



Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church
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Our mission:

Claimed, Met, Called, Sent to be
 God's People Doing God's Work

Our vision:

To be a community of faith
 where people are inspired and equipped
 for a journey of living lives
 centered in Christ

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2011

Book & Bake Sale

November 4 - 6



Many volunteers are needed to prepare for the sale - sorting books, providing baked goods and volunteering during the sale! Assistance will also be required to pack up the unsold books at the end of the sale. Volunteer opportunity forms are in the Narthex. If you are able to assist but forgot to complete a form, please contact Betty Ingraham.

Your book donations are needed and welcome; you may drop off your books at any time and place them at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Boutique

**Vendor & Craft Fair
 to Benefit Kids' Hope
 Saturday, November 19th
 10AM-3PM**

\$1 admission includes ticket
 for door prize drawing.
 Lunch available for purchase.

Would you like a table at this event?
 Contact Shari Dudek.

November 6

All Saints Sunday

- Holy Baptism and Public Recognition of Baptisms
- Remembrance of All Who Have Died in the Past Year (See page 11).

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

- New Members To Be Received at 10 am worship

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 23, 2011 at 7:30 pm

- Service at Holy Cross with Faith Lutheran Church
- Pastor Bob Carr from Faith preaching
- Combined Choirs from Faith and Holy Cross



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The Prayer of the Day: A Gift to Receive!

Do you ever pay attention to the “Prayer of the Day” in worship? You should! The Prayer of the Day comes at the end of the *Gathering* section in the service and it is prayed by the presiding minister. It used to be called “the collect” (with the emphasis on the first syllable, *col*, not *lect*). In spite of how the word is pronounced, the prayer rightly “collects” us together before God and turns us toward the scripture readings we are about to hear. It gives us a clue as to the theme or emphasis for faithful discipleship on any particular Sunday. It is the “seam” between the *Gathering* and the *Word* portions of worship.

The Prayer of the Day is prayed by the presiding minister and not the entire assembly in part because it is different each week and not easily read by everyone at the same time. But mostly, it is prayed by the presiding minister *for* you to receive as a gift. Sometime, if you are curious, you might browse through *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and scan each Prayer of the Day on pages 18-63. There is one prayer written for each Sunday in the three year cycle of lessons. Some of these are traditional collects long used in Lutheran churches, some are from ecumenical sources, some from ancient writings of the saints, and some newly composed for *ELW*.

If you study one of these prayers, you may notice they follow a pattern. First, God is addressed, sometimes simply and sometimes with an image. Then a sentence is proclaimed acknowledging what God has done. Then the prayer makes a direct request, often drawing on the day’s readings. Finally the prayer concludes, invoking the Trinity, or simply “Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

In our Tuesday morning Bible Study when we begin to explore the upcoming Sunday texts, we always begin by praying together the Prayer of the Day. Often we reflect together on the message in the prayer. The Prayer of the Day can be a very useful devotional tool leading up to Sunday, or to reinforce the emphasis from the Sunday before.

Each year in November we ask you to make a covenant of time, talent, and treasure to the mission of Holy Cross. As you discern what that covenant will include for 2012, I encourage you to meditate on this *Prayer of the Day* from Sunday October 16, when Pastor Ben preached on Jesus’ challenge to the religious leaders, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:15-22). We all have our *Caesars*, our idols. And the point, of course is that it *all* belongs to God. And so we pray:

*Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Faithfully,

Pastor Dana

Necrology 2010-2011

All Saints Sunday, November 6th



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| <i>Ronald D. Avery</i> 10/18/2011 | <i>John Paull</i> 09/02/2011 |
| <i>Roger Bartlett</i> 8/23/2011 | <i>Marie Pollard</i> 07/03/2011 |
| <i>Shirley Bartlett</i> 2/4/2011 | <i>Jennifer Porterfield</i> 12/30/2010 |
| <i>Mark D. Brandstatter</i> 05/03/2011 | <i>Frank Quince</i> 12/31/2010 |
| <i>Ina Chartrand</i> 12/24/2010 | <i>Frank Rottman</i> 11/05/2010 |
| <i>Lee Childress</i> 11/17/2010 | <i>Annice Saffold</i> 08/22/2011 |
| <i>James Duffy</i> 01/18/2011 | <i>Dominic Scaglione</i> 05/29/2011 |
| <i>Debbie Frank</i> 09/03/2011 | <i>Fred Schaltenbrand</i> 11/20/2010 |
| <i>Cindy Lorn Galdeson</i> 02/06/2011 | <i>Alberta Scheik</i> 07/31/2011 |
| <i>Mary Golden</i> 02/28/2011 | <i>Charles Shearer</i> 11/28/2010 |
| <i>Misty Harris</i> 08/08/2011 | <i>Marylou Shifflet</i> 10/01/2011 |
| <i>Linnea Hauge</i> 12/25/2010 | <i>Gregory Smith</i> April 2011 |
| <i>Harriet Herren</i> 02/28/2011 | <i>Diane Surano</i> 06/04/2011 |
| <i>Rosalie June</i> 02/02/2011 | <i>Judy Theiss</i> March 2011 |
| <i>Roger Kaarto</i> 08/10/2011 | <i>Barbara Wachner</i> 03/02/2011 |
| <i>Raymond Larsen</i> 12/18/2010 | <i>Ron Washer</i> 11/28/2010 |
| <i>Alma Leetmae</i> 04/09/2011 | <i>Grace Whitson</i> 07/15/2011 |
| <i>Laith Lutfi</i> 03/11/2011 | <i>Donald Wilson</i> 09/19/2011 |
| <i>Fred McCammon</i> 10/01/2011 | <i>Michael Wilson</i> 05/18/2011 |
| <i>Kevin Miller</i> 01/08/2011 | <i>David Woodard</i> 11/06/2010 |
| <i>Bill Moore</i> 01/10/2011 | <i>Leona Zeidler</i> 11/27/2010 |
| <i>Evangelia Moundros</i> 05/03/2011 | <i>Diane Ziegler</i> 04/08/2011 |
| <i>Stanley Needles</i> 03/30/2011 | |



THE FRONT PORCH

Happy November Holy Cross Friends! I can hardly believe that late Fall is upon us, it truly seems that Jenni and I moved into the "White House" last week. We have really enjoyed living here and at the end of the day it is a great place to commute back to, especially when the traffic is not bad.

Part of living so close has been witnessing the creation of the Labyrinth. It is amazing to watch such a creative project unfold day by day. Pastor Dana likes to refer to the area as our "front porch" to the community. Many curious people have inquired about the project as they watch it change and grow. Truly, having so many people work in such a public area has been a witness to our community.

What are some of the other "front porches" we have as a community? One place where I have started building a "front porch" is in the creation of my blog: The Wandering Parson. You can check it out at www.thewanderingparson.org

My goal is to have weekly posts about how faith and life intersect. It will be an informal place for people to grapple with belief in a world that is moving further from the Church. As such, do not be too alarmed when non-traditional topics are spoken of, or the manner in which people may respond to them. As the blog grows it is my sincere hope that people furthest from the doors of a church would have a place to dialogue about belief in God.

I encourage you to check out The Wandering Parson from time to time, I hope it is another way in which we can open ourselves up to the world!

Peace,
PB

youth news and events



Confirmation Classes are held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church through

December. Gathering Time begins at 12:30 bring your lunch if you like! Class ends at 2:30PM. Upcoming dates are Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11.

On November 6th during Gathering Time, students will be creating blank holiday cards to send to our troops overseas. Our soldiers can then use them to send Christmas cards to their loved ones back home. Watch for more info soon.

YOUTH QUAKE

January 6-8, 2012

Watch for information regarding registration for this annual event.

High School Youth Group

Breakfast Club is our once-a-month hang-out time for all High School youth! Meets at 11:30 am by the office area. Breakfast Club usually meets on the 4th Sunday of each month.

The Gathering is coming! Watch for information on registration and theme soon.



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Altar Flowers for November

Nov. 6 Marilyn May

All other Sundays in November are open. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

December

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
is set for
November 13

Holy Cross Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER



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Second Saturday Game Night

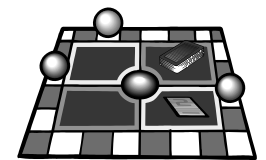
November 12

6-9 pm

This month we'll meet at the home of Pastor Dana and Barry. (The birds will be at Holy Cross!)

Please let the office know by Nov. 6 if you plan to come so Pastor knows if she needs to clean her basement to make room for more people! J We will order pizza.

1427 Ross St. Plymouth



FAIR TRADE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Fair Trade is a method of doing business with justice and morality. It helps small-scale farmers and artisans participate in the global marketplace without being exploited, and gives consumers product choices that are in line with their values. Holy Cross is in need of a Fair Trade coordinator. Contact Doris Miller if you have questions.

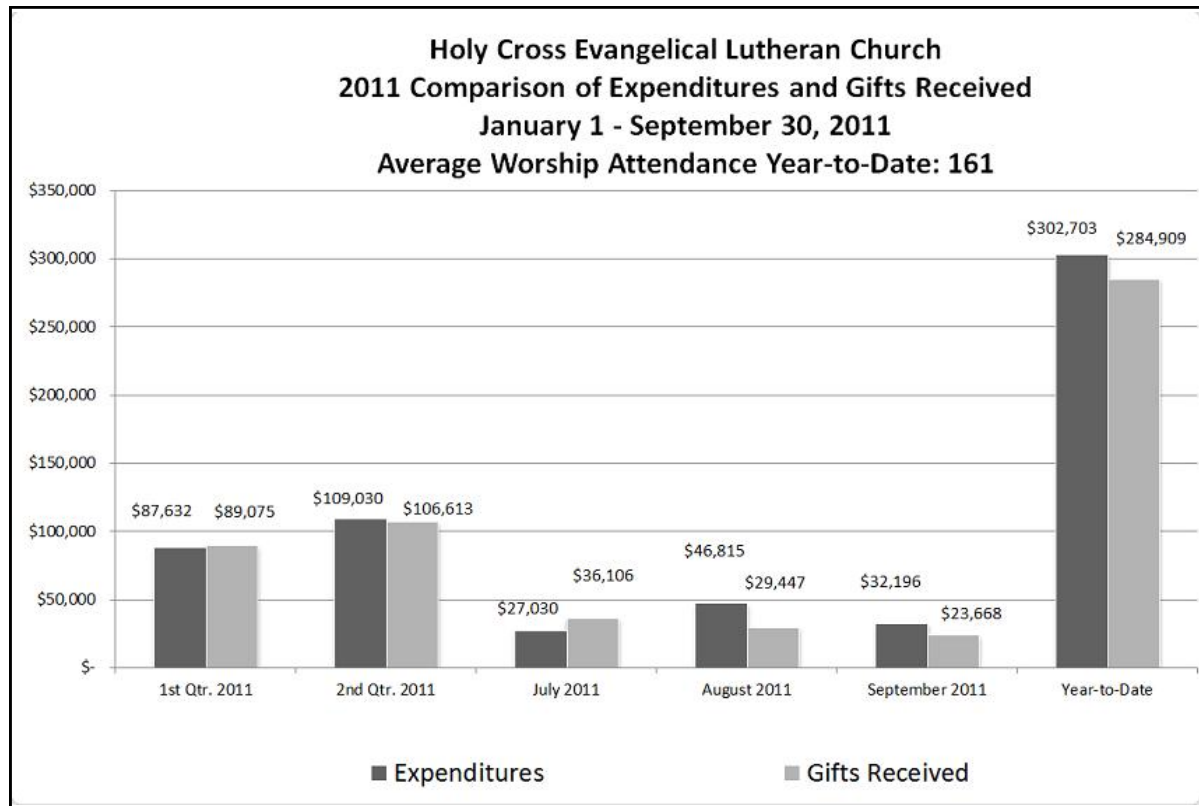


A HUGE “THANK YOU!” to ALL who have given their time and muscle to our labyrinth project this fall. Special thanks, of course, to Jeff Dudek, the artist behind it all. Jeff designed the Prayer Park and is painstakingly laying each brick, with help from so many others. Thanks to Shari, Kayla and Alex for giving up their husband and father for the fall! If you haven’t seen the labyrinth yet, be sure to take a peek. You will soon be hearing much more about the ministry our labyrinth will make possible in the

months and years to come! If you want to learn more about how walking a labyrinth can be helpful to a person, visit:

http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/08/my-faith-how-walking-the-labyrinth-changed-my-life/?hpt=hp_c2.

There is also a video clip at this site that you can watch.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for NOVEMBER

Lectors

November 6	Norm Sorensen
November 13	Sue Scherbarth
November 20	Lisa Grimble
November 27	Shari Dudek

FAITH FORUM

for November

Sundays at 9AM in the Library

Our study of Human Sexuality informed by Paul’s letter to the Galatians continues:

“Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor”

- Nov. 6 Sexuality, Power and Abuse
- Nov. 13 Sexuality, Money and the Bottom Line
- Nov. 20 Sexuality and Economic Justice
- Nov. 27 Facing Our Responsibility in the Freedom of the Gospel

We begin each session listening to Galatians. Please join us!



Wish Tree for Wayne Country Family Center

As we do each year, this Christmas seasons our church will be “adopting” a few families from the WCFC.

Hopefully when all of our Christmas trees go up on November 26th, we will have the names and wish lists from our families. All you need to do is choose a tag or three from the tree and purchase the item listed. Please use the tag on your gift, name side showing. This helps with the sorting process.

We will need several large boxes for sorting the gifts. Break them down if possible and leave them in the library.

Thank you for your generosity!

Coffee and Tea Servers for November



Nov. 6... .. Mary & Eric Anderson
 Nov. 13... .. Karen Tulpa
 Nov. 20 W/ELCA: Ruth Circle
 Nov. 27 Art & Barb Lewis

*Please sign up for this
much-appreciated ministry.*

Contact Susan Scholz to volunteer.



GET THE LATEST LSSM NEWS AS IT HAPPENS

Lutheran Social Services has revamped its e-newsletter, *Epistle*. Each month subscribers will receive a short “success story” about someone whose life has improved because of Lutheran Social Services. Subscribe at the website: www.lssm.org. Other news is published through Lutheran Social Services’ news blog. Subscribe to the blog to get the latest news about people, programs and events. Once or twice a week, you’ll get a short news story about what’s happening at LSSM, delivered right to your email inbox. To subscribe, click on any of the blog stories on the LSSM website, www.lssm.org, and then click on the blue “Subscribe to LSSM’s news blog by email” button on the right.



Advent by Candlelight

*Tuesday, December 6th
6:30PM
Faith Lutheran Church*

Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran Church will join together at Faith for this annual celebration of Advent. All members and guests will enjoy a delightful evening of appetizers, desserts, fellowship and music of the season. The Lutheran Choralaires will provide the musical entertainment.

Hostesses are needed for the tables. Each hostess decorates a table with her own table decorations, centerpiece, candles, linens and dishes. An appetizer and dessert should be provided for all to share.

Information will be available in the Narthex and sign ups will continue through Sunday, December 4th

Movie Night November 18th

Everyone is invited to meet in the Hope Chapel on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm to watch “Pray the Devil Back to Hell,” the award-winning documentary about a group of visionary women who demanded peace for Liberia.

Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Donations to help offset costs are welcome.



Decking the Halls November 26

We will be setting up the Christmas trees at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 26. We need some strong bodies to help lift the sections into place. No prior experience required.

Starting at 9:00 on the same day, we will be putting up wreaths and other decor. About 10:00 we will also need some help putting the Chrismons on the trees. We have long poles to help hang them with so there is no need to be on a ladder, except for a couple of brave people to reach the very top. Please come and help. If you have any questions please contact Bob Ferrari Jr. at 734-634-1706. Thank you.



W/ELCA is going high-tech!

womenoftheelca.org

Hey, iPhone users: There’s an App for that...



Daily grace womenoftheelca.org/apps



facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA

Eureka! We’ve found it! (At least we’re going to TRY it!)

As we are all well aware, as a worshipping community we have been “on a mission.” We’ve been trying to find a way to accommodate *both* those who would like to kneel at the altar rail during communion as well as those who cannot manage climbing the steps. We have tried many things over the last year or more: most recently, labeling every other pew “S” for steps or “A” for altar rail, and lately, you have been invited to commune at the altar rail first, then servers have moved down to the floor to commune the rest of the assembly. You have been great sports with this experimentation, and experience and reports that have come in prove that this method does not work well either. It is very confusing for newcomers and for those who worship less frequently.

BUT, we may have a solution! At Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, where I had the privilege of preaching October 9, and at the church near Chicago where Diane Nichols’ daughter and son-in-law worship, they have the same challenge and both solve it the same way: communicants come forward down the center aisle in two lines. At the font, they have the option of moving to the right or the left to a team of servers on the floor, *OR* up the steps to fill the altar rail on either side. One set of servers communes those at the altar rail, and two sets on either side commune those at the chancel steps. Pastors will rotate places each week.

We’re going to try this beginning November 13 through the end of the year. Both Diane Nichols and I have seen this work quite well. (We will *all* commune at the steps Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20 because they are festival Sundays.) While I’m confident that this method will work, of course we have to reserve the right to tweak it, and your feedback is both needed and welcomed. As always, if you need to receive communion in your seat, let an usher know.

HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Book & Bake Sale Set-up 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED Book & Bake Sale Set-up 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	Book & Bake Sale Set-up 7:00 pm W/ELCA Board 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	10:00 am Book & Bake Sale	9:00 am Licensed Ministry Worship Class 10:00 am Book & Bake Sale 1:00 pm New Members Class
ALL SAINTS DAY 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 12:30 pm Confirmation – Emmanuel Book & Bake Sale	9:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm hearts, hands & voices	9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Christian Fellowship 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm God Sightings	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm Lydia Circle 7:30 pm Rachel Circle		9:00 am Licensed Ministry Worship Class 6:00 pm Pizza & Game Night 1:00 pm New Members Class
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 9:00 am Fair Trade Sales 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am Fair Trade Sales	6:30 pm hearts, hands & voices 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	9:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship - Chapel 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm Governance Council	Christmas Boutique Set-up 7:30 pm W/ELCA Movie Night	9:00 am Licensed Ministry Worship Class 10:00 am Christmas Boutique Vendor Fair 1:00 pm New Members Class
CHRIST THE KING 20	21	22	23	THANKSGIVING 24	25	26
8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship - Receive New Members & Sunday School 11:00 am New Member Reception 12:30 pm Confirmation - Emmanuel		9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm Worship with Faith Lutheran at Holy Cross	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Program Council will be held on December 1.	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 am Licensed Ministry Worship Class 9:00 am Christmas Tree Set-up
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 27	28	29	30			
8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Sr. High Breakfast	6:30 pm hearts, hands & voices	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 6:00 pm Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal			