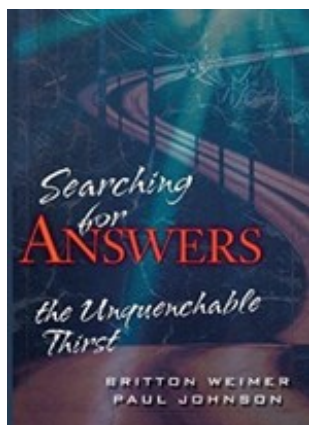


PRAYER TIME

We will meet in the sanctuary on **Thursday** evenings at 7 pm for informal prayer time. Please join us!



BIBLE BOOK ENDERS



Bible Book Enders will be meeting on Tuesday night July 26 to discuss **Searching for Answers - The Unquenchable Thirst** written by our own Brit Weimer and Paul Johnson. Join us for a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm with a book discussion to follow with Brit at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends, everyone is welcome and invited, even if you have not had a chance to read the book. After our discussion you will WANT to read it! Questions contact Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.

COFFEE TIME



There's nothing like coffee and a treat after worship; it's the Lutheran way!!! A signup is posted in the Commons, so please sign up to help out! Never provided goodies or made coffee? Talk to Pam with any questions. We ALL enjoy the refreshments, please be a part of putting a smile on everyone's faces!!!

MOWING VOLUNTEERS



We are in need of volunteers willing to mow at the church this summer. Please call or text Dave at 952-913-0006 or Denny at 952-454-7097 if you are interested in helping, and we can get your name on the list.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...

Please wear your name tag at church. This will help Rev. Gade get to know you during his time as vacancy pastor.



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request on Sundays, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to the office at megan@holycross-pl.org.



CALLING ALL WOMEN CHALLENGE



Join us this summer for a study on the book of Lamentations. All are welcome, invite your family, friends and neighbors. We will have a great time discussing this unique book in the Old Testament. Read the book of Jeremiah and commentary on Jeremiah in preparation. May God prepare your hearts and minds for the AMAZING study of HIS WORD. **The dates for Bible Study will be June 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 20, 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm.** Contact Michele Lein with any questions.

VOTER'S MEETING

The next Voter's Meeting is Sunday, July 24th at 10:15 am after the Sunday service.



CAMP OMEGA

CAMP OMEGA OPEN HOUSE & GRAND OPENING OF THE OMEGA LODGE

Saturday, June 11th Camp Omega will open its doors for you to experience pontoon rides, archery, canoeing, kayaking, hatchet throwing, swimming, arts and crafts, and a variety of other Camp Staff led activities for the whole family.



This open house event begins at 10:00 am and includes a free picnic-style barbeque served from 12:00-1:30 pm. You are invited to participate in the Grand Opening of Omega Lodge with a commissioning service to be held at 2:00 pm.

It is an exciting time at Camp Omega as they are now able to provide higher comfort style housing for adults and families. Each of the nine bedrooms in the new lodge contains two double beds and a full private bathroom. In addition, a conference space for 200+ and a grand lobby area.

The day's event concludes around 4:00 pm. RSVP is requested, but not required. To RSVP, contact the camp office by email info@campomega.org or call 507-685-4266.



Janean Johnston	June 1
Sue Waderich	June 1
Judy Morlock	June 3
Joy Anderson	June 5
Cheri Mattson	June 5
Evelyn Jabs	June 9
Kris Hentges	June 10
Connor Dobberstein	June 14
Pat Harvey	June 17

BAKE SALE



The bake sale is Sunday June 12th. Be prepared to be tempted by delicious breads, cookies, bars and cakes. Please let Buffy Mobroten

(612-701-6595) know if you are able to donate a pans of bars, a cake, bread, cookies, or your own secret special recipe! If you can have your items trayed, marked, and at church by 8:30 am, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks for your support. Proceeds will go to Lutherans for Life. Looking forward to seeing you!

Upcoming EVENTS

June 12

Bake Sale to support Lutherans for Life

June 13

Church Council Meeting

June 15

Women's Bible Study

July 9-13

National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

July 17

Join us and bring friends to our Community Picnic

July 24

Voter's Meeting

July 26

Bible Book Enders

August 10-13

Annual Garage Sale

September 9

Mum Sale

October 15

Fall Festival

November

Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes

December 4

CAP Agency Adopt a Senior

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join us at Holy Cross from **8-9am each Tuesday** as we watch and discuss the Community Light Bible study on Mission Paradigms. We meet in the Gamma classroom across from the Kitchen.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

Join us for Bible Study series in the back of the sanctuary after worship. We have begun a series on the Hard Sayings of Jesus, if you have any you are struggling with, come join the bible Study! Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15 am.

LWML CONVENTION

LWML-MN SOUTH DISTRICT BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:00
PM thru Saturday, June 18 at
1:00 pm.

Conference Center
240 23rd Street SE
Willmar, MN 56201



ATTENTION ALL BIBLIOPHILES

Please pick up an updated Bible Book Enders' book list. Bible Book Enders was organized around 2004, and it meets four times a year. The group typically meets at church. Books are sometimes available at the library or they may be ordered on-line. The next book is by the author in our midst, Brit Weimer, and his co-author Paul Johnson. The book is entitled Searching for Answers - the Unquenchable Truth. All are invited to hear Brit's presentation, July 25 at 6 pm with a potluck preceding the presentation. Questions may be directed to Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH



Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast at 9 am Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30 minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week. Main Street Living (Twin Cities) is endorsed by the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; however, the program receives no funding from the District. It is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the WFTC viewing area.

www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities

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.

JUNE 5

"A Place in the Choir"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing. (Colossians 1:15-20)

JUNE 12

"God Comes with a Community"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "God wasn't and isn't a hermit. From eternity, God is the God of community and conversation." (Acts 2:38-39)

JUNE 19

"What's on Your Playlist?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Ecclesiastes offers perspective on life's alternating seasons of joy and sadness, gain and loss, war and peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

JUNE 26

"Nurse Logs"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Ecclesiastes 3:12)

2 MINUTE MULTIPLIER



A weekday 2-minute devotion that helps you see Jesus at work in your world.

Certainty

The knee made for sleepless nights. Less mobile days. Its ache triggered calves and quads to bark and grumble. After months a friend recommended her husband: a pain doctor. It's always good to know a pain doctor. He ended up injecting the knee cavity with a steroid shot.

At the month later check-in he asked, "What percentage of relief did you get from the shot?" "100%." "Really?" "Really. And it's still working." Medicine's nature of art and science often leaves certainty out of the equation. Much of life follows suit. Certainty rarely gets an invitation to the party.

Kids outliving parents. Retirement funds being sufficient. Jobs working out just like you planned. The only certainty is that there is none. Which highlights why Christianity brings such peace. To offer the Intelligent Designer behind such an orderly universe. To recount the Designer's presence through millenniums of history. To author that history through an eclectic crew. To crescendo that journey in the God/Man Jesus. His life. His death. His resurrection. To be followed by billions of people. Spread over millenniums. Continents. Countries. Counties. Cities. All realizing the certainty of the historical Jesus. How He provides the certainty needed for a life so uncertain. Bringing deep breaths. Less hand-wringing. More sleep-filled nights. Even when you know the shot will wear off. Especially since the shot will wear off.

Rev. Bill Woolsey

President and Founder

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JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5	Pentecost Sunday	"The Tower of the Cross"	Genesis 11:1-9
June 12	Trinity Sunday	"Knowing the Trinity through the Son"	John 8:48-59
June 19	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	"Challenged and Chosen"	Isaiah 65:1-9
June 26	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	"Setting His Face Toward You"	Luke 9:51-62
July 3	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	"Rejoice In This"	Luke 10:1-20

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



As the LCMS Youth Gathering gets closer and our youth have been blessed by your support and donations, it is wonderful to share about the Gathering's theme with you. This summer the youth will be exploring the theme "In All Things" based on Colossians 1:15-20. Here is 16-17: "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things and in him all things hold together."

Throughout their time in Houston, TX the youth and adults attending will be focusing not only on the two verses quoted, or even just the five mentioned above, but the entire book of Colossians. You are encouraged to look up Col. 1:15-20 or even to read the whole book; it's short with only four chapters, but it holds a lot! If you read it closely, you can find the story of the Gospel

in just our five theme verses: creation, the fall, Christ coming to be in creation, our reconciliation through Him, and the hope of eternal life! Because this small book is jam packed with so much and highlights the whole story of the Bible, a big focus for the Gathering theme is exactly that: The story of the Bible. God's true story to us, about us, and for us.

The Youth Sunday School class with Michele Lein leading the discussion(s), along with Youth leaders Kelly Kruse and Ralph Wager are all getting excited to explore this theme, prepare for the trip this summer and be immersed in it while at the Gathering. Thank you, in advance, for supporting our youth and their leaders with your support and especially through prayer. Please keep praying for them as they get closer to this giant, exciting and Christ-centered event!

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST



This month we finish the Festival Season of the Church with Pentecost The great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Sundays after Pentecost is called the non-festival half of the Church year. Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost begins with an observance of Trinity Sunday when we remember and honor the Triune God revealed to us in and through the life of the Resurrected Christ. On Trinity Sunday, white is the color of the day. From June 19th on, the color will be green as we move into ordinary time and hear the lessons of Jesus' teachings and learn how to live the Christian life. The color for the season after Pentecost is green to symbolize the growth and life of the church. It is the longest season of the church year, from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Newsletter Article – June 2022

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (*John 3:27*).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed's First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

"(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry
www.lcms.org/stewardship



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