

THE CRIER

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2018



From the Pastor – One of the nice things about the summer is that for many people it is a time when their schedule takes on a different quality than the rest of the year. For those with school age children, things may change in terms of not having to be up as early to get ready to catch the bus. There may also be fewer extra-curricular activities, so parents don't need to be on the road as much handling transportation. Maybe children even spend a week away from home at overnight camp, or visiting grandparents.

For others, the difference during the summer might be fewer evening meetings at work, more time spent out of doors, family or friends coming for a visit, or a period of time when they "get away from it all" by traveling on vacation. In some way or another there is a break from one's normal routine, a kind of breathing space that can help to refresh and renew one's spirit.

I realize such may not be the case for everyone. In fact for some the pace of life might actually accelerate during the summer instead of slowing down. But whatever your personal circumstances might be, for each and every one of us there continues to be a weekly opportunity for spiritual respite, when we gather on Sunday for worship. A time when we can catch our breath, so-to-speak, and reflect upon the awesomeness of God -- His grace, love, and forgiveness that sustains and strengthens us in our faith.

I am particularly struck by one of the songs we sang in worship recently. The tune is very bouncy and uplifting in nature, and the lyrics bring to my mind what a privilege and joy it is to join with fellow Christians in singing praise to God, praying, hearing God's Word, and receiving the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in communion:

Refrain: Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.

The table's set and a place is waiting; come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 1: I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.

With a spring in my step I'm walking, with my friends and my family.

The picture that comes to mind for me is of people heading to church eagerly and with delight -- anticipating that they will receive spiritual nourishment, both through the sacrament of the altar and through fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. And also that corporate worship is a place where each person brings his or her gifts to share, and where each person's presence adds something positive to the experience of the community at large.

Whenever you attend worship at Holy Cross, I hope you realize that a place IS waiting for you -- a place at the Lord's table and a place amongst Christian friends. Worship is an opportunity each week for your spirit to be renewed and refreshed by the power of the Holy Spirit, thereby sending you back into the world empowered to serve as a follower of Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Rich Horner

MESSAGE FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER

By Dot Bois

I grew up as the oldest of five girls and one boy in Lewiston, Maine. On Sunday mornings, we would be found with my parents always sitting in the same two pews at Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Edgar Fehlau baptized me as well as both of my sons. It was a lovely small stone church on Main Street that became "swallowed up" through the years by Central Maine General Hospital. Grace eventually built a new church on the outskirts of Lewiston's sister city across the river in Auburn and is still there today. Today, all of my sisters and our brother live in Maine except Vickie, who moved to Austin, Texas.

When my two sons were old enough to be confirmed, we became members of Holy Cross. My sister, Cathy Bansmer, was already an active member of Holy Cross, so I had the chance to worship with one of my sisters once again. Bob and I will be celebrating our 52nd wedding anniversary this year and have lived in the same house for 51 years in Saco. Our son, Chris, lives in Washington, DC, and has a nine year old daughter, Loralei. Our son, Mike, lives in Scarborough and is the father of Josh and Ryleigh who will be attending the University of Maine in Orono this fall. Josh and Ryleigh were baptized at Holy Cross and Mike and Chris were also married at Holy Cross. Hopefully, there will be many more memories to be made for my family at Holy Cross.

THE OPIOID CRISIS - A COMMUNITY CALL

Churches of the Kennebunks and the Kennebunk Police Department, in partnership with Portland Public Health, will offer an informational and training opportunity to help us understand the extent of the opioid crisis in Maine and develop a supportive response. This program will be held on Wednesday, August 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Storer Street, Kennebunk. Presentations by Kennebunk Police Chief Bob MacKenzie and Katie Rodrigues, local business owner sharing about her long-term recovery will be followed by an optional medical response training. For more information contact Valerie Reid at 207-468-8461 or valkuhnreid@yahoo.com

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Calling all volunteers for the Blueberry Festival, August 11th from 9:00 - 1:00. We need individuals to bake pies and set up the craft fair on August 10th from 8:00 'til we finish and help on the 11th. Baked goods are also needed for the bake sale. They do not have to be blueberry. We will also have one additional craft day on Friday, July 27th from 9:00-12:00.

This year's proceeds will go to In a Pinch, a non-food pantry. Please email lgaidimas@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks so much.



PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

The Parent's Prayer group meets the first Monday of every month in Lord Street House. From 4:30 to 5:30 we will share prayer concerns and pray together. From 5:30 to 6:00, we will devote time to fellowship and book discussion. (The book we are reading is The Power of a Praying Parent and copies are available.) We pray for all children of all ages and all stages - please join us!

TEN THINKS I LEARNED ON MY VACATION

by Donna Simmons



Sodus Bay, NY on the edge of Lake Ontario

1. No two hotel rooms place the bathroom in the same location, making a midnight trip an adventure.
2. No two hotel room bathrooms locate the toilet in the same location, further confusing the midnight trip adventure.
3. In June, if you haven't reserved your room in advance on Saturday nights, there will be no room available in the Inn (sounds Biblical). But, it will be full of wedding guests.
4. Friends are made in strange places. For example: Providing clean tissue to a woman who was stuck in a bathroom stall without TP. Or in another bathroom helping another woman who was choking on liquid that went down the wrong pipe, then I gave her a throat lozenge to soothe her throat.
5. Friends are also made by giving a kind desk clerk a copy of my book, Mourning Dove, only to have her come to me after she read my bio on the back cover with her story of losing her grandchild. She and her daughter were still grieving and she found my husband and me kindred spirits.
6. Always carry small bills in your wallet to buy fresh fruit (cherries) at a farm stand. If all else fails make friends with the lady that lives there as she counts out your change with seven dollars in ones and three dollars in quarters.
7. And one miner observation: Much to my surprise, pelicans travel up the Mississippi River at least as far as Iowa.
8. Along Sodus Bay, NY, a place heavily visited by tourists, the Canadian Geese completely ignore those tourists.
9. It's easy to get lost when you start day dreaming and you are the navigator.
10. And finally, not all road signs make sense. At one intersection while we were following Route 5, we found the sign for Route 5 with an arrow to go straight ahead. When the light turned green, we proceeded forward only to get honked at by oncoming traffic. The road was also one-way the wrong way and a good way to cause heart palpitations.

Anyway, we had another grand road trip visiting family and friends and meeting a lot of people along the way. I hope your summer was full of new friends and adventures, too.

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS: There Is No "Planet" B ***By Roger Rotvig***

It took the President of France, on his visit with President Trump in April of 2018, to say that "there is no Planet B". That's Planet B, not Plan B. This was as a result of the United States "pulling out" of the Paris Climate Accords which is trying to reduce global warming which seems to be on an accelerated pace, and ultimately making our earth uninhabitable.

The alternative to global warming in the minds of far too many, is to locate a suitable planet somewhere in the solar system and resettle earth's occupants there.

Our success in space exploration, mostly by un-manned rockets, along with our landing and recovery of men on the moon nearly 50 years ago, feed this idea. Some even plan to send a manned rocket on an admittedly "one-way trip" to some planet that appears to have some of the characteristics of our planet earth in an effort to get radio sent information from the crew about conditions they encounter.

There are so many things wrong with this idea, that I am forced to deal with only two of the worst issues encountered in the relocation of humanity to Planet B.

The first of these deal with the size of proposed Planet "B", meaning its gravitational effect on everything on the planet. We are used to seeing men in space suits bouncing around on the moon's smaller gravitational pull. But the gravity of a planet is far more important than just man's ability to move around. Gravity affects the air we breathe in a way that cannot be ignored. The gasses that combine to make the oxygen we need, each has a different weight. Earth's gravity holds them together in just the right balance to maintain the oxygen the way we need it.

Now for a larger problem, "relocating our population". On the day I wrote this, the world's population was 7,623,910,494 (that's Billion), and increasing at the rate of 150,606 daily. It's not worth our time to calculate how all of them can be transported by rocket ship to a newly found, relatively suitable planet. So, what are the resettlement promoters thinking about? Sending only the rich and powerful ahead to save themselves while the rest of us ultimately perish in this warming world? I have this word of realism for them: You might be able to take your bank books and stock certificates with you to a new planet, but as to the resources of land, factories and all that society has accumulated, "you can't take that with you".

MONTHLY FOOD BOX

A Monthly Food Box is available to anyone 60 years and older who could use some help. This assistance is offered by the USDA, and is called the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. There are some suggested income guidelines listed on the application form, but the help is available to anyone who feels they need it. Application forms are available on the table in the entryway at church, and there is a flyer on the white board with a listing of "What's in the Box?" Boxes are distributed on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at St. David's Episcopal Church on Route 1 in Kennebunk. (St. David's also offers a complimentary lunch during that time for anyone who would like a good meal!) Please feel free to take one or more of the applications to share with anyone you know for whom this might be a help. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Rich.



SHARE THE BOUNTY

Saturday, August 4th, is the day for the next bean supper!

There will be the usual menu of beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, various breads and, of course, PIE! Everyone is welcome, both from within the church and the wider community. If you are a regular volunteer, please check with Julie if you can or cannot help.

COME HAVE SOME PIE!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, EVERY SUNDAY, EVERY DAY

Have you ever become overwhelmed by something? I don't mean by some major occurrence in your life, but by some ordinary, everyday something that you usually see or feel, but suddenly it becomes so frequent that you have a hard time dealing with it. Well, that has happened to me lately. I feel lately I have been inundated by requests for money – donations for just about everything under the sun! Junk mail, robo phone calls, articles in the paper for needy causes and the like. Most of these solicitations come from charities I have either given to in the past or with whom I am aware. Most are all worthy charities, (although some I have checked out and they are either run by groups paying high salaries to management and/or send only a small percentage of funds collected to designated needy) and some are duplicates of well known solicitors. Breast Cancer is an example – while a favorite of mine, because my family has been affected, there are three national Breast Cancer Foundations that solicited me by either mail or paid solicitor phone calls. As we see all the tragedy and need for money in our own towns, our country and overseas, I have been overwhelmed in how to deal with it in the stewardship part of my life!

My answer is to prioritize! I admit I have become callous to some who ask for money over and over and over! I have tried to explain my priorities, but I know that falls on deaf ears! Knowing that Stewardship is an important part of my faith, I know what I can do, and each and every year I try to do more, but knowing where my Stewardship goes, where I want it to go and why I want it to go there, has taken thought and prayer. First, because it is near to me and I can see it, I like local charities. Food banks help people I see every day and they are efficient. My Church is such an important part of my own and my family's life, I give to Holy Cross. Services that are also associated with Holy Cross are important too, such as Safe Families, youth programs sponsored by Church and community food pantries and clothing drives. Our church members work so hard for these and they are near the top of my list. The Salvation Army is not only local but international, and when we attend a program at their Pavilion in Old Orchard we not only get to enjoy great entertainment but have learned they are digging wells in Nigeria with funds raised from these concerts. In addition there are several national charitable organizations we have always had close affinity for who we support. These are a few of the priorities we as a family have set as our Stewardship Life. It has helped take the "whelmed" part out of my Stewardship life. By being efficient and productive, but as generous I can be, I feel I am living up to our Church Motto, "Feeding Body and Soul" to the fullest.

Carl Graves



ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday August 4th at 4:30 p.m. at Kennebunk Baptist Church, 77 Main Street, features Amy Webb Prosser, concert organist. This is a fund raising concert for their new organ. A basket is available for any donations. Checks may be made out to the Kennebunk Baptist Church, with a notation on the check if "in memory of" or "given in honor of." For more information please call: 207-985-5921

WELCOMING NEW IMMIGRANTS – OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcoming New Immigrants - Our New Neighbors is a ministry of welcoming immigrants in our local area begun by Judy and Dick Cadmus and supported by their home church, Christ Church. A year ago Dick and Judy reached out to the larger community for assistance. ***There is currently a need for the donation of fans of any kind, new or used. If you have one to donate please contact the church office (985-4803) or Cheryl Dearman-Mills (641-3837) to arrange a time to drop it off. Thanks!***



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

From now through Labor Day weekend in September our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 am every Sunday will be in effect. The Adult Forum will meet each Sunday at 8:30 am in the downstairs Sunday School area.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

If you sing and/or play an instrument we would love for you to take part in the special music program this summer. Betty Kreie is coordinating the program so please be in touch with any questions you may have and to sign up for a particular Sunday! 646-8611 or bettykreie@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

The Friendship Lunch is always the second Monday of each month. The next lunch will be Monday, August 13th, and will be a refreshing summer meal!

If you are interested in helping out with the lunch, please contact Mary Keating.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This year we have the opportunity to provide support for Caring Unlimited — York County's domestic violence shelter — by helping children in need get ready for a new school year. Donations of pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, lined paper, rulers, and scissors would be most welcome. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex marked "Caring Unlimited." The school supplies will be picked up following the worship service on Sunday, August 26th for distribution the following day. Thank you!

JACK'S CORNER

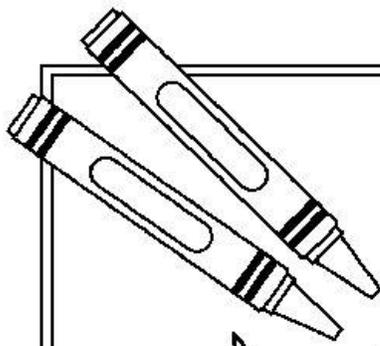
Submitted by Jack Bates

Grace

A four- year- old boy was asked to pray before dinner. The family members bowed their heads. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends and family members. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the chicken, the mashed potatoes, the fruit salad, and even the milk. Then he paused, and everyone waited.

After a long silence, the little boy opened one eye, looked at his mother, and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"

Life is like a book, some chapters are sad, some happy, and some exciting.
But if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds.



Just for **KIDS**



Vacation and Travel Time



Most people in the world today can move from one place to another easily. We can hop in the car, catch a bus, ride a bike or fly in a plane!

Fill in the missing parts of the words in this story. The missing parts are in the list below. Read the story.

In Bi_____mes tra_____ was diff_____ and _____ow. A full day's _____ney was _____nty miles. The _____ual way to _____vel was by _____king. _____keys were some_____ used. Ox c_____ car_____ hea_____ads. Ca_____ were used for _____ade cara_____ _____oss the _____ert. The mili_____, _____thy _____ple and ro_____ _____sengers used ho_____ and _____lots. Bo_____ were used once in a while.

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Answer: In Bible times travel was difficult and slow. A full day's journey was twenty miles. The usual way to travel was by walking. Donkeys were sometimes used. Ox carts carried heavy loads. Carts were used for trade caravans across the desert. The military, wealthy people and royal passengers used horses and chariots. Boats were used once in a while.

FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:



Jim Keating
Alice Lailer
Diana Breitenfield
John Kreie
Rolf Bandle
Patti Berg-Anderson
Ken Roberts
Becky
Sandy
Roger
Ray
Kim Najariean
Betty
John
Ron and Mary

Liz Lienhard
Tammy
Jamie
Konrad
Dick
Brady Provencher
Brenda & Tom
Dottie Graves
John Pendleton
Ed Fox
Chris Rodgers
David Donald
Jake
Rob Nutter

Baby Myka
Baby Emma
Kari Moncrief
Amy, Jonathan, Travis
and Grandmother Louise
Lenny & Vicky Lambert
Elaine Simmons
Dick Lord
Beth
Barbara Warner
John Whelpley
Bill and Polly Janiak
Sandy
Sharen Moessner

We commend into God’s care the spirit of those who have died recently: Harold and Ronnie Hanna (brothers of Donna Simmons’ brother-in-law); John Mellon (brother of childhood friend of Donna Simmons)

SERVING US IN AUGUST

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Donna Simmons
Dot Bois

ALTAR GUILD

Cathy Bansmer
Dot Bois

USHERS

Bruce Anderson (8/5, 8/12, 8/19)
Lynne Gaudette (8/12, 8/19)
Paul Moessner (8/26)
Barbara Warner (8/26)

CRIER PUBLICATION INFO:

***The deadline for the September Crier is Friday, August 17th.
The Crier will be assembled and edited on Saturday morning, August 18th.***

Please send all articles to Julie Clapp at juliane@julianemarie.com or leave them in the church office.

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Worship Schedule

Summer Schedule

9:30 am Single service: Modern and Traditional Lutheran Liturgy*

*Holy Communion served at all services



**Your righteousness is like the highest
mountains, your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
Psalm 36:6 NIV**