

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Crossnotes

NOVEMBER
2010



Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

What are you thankful for? As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day we typically give thanks for blessings such as health, God's love, our church, home, and family. What do all these have in common? They are all good things. You see, it's easy to be thankful when we have good things, and the times are good. But, when bad times and bad things in our lives outweigh the good, it's harder to be thankful.

Applying this logic, you might think that the words of the familiar Thanksgiving hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" were written in good times, by a very happy, well-blessed, satisfied person, a person for whom life was going rather easily at the time:

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Has blest us on our way.
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

(Lutheran Service Book #895)

The author of this famous hymn was Martin Rinckart, who was born in 1586 and died in 1649. He was a Lutheran pastor in Eilenburg, in the region of Germany called Saxony, where Luther and Bach both lived. But, most of Rinckart's life and ministry came during a very devastating time for the Germans, the Thirty Years War, which started in 1618 and ended in 1648. In fact, the Thirty Years War stands out in the history of the German people as being as devastating, if not more devastating, than World War II.

This hymn was written around 1636, at which point in the Thirty Years War the town of Eilenburg had been sacked once by the Austrians and twice by the Swedes. And, as if the war was not bad enough, there was a severe famine, and the plague or "black death" was sweeping through Europe. Because of the plague,



Lutheran artist Albrecht Dürer's famous 1508 sketch of the Praying Hands was originally only a preliminary study for a large altarpiece. However, the altarpiece was destroyed by fire and this simple sketch has become one of Dürer's most well-known works.

Pastor Rinckart was conducting as many as 50 funerals per day, and during a particularly bad outbreak some 8,000 died. All around him there was nothing but devastation, disaster, and death.

Now, our temptation is to look at this hymn written in those circumstances and think, "Was this guy crazy? Giving thanks to God in such horrible circumstances?" But, the story is even more amazing. For, it seems one day in 1636 Pastor Rinckart went home and wrote this marvelous hymn of thanks after conducting the last of many funerals that day—the funeral of his own wife.

Considering those circumstances, we would expect that Pastor Rinckart's outlook on life would not only make it terribly difficult for him to be thankful, but that he would write a depressing, dismal dirge. We would expect something more like Luther's "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (Lutheran Service Book #607), based on Psalm 130: "From depths of woe I cry to Thee, in trial and tribulation." But, somehow, Pastor Rinckart instead wrote:

*Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us.*

How could Pastor Rinckart write such thankful, joy-filled words in the midst of such devastation, disaster, and death? I don't think I could. But, it reminds me of the Apostle Paul.

Paul recounts his own sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27: "I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in

danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked."

But, despite all his severe sufferings, Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* How could Paul—or Pastor Rinckart—be so thankful in the midst of their misery?

The Sacrament we Lutherans usually call Holy Communion or Lord's Supper is also known as the "Eucharist." That word "eucharist" is Greek for "give thanks," and this name for the Sacrament is based upon the Words of Institution which tell us: *"Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples . . . In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them . . ."* (1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Matthew 26:26-27). That is why Paul calls the Sacrament, *"the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks"* (1 Corinthians 10:16).

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So, Holy Communion was really the original "thanksgiving" feast. Yet, when it was given, the One who gave it to us was facing the worst night of His life. Indeed, He was facing the last night of His life on earth. Jesus took that bread and took cup and gave thanks, knowing that one of His own twelve disciples had plotted to betray Him. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks knowing that the other disciples were going to flee when He was arrested. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks even though He knew He must endure an excruciating torture and shameful humiliation, culminating in His execution by being nailed to a cross. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks knowing that in less than 24 hours He would be crucified, dead, and buried.

Hebrews 12:2 tells us how Jesus could "give thanks" even in such circumstances: *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

When traveling through eastern Colorado, at first the Rocky Mountains look just like blips on the horizon. But, when you get up close they are massive and overwhelming. It is a matter of perspective. In the same way, our problems can seem massive and overwhelming until we step back and look at the big picture, of God's love for us in Christ, His forgiveness for all our sin, His pledge never to leave us or forsake us, His promise to take us to dwell with Him in the house of the Lord forever, and His assurance that He is somehow, in His wisdom, working all things—even difficult and painful things—together for our good. From that perspective, our problems are only blips on the horizon of eternity.

That is how Pastor Rinckart could write "Now Thank We All Our God" even when surrounded by devastation, disaster, and death, even after just having conducted the funeral of his own wife. Because, like Christ Himself, Pastor Rinckart put his sufferings in the

perspective of eternity: *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

That was also the perspective of St. Paul: *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are preparing us for an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal"* (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

The perspective that Pastor Rinckart had is reflected in his famous hymn:

*And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.*

With these words, Pastor Rinckart tells us that his field of vision goes far beyond this life. It goes far beyond the suffering and death of his parishioners, even his own grief over the death of his wife, into the eternity of heaven.

Because Pastor Rinckart was blessed with a far-reaching vision of God's goodness in the midst of the horrors of his day, we are blessed with his lovely, comforting hymn, to remind us of God's goodness in all the circumstances of life. This is not wishful thinking, or sugar coating the very real sufferings you may endure in this life. It was also at the Last Supper that Jesus beautifully expressed the paradox of His followers' joy, even in the midst of suffering: *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33).

With this perspective that Pastor Rinckart, the Apostle Paul, and Christ Himself all had in the midst of their suffering, we too can *"give thanks in all circumstances."*

Pastor Kevin Vogts

BUDGET UPDATE



As of October 17, 2010

Total Offerings Budgeted
Year-to-Date \$160,734

Total Offerings Received
Year-to-Date \$155,727

Total Budget Deficit
Year-to-Date (\$5,007)



Thomas Saltzman
Father of Tami Steemken

Lenora Amunson
Mother of Gary Amunson

*Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD for ever. (Psalm 23:6)*

The Epistles of Love 1st, 2nd & 3rd John

What is the meaning of love? What are the four kinds of love found in the Bible? How does God want you to show love toward Him and toward others?

Our current study in Adult Bible Class is *The Epistles of Love—1st, 2nd & 3rd John*. John is often called the "Apostle of Love" because the word "love" occurs in his writings over 100 times, more than any other books of the



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Bring Your Family and Guests to Celebrate Thanksgiving
at Holy Cross, Wednesday, November 24, 7:00pm

All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

O Give Thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good

Bible. Though his Epistles of 1st, 2nd and 3rd John are some of the shortest books in the Bible, the word "love" occurs in them more than 50 times!

Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room as we learn about love from the Author of love, with our study of *The Epistles of Love—1st, 2nd & 3rd John*.

November 21

*"To Rescue Us from
the Present Evil Age"*
Galatians 1:3-5

November 24 (Thanksgiving Eve)

"Forget Not All His Benefits"
Psalm 103:1-2

November 28

"Peace on Earth?"
Isaiah 2:1-5



November 7

"The Fear of the Lord"
Proverbs 9:10

November 14

*"The Kingdom of God
Is Within You"*
Luke 17:20-21



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During November there will be a barrel in the Gathering Room for donations of non-perishable food items to benefit the Gospel Mission. *They actually prefer food rather than cash*

donations, because when cash is donated they have to pay a handling fee to their bulk food supplier.

The Scriptures have many references to our responsibility to help the poor, and Jesus tells us, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40).

This is also a great opportunity to get your children involved and teach them the joy of sharing with those in need. "Share with God's people who are in need, and extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13).



Hog Roast Success!

It takes a great congregation to make a successful fundraiser, and the annual Hog Roast/Bake Sale was just that—a success!

Preliminary figures (excluding expenses) are \$2154 in ticket sales and \$696 from the bake sale, for a sub-total of \$2850.

Thanks to all who helped, those who sold the tickets, put up and took down the banner, donated meat and other items, pulled pork, sliced brisket, worked before, during, and after the event, donated desserts and bake sale items, and worked as cashiers.

On a brisk sunny Saturday morning, October 2, a caravan of willing Holy Cross pork pullers made their way through the Iowa countryside. Destination: Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, parsonage back yard. Requirements for the pulling task include:



Thanks to the Holy Cross/ Pork Pullers which included, L to R: Les Britson, Earl Biggers, 3 year veteran Doug Jansen, Dennis and Jeri Melstad, Teri Hageman, (Pastor Meyer), Les Reifke, Jon Dorr and two-year veteran Caroll Gustman.

1. Willing to get greasy hands
2. Laugh and contribute to corny jokes
3. Able to freely and randomly taste test pork between cups of coffee and cinnamon rolls

Training is two fold—you must be able to set your alarm clock and then follow a pilot car driven by Doug Jansen because without his GPS instincts, well, ask Earl.

Terri Hageman brought gifts and upon arriving presented them to Pastor Meyer, expressing our appreciation for his oversight of the roasting. Just before the warm pork was lifted off the expansive grill and laid on the plastic covered picnic table, the pulling team assembled for a picture (evidence?) and instructions were issued: PULL!

Taking their positions, meat, bones and fat soon began flying. Chronicling the feverish pace was hindered when Gail's camera fell out of her pocket and drown in a bucket of warm soapy water used for clean up. Trouble shooter Hageman came to the rescue with her camera and documented the remainder of the process. Dennis quickly established himself as the head 'inspector' of the meat and was seen chewing on many and varied charred pieces apparently finding them to be the tastiest.

Pastor Meyer was there to keep everyone on task and Pete, his black lab, hung around waiting for the team to pack up so that he could lap up anything that found its way to the ground. Just as

in the Old Testament charred meat and burnt offerings were important parts of fellowship and worship for gatherings of Christians, so it goes today!

As the work came to an end, and the remaining coffee and rolls consumed, Team 2010 took the short walk across the road for an inside look at historic Trinity Lutheran Church before heading out.

All the help was greatly appreciated. Light hearted banter flowed freely and warmly, and the cool morning and peacefulness of the country made for perfect pig pickin', as they say in the South. It was a good morning for making things right.



No one has signed up yet to serve snacks for November 28 and all of December. Please help with this fellowship activity by signing up on the table in the Gathering Room. Thank you to all those providing snacks!

November 7 Dorr
November 14 ... Gunderson/Schibonski
November 21 Reifke
November 28 Need Volunteers



**Youth Soup Supper
Fundraiser
November 14**

Your help is needed for a Holy Cross youth Soup Supper fundraiser on November 14 from 4:30pm-7:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the Gathering Room to bring pots of soup or chili (crock pots work well) and desserts. All varieties of soup, chili, and desserts are welcome. Also mark you calendars to attend this event. A freewill offering will be taken to help support youth group activities. For more information contact Larissa Kommes (255-6523).



Holy Cross Youth Group will be having a gathering at the church on Sunday, November 7 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Pizza and pop provided for \$4.

Anyone interested in helping plan Youth Group activities, please contact Larissa Kommes (255-6523).



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week.

Holy Cross Youth Group

Sop Supper

Help Support Holy Cross Youth Group
Sunday, November 14, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Freewill Offering — All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

However, our records are not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email holycross@longlines.com.

- Mabel Schibonski, November 14
- Kasey Michels, November 19
- Dee Reifke, November 23
- Debra Stein, November 23
- Doug Nelson, November 24
- Jane Michels, November 27

Denny & Marleen Kuhn
November 23, 1962

Merlin & Glenda Schincke
November 23, 1974

your help throughout the year with saving your Hy-Vee receipts and Campbell's labels is also very much appreciated.

Synda Durham, Director



Worship Assistants

Elders for November
Earl Biggers & Les Britson

Ushers for November
Jon Dorr & John Isley

Chancel Care for November
Sue Jansen

Acolytes for November
 November 7 Jacob Michels
 November 14 Kathleen Soukup
 November 21 Nichole Dial
 November 24 Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
 November 28 Bryce Schroeder

Crucifers for November
 November 7 Kasey Michels
 November 14 Nathan Soukup
 November 21 Emily Steemken
 November 24 Anna Vogts
 November 28 Kaleb Martin



October has been a really fun month at Preschool. We had a Fireman visit the classroom; had school pictures taken; had parent-teacher conferences; and, will end the month with a Fall Festival. We really enjoyed the opportunity to sing at your church on October 17th. It was great meeting many of you.

Thanks to all who helped the Preschool by buying cookie dough. All



**Order Your
Poinsettias**

We have again arranged for poinsettias through Mosher Garden Center for \$11 each. Sign up in the Gathering Room indicating that you wish to have these plants purchased for you, and put your payment in the offering marked "Poinsettias."

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 28. The plants will be delivered to the church on December 4 for display beginning on Sunday, December 5.

You are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please sign up on the bulletin board indicating that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church anytime before Christmas.

After Christmas you may take home the plants you have donated or brought. When you sign up, please indicate whom your plants are in memory or honor of, the way you want it printed in the January newsletter.



**2011 Flower
Calendar Available**

The flower calendar for 2011 is now on the table in the Gathering Room. There are also some open dates for the remainder of 2010.

Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc.

Flowers may be obtained anywhere and you may provide your own vase or use one of the assortment in the cabinet in the Vestry (small room east of Altar). They may be delivered during Office Hours, Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-11:00am, and placed in the flower cooler in the Sacristy (small room west of the Altar). Or, you can simply bring them early on Sunday morning.

October 3

Women in Mission
LWML Sunday

Gary & Linda Amunson
In Memory of Lenora Amunson

October 10

Doug & Janet Martin
Wedding Anniversary

October 17

Denise & Patrick Honner
Wedding Anniversary

Doug & Becky Nelson
Wedding Anniversary & Birthdays

November 14

Mabel Schibonski
102nd Birthday

November 21

Stoeger-Moore



November 7

Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Engelbrecht
Vietnam

Speaking at Mission Central
Mapleton, Iowa

December 1, 1:00pm & 7:00pm

More Information & Directions at
www.missioncentral.us



November 14

A.J. Davis
Slovakia

One thing I have done in Slovakia is help with an English-language sports camp. There were about 35 kids and 10 leaders attending the camp. We divided the kids into groups by their English-speaking abilities. I was the teacher of the beginners' group and we called ourselves the "Red Bananas." This gave me a chance to really get to know a small group of kids. Our days included English lessons in the morning, sports or games in the afternoon, and an evening Christian program, where an individual would talk about the day's theme and we would sing songs of praise and worship.

I was given the duty of speaking and planning one evening's program. Our theme for the day was "the New Game" and I spoke what it means to live life as a Christian, in a new life. I spoke about the new opportunities God gives us, the forgiveness He offers, and ways we can praise His Name.



Our congregation has designated a tithe of 10% of our general offerings to support the work of our District and Synod. Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

After my speech I had many kids come up to me and tell what a good job I did, and what the speech meant to them. I was happy and overjoyed that the Holy Spirit used me to reach out and connect with the kids so that they may leave the camp knowing the great gift our Savior has done for us. I know this week had an effect on the kids who intended. One of my students whose English was not so good drew a picture of a man crawling out of pit with a rope tied to the cross. That is how I know the Holy Spirit reaches out to let others know about Jesus.



November 21
Bruce & Sarah Wall
Panama

LCMS missionary Bruce Wall was awarded the 2010 Church Leadership in Outreach alumni award from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. Each year, the Concordia alumni council, on behalf of the alumni association, selects an individual for this award, which specifically recognizes an alumnus who currently serves in a unique or challenging ministry which reaches out to a segment of population in new and creative ways in the service of the LCMS.

Bruce and his wife Sarah are based out of Panama, but their ministry touches the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Peru, as area facilitator for these countries.



November 28
Andrew & Noel Schaff
Taiwan



Children from Holy Cross Preschool sang at our service on October 17.

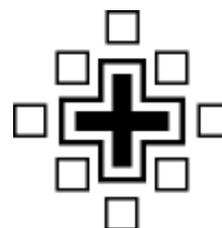
We had the privilege and blessing of welcoming new members into Christ's family as Rose and her two sons, Jeff (one of Noel's Bible class students) and Jack were baptized. I knew a little bit about Rose from meeting her and her sons at church before, but I had never heard Rose's story. She shared it following the Baptism, and it changed my point of view. Rose shared that the most precious thing she had was the relationship that God provided for her through His Word.

Rose grew up in a violent family. Her father often came home drunk and beat the family members. One time he became so angry, that he poured pesticide into her mother's drink. Only a child, she watched in horror as her father forced her mother her to drink the pesticide. Rose had no comfort at the time of her mother's death. Her family practiced the traditional Taiwanese religion—worshipping all of the traditional gods. Her family performed all kinds of rituals for fear of avoiding the gods' wrath.

Later in life, Rose was again surrounded by the influence of the traditional religion. Her husband and parents-in-law frequently worship and expect the family to participate as well. One day Rose's son visited a Christian church with a friend. She thought her son was very fortunate that he could go. She had been invited, but at that time her husband would not allow her to go.

Finally, after being invited several times, Rose was allowed to worship at a Christian church with her friend. Once Rose heard the Gospel message and knew the joy and peace that it brought, she continued going back. Despite objections and hostility from her family, Rose continued to go to church and learn more about the true God that provided for his creation.

When she moved to ChiaYi, Rose and her sons began visiting church. After meeting the body of believers there, she asked the Pastor if she could take a Baptismal class to learn more about the Bible and what Christians believe. Almost a year after beginning classes with her sons, Rose confessed her faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ, and shared that it was the most valuable gift she had been given.



November Commemorations

You may have noticed on our church calendar that in addition to members'

birthdays and anniversaries there are also listed historic commemorations of some of our forbearers in the faith.

The Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church states:

"We gladly keep the old traditions set up in the church . . . among them being certain holy days, festivals, and the like." (Article XV)

"It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling." (Article XXI)

A list of such occasions commonly observed in the Lutheran Church is included on pages xi-xiii in the front of *Lutheran Service Book*. The following brief descriptions of the significance of these commemorations in November are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. This excellent publication is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, www.cph.org, stock #124318.

All Saints Day (November 1)

This feast is the most comprehensive of the days of commemoration, encompassing the entire scope of that great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded (Hebrews 12:1). It holds before the eyes of faith that great multitude which no man can number: all the saints of God in Christ—from every nation, race, culture, and language—who have come "out



The symbol for All Saints day is palm branches and a crown, based on the description of the saints in Revelation 7:9, "They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" and Christ's promises in Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

of the great tribulation . . . who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9,14). As such, it sets before us the full height and depth and breadth and length of our dear Lord's gracious salvation (Ephesians 3:17-19).

It shares with Easter a celebration of the resurrection, since all those who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him (Romans 6:3-8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the ingathering of the entire Church catholic—in heaven and on earth, in all times and places—in the one Body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Just as we have all been called to the one hope that belongs to our call, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

And the Feast of All Saints shares with the final Sundays of the Church Year an eschatological focus on the life everlasting and a confession that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). In all of these emphases, the purpose of this feast is to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, that we might not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2-3).

St. Andrew, Apostle (November 30)

St. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was born in the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist, Andrew then became the first of Jesus' disciples (John 1:35-40).

His name regularly appears in the Gospels near the top of the lists of the Twelve. It was he who first



The symbol for St. Andrew is "St. Andrew's Cross," so called because tradition says he was martyred by being crucified on an X-shaped cross.

introduced his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:41-42). He was, in a real sense, the first home missionary, as well as the first foreign missionary (John 12:20-22).

Tradition says Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople and later removed to the cathedral of Amain in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland.

St. Andrew's Day determines the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day.



Advent Services Begin December 1

The word "Advent" means "arrival, appearance, approach, coming, dawn." Advent originated as a preparatory season in the weeks prior to Christmas. Later, the First Sunday in Advent was also recognized as the beginning of the new Church Year.

Advent has always had two parallel emphases, as both a season of somber repentance in preparation for Christ's Second Coming on the Last Day, and a season of joyful celebration of Christ's first coming in His birth at Bethlehem.

Advent begins with the First Sunday in Advent, November 28. Special Advent services at Holy Cross are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, December 1, 8, & 15, and last about 30-45 minutes. The theme for this year's Advent service sermons is "Advent: A Season of Faith, Hope, and Love."

Bring your family to meditate on the real "reason for the season"!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Church Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints' Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Board of Elders</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>24th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Martin Chemnitz, Theologian, Born 1522</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council</p> <p>Dr. Martin Luther, Reformer, Born, 1483</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>13</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>25th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:45am Choir Warmup</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>4:30pm-7:00pm Youth Soup Supper Fundraiser</p> <p>Mabel Schibonski</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>Preschool Schedule Monday-Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00am</p> <p>After School Care Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm</p> <p>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</p> <p>Kasey Michels</p>		
<p>21</p> <p>Last Sunday of the Church Year</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <p>11:30am Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Dee Reifke Debra Stein Denny & Marleen Kuhn Merlin & Glenda Schincke</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> <p>Doug Nelson</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Jane Michels</p>
<p>28</p> <p>First Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8:45am Choir Warmup</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Andrew, Apostle</p>	<p>Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for First Sunday in Advent)</p>			

Deadline for Calendar Submissions or Changes is the 15th of the Prior Month
Email to holycross@longlines.com or Leave Voicemail Message at Church Office
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Holy Cross Youth Group

Soup Supper

Help Support Holy Cross Youth Group
Sunday, November 14
4:30pm-7:00pm

Freewill Offering

All Invited — Everyone Welcome!



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Bring Your Family and Guests
to Celebrate Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 24, 7:00pm

All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

**O Give Thanks unto the LORD,
for He is Good**



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