

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Crossnotes

2012
NOVEMBER



Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's" (Matthew 22:21).

Of course, in this verse Jesus was talking about our duty to pay taxes that we owe to the government. However, under our democratic system, we also owe the government another very important duty: to vote in our elections.

We have been blessed by God with this wonderful form of government we call democracy. Our nation and its freedoms are the envy of the world. Most other democracies have modeled their governments on our uniquely successful system.

But, as is often the case with God's blessings, we take the blessings of democracy and freedom for granted. This can be seen in the very low voter turnout in our nation's elections. Usually, only about 50% of eligible voters go to the polls to cast their ballots on Election Day. That is the lowest percentage among democratic nations!

Our entire system of government is built upon the idea that individuals will use their votes to elect good leaders. How long do you think our democratic system, and the cherished freedoms that go with it, can endure if the Christian citizens of our land do not vote?

It is very appropriate that the Holy Cross Fellowship Hall will be used again as a polling place on November 6 for part of Dakota Dunes, and therefore I and many other members of Holy Cross will actually be casting our votes in our own church. Because, it really is your sacred duty as a Christian citizen to render this valuable service unto our government. Just as surely as Jesus instructs us to pay our taxes, so we should each also exercise our privilege and duty to vote in the upcoming election.

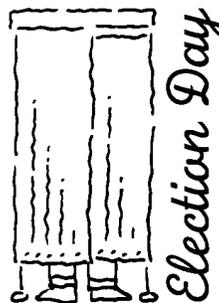
One of the reasons many of our ancestors came to this land was



because of the political and religious freedom they could enjoy here. We must make certain that this heritage is passed on to our children and the coming generations. The best way to ensure this is for us to elect good leaders.

So, as you vote, remember that you are fulfilling your God-given duty as a Christian citizen. Your vote is important!

Pastor Kevin Vogts



The Holy Cross Fellowship Hall will again be used by Union County as a polling place for a portion of Dakota Dunes on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. Generally, those living on the east side of Dakota Dunes Boulevard vote at Holy

Cross, and those on the west side vote at the Roman Catholic Church.

The After School Care program that day will be held in the Gathering Room. Except for when After School Care is in session, the Sanctuary will be open all day on Election Day for those who wish to meditate and pray.



**Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump
Missionaries to Muslims in Kenya**

Mission Trip November 17

On Saturday, November 17 everyone is invited to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa for what will surely be a fascinating presentation by Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump (pictured above) about their exciting missionary work among Muslims in Kenya.

We will meet at Holy Cross at 9:30am and drive together. At Mission Central we will receive a tour of their unique complex and then join members from dozens of other area LCMS churches for a delicious lunch followed by the presentation. There is no charge.

Everyone is invited—you will really enjoy Mission Central! Sign up on the table in the Gathering Room, and if you have questions contact Board of Stewardship Chair, Rev. Charles Horkey (712-898-4983).



Martin Luther's Birthday Party November 18

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483. In honor of his 529th birthday the Board of Stewardship invites you to enjoy cake, ice cream, and beer (root, that is) during fellowship time after worship on Sunday, November 18.

Following the party the children will be dismissed for Sunday School while the adults have a very brief presentation on the church's 2013 budget.

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As of October 21, 2012

Total Offerings Budgeted
Year-to-Date \$174,245
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Year-to-Date \$146,737
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Year-to-Date (\$27,508)



Adult Bible Class "Driven to Defiance: Martin Luther the Reluctant Reformer" Concludes November 4

On November 4 we will conclude a four week video study in Adult Bible Class of *Driven to Defiance: Martin Luther the Reluctant Reformer*.

Each week we see a portion of an excellent PBS documentary on Martin Luther, filmed on location throughout Europe. We then discuss the theological issues and Biblical basis that led to the Lutheran Reformation.

Even if you haven't attended earlier sessions you are invited to join in on Sunday, November 4 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for the concluding session of *Driven to Defiance: Martin Luther the Reluctant Reformer*.

There will not be Adult Bible Class on November 11, due to the quarterly congregational business meeting, or on November 18, due to the Martin Luther's Birthday Party sponsored by the Board of Stewardship.



Christmas in the Old Testament Bible Study Begins November 25

The old German Christmas hymn "Behold, a Branch is Growing" says, "Isaiah hath foretold it, in words of promise sure" (*The Lutheran Hymnal*, #645). Beginning November 25 we will have an Advent Bible Study in Adult Bible Class on *The Prophets Have Foretold It: Christmas in the Old Testament*.

We are very familiar with the Christmas story from the *New Testament*. In this Bible study we will look at the many prophecies of Christ's birth that are also found in the *Old Testament*, including:

- ❖ He will be born of a woman—Genesis 3:15;
- ❖ He will be a descendant of Jacob—Numbers 24:17;
- ❖ He will be born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2;
- ❖ He will be miraculously born of a Virgin—Isaiah 7:14;
- ❖ He will be "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace"—Isaiah 9:6.

Join in Adult Bible Class on Sunday, November 25 and December 9 and 16 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for *The Prophets Have Foretold It: Christmas in the Old Testament*. (There will not be Adult Bible Class on December 2 due to decorating of the church, or December 23 and 30 due to the Christmas holidays.)



November 4

"The Holiness of Christ"

Hebrews 4:15

November 11

"A Beautiful Benediction"

Hebrews 13:20-21

November 18

"The Widow's Mite"

Mark 12:41-44

November 21 (Thanksgiving Eve)

"Think, Thank, Think"

Ephesians 5:19-20

November 25

*"Do God's Books Balance
for You?"*

Daniel 7:9-10



**Holy Cross
Sermon
Podcast Now
in iTunes Store**

You can now listen to or download Pastor Vogts' sermons in iTunes, or subscribe to a sermon podcast. Search in the iTunes store for "Kevin Vogts." If you subscribe to the podcast in iTunes the new sermon will be automatically downloaded each week.

Pastor Vogts' sermons are also posted on our church web site the week after being delivered. In addition to the printed text, beginning in May, 2012 audio is included on our web site. Click on the "Sermons" button at www.holycrossdakotadunes.org and then on the speaker icon after the sermon title to listen online, or right-click to download as an MP3. If you prefer a CD of a particular sermon just ask Pastor Vogts.



Thanksgiving Service

Bring Your Family and Guests to Celebrate Thanksgiving
at Holy Cross, Wednesday, November 21, 7:00pm

All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

O Give Thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good



Holy Cross Women In Mission would like to say a great big "Thank You!" to everyone of our church family members who helped make our 2012 Hog Roast another successful event. The 20% Mission Monies from the proceeds went to Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School, Winnebago, Nebraska, a Native American mission outreach where our very own Sarah Bundschuh teaches.

Special thanks to Jon and Gail Dorr for donating the hog; to Rev. Donald Meyer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa for roasting it for us; to all those who helped "pull pork"; to Ron and Jeannette Yockey for donating the beef brisket; to those who prepared and donated other food items; to all those who helped with setup and cleanup; to those who donated baked goods and craft items, including the quilt for silent auction by Deb Stein; to Dee Reifke and

Deb Stein for coordinating this event; and to all those who sold tickets.

You all rose to the occasion and we commend you on a job well done! You are the best! We couldn't do it every year without you. Thank you for being so supportive.



Holy Cross Women in Mission held their regular monthly meeting on October 10 at the new time—9:00am.

Many thanks to all who helped make the annual Hog Roast a success. Upcoming events include the Reformation Hymn Festival to be held at Holy cross at 4:30pm on October 28. WIM will provide the desserts for the soup and sandwich supper—what's a soup and sandwich supper without dessert?

Our next meeting will be on November 14, at 9:00am. Those serving in November: Chancel Care—Jackie Baker; Snacks—Jeri Melstad; Devotions—Pastor Vogts.



We have once again arranged for poinsettias through Earl May Nursery & Garden Center for \$11.25 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 plate marked "Poinsettias." The deadline to sign up is very early this year, Sunday, November 11. They will be displayed beginning on the First Sunday in Advent, December 2.

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 list indicating that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church the week before Christmas Eve. 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.

Altar Flowers



The flower calendar 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 flowers to help beautify our Sanctuary as we worship the Lord!

October 7

Steve & Susanne Stoeger-Moore
Anniversary

October 14

Denise & Pat Honner
Anniversary

October 21

Blake & Megan Anderson
Wedding

October 28

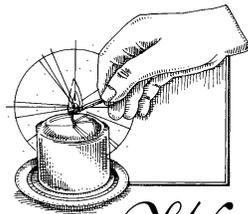
Nyla Hamm
In Memory of Mother Mildred Lang

November 11

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
In Memory of Eric Yockey

November 18

Dennis & Marlene Kuhn
50th Anniversary



Worship Assistants

Elders for November

Dennis Kuhn & Todd Peters

Ushers for November

Bear Jensen & Dennis Melstad

Chancel Care for November

Jackie Baker

Acolytes for November

November 4 Gracie Nelson

November 11 Jacob Michels

November 18 Nichole Dial

November 21 Brady Schroeder

(Thanksgiving Eve)

November 25 Hayden Jensen

Crucifers for November

November 4 Anna Vogts

November 11 Caden Peters

November 18 Kathleen Soukup

November 21 Bryce Schroeder

(Thanksgiving Eve)

November 25 Henry Jensen



In the Gathering Room there is a new sign-up sheet to bring snacks for fellowship time after worship. Most dates for the remainder of the year are open and we need volunteers. Thank you for helping 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.

If you serve snacks please be sure to sign up on the list. Thank you to all those providing and serving snacks!

November 4 Need Volunteer

November 11 Peters

November 18 Board of Stewardship

November 25 Need Volunteer



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific Missionaries of the Month around the world who we are helping support by our congregation's gift to the LCMS of 10% of our general offerings.

November 4
Rev. Charles Evanson
Lithuania

November 11
George & Shary Frahm
Cambodia

November 18
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump
Kenya

November 25
Rev. Arthur Rickman
Dominican Republic



The congregation's fourth quarter business meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11, following worship and fellowship time, at approximately 10:30am. (There will be no Adult Bible Class that day due to the meeting.)

All adult members of Holy Cross are automatically voting members and everyone is urged to stay for the meeting and help run the business side of our congregation.

Under consideration will be the budget and election of congregational officers and board chairs for 2013. The nominating committee has compiled a slate of candidates as specified in our recently revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Our thanks to the following for consenting to serve:

President—Darrel Baker
Vice-President—Harold Mettenbrink
Recording Secretary—Susanne Stoeger-Moore
Financial Secretary—Dee Reifke
Church Treasurer—Dennis Melstad
Elders Chair—Carroll Gustman
Education Chair—Angela Dial
Evangelism Chair—Marsha Horkey
Stewardship Chair—Rev. Charles Horkey
Trustees Chair—Les Reifke



Children from Holy Cross Preschool sang at our service on October 14, with a children's sermon following.



Christmas Decorating December 2

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

Everyone is invited to stay following worship on Sunday, December 2 and help decorate. There will be Sunday School that day but no Adult Bible Class. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

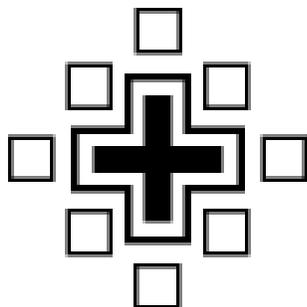


We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records are not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email holycross@longlines.com.

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



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. . . 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).

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.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During November we will have a food drive of non-perishable items to benefit the Gospel Mission. This year the Board of Stewardship will have a "harvest display" set up in the Baptistry, where you may add your food donations to the display at any time during November.

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).



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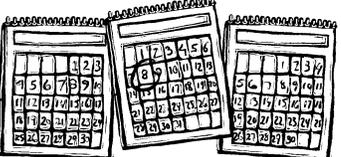
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for All Saints Day)</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p>All Saints' Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Hours</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am</p>
<p>4 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 5</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00pm Board of Trustees</p> <p>ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Wednesday Coffee</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Martin Chemnitz, Theologian, Born 1522</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Dr. Martin Luther, Reformer, Born, 1483</p>	
<p>11 24th 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>10:30am Quarterly Business Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30pm Board of Elders</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Women in Mission (LWML)</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 16 17</p> <p><u>Preschool Schedule</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays 9:00am</p> <p><u>After School Care</u> Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm <i>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</i></p>		
<p>18 25th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Sunday School & Martin Luther's Birthday Party</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Kasey Michels</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Dee Reifke Debra Stein Denny & Marleen Kuhn Merlin & Glenda Schincke</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Doug Nelson</i></p>
<p>25 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>CHRIST THE KING</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Wednesday Coffee</p> <p>6:30pm Midweek School</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Carroll Gustman</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Andrew, Apostle</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



QUARTERLY
Meeting

Quarterly Congregational
Business Meeting
Budget & Elections for 2013
Sunday, November 11
10:30am

*Come Help Administer the Business
Affairs of Your Congregation*



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Bring Your Family and Guests
to Celebrate Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 21, 7:00pm

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