

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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This month I am sharing with you an article from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* about Dr. C.F.W. Walther, the founding President of our denomination, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

200th Birthday of Dr. C.F.W. Walther

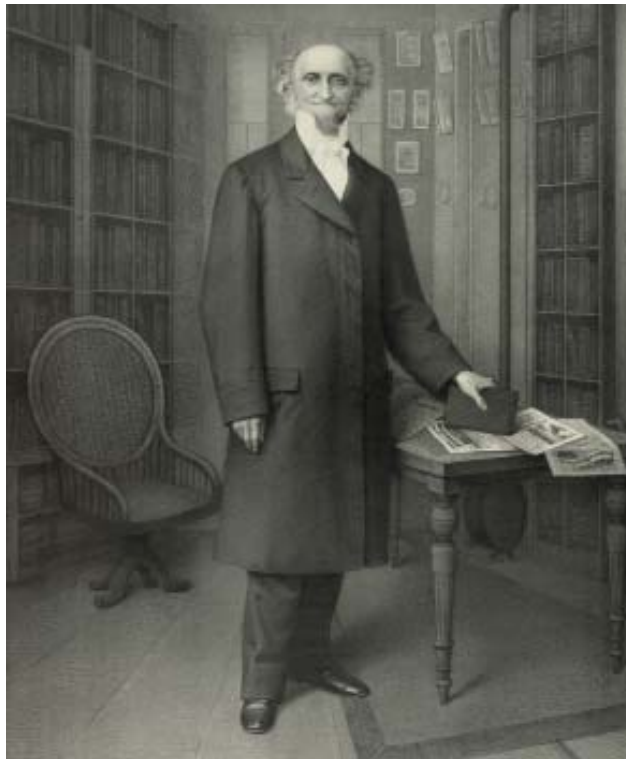
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Many American Lutheran Christians will be marking the 200th birthday of one C. F. W. Walther on this month. Outside of those circles, very few will even know his name. But there are more than a few reasons why we shouldn't forget him.

Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther was born on October 25, 1811 in Saxony, Germany. After studying theology at the University of Leipzig, he became a pastor in the town of Bräunsdorf, Saxony, and quickly became disenchanted with what he saw as coercive political entanglement with religion. Hence, he involved himself with other religious leaders and followers who coalesced into an immigrant movement to America.

They landed at the port of New Orleans in 1839, where a small group stayed and remain even today a vital part of the culture of the city. Most of the group landed in St. Louis, with another portion establishing farming settlements further south along the Mississippi River in eastern Perry county, Missouri.

Walther quickly took root in his new Missouri home, and particularly in the burgeoning city of St. Louis. He started the first Lutheran church west of the



“The American Luther” was the title given to Dr. C.F.W. Walther, founding President and for decades the driving force behind our denomination, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, because of his key role in spreading Lutheranism in the new world. Perhaps that is why this print issued in honor of his death in 1887 shows him in a pose very similar to many popular prints at the time of Martin Luther himself.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Mississippi River, Trinity Church, which remains a thriving part of the Soulard neighborhood. He was pastor of Trinity for 46 years. Trinity Church soon spun off three other large congregations, Holy Cross in south city and Zion and Immanuel on the north side. Yet, they all wanted Walther as their pastor. So for decades Walther spent every Sunday preaching and teaching at all four places.

Before returning to St. Louis from Perry county, Walther founded Concordia Seminary, was its first professor and president, and oversaw its move to St. Louis. He taught there from 1850 until his death in 1887. He played the central role in organizing likeminded Lutherans throughout the United States in forming the church body now known as The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, serving as its founding president from 1847 to 1850, and again from 1864 to 1878.

In his spare time, Walther was a quintessential entrepreneur. He started, wrote, and edited three different magazines. He wrote numerous books, including one of the landmarks of American Lutheran theology, *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel*. He established a publishing house, Concordia Publishing House, which still operates out of its offices on South Jefferson Avenue. All of which

was considered the “new media” of its day.

He died on May 7, 1887, and was buried in Concordia Cemetery in south St. Louis, where a mausoleum now honors his gravesite. He died as the unquestioned cultural and religious leader of the largest immigrant community of nineteenth-century St. Louis.



We have been blessed to receive four new members just since moving back into our church!

We also received nine new members just before we were evacuated on account of the flood, and never had an opportunity to hold a New Member Sunday for them because of the disruption. So, a total of 13 new members will be formally welcomed at a New Member Sunday on October 30.

Photos from the New Member Sunday and information about all our new members will be included in the December newsletter. These are the four newest members we have recently received:

SARAH BUNDSCHUH—Sarah graduated in 2009 from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska and is a rostered LCMS teacher at the Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School Association in Winnebago, Nebraska. She joins by

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A large group of children and adults enjoyed wonderful performances by "The Magic Man" and "Sonny the Clown" for our Sunday School Rally Day on October 2.

transfer from, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Centennial, Colorado. Her parents live in Wyoming and her father is an LCMS pastor and mother an LCMS rostered teacher. Her address is PO Box 43, Homer, Nebraska, 68030; 402-698-2099.

REV. CHARLES AND MARSHA HORKEY—The Horkeys join by transfer from St. John's Lutheran Church, Wheaton, Minnesota, from which Rev. Horkey recently retired as Pastor. He also formerly served at Hope Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, Nebraska. Marsha is also on the LCMS roster as a teacher and currently teaches at Cardinal Elementary in South Sioux City. Their daughter Anna was a missionary in China and is now studying for a masters degree in Chinese at Valparaiso University. Their daughter Jane is married and lives in Omaha. The Horkeys are at home 316 South Ridge Drive, South Sioux City, Nebraska, 68776; 712-898-4983 (Charles), 712-898-4702 (Marsha); minnchuck@gmail.com.

CASSIE KROPP—Cassie joins by transfer from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City. She works at Alorica and currently lives with her grandparents, new members Richard and Della Beffert, and is at home at 633 Streeter Drive, Apt. 104, North Sioux City, SD, 57049.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Charles Horkey, a retired LCMS pastor who recently joined our congregation, will serve as our guest minister on November 20. Pastor Vogts and family will be in Kansas that weekend attending a surprise party for his brother and sister-in-law's 40th wedding anniversary.



Robert Barnum
Born August 20, 1942
Entered Eternal Rest October 8, 2011

*"For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain. . . I desire
to depart and be with Christ,
which is better by far."
Philippians 1:21-23*

"When I Suffer Pains and Losses" Bible Study



Why do bad things happen to us? Is it a punishment? Is God sending us a message? Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room as we continue our Adult Bible Study, *When I Suffer Pains and Losses*.

Named after a touching hymn by the famous Lutheran hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt—who experienced many pains and losses in his own life—this study will seek God's answers from the Bible to the questions we have about suffering.



All women are invited to participate in our women's group, Holy Cross Women in Mission.



Thanksgiving Service

Bring Your Family and Guests to Celebrate Thanksgiving
at Holy Cross, Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm

All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

O Give Thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good

Our last regular meeting for 2011 will be Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30am in the Gathering Room. This meeting will include finalizing plans for the annual Christmas gathering. Those serving in November: Chancel Care – Mary Mettenbrink; Hostess – Deb Stein; and Devotions – Jackie Baker.

For more information about Holy Cross Women in Mission contact WIM president Dee Reifke (605-422-0109; reifked@gmail.com).



Come to Wednesday Coffee

Although we have moved back into our church, by popular demand of the participants we are continuing to have "Wednesday Coffee" each Wednesday (except when there is a Women in Mission meeting at Holy Cross) at 10:00am at the Hy-Vee on Hamilton.

This informal gathering each week provides a fellowship opportunity with your church family at Holy Cross. Ya'll come!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. 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
Carroll Gustman, November 28

Denny & Marleen Kuhn
November 23, 1962

Merlin & Glenda Schincke
November 23, 1974



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. 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).



Advent Services Begin November 30

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



Children from Holy Cross Preschool sang at our service on October 16.

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 27. Special Advent services at Holy Cross are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, November 30 and December 7, 14, & 21, and last about 30-45 minutes. The theme for this year's Advent services on both Wednesdays and Sundays is "Seven Scenes from the Advent-Christmas Story," including:

- November 27—*John Preaching*
- November 30—*Shepherds Watching*
- December 4—*Mary Praising*
- December 7—*Angels Singing*
- December 11—*Joseph Dreaming*
- December 14—*Herod Fearing*
- December 21—*Wise Men Worshipping*

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



This year before each of our Wednesday evening Advent services we

will have a supper in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm-6:45pm. Various groups will be sponsoring these suppers and taking freewill offerings to support different causes.

The first Advent Supper will on November 30 will be sponsored by the Board of Elders. The menu will be tavern sandwiches, with the freewill offering going to the Gospel Mission.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good food and fellowship at our Advent Suppers!



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.

November 6

*Rev. Jacob and Michelle Gillard
Uganda*

November 13

*Sandro and Michelle Cagnin
Hong Kong*

November 20

*A.J. Davis
Slovakia*

November 27

*Walter & Ana Ries
Dominican Republic*



November 6

"The Real End Times Scenario"

Matthew 24:15-28

November 13

"What Bliss Beyond Compare"

Isaiah 65:17-25

November 20

Rev. Charles Horkey

Guest Preacher

November 23 (Thanksgiving)

*"A Day of Thanks,
A Life of Thanks"*

Psalms 136:1

November 27

*"Seven Scenes from the
Advent-Christmas Story:
John Preaching"*

Mark 1:1-8

WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS

Elders for November

Les Britson & Todd Peters

Chancel Care for November

Mary Mettenbrink

Acolytes for November

Nov. 6 Henry Jensen

Nov. 13 Nichole Dial

Nov. 20 Kathleen Soukup

Nov. 23 Bryce Schroeder

Nov. 27 Stephanie Stoeger-Moore

Nov. 30 (Advent) Kaleb Martin

Crucifers for November

Nov. 6 Bear Jensen

Nov. 13 Gracie Nelson

Nov. 20 Claire Johnson

Nov. 23 Kaleb Martin

Nov. 27 Anna Vogts

Nov. 30 (Advent) Brandon Dodds



The snack host sign-up sheet for the remainder of 2011 is on the table in the Gathering Room. Please help with this fellowship activity!

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish. Those serving snacks are also asked to prepare the coffee and juice, which along with cups, napkins, plates, etc. are available in the Coffee Bar. Thank you to all those providing snacks!

November 6 & 13

Need Volunteers

November 20

Dial

November 27

Gunderson



The flower calendar for the remainder of 2011 is on the table in the Gathering Room. 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.

Thank you to all those giving so many lovely flower arrangements throughout 2010 to help beautify our Sanctuary as we worship the Lord!

October 2

Less & Dee Reifke

God's Blessings

October 9

Doug & Becky Nelson

Gracie's & Garrett's Birthdays

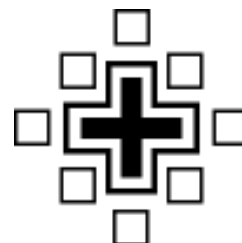
Doug & Becky's Anniversary

November 6

In Memory of Jane Michels

From Jennifer, Ryan, Tami,

A.J., Kasey, & Jacob



**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 forebearers 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. . . 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." (Articles XV & 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 descriptions of the observances in November are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

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 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).

Seven Scenes from the Advent-Christmas Story



2011 Advent Sermon Series

November 27 (1st Sunday in Advent)

“John Preaching”

Mark 1:1-8

November 30 (Advent Service I)

“Shepherds Watching”

Luke 2:8

December 4 (2nd Sunday in Advent)

“Mary Praising”

Luke 1:26-56

December 7 (Advent Service II)

“Angels Singing”

Luke 2:8-14

December 11 (3rd Sunday in Advent)

“Joseph Dreaming”

Matthew 1:18-25

December 14 (Advent Service III)

“Herod Fearing”

Matthew 2:12-21

December 21 (Advent Service IV)

“Wise Men Worshipping”

Matthew 2:1-11

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 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.



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.











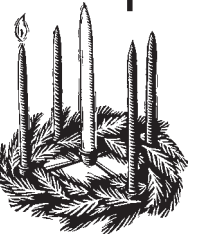





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the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

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for He is Good**



Before Each Advent Service
In the Fellowship Hall — 5:45pm-6:45pm

Sponsored by Various Groups
Different Menus
Freewill Offering to Benefit Various Causes

First Supper Wednesday, November 30
Sponsored by Board of Elders
Tavern Sandwiches
Freewill Offering Benefitting Gospel Mission
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