



The HOLY CROSS WORD

Words of news, information, humor
and inspiration from Holy Cross

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"Share the Hope"

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Your input please: Pastor Erb will be here soon; he needs *all of us* to partner with him in his ministry
Happy summer and thanks be to God for the blessing of Pastor Erb's acceptance of our call!

I'm not sure about you, but I will always remember the sense of hope and anticipation as we waited while Pastor considered our call. And, when the phone rang and he let us know that, after thoughtful and prayerful consideration, he would accept our call, I felt a sense of peace, happiness, and excitement—all at once! In fact, at least a few of you asked me shortly after the news if my feet had hit the ground yet! And please understand that the joy I felt was not just for me—far from it, in fact. The joy I felt (and still feel) is for *my family*—my Holy Cross family—as I pray and imagine what the future might hold. Ultimately, I know it's in God's hands. And, for this I am grateful.

Still, we have work to do!

Since we shared this good news with the congregation, there's been a whirlwind of collective activity as work has begun to prepare for Pastor, Elisabeth and their daughters' arrival. Getting the parsonage in move-in condition, sprucing up the yard, preparing welcome gifts, cleaning and getting Pastor's study ready, and a variety of other tasks to make their transition to Holy Cross and Trumbull a smooth one. Simultaneously, a Celebration Committee was formed and has been busy making plans for all of us to celebrate Pastor's installation at Holy Cross. And, of course, there's all the behind-the-scenes work of a small but dedicated few that are working with Pastor Erb to plan a special, Christ-centered installation service. Thanks be to God for these amazing servants!

I look forward to joining you on July 25 at 4:00 p.m. as we welcome Pastor, Elisabeth, Abigail, Audrey and Charlotte into our Holy Cross family. I know it will be a beautiful day—rain or shine—as God shines His love upon us!

"...I will give you pastors after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." —Jeremiah 3:15

Here's where I need your input. **What will we do on July 26, 2021?**

I titled this article, "Your Input Please" because I can usually (thankfully) count on our congregation to provide input.

What shall we do after the celebration is over? People tend to head home, kick up their feet and relax after the fun is done. That's not going to work in this situation.

No. After Pastor is installed, we must answer critical questions: What's next? What does our Vision of the future look like? Many of you have shared your hopes and dreams for Holy Cross with me. And, for this I am grateful. And, as our new pastor is preparing to join us, let us all consider the role *each of us* can play in this future. In Holy Cross' 64 years, the membership has had many hopes and dreams for its spiritual programs, staffing, and facility growth. The challenges have been successfully faced each time with God's blessings.

I am confident that we will meet any future challenges with equal success. We have been blessed with a new pastor who brings with him a deep love of Christ, a passion for preaching and teaching, great enthusiasm, a modern appreciation for the application of technology, and an instinctive ability to connect across generations. And, I imagine that as he gets to know us, he too, will be developing his thoughts around a Vision for our future. Our collective future begins on July 26, 2021. What a blessed time it is to be a member at Holy Cross!



"Your input," continues on Page 3



Sunday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, July 5 – Church office and Preschool are closed
(Independence Day, observed)

Thursday, July 8

7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors' online meeting

Friday, July 23 – Church office closed

Sunday, July 25: INSTALLATION DAY!

4:00 p.m. – Installation of Holy Cross' new pastor: Rev. Nathan Erb
The service will be followed by a Celebration Reception

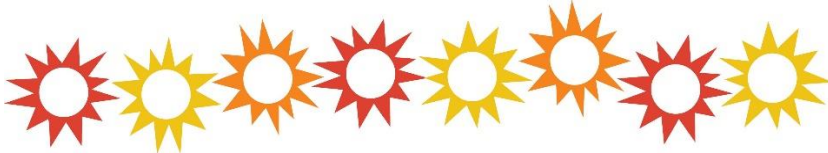
Sunday, August 1

We return to Coffee Fellowship following the 9 a.m. Worship Service

Thursday, August 12

7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors' online meeting

Thursday-Tuesday, August 19-24 – Church office closed



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Cross congregation is to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord (Matt. 28:18-20). We will share the love and forgiveness of Our Lord Jesus Christ with one another, our community and the whole world so that we can take part in the joyous privilege of "making disciples of all nations" through the power of the preaching and teaching the Word of God, administering His Sacraments, and joining together in service fellowship according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church (Article III).



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After you "Like" us, you'll see postings of upcoming events, pictures from events and other notices.



GET YOUR ZZZZZS!!

By theologian John Piper

"Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day."

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NEWSLETTER NOTES

Our next deadline is...

Because this is a combined summer edition of The Holy Cross Word, there is no July 15 deadline. The regular monthly schedule will resume with the September issue, with the deadline for articles being Sunday, August 15.



Please take note of this deadline and plan ahead to publicize events or share news with your fellow Holy Cross members. You can submit articles to the newsletter mailbox, located outside the church office, or send them via e-mail to:

office@holycrosstrumbull.com.

"Your input," continues from Page 1

Final Question: How will YOU and I engage in *new ways* to help our church evolve and grow into the future?

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

—1 Peter 4:10

May I encourage you to join me in prayer for Pastor Erb and his family that they have safe travels to Connecticut and a smooth transition to Holy Cross. Pray, too, that the Holy Spirit will guide us all and help us to discern His will and how we might collectively build upon what we have, refresh, renew, and modernize—and, in so doing, encourage others, across demographics, to join us and share in the love of our Savior.

And, yes, I'd absolutely LOVE to hear from you! Your input, ideas and engagement are ALWAYS welcome!

Your sister in Christ,
Sherry

---SHERRY DUFF
Board of Directors' President



LISTEN AND WATCH

Summer breeze, makes us feel fine

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

---Words by Sir John Lubbock
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**Through September 5
(Labor Day weekend)
our Sunday Worship Service
time is 9:00 a.m.**

***September 12 and moving forward... Watch for
announcements updating our service time and the
beginning of Education Hour later this summer.***

UPDATED SERVICE GUIDELINES

In consideration of new CDC recommendations, as well as both State and Federal guidance, the following changes have been made to our weekly Sunday services:

- Sign-ups are no longer required.
- Masks are still required--*no exceptions*--until further notice.
We will continue to monitor State and Federal guidance.
- We will discontinue checking temperatures upon entry into church.
Please self-monitor and do not attend church if you're not feeling well.
- Use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged and will continue to be made available.
- The sanctuary will be divided into two sections:
Pews 1 to 8: No social distancing
Pews 9 to 15: Social distancing required
- Seating is "open" based on the above guidelines. If you choose to sit in pews 9 to 15, please social distance.
- Holy Communion is distributed as "continuous communion."

The Board of Directors will continue to monitor available guidance while being mindful of potential member concerns. Procedures and policies will be updated accordingly. Thank you for your support as we enter this new phase of our congregation's life.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ERBS, PART 1

Pastor Nathan Erb follows the same tracks eastward already trod by two of his predecessors

Pipelines are in the news on a regular basis, usually the oil type, although, sadly, gossip pipelines are notably “popular,” too. But the oil kind often makes headlines because the U.S. president of a certain party will want to open them up and that of another party will want to close them down. Holy Cross has had its own fluid pipeline since its inception, ours of the pastoral type. This pipeline flows eastward from the Midwest, unlike that well-known Horace Greeley bit of career advice in the 1800s to “Go west, young man.”

With the calling and acceptance of Pastor Nathan Erb to be Holy Cross’ fourth shepherd, this pipeline that had been open, then closed, has been reopened!

Founding pastor/pastor emeritus Ronald Froehlich, a Wisconsin native, began the pipeline flow east, followed by Rev. Emil Witschy, a Chicagoan whose ministry was primarily here out east. Our third pastor, Eric Wismar, was already an Easterner but having spent time residing in Japan, he was a global pipeline traveler. Now with Pastor Erb, an Illinois native, the Midwest pipeline is back in the flow. (As an Illinoisan myself, I find that cause for celebration!)

As someone who likes to take note of historical parallels, similarities among our pastors will be fun to document. For instance, pastors Froehlich and Witschy both said “M*A*S*H” was their favorite TV show; Pastor Wismar continued that military emphasis with the great amount of time he spent with the National Guard as a chaplain. “M*A*S*H,” I’m afraid, might be too old of a show for Pastor Erb and in some early “leaking” of his family’s favorites, he had “Downton Abbey” as his top TV show. But stay tuned for more on this. I’m also anxious to find out where Bach ranks among Pastor Erb’s favorite composers? The great German has been No. 1 so far with the first three pastors.

Here’s another comparison to the past: the Erb daughters will be the second time a set of three sisters lived in the parsonage since the Froehlichs’ three girls, who also had a brother, Andrew.

And in a beautiful pattern of connectivity among our pastors, Pastor Erb served as DCE in his first called position at the same church, Trinity Lutheran, Hicksville, New York, that Pastor Froehlich served his vicarage in 1954-1955 and where his brother, Charles (Chip), served as associate pastor from 1974 to 1979 (he then served for 33 years at St. Luke, Dix Hills). Pastor Ron’s wife, Judie, was a teacher as well at Trinity Lutheran in the 1950s. How is that for connecting our first pastor to the current one?! It doesn’t stop there. Pastor Erb also served for 12 years as DCE and then Assistant Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City, New York, which was the longtime home of our extremely spirited Vacancy Pastor William Meyer, who is LCR’s Pastor Emeritus. God works in mysterious and wonderful ways!

I’ll conclude this first installment of “meeting the Erbs” with a portion of an introductory story about him that appeared in the November 2005 Garden City LCR newsletter when Pastor Erb was introduced as its DCE. The story said, “Recently, there has been much talk circulating the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, and it is clear that ‘Nathan Erb is the word.’ Yes, he’s got a groove, and he’s got a feeling — a feeling to serve the Lord. Originally from the state of Illinois, Nathan attended Concordia University located just west of downtown Chicago. He planned to pursue his mission to God in becoming a Director of Christian Education (DCE), which is his purpose here today at Resurrection. According to Nathan, service fulfills one of the three ‘S’s’ he follows in his ministry. ‘Christian life is special and spiritual, which both involve service to God and one another,’ he says. Nathan proves that every day as he serves in his work with the youth. He has organized numerous events for them to take part in the community and each other’s lives.”

Your faithful HC Word staff will do a second installment of “getting to know the Erbs” in the September edition, in which we hope to continue a lighthearted look at Holy Cross’ new “first family.” And be sure to make special note to view the narthex display case emphasis on the Erbs that will be organized by Mary Schrock as another tool in getting to know more about Pastor Erb, Elisabeth and their family. Mary expects to have it ready before July 11.

---CLIFF SCHROCK

Holy Cross Word Managing Editor



GRADUATION

Best wishes to those receiving diplomas

Congratulations to our young adult members, as well as family of Holy Cross members, who graduated from high school, college, and received advanced degrees! You will certainly find happiness and joy in your new endeavors, and mixed with that you may also find that some things aren't so easy. For the joys, offer a prayer of thanks. For the struggles, pray for strength and courage. Every day will be a new adventure for you! Always remember to put your trust in God and enjoy the challenges and achievements that are in store for you!

Listed below are the graduates who filled out the "Graduate Information" form to let us know of their achievement. Cheers to the Class of 2021!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Joanne Bogen

Daughter of Dave and Donna Bogen, Joanne graduated from Trumbull High School. In the fall Joanne will attend the University of Connecticut with plans to get a degree in history.

Dominic Gomes

Son of Paulo and Ashley Gomes, Dominic graduated from Stratford High School. Dominic will attend Northeastern University in Boston, and plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Peter Messerschmitt

Son of Gary and Kristen Messerschmitt, Peter graduated from Trumbull High School. Peter's immediate plans are to take a "gap year" and work.

Jessica Nyitrai

Daughter of Dan and Julianne Nyitrai, Jess graduated from Trumbull High School. This fall Jessica will go to Western Connecticut State University in Danbury; she plans to be a math major.

Joey Vaitkus

Son of Paul and Laurie Vaitkus, Joey graduated from Trumbull High School. Joey will travel south to college, going to the University of South Florida where he plans to major in computer science.



**Congratulations to Our
Graduates!**

COLLEGE DEGREES

Sydney Campbell

Granddaughter of Nancy Dolan, Sydney graduated from the University of North Carolina, in Charlotte, N.C., with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies. Sydney has accepted a position at Georgetown University as a research assistant and plans to pursue a PhD in Psychology.

Derek Schlaich

Son of Manfred and Lisa Schlaich, Derek received an Associate's Degree in Radiography from St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University; Derek had previously attained an Associates of Science Degree. He has started a job with Yale New Haven at Milford Hospital, and plans to go to school while working to become a Physician's Assistant.

Allison Skoog

Daughter of Richard and Susan Skoog and granddaughter of Edith Skoog, Allison graduated from the University of Connecticut in Storrs with a Bachelor of Nursing degree. Allison has secured a nursing position at Duke University Hospital, in North Carolina. Also, this young woman has passed the NCLEX exam (National Council Licensure Examination) that she took in early June, giving her license to be a nurse.

ADVANCED DEGREE

Nicole Ciccio

Daughter of Joe and Cindy Ciccio, Nicole received her Doctorate – Doctor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies – from the School of Healthcare Management at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Science. Nicole works in the surgical/trauma ICU at Yale New Haven Hospital.

COVENANT TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

The back-to-school project kicks off early this summer with donations due on August 1

It hasn't even been a month for school to be out for the summer, but we are already focusing on providing new backpacks and school supplies for children in need for the 2021-2022 school year. Through our covenant with the State of Connecticut's Covenant to Care for Children program and Holy Cross' "adopted" DCF social worker, Mimose Ulysses-Laurenard, we have a promise to fulfill: Providing the 24 school-aged children in Mimose's caseload with a new backpack filled with necessary and fun school supplies.



Beginning July 4, look in the narthex for the large display board with pockets filled with 3-by-5 "shopping cards" for school supply items. Each card will list the specific item needed...backpacks, pens, colored pencils, pencil pouches, binders, pencils, pocket folders, markers, and so much more. The display board will remain in the narthex through the due date – August 1 – so watch for store sales throughout July. If you wish to make a donation of a backpack and/or school supplies, just take the appropriate "shopping cards" from the poster and return your donation(s) no later than August 1. While

I love watching our members hover in a group around the poster every year to select the shopping cards, please respect each other and try to remain physically distant, so that only one person is at the display board at a time.

If you are not able to shop, monetary donations for this project are welcomed. You may make a check out to Holy Cross Lutheran, and write "Cov to Care" in the memo section. Monetary donations may be put in the Covenant to Care mailbox (*bottom row, far right*) or mailed to the church office, and must be received by July 25 so that I can take inventory of items still needed. ALSO! If you are not coming to Holy Cross' in-person worship services, but would like to shop for school supplies, contact me at my personal e-mail address (below with my signature) and I can tell you what items are needed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to help our church's adopted social worker as she works with children of all ages who are unfortunately removed from their home and placed into the DCF system.

Yours in Christ,

---MARY SCHROCK, schrocknroll@optonline.net

Covenant to Care for Children Liaison

THANKS A BUNCH!

Do you know of someone who did something special as a volunteer here at Holy Cross? This column is the spot to identify him or her! If you have an item to include in this monthly "thank you" column – to recognize the gifts of time and talent that someone provided to do God's work in our church and community – please e-mail it to the church office or jot it down and put it in the "newsletter" mailbox. This month we recognize:

While this was included in the June newsletter, we received a special thank you from one of our members to **Adele Buck** and **Kathy Boivie**. Adele and Kathy had given of their time to give all Moms a Tea Cup Bird Feeder for Mother's Day. The adjacent picture may be small, but one of our members was very appreciative of this special bird feeder, as it has been placed right outside of their kitchen window and they are greeted by amazing cardinals every day!



Adele Buck and **Kathy Boivie**, for putting together "sweet and salty" goodie bags, along with bookmarks, given to Dads on Father's Day. Thank you once again to our Discipleship Co-Chairs giving of themselves to present this special project!

To all those who gave of their time on Saturday, June 19, to help with an assortment of cleaning and organizing projects at the church and parsonage: **Susan Antoniou, Mike Bonnar, John and Pat Deloge, Diane Dietman, Donna DiLalla, Sherry Duff, Jim Finch, Bill and Christine Flammann, Kerry Geffert, Chad Helminger, Nancy Sabol, Cliff and Mary Schrock, Dan and Donna Senft, Andrew Struzik, Laurie Vaitkus and Rick Van Wart.** Many hands certainly did make for quick and thorough work!

WE ARE FAMILY

On June 13, following the 9 a.m. Worship service, we welcomed into the Family of God, through the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism, **Ace Matthew Hackney**, infant son of Kyle and Nicole Hackney. By the power of God's Word, Ace is born again, of water and the Spirit, to life as a child of God. We give thanks to God for His gifts of faith and life, and we look forward to the new relationship we will have with Ace. Ace's sponsors are his uncle, Ryan Fanning, and his cousin, Mitch Rossi.



LEARN OF & BE INSPIRED BY SCRIPTURE

The Holy Cross Word monthly “Bible study on paper”: Acts, Chapter 4

Editor’s note: *To do this study, you will need to open your own Bible in front of you, of whatever version you prefer, or you can go to a website such as BibleGateway.com, and enter the Bible version you prefer and this Bible passage—Acts 4—in the appropriate search fields.*



Acts, Chapter 4, 37 verses—This chapter continues to show the excitement of the church’s early growth, a wonderful example of enthusiasm needed today at Holy Cross as a new pastor soon begins his ministry here among us. And the chapter is a continuation of how growth is achieved through the Christian leaders and followers being tested, sometimes in a starkly challenging way. Please pause now to open your Bible of whatever translation you prefer or a web page such as BibleGateway.com to Acts, Chapter 4, and read the full chapter.

Chapter analysis—

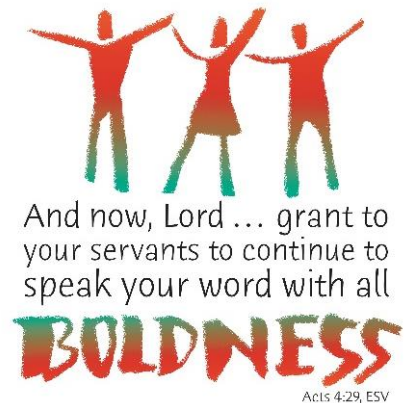
Okay, let’s take a closer look at Chapter 4. Chapter 3 ended with Peter, in explaining the miracle of the lame man who could now walk and the ministry of Christ, giving a rebuke to the killing of Jesus by those who didn’t know any better, but it was part of the fulfillment of God’s plan, he said. Up to this point, his audience “had taken” Peter’s verbal punches of its culpability in Jesus’ death, but Chapter 4 shows the opposition was ready to attack. As Peter and John were making their comments, now in the evening, temple priests and the Sadducees moved to arrest them because they did not approve of the two speaking about Jesus’ sacrifice and rising, His promised resurrection from the dead. But their arrest did not influence the believers, however. Approximately 5,000 people heard and believed the message.

The next day Peter and John were confronted by the ruling council’s leaders: Annas, Caiaphas and other elders and scribes of the high-priestly family. Standing before their inquisitors, the two were asked by whose power did they make the statements they spoke, even though Peter and John had already told them that information. Observe in verse 8 how Peter responds, but only after it was noted he was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Greek word used to describe this moment refers to an immediate filling by the Holy Spirit and is along the lines of what Jesus said “the Helper” would do for believers who spoke in His name. Remember how as Christians we are always advised that in our weakness we will be inspired to know what to say by the Holy Spirit. Peter was no different, and he must have felt the Spirit’s power to refrain from admonishing with, “You weren’t listening yesterday because I’ve told you this already!” Instead he gave a mini-version of his message, once again citing Jesus Christ as the source of the disciples’ power and of salvation.

Peter’s consistent tone and eloquence and bold adherence to his message helped him. Both he and John were perceived to be uneducated and ordinary by their accusers, not specially trained teachers. They weren’t deserving of respect but rather to be scorned. But their persuasive tone earned them begrudging respect. With the support of the lame man they healed, who was described to be in his 40s, standing next to them, Peter and John weren’t questioned anymore. Instead, they exited the council so the accusers could discuss what to do. And as typically happens with those in power, they didn’t want to lose that power and in an effort to “control the message” they told Peter and John they recognized a great event happened with Christ as well as the lame man but they were ordered to put a news blackout on what happened and not tell anyone about it. Such an order, of course, was counter-intuitive to what the disciples had been told to do and in verses 19 and 20 they tell the council so. They are threatened again, but the council didn’t have the stomach to do any kind of punishment because they had seen how the people believed in the disciples and praised God. The council was reluctant to do anything because Peter and John had been effective in getting a strong response from the people to show their faith.

Afterward, the two disciples rejoined their friends or “their own” in some translations, and after reporting on their last 24 hours, went into prayer, asking for continued strength and boldness during challenges to their faith. Afterward, they once again experienced a strong intake of the Holy Spirit, but not as on Pentecost, since that was a singular event.

The group of believers felt unified over the challenge to Peter and John, as seen in their subsequent prayer and Holy Spirit infusion, and they were moved more than ever to show how they were unified in heart and soul by putting all they had together in one collection so no one person had more than the other and all they had could be used for the common good of the church. Anyone who owned property, for example, sold it and the money was put together for Peter and John to ensure that each believer had enough as they needed. There is even a specific example cited of Barnabas selling a field and bringing the money to Peter and John.



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“Acts, Chapter 4,” continues from page 7

Today we often talk about how the Christian church operates on the practice of free-will offerings, and examples such as this in Acts demonstrate what that is based on. The next chapter will show how quickly, however, some of the believers couldn't follow this practice for long.

Sources: Harper Study Bible; The Everyday Bible: New Testament.

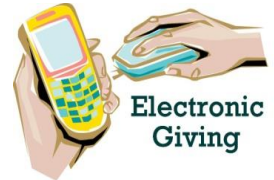
Next month: Acts, Chapter 5.

---CLIFF SCHROCK

FINANCIAL GIVING

Enjoy the convenience and regularity of giving electronically

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider using our electronic-giving option to set up a one-time or recurring giving schedule while you are away. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. To set up a contribution, visit our website at <http://holycrosstrumbull.org> and click on the electronic-giving link at the bottom of the home page. Feel free to contact the church office or myself (financialsecretary@holycrosstrumbull.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our church and our mission!



---CHAD HELMINGER

Financial Secretary

LUTHERAN WINNI WEEK

New Hampshire lake is site for August event

For those interested, grab your Bibles, pack your bags, and come have a week of fun and spiritual renewal at Lutheran Winni Week at beautiful Geneva Point Center on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee – August 8 to 14 – Moultonboro, New Hampshire, “where Lutherans have gathered since 1931.”



“Historic Geneva Point is a conference and summer camp center...” Check out the online brochure at: <https://www.lutheranwinniweek.org/about/2021-brochure>

Here are some additional photos:

<https://www.lutheranwinniweek.org> and <https://www.lutheranwinniweek.org/gallery>

The registrar for Lutheran Winni Week has requested that guests make their reservations as soon as possible. It's first come, first served. Registration will close on July 15. For additional information phone Kathy and Rick Boivie at 203-261-6695 and leave a message if we're not there. We'll get back to you.

---KATHY and RICK BOIVIE



Share the Hope Fund

*In celebration of John and Pat Deloge's
50th Wedding Anniversary*

Dan and Donna Senft

*In memory of Walter Nelson, Jr.,
Cindy Ciccio's brother*

Jim and Lorraine Finch

In memory of George Stomp

Bill and Elizabeth Cambras
David and Sharon Gartner, Sr.

MEMBERSHIP PHONE AND ADDRESS DIRECTORY

Phone and address directory to be updated this summer

The church office plans to update the Holy Cross phone/address membership directory by September 1. In order to accomplish this task everyone's help is needed: Please look at your entry in the current pink-colored "Phone & Address Membership Directory—Fall 2019." If you have a new phone number, mailing address or e-mail address – and/or would like to include your mobile number – please submit the changes in writing to the church office no later than July 25.

Also, if you have an adult child(ren) still listed in your household who is now living on his/her own, please update the office by giving us his or her new contact and family information.

An accurate membership directory will be a great asset for our new pastor!

Submit changes by putting a note in the "Church Office" mailbox or sending an e-mail to office@holycrosstrumbull.com. We would like to list as many membership e-mail addresses as possible; if your e-mail address is not listed in the current directory, please submit this e-dress in writing.

---MARY SCHROCK
Church Office Administrator




CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

The power of listening: How we listen helps us speak volumes

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen," says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. "Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen" (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they're still speaking,

but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience. We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, "A loving silence often has...power to heal and to connect." Don't underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

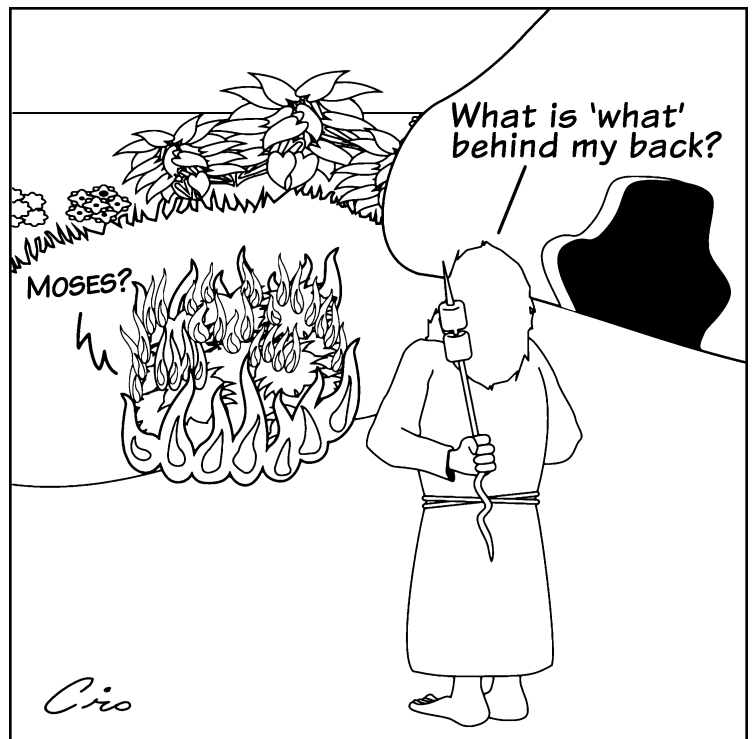
 And he said,
"He who has
ears to hear,
let him hear."

MARK 4:9 ESV

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CHURCH CHUCKLES



CELEBRATING JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 1: Karli Chirgwin	July 18: Grace Ely
July 6: Robert Kravecs, Jr.	Stephanie Liptack
July 7: Owen Martineli	Amanda Sjoblom
Edith Skoog	July 20: Charlene Hron Weigle
July 8: Justin Fanning	Jon Testani
July 9: Logan Deloge	July 22: Karl Schipul
July 10: Karl Dale	July 23: Joelle Cyr
July 13: Jacob Nyitrai	July 26: Pastor Erb
July 15: David Festi	July 27: Lorraine Finch
July 16: Marie Morris	Keith Janssen
July 17: Cindy Ciccia	Michele Van Wart
Christine Flammann	July 31: John Roman
Gunther Naumann	

CELEBRATING AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2: Nate Helminger	August 18: Donna DiLalla
August 4: Cristina Curto	Jake Hackney
Ulrich Danne	Stella Hackney
August 5: Ashley Testani	August 19: Tim Morris
August 11: Julia Antoniou	August 20: Norah Kravecs
Daisy Benson	August 21: Tim Benson, Jr.
Jackie Dale	David Schiller
August 12: Kristine Liptack	August 24: Natalie Benson
August 13: Ace Hackney	August 25: Paul Vaitkus
August 14: Charlotte Fanning	August 27: Sami Sederquest
August 15: Judith Chirgwin	August 28: Ashley Gomes
August 17: Jace Broadbin	August 31: Debbie Riccio
	Andrew Sylling

