

# Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Crossnotes



For many of us 2011 has been a very traumatic year. Due to the flooding most of us had to evacuate, up to several months. Some of us suffered damage to our homes, from moderate to severe. The financial impact has been significant even for those without damage. The process of packing up and moving out, and then moving back and unpacking, has been exhausting. All this has put a severe strain on us, as individuals, and together in our families, marriages, community, and congregation.

I have commented that if you didn't go through it, you really can't understand what it was like. And I know that this experience has made me much more empathic and understanding when I hear in the news about those in similar situations, experiencing various kinds of disasters such as floods, fires, earthquakes, and tornados.

That actually was the reason for Christmas, *why* the Son of God "came down from heaven . . . and was made man" as we confess in the Nicene Creed. The Lord says in Exodus 3:7-8, "I have indeed seen the misery of My people . . . I have heard them crying out . . . and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them."

God did not just look upon the suffering of this world from afar. He became a man and lived among us, so that He Himself would experience and share in our human suffering. Already in the Christmas story there are many examples of the suffering He endured:

- ✘ Conceived of an unwed, probably teenage mother (Luke 1:26-38);
- ✘ Her fiancé assumed she had been unfaithful, and wanted to break off their engagement (Matthew 1:18-25);
- ✘ Just before His birth they were ordered by the government to make an arduous journey for a census (Luke 2:1-5);
- ✘ When they arrived there was no room for them in the inn, so He was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which was the animals' feeding trough (Luke 2:6-16);
- ✘ The king, who thought Him a rival, tried to kill Him, and His family was forced to flee as refugees (Matthew 2:1-16).

Hebrews 2:18 says, "Because He Himself was tested by what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested." That's what Christmas is really all about. As the old spiritual puts it, "Jesus walked this lonesome valley."

He truly understands your suffering, and by His life, death, and resurrection He earned for you final freedom from suffering in the glory of heaven. As Romans 8:18 says, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us."

I invite you to celebrate your Savior's birth with our special Advent services on Wednesdays in December at 7:00pm, our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:00pm and 11:30pm, and the Christmas Carol Communion Service at 9:15am on Christmas Day.

I pray for us all a blessed Christmas—and a Happy New Year in 2012!

*Pastor Kevin Vogt*



## WELCOME

*to Our Newest Members!*

We have been blessed to receive four new members just since moving back into our church following the flood! We also received nine new members right before we evacuated, and never had an opportunity to hold a New Member Sunday for them because of the disruption. So, these 13 newest members of Holy Cross were formally welcomed at our New Member Sunday on October 30. Welcome to the Holy Cross family of faith!



RICHARD AND DELLA BEFFERT—  
Richard and Della join by transfer from

Bethel Lutheran Church, Lawton, Iowa. They recently moved to North Sioux City from Lawton and are at home at 633 Streeter Drive, Apt. 104, North Sioux City, SD, 57049; 712-870-3324. Richard is retired from IPS and Della is retired from Mercy Medical Center. They have four children and 12 grandchildren.



**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 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.

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**COLLETTE FUNCK**—Collette joins by transfer from Bethel Lutheran Church, Lawton, Iowa. She recently moved to North Sioux City from Lawton. She is retired factory worker. She is at home at 749 Streeter Drive, Apt. 7, North Sioux City, SD, 57049. LCMS President Matthew Harrison's family is originally from Lawton, and when he preached at our congregation in August he recognized Collette as his childhood Sunday School teacher! She has three sons and 6 grandchildren and two great-children.



**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.



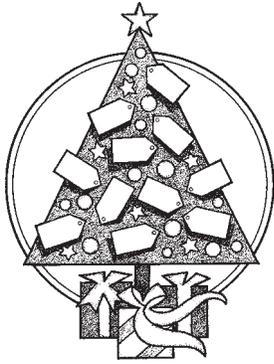
**IRVING, MELISSA, BEAR, HAYDEN, HENRY, AND BENNETT JENSEN**—The Jensens join by affirmation of faith from the former Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, the congregation which closed and generously donated to Holy Cross our pipe organ and many other items. Irving grew up in Sioux City and Melissa is originally from Rhode Island. They met while attending Southern Methodist University. Irving is president of Jebro, Inc. and Melissa is a homemaker. Bear, Hayden, and Henry are students at Dakota Valley, and Bennett attends Holy Cross Preschool. They are at home at 851 East Sawgrass Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD, 57049; 605-232-8785.



**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.

## Transfers & Releases

Adam Gustman transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church, Ponca, Nebraska; Brian & Melissa Rehnalt & family released to Morningside Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa; Rose Chapman transferred to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa.



## Holy Cross Angel Tree

Holy Cross will again be sponsoring an Angel Tree for the Sioux City Gospel Mission, beginning Sunday, December 4. These items will help provide a "Merry Christmas" for the homeless children, women, and men they serve.

There will be different cards for different items on the tree in the Gathering Room. Simply take a card for an item that you would like to give and leave your gift under the tree in Gathering Room by Sunday, December 18. All items should be new, not used, and unwrapped or in a gift bag or sack, so that the Gospel Mission staff can match your gift to the right recipient.

Perhaps your children could select a card and pick out the gift—a wonderful way to get them involved in the real spirit of the season.

Thanks for helping provide a "Merry Christmas" for these homeless children, women, and men! *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people"* (Galatians 6:10).

## Women's

# Christmas Dinner

All women of Holy Cross are invited to our annual Women's Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00pm at Dakota Dunes Country Club. The cost of the event, which includes tax and gratuity, is \$18.



# 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

In lieu of an ornament exchange this year we are collecting items for the women and children served by the Counsel on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Please bring any of the following: hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, in all sizes for women and children of all ages, soaps, shampoos, and other personal hygiene items such as lotions.

Invitations will be mailed to all ladies of Holy Cross. Please RSVP to Betty Gunderson (235-1551) or Ginny Peterson (232-3287).

Everyone is invited to stay following worship on Sunday, December 4 and help decorate. There will be Sunday School that day but no Adult Bible Class.

As an incentive, Women in Mission will be providing a delicious pulled pork lunch at noon! Come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!



Come Decorate for Christmas

## Christmas Decorating December 4

Visitors often comment how exceptionally beautifully our church is decorated for Christmas. However, it is a big job—and your help is needed!



## Artworks Ordered

The Board of Elders at their November meeting approved using monies from the Memorial Fund designated for artwork to acquire a "Risen Christ" sculpture pictured above for possible use in the north niche of the atrium. It was thought that this pose in



**We rejoiced to welcome our 13 newest members at our New Member Sunday on Reformation Sunday, October 30. One of the new members had joined right before we evacuated because of the flood and had never been formally welcomed due to the disruption, and four joined just since we moved back into our church building in mid-September.**

that location could be very meaningful, symbolizing Christ welcoming those entering the church, and blessing us as we “depart in peace.” It was decided by the Elders that the best way to see if this sculpture would look good in that location was to order and try it.



Also, the “oil print” painting pictured above from Concordia Publishing House of “Jesus Blessing the Little Children” was ordered for the east wall of the Educational Wing entryway (where a head of Christ picture currently hangs). This is part of a line of over four dozen such high-quality “oil print” pictures offered by CPH. This first one is being ordered as a sample, and if we like the quality we may want to get more for some additional locations.

There was a special donation of \$5,000 given for artwork five years ago when the Sanctuary Addition was built. The sculpture and painting ordered are the first expenditures out of this fund, at a cost of approximately \$300 each.

Because they are custom made delivery of these new artworks will take 4-6 weeks. Larger photos of the sculpture and painting ordered are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and may be made to any elder!

## ***Special Voters Assembly December 1***

Proposed revisions to the congregation’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, prepared by a special committee appointed by the congregational president, were presented to the Voters Assembly on October 16. Copies of the proposed revisions, with an introductory letter, are available on the table in the Gathering Room.

Members of the congregation were asked to review these proposed revisions for a 30 day period, as specified in the current Articles of Incorporation. There will therefore be a special meeting of the Voters Assembly on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall to consider changes to the proposed revisions, as suggested by the congregational membership. This special meeting might also consider some other business that requires attention before our next quarterly meeting in January.

It would be very helpful, and help facilitate discussion and expedite the meeting, if you could please present your suggested changes at the meeting in writing. You can make copies for distribution at the meeting in the church office.

Assuming some changes to the proposed revisions will be approved by the Voters Assembly at the meeting on December 1, under our current Articles of Incorporation the earliest we could vote on adoption of the revisions would be 30 days from that date. If you have questions please contact President Harold Mettenbrink (712-276-2004; [HHMUSKER@aol.com](mailto:HHMUSKER@aol.com)).



## ***Christmas Carol Communion Service December 25***

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. So for our 9:15am service on Sunday, December 25 we will have a special “Christmas Carol Communion Service.” Favorite Christmas carols will be used for the different portions of the liturgy.



## ***Come to Wednesday Coffee***

During December we will have “Wednesday Coffee” on the first three Wednesdays of the month, December 7, 14, & 21, at 10:00am at the Hy-Vee on Hamilton. We will not meet on December 28 due to the holidays. This informal gathering each week provides a fellowship opportunity with your church family at Holy Cross. Ya’ll come!



## Advent Bible Study "Digging Deeper into the Advent- Christmas Story"

A new Adult Bible Class on *Digging Deeper into the Advent-Christmas Story* will begin on Sunday, November 27 and continue thru the end of the year.

We will begin by looking at the story of John the Baptist, the cousin and forerunner of Christ. Other classes will look at such figures as Mary and Joseph, and their role in the events of Christmas.

Come learn more about the Biblical story *behind* the celebration!



## 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 Second Coming on the Last Day, and a

## 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*

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



Bring Your Family and Guests to Celebrate  
the Real "Reason for the Season"

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Saturday, December 24

Family Service at 7:00pm — "Midnight Mass" at 11:30pm

*Enjoy Your Favorite Christmas Carols Including "Silent Night" by Candlelight*

## CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMUNION SERVICE

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 9:15am

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*

# Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful!

from 5:45pm-6:45pm. Various groups will be sponsoring these suppers and taking freewill offerings to support different causes.

The first Advent Supper 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.

Other groups putting on the meals and the menu and offering designation are:

December 7—Confirmation Classes, serving chili, with offering for the Youth Group;

December 14—Women in Mission, serving vegetable and chicken noodle soup, with offering for future WIM project;

December 21—Choir, menu to be announced, with offering for new choir folders.

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



Join Us for  
Caroling

## Christmas Caroling December 18

All members of Holy Cross are invited to Christmas caroling on Sunday December 18.

We will meet at the church at 3:30pm and carol at the homes of some of our senior members. Our last stop will be Stony Brook Assisted Living in Dakota Dunes, where we will enjoy a lite supper, cocoa, and cookies.

All youth, parents and members from the congregation are invited to join in—the more the merrier!



## Children's Christmas Program December 18

Our Children's Christmas Program will again be held during the morning service on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18 (in place of the sermon).

The service will include many favorite Christmas carols, recitations by the children, an adult choir anthem, and Holy Communion. It's wonderful to see the real meaning of Christmas through children's eyes

All children participating in the Christmas Program need to be present for a brief rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 from 9:30am-10:30am.



## POINSETTIAS

The deadline to sign up to order poinsettias through Mosher Garden Center for \$13 each is Sunday, November 27.

However, you are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please sign up in the Gathering Room, indicating either that you wish to have your plants purchased

for you and put your payment in the offering marked "Poinsettias," or that you will provide your own plants, which you may drop by the church anytime before Christmas.

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. After Christmas you may take home the plants you have donated or brought.



Holy Cross Women in Mission held our regular monthly meeting on November 9. There will be many opportunities for fellowship during the month of December:

December 4—Christmas church decorating followed by a light lunch;

December 6—WIM will hold the annual Christmas party at Dakota Dunes Country Club beginning at 6:00pm, watch your mail for further details;

December 14—WIM will host the Advent supper.

Please join us as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. The new year for WIM will begin on January 11, 2012 at 9:30am with our first meeting of 2012. Jackie Baker will serve on the Chancel care committee in December. Those serving in January: Chancel Care—Dee Reifke; Snacks—Terry Vogts; and Devotions—Jeri Melstad.



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](mailto:holycross@longlines.com).

- Randy Stein, December 2
- Katelyn Yockey, December 2
- Mark Reed, December 4
- Irving Jensen III, December 6
- Helen Hamilton, December 11
- Julie Eickhoff, December 21
- Sherry Isley, December 26
- Barbara Goede, December 30

Richard & Della Beffert  
December 14, 1958

Kevin & Terese Vogts  
December 29, 1990



The flower calendar for 2012 is now 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 flowers arrangements to help beautify our Sanctuary as we worship the Lord!

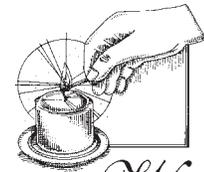
November 6

In Memory of Jane Michels  
From Jennifer, Ryan, Tami,  
A.J., Kasey, & Jacob

November 13

Ron & Jeannette Yockey  
In Memory Eric Yockey's Birthday

Mabel Schibonski  
103rd Birthday



*Worship Assistants*

Elders for December  
Dennis Kuhn & Ron Yockey

Chancel Care for December  
Jackie Baker

Acolytes for December

- Dec. 4 ..... Jacob Michels
- Dec. 7 (Advent) ..... Hayden Jensen
- Dec. 11 ..... Nichole Dial
- Dec. 14 (Advent) ..... Bryce Schroeder
- Dec. 18 ..... Kathleen Soukup
- Dec. 21 (Advent) ..... Henry Jensen
- Dec. 24 (7pm) .... Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
- Dec. 24 (11:30 pm) ..... Anna Vogts
- Dec. 25 ..... Anna Vogts

Crucifers for December

- Dec. 4 ..... Kaleb Martin
- Dec. 7 (Advent) ..... Bear Jensen
- Dec. 11 ..... Gracie Nelson
- Dec. 14 (Advent) ..... Brandon Dodds
- Dec. 18 ..... Claire Johnson
- Dec. 21 (Advent) ..... Bear Jensen
- Dec. 24 (7pm) .... Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
- Dec. 24 (11:30 pm) ..... Anna Vogts
- Dec. 25 ..... Anna Vogts



Our congregation has designated a title 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.

December 4  
Rev. Carl and Grace Kaye  
Thailand

December 11  
Katie Lane  
Peru

December 18  
Rev. Steve and Mary Kosberg  
South Korea

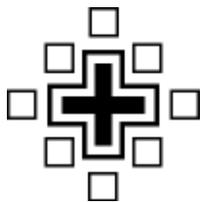
December 25  
Caroline Steele  
Kyrgyzstan



Please help with this fellowship activity by serving as a snack host! 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 throughout 2011!

December 4  
Terese Vogts

December 11, 18, 25  
Need Volunteers



## December 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 following brief descriptions of these commemorations occasions commonly observed in the Lutheran Church this month are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

### **St. Thomas, Apostle (December 21)**

All four Gospels mention St. Thomas as one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. John's Gospel, which names him "the Twin," uses Thomas' questions to reveal truths about Jesus. It is Thomas who says, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" To this question Jesus replies, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:5-6).

John's Gospel also tells how Thomas, on the evening of the day of Jesus' resurrection, doubts the report of the disciples that they had seen Jesus. Later, "doubting Thomas" becomes "believing Thomas" when he confesses Jesus as "my Lord and my God" (John 20:24-29).

According to tradition, Thomas traveled eastward after Pentecost, eventually reaching India, where still today a group of people call themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." Thomas was martyred for the faith by being speared to death.

### **St. Stephen, Martyr (December 26)**

St. Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5), was one of the Church's first seven deacons. He was appointed by the leaders of the Church to distribute food and other necessities to the poor in the growing Christian community in Jerusalem, thereby giving the apostles more time for their public ministry of proclamation (Acts 6:2-5).

He and the other deacons apparently were expected not only to wait on tables but also to teach and preach. When some of his colleagues became jealous of him, they brought Stephen to the Sanhedrin and falsely charged him with blaspheming against Moses (Acts 6:9-14).

Stephen's confession of faith, along with his rebuke of the members of the Sanhedrin for rejecting their Messiah and being responsible for His death, so infuriated them that they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Stephen is honored as the Church's first martyr and for his words of commendation and forgiveness as he lay dying: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" and "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:59-60).

### **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (December 27)**

St. John was a son of Zebedee and brother of James the Elder (whose festival day is July 25). John was among the first disciples to be called by Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22) and became known as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," as he refers to himself in the Gospel that bears his name (e.g., John 21:20).

Of the Twelve, John alone did not forsake Jesus in the hours of His suffering and death. With the faithful women, he stood at the cross, where our Lord made him the guardian of His mother.

After Pentecost, John spent his ministry in Jerusalem and at Ephesus, where tradition says he was bishop. He wrote the fourth Gospel, the three Epistles that bear his name, and the Book of Revelation. Especially memorable in his Gospel are the account of the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12), the "Gospel in a nutshell" (John 3:16), Jesus' saying about the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16), the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11), and Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene on Easter morning (John 20:11-18).

According to tradition, John was banished to the island of Patmos (off the coast of Asia Minor) by the Roman emperor Domitian. John lived to a very old age, surviving all the apostles, and died at Ephesus around AD 100.

### **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (December 28)**

Matthew's Gospel tells of King Herod's vicious plot against the infant Jesus after being "tricked" by the Wise Men. Threatened by the one "born King of the Jews," Herod murdered all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or younger (Matthew 2:16-18).

These "innocents," commemorated just three days after the celebration of Jesus' birth, remind us not only of the terrible brutality of which human beings are capable but, more significantly of the persecution Jesus endured from the beginning of His earthly life.

Although Jesus' life was providentially spared at this time, many years later, another ruler, Pontius Pilate, would sentence the innocent Jesus to death.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>0</b> God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas)</i></p>			<p><b>Advent Suppers</b></p> <p>December 7, 14, 21 5:45pm-6:45pm</p>	<p><b>1</b> 7:00pm Special Voters Assembly</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <i>Randy Stein Katelyn Yockey</i></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>Church Office Hours</b> Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am (Closed for Holidays December 27-December 30)</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Advent</b></p> <p>8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School &amp; Church Decorating 12:00pm Pulled Pork Lunch</p> <p><i>Mark Reed</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:45am Preschool Staff Christmas Luncheon</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:00pm Women's Christmas Dinner</p> <p><i>Irving Jensen III</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00am Coffee 5:45pm-6:45pm Advent Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Advent Service II 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:30pm Board of Elders</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><u>Preschool Schedule</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays 9:00am <u>After School Care</u> Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm <i>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</i></p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Advent</b></p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 4:00pm Holy Cross Preschool Christmas Program</p> <p><i>Helen Hamilton</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 11:30am Office Staff Christmas Luncheon</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00am Coffee 5:45pm-6:45pm Advent Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Advent Service III 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><i>Richard &amp; Della Beffert</i></p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>18</b> <b>4th Sunday in Advent</b></p> <p>8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Children's Christmas Program with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 3:30pm Christmas Caroling</p> <p><i>Children's Christmas Program</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <i>Katharina von Bora Luther Died 1552</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:00am Coffee 5:45pm-6:45pm Advent Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Advent Service IV 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><i>St. Thomas, Apostle Julie Eickhoff</i></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICES</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service 11:30pm "Midnight Mass"</p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p>8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Christmas Carol Communion Service</p> <p><b>Christmas Day</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <i>St. Stephen, Martyr Sherry Isley</i></p>	<p><b>27</b>  <i>St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <i>Rev. Kevin &amp; Terese Vogts</i></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <i>Barbara Goede</i></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <i>Happy New Year!</i></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 – This Calendar May Not Reflect Late Submissions or Changes**



## Thanksgiving Service

Bring Your Family and Guests  
to Celebrate Thanksgiving  
*This Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm*

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*

**O Give Thanks unto the LORD,  
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

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*



Return Service Requested

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