# THE MINI EPISTLE



# October 2023

10/1-Pentecost 18-WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY- with Communion

8:30/10:45-Worship; 9:45-Sunday School / New Member's Class

10/4-Bible Study (Joshua)-10AM

10/7-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study-8:30AM

10/8-Pentecost 19-HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

8:30/10:45-Praise Service; 9:45-Sunday School / New Member's Class 12Noon-Bible Study (Joshua) with lunch

10/13-Cookies to College-10AM

10/13-10/14-NALC Atlantic Region Convocation & Women's Conference

10/15-Pentecost 20-INSTALLATION OF WORSHIP MINISTRIES

8:30/10:45-Communion; 9:45-Sunday School / New Member's Class 10/18-Bible Study (Joshua) 10AM

10/22-Pentecost 21-STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

8:30/10:45-Praise Service; 9:45-Sunday School / New Member's Class

12Noon-Bible Study (Joshua) with lunch

10/25-Preschool Family Worship-11AM

10/28-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study-8:30AM

10/29-Pentecost 22-REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30-Confirmation & Communion; 9:45-5th Sunday Brunch

10:30-Praise Time: 10:45-Communion

## **Council Actions:**

#### Council Highlights from September 2023:

- We extend a hearty THANK YOU to the Denominational Task Force and Pastor David for leading Holy Cross into the North American Lutheran Church and the Church of the Lutheran Brethren. All are encouraged to read Pastor's "Here We Stand" document.
- It's budget review time! Please take some time at your next committee meeting to look at the budget from this year and let Lisa Wechsler know of any changes that need to be made.
- The Winter Clothing Drive begins Sunday, 10/1. Please bring new or gently used items for donation to Everlasting Life Ministries: coats or sweaters appreciated.
- Non-perishable food items are being collected for our annual Harvest Home display on Sunday, 10/8. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the Gathering Place.
- Approved Adam Barlow for confirmation having completed the requirements one year early!
   Let us join together on Reformation Sunday, 10/29, to witness his Affirmation of Baptism.



Jopics: What does it mean to be a Christian?

sharing our personal stories of faith

What does it mean to be a church member?

discussing the short book

"I Am a Church Member"

What does it mean to be Jutheran?

looking at Luther's Small Catechism

What does it mean to belong to Holy Cross?

learning what's special about Holy Cross

and how to become part of the family



Just a reminder...

It's time for Bible Study 2023-24! We will be studying the book of Joshua.

There are two sessions to choose from...

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM Or

Sundays at Noon (with lunch)

Next sessions are October 4 and 8

& The 18<sup>th</sup> & the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will meet bi-weekly. Materials will be distributed at your first session. Hope to see you!



# The cookies are going to college again!

(It's mid-terms time!)

Please bring your home baked cookies to the church kitchen by

Friday, October 13th

We will pack the cookies for mailing to our favorite college students and military personnel on the 13<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to help, join us in the kitchen at 10:00 am.

We are still collecting names of students and soldiers. If you know of someone, please contact Ruthann **Kistler**. (Children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, Godchildren, etc.)



# Project VBS Outreach

In an effort to keep in touch with our precious VBS children, we will be gifting each one of them every month with a small trinket and a reminder of the Bible points we learned this summer.

### Wanna help?

A small donation of \$20 will sponsor one month's purchase to reinforce our theme:

Jesus is the Light of the World!

For details, see Karen Brown or Ruthann Kistler

#### Holy Cross is going to see



## At Sight and Sound

In Lancaster

### Thursday, November 30

Followed by dinner at

#### Hometown Kitchen

8:15 AM- depart from Holy Cross parking lot 11:00 AM-Miracle of Christmas show 2:30 PM-approximate time for dinner 6:00 PM-approximate time of return \$146.00 each for adults \$107.00 for children 13 and under

Interested? See Ruthann Kistler Final payment due October 8, 2023

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Wendy Harwick
- 5 Linda Vetter / Dorothy Himmelwright
- 7 Janice Lerch
- 9 Ashley Healy
- 11 Bill Pecka
- 16 Lauri Barlow
- 18 Miles Hottenstein / Sandra Repynek
- 19 Wendy Oscavich / Adam Barlow
- 20 Kelsey Wagner
- 22 Herb Stein
- 23 Don Frankenfield / Lori Westwood
- 30 Deb Pecka
- 31 Briana Pillar

Dennis & Patricia Gilbert - 10/7/05 Joel & Charlotte Gross - 10/16/71 Robert & Gayle McLaughlin - 10/19

## **BITS & PIECES**

- Remember to let us know if you are in the hospital. The hospitals do not automatically inform us. Please contact us so that you can be visited.
- <u>MiniEPISTLE REMINDER</u>: All information for the next miniEpistle is needed in the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> (email submissions preferred).

#### "MOSE's MUSINGS!!!!



#### Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, \*\* since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

This is my first entry into the newsletter, and I want to have a small regular part to the newsletter to let you know of stuff going on at the office. It is my true honour and privilege to serve the Church of Holy Cross as your office Secretary. I have been praying hard for y'all, as y'all have been going through the denominational change. Two things to consider are flower sponsorships and bulletin sponsorships, and you can sign up for them on the bulletin board right across from the office. If you ever need to have prayer or just want to stop by, I love company and people to stop in the church.

I also love music and if you have any suggestions for music to listen to in the church office, I am all ears. I love all types of music.

Thank you for all you do for our Lord and Great King, Jesus Christ. It makes me and I'm sure it makes Jesus smile, when we are His hands and feet, serving others in His name. Friday mornings, we put the bulletin together, (on the calendar), known as the Bulletin Brigade. If you have time stop by, to have some pastries, and just hang out or help with the bulletin, we have a good time. This is usually from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Those current Bulletin Brigadiers are Rich Stein, Ed Tacik, Yvonne Frankenfield and Pat Gilbert.

IN HIS SERVICE.....Jonathan Mosebach

#### **OCTOBER 2023 SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

		OCT 1	OCT 8	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 29
Children's Chat	8:30		Ruthann Kistler		Ruthann Kistler	
Communion	8:30	Patty Stein		Mike Zyskowski		Patty Stein
Servers	10:45	Lyn Stryker		Lyn Stryker		Lyn Stryker
Communion Visitors		Sharon Branigan Pastor David				
Sound	8:30 10:45	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Ken Yoxheimer	Chris Chmela Jim Steiner
Greeters	8:30	Sarah Barlow	Skylre Hahn	Adam Barlow	Sarah Barlow	Adam Barow
	10:45	Sharon Branigan	Irene Graham	Sharon Branigan	Darlene Treisner	Irene Graham
Grass Cutters		Gary Mosser Mike Miller Nick Wechsler	Tom Barlow Larry Wonderly Melissa Yalch	Rich Stein Jonathan Miller	Lyn Stryker Bruce Landis Melissa Yalch	Sam Glasmire Rich Stein
Lectors	8:30 10:45	Lauri Barlow Lyn Stryker	Patty Stein Kathy Ballek	Alyce Stein Lyn Stryker	Ruthann Kistler Marianne Sands	Jim Femister Lyn Stryker
Liturgist	8:30	Patty Stein	Seth Miller	Mike Zyskowski	Pat Gilbert	Patty Stein
	10:45	Lyn Stryker	VOL NEEDED	Lyn Stryker	Marianne Sands	Lyn Stryker
Live Stream	8:30	Jan Stryker	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker
Prayer Care		Sharon B	Ruthann K	Pat Gilbert	Darlene T	Jan Stryker
Projector	8:30	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED
	10:45	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED	VOL NEEDED
Song Leader	8:30	Nancy Cook	Mike Zyskowski	Bella Zyskowski	Pastor David	Nancy Cook
Ushers	8:30 10:45	Jan Stryker Sharon Branigan		Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Mike Z Sharon B

Altar Guild: Alyce and Patty Stein

Counters: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

PhoneTree: Jonathan Mosebach

Prayer of the Church: Mike Zyskowski

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
L PENTECOST 18	2	3	4	5	6	7
3:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School / Membership Class 10:45AM Communion	7PM Dart Baseball @ Star of	9AM Preschool 7PM Property	9AM Preschool 10AM Bible Study 12:00 N-Prayer	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR) 6:00 Worship and	10AM Bulletin Brigade	8:30AM Men's Breakfast
:30PM Bridge of Hope	Bethlehem			Music		7:30PM AA (TR)
B PENTECOST 19	9	10	11	12	13	14
3:30AM Harvest Home 9:45AM Sunday School / Membership Class 10:45AM Harvest Home 12N Bible Study Lunch 12:30PM Bible Study	7PM Dart Baseball vs. First UCC	9AM Preschool  6PM Finance / Stewardship Meeting 6:30-9:30PM Colonial Quilters	9AM Preschool 4:30PM Prayer 6:30PM Christian Ed 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletin Brigade 10AM Cookies to College 10AM NALC Regional Convocation	8AM NALC Regional Convocation 7:30PM AA (TR)
15 PENTECOST 20	16	17	18	19	20	21
3:30AM Communion 9:45AM Sunday School / Membership Class 10:45AM Communion 6:30PM Bridge of Hope mini EPISTLE DEADLINE	10AM Social Ministry  7PM Dart Baseball vs. College Hill	9AM Preschool 4:30PM Benevolence	9AM Preschool 10AM Bible Study 12N Prayer 6:30PM Council 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool  12N AA (TR)  6:30PM HC Staff Meeting	10AM Bulletin Brigade	7:30PM AA (TR)
22 PENTECOST 21	23	24	25	26	27	28
3:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School / Membership Class 10:45AM Praise Service 12N Bible Study Lunch 12:30PM Bible Study	7PM Dart Baseball @ East Hills	9AM Preschool	9AM Preschool 11AM Preschool Family Worship 4:30PM Outreach 7:30PM AA (TR)	9AM Preschool 12N AA (TR)	10AM Bulletin Brigade	8:30AM Men's Breakfast 7:30PM AA (TR)
29 REFORMATION	30	31				
3:30AM Communion 9:45AM Fifth Sunday Brunch 10:30AM Praise Time 10:45AM Communion 5:00PM Bridge of Hope	7PM Dart Baseball vs. Bethany UCC	9AM Preschool 6:30PM Pre- School Board				