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Don Mulfinger, Interim Pastor

November 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

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

**Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am
Weds Small Group Fellowship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm
Thursday morning November 22
Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Ordinary Miracles

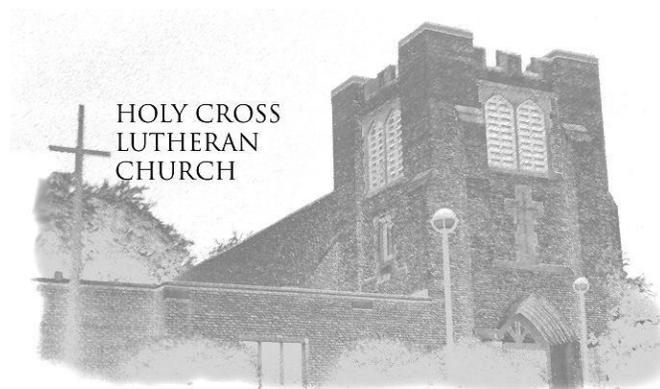
Today I wish you a day of ordinary
miracles-
A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make
yourself,
An unexpected phone call from an old
friend,
Green lights on your way to work or
shopping.

I wish you a day of rejoicing in small things-
The fastest line at the grocery store,
A good sing-along song on the radio,
Your keys right where you look for them.

I wish you a day of happiness -
Little pieces of perfection that give you the
funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on
you,
Holding you gently because you are
someone special and rare.

I wish you a day of peace, happiness, and
joy.

Submitted by Pastor Don



October Mite offering was \$221.53.

We're looking ahead to Ivah's 100th birthday celebration, and you're invited to her luncheon at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on Sunday, December 2nd. Pasta from Carbone's will be provided, but if you would bring your favorite salad, please contact Mary Lange or Donna Bristol.

We celebrate with Emily Gorski and Josh Hogan, who were married October 20, and wish them a future of lasting joy.

Holy Cross Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, please plan to help.
The Trustees

Join us for a fun Bible Study after the Sunday worship service led by Pastor Don.

Errol and Judy picked up baked goods from Cub worth \$2098.00 in October,

sharing them with CES. Thank you both for your dedication and hard work.

Did you notice our front doors? They look like new.

We will be stocking the Holy Cross “Pillar of Warmth and Love” with hats, scarves and mittens. We are 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

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.

The Pastoral Call Process

- Call Committee collects, organizes and submits Congregational Survey
- We wait for list of pastors
- The 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

“Thank you so much for your lovely card, your encouraging words are wind beneath my wings! I’m grateful that the Board voted to pay me for my October vacation hours, it’s such a generous bonus; and thanks to everyone in the congregation for the help you give me. Love,” Shelley

Let’s Look in the Bible

Who or what wrote on the wall in Belshazzar’s banquet hall, and why?

Daniel Chapter 5

THE NAMES OF OUR SAINTS 2018

Lewis Ackerman

Cleo and Steen Anderson

Bob Baago

Marlene and **Bill Bartlett**

Galen Bayerkohler

Irvin and Anna Bayerkohler

Edna Beelow

Artie and Lila Beiersdorf

Shirley and Stan Betz

Steve Betz December 11, 2017

Gary and Rebecca Bischoff

Dan and Hazel Blomberg

Douglas Blomberg

Jim and Elaine Blomberg

Ken Boehmer

Sharla Breuer

Matt and Barbara Bristol

Matt Carl Bristol

Bill Brummond

Caroline Carlson

Dina Carter

Roger duBois

Dale Degolier

David DeGolier

Donald DeGolier

Vivian DeGolier

Robert Dean September 9, 2018

Ellen and John Dennis

Beverly Draz

Rick Eliason July 22, 2018

Neil Erickson

Florence Fox

Terry Fricks

Willard Gerlitz
Michael Gorski
Mary Gorski
Minnie and Joseph Graham
Beth Grigg
Lilly and Ed Grimm
Elmer and Verona Hack
Marie Hartmann
Robert and Bertha Hibler
Stanford and Edna Holland
Al and Catherine Hopp
Elmer and Vira Horrmann
Elfrieda and Alfred Jaeger
Rev. Clark Jaeger
Oscar and Irene Kise
Howard Kise
Joe Lange
Joan and Gordon Likely
Harold and Millie Lindskoog
Wayne Lindskoog
Anne and Robert McCormick

Pastor Keith Meyer June 13, 2018

Bob and Marcia Mulhausen
Bob Murray
Jack Murray
Anna and George Nitz
Donald and Bea Nitz

Edith Eliason Noeske August 19, 2018

Nylin Noetzelman
Bruce Olson
Herman Pannkuk
Robert C. Pfeil
Phil Phelon
Ruth Pochucha
Big Uncle John Ralls
Aaron Reyes
Aaron Roberts
Harland and Evelyn Rosene
Doug Smith
Alda Sorenson
Joseph Sorenson
Ken Sorenson
George and Margaret Stachowski
Geraldine Steen

Dick Swanson
Bert Swenson
Mary Treziok
Loren "Bud" Turner
Sue Uelk
Elizabeth Carlson Wengenroth
Audrey Willroth
Glen Winger
Melvin Witt
Timothy Witt

Let's Look in the Bible

What woman praised God for the gift of a child, saying, "My heart rejoices in the Lord"?

1 Samuel (Chapter 2 has the answer but start reading at Chapter 1).

GENEROSITY

High school custodian Carolyn Collins was about to take out the trash in the early morning darkness when she heard a loud knock on the cafeteria door. She set down her garbage can and cracked the door. Two students — a boy and a girl — looked at her nervously. "Can we come in?" asked the boy, even though school didn't start for two more hours. "Me and my sister are getting tired of waiting outside."

They said they'd been living in a car with their mother, who had dropped them off early so they could get ready for school in one of the restrooms. The teens were hungry, so she hustled up some fruit, milk and cereal.

That was four years ago, the day she hatched a plan for a school "giving closet" — food, clothing, shoes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant and more — all free to any

student at her school, Tucker High, about 25 miles from Atlanta. “I knew that they weren’t the only kids at school who were struggling,” Collins, 54, told The Washington Post. “And I thought, ‘I’m going to do whatever I can to help these kids. High school is hard enough without being homeless.’”

Hours after she let in the homeless siblings, Collins stopped at several dollar stores after work on her six-mile drive home. She spent \$200 on snacks, toiletries, socks, underwear, notebooks and pencils, and then stopped by the principal’s office the next morning to let administrators know she planned to help students in need and hoped they would provide her with some space.

Later that day, after she cleaned out an old storage room near the cafeteria, Collins’s giving closet was up and running.

Since 2014, any of the school’s 1,800 students who are in need of items such as food, soap, school supplies, book bags, clothes — even prom wear — will quietly mention it to Collins and she’ll open the closet. They can take what they need.

“She has such a giving heart, she’s a beacon of light for every kid in need,” said Eric Parker, 42, principal of Tucker High School. The school has many students living in poverty, Parker said, with about 10 to 15 kids who are homeless at any given time.

“If a student needs something and it’s not in the closet, Ms. Collins will go out of her way to get it or find somebody else who can,” Parker said. “Her commitment to our kids is heartwarming. Whatever problem they might be having in their lives, they know they can trust her to listen and help.”

By Cathy Free, Washington Post, submitted by Shelley



USHERS

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| Nov | 4 | M Blomberg and E Copeland |
| | 11 | Adam and Lyle Horrmann |
| | 18 | L Oolman and Andy Tatham |
| | 22 | <i>Tim Phelon and Keith Lange</i> |
| | 25 | Tim Phelon and Keith Lange |

COUNTERS

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| Nov | 4 | M Blomberg and R Woodraska |
| | 11 | A Horrmann and G Klatt |
| | 18 | L Oolman and R Woodraska |
| | 22 | <i>M and K Lange</i> |
| | 25 | M and K Lange |

LEAD DEACON AND ASSISTANT

Steve McConley and Ralph Asher

ALTAR GUILD

Carol Rusk



BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-------|
| Gerald Rusk | 11/1 |
| Norma Trapp | 11/1 |
| Jean Anderson | 11/4 |
| Paul Brammer | 11/6 |
| Jude Yeager | 11/6 |
| Keith Lange | 11/10 |
| Michael Meyer | 11/10 |
| Anneliese Tatham | 11/10 |
| Marsha Katasonova | 11/12 |
| Brandon Meyer | 11/12 |
| Amelia Phelon | 11/12 |
| Darcia Tatham | 11/12 |
| Mark Newfield | 11/16 |
| Carol Rusk | 11/24 |
| Dan Bock | 11/30 |

WEDDINGS

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| Chad and Carrie Yeager | 11/2 |
| Lyle and Carol Horrmann | 11/6 |
| Jason and Jamie Lustfield | 11/8 |

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Let's Look in the Bible

Did Noah send out a raven or a dove?

Genesis 8

Donuts for All

Professor of Religion Dr. Christianson taught a course in Christianity at a small college, and every student was required to take it. He was a good teacher, but despite

his best efforts, many did not take the course seriously.

Steven intended going to seminary for the ministry, was the starting center on the school football team, and the best student in the class. One day, Dr. Christianson asked him, "Do you think you can do 300 push-ups?" Steve replied, "I can try." Dr. Christianson said, "Good, let me explain what I have in mind."

Friday came, and Steve sat in the front of the room. When class started, the professor pulled out a big box of fancy donuts. Everyone was excited to get an early start on the weekend with a party.

The professor asked the girl in the first row if she wanted a donut, and Cynthia said, "Yes." Dr. Christianson turned to Steve and asked, "Steve, would you do ten pushups so that Cynthia can have a donut?" He did a quick ten, then sat back down. Dr. Christianson put a donut on Cynthia's desk.

Dr. Christianson then asked the next person, "Joe, do you want a donut?", and he said, "Yes." And so it went, Steve did pushups for every person before they got their donut. A growing sense of uneasiness filled the room, the students were beginning to say "No", there were uneaten donuts on the desks, and it was getting hard for Steve to do the pushups.

Dr. Christianson turned to the last girl. "Susan, do you want a donut?" Susan asked, "Why can't I help him?" The professor said, "I have given Steven this task, and he is in charge of seeing that everyone has an

opportunity for a donut, whether they want it or not. When I looked at my grade book, Steve was the only student with a perfect grade - everyone else has failed a test,

skipped class, or done inferior work. When a player messes up in football practice, he does pushups. I told him that none of you could have a donut unless he paid the price by doing your pushups - we made a deal for your sakes."

As Steve very slowly finished his last pushup, his arms buckled beneath him and he fell to the floor. Dr. Christianson turned to the room and said. "And so it was, that our Savior Jesus Christ, on the cross, said to the Father, 'Into thy hands I commend my spirit.' With the understanding that He had done everything that was required of Him, he yielded up His life, dying for our sins."

Two students helped Steve up off the floor and to his seat, physically exhausted, but wearing a smile. Turning to the class, the teacher said, "My wish is that you fully comprehend the riches of grace and mercy - forgiveness of all your sins and eternal life in heaven - that have been given to you through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us all. Whether or not we want His gift, the price has been paid. Wouldn't you be foolish and ungrateful to leave it lying on the desk?"

~ Author Unknown, submitted anonymously

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| What was said about the woodpecker? |
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“The woodpecker might have to go!”

"It Isn't Fair!"

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it -- the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:21-22a

A notorious murderer, while in prison, became a Christian believer. My grandmother asked, "He won't be in heaven after what he did, will he?" I bit my lip – "Yes, if he believes, God will forgive him." My grandmother was outraged. "But that's not fair!"

How could God accept such a man? We had come up against an unsettling aspect of the Gospel - that God accepts everyone who comes to faith in Christ.

That's what St. Paul means when he says, "But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law ... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." That this righteousness depends on Jesus was shocking to some of Paul's hearers, and is

shocking to some of us now. What about God accepting us?

We may hold honored positions in the church or community, young people may look up to us; we may have received awards or recognition for the good things we do. And yet, deep down inside we know that there are words we have spoken that we try to forget, and deeds we have done that we hope never come to light.

When we examine ourselves is when God's promise shines the most brightly: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus is available to everyone, no matter who we are or what we've done. It isn't fair, it's much better than that. It's mercy, through our Savior who died for us and rose again to take away our sin.

Dear Father, help me trust in You and believe the promise You give me - that I can be forgiven and belong to You, through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Submitted anonymously

Let's Look in the Bible

What was the timeline of the flood? How long did it rain? How long before the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat? How long before the tops of the mountains became visible?

Genesis 8

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| | | | | 1 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 2 7:00 pm AI Anon in Family Room 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 3 8:30 – 10:30 am AA Group 3-5 GA Intergroup |
| 4 All Saints Day 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School and Bible Study 7:00 pm GA <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i> | 5 | 6 7 pm Russian Soul | 7 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Fellowship Group 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 8 2-4 pm Hands in Ministry 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 9 7:00 pm AI Anon in Family Room 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 10 8:30 – 10:30 am AA Group |
| 11 Veteran's Day 9:30 Worship w/Communion 10:45 Sunday School and Bible Study 7:00 pm GA | 12 10:30 Prayer Group 6:30 ICAN | 13 7 pm Russian Soul | 14 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Fellowship Group 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 15 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 16 7:00 pm AI Anon in Family Room 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 17 8:30 – 10:30 am AA Group |
| 18 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School and Bible Study 7:00 pm GA | 19 | 20 7 pm Russian Soul | 21 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Fellowship Group | 22 Thanksgiving Worship Service, time TBA 7:00 pm AA | 23 7:00 pm AI Anon in Family Room 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 24 8:30 – 10:30 am AA Group |
| 25 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship w/Communion 10:45 Sunday School and Bible Study 7:00 pm GA | 26 | 27 | 28 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Fellowship Group 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal | 29 | 30 | |