



SUNDAY November 19, 2017
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Holy Cross Giving Tree

Thanksgiving may be a few days away, but our Giving Tree is up in the Atrium, waiting for families to participate. The gifts from our Giving Tree Ministry support preschool and adult refugees who attend the International Learning Center (ILC) in Milwaukee. The ILC teaches English and citizenship classes to adult refugees and runs a preschool for 2½ to 5-year-old children. It specializes in helping low-level English learners with little or no prior education and refugees who have just arrived in the US.



When many refugees arrive, they are given a place to stay and basic items. Many of the families are in need of household supplies and cookware. The children's toys that are needed, are not just fun but educational.

To participate in our Giving Tree Ministry, take a tag off the tree in the Atrium and purchase the \$30-\$40 gift listed on the back of the tag. Place your **unwrapped gift with the tag attached** under the tree by **noon on Friday, December 8**. There are also envelopes available by the tree if you would prefer to make a monetary contribution. These funds will be used to purchase additional gifts.

Join us to organize, sort, and wrap gifts on Saturday, December 9 in the Trinity Center from 3:00-5:00 pm and/or join the International Learning Center for their Holiday Party on the morning of Thursday, December 21. Sign up on the easel next to the Giving Tree for both opportunities.



Vicar Hans In Chicago

One of my great joys, other than serving as your vicar, is participating in the work of our national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I was elected four years ago (when I was still a senior at Luther College) to serve on the ELCA's executive board, called the Church Council. When I was elected, I had no idea what our church was really up to, both at home and around the world!

As a member of this council, I received reports and provided oversight and direction to the work of the ELCA. What work it is! Each year, we start scores of new congregations in places around the U.S. where people are thirsting for the Good News. We feed the hungry, both at home and abroad. We help to support new Lutheran denominations throughout the world--by sending missionaries who can help train much-needed pastors and by building new churches. We provide aid to those in crisis--having raised about seven million dollars this year alone in response to natural disaster in the U.S.

The national church also keep the records for 8,000 congregations and their pastors, help congregations start and manage their endowments, and ensure the next generation of leaders. This is all supported by your tithes and offerings to Holy Cross. As a member here, you can say that you've had a big part in the gospel ministry of feeding thousands and bringing the faith to millions as a part of the mission of the ELCA.

Every time I come back from my meeting, I'm even more proud to be a Lutheran. Vicar Hans

Young At Heart

The Young at Heart group will not be meeting in November. Instead, the group will be holding their annual Christmas party at the Village Bowl on December 13 from 11:30-3:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$22.00 per

person. Please make your check out to Mary Ann Holt and mail it to her at (N84W16033 Menomonee Ave. Unit 201, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051) **by December 1**. If you have any question, please call Mary Ann at 502-1905. Consider bringing cookies (homemade or purchased) which will be donated to Luther Manor for their "Show A Little Kindness With Cookies" program.

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 funds based on our by-laws and merit as determined by our Board.

Fall Clean-Up Thanks

Fall Clean-Up was held on Saturday, November 11. The planting beds were cleaned out, shrubs were trimmed, and trash and leaves were picked up from around the church. On behalf of the Property Ministry Team and the Holy Cross staff, I would like to thank the other members of the "Frigid Five" - Jill Konicek, Linda Martin, Julie Vollbrecht and Greg Darga. I would also like to thank those that adopted gardens this past year and came earlier in the month to take care of their planting beds. Jack Kamoske

Save The Date

Join us on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm for a concert featuring "The Carols Of Christmas" by 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!



PRAYER CONNECTION

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

MEMORIAL

●Was received from Dale & Chris Boyce in memory of Rev. Jack Tretheway.

MEMORIAL CHART

●Flower support is given by Nanette & Phil Smith in honor of Arlene Watson's birthday.

●Coffee hour support is given by Ron Jaeger & Teri Luebbering in honor of their anniversary.

NOISY OFFERING

●Just One More Food Ministry

HOPE CHEST

●Waukesha ERAs Senior Network

SERVING ON November 25 & 26

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 Angela Hexom
7:45 am Joan Timmerman
9:00 am Keri Duce
10:30 am Stephanie Truckenmiller

Worship Assistant:

Stan Winarski

Altar Guild:

Donita Bruder, Jeanne Dantone, Kim McCarty

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 Patti Fetzner
8:30 am Howie Westfahl
10:00 am Angie Nelson

TODAY

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21

Worship Asst./Lectors: Robyn Zinda, Jill Konicek, Brian Espinosa, Anne Lindemann

TODAY-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

Monday 20

Preschool 9:00 am
Preschool Feast 11:00 am
NWTP 1:00 & 6:00 pm
Heavenly Sounds Handbells 6:00 pm
Chancel & Festival Choir 7:00 pm

Tuesday 21

Preschool 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 10:00 pm
Preschool Feast 11:00 am
God Squad 6:00 pm
King's Kids 6:00 pm
Vicar Hans Bible Study 6:30 pm
Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

Wednesday 22

Worship 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Pie Fest 7:45 pm

Thursday 23

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday 25

Property 9:00 am
Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday 26

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



Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

1 John 2:10



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



JOIN US FOR

Children

●More Than a Movie Night-Second through sixth grade kids along with their friends are invited to join us to watch a movie on Friday, December 1 from 6:30-9:00 pm. *Cars 3* is about a new generation of blazing-fast Racers, and the legendary Lightning McQueen is suddenly pushed out of the sport he loves. To get back in the game, he will need the help of an eager young race technician who has her own plan to win. Yummy snacks will be served and we will play a few large group icebreaker games. Please bring a food item to donate to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry.

●The Faith Development kids along with the Messengers will perform their Christmas program on December 17, during the 9:00 or 10:30 worship service. We are practicing two songs during the Large Group portion of Faith Development. It can be difficult to learn two songs in the short time frame, so we have emailed lyrics to you if you provided an e-mail on your FD registration form. Please work with your kids at home on the songs. You can listen to the songs at worshiphousekids.com.

Song #1 version we are singing-Click on *Seasonal*...Click on *Search all Products*...type in *Away in the Manger* (we are using the 5th one down by Summit Creative Company)

Song #2 version we are singing-Click on *Seasonal*...Click on *Search all Products*...type in *A Christmas Birthday* (we are using the 2nd one down by Kurtis Parks and friends).

Call or e-mail Sue at 251-2740 or suec@holycrosslutheran.org if you have questions or would like the lyric sent to you. Have fun practicing!

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

Need home improvement? Take the family to church.

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