

# Mount Cross Chronicle

May 2023



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## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m.

*Worship/Communion Service*

Livestreamed  
*Online Worship Service*

Supply Pastor  
Rev. Tom Hawkins  
474-2552

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Music Director  
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Angeline Ng

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Custodian  
Keri Morris

## *President's Ponderings*

In today's period of uncertainties, whether known or unknown, Mount Cross and your Council have instituted the necessary processes to secure some sort of consistency in pastoral direction, leadership, congregational support and focus. The need and selection of a Supply Pastor has been temporarily answered with the help of Reverend Tom Hawkins and your Call Committee members are steadfast in their finding of a full-time spiritual leader/pastor. With your continued support and help, WE WILL successfully check this principal uncertainty off our to-do list. Jesus has risen and He is the answer to all life's uncertainties!

*Gary Greer*  
Council president



Jan Bartoli  
Call Committee Chairman

The Call Committee has interviewed a pastoral candidate who has expressed an interest in serving Mount Cross. Please pray as we seek our future Mount Cross pastor. Also pray for that pastor, whomever it might be. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!

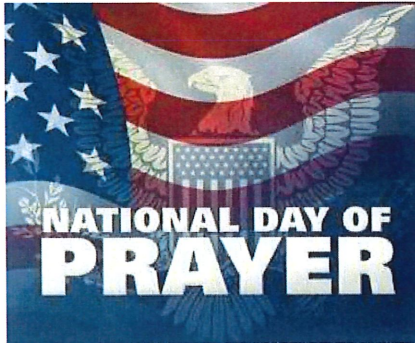
Office Closed  
on  
Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of  
Memorial Day





## Our STATEMENT . . . ChristConnectingCommunity

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### 2023 National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

In April of 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill into law which proclaimed a national day of prayer. President Ronald Reagan amended the law and designated the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

*Then the Lord answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.*

(2Samuel 24: 25b)

How best to handle the fears and uncertainties that face the world, our nation, our state, our county, and our town than to lift our concerns up to our Lord in prayer.

Please spend time in prayer from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on May 4<sup>th</sup> to place your prayer offerings before the Lord.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

(Matthew 18:20)



The final Payson Community Kids Sloppy Joe supper for the 2022-2023 school year will be served on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to arrive at 4:15 p.m. and we are done about 5:00 p.m.



Your Are Invited...  
to a  
**Community Jazz Concert**  
Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.  
Mount Cross sanctuary



**Mother's Day Concert**  
presented by  
Angeline Ng & Family  
on  
Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
at  
4:00 PM  
in the  
Mount Cross sanctuary





## Mount Cross Financial Report (January – March 2023)

2023 Approved Budget . . . . .	\$326,229.00
Income . . . . .	\$53,822.00 (16.5% of 2023 budget)
Expenditures . . . . .	\$51,136.00 (15.7% of 2023 budget)

Total given to the Mortgage Fund during March 2023 . . . . .	\$2,290.00
Total paid out in 2023 for mortgage . . . . .	\$8,595.00

*Please note: above amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

Total income received from Thrivent "Choice Dollars" in 2023	
Mount Cross. . . . .	\$449.00

The first quarter of the year shows the church expenses being less than the contributions, leaving us in a positive state. There will be a considerable amount of expenditures going out in the near future. Those who remained for the special congregational meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> are aware of the needs to repair the roof on the old church building. The proposed amount from the roofing company that was selected to handle the re-shingling has reached out and made the Council aware that the cost of materials has gone up considerably since the given estimate.

Another item coming up in the future is the Town of Payson's plans to revamp the Granite Dells road by widening the street. They will require sidewalks to be paid by the businesses along the route; thanks to the future planning done by the church leadership, there is \$30,000 set aside to go toward this expense. An added item, which wasn't expected or planned for is that Mount Cross will be required to pave the dirt parking area between the bunkhouse and the conference center. We ask that you keep these projects in mind as we continue into the remainder of the 2023 year. We continue to thank those who faithfully support Mount Cross with their contributions.

Yours in Christ,  
Financial Team



The new bench that has been placed by the entry doors was given in memory of Toby & Roberta Cogswell. Roberta was an active member in our church for many years and loved Mount Cross. Even in her last years living in the Atlanta area. Our thanks to her daughter, Bobbi, for giving this beautiful bench in memory of her parents.

# OFFICE HOURS

Office will be closed  
on  
Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Office hours  
for  
Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### May Birthdays

3 Bobbie Priest  
19 Tonnie Dice  
25 Carol McNulty  
John Proescholdt

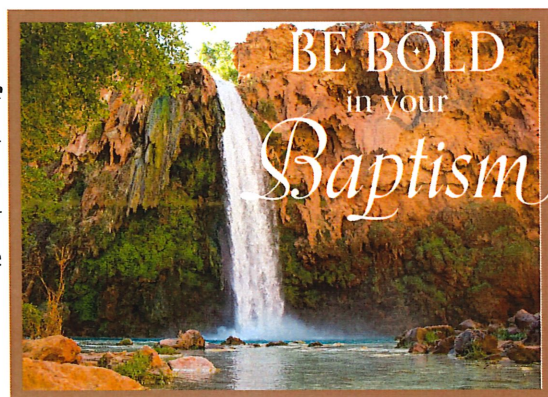
### May Wedding Anniversaries

22 Ed/Terri Stevens  
27 Mark/Jan Bartoli

### May Baptisms

1 Alice Natale

The theme for this year's Grand Canyon Synod Assembly is "*Be Bold in Your Baptism.*" The Assembly will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mount Cross will be sending Daria Mason and Mary Havenor, as voting representatives. A great big "thank you" to these two ladies for representing Mount Cross.



# Thank You

Many thanks for the cards and kind birthday wishes.  
It's great being 90 !

Smiles,  
Bill Petrie



## Spiritual Growth Opportunities

### Worship Services

Weekly in-house communion & worship service held in the sanctuary; live stream of the service is available on Facebook.

**Sundays, 9:30 AM**

### WELCA Bible study

This is a monthly Bible study using the studies found in the WELCA publication "Gather". All women are welcome to attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10:00 AM in the Ponderosa Room.**



### Seekers of Truth Bible study

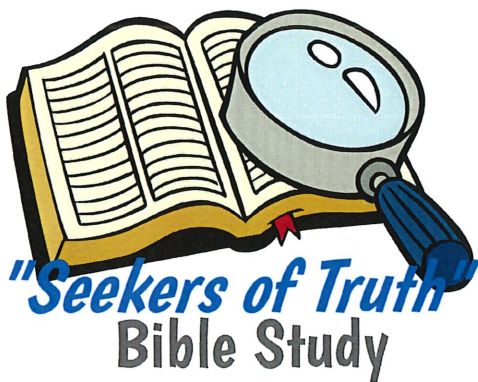
This is a monthly Bible study which will be focusing on the biblical prophets. All are welcome to attend.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10:00 AM in the Ponderosa Room.**



The monthly WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Bible study will be cancelled for the month of May. In case you receive the Gather Magazine and choose to look over the month's study, here is a little bit of what you will find...

The subject of the summer Bible study is "Salvation Now" by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. She will direct attention to the book of John and his frequent use of the word "now" throughout his gospel. The May session, entitled "*Promised Salvation Now – Jesus Brings Wellness*," will focus on bringing attention to how Jesus makes a difference in a person's life in the here and now!



Seekers of Truth Bible study, support, social, and friendship group, is held on the third Thursday of each month in the Ponderosa Room at 10:00 a.m. May 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for this month's meeting. Refreshments will be served; BYOB (Bring Your own Beverage).

The group continues to focus on sixteen major and minor Old Testament prophets. Members of the group will be given handouts before each meeting with information about the prophet or prophets to be discussed. There is NO book requirement. Members of the group who have study Bibles will be encouraged to read about each prophet in their own Bible and to share with the group what their Bibles say about each prophet.

The last part of the meeting will be a time for socializing, eating, and supporting each other.

Jan Bartoli is the facilitator of the group and Sue Bobek is the discussion leader. If you have questions, suggestions, or wish to be a part of this group, please call Jan at 928-517-1119 or Sue at 928-478-6166.

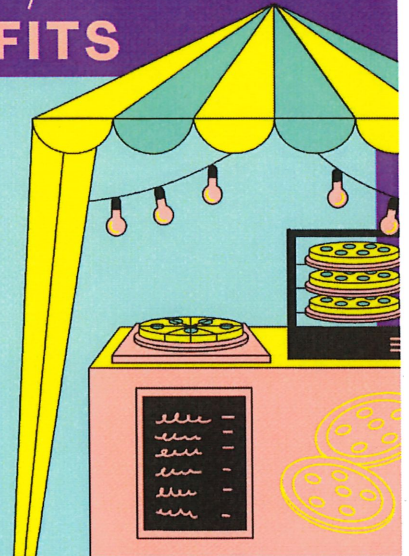
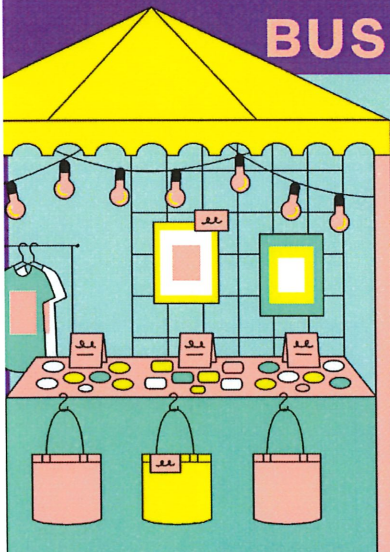


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