



January 21, 2018
 HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

The Annual Meeting
 Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary

Why do we have Annual Meetings?

Our church constitution calls for an Annual Meeting of the congregation, this is the one time throughout the year when members gather to make decisions about the church.



What is the purpose of an Annual meeting?

Annual meetings can include: electing new board members, passing a budget, and handling any other business that is presented by the council. We have a brief agenda for this year's meeting.

What are things that make an Annual Meeting efficient and productive?

- 1. Attendance:** This is an important expression of what it means to be a church member. The meeting works best when a large cross-section of the congregation attend. This includes all confirmed youth. The more people who attend the Annual Meeting, the more opportunity there is for the congregation to claim "ownership" of the budget and decisions made at the meeting.
- 2. Elections:** We are reaching out to various individuals to fill vacancies on our ministry teams. Terms are two years with the opportunity to serve three terms. Nominations may be brought from the floor during the meeting.
- 3. New Business:** Although any confirmed member may raise an issue for discussion, the annual meeting is not the most appropriate time or place for the "first presentation" of business or concerns. The purpose of board and council meetings are to deal with new concerns. If the board or council feels it is necessary, they can present the issue at the Annual Meeting.
- 4. Questions?** If there is anything you would like to discuss prior to the Annual Meeting, please feel free to contact our church President Paul Lindemann or our Treasurer Kirk Westfahl.

Child care is not available, but children are welcome to be present during the meeting.

Town Hall Meeting

We will be holding two Town Hall Meetings on Wednesday, January 24 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. The Call Committee has been busy composing and compiling a Mission Profile for the process of calling an additional pastor. The agenda of the Town Hall Meeting is to hear the results of the Mission Profile, pose any questions and have a discussion with the Assistant to the Bishop. The purpose of this meeting is for the Assistant to hear from Holy Cross members and for Holy Cross members to understand the call process. The meeting is scheduled to last no longer than an hour.

Youth 144 Envelope Campaign

What, Why and Who: Holy Cross youth will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston from June 26 through July 2, 2018. This event occurs every 3 years. While in Houston, our teens will gather with 30,000 ELCA high school students from across the country for interactive learning, Bible study, worship, service and fellowship. This is a life changing opportunity for our youth to grow their faith in amazing ways! The estimated cost for the Houston trip is \$1250-\$1500 per person.

Week 1 Update: Our Envelope Campaign had a great first week and we are a third of the way to our goal! Thank you to all who have contributed. There are lots of envelopes left, so please prayerfully consider how you can support our Holy Cross students.

How: You can participate by taking an envelope from the display in the narthex and place the dollar amount of the envelope inside. Return the envelope to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. For example: if you take envelope #43, you will return the envelope with \$43.00 inside. Your donations will decrease the cost of the trip for our students and help cover the cost of our chaperones. If every envelope is committed to and returned, it will reduce each student's trip cost by just over \$300. Please contact Vicki Montijo, Gail Placzek or Amanda Juedes with questions.

Worship At Hephatha

Join us on Sunday, February 4 for worship at Hephatha Lutheran Church and share a taco lunch afterwards. The bus departs at 8:00 am and returns around 12:45 pm. Families are encouraged to join us. It would be great if we could fill the bus and bring a large crew to worship with our brothers and sisters at Hephatha. Donations are needed for the "taco fixin's". Please stop by the sign-up board in the narthex to donate and/or to ride the bus! If you have any questions, contact Amanda, our Minister of Partnership and Missions, at amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org.

PAVE IT. . . FORWARD

We kicked off our south parking lot campaign "Pave it Forward" in April of 2016. As of December 31, 2017, gifts totaling \$61,272 have been received. During December of last year alone, we received \$17,973! Special thanks to one of our members who dedicated a \$11,000 stock gift toward the campaign and to Holy Cross members who purchased scrip during 2017 earning us another \$5,122! It would be wonderful if we could use this forward momentum to renew our commitment to our campaign goal of \$225,000.

Save The Date

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. It's a quick and simple way to give back to the community. Sign-up at www.bcw.edu/hcl or on the table in the Gathering Place.

Holy Cross Women's Retreat

The retreat will be held May 5-6 from 10:00 am on Saturday to 12:00 on noon Sunday. We are pleased that Pastor Meredith and Pastor Mary Martha from Hephatha will co-facilitate this year's retreat. Nurse Louise and our friends from Hephatha will also join us! We will enjoy hotel style accommodations at Green Lake Conference Center, a beautiful 1000 acre retreat center on the shores of Green Lake, about 1 1/2 hours from Holy Cross. Check out their website at www.glcc.org to learn more about the Center.



New for us this year is staying at Bauer Lodge right across the circle from the cafeteria. Room rates shown below include three meals and all linens. Registration forms are now available in the Gathering Place hallway. Details regarding what to bring and what to expect during the retreat will be forwarded to you when we receive your registration. Please register as soon as possible; rooms are being held for us until March 1 and lower rate rooms will be assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single Room \$155, Double Room \$100/pp, Triple Room \$85/pp, Quad. Room \$75/pp, Higher rates for suites.

PRAYER CONNECTION

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To the family of Linda Kammerer in her passing.
- To Kim Young and her family in the passing of her Grandmother, Frances Stuesse.

MEMORIAL/ HONORARIUM

- Was received from Ron & Teri Jaeger in honor of Fred Jannke's 80th birthday.

THANKS

- Were received from St. John's in West Milwaukee for our gift toward their "Love in Action" ministry.
- Were received from the F.A.S.C. Food Pantry for our generous donation.
- Were received from Crossways Camping Ministry for our generous donation.

NOISY OFFERING

- ERA-Senior Network

SERVING on January 27 & 28

Ushers:

5:00 pm Bob & Lynda Ferguson team

7:45 am Bev Green team

9:00 am Glenn & Carolyn Schellhaas team

10:30 am Mark Hacker team

Lector:

5:00 pm Sue Haberman

7:45 am Joan Timmerman

9:00 am Sue Lievrouw

10:30 am Stephanie Truckenmiller

Worship Assistant:

Scott Steinke

Altar Guild:

Sandy Earnest, Lisa Burmeister, Jen Schulz, Nancy Whalen, Rosalin McNeir

Greeters:

5:00 pm Mary Ann Holt, Arlene Watson

7:45 am Pete Gullickson, Stan & Carole Grove, George & Betty Klaus

9:00 am Donna Kennedy, Jill Konicek, Janelle Beckman & Gary Rudolph

10:30 am Eleonore & Jack Kamoske, Stan & Mary Kay Winarski, Bobbi, Todd

& Arabella Fochs

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Pam Oliveren

8:30 am Sandy Earnest

10:00 am Scott Rasmussen

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



TODAY

Reading: John 2:13-25

Worship Asst./Lectors: Mark Christiaansen, Robyn Zinda, Ron Jaeger,
Mark Christiaansen, Brandon Montijo

TODAY-Sunday 21

Cookie Dough Retreat

Scrip Sale

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

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

New Member Fiesta 11:30 am

Mary Circle 6:30 pm

Monday 22

Preschool 9:00 am

Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm

Christian Ed. 6:30 pm

Tuesday 23

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

New Beginnings Handbell Choir 4:30 pm

God Squad 6:00 pm

King's Kids 6:00 pm

Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

Wednesday 24

Preschool 9:00 am

Young At Heart 12:00 pm

Care & Community 5:30 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

Thursday 25

Preschool 9:00 am

To Do Meeting 9:00 am

Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am

Friday 26

Church Office Closes At Noon

Preschool 9:00 am

Tweens Event 6:30 pm

LARCUM Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Saturday 27

Property Team 9:00 am

Worship, Bible Presentations 5:00 pm

Sunday 28

Scrip Sale

Worship, Bible Presentations 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am



Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Annual Meeting 11:30 am

LARCUM Rehearsal 2:00 pm

JOIN US FOR

Children

●The Winter Olympics is right around the corner and for two weeks, the world will be watching as some of the best athletes from every country compete in a variety of winter sports. 4th-5th-6th grade students are invited to join the "Winter Games" on Friday, January 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Holy Cross. We will be indoors to have our winter fun, that will include Bible adventure time, Olympic games, and yummy snacks. Invite your friends - they do not have to attend Holy Cross. No need to sign-up ahead of time, you can just show up. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Sue at suec@holycrosslutheran.org. We need at least two adults to chaperone this event.

●Please join us on Friday, February 2 at 6:30 pm for the 2nd-6th grade movie night. Our feature film will be *Captain Underpants*. George and Harold are 4th grade BFFs who love dreaming up funny pranks. One day they accidentally hypnotize their principle into believing he's a super hero named Captain Underpants. When a new school teacher turns out to be a disgraced scientist bent on ridding the world of laughter, George, Harold and Captain Underpants must band together to stop his evil agenda. The evening also includes snacks and games. You can invite your friends to join you! Please bring a food item to donate to the food pantry.

Seniors

●Young at Heart is a youthful group of seniors who meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon for lunch, fellowship, entertainment and games. All seniors are invited. Based on the first letter in your last name, please bring the following: A-F a hot dish, G-L a salad and M-Z a dessert. On January 24 we will be watching a movie after lunch. For more information, call Mary Ann Holt at 502-1905.

Adults

●If you have been visiting Holy Cross and are ready to grow in your commitment to our Lord and to this congregation, we invite you to attend our next New Members Class. It will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Eleonore at eleonorek@holycrosslutheran.org or call 251-2740.

PRACTICE 7

If you have the opportunity to do amazing things in your life, I strongly encourage you to invite someone to join you.

Simon Sinek

