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May 2022

From Pastor Meyer's Desk

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:23-25

“Encouraging one another”

This is what I sought as your Interim Pastor, each of us encouraging and lifting up one another in care and love. I praise God for the many things we saw accomplished! I am excited about the many things that God will continue to bring about in the future work and ministry of this congregation. Yes, there is more I wanted to do. So many people I wanted to still meet. But my time with you is coming to a close. Know that I love you all dearly! I have enjoyed my time with you (and where else would I have been welcomed to a Dart Ball team?!!) But it is time for me to ride off into the sunset! It's time for me to spend some major unbroken time at home with Sue!

May 1 will be my last Sunday as your IIM pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran. I am so hoping to be able to see many of you this weekend at either the 5:30 PM Saturday service or the 9:30 AM Sunday morning service and the following meal. I especially want to see our recent confirmation class students and their parents – I so enjoyed that class and would love some personal assurance before I leave that my time with them was NOT in vain. Again, let me be clear.... Love you all dearly, but I would have LOVED to see more of you much more often in church!!! God is worthy of our worship and praise each and every week, each and every day!

I have served as your pastor for 18 months and have helped you, as I was able, to prepare for the calling of your next resident pastor. As I write this, I think it is very possible that I have just met him..... (your next pastor?), we will see. May God guide and bless the decision of the gifted young man, Pastor Zachary Patterson, whom you have called.

I would urge you to do all that you can to encourage and support your next pastor in his efforts to be a faithful pastor. Encourage him with your presence at church, Bible Class and the various fellowship and ministry efforts of the church. Don't wait to see what happens, rather come and meet your new pastor, get involved, use your gifts, make God your priority, and by God's grace and power MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!!! Encourage and support his wife and children, allowing them the space they need but also providing the care and understanding that is so important. Make certain they have and take the needed vacation time as a family so that their children never resent the fact that their dad is your pastor!

“Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, **“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”** Acts 2:37b-39

“Pastor, what will we do?” That is a common question when a pastor retires or moves on to prepare to serve in another corner of God's Kingdom of Grace. Simply, what we do is we continue to trust in the Lord, gather for worship, receive the Lord's Supper, encourage and care for one another in Christ, and reach out to the world around us with the love of Christ.

Read what the early church did: ***And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*** Acts 2:42

I encourage you and urge you to do the same!!! And then we read:

*“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**”* Acts 2:46-47

My prayer is that this will be your experience here at Holy Cross as you go forward in God's grace! Be fully committed to your God and Savior! This is not a good time for half-hearted attempts! Give to the Lord the very best, the firstfruits! Don't be afraid to tithe or work towards the tithe. It is something that Sue and I strive to do, and God has always continued to provide for us all that we need and more!

[Tithe? What do I mean? Let me give a quick example: If you as a single or couple have an annual income of \$104,000, that is \$2,000 income a week. The tithe, 10%, would be an offering/tithe of \$200. If this is new to you, consider taking a ½ step toward the tithe and start with a weekly offering of \$100. If your income remains the same, maybe raise it to \$150 a week the following year. The main thing is this, whatever you do, do with joy in your heart and in thanksgiving to God! And in this way, we are doing our part in helping to bring about the support that is needed to pay for the ministry and service to which God is calling us all as a congregation!]

Make the Lord and His kingdom work your priority! Worship the Lord each week and join in the fellowship of God's people! Get connected with a current ministry of the church, or help start a needed ministry. In this way you encourage others, and you and your family will also be encouraged and lifted up in God's grace.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again! (If not here, than some day in heaven!)

I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and get to know many of you. God has done some awesome things among us, and I am confident that God will continue to lead you forward in His grace and promise.

As one of the churches that I have now served during my 41 years of pastoral ministry, you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Remember who you are and whose you are as the beloved and redeemed children of God in Christ. Yes, I will no longer be your pastor after May 1, but I will always be your brother and friend in Christ!

Keep the faith! Trust God's Word! Trust in Jesus!
Your fellow servant and forever friend and brother in Christ,

Pastor Meyer

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make straight (and direct) your paths!” Auf Wiedersehen! “Keep leaning on Jesus!”

Call Committee Update

Pastor Zachary Patterson visited Holy Cross on April 26 and 27. He met with many different people and groups during his visit. Now it is up to the Holy Spirit as he considers our Call. Hopefully, he will be led to take the Call to Holy Cross. Please keep Pastor Patterson, his family and his current congregation in your prayers.

FISH Club Update

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES FOR ONE MORE MONTH - 11:15 AM-noon

FISH Club is winding down our school year program with a month left! We have about 5-10 kids coming each week and would love to have more friends join us ages 3 years old to 6th grade. Come and see if your kids enjoy it - 4 more opportunities. No commitment required!

Sun, May 1 - Regular FISH Club -- **SPECIAL TIME: ~9:45-10:35am**

Sun, May 8 - Regular FISH Club -- Mother's Day Craft!

Sun, May 15 - Regular FISH Club

Sun, May 22 - LAST DAY OF FISH CLUB -- Break for Summer!

We will start back up again in September. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates in August!

If there is interest in still hosting FISH Club in the summer, please reach out to Tania. We just tend to see lower attendance in the summer due to vacations, sports, and other activities. Also, volunteers will be needed as our school year team needs a break too!

Help Needed

Brad Miller needs ushers to fill several recent vacancies. The task involves serving as an usher one Saturday or one Sunday per month. Training will be provided. Please let Brad know if you can help.

One Service Only on Sunday, May 1

On Sunday, May 1 there will be **one worship service at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary**. Pastor Meyer's farewell lunch will begin in the fellowship hall following the Sunday worship service. The Saturday, April 30 service will take place as usual.

Pastor Meyer Farewell

There will be a farewell lunch for Pastor Meyer on his last Sunday, May 1, in the fellowship hall. Thank you, Pastor Meyer, for going above and beyond your role as interim pastor. You have been our shepherd, advisor, advocate, and teacher. Thank you for your service and know that we all appreciate your hard work. You have truly been a blessing to our congregation.

OWLS Happenings

OWLS will meet at noon on May 5 at the home of Suzie and Larry to enjoy a spring garden party. Please, check the OWLS bulletin board for a signup sheet and directions to their home in Cary. If you would like to be picked up, that can be arranged. We hope you will come to see their lovely garden and enjoy an afternoon with friends.

OWLS will meet at noon on May 19 in the lower LOFT. Mary Jane will be the host and provide a devotion, dessert and beverages. We will enjoy table games, Dominoes, conversation and lunch together. You may bring magazines and books to exchange or to donate to The Bethesda Shop in Crystal Lake.

Stained-Glass Window Project to Begin

We have received word from Cathedral Crafts Inc. of Winona, MN that our Stained-Glass Window project will begin on Monday, May 2. Estimated completion is the end of July. A total of 63 stained-glass windows will be repaired/restored in the sanctuary, nursery, library, and sacristy, including the 8 windows located on the sides of the altar. New windows also in the two bathrooms off the narthex and the 6 windows in the downstairs fellowship hall. Costs for this project is \$152,139. We currently have approximately \$40,000 in our Stained-Glass Window fund. Our weekly offering envelopes have a designated line for Stained-Glass Windows. Your financial support is much needed and appreciated. We look forward to the beginning of this repair and renovation starting Monday, May 2.

Mark your calendar – Ascension Day service Thursday, May 26 – 6:30 pm

“He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.”

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven after His resurrection. Here is where Jesus' commands the disciples, and us, to go into the world and make disciples of all nations and promises to be with us until he returns again. Pastor Gerald Schalk will be our guest pastor.

Please invite and bring a friend with you!

Did You Notice?

- - - the candles in church have been changed? For the past year, the Elders and Altar Guild have been working to solve the problem of soot staining the stone of the altar from our candles. There was a search for a better quality of liquid candle fuel before we tried to clean the stone. We got a new fuel from our longtime supplier, so Pat Donahue worked to clean the stone on one side and the new fuel was put into use. The soot staining happened again and the supplier was notified that we would no longer use their product.

We have been able to find a different supplier and use of their product has seemed to solve the problem of soot staining the stone. Larry Kujovich cleaned the stone on both sides above the candle shelves with a cleaning product supplied by Mark Chianakas' company.

The brass candleholders were removed and cleaned. The new candle fuel comes in filled containers complete with a wick and can burn for up to 50 hours each. They required new holders that were made by Dan Kapusta at DK Tools in Cary. The new holders were then coated white at Powers Paint in Woodstock. Elders and acolytes are getting accustomed to lighting the new candles.

There is still visible staining on the stone from the two candles that were on the altar. Those two candles have also been replaced. We are soliciting bids on cleaning the stone wall all the way up to the ceiling where the discoloration is quite visible. It will likely be costly since it may involve erecting scaffolding to get the work done.

Maternity Home Coming to the Northern Illinois District

Easter greetings in the Name of Jesus!

I have wonderful news to share with you! Recently we passed a critical milestone in bringing the vital ministry of Redeeming Life Maternity Home to the Northern Illinois District. **The saints at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee approved our offer to purchase a portion of the 16-acre piece of property they own just east of their school.** There is an existing house on the property which we will renovate to serve as Redeeming Life's first maternity home outside of Florida.

Our next step is to enter into a formal contract with Immanuel so we can then apply for the various approvals and permits needed to renovate and operate on the property. While we do not foresee any issues, we are expecting it to be about three months for us to secure the necessary approvals. That said, we hope to close on the property and begin renovations in June.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as we have navigated our way through this process. While it hasn't been easy (few things worthwhile seldom are), and, at times, it's been a little frustrating, we believe that God has used it all to direct us in the way he would have us go. We know that God's timing is always perfect.

There are so many people, people like you, working to make this ministry to single pregnant women and their babies a reality. We can't do this without them, nor can we do it without you. **My request is that you please continue to pray for everyone involved.** Pray that God would use all of us to bring about his will for Redeeming Life and the residents we serve and will serve in the future.

So, dear friends, now the fun begins! **Our project manager, Jaclyn Deutsch, continues to work hard get remodeling plans and estimates together, enlisting volunteer talent for skilled labor, and making plans for collaborative workdays with the churches in the District.** As the closing date draws near, watch for more information from us on ways you and your congregation can get involved.

Deaconess Lori Trinche, our local Representative, is available to assist you. She would love to speak at your church and attend events to share information about Redeeming Life. She can also offer fundraising ideas. Please contact her directly at lori@rlom.org. She is there to help.

In the Joy of Easter,

Sheryl DeWitt
Executive Director
Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc.

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