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Sundays 10:45AM (LOFT)

April 2021

From Pastor's Desk

As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching Good News of peace through **Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)**... Acts 10:36

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in **Christ Jesus our Lord**. Romans 6:23

....if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, **Jesus Christ our Lord**. I Corinthians 1:9

NEWS UPDATE: Jesus is still Lord!

When there is serious illness or an illness scare in the family - **Jesus is still Lord!**

When our efforts to 'live stream' our worship services and upgrade our web page continue to run into difficulty - **Jesus is still Lord!**

Jesus is still Lord! Do our words and actions reflect this?

Or, are we living in fear? If so, we need to ask ourselves what we are afraid of and wonder how this reflects on the fact, **Jesus is still Lord!**

In our decisions going forward, decisions about church attendance, involvement in ministry, time in personal and family devotion..... we need to think about how what we each decide and do will reflect that **Jesus is still Lord!**

In our dealings and decisions concerning the threat of Covid-19, I am not certain that we have always been wise and reflective of our assurance and knowledge that **Jesus is still Lord!**

I know that I have struggled with this in decisions over the past several months about certain pastoral home visits, visiting my own family, whether to get the Covid-19 vaccine (I just received my 2nd Pfizer shot on March 29th),

I sent out a note as follows:

We want to invite people back to church. Concerning Covid-19, we are following recommended guidelines. Social distancing is being observed. We ask everyone to wear a mask inside the building. If you are unable to wear a mask, the balcony is available for you.

Please plan to wear a mask for communion or the Elders can bring communion to you in the balcony.

There are several special worship opportunities this week. We would love to see you at all of them. If you have concerns or questions, please contact Pastor Meyer at 402-580-2929.

A neighboring pastor learned that many were not coming to church because they 'didn't trust' their fellow members to practice safe guidelines in dealing with the threat of disease. I don't know if this is part of what is happening here at Holy Cross, all I know is that I am convinced that our worship attendance and involvement in ministry is NOT where God wants it to be.

I am working on some things. I shared some of the things being considered in last month's newsletter. I have been pleased to see the confirmation students and their families returning to worship and the decent attendance we had at our Thursday Night Lenten Services. Attendance is also again growing at our Saturday night service, but much still needs to be done.

Do you think that we are doing all of what God wants us to be doing here at Holy Cross? If not, then I encourage you to do something about it. If there is something that is keeping you away from worship, then help us address it!

Regarding trust: We have to be able to trust one another. That doesn't mean that each will do exactly what YOU think THEY should, but we must trust the heart and intention of our fellow members in such matters. If we don't, then I think the demons will have a wedge that they will continue to drive between us. It would result in keeping many away from the worship of God, fellowship, and the receiving of the Lord's Sacraments for months and years to come. And dear friends, that would be devastating to so many souls!

Before and after worship services I have seen and observed some wonderful interactions and conversations. We have had several guests! I think God is planning to see Holy Cross again be filled for worship as we go forward. If you are able to attend, will you not be part of the experience? I hope and pray you will be!

I urge you to trust one another to be wise about how they handle the threats of various serious diseases. This is what we have always done in the past – why can't we continue to do that now?

And, regardless of how wise or trustworthy we think others may be, will we not trust in our Lord and Savior? **Jesus is still Lord!**

Remember, as fellow believers, we are all in this together and God continues to do His thing among us and through us by His grace. Your thoughts and input are always welcome, as we continually turn to our Lord in prayer asking for His guidance and strength!

When we all get a bit 'on-edge', in these difficult, confusing times, be patient with one another and practice an extra measure of grace and care with one another. Remember that we are all the children of God in Christ Jesus. Let us love and forgive one another as God, in Jesus, has first loved and forgiven us.

And, even in the midst of tears, remember the cause for rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-7) that always remains ours, in Jesus. Because,....

Jesus is still Lord!

In Christ,
Pastor Meyer

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday	April 1	6:30PM (sanctuary)
Good Friday	April 2	Noon and 6:30PM (sanctuary)
Easter Sunday	April 4	7:30AM & 9:30AM (sanctuary) and 10:45AM (LOFT)

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Easter Refreshments

Please join us in the narthex following the 7:30 and 9:30AM Easter worship services for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Pastor Meyer Says Church is Open

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Cross's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sunday, April 4 immediately following the 9:30** Easter worship service at approximately 10:30-10:35AM near the LOFT entrance. Social distancing will be observed. Leaders can guide the kids into the LOFT for the 10:45 service if parents want to head in. The hunt will be held outside on the west end of the parking lot (rain or shine). All ages welcome!

OWLS Happenings

OWLS delivered Easter baskets to 14 shut-ins. They have received many replies from our members who were delighted to receive them. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making up the baskets.

For the month of April, OWLS will meet on the 1st and 15th at noon in the lower LOFT. Mary Jane and Robert Kopacek will host and provide dessert, beverages and a devotion. We will play games and enjoy conversation and our time together. With the weather warming up, we can begin to plan outdoor picnics and trips once again. Come and enjoy an afternoon with friends.

LOOKING AHEAD: On May 20, OWLS are planning to visit the gardens and museums at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

Help Needed

HELP IS NEEDED to water plants in front of church during the spring, summer and fall season. If you can help with this, please call Diane Perrone to work out a schedule.

Kids for Christ

Calling all 3rd-6th graders, "Kids for Christ" youth group is in full swing. Come and join in the fun. We are growing rapidly and everyone is having a great time. Meetings are Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please contact Sue Anderson Jean Hoger.

The LWML National Convention is June 24-27 in Lexington, Kentucky! We are heading to the convention and getting ready to enjoy "Running the Race --Looking to Jesus!" Four days of worship, fellowship, projects, fund-raising activities among such outstanding Lutheran leaders as LCMS President Harrison and Lutheran Hour speaker, Michael Ziegler. Side trips to Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum and a golf outing will round out a wonderful convention. Delegates will be selecting the projects to be funded by your Mites. Registration is now open on the LWML website to all who would like to attend. Spouses and family are welcome.

You can join the 'race' and serve the Lord by supporting a variety of projects. We will be taking "Gifts from the Heart," for missions such as Assurance for Life Ministry of Lexington, MOST (Eyecare) Ministries, and Food Bank Support at the Concordia Seminaries in Fort Wayne, Indiana and St. Louis, Missouri.

We will be collecting NEW items to take to the convention:

Baby toiletries	Laundry baskets – small or collapsible
Baby bath towels	Disposable diapers, size 3
Baby wash cloths	Baby clothes sizes newborn-12 months
Burp cloths	Diaper bags
Baby wipes	Teething rings and rattles
Crib sheets	Small Christian board or vinyl books
Teething rings and rattles	New or 'like new' eyeglasses and sunglasses
Walmart or Target gift cards (\$10 or \$20)	

A box to collect your donations will be found in the coat room. The MITE box is on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you all!

Evening LWML and Prayer Shawl LWML

April

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Noon OWLS 6:30P WORSHIP MAUNDY THURSDAY	2 Noon WORSHIP 6:30P WORSHIP Prayer vigil 9:00A- midnight GOOD FRIDAY	3 Prayer vigil 5:00A- midnight No worship service
4 7:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:30A Easter Egg Hunt 10:45A Worship (LOFT) EASTER	5	6 10:00A Adult Bible Class	7	8 10:00A Prayer Shawl 7:00P Kids for Christ	9	10 10:00A Confirmation 5:30P Worship 7:00P Taizé Service
11 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:45A Adult Bible Class 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	12 6:30P Elders	13 10:00A Adult Bible Class	14	15 Noon OWLS 7:00P Kids for Christ 7:00P Confirmation	16	17 10:00A Confirmation 5:30P Worship
18 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:45A Adult Bible Class 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	19 7:00P Governing Board	20 10:00A Adult Bible Class	21	22 10:00A Prayer Shawl 7:00P Kids for Christ	23	24 10:00A Confirmation 5:30P Worship
25 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:45A Adult Bible Class 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	26	27 10:00A Adult Bible Class	28	29 7:00P Kids for Christ 7:00P Confirmation	30	

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