

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is “lifted up from the earth, will draw all people” to Himself (John 12:32). “He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” to save us (Phil. 2:8). “Everyone who is bitten” by the ancient serpent’s venom of sin, “when he sees” Christ “shall live” (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. “We preach Christ crucified the power of God and the wisdom of God,” though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, “through the folly” of the cross we preach, “to save those who believe” (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Preacher:

Rev. Zachary DeArmond
- Organist:

Kim Woller
- Elders:

Thurs: Lee Roloff

8:00am: Bob Kunz

10:30am: Rick Krause & Sean Malone
- Ushers:

Thurs: Team 7-Roloff

8:00am: Team 1-Saeger

10:30am: Team 2-Malone
- Lay Readers:

8:00am: Floyd Wondisford

10:30am: Molly McCafferty
- Acolytes:

8:00am: Sophia Boettcher

10:30am: Kaitlyn Butzlaff
- Altar Guild:

Janet Steinhaus
- Greeters:

8:00am Kathy Rettig

10:30am Laura Zimmer
- Fellowship:

Kunz Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR SEPT 12th-21st

- SAT

8:30am Men’s Bible Study
- SUN

8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Communion
- MON

6:30pm Care and Share Meeting
- TUES

7:00am Bible Study

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm Board and Committee Meetings

7:30pm Council Meeting
- WED

9:00am Quilters

6:00pm Preschool Open House

7:00pm Bible Study

7:00pm Confirmation
- THURS

9:30am Bible Study

6:30pm Worship and Communion
- SUN

8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Communion

6:00pm Youth Group

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade begins each week at 9:15am in Oswald Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week we will take a look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying Paul's letter to the Corinthians every Tuesday at 7:00am in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is working their way through the series "The Chosen".

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Hebrews. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying Paul's letter to the Corinthians every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and is looking into what is so amazing about grace in the study "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

THIRD QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Third Quarter Special Missions will support the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portugal (IELP). The church has two active pastors, Rev. Adalberto Hiller and Rev. Rony Marquardt. Both men graduated with Pastor Martinho Sander from Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1983. The IELP has three congregations, 145 baptized members and 112 communicant members. The IELP was founded in 1959 as a mission outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB). The ministry has flourished in recent years under the leadership of its pastors. As the church continues to grow, projects come up and financial assistance is welcomed. Donations to special missions will help cover the cost of hymnals, Bibles, a projector, and communion ware. To learn more you can visit <https://ilcouncil.org/members/europe/portugal/> or ask Pastor Sander about it!

DOOR OFFERING FOR JOURNEYS: Thank you for your support of Journey's Lutheran School! We collected \$4,823.00 for their rebuilding efforts! More information about Journeys and ways you can continue to support them can be found at www.journeyslutheran.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The next quarter of Portals of Prayer and other devotionals are now available in the Narthex. Please take one for you and one to share with a friend!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Throughout September we will be collecting clothing and accessories such as shirts, socks, undergarments, flip flops, sunglasses, hats, and hair accessories. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex!

CHILDCARE TEAM: We are looking to add individuals that are caring, outgoing, passionate, energetic, and love working with children to our childcare team for the 2025-2026 school year, specifically as part-time work in the afternoon. Coursework and/or experience in this field is preferred, CPR and first aid are a must. Teachers are responsible for ages 2-5 in our multi-age classroom. Contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: If you are interested in providing some treats between services, please sign up on the bulletin board.

BOWLING WITH A MISSION: Loved Ministries is hosting a "Bowling with a Mission" fundraiser at New Berlin Bowl on Sunday, September 21st. Cost is \$25 and includes 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. There will be raffles, a silent auction, and face painting. More information can be found at www.lovedwi.org.

CARE AND SHARE MEETING: If you would be interested in learning more about what our Care and Share Committee does, or how you can be involved, please join us on Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FREE SHIRTS: We have a few Thrivent shirts available for you to take in the Fellowship Hall! Sizes range from youth medium-L.

LANDSCAPING THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work in our gardens around church! We appreciate you and all your work! We do still need some additional volunteers, specifically to care for the rose garden. If you are interested, please contact Anita Burow.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Make sure you stop by the Scholastic Book Fair in Oswald Hall Sunday, September 14th and 21st before and after services! There will be books available for a wide range of ages from Preschool-Middle School, and even some for adults!

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Women's Ministry is looking for ladies who would be interested in hosting a table for Christmas by Candlelight, and for gentlemen who would be willing to help serve. For more information, or to sign up, please see the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

YOUNG AT HEART: Members of all ages are invited to join us on Thursday, October 2nd at 11am as we tour Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and see the renovations that have occurred following their fire in 2018. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Balisteri's Bluemound Inn. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth in grades 6-12 should make plans to join us on Sunday, September 21st from 6-8pm for laser tag and a bonfire.

OUTDOOR WORKDAY: Fall is in the air, and we need your help getting our grounds ready for winter! Please join us on Saturday, September 27th from 9am-12noon as we work to spread wood chips, pull weeds, and other outdoor projects.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the family and friends of Jim Bock, whom the Lord called unto Himself last week.

We pray for our members:

Charles Boie Shari Schulz

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Phillip Pastor Alex Dan Sr. Mary Paul Gabe Ellie Rich Sandi

John Tobias Lila Jenny

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Rick Hunn, in celebration of his birthday.

Special Missions are sponsored by

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm
If you need to contact the Pastor after office hours, please call the Church Office and follow the prompts on the phone.

Attendance: 221

Offerings: \$8,767

Needed Weekly: \$12,535.15

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