

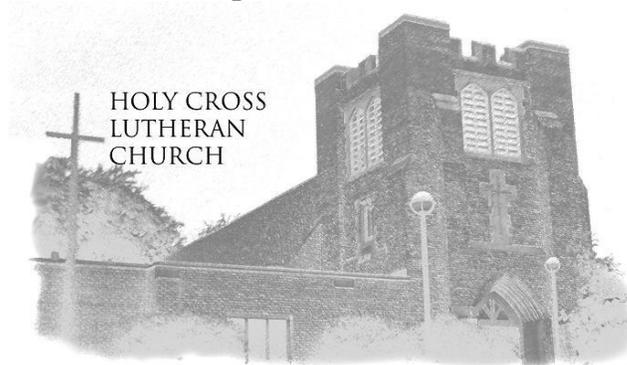
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September 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday Worship Services at 9:30 am, followed by Fellowship

Sunday School and Intergenerational Bible Study TBA

Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am

Wednesday Small Group Fellowship 5:30 pm

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm



LCMS Stewardship Ministry September 2018 Newsletter Article

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is

back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way

of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction.

When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required,

and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



SEPTEMBER

We thank Pastor Laabs for being here for us during the month of August.

We again embrace the family of Doris DuBois, on the death of her mother, Edith (Eliason) Noeske on Wednesday, August 29. There will be a combined memorial for Doris's brother Rick Eliason and her mother here on September 16 at 3:00 pm.

Trish Meyer is planning to have her garage sale on the weekend of September 8 and 9.

August Mite offering was \$166.91, thank you.

Thank you for all of your love, prayers, donations and support during Pastor Keith's death. Every time I see a child in church or hear a baby cry, I think of Keith. Michael and Matthew and the grandchildren were all a blessing to Keith. The Holy Cross congregation was family to Pastor Keith and me. Again, thank you and Blessings to you always! *Trish*

The first HC choir rehearsal is September 5th! We welcome all singers willing to participate in rehearsals and Sunday services.

“You are invited to the installation of Pastor Tom Voelker Sunday, September 9 at 4:00 at St James Lutheran Church, (460 W Annapolis St., W St Paul, 55118). Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers, pray for Mount Zion and St James as they seek God's direction, and for Holy Cross, Faith, and Mount Calvary Lutheran Churches as they move forward in their Call processes. Blessings,” *Kurt Weber, Circuit Pastor*

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*

Holy Cross will be a Cheer Zone for the TC Marathon again this year October 7, plan to be a part of it!

Join us for Small Group Fellowship at Likely's Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. We'll meet for a potluck dinner and discuss topics of faith and life. If you're interested, please talk to Phil.

We are continuing to meet for Bible study on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Please join us for learning, fellowship and delicious baked goods to keep our group strong until we have a pastor to lead us again.

We thank those who volunteered to join the Call Committee - Linda McConley, Jim Scanlon, Doris DuBois, Bruce Grimm, Judy Sorenson, Peter Klatt, Lynnae Skogerboe, Mike Dennis, Trinda Jevne, Lyle Horrmann, Sandra Price, Jim Hoeft and Steve Blomberg. Your gifts of time and thoughtful consideration of our pastoral needs for ministry and mission are greatly appreciated.

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.**

How do you like to be reached? Submit your email and phone numbers for a new Holy Cross directory which we are posting on the password protected Holy Cross Member Page. *To be included in the directory, please reach Shelley with your contact information.*

Thank you for your gift of \$1,700.00. We are beginning another year of serving Christ through our school, and we can do this because of His provisions through you and all those who share their gifts of prayer,

time, talent and treasure. August is such an exciting time, and building relationships is one of our highest priorities. *Sarah JS Wippich, Principal, Trinity First Lutheran School*

“We picked up \$1554.00 of baked goods from Cub in August, sharing them with CES food shelf.” *Errol and Judy*

“Wow! Your donation of 736 pounds of food throughout the month of July is greatly appreciated and important to the work of CES.” *Chris Nelson, CES (This is thanks to Errol and Judy Sorenson.)*

Thank you for your support! **We are deeply grateful for your donation of \$100 to CES in July.** Gifts like yours make it possible for us to feed the hungry of Minneapolis. God bless you! *Mike Lloyd, CES*

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After our summer mission in Jersey and taking time to rest, we're so ready to be back on campus with our staff team and students. The mission before us remains the same – bring the Gospel to the college campus so that every student has an opportunity to begin a relationship with Christ.

Every year we meet students who come to college with no desire, inkling, or leaning to be a part of a Christ-centered community. But every year, through this first month of events, through launching of Bible studies, knocking on doors, and pursuit of one-on-one get-togethers, the Lord pursues these students. And they realize it was Him they were missing all along.

We are so excited and expectant for the year! Thank you for your continued partnership with us as we reach students for Christ. We have had the great privilege and blessing of being spiritual parents to

hundreds of college students and are looking forward to continuing our pursuit of them. Pray for us and our entire movement to be great models of Biblical hospitality to them, for us to pursue students with such deep love, patience, and care, and for us to wait expectantly for how God will move. We're blessed to do ministry with you.

Yours in fulfilling the Great Commission,
Erick and Courtney



Caitlin Schlueter	Sep 2
David Schlueter	Sep 4
Jeanne Phelon	Sep 4
Kimberley Meyer	Sep 7
Paul Brooks	Sep 7
Terry Shingledecker	Sep 8
Angela Newfield	Sep 11
Denitsa Markova	Sep 14
Lyle Horrmann	Sep 16
Patricia Meyer	Sep 18
Heidi Guenther	Sep 23
Carol Horrmann	Sep 25
David Ubl	Sep 26
Andrew Tatham	Sep 27

WEDDINGS

Errol and Judy Sorenson	Sep 9
Jon and Wendy Kofoot	Sep 29

LEAD DEACON AND ASSISTANT

Jim Scanlon and Jim Likely

USHERS

Sept 2	Oolman and Tatham
Sept 9	A Horrmann and L Horrmann
Sept 16	Copeland and M Blomberg
Sept 23	Oolman and Tatham
Sept 30	Phelon and Lange

COUNTERS

Sept 2	Oolman and Woodraska
Sept 9	A Horrmann and G Klatt
Sept 16	Woodraska and M Blomberg
Sept 23	Oolman and G Klatt
Sept 30	M and K Lange

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lange

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Saturday 1 AA Group 8:30 – 10:30</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 2 9:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>3 Labor Day Office Closed</p> <p>6:30 pm Craft Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:30 Bible Class</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Al Anon Family Room</p>	<p>8 Trish's Garage Sale</p> <p>AA Group 8:30 – 10:30</p> <p>11-7 Special GA Intergroup in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>9 9:30 am Worship Services w/Comm</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>10 10:30 Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 ICAN</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10:30 Bible Class</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 2-4 pm Hands in Ministry</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm BoD Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Al Anon Family Room</p>	<p>15 AA Group 8:30 – 10:30</p>
<p>16 9:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>3-6:30 Rick Eliason/Edith Noeske Memorial Service</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10:30 Bible Class</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Al Anon Family Room</p>	<p>22 AA Group 8:30 – 10:30</p>
<p>23 9:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10:30 Bible Class</p> <p>5:30 pm Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 5:00 pm Phelon wedd. rehearsal all upstairs</p> <p>7:00 pm AA Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Al Anon Downstairs</p>	<p>29 AA Group 8:30 – 10:30</p> <p>3:00 pm Phelon/Erickson Wedding</p>
<p>30 9:30 am Worship Service w/Communion</p> <p>7:00 pm GA</p>	<p>31</p>					