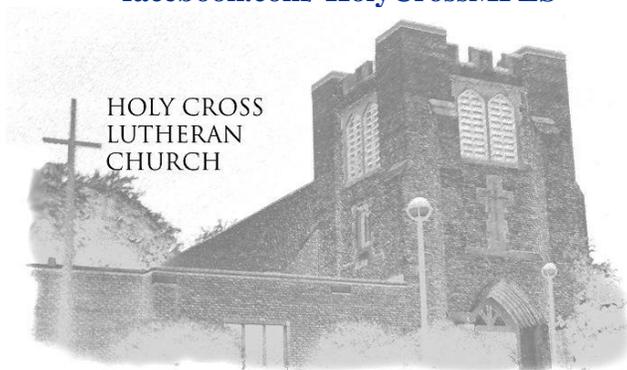


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October 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday Worship Services at 9:30 am,
followed by Fellowship and
Sunday School 10:45 am**

**Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am
Weds Small Group Fellowship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm**

The Other Side of the Door

A country doctor took his dog along with him when visiting patients, and the dog stayed outside while the doctor went in for the house call. On one occasion, the physician went to the home of a man with a terminal disease who didn't have much time to live. The man confessed to the doctor his fears about death and asked, "What's it like when you die?"

The doctor thought for a moment, then got up and opened the front door. His dog, who had been waiting patiently on the porch, gleefully bounded in to join his master. The doctor turned to the dying man and said, "Do you see this dog? He didn't have any idea what was on this side of that door, all he knew was that his master was there, and he wanted to be with him."

"That's how I feel about death," the physician continued. "I don't know everything about dying. I'm not sure what's on the other side of that door. But I know who is there, and that's enough for me. I'm looking forward to being with my Master."

Death can be a frightening thing, there is so much uncertainty and so many things we just don't know. Some claim to be able to explain what will happen when we die, but I'm not one of those people. Some debate what life after death will be like, but I don't join those discussions - I don't know what will happen when I die, but I do know who is waiting for me. I do know that I will leave this world to be with Jesus. That's enough knowledge for me.

The apostle John wrote: "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2) We don't know what we will be, but we will be like him. And we will be with him.

You don't have to be afraid of what's on the other side of the door. You can focus on who is on the other side of the door. Isn't that a better way to approach the end of our life here on earth?

*Tim Archer, Hope for Life
HopeForLife.org*

A Bible Question

What material does God tell Noah to use to construct the ark?

Find the answer in Genesis 6. A cubit is 18 inches long.



Why do we give?

Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6). But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything. And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the

Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers,

devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”

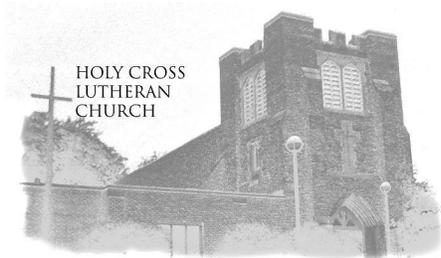
In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God’s daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don’t do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

A Bible Question

After God finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, what did Moses do with the golden calf idol the people had made while he was on the mountain?

Find the answer in Exodus 32.



Congratulations to Amelia Phelon and Anthony Erickson on their wedding September 29, we wish for them a future of lasting joy!

We thank all who made the Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Picnic a success, especially the McConley family, the Likely family, Mike Dennis, Sue

Protzner, the Sorensens and those who brought delicious food to share.

We put our arms around the Robert Dean family. Bob died peacefully at home September 9, and his Memorial Service was here on September 14.

“Thank you so much for your support, cards, and prayers following the deaths of my brother and mother and for the delicious bars you made for the luncheon following their Memorial Service.” *The family of Doris duBois*

Mite Offering will be collected Sunday October 14.

Sunday school has begun, a huge thanks to Ralph and Lynnae Asher for teaching once again this year.

The Pastoral Call Process

Call Committee collects, organizes and submits Congregational Survey

Wait for list of pastors

Call Committee meets, reviews list and pastor bios, then decides to make a call

The call selection is taken to the congregation for approval

The called pastor takes time to consider the call

If the pastor decides not to accept the call, then we go back to the list or we ask for a new list

Stay up-to-date on the Call Process and other important news by checking the Member Page on the Holy Cross website. Check back often for updated Call Committee information. To post on our Member Page, reach Linda McConley.

Our Deacon’s meetings will be the first Thursday of every month. The Deacons are Jim Scanlon, Ralph Asher, James

Blomberg, Jim Likely, Becky Swenson
Dennis and Steve McConley.

Sunday morning Bible Study is postponed indefinitely for lack of participation. If you would like to meet for Bible Study after church on Sundays, please contact Phil (651 231-7725 or dce@holycrossmpls.org)

Before you know it, the cold weather will be here and **we will once again be stocking the Holy Cross “Pillar of Warmth and Love” with hats, scarves and mittens.** We have started collecting new and gently used hats, scarves and mittens for this winter season. If you have items, please place them in the bin located in the family room. Due to your generosity, last year we gave away approximately 100 items to our Holy Cross neighbors. *Hands in Ministry*

“As of 9/24 we picked up \$1964.00 of baked goods from Cub in September, sharing them with CES food shelf.” *Errol and Judy*

“I will be out of town the first two weeks of October, back in the office Tuesday afternoon 10/16. If you have bulletin announcements, please tell Linda McConley and she’ll make an announcement insert. If you need help, please call our Deacons or President, Steve Blomberg. Jean Anderson will be picking up the mail and checking phone messages for me.” *Shelley*



Our Community

“Thank you so much for the gift of \$500 to Crest View Senior Communities. It is

only through the generosity of our friends that we are able to provide the quality of service we feel is deserved. Your support enables us to provide the total program of physical, emotional and spiritual care needed to make peoples’ lives productive and meaningful. Blessings,” *Shirley Barnes, CEO*

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you for your gift of \$500 to Trinity First Lutheran School. Your generous gift gives us encouragement and at the same time our marching orders! Our passion is to serve Christ by serving in this school but we know that it is God who leads us and empowers us and that He is using you to equip us!

It is hard to believe that we are moving so quickly into our new school year. This month we are having two family nights so each family will get a chance to meet each teacher and visit each classroom. Also this month Pastor Dave Maki is beginning a year long outreach to all the men in our school families, leading them through a program designed for teaching men about Godly manhood from a biblical perspective. They will be meeting twice a month, please keep this special outreach in your prayers! Serving the Master Teacher,” *Sarah JS Wippich, Principal*

““It takes a village to raise a child.” That quote can also apply to caring for older adults. Like young children, older adults are some of our society’s most vulnerable people. In a society that values youth, older adults are sometimes taken advantage of – often forgotten, dismissed or ignored. Life can be hard for our elders, as many are isolated due to the loss of family, friends and roles. Yet, most want to stay in their homes and in their communities as long as possible. **Nokomis Healthy Seniors has**

been a trusted resource for older adults in the Nokomis areas for nearly 25 years.

By providing a variety of affordable programs – from social events and transportation to and from medical appointments to exercise classes and health education – we’ve helped hundreds of our neighbors stay socially connected, and age in place safely and independently. But we know there are many more older men and women in the area who could benefit from our services. Thanks for partnering with us to serve our respected elders.” *Lindsay Brown, Chair, BoD Nokomis Healthy Seniors*

“Each fall, CES begins preparing for the busy upcoming months. We ramp up to meet with funders, grant proposals and as many speaking opportunities as possible. Our focus is on promoting volunteer opportunities for our partners, seeking new relationships and traditionally raising nearly forty percent of the revenue that comes from congregations and private donors. Without these fund-raising endeavors, we would not be able to fund the important work of CES.

The improving economy has not had much impact on those we serve. Nearly seventy percent of our client base is homebound seniors, a growing trend nationwide, but even more in our community. For these folks, a successful outcome means aging in place and doing so with dignity.

We also provide a safety net for many in our community with issues ranging from disabilities, mental impairment, transitioning from incarceration to struggling with recovery from alcohol and drug addictions. CES continues to face these challenges head on each day and to be of service to those in this neighborhood.

With your continued help and belief in our mission, we will endeavor to care for those

in need. As always, we are trusting in God’s provision for this work. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to do in support of the work of CES. Be blessed,” *Mike Lloyd, Executive Director*

Trinity First Lutheran School

“We are writing to invite your church to be involved with Trinity First Lutheran School in a special way. Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake is starting their third consecutive year of congregation support and involvement on two ministries, one of which is Trinity Lutheran School, focusing their support on projects which bring congregational members to the School to work with students and to do a variety of maintenance projects. They have also purchased a variety of equipment with the goal of reducing the School’s annual operating costs.

Last winter, Family of Christ, working with a local HVAC company, identified that the School’s aged and outdated pneumatic HVAC control system needs to be replaced. During the winter, the temperature in many classrooms and offices is too cold and students and faculty need to wear coats in areas in the buildings. Space heaters are used to supplement the heat. This brings up safety concerns, not to mention the extra expense.

The costs to keep this aged and ineffective system are mounting and the possibility of the system failing catastrophically is a real concern. Family of Christ has made replacing this system a priority for this year since an updated climate control system would save the school about \$5,000 per year while also making the physical environment of the School much more comfortable.

There are other issues we would like to address in addition to the HVAC controls,

but we believe this support is bigger than just one church. It has been a desire all along to encourage other churches to learn more about the ministry and share how our brothers and sisters in Christ can participate in this ministry.

Our hope is that we can give those who participate with us a tangible experience that will lead to deeper evangelism skills and awareness. It would also be a great opportunity for fellowship as a hands-on experience in the mission field right here in Minneapolis. The school's financial support remains strong but those funds are needed for the ongoing operations of the school. We invite you to help us address needs that are over and beyond the current financial giving. Addressing these needs helps Trinity First stretch each dollar even further.

We invite you and members of your church to attend a meeting at trinity first school to learn more:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 7-8:30 pm
Trinity First Lutheran School
1115 East 19th Street
Minneapolis, MN

Members from Trinity first School and Family of Christ will discuss the HVAC controls, projects currently planned and additional projects which would be wonderful for other congregations to pick up.

Please email Pete Mumford, who is leading the Family of Christ support team at pmumf94@gmail.com by October 17th to confirm your attendance on October 23 or if you have additional questions.

Thank you for prayerfully considering our request," *Keith Grimm, Pastor, Family of Christ and Sarah JS Wippich, TFL*

A Bible Question

What does God use to part the Red Sea?

Find the answer in Exodus 14:21

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BIRTHDAYS

Susan Protzner	Oct 1
Chad Yeager	Oct 1
Les DeGolier	Oct 3
Edward Copeland	Oct 5
Durwood Witt	Oct 6
Stephen Blomberg	Oct 7
Evangeline Woltmann	Oct 7
Adam Horrmann	Oct 8
Sandra Price	Oct 11
Kimberly Blomberg	Oct 12
Doris DuBois	Oct 13
Rebecca Bredwell	Oct 19
Grant Sorenson	Oct 20
Diane Reyes	Oct 29



WEDDINGS

David and Barbara Schlueter	Oct 1
Paul and Julie Brammer	Oct 3
Gus and Lisa Glaisner	Oct 4
Jesse and Kendra Jenson	Oct 11
Jonathan and Kelly Adams	Oct 14
Michael and Alicia Blomberg	Oct 14
Steve and Kimberly Blomberg	Oct 16
George and Sandra Price	Oct 21
Grant and Melissa Sorenson	Oct 23
Gerald and Carol Rusk	Oct 30

LEAD DEACON AND ASSISTANT

Jim Likely and Steve McConley

USHERS

Oct 7 A and L Horrmann

Oct 14	M Blomberg and E Copeland
Oct 21	T Phelon and K Lange
Oct 28	L Oolman and A Tatham

COUNTERS

Oct 7	A Horrmann and R Woodraska
Oct 14	M Blomberg and G Klatt
Oct 21	M and K Lange
Oct 28	L Oolman and G Klatt

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Scanlon



“Launching into a new school year is fun and exciting, but it’s also complex, challenging, and discouraging at times. We’ve got to build momentum quickly among the staff and student leaders as we’re meeting with new students, sharing the Gospel, and helping to make connections among students in the halls so authentic community can grow.

One way we do this is by empowering key student leaders to own the leadership and recruitment of their personal Bible studies in each residence hall on campus. Two of our men, Tanner and Lucas, have been doing just that in Thomson and Smith halls. These two became friends during their own freshman Bible study and their friendship has deeply sharpened their faith and leadership. Last year, they led a Bible study together, but this year they each led a study, but they continue to influence each other! Lucas bought cookies for an outreach he was doing to invite guys to come to his

Bible study, and Tanner showed up with the other half of the cookies for his Bible study! Erick has watched them pray for each other's study this year, be excited for the successes, and encourage each other's faith.

Hannah is Vice President of her sorority and is also one of our leaders for Greek Ministry. When Courtney met her last November, she was a brand new believer and was just beginning the process of giving all of her life to Christ. This fall, the topic of Lordship has been huge in her life. Is Jesus truly Lord of her life and does that reflect how she talks, thinks, lives, and interacts with her non-believing roommates and sorority sisters? Hannah has realized that she's got to be all in and that she wants to be. It led to significant conversations with her boyfriend and close friends that were scary, but her obedience to Christ and honoring Him first is bearing fruit. Last week Hannah and her fellow sister Carla served ten of their sorority sisters tea and snacks and boldly shared the Gospel with them, saying that He is their only love and hope.

Please pray for our Epic (Asian American) movement as Erick and our intern Mallory continue to give lift and leadership to this movement.

Please pray for the launch of our men's and women's ministries, a really key time to help newer students connect to our community.

Please pray for our Fall Getaway, a yearly weekend conference which has been incredibly impactful for students, many of whom make a commitment to Christ at this meeting.

Thank you for your continued partnership with us as we reach students for Christ, and pray for us to be great models of Biblical hospitality to the students we meet each day.

Pray for wisdom as we navigate complex conversations with students about the challenges they face – we continue to wait expectantly and deeply celebrate the ways God is moving in students' lives. We're blessed to do ministry with you," *Erick and Courtney Horrmann*



Brandon Marshall and six other NFL players established the nonprofit Through Our Eyes, which aims to illustrate the cultural and educational importance of travel. “We wanted to share travel from our perspective, and thought that the best way we could do this is to travel together and document our journeys by video,” said Marshall. **“And it was important to us that these trips incorporate charity work.”**

On their first such trip, to South Africa in 2017, the players visited an orphanage in Cape Town. Last March, they went to Montego Bay, Jamaica, where they teamed up with Granville 404 Project, a nonprofit started by two local Hyatt resorts to support underprivileged students at Granville All Age School.

Q: How did you and the other players choose South Africa as the destination for the first Through Our Eyes trip?

A: South Africa is someplace that interested all of us, and we ended up having the most incredible time. We went on a safari in Kruger National Park, shark diving in Gansbaai and spent a few days in Cape

Town seeing all the sights like Table Mountain.

But the best part was when we went to an orphanage in Cape Town, the Abaphumeleli Home of Safety, and spent time with the children there. We brought them clothes and shoes and toys like Frisbees, and they were elated and appreciative. These are things that are so basic to us, but to see the reactions that these kids had was so moving. The visit made us feel blessed about what we have and grateful that we were able to help, even only in a small way.

Q: Why did you include a service component on your trips?

A: We all believe that giving back makes travel more satisfying because it forces you to get out of your own life and connect with others who really need it. You see the place that you're visiting differently, but you also see your place in the world differently — our time in South Africa really put our lives into perspective.

Q: Will these trips be annual, and how will you continue to pick where you go?

A: Ideally, we want to do two getaways a year, and we're picking places that we all want to see, like Jamaica, where we all really wanted to go. Once we have the destination, we will find a local charity to work with there.

Q: What did you do with the schoolchildren in Jamaica?

A: We held a fitness day with the kids at a local school in Montego Bay. We led them through football drills, stretches, a relay race and other activities that promoted teamwork and staying active. We also visited an orphanage and donated suitcases filled with clothes.

Q: Where else do you personally want to go?

A: Definitely Europe. I've never been there.

Q: Is there a secret to having a successful guys' trip?

A: Honestly, the seven of us have never had any issues. We're all a pretty laid-back bunch. When we want to hang out, we do; and when we need space, we take it.

Q: Did you grow up traveling?

A: Not really. I lived in Las Vegas, and the first vacation I remember taking is a cruise to the Bahamas when I was 15. My first real taste of traveling was a tour of colleges. I went to Florida, Georgia, D.C. and Virginia and saw America for the first time.

By Shivani Vora, New York Times News Service

Thank

You

Dear Members of Holy Cross,

I can't thank you enough for your support and help this summer, each one of you has been a blessing to me. With Pastor gone, I struggle to keep up with what's happening at Holy Cross, and I need to hear it from you. I always have time to chat on the phone or by email, and if you're in the neighborhood, stop in to visit for a few minutes and bring me up to date with what is happening with you and the groups at Holy Cross. Thanks so much!

Love,
Shelley

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 pm Craft Group</p> <p><i>Shelley on vacation through 10/15</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Deacons Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm AI Anon Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 – 10:30 AA Group</p> <p>3-5 GA Intergroup</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>TC Marathon</p> <p>10:45 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 Mothers and Others Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 ICAN</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2-4 pm Hands in Ministry</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 pm AI Anon Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 – 10:30 AA Group</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Worship w/Communion</p> <p><i>Mite Offering</i></p> <p>10:45 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Shelley back in office 1:00 pm</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm AI Anon Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 – 10:30 AA Group</p> <p>Castillo Party 2-10 pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:45 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 pm AI Anon Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 – 10:30 AA Group</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Worship with communion</p> <p>10:45 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>			