



December 17, 2017
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

2017 Christmas Schedule

Thursday-December 21 at 7:00 pm
Christmas Worship Featuring Children's Nativity

Saturday-December 23 There is no 5:00 pm Worship Service.

Sunday-December 24 (Communion at all services)

9:00 am Traditional Christmas Eve Service

10:30 am Traditional Christmas Eve Service

4:30 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

(same sermon at 9:00 & 10:30 am and 4:30 pm services)

6:00 pm Celebration Band Service

9:30 pm Pre-Worship Christmas Concert Music

10:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Monday-December 25 at 9:00 am

Christmas Day Worship

(same sermon at 6:00 & 10:00 pm and 9:00 am services)



Give+ Text

In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings and respond to special appeals by sending a text message. With fewer people carrying cash and checkbooks, we're giving members and visitors an option to give by text. Vanco's Give+ Text offers members another convenient way to fulfill their stewardship commitments. Members and visitors can make one-time donations or set up recurring donations using a debit or credit card. Vanco products meet the industry's highest standards for privacy and security. Donations are deposited within 2-4 business days. The process is simple!

1. Text # 262-592-4160
2. Enter the amount you wish to donate
3. Follow the prompts to complete your offering

Help Us End The Year Strong!

As we approach the end of the year, we hope that you have considered a catch-up or additional contribution to help us meet our 2017 mission commitments and end the year strong. All contributions that you want included on your 2017 Statement of Giving, must be in the church office by noon on Tuesday January 2, or postmarked by December 31. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and financial support. It is through the contributions of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

Blood Drive

The semi-annual blood drive with the Blood Center of Wisconsin will be held on Monday, January 29 from 2:00-6:00 pm in the Trinity Center. Blood is the essence of life and to give selflessly can make you feel more connected to your community and to the world around you. It's a fulfilling, powerful and enriching experience to know that your donation could save lives. Unfortunately, fewer than 5% of people who are eligible to donate actually do. Imagine the lives that could be touched by your gift. It's a quick, simple and amazing way to give back to the community. Sign-up will begin soon.




GoodShop And Amazon Smile

Don't forget when you are shopping online to use GoodShop <https://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop> and Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com>. Holy Cross receives gifts through these organizations that go toward our Parking Lot fund. To date during 2017, we have received \$64.57 from GoodShop and \$68.79 from Amazon Smile. Thank you to everyone who participated in these programs.

Save The Date

The annual Holy Cross Preschool rummage sale will take place on March 10 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

Weather Related Cancellations And Closings

Winter is upon us and so is the likelihood of inclement weather. Please be aware that in the event of bad weather, Holy Cross will make every attempt to have our parking lots and sidewalks cleared and salted as promptly as possible. However, should the weather prove to be so severe that we are concerned for your safety, we may need to cancel worship or scheduled evening activities. If the Menomonee Falls School District has a snow day, we will also cancel activities for that day and evening. If a decision is made to cancel a scheduled worship service, you will find the cancellation on TV at Today's TMJ4, www.todaystmj4.com/closings, News radio 620 WTMJ or www.620wtmj.com/closings. 

Pick Up Your Kringle Today

Thanks to everyone who supported our high school youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering by ordering Kringle. Your Kringle is here and ready for you to pick up in the chapel. Did you forget to order? Stop by the chapel...we have a few extras for sale.

Join Our Christmas Party

We invite you to meet the folks who attend the International Learning Center by joining us at their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21. There will be a program, followed by a potluck lunch prepared by the students. Sign up on the board in the narthex to carpool. We will depart Holy Cross at 8:00 am and return around 1:00 pm.

New Personal Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are now available for those who would like a softer seat during worship. The cushions are located on the shelves in the coat closet behind the Welcome Center. Please feel free to use one during worship.

PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

MEMORIAL CHART

● Flower support is given by Dan & Julie Navin in honor of Sarah's 18th birthday.

NOISY OFFERING

● ELCA Disaster Relief

MINISTRY STAFF

Senior Pastor...Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus

*Visitation Pastor...Pastor David L. Shelstad

Minister of Care and Community...Deacon Ellie Schmidtke

Intern...Vicar Hans Becklin

Parish Administrator...Jeff Boardman

Minister of Children's Faith Formation...Sue Christiaansen

Minister of Partnerships and Mission...Amanda Juedes

Minister of Music...Michael Jacklin

Facilities Manager...Jack Kamoske

*Assistant Minister of Music...Karen Heins

*Chancel Choir Accompanist...Phil Smith

*A/V Coordinator...Justin Doucette

*Minister of Evangelism...Eleonore Kamoske

*Administrative Assistant of Worship...Paula Fiorvento

*Administrative Assistant of Communication...Jennifer Deubler

*Finance Administrator...Beth Dorsey

*Preschool Administrator...Pam Kraus

*Preschool Teachers...Brittney Rasmussen/Tammy Seidemann

*Part Time

TODAY

Reading: John 1:1-18
Worship Asst./Lectors: Deni Naumann, Pete Deubler, Jill Konicek, Jaden Schmidt, Miranda Montijo

TODAY-Sunday 17

Scrip Sale, Kringle Pick Up, Hearts In Unity Sale,

Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Bus Departs For Hephatha 8:00 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am-Sing During Worship

Monday 18

Preschool 9:00 am

NWTP 1:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Tuesday 19

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

Stewardship 6:00 pm

Nativity Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

Wednesday 20

Preschool 9:00 am

Quilters 9:00 am

High School Christmas Party 7:00 pm

Thursday 21

Preschool 9:00 am

Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am

Nativity Worship Service 7:00 pm

Friday 22

Church Office Closes At Noon

Saturday 23

There is no 5:00 pm Worship Service

Property Team 9:00 am

Sunday 24

Worship 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Pre-Worship Concert 9:30 pm



In addition to 911, remember these Emergency Numbers
When you leave home for labor or travel call...Psalm 121
When you want courage for a task call...Joshua 1
To learn how a Stephen Minister could walk with you during your time of need call...262 251-2740



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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



JOIN US FOR

Children

●Please join us on Friday, January 5 at 6:30 pm for the 2nd-6th grade Movie Night. We'll watch *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. E.T. is a touching tale of a homesick alien who becomes stranded on Earth. The being is discovered and befriended by a young boy named Elliot. After bringing the extraterrestrial into his home, Elliott introduces E.T. to his brother and his little sister Gertie. The children decide to keep his existence a secret. However, E.T. falls ill, resulting in government intervention and a dire situation for both Elliott and the alien. E.T. remains a piece of movie magic for young and old. Snacks will be served and we will take a short break to play a couple games. Don't forget to invite your friends and bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry.

Youth

●'Tis the season for the Ugly Sweater! High School students are invited to celebrate the holidays at the Crossing's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. What should you bring? A wrapped gift valued between \$5-\$10 for a white elephant gift exchange game. What should you wear? The ugliest Christmas sweater you can get your hands on!

●The 2018 High School Cookie Dough Winter Retreat will be held on January 19-21. Beautiful Fort Wilderness (a church camp near Rhinelander) sets the stage for high school students to have a wonderful weekend getaway with God and friends. After a couple weeks of stressful final exams, Cookie Dough will be a time to relax, retreat, and recharge. NEW THIS YEAR --- Optional outdoor activities including broomball, snowshoeing, horseback riding, sleigh rides and a coffee shop. Registration forms for the Cookie Dough Retreat can be found outside of the Youth Room. Please contact Amanda at amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org with questions. Registration is due by December 21.

PRACTICE 7 SERVE

Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.

Anonymous

