



# CROSSLink

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Worship Services:  
Saturdays 5:30PM (Sanctuary)  
Sundays 8:30AM (Sanctuary)  
Sundays 10:45AM (LOFT)

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## From Pastor's Desk

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### **1st Commandment: GOD**

#### ***You shall have no other gods.***

No person, position or thing should take the place of God, or be treated as more important than God.

In God we trust! God is #1. There is none greater, He has no equal! All that we do and say, our plans and priorities are to give witness to our commitment and dedication to God our Lord.

### **2nd Commandment: GOD'S NAME**

#### ***You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.***

We are God's children! In baptism, God placed His name upon us.

ALL that we do and say is to reflect well on His name that we bear.

### **3rd Commandment: GOD'S WORD**

#### ***Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy –***

We are called to worship the Lord, **each week** (and each day!). We are called to continually hear (receive) and take to heart the Word of God. We are instructed to support the preaching and teaching of God's Word.

In this place, (the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandments) we see where faithful Stewardship and First-fruit giving for the support of the ministry of the Church is connected, by God's command!

Yes, these above items, from God's Word, are not easy to hear. We must continually do a 'heart check'! Who is our Lord? Who do we follow? Who is our God and Savior? Hopefully, you answer well. Now, ask yourself: "Do my actions, my calendar and financial statements support my 'good' answers?"

Yes, in our world and culture, today, so many have gone their own way. They proclaim what they want to hear, what seems right to them, and say it is God's Word, say it is 'God's Will' – even when it contradicts the revealed Word of God – the Bible!

***Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. Psalm 37:4-5***

***All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:2-3***

***I appeal to you therefore, brothers (and sisters), by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ....think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Romans 12:1-3***

Where is our heart? Where is our commitment? To whom or what are we dedicated?

FAITH??? That's what we read in verse 3, above, faith! Faith in what, in whom? Faith in our own abilities? Faith in our doctors, in science, in our personal sense of what is right and decent???

Folks, it is all about faith and trust in Jesus, in our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! It is about faith and trust in His Word, delivered and recorded for us by God's prophets, apostles and evangelists as they were directed and moved by His Holy Spirit.

Faith and trust in Jesus and His Word – God's Word, carefully and meticulously recorded, copied and handed down to us by people who were so concerned about not adding to or taking away from God's holy and revealed Word. Read what Jesus says in John 17:14-18, from His High Priestly Prayer for His disciples (including us today).

***I have given them Your Word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. .... keep them from the evil one. .... Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth. As You sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. John 17:14-18***

When tough times arise, and without question we will be facing tough times – inflation, war, famine, pandemic, severe weather, fires, floods, lawlessness..... are just some of the many possibilities!!!! At such times, who or what will we trust in? My trust and confidence will continue to be in God's Word and in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. I invite you to continue to do the same!

Your pastor and brother in Christ, Pastor Meyer (Intentional Interim Pastor)

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## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee recently received a list of possible Pastoral candidates from the District Office. We are in the process of narrowing this list down to our final candidates. Once we have the list narrowed down, a congregational meeting will be called to select the man we will call. Please continue to pray for the committee and our future pastor as well as our present pastor.

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## Voters' Meetings

There will be two Voters' Meetings this fall and winter. The first voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14 at 11:45AM. The meeting will take place in the LOFT following the 10:45 contemporary service. At this meeting, two governing board members will be elected for three year terms. We will also review the 2022 church budget. Questions will be answered but no vote will be taken on the 2022 budget.

The second voters' meeting will be held on January 23, 2022. At this meeting the final budget will be presented and a vote for approval will be taken.

It should be noted that historically the final vote on the budget has been taken in November. This year the Governing Board has voted to finalize the budget in January. This decision will allow us to have a more accurate view of the financials for the entire calendar year rather than relying on projections in December.

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## Fish Club Time Change

**FISH Club is *\*\*Officially\*\** Moving to Sundays at 11:10AM**

Sunday School is underway! Join us every Sunday in the lower level of the LOFT, ages 3 to 6th grade! This year we are exploring the book of Luke and Matthew. The kids are loving the session - we start with a Bible lesson as a group and then do three activities - craft, snack, game, or journaling each week!

There's even a Bait Shop about every 6 weeks. Kids earn Fish Food every week they attend and get to use it to 'buy' little toys and trinkets at the Bait Shop!

We've had 10 kids join so far and are still looking for more friends. The kids are asking to come back so it's a good sign your kids will love it!

**FISH Club will begin immediately following the 10:45 worship service's Children's Sermon. Come join us from 11:10AM - noon!**

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## Sunday School Volunteers Needed - ONLY 1 Sunday Per Month

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We are still looking for **four (4) new volunteers this year** -- we are looking for 2 (two) adult volunteers and 2 (two) high school volunteers that only need to commit to one Sunday every month (pick the Sunday that works for you!). It's only 1-1.5 hours per month. The curriculum is organized and set in advance so prep time for before your week is 15-30 minutes!

As of now, we have three adults and one youth volunteer. With about 10 kids attending each week (and praying for an increase in that number), we are hoping for a couple of extra hands!

**Questions about the curriculum or interested in volunteering?** Contact Tania German.

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## OWLS Happenings

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OWLS would like to know if anyone in our congregation would like to participate in 'TRUNK OR TREAT' in the church parking lot for a couple of hours in the afternoon on Sunday, October 31. Call Mary Jane Kopacek if you would like to join us.

OCTOBER 7 at noon will be OWLS next meeting, a German-themed picnic, at Veterans Acres Park in Crystal Lake. It is located just off Rt. 176 as you travel westbound through Crystal Lake. Grilled bratwurst and German potato salad will be provided and you may bring a little something you think would taste good, too. Diane will provide beverages and a devotion. A signup sheet will be posted on the OWLS bulletin board so we make adequate preparations.

OCTOBER 21 may be OWLS last meeting outdoors unless Indian summer permits in early November. We will meet at the log cabin in Deicke Park on Rt. 47 in Huntley at noon. Even if the weather is bad, we can be warm and dry in the cabin or outside, if it is sunny and warm. Bring your lunch and your favorite game and enjoy an afternoon with friends. Devotions, dessert and beverages will be provided.

A sincere thank you to all the OWLS who put together a wonderful church picnic even if it was cut short by rain. It was wonderful to see so many people there enjoying time together. The Petting Zoo attracted many friends and neighbors with their children.

LOOKING AHEAD: planning and ordering a Nativity set for our front lawn needs to happen soon. November 18 is the next time we volunteer at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN.

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## Tea, Coffee, Dessert and .....

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praise, prayer, Bible study and conversation were shared by women of Holy Cross in September. The study verse, "Be still and know that I am God," from Psalm 46 gave us God's perspective on the tasks that need our attention. It is not a directive to quietly do nothing, but rather assurance that we can move forward with God in control so our actions will have His blessing. We shared conversation and ideas of many little things we can act on that will have a big impact on the people of Holy Cross congregation.

Two things will start from this: a Cradle Roll to keep in contact with families of baptized infants and a fund to buy new Christmas decorations inside and outside of church.

Many other small things were discussed:

- Helping Joan Hogarth with Altar Guild duties, filling candles, caring for paraments, banners, and altar flowers
- Helping Elaine Hagenmueller with "Bread Ministry" that will welcome visitors and keep in contact with them
- Caring for little ones in the church nursery during services
- Visiting the sick and preparing meals
- Providing hospitality during funeral visitations
- Helping Tania German with Sunday School (Fish Club)
- Helping Diane Perrone with gardening around the church property
- Planning a women's retreat
- Helping Mary Jane Kopacek with Prayer Shawl Ministry

Drop a note in Diane Perrone's mailbox for more information. Look for a second "Tea, Coffee, Dessert and ....." in the spring.

## **A Christmas Tree in October?**

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You may be surprised to see a purple tree set up with little envelopes on it that you may take off and use to donate toward new Christmas decorations for inside and outside of our church. Starting a new tradition at Holy Cross for the Advent and Christmas season will be an opportunity to replace worn decorations with new wreaths, garlands, a Nativity set up on our front lawn and more.

