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SUNDAY MORNINGS

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FIRST SATURDAY EVENINGS

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:30 PM

WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION

Vulnerability is Essential...

At a previous congregation, we held a hymn sing as part of an All Saint's service, and those participating were invited not simply to choose a hymn, but to choose a hymn that was important to someone that they had loved and lost, someone for whom they give thanks and now lives in the nearer presence of God. So person after person made a suggestion, shared who it reminded them of and why, and then we sang two or three verses. And what occurred to me in the course of this service is that singing is one of those few moments when we are vulnerable and are in solidarity, as we lift our voice in song, not as professional performers, but from the joy of singing, and that together we offer a quality of song we could not do individually.

The church's festival of "All Saints" is a time when we remember those we have loved and who have moved to the nearer presence of God in the past year. Death and grief are some of those things that reminds us of our vulnerability and solidarity with others. No one is exempt from death, loss, or grief, and the emotions that accompany these moments. And so in many ways, All Saint's is the practical and personal enactment of the words we spoke on Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent in March 2019. Yes, we are all dust, and All Saint's invites us to recognize and give thanks for those who were important to us and who have returned to dust, caught up in the promise of the God who first created humanity from dust and continues to raise the dead to life in Christ.

All of this helps me in making a connection with the work by cognitive scientists like Antonio Damasio, who show us that emotion is not the opposite of reason; it's essential to reason. Emotions assign value to things. If you don't know what you want, you can't make good decisions. Furthermore, emotions tell you what to pay attention to, care about, and remember. It's hard to work through difficulty if your emotions aren't engaged. Information is plentiful, but motivation is scarce. This all reminds us that children learn from people they love, and that love in this context means willing the good of another, and offering active care for the whole person.

Extreme negative emotions, like fear, can have a devastating effect on an individual's ability to learn. Fear amps up threat perception and aggression. It can also subsequently make it hard for children to understand casual relationships, or to change their mind as context changes.

Even when conditions are ideal, think of all of the emotions that are involved in mastering a hard subject like algebra: curiosity, excitement, frustration, confusion, dread, delight, worry, and hopefully, perseverance and joy. You've got to have an educated emotional vocabulary to maneuver through all those stages.

Vulnerability, I should warn you, is a nice sounding word that names a condition most of us would like to avoid. Vulnerability names the condition of need and dependence that is often not comfortable and that our culture regularly invites us to imagine that we can and should avoid. But while vulnerability is uncomfortable, it is also what makes us human. As Brene Brown reminds us in her TED Talk (ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability) when we try to numb those things that are uncomfortable or pose a risk—feelings of sadness, grief, and vulnerability—we also numb our capacity to feel joy, satisfaction, and happiness.

Church, at its best, can be a place that reminds us that vulnerability is not something to shun or deny and that God has promised to meet us precisely at our points of vulnerability, our points of need, and our points of brokenness. This is why the Nicene Creed states, after testifying to Jesus' divinity and humanity and relationship to God, goes on to assert that, "for us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven..." And this is why Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, comes down off the mountain to bless those who the world and circumstances have conspired to make feel like they are nothing and warn those who believe they are something apart from God.

Peace,



All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 3
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
8, 9:30 & 11 AM

We remember our members who have preceded us in death this past year. You will be invited to light candles for those whom you remember. We will also give thanks for the community of saints in present time by lifting up the new saints who were baptized since November 1, 2018.



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Volunteers requested, *grades 1 - 5 (Deep Blue)*
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Interfaith

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 24
4 - 6:30 pm

4 pm: Prayers, Readings, Music and Reflection
5 pm: Food and Fellowship

Location: Advocate Condell Centre Club
200 W. Golf Road, Libertyville

This annual event will feature local leaders of the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim communities. All are welcome to attend. Offerings will be received to support local food ministries and *Feed My Starving Children*.

"Thanksgiving is a celebration of gratitude and giving thanks for our many blessings, no matter your religious tradition."

- Rev. Fred Rajan,

Vice president of mission and spiritual care at Advocate Condell



Thanksgiving Eve Worship AND Pie Social

Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 pm

Come to worship and stay for our annual Pie Social with fellowship, pie and coffee. Volunteers are needed as worship participants, hosts and pie providers. Sign up in the gathering space or contact office@holycrosschurch.org

Holy Cross Christmas Giving Tree



Thanks to the generous support of the Holy Cross congregation, we will again be reaching out to families and individuals in need through the annual Giving Tree this Christmas season.

The giving tree will contain gift tags for families in the COOL Transitional Housing program in Waukegan. Families in the program are required to work and save toward independent housing, so the gifts provided by Holy Cross may be the only gifts family members receive for Christmas. Giving Tree gift tags will be available in the gathering space during the month of November. Tags will feature specific gift requests. Please see page 9 for additional information.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

First Sunday of Advent

December 1 at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8 at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

Around the Cross Concert
Holy Cross Choir
at 9:30 & 11 am worship

Blue Christmas Worship

*A reflective service to ease lament
and provide hope.*

Sunday, December 8 at 7:30 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15 at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

*Reception of new members and
Sunday School Christmas Program*
at 9:30 am worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22 at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
at 4, 8 & 11 pm

*Worship with Holy Communion
and Candle Lighting.*
Children's message at 4 pm.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25
at 10 am

Worship with Holy Communion

First Sunday in Christmas

December 29 at 8 & 10 am

ADVENT BREATHERS

Soup lunch with thematic devotions

Wednesdays,
December 4, 11, & 18
from 12 to 1 pm

It is Well with My Soul!

by Rev. Sally Hanson

For years as students have gathered in health classes, we have been presented with ideas of what it means to be healthy: to eat right, to exercise, to get more sleep, and to take vitamins. But when people ask if you're healthy, are they really asking about the metabolic elements of your physical body, or are they asking if you are *well*?

Wellness is different than health. They are each a part of the other in many ways, but wellness takes an approach of looking at the whole person, not just the physical attributes. When Jesus heals the ten by restoring their health, only one returns in gratitude. Jesus grants this one *wellness*. Something much deeper and richer than simply being healthy.

Wellness encompasses our whole being. Yes, it includes physical health but it also is about spiritual and financial health, emotional and relational health, our stress levels, and how much we rest, but also how much we play. It includes vocational health and mental health, and behavioral health and environmental health. It is so much more than simply, *are you healthy?*

As you look at this list of wellness areas, take an inventory of where you are healthies, and where you are truly well. One of the wellness tools that can crossover and ease so many areas is gratitude. To be grateful for a congregation that supports you and challenges you to grow, a job where you can provide for your family, or access to health care or providers that support wellness. A safe environment to live in, food to eat, friends to talk with and play with.

In this season of gratitude, giving thanks is a deeper reflection than simply the meal that comes on the 4th Thursday of November. It is a form of wellness that eases and soothes the soul. It's an attitude that calms stress, increases our clarity of critical thinking, opens a deeper sense of compassion for neighbor, and restores us into a wellspring of love. A thankful heart and attitude leads to authenticity when someone asks if you're healthy, to respond, "It is *well* with my soul."

Blessings,

Pastor Sally

*Interested in looking more
deeply at wellness or
thinking about making
your New Year's
resolution to focus on
wellness? Check out this
wellness wheel to the right
for ideas.*



Image source: chreader.org/living-compass-coaching-program/

Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Cultivating Well-Being for All of Life

by Steve Oelschlager

God desires our well-being and flourishing, and to that end, invites us to faithfully reflect on life itself. When we think about what makes life worth living, how do we identify what is life-giving, and what is not? Sometimes our deliberations can be both uncomfortable and challenging. In his book, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, Dr. Atul Gawande examines two such adversities: illness and aging. Dr. Gawande makes the case that life needs to be stewarded thoughtfully and honestly to the very end by everyone, including health care professionals. Here is an excerpt from his compelling book.

“Being mortal is about the struggle to cope with the constraints of our biology, with the limits set by genes and cells and flesh and bone. Medical science has given us remarkable power to push against these limits, and the potential value of this power was a central reason I became a doctor. But again and again, I have seen the damage we in medicine do when we fail to acknowledge that such power is finite and always will be.

We’ve been wrong about what our job is in medicine. We think our job is to ensure health and survival. But really it is larger than that. It is to enable well-being. And well-being is about the reasons one wishes to be alive. Those reasons matter not just at the end of life, or when debility comes, but all along the way. Whenever serious sickness or injury strikes and your body or mind breaks down, the vital questions are the same: What is your understanding of the situation and its potential outcomes? What are your fears and what are your hopes? What are the trade-offs you are willing to make and not willing to make? And what is the course of action that best serves this understanding?

The field of palliative care emerged over recent decades to bring this kind of thinking to the care of dying patients. And the specialty is advancing, bringing the same approach to other seriously ill patients, whether dying or not. This is cause for encouragement. But it is not cause for celebration. That will be warranted only when all clinicians apply such thinking to every person they touch. No separate specialty required.

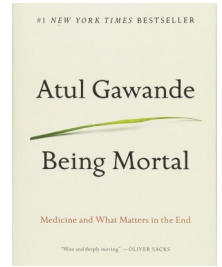
If to be human is to be limited, then the role of caring professions and institutions—from surgeons to nursing homes—ought to be aiding people in their struggle with those limits. Sometimes we can offer a cure, sometimes only a salve, sometimes not even that. But whatever we can offer, our interventions, and the risks and sacrifices they entail, are justified only if they serve the larger aims of a person’s life. When we forget that, the suffering we inflict can be barbaric. When we remember it the good we do can be breathtaking.

I never expected that among the most meaningful experiences I’d have as a doctor—and really, as a human being—would come from helping others deal with what medicine cannot do as well as what it can. But it’s proved true, whether with a patient like Jewel Douglass, a friend like Peg Bachelder, or someone I loved as much as my father.”

Inspiration & Curiosities

Please see the Inspiration & Curiosities lending library in the gathering space for copies of the New York Times bestseller *Being Mortal*.

Also, pick up the booklet *Five Wishes* as a guide to these important conversations and decisions.



**THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Thursday-Friday, August 6-7, 2020



Global Leadership Summit 2020

Once again, Holy Cross Lutheran Church has committed to being a satellite site for the Global Leadership Summit. Registration is already open, and we hope you will join us on Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7, 2020. If you’re wondering if this is an event for you, maybe the following testimonies from Holy Cross members can change your mind!

“I attend the Global Leadership Summit every year to network with others, learn the latest strategies for leading at every level and personal growth. I find I return to work with relevant strategies that I’m able to implement quickly and efficiently. Some professional examples include, *Strength Finder* taught by Tim Roth, *Finding your Inner Why* taught by Simon Sinek and *White Space* taught by Juliette Funk. Personally, I am currently reading a daily devotional written by Bear Grylls one of this year’s speakers. I have never been disappointed by GLS.” - Lisa Dunbar

“Holy Cross members and friends had a wonderful experience presented in August when the Global Leadership Summit was offered in our sanctuary. I was able to attend, and although I am retired, I found the presentations had much to help me with my life of faith. The focus of the speakers was so varied, that I am sure everyone who attended found at least two or three to be speaking just to them. Many of these people have written a book, and I bought one written by a pastor of a huge church in Utah. He was an inspiration to really study the Bible and find new ways to serve. Other speakers were able to skewer modern trends, and the man who was talking about how each generation has its own peculiarities. I especially remember talking about maps—if you are one of the newer generation, you probably can’t relate to a map that doesn’t talk! So true! From humor, insights, and inspiration, the two days I spend attending the summit were very worthwhile.” - Marge Stueckemann

If you have any questions related to the Global Leadership Summit, please direct them to Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org. Registration for the 2020 GLS is now open at bit.ly/GLSHCLC

Holy Cross Remembrance Wall

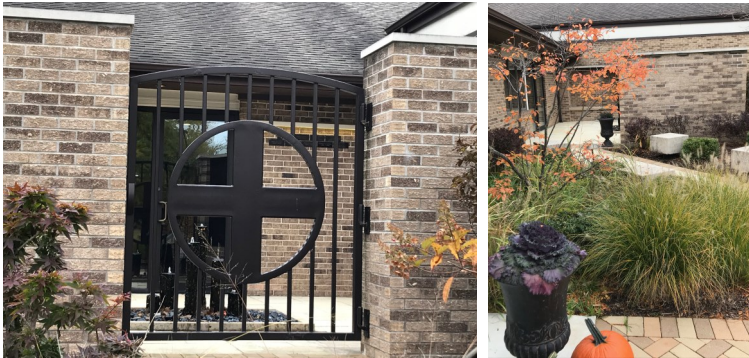
As we remember those who have preceded us in death this year on All Saint's Sunday, we also want to draw your attention to another way we remember our loved ones every day of the year.

In the July newsletter, we drew your attention to our Columbarium ministry. One important part of that ministry that we did not touch on is the Remembrance Wall. There are actually two parts to the Remembrance Wall—one indoors, and one outdoors.

The indoors part to the Remembrance Wall is our All Saints' plaques. Each member that passes has their name placed on these so that we can continue to remember those who have walked with us on our journey. Currently, we have two plaques, and they are hung on the inside wall by the Columbarium and Resurrection Garden.

The outside Remembrance Wall is adjacent to the Columbarium and contains plaques to memorialize those who are interred elsewhere.

We invite you to take a few moments and visit the Columbarium and Resurrection Garden for prayer, reflection, and meditation at any time you wish.



MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? To learn more about membership, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.

Individuals and families who are interested in joining Holy Cross are invited to our next New Member Breakfast and Reception.

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 am

RSVP to the church office by Monday, December 9

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, December 15 during 9:30 am worship

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM

Mia Grace Heiser

Daughter of David & Cara Heiser

October 13, 2019

FUNERAL

Jerry L. Joiner

October 18, 2019

WEDDINGS

Meghann Workman & Henry Caldwell

October 5, 2019

Jenny Lowell & Justin Curiarello

October 18, 2019

Brad Schmidt & Charlaune Humiston

October 19, 2019

Jennifer Mock & Michael Brownell

October 25, 2019

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

Helen Fuller

Tadd & Nancy Scarpelli

Michael & Rosemary

Mary Vanderspool

Steve Close & Kris Hoffman

FIRST COMMUNION

The following young people received Holy Communion for the first time in October. We pray that you will forever feel the love and presence of the Lord as you come to the Lord's table.

Elise Cabiness

Emma Sargent

Yehee Choe

Robert Schmidt

Save the date!

Women's Retreat

**Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 at 6 pm
to Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 12 pm.**

**Location: Lutherdale Bible Camp,
Watson Retreat Center (Elkhorn, WI)**

Cost: \$200 per person

Non-members and friends are welcome to join.

The Mystery of Music

by Randy Casey

The following sentence is from page 9 of the book *The Mystery of Music* by Lewis M. Holmes: “As neither the enjoyment nor the capacity of producing musical notes are faculties of the least use to man in reference to his daily habits of life, they must be ranked amongst the most mysterious with which he is endowed.” (Darwin 2004)(1871):(636). In other words, that quote is from no less than Charles Darwin who could not figure out what use music serves, especially given its prevalence among humanity all the same. The subtitle of Lewis M. Holmes’ book is “An Exploration Centered on the Lives of Thirty Ancient Musicians.” One of them is familiar to everyone, but my favorite among those names is not that well-known.

King David from the Old Testament is one of Holmes’ subjects. Quoting primarily biblical references, David is cited as a “skilled player of the lyre.” The author suggests that David’s playing of that instrument before King Saul represents an “early written documentation of music therapy” (page 228). From 1 Samuel 16:23: “And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a lyre and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.” From 2 Samuel 6:5: “And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps and on psalteries, and on timbrels and on cornets, and on cymbals. From 1 Chronicles 25:1: “So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of Lord, even all who were skilled, was two hundred fourscore and eight.” The point is that David, king of Israel and even progenitor of Jesus, appreciated the power and mystery of music and was indeed musical himself.

On the wall of the room where I have many musical scores, books, and other musical memorabilia, hangs a picture of another of Holmes’ subjects, Walther von de Vogelweide (ca. 1170 - 1230). The picture on my wall is a poster I found in the bookstore of the library of the University of Heidelberg. I first learned of the name Walther von de Vogelweide in the music history class I had with Ron Dean, about whom I wrote two months ago, during my junior year of college. Frankly, I just love saying the name. Walther von de Vogelweide. “During the Middle Ages, Walther von der Vogelweide became famous in Austria and southern Germany for his Minnelieder, songs that deal with courtly love, and for didactic pieces called Sangspruche, which comment on social, political, moral, and other issues. Walther wrote in Middle High German, the vernacular of the times. He traveled to the courts of his noble patrons, for whom he composed and sang. Many of Walther’s lyrics and several of his melodies have survived through the ages. His contemporaries held him in high regard, and present-day scholars consider him to have been one of the most significant German poet-composers” (*The Mystery of Music*, Holmes 94).

It is my understanding that church choirs are no longer significant or even a “given” in the lives of churches today.

Since my life has been dedicated to the support of church music, I find this situation more than regrettable. At Holy Cross, there exists a core of blessed souls, who, like King David and Walther von der Vogelweide, are musical. Those persons were born musical, to one degree or another, and being that way was not something they chose. Being in the Holy Cross Choir, however, is their way of choosing to express that musicality. It is my job as their choir director to make the time they commit to singing together as productive and worthwhile. Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking on the telephone with my college organ teacher, Mr. William C. Teague, of Shreveport, Louisiana, whose church choir I sang in during my four years of college. Mr. Teague brought his talent, knowledge, energy, and his buoyant personality to every rehearsal. He is now 97 years old and his personality still shines through in conversation. Bill’s manner was most distinctive, and it is my sincere hope that what I offer, musically and otherwise, will continue to inspire the members of the Holy Cross Choir. Amazingly, even when a choir member’s busy life prevents him or her from being present on Wednesday evenings, the rest of us seem to have a good time. We would welcome, however, more busy, musical people to join our numbers.

If Charles Darwin deemed music a mystery, one suspects he would have looked upon a church choir as an enigma. There really is no mystery at all. The Holy Cross Choir meets for 90 minutes starting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. We hope your life will have evolved to such a state that you will select naturally to join us.

We invite you to join us for the 21st season of the
AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT SERIES
 These concerts are created to entertain, enlighten, and bring joy to our growing community. Join us for diverse and uplifting musical experiences.
 Please see the enclosed brochure for the 2019/20 concert schedule.



**AROUND
THE CROSS**
CONCERT SERIES

**THE SEVEN JOYS OF
CHRISTMAS**
by Kirke Mechem

HOLY CROSS CHOIR AND
JOANNE GLOVER, HARP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
during 9:30 and 11 am worship

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Growing Artists

A free, family friendly event

Sunday, February 9
4 to 5 pm

Holy Cross fellowship area

Save the date! The 5th annual Family Outreach Series sponsored by CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare is coming in February 2020!

This year's event is Growing Artists. We will have a local artist demonstrating her craft and giving families an opportunity to experiment with the art form to make their own special creation. We hope you will block the date in your calendars so that you can spend time growing as artists! Please watch future newsletters and bulletins for more details and registration information. All families in the community are welcome.

For any questions related to this event, please email Diane Gaines at pdgaines@sbcglobal.net



Poinsettia

Order Form



I/We would like to request a
poinsettia placed at the altar on
Christmas Eve at Holy Cross.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In celebration / memory
(please circle one)

of the following individual(s) or event:

_____ Poinsettia(s) at **\$11** each

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

Please make checks payable to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church with
"poinsettias" in the check memo line

Order Due Date: Sunday, Dec 1

Poinsettias will be available for
pick-up after the 11 pm
Christmas Eve Worship Service.



Bakers! Pull out your family's favorite Christmas cookie and/or candy recipe(s), and donate 3 dozen or more of your traditional, scrumptious treats to our Cookie Walk. Sign up in person starting November 11 in the gathering space or online now at bit.ly/cookiewalk19

Please drop off your treats to the fellowship area on Friday, December 6 between 11 am and 8 pm.

11th annual

Save the Date!



Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7

8:30 am - 10:30 am

\$10 per pound

Raffles – Ornaments – Gifts

Proceeds benefit the Two Strike Community at the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota.

The 11th annual Holy Cross Cookie Walk is just around the corner. Mark your calendar to join us!

Start your holiday shopping and there will be dozens of homemade cookies, candies and dog treats from which to choose. They make fabulous gifts for pastors, teachers, family, pets, and even yourself. We will once again have our traditional gingerbread house and gift basket raffle as well!

The cookie walk is a wonderful way for you and your family to kick off the holiday season, but more importantly, your generous donations immensely benefit those at the Two Strike Indian Reservation. Dorothy Peterson, our missionary from Two Strike, has requested that we continue our donations of sending warm blankets to help the residents withstand the long, cold South Dakota winters. We will once again be selling beautiful ornaments worth \$20 to cover the cost of the blankets that are already warming the Two Strike community.

Please contact Therese Delli Paoli at (847) 921-4223 or by email at dpchitown@yahoo.com with any questions.

Peace and blessings,
The Cookie Walk Committee

Rosebud News

by Dorothy Peterson, Lay Minister to the Two Strike Community at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota



Philippians 1:3-6: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

I send my greetings to all of our partners at Holy Cross. At this time of Thanksgiving, I am truly thankful for all that you share with our friends at Rosebud. It was very special to be at the Tree of Life warehouse when the comforters arrived. I am so thankful for the people who were there to help me distribute this blessing as quickly as possible before the cold winds and snows began. Tree of Life, Rosebud, Episcopal Mission, and my friends Chris Stewart, Barb Fox, and Theresa Eastman made it all happen.

Pastor Harold Marshall, our Lakota friend, was there on the weekend of September 28 for worship services at Quick Bear community and hopefully we can use the Youth Center at Two Strike on his next visit. He plans to hold worship every two weeks at these communities.

Our Christmas party for our Two Strike families is planned for the second weekend in December. We will tell the Christmas story, do crafts, exchange gifts, and have dinner. For all those who can come, it will be a fun time.

I moved from the doublewide at the Bishop Hare Mission where Ron and I lived for 14 years at Rosebud. The Mission has given me a room to use when I am there and it is much easier not to have to worry about freezing pipes and lawn care, etc.

We helped install stove pipes for two families who needed repairs to their wood stoves. My son Bryan and a friend helped with that. Wood heat is used by many at Rosebud. We are hoping and praying they will be ready. The forecasts warn of a long and cold winter with much snow coming our way. The tribe is not giving away wood this year. Teams from the jail have been out helping with the supply that is needed for the elderly and those unable to provide for their needs. When the snow is deep, it can be a problem just getting to some areas.

And so, it is with joy, as Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, that I can also say with confidence and thankfulness that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. All that you do sows seeds of hope and kindness that reveals the love you have for the people of Rosebud.

Thank you, Holy Cross, for continuing to bless so many. During this season of Thanksgiving, we are blessed to be partners with you as we share the love of Christ Jesus with our Lakota friends.

Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, November 6

For several years, Holy Cross members have traveled to Evanston to host occasional dinners for the college students who attend the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern.

Our next dinner will be Wednesday, November 6 in Evanston. We meet at Holy Cross at 4 pm, carpool to Evanston, and serve dinner at 6 pm for LCMNU's Wednesday night supper worship. We will return to Holy Cross around 8 pm. (You are also welcome to meet us at LCMNU in Evanston rather than carpooling with us.)

These dinners are a fun time of fellowship for both the students and Holy Cross members. If you'd like to participate by providing part of the meal or helping to serve, please contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com or at (847) 502-3196.



Shopping Sustainably by Marge Stueckemann

Thinking about the planet when you shop?

The newest move to help save the planet has businesses such as General Motors and Patagonia attaching sustainability goals to those proposed for their CEOs.

According to an article in Time Magazine's October 2019 edition, businesses who make real efforts to reduce their carbon imprint or manage to use only recycled products are finding consumers today are aware of these issues and purchasing things from the more environmentally focused firms.

For example, Patagonia created a fleece material out of recycled bottles, and was the first firm to do this. It has changed its motto to "We are in business to save our home planet." It gives us something to consider when we purchase various items!

Will you be serving wine with your holiday parties? If the wine corks are real cork, not plastic, please bring them to church and place them in the tall cardboard box next to the Care of Creation kiosk. This way instead of going into the landfill, they will be recycled and used to create items such as bulletin boards, coasters, etc. Although real cork trees do regrow the cork that is stripped off to create the wine corks, reusing the material is preferable to taking the cork from a living tree. We will collect the corks through January.



- **Canned tuna** is the non-perishable food item of the month in November. We appreciate the Sunday School youth who bring food donations during the children's message each Sunday.
- **Veterans Assistance Boxes** Each month, COOL also assists 75-100 veterans who need extra help. COOL is looking for donations of the following toiletries: razors, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste/mouthwash/ shave cream, denture cleaner, cleaning supplies, deodorant, lotion, depends (both men's and women's), washcloths/shower loofa and shampoo. Place donations in cool carts near the kitchen entrance.



The Giving Tree will contain gift tags for families in the COOL Transitional Housing program in Waukegan. Gift tags will be available on Sundays in November. Tags will feature specific gift requests and/or sizes. Please return gifts wrapped with tags attached to the outside of each package.

Donation deadline: Sunday, December 8.

Holiday Meal Boxes Autumn is here, and the holidays are not far behind! COOL Ministries is getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. You may help COOL by picking up a Holiday Meal Box envelope on the Giving Tree in November. Boxes are \$20 each. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross with "COOL Meal Box" in memo line.

Donation deadline: Sunday, November 17.

Winter Boots for LSSI Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) asked for new winter boots in specific sizes to be distributed to children in their Head Start programs. Tags with sizes available in the gathering space in November.

Donation deadline: Sunday, December 8.

For questions about the Giving Tree or LSSI boots, contact Katie Ormson at katherineormson@yahoo.com

Holy Cross members will once again provide breakfast and lunch food items for guests of the PADS shelter at Shepherd of the Lakes in Grayslake on the fourth Monday of every month, October - April. Watch for the sign up board in the gathering space this month for the opportunity to donate food items by **Sunday, November 24 at noon.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School at Holy Cross

We feature open enrollment - your child may enroll year-round.

Core Stories

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

The Advent Season

At the end of the month, barely before Thanksgiving is over, another holiday will begin. It's the beginning of the new church year, the beginning of the holiday season, and the beginning of our time of waiting, preparing, and waiting some more...

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare Christmas lists for our loved ones, and shopping lists for all of the parties. We get ready to bake cookies, plan when to decorate, what movies to watch, and what holiday activities to take part in.

But, in the midst of the busyness, we often forget to prepare our hearts. Do you take the time to get ready to welcome the light of the world into your life to bring hope, love, peace and joy?

During the Advent season, we take time here at Holy Cross to think about the themes of hope, love, peace, and joy for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. While we have four weeks for regular worship, we only are able to spend two weeks in Sunday School on Advent. During those two weeks, we will be looking at all four themes and how the prepare us for the coming of Christ on Christmas morning.

Our Sunday School Christmas program will be held at the 9:30 am worship service on December 15. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks about rehearsal times.



Upcoming Dates

November 3, 10, 17	Fruits of the Spirit rotation
November 27	Advent rotation begins
December 15	Sunday School Christmas program at 9:30 am worship

Sunday School Coordinators:

Ages 3-5/K: **Felicia Brandt** (847) 362-0924

Grades 1-5: **Patty Moyer** (847) 502-3196

Teri Chadd (570) 594-3387

Milestone Ministries



Support for their faith journey...

Our faith journey occurs from birth through life eternal. Milestone Ministries serve as an important way of connecting, supporting, and equipping families and the congregation to pass on the faith, to live out the promises that are made when someone is baptized and to provide strength for their faith journey.

Third Grade (and up): Bible Boot Camp

Saturday, November 9 from 9:30 - 11 am

Bible Bootcamp is a class for parents and children to gather around the Word, to dive deeper into how to use a Bible, to learn how the Bible is organized, and to share one's faith with each other through favorite Bible verses. RSVP by **Monday, November 4** to office@holycrosschurch.org

First Grade: Worship

Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 - 11 am

This is a time for parents and children to explore our worship space, to find meaning behind what we do in worship, and a time to ask questions about what they see in worship. RSVP by **Monday, November 11** to office@holycrosschurch.org

Thank you to our Sunday School students, teachers, shepherds and coordinators that assisted with our Baptismal Cross Service Project in October.



6-8th Confirmation Prayer Retreat

Date: January 24 - 25, 2020

Location: Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI

Cost: \$105 per person (both students and chaperones)

Registration due by December 1st

Each year, confirmation students are asked to commit to attending retreat. It is an opportunity to live in intentional community, to get to know peers and small group leaders a little better, and to complete three learning sessions in a matter of 30 hours at camp. Not to mention, it's fun!

This year's retreat is centered on the theme of prayer. Confirmation students and chaperones will have the opportunity to spend time in the word, exploring different kinds of prayer and diving into the Lord's Prayer. The retreat will include games, fellowship, and lots of fun!

Chaperones and drivers are needed. Please pick up a health form at a confirmation session in November. Brochures will also be available if you do not have the copy mailed to you this summer.

We will be departing at 6 pm on Friday, and returning at 9 pm on Saturday.

6th - 8th Grade Confirmation Dates

All sessions are from 6:30 - 8 pm and are in the sanctuary unless otherwise indicated.

November 3	Confirmation Band at 6 pm (8a leading) Session 7
November 10	Confirmation Band at 6 pm (7a leading) Session 8
November 17	Confirmation Band at 6 pm (6a leading) Session 9
November 24	Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration 4 pm worship Advocate Condell Centre Club 200 W Golf Rd, Libertyville Session 10 <i>*Small group leader meeting immediately following worship.</i>

Enjoy the holiday season! Confirmation sessions will resume Sunday, January 12, 2020.



GOD - GAMES - GIGS - GRUB - GRACE

Sunday, November 17 from 5 to 8:30 pm

5G High School Youth Group is a ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church designed specifically for 9th – 12th grade students. As our young people continue on in their faith and life journey, we think there are five areas of their life and faith development that will provide value and depth to their faith experience within our community—and all of them happen to start with the letter G!

Our topic for November is Community. When things get too busy or stressful, it's easy to find yourself feeling disconnected from the world and even those closest to you. We will explore ways to stay connected. As a way of exploring how communities work together, we will be participating in a Mobile Escape Room experience. Games, food, and discussion will be held in between, during, and after the escape room sessions.

Please RSVP to help us plan for food and the escape room experience:
bit.ly/5GNOV17

Contact Pastor Sally with questions at pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org

High School Mission Trip

Chattanooga, TN

Grades 8 - 12

Cost: \$600/ person

July 11 - 17* (*tentative travel dates)



This trip is open to students who have completed grades 8 - 12 during the 2019/20 school year. This trip has limited space and once capacity is met, registration will be closed. Friends are also invited to join us as well.

Our ministry partner for this trip is YouthWorks. YouthWorks in Chattanooga offers two unique opportunities for service. The first is a partnership with four local recreation centers where they facilitate Kids Club programming. The second is a partnership with four land preservation organizations. This is a wonderful opportunity to care for God's creation. In the evenings, groups will be able to explore Lookout Mountain, which boasts a breathtaking waterfall and scenic views. Also enjoy the beauty of Chattanooga, including the Riverfront Parkway and Walnut Street Bridge. Groups end the week enjoying fellowship with local residents at a community cookout. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2000.

For more information about YouthWorks, visit their website at youthworks.com



CrossWays Preschool



Celebration! Childcare

Giving Thanks...

by Kathy Pfister

Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

In the spirit of giving, the students in the two's classes will visit the students in the three's classes for a special snack and playtime this month. This event will give the two year olds a chance to see what is ahead for them next year in the threes classes. We also invite all CrossWays Preschool families to attend the annual Thanksgiving feast, being held on Thursday, November 21 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Families will be able to share in a special Thanksgiving lunch with their children. Tickets for the feast will be available for purchase at CrossWays Preschool or at Celebration! Childcare.

This month also brings our first round of parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 13. This is a great time for parents and teachers to sit down together and discuss each student's progress thus far, and talk about what's ahead for the remainder of the year. The children have grown so much already, and we are looking forward to sharing that with their parents. As the weather turns colder and we spend less time outside, consider signing up your preschooler for a Tuesday/Thursday enrichment class. Children can always be added to classes that are already running. Let me know if you are interested in any enrichment programming.

As you gather with your friends and family for this wonderful holiday, be thankful for all of the blessings in your life. Here at CrossWays Preschool, we are thankful for the children who attend, and our wonderful staff. They are truly blessings in our lives!

Our grocery store museum room was a huge hit! Our students had a blast stocking shelves, sorting items, and spending their money at the store.

Pretending to work at a store or ship is often a favorite playtime of children. Playing store helps children with writing skills, math skills, number recognition, beginning to understand currency concepts, social skills, and sorting and grouping skills.

Thank you to all who participated in purchasing books at the Scholastic book fair! Your purchase helps us earn points to stock our classrooms with new books for the coming year.

The children also grew enough pumpkins in the children's garden this year for each class to have one for carving. We would like to thank all of the families who donated seeds last spring. Your donations made it possible for us to bring many bundles of vegetables over to the COOL Food pantry in Waukegan.

Below: CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare Wishes. We would like to thank everyone who purchased or donated towards a wish. We are looking forward to using the new resources in our classrooms!



The 11th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare are hosting a pajama drive to benefit Pajama Program

**A good night—
for a good day!**

For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a **brand-new book** to Pajama Program to give to kids who are affected by instability.

What to donate:

- Brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be a complete set—either a top and bottom or onesie.
- Pajamas for all seasons!

Collection bins are located at the entrances to both CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. **Donate by Friday, November 22.**



Pajama Program

Plastic Cap Collection Update

Thank you so much for continuing to donate to our plastic cap drive! We are continuing our collection.

Acceptable Plastic Caps and Lids

Milk jug caps, detergent caps, drink bottle caps, toothpaste cube caps, deodorant caps, flip top and spout caps, spray paint caps, ointment tube caps, caps with numbers 2, 4 or 5. Cottage cheese, cool whip, cream cheese and yogurt container lids, mayonnaise and peanut butter jar lids, ice cream bucket lids (under 8"), coffee can lids, butter lids, prescription bottles (labels removed).

crossways@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-4367
cpreschool.org

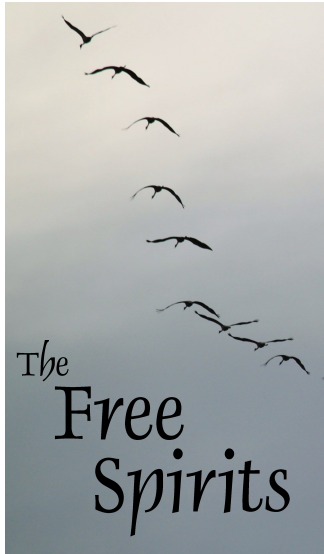


CrossWays
Preschool



Celebration!
Childcare

celebration@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-6208
cchildcare.org



THE FREE SPIRITS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 10 AM
FELLOWSHIP AREA

The Free Spirits are a group of retirees and others age 55 and more who enjoy participating in outings together.

Did you know that there are more than 25 Chrismon symbols? Many of the Chrismons on the Holy Cross trees for our sanctuary were made by the women's group of Holy Cross Lutheran Church about 30 years ago. Let's learn about Chrismons and make a few fresh ones. Bring a salad or a snack to share for lunch following our craft time.

RSVP to Felicia Brandt at felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com or at (847) 362-0924.



PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 4 PM, ROOM 208

This small group is for parents who have children with any special need (whether or not formalized by 504 or IEP). They typically meet once a month to offer ideas, guidance or prayer. Open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please contact Terry Berger (224) 775-1479 or Lisa Dunbar (847) 309-6035. Snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO
DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA
EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

We always welcome more volunteers to help with hospitality. If you would like to help in this way, please contact office@holycrosschurch.org



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

Grounded in Grace is an opportunity for women of faith to gather together in fun, fellowship, and learning. Come and join! Bring a snack or a beverage to share, and don't forget a friend!

Our mode of presence upon Earth in the 21st century is destructive to the planetary community of life. The emergence of the modernist worldview was a response to a felt need to differentiate from nature, so that we could realize our distinctiveness as a species. Genesis suggests that our role as humans is to have "dominion" over the rest of nature. Some have suggested that the metaphor has outlived its usefulness. In the context in which the editors of the book of Genesis wrote— a mythic or traditional worldview—it was obviously intended to suggest that just as God exercises dominion with justice and kindness over the human realm, so as God's stewards we should do the same with the non-human world. It is a call to exercise responsibility. Come explore the question, "Did Genesis get it wrong?" as we talk about the difference between dominion and stewardship and how as a species we are called to care for creation. Please contact Pastor Sally with any questions at pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org



PILATES
MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18 & 25
6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM

We will meet each Monday starting at 6 pm. Not sure if pilates is for you? Try one class for free. Questions about pricing may be directed toward the organizer, Jodi Zombolo, at (224) 595-8573.

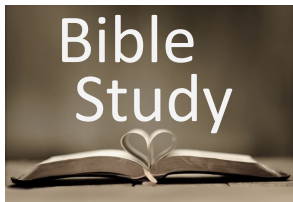


BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: HOME OF KAY MEYER, 92 FOXBORO LANE, GURNEE

This month we will discuss ***Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*** by Caroline Fraser. The real story behind the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House books—and inspiration for *The Little House on the Prairie*—is more dramatic and intriguing than an US history textbook. Caroline Fraser digs deep into Laura's letters and notes, revealing a dramatic feud with her daughter Rose, and paints a more accurate picture of the North American landscape and the farm towns that rejected Native American communities. Come join the discussion, whether you've read *Prairie Fires* or just loved the children's books.



Bible Study

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 12 & 26, FROM 10 - 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

Throughout the year, this Bible study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Biblical scholarship is not required. All you need to join the conversation is an open heart and any translation of the Bible.



Common Threads

COMMON THREADS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

This group of our congregation knits or crochets blankets and shawls. Each blanket or shawl is then dedicated at a worship service and presented to the prayer recipient. These prayer blankets offer the healing power of prayer, crafted as an expression of God's love. To request a prayer shawl for a loved one, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org



Women's Discussion Group

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

This month we will begin Peter Enns's book, *How the Bible Actually Works*. Get ready to rethink how you understand the Bible. In this book, Enns shows why Christians should cherish and love their Bibles, just not in the ways they have been taught. Enns reveals that when we seek wisdom, not answers, in the Bible, then it becomes clear that it operates more like a wise parent than an encyclopedia. We are invited to wrestle with and refine how we follow God in today's world, making it much more relevant and powerful than we ever imagined. On November 5, we will discuss Chapter One, and then meet again on December 3 to discuss Chapter Two.



Men's Breakfast Group

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 & 26 FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM

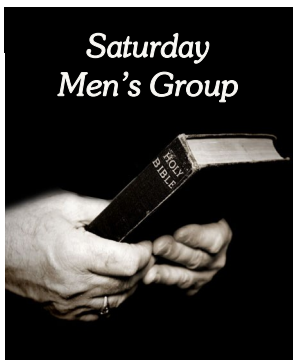
LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

This is a wonderful way to begin the day. We promise to provide you with thought-provoking and stimulating fellowship and conversation. All men are welcome to join us.



CARE OF CREATION

Focused on caring for God's wonderful creation, our goal is to inspire our congregation by providing information on environmental issues. We share pertinent articles on the 3-sided kiosk in the gathering space and on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Through our email list, we share environmental news with each other. If you would like to subscribe to our email list, please email CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org with "subscribe" in the subject line. Please see page 9 for information about our holiday cork collection.



Saturday Men's Group

SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 16 & 30, FELLOWSHIP AREA

Please join us conversation and fellowship as we start reading ***Digital Minimalism: Choosing a Focused Life in a Noisy World*** by Cal Newport.



Friday, November 1

December newsletter content due

6:00 pm Grounded in Grace, fellowship area

Saturday, November 2

7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion, fellowship area
5:30 pm First Saturday Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends

All Saints' Sunday

8, 9:30, & 11 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 am Sunday School, west wing
2:00 pm Red Rose staff meeting, 404
6:30 pm Confirmation Session 7

Monday, November 4

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, November 5

6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, 402 & 404
6:30 pm Cookie Walk gift basket assembly, 208

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404
11:00 am Libertyville Ministerium, fellowship area
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, 402 & 404
7:30 pm Holy Cross choir rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, November 7

7:00 pm BSA 194 Committee, 207
7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, November 9

9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Bible Boot Camp, sanctuary

Sunday, November 10

8 am Worship
9:30 & 11 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School, west wing
6:30 pm Confirmation Session 8

Monday, November 11

1:00 pm Common Threads, fellowship Area
6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, November 12

6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
10:00 am Adult Bible Study, fellowship area
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, 402 & 404

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404
9:30 am ECM Marketing meeting, fellowship area
11:30 am PHW Day Program, fellowship area
12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, 402 & 404
7:00 pm PHW Evening Session, fellowship area
7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, November 14

7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, November 16

7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion, fellowship area
9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Worship, sanctuary

Sunday, November 17

8, 9:30, & 11 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am Johnson Baptism
9:45 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Private event, fellowship area
4:00 pm Parents of Children with Special Needs, 208
5:00 pm 5G HSYG, fellowship area
6:30 pm Confirmation Session 9

Monday, November 18

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, 402 & 404
7:00 pm Book club, home of Kay Meyer
7:00 pm Church council, fellowship area

Wednesday, November 20

9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404
3:30 pm Red Rose choirs, sanctuary
7:30 pm Holy Cross choir, sanctuary

Thursday, November 21

7:00 pm Handbell choir, 402

Friday, November 22

Pajama Drive Donations Due

Sunday, November 24

PADS Donations due by noon

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 am Sunday School, west wing
10:30 am 7th gr boys PADS pack, kitchen
11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
1:30 pm Private recital, sanctuary & fellowship area
4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, Advocate Condell Centre Club
5:00 pm Confirmation small group leader meeting, Advocate Condell Centre Club

Monday, November 25

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
9:00 am Newsletter Assembly, fellowship area
10:00 am Adult Bible Study, 208

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 am Quilting & More Group
12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children
7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

CrossWays Preschool, Celebration! Childcare, and Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29

CrossWays Preschool, Celebration! Childcare, and Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion, fellowship area



Newsletter Assembly

Assist with preparing next month's newsletter for mailing. Join us on **Tuesday, November 26 at 9 am**. Fellowship included.

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All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 3
 WORSHIP
 AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM

**Interfaith
 THANKSGIVING
 CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 4 - 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: ADVOCATE CONDELL
 CENTRE CLUB**

ALL WELCOME. DETAILS ON PAGE 2.

**High School
 Youth
 Group**

GOD - GAMES - GIGS - GRUB - GRACE

**Sunday, November 17
 5 - 8:30 pm**
 Featuring a mobile escape room
 experience! RSVP at bit.ly/5GNOV17
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**Thanksgiving Eve
 Worship
 AND Pie Social**

**Wednesday, November 27
 7:30 pm**

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24	Christmas Eve Worship 4, 8 & 11 pm
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