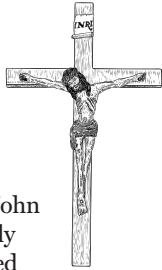


## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### REJOICE IN THE 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).

During the Pentecost season, and more specifically in September, the Church celebrates a festival commemorating the Holy Cross. It's likely not very familiar to you. That's OK. Just so you know, it's one of the oldest observances in the ancient Church.

The Feast of the Holy Cross has many parallels to Good Friday in its concentration on the Passion of Christ and His death on the Cross. It does contrast the sorrowful somberness of Holy Week with a day that is more enthusiastic in its raising up of the Cross as the means that our Lord has accomplished His triumph over all the enemies of God and His people: Sin, death, the power of the devil and the world.

The body of Jesus Christ upon the Cross is a reminder of the price He paid for your sins. May your daily life follow St. Paul's words: "But we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23) and "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

Many of our churches used to have a cross with a body (corpus) on it, and some still do. What a beautiful reminder of the love that God has for you, to send His only begotten Son to die this cruel and humiliating death for you. On the Cross you find redemption poured out from His side, the water and the blood, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

So dear saints in Christ, rejoice in the Cross, for on the Cross your sins are forgiven.

**Rev. Donald Klatt**  
Lakeland Region Pastoral Counselor

## LWML Sunday 2019

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time.

"Faith Like a Mustard Seed" is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6, that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

LWML Sunday materials, authored by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, are available for download at [lwml.org/lwml-sunday](http://lwml.org/lwml-sunday).



## 'Follow My Lead'

The Leader Development Committee was very happy with the response of those who attended the first three Assembly of Leaders events held in April and May.

The schedule for the next three events is:

- ▶ Lakeland II, Sept. 28 | ▶ Lakeland I, Oct. 5 | ▶ Arrowhead II, Oct. 12
- St. John's, Madison | Zion, Alexandria | Holy Cross, St. Cloud

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events. Come and be empowered, enlightened and entertained with fellowship and fun!



Youth of Our Savior's, Crookston, made lunch for the May 11 event.



Rev.  
Matthew  
Vrudny,  
pastor of  
Immanuel,  
Walker, and  
LWML district  
pastoral  
counselor, led  
Bible study.

