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# NEWS & NOTES

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Monday Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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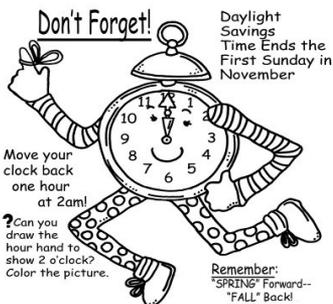
## ISSUE

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### My Daily Walk With God

Nov.	1	Ezekiel 23:11 - 25
	2	Ezekiel 26 - 28
	3	Ezekiel 29 - 32:16
	4	Ezekiel 32:17 - 34
	5	Ezekiel 35 - 37
	6	Psalm 37; Ezekiel 38 - 39
	7	Psalm 24; Ezekiel 40 - 41
	8	Ezekiel 42 - 45:8
	9	Ezekiel 45:9 - 48
	10	Esther 1 - 5
	11	Esther 6 - 10; Ps. 83
	12	Psalm 42, 126, 129, 137 Malachi
	13	Psalm 89; Mark 1:1 - 31
	14	Psalm 146; Mark 1:32 - 3
	15	Psalm 107; Mark 4
	16	Psalm 142; Mark 5 - 6:29
	17	Mark 6:30 - 8:26
	18	Mark 8:27 - 10:31
	19	Mark 10:32 - 12:37
	20	Mark 12:38 - 14:31
	21	Mark 14:32 - 15
	22	Psalm 16, 21, 22, 67 Mark 16
	23	Psalm 48; Ephesians 1 - 3
	24	Ephesians 4 - 6
	25	Song of Solomon
	26	Romans 1 - 2
	27	Romans 3 - 5
	28	Romans 6 - 8
	29	Romans 9 - 11
	30	Romans 12 - 15:29



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## Worship Service Update

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church is currently offering worship services on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following social distance measures in place:

- Only 40 people are allowed to worship in church at a time, in addition to the pastor and the organist.
- People will only be allowed to sit in designated pews.
- Members interested in attending worship services are encouraged to sign up to attend Sunday or Monday worship services on the church's website: [www.portagelutheranchurch.org](http://www.portagelutheranchurch.org). When members sign up, they can pick the pew they would like to sit in. Anyone who is unable to sign up online can call Dan Heckmann any time from Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 920-992-5692 or on his cell phone at 920-350-1005. You can also email Dan at [heckmann@rio.k12.wi.us](mailto:heckmann@rio.k12.wi.us).
- People are encouraged not to congregate in the back of church before or after the worship service.
- People are required to wear masks unless the mandate changes.
- There will be no greeters handing out worship folders.
- There will be no hymnals or Bibles in the pews. The entire worship service will be in the worship folder/bulletin. If members would like to follow along with the worship service in the hymnal, they can bring their hymnal from home. If they do not have one, a small supply of hymnals will be available to use in the back of church.
- People will place their offerings in plates in the back of church when they first walk in or as they walk out after service.
- Holy Communion will be offered on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month, and the Mondays following. During the distribution of Holy Communion, members will line up in the middle aisle and stay about six feet apart from one another. One member will come up at a time to receive the bread and then the wine which will only be offered in individual cups. The pastor will give a final blessing after everyone has received Holy Communion.
- If you do not feel comfortable attending worship services, you can watch Cross of Christ's Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. worship service live or recorded by going to Cross of Christ's Facebook page. If you would like to follow along with the worship service, you may download a worship folder/bulletin from the church's website at [www.portagelutheranchurch.org](http://www.portagelutheranchurch.org). Links for the church's Facebook page and the worship folder/bulletin are on the front page of the church website.
- People who have a fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other symptoms of illness are encouraged to stay home and worship online until they feel better.

## **Important Changes**

- Midweek Bible classes, Church Committees, and other groups are once again allowed to gather in church, but they are encouraged to maintain social distancing.
  - There will be no coffee, snacks, or fellowship meals after worship services.
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## **Stay Connected**

Finally, as we continue to live in these trying times, the Cross of Christ Church Council will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic to see when things can get back to normal at church or if any further changes are needed. For this reason, stay connected to Cross of Christ on the church website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get important updates about worship services and other news and events. Regardless when things get back to normal, find comfort in your risen and ascended Savior Jesus who has forgiven your sins and who uses his almighty power to rule all things for the good of his people so we can one day join him in heaven. There we will all gather together and worship him in his presence safe and healthy forever.

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## **Thanksgiving Worship Service**

On Wednesday, November 25 at we will have our Thanksgiving worship service at 7:00 p.m.

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## **WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

The WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing seeks to help congregations share the gospel of Jesus Christ with WELS members and others who are deaf or hard of hearing.

It is estimated that loss of hearing affects more than 500 million people worldwide. One in three people over 65 years of age and one in two over the age of 80 have a hearing loss. Ninety percent of hearing losses can be helped with hearing instruments, and 10 percent can be treated medically and/or surgically. Yet fewer than 5 percent of those who could benefit actually use a hearing instrument.

The Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers resources to aid ministry to people who are deaf or have any degree of hearing loss. Churches that desire to help people with hearing loss participate in worship services and other church activities can obtain information on assistive listening devices (hearing loop, FM system) or sign language interpreters and VRI (Video Remote Interpreting). See our access directory below for a full listing of WELS churches with hearing loops, signed services and captioned sermons.

## School Calendars

# St. John's Lutheran School

505 E. LaFollette St. (608) 429-3636  
 Pardeeville WI 53954  
[www.stjohnspardeeville.org](http://www.stjohnspardeeville.org)



NOVEMBER EVENTS	
Nov. 6	End of First Quarter-full day of school
Nov, 11-12	Parent/Teacher Conferences after school
Nov, 25	No School
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break



231 Woodland Beach Rd.  
 Lake Mills WI  
 (920) 648-2321 [www.llhs.org](http://www.llhs.org)

NOVEMBER EVENTS	
Nov. 3-4	MLC Focus on Ministry Trip
Nov. 5	No School
Nov. 17	Interim Reports
Nov. 18	Two Hour Delay
Nov, 26-27	No School (Thanksgiving)

## Tuition Assistance Fund

In order to assist parents in sending their child(ren) to one of these schools or another WELS school, Cross of Christ has established a Tuition Assistance Fund. The goal of this fund is to give \$125.00 per child a month for 10 months each school year to the school their (child)ren are attending for their tuition. If you would like to receive assistance from this fund, talk to the Education Chairman. If you would like to contribute to this fund at any time, please mark on the front of your weekly offering envelope how much you want designated to go to this fund.



## Whatever Is True

Written by layperson William Woodington, a sufferer from chronic anxiety, *Whatever Is True* offers gospel comfort and a solid Scriptural foundation to help Christians put their own worries at ease.

Commands like “do not worry” and “fear not” often grace the pages of Scripture whenever God or one of his messengers visits an ordinary believer. For Christians struggling with anxiety, these phrases may appear to be more of a challenge than a comfort. Although books on anxiety can be found in any store, many of them tell readers to help themselves. How can sufferers find strength on their own? Author William Woodington takes a different approach to handling anxiety by reminding believers that all of their help comes from the Lord. *Whatever Is True* equips readers with numerous Bible passages to help them face anxiety with the truth of the gospel. Armed with a new perspective on suffering and assurance of God’s love, those facing anxiety will discover an unending source of peace and strength throughout the book.

\$12.99    OL-1201814

You can place your order by visiting [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net) or call Northwestern Publishing House at 1-800-662-6022.

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### WELS Websites

[www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

*The website for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

[www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net)

*Northwestern Publishing House’s website that sells religious materials.*

[Forwardinchrist.net](http://Forwardinchrist.net)

*The website for the WELS magazine Forward In Christ.*

[www.whataboutjesus.com](http://www.whataboutjesus.com)

*Learn more about Jesus, the Bible, how to deal with social concerns, etc.*

[www.christianliferesources.com](http://www.christianliferesources.com)

*Stay up-to-date with important life issues and get answers to difficult ethical questions.*

[www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org)

*The website for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society.*

[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

*A search engine (comparable to Google or Yahoo) that donates money to the Wisconsin Synod when it is used.*

## **Church Council October Meeting Recap**

Council will meet November 12.

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### **Education Committee October Meeting Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Matthew Buchholz, Jill Schultz, Joshua Veglahn, Nate and Molly Newman*

The Education Committee will meet Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m.

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### **Evangelism Committee October Meeting Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Joshua Veglahn, Sarah Hochmuth, Don Graham, Dave Kreklow*

The next meeting will be November 9 at 5:00 p.m.

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### **Fellowship Committee September Meeting Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Joshua Veglahn, Sandy Beimborn, Vi Burmeister, , Joan Klappstein, Judy Trebatoski, Johanna Veglahn.*

- A lot of members gave food and helped out at a funeral in October.
- Mission Fest was on September 27. The topic was the WELS Campus Ministry. There was no meal afterwards.
- The annual Valentine event in February will take place on Sunday during Sunday School.
- The next meeting will be November 8.

## **Stewardship Committee October Meeting Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Scott Crosby, William Beiborn, Bonnie Dorniak, Dan Heckmann*

The committee met on October 1 and reviewed the 10 For 10 letter to the members to be distributed October 11. Scott and Jodi Crosby offered to mail the materials for the 10 For 10 Stewardship program and will have Sandy Beiborn print these materials.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 5.

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## **Cross of Christ Ladies October Recap**

*Officers: Joan Klappstein, Sandra Beiborn, Judy Trebatoski, Jill Schultz, LWMS Reporter: Sandra Beiborn*

**CCL.** The October meeting was cancelled due to Covid concerns. We will have the planning meeting November 19. Please bring suggestions for next year's gatherings as well as appetizers/hors d'oeuvres to share.

**LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit.** The Fall 2020 Rally was cancelled. New officers for the Beaver Dam Circuit are Lois Zellmer, President; Dianne Witkowski, President-Elect; Barbara Stetler, Secretary; and Joanne Gregor, Spiritual Growth Woman. The World Mission Project is #WM-2020-28: Latin America Special Projects. The Home Mission Project is #JMC-2020-01: Pastoral Studies Institute.

**LWMS Convention.** LWMS teamed up with WELS Joint Mission Office to host "Taste and See" online from June 27 to July 11, 2020. Presentations will be available on line until next year.

*Officers:* Vice President - Kris Olson  
Secretary - Mary Jo Barnes  
Communications Coordinator - Patty Hirthe  
Pastoral Advisor - Pastor Paul Schulz

### *Mission Projects*

HM-2018-16: Hmong Evangelist Training Project

WM-2018-11: Philippine Project

The updated mission offerings have been disbursed as follows:

Board for World Missions: \$41,117.56

Board for Home Missions: \$41,117.55

Kids' C.A.R.E.: \$40,989.56

Bylaw changes were approved. There will be no dues increase in 2021,

# **Missions**

## New Members

There are no new members this month, but continue to pray for the Lord's Work that is being done through the members we currently have at Cross of Christ!

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### Shut-Ins

Lois Plath	Elmer Glaeske
Norman Stump	Margery McCluskey
Marian Kreitzman	Audrey Zunker
Julie Moran	

Even though these members are unable to come to regular worship services, please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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### Cross of Christ Church Council Members

Dan Heckmann	President & Financial Secretary	(920) 992-5692
Matthew Buchholz	Secretary/ Education Comm. Chairman	(608) 354 - 8708
William Eckert	Treasurer	(608 )742-2547
Chase Spillner	Elders' & Worship Comm. Chairman	(608) 408 - 7105
Joshua Veglahn	Evangelism / Outreach & Fellowship Comm. Chairman	(608) 697 - 6526
Tim Scharenbroch	Property Comm. Chairman	(608) 742 - 2421
Scott Crosby	Stewardship Chairman	(414 ) 791 - 2567

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### Questions or Concerns?

If anyone has questions, concerns, or comments about our church, please feel free to talk to someone on the Church Council because God has provided these men to assist you.

## Thankful Giving Opportunities

In 1 Corinthians 16:2 God encourages believers to give their first fruits as offerings in church in proportion to their income. Believers do this to thank God for what he did for them and to support the gospel ministry.

Cross of Christ encourages all of its members to give their offerings for these reasons. It also offers other programs for its members to give to the church above and beyond their offerings, which do not support our church's budget.

**SCRIP:** We offer a SCRIP program where members can buy gift cards for many different stores. A percentage of the money our members pay is given to the church. SCRIP deadline is always the second Sunday of the month. Order forms are available at church in the mailbox labeled SCRIP. If you need help, talk to Jeannine Heckmann.

**NPH Extra Rewards Program:** One of the ways Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) can support the ministry of Cross of Christ is through the EXTRA Rewards Program. EXTRA allows NPH customers to contribute a portion of their purchases to a church or school of their choice. If you have not already, we encourage you to sign up for EXTRA. This program is **free!** For more information visit [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net) or call Northwestern Publishing House at 1-800-662-6022. Then, when ordering online, your EXTRA Rewards card number will be applied automatically. When purchasing by phone, simply give your customer service representative your EXTRA Rewards card number.

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## Newsletter

Cross of Christ's News & Notes monthly newsletter will be mailed by the Sunday before the first of the month. If you have an article, meeting recap, note, or flier for publication, please either email your newsletter item to [crossofchristportage@hotmail.com](mailto:crossofchristportage@hotmail.com) or place it in Sandra Beimborn's mailbox by **November 15, 2020**.



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