



**SUNDAY November 12, 2017**  
**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

### 2017 Christmas Schedule

Saturday-December 9 at 7:00 pm  
 Christmas Concert-“The Carols of Christmas”

Sunday-December 10  
 Worship Featuring Special Christmas Music

Sunday-December 10 at 12:00 pm  
 Blue Christmas Worship Service

Sunday-December 17 at 9:00 & 10:30 am  
 Worship Featuring Children’s Christmas Music

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

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)



### Northwest Trading Post

Our Northwest Trading Post ministry has served Menomonee Falls and the greater community for the past 15 years. It has been open every 3rd Monday, and only closed one evening in all that time due to a blizzard. Holy Cross opened its doors to the community by providing gently used children’s and baby clothing, baby supplies, diapers and household goods to families through the generous donations of the community and support from the HOPE Network. This ministry has been led and nurtured through the dedication of Pat Luther and Lois Heider. We are thankful for all the volunteers over the years who made the ministry possible, as well as those who donated items. Our Northwest Trading Post ministry will be closing at the end of this year, but its years of success would not have been possible without Pat and Lois and all of the volunteers including:

O’Linda Anderson	Louella & Marty Dowden	Bev Mehring
Rich Anderson	Carole Ferber	Diane Miletti
Don Bilden	Jodi Haar	Oliver Olsen
Janet Blank	Lois Heider	Betty Redding
Barb Briggs	Nancy Horwath	Connie Roth
Janice Brown	Donna Kennedy	Carolyn & Glenn Schellhaas
Roger & Faith Buck	Pat Luther	Bob Schlag
Avis Dallman	Maxine Marquardt	Pr. David Shelstad
		Sharon Uschold

### Holy Cross Mission Endowment Grants

Annual distributions by the Mission Endowment Board are made available at the end of each calendar year. This money comes from previous gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund and the interest this account accrues. Each year five percent of the fund is given to three areas: ELCA church wide ministries, the local community and initiatives within Holy Cross. The total given in 2016 was \$8,750.

We are encouraging individuals and organizations to apply for these funds. If you know of such an individual or organization please pick up an application form in the church office. The deadline for application is December 1. Once the applications are received we will review them and award typically between \$500 and \$2,000 to the recipients, based on our by-laws and merit as determined by our Board.

### Bible Zoo

Join Sue and Vicar Hans, on Thursday, November 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm for Bible Zoo. Through the story of Elijah and the Ravens, kids will learn that God loves them and He takes care of them ~ from 1 Kings 17:1-6. Simon, the Raven, will fly here to help us learn more about Elijah. Little ones will learn to fly their very own ravens, create a raven craft to take home, and have a yummy snack. If your kids can’t make the whole hour, you are invited to stay for any amount of time. Grandparents, family, friends and neighbors are always welcome to attend as well as older and younger children. You do not need to be a member of Holy Cross. Please contact Sue at [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org) if you have any questions.

### Save The Date

Worship and Pie Fest ~ November 22 at 7:00 pm  
 Bring a pie and join us for a little Pre-Thanksgiving celebration in the Trinity Center.



### Help ERAs (Interfaith) Through Our Hope Chest

Waukesha ERAs Senior Network (formerly Interfaith Senior Programs) is a faith-based nonprofit agency helping seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Waukesha County. Volunteers of ALL ages are welcome to help with projects and services that benefit seniors, schools, and our community. The ERAs Holiday Giving Program works to fill 500 self-sufficiency care packages for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. Recipients are referred through various agencies. This year’s Wish List includes:

- Books of 20 Forever stamps
- \$10 Walgreens gift cards (Scrip cards available)
- \$10 Pick-N-Save gift cards (Scrip cards available)
- \$5 McDonald’s gift cards
- Cash donations used by ERAs to purchase items for the packages (Turn the above items in to the Church office)
- Playing cards/thin puzzle or crossword books
- Toothbrushes/combs/band aids
- Blank greeting cards
- Pen/pencils/notepads
- Gripper socks

### “The Carols of Christmas”

Join us on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm for a concert featuring the music ministries of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 pm. Dinner tickets are available in the Gathering Place and office for \$7.00. Invite your family and friends to experience the beauty of Christmas here at Holy Cross.

### PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing [prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org)

#### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To the family and friends of Lone Rihn in her passing.
- To the family and friends of Thomas Ehlert Sr. in his passing.

#### MEMORIAL CHART

- Flower support is given by Kim McCarty in honor of November birthdays.
- Flower support is given by Mark & Cheryl Schmitz in honor of the anniversary of Justin & Amber Gissal.
- Coffee hour support is given by Linda Johnson in memory of Ron Johnson.

#### NOISY OFFERING

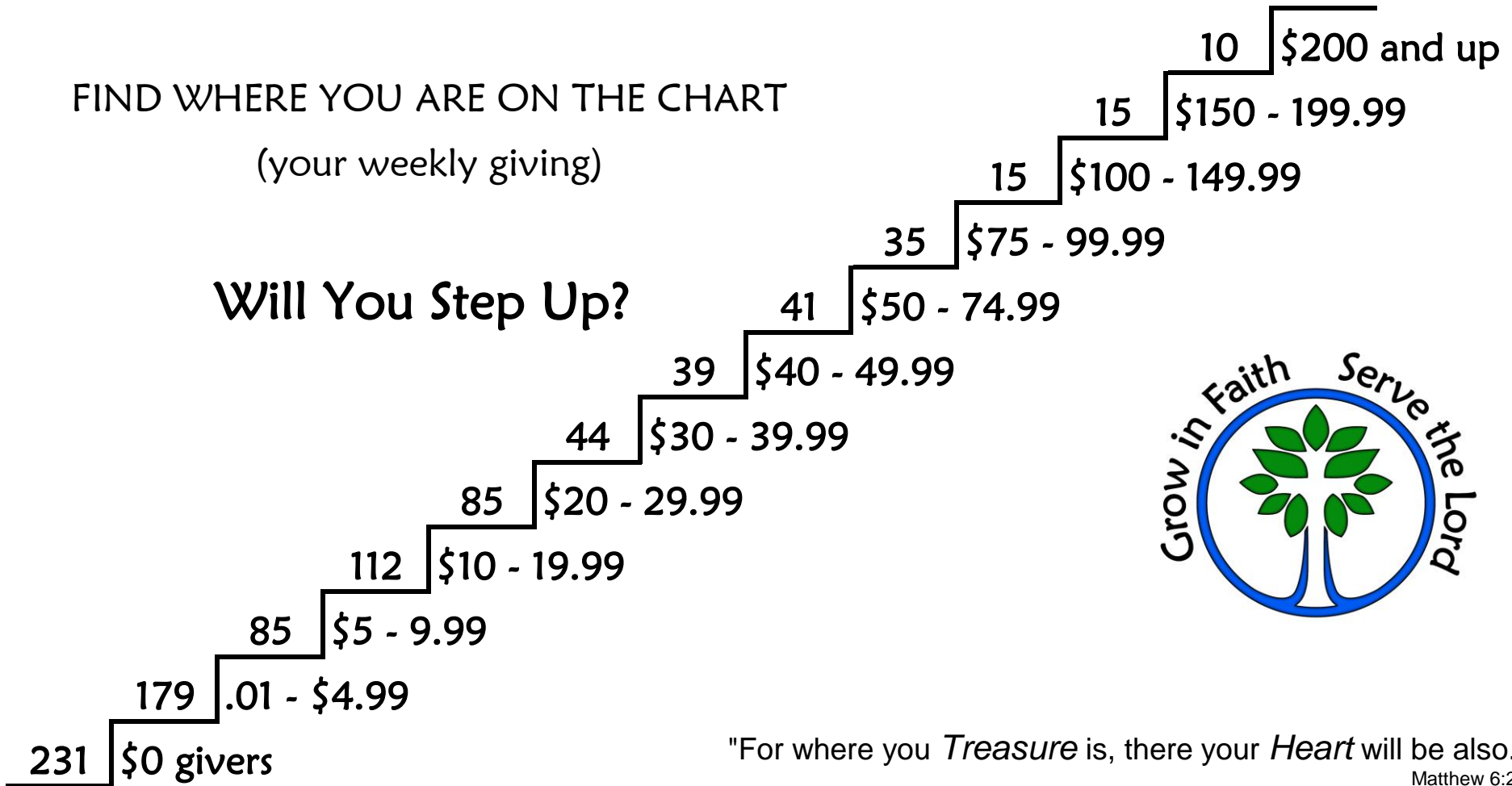
- Just One More Food Ministry
- HOPE CHEST
- Waukesha ERAs Senior Network

# A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATIONS GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THE CHART

(your weekly giving)

Will You Step Up?



"For where you *Treasure* is, there your *Heart* will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Example narrative to navigate the giving matrix:

John and Jane average weekly giving per their August statement is \$20. John and Jane determined their average monthly income to be \$4,800. Using the "Income" columns on the left and locating the number closest to \$4,800, they followed the corresponding line to the right to find the amount closest to their \$20 weekly giving. From this point, John and Jane determined they were at approximately 2.0%. At this giving range John and Jane reflected on their support of the various missions of Holy Cross and decide to increase their weekly giving by \$10 to \$30. Which increased their giving to an approximate 3.0% giving level . . . and enabled them to continue supporting Holy Cross.

INCOME			GIVING RANGES (Weekly)										
			BEYOND TITHE	TITHE	UPPER GIVING RANGE			MIDDLE GIVING RANGE			LOWER GIVING RANGE		
Annual	Monthly	Weekly	15%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
6,000	500	120	18.00	12.00	11.00	10.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	1.00
12,000	1,000	230	35.00	23.00	21.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	9.00	7.00	5.00	2.00
24,000	2,000	460	69.00	46.00	41.00	37.00	32.00	28.00	23.00	18.00	14.00	9.00	5.00
36,000	3,000	690	104.00	69.00	62.00	55.00	48.00	41.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
48,000	4,000	920	138.00	92.00	83.00	74.00	64.00	55.00	46.00	37.00	28.00	18.00	9.00
60,000	5,000	1,150	173.00	115.00	104.00	92.00	81.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00	23.00	12.00
72,000	6,000	1,380	207.00	138.00	124.00	110.00	97.00	83.00	69.00	55.00	41.00	28.00	14.00
84,000	7,000	1,620	243.00	162.00	146.00	130.00	113.00	97.00	81.00	65.00	49.00	32.00	16.00
96,000	8,000	1,850	278.00	185.00	167.00	148.00	130.00	111.00	93.00	74.00	56.00	37.00	19.00
108,000	9,000	2,080	312.00	208.00	187.00	166.00	146.00	125.00	104.00	83.00	62.00	42.00	21.00
120,000	10,000	2,310	347.00	231.00	208.00	185.00	162.00	139.00	116.00	92.00	69.00	46.00	23.00
132,000	11,000	2,540	381.00	254.00	229.00	203.00	178.00	152.00	127.00	102.00	76.00	51.00	25.00
144,000	12,000	2,770	416.00	277.00	249.00	222.00	194.00	166.00	139.00	111.00	83.00	55.00	28.00
156,000	13,000	3,000	450.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00
168,000	14,000	3,230	485.00	323.00	291.00	258.00	226.00	194.00	162.00	129.00	97.00	65.00	32.00
180,000	15,000	3,460	519.00	346.00	311.00	277.00	242.00	208.00	173.00	138.00	104.00	69.00	35.00

## SERVING ON November 18 & 19

### Ushers:

5:00 pm Dave & Janet Blank Team  
7:45 am Randy Kressin team  
9:00 am Bill Marohl team  
10:30 am Oliver Olsen team

### Lector:

5:00 pm Robyn Zinda  
7:45 am Jill Konicek  
9:00 am Brian Espinosa  
10:30 am Anne Lindemann

### Worship Assistant:

Mark Christiaansen

### Altar Guild:

Donita Bruder, Jeanne Dantone, Kim McCarty

### Greeters:

5:00 pm Paul & Anne Lindemann, Kaeley Gensler, Stephanie Truckenmiller  
7:30 am Don & Sandy Earnest, Marilyn Heyde, Sandy & Bob Schlag  
9:00 am Bob & Coleen Reshel, Betty Redding  
10:30 am George & Donita Bruder, Darlene Kullmann, Nick & Vicki Montijo

### Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Mary Ann Holt  
8:30 am Jill Konicek  
10:00 am Scott Rasmussen

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news".

*Romans 10: 15b*



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



## TODAY

Reading: Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24

Worship Asst./Lectors: Christian Leitner, Pete Deubler, Mary Fieldhack, John Ganoung, Arlene Watson

### TODAY-Sunday 12

Scrip Sale, Blood Pressure Screening, Mt. Meru & Divine Chocolate Sale, Celebrate NWTP, Receive New Members  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am  
Breakfast Club 9:30 am  
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

#### Monday 13

Preschool 9:00 am  
Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday 14

Preschool 9:00 am  
Staff Meeting 10:00 pm  
God Squad 6:00 pm  
King's Kids 6:00 pm  
MEB 6:00 pm  
Vicar Hans Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm  
Glocal 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 15  
Preschool 9:00 am  
Quilters 9:00 am  
New Beginnings Handbell Choir 5:00 pm  
Heavenly Sounds Handbells 6:00 pm  
Preschool Board 6:00 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm  
Festival Choir 7:30 pm

#### Thursday 16

Vicar Hans Bible Study 6:30 am  
Preschool 9:00 am  
Pr. David's Bible Study 11:00 am  
Bible Zoo 6:30 pm

#### Friday 17

Church Office Closes At Noon  
Preschool 9:00 am  
Tweens Event 5:15 pm

#### Saturday 18

Consecration Weekend, Scrip Sale  
Men In Mission 7:30 am  
Worship 5:00 pm  
Middle School Nerf Wars 6:30 pm



## Sunday 19

Consecration Weekend, Scrip Sale  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am  
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

## JOIN US FOR

### Children

●YMCA Water Park Outing-Join us for the friendship and fun that awaits beneath the waters of The YMCA Water Park. Located in West Bend, this aquatic adventure will delight kids in 4th-5th-6th grade with tube slides, a meandering lazy river, an activity pool and lap pool complete with diving board. This event will be held on Friday, November 17. We will meet at Holy Cross at 5:15 and return at 8:45. We will be traveling by bus. Your friends are invited to join us! The cost is \$7.00 per person. A few parents are needed to chaperone; please contact Sue if you are interested (your younger kids are welcome to attend with you). There are several different options to sign-up. You can email Sue at [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org), add your name to the list near the church office or fill in your name on the events sign-up sheet.

●The Faith Development students will be singing Christmas songs in worship on Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 and 10:30 am in worship. It is important for your children to be here as often as possible to learn the two songs.

●There will be a retelling of the Christmas story on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm. There are about 30 non-speaking parts for faith Development and Confirmation students. A mandatory practice will be held on December 19 at 7:00 pm. If your child would like a part in this program please contact Sue at [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org)

### Women-Save The Date

●This coming May we will again travel to Green Lake Conference Center for our annual Women's Weekend. We will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 5 at this beautiful 1,000 acre retreat center on the shores of Green Lake, about 1½ hours from Holy Cross. We will overnight in their hotel style accommodations and conclude at noon on Sunday with a worship service. Women of all ages are welcome; in the past we have had participants in their 20's all the way up to 90! So please mark your calendars now for this faith-filled, fun-filled weekend. Look for details about costs and our theme for the weekend in January.

## PRACTICE 7 ENCOURAGE

Live like Jesus died yesterday, rose today and is coming back tomorrow.

M. Luther

