



November 22 & 26, 2017  
 HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

After nine years of serving at Holy Cross, we celebrate Zac Meyer's ministry among us and wish him well in his new beginning at River Church in Delavan, WI.

Celebrate with us on December 2nd & 3rd at the end of each service with a special coffee hour.



*The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
 The Lord make his face shine on you  
 And be gracious to you;  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

Number 6:24-26

### Lunch With Hephatha

Join us Sunday, December 17 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. We would love to fill the bus and bring a large crew to worship with our brothers and sisters at Hephatha. We will be serving about 175-200 tacos for lunch following worship. We are looking for some help acquiring all the "taco fixin's" including tortillas, cheese, sour cream, and salsa. Please stop by the sign up board in the narthex to donate and/or sign up to ride the bus! If you have any questions, please email Amanda, Minister of Partnership and Mission at [amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org).

### Consecration Commitment Update

Thanks to everyone who submitted their 2018 Commitment to Mission Card. During that weekend, we received 175 Commitments for next year totaling \$460,172.

If you were not able to celebrate Consecration Weekend with us or were not ready to submit your card, please take a moment to complete your card and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate when you attend for worship. Your yearly commitment will ensure that God's ministries through Holy Cross are fruitful.

### Giving Tree

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.

### Kringle Sale

Help support our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston by purchasing a tasty treat for Christmas. Our youth are selling O & H Danish Bakery Kringle in the Narthex for \$12 each. Order by December 10 and your Kringle will be available for pick up the weekend of December 16 and 17.



### 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. The total given in 2016 was \$8,750. If you know of an individual or organization who would benefit from these funds, please pick up an application form in the church office. The deadline is December 1.

### Save The Date

On Sunday, December 10 at 12:00 pm, we will be holding our *Blue Christmas Worship Service*. Are you grieving the death of a loved one, struggling in relationships, feeling overwhelmed by all of the "to do's", or just feeling sad? Sometimes all of the festivities, lights, cheer and expectations can leave us feeling extra blue.

Blue Christmas is a 45 minute service for those whose days aren't "Merry and Bright." It is a peaceful service filled with beautiful music, lighting of candles and remembering the babe of Bethlehem who is with us in the darkness. If you have any questions, please call or email Pr. Meredith at [meredithm@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:meredithm@holycrosslutheran.org).

### Christmas Concert

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!

### Don We Now Our Red Apparel Party

4th-5th-6th grade students are invited to attend a Christmas party on Friday, December 8, from 6:30-8:30 pm. There will be Ga Ga ball, basketball, games, pizza, and cookie decorating. We will also make crafts to donate to Interfaith Senior Programs. Friends are invited to come along. The cost is \$3.00 per person. RSVP to [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org) or look for the table near the church office and add your name. Please let me know if you are a middle/high school student or an adult interested in being a chaperone. Don't forget to wear red!



### PRAYER CONNECTION

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

#### MEMORIAL CHART

● Flower support is given by Jim & Julie Altschafel and Noah & Owen in memory of Sara-Mommy and Daughter.

#### MEMORIALS

● Were received from Joanne Krause and Mark & Cheryl Schmitz in memory of Mildred Kelly.

● Was received from Sue & John Gohlke in memory of Jeanne Mayer.

#### THANKS

● Were received from the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry for our generous donation.

#### NOISY OFFERING

● Just One More Food Ministry

#### HOPE CHEST

● Waukesha ERAs Senior Network

## December 2017 Connection

### **Ushers**

#### **Dec. 2 & 3**

5:00 pm Marvin Jacobson team  
7:45 am Arlene Mahnke team  
9:00 am Ken Dux team  
10:30 am Andy & Teri Frailing team

#### **Dec. 9 & 10**

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team  
7:45 am Ron Jaeger team  
9:00 am Walter Blahnik team  
10:30 am Mark Barelmann team

#### **Dec. 16 & 17**

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

#### **Dec. 21**

7:00 pm

#### **Dec. 24 & 25**

9:00 am Glenn & Carolyn Schellhaas team  
10:30 am Mark Hacker team  
4:30 pm George & Donita Bruder team  
6:00 pm  
10:00 pm  
9:00 am

#### **Dec. 30 & 31**

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team  
7:45 am George & Nanette Hegerty team  
9:00 am Don & Sandy Earnest team  
10:30 am Jeff & Kim Young team

### **Greeters**

#### **Dec. 2 & 3**

5:00 pm Lowell & Mary Carl, Wendy Kalland  
7:45 am Glen & Gail Borchardt, Bruce & Sandy Schwoch, Bob & Deb Stresing  
9:00 am Carol Miller, Donna Wechlo, Quentin Redding, Caden Peifer  
10:30 am Mark & Cheryl Schmitz, Dave & Diane Jewell

#### **Dec. 9 & 10**

5:00 pm Barb Berg & Mary Ann Holt  
7:45 am Patsy Baer, Glenn & Carolyn Schellhaas  
9:00 am Donna James Romano, Avis Dallman, Richard & Donna Hoffman  
10:30 am Nancy Barelmann, Susan Gartzke

#### **Dec. 16 & 17**

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

#### **Dec. 21**

7:00 pm

#### **Dec. 24 & 25**

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

#### **Dec. 30 & 31**

5:00 pm Lee & Judy Paul  
7:45 am Eileen Corbeille  
9:00 am Kelly & Steve Stapelman, Howard Westfahl  
10:30 am Bob & Lisa Burmeister, Kim & Scott Rasmussen, Betty Redding

### **Worship Assistants**

#### **Dec. 3**

Scott Steinke

#### **Dec. 10**

Avis Dallman

#### **Dec. 17**

Deni Naumann

### **Lectors**

#### **Dec. 2 & 3**

5:00 pm Joan Reinke  
7:45 am Carolyn Schellhaas  
9:00 am Avis Dallman  
10:30 am Anne Lindemann

#### **Dec. 9 & 10**

5:00 pm Lowell Carl  
7:45 am  
9:00 am Bill Winge  
10:30 am Phil Smith

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9:00 am Brian Espinosa

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10:30 am

### **Altar Guild**

Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell, Sandra Lembke, Bev Mehring

### **Welcome Center**

#### **Dec. 2 & 3**

4:40 pm Charlotte & Mason Draeger  
8:30 am Sandy Earnest  
10:00 am Mary Kay Winarski

#### **Dec. 9 & 10**

4:40 pm Evangelism  
8:30 am Evangelism  
10:00 am Evangelism

#### **Dec. 16 & 17**

4:40 pm Mary Ann Holt  
8:30 am Jill Konicek  
10:00 am Carol Miller

#### **Dec. 21**

7:00 pm

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10:00 am

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the open spots, please contact Paula in the church office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 7:45am - Worship @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @	27 9am - Preschool @ 6pm - Stephen Ministry 6:30pm - Christian Ed @	28 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6pm - Evangelism @ 6pm - God Squad @ 6pm - King's Kids @ 104 7pm - Celebration Band	29 9am - Preschool @ 9am - Quilters @ 5pm - New Beginnings 5:30pm - Care & 6pm - Heavenly Sounds 7pm - Chancel & 7pm - Student Ministry	30 9am - Preschool @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 6pm - Worship Team	1 Church Office Closes At 9am - Preschool @ 6:30pm - Movie Night @	2 3pm - D.A.F @ Trinity 5pm - Worship @
3 7:45am - Worship @ 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @	4 9am - Preschool @	5 9am - Elizabeth Circle @ 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6pm - Children's 6pm - God Squad @ 6pm - King's Kids @ 104 6:30pm - Book Club @ 7pm - Baptism Seminar 7pm - Celebration Band	6 9am - Preschool @ 9am - Quilters @ 12pm - Young At Heart 5pm - New Beginnings 6pm - Heavenly Sounds 7pm - Festival Choir @ 7pm - Student Ministry	7 9am - Preschool @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 6:30pm - Youth Team @ 7pm - Rehearsal-All	8 Church Office Closes At 8am - Food Pantry 9am - Preschool @ 5:30pm - Preschool 6:30pm - Tween's Event	9 5pm - Blood Pressure 5pm - Dinner @ 5pm - Worship @ 7pm - Christmas
10 7:45am - Worship @ 8:30am - Blood 8:30am - Mt. Meru 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship With 9:30am - Breakfast Club 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship With 12pm - Blue Christmas	11 9am - Preschool @ 6pm - Stephen Ministry	12 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6pm - God Squad @ 6pm - King's Kids @ 104 6pm - MEB @ 6pm - Preschool 7pm - Celebration Band	13 9am - Preschool @ 11:30am - Young at 1pm - Martha Circle @ 5:30pm - Hephatha 6pm - Heavenly Sounds 7pm - Chancel Choir @ 7pm - Student Ministry 8pm - Festival Choir @	14 9am - Preschool @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 5:30pm - Community 5:30pm - Internship 6pm - Worship Team @ 7pm - Council @	15 Church Office Closes At 9am - Preschool @	16 5pm - Kringle Pickup @ 5pm - Worship @
17 7:45am - Worship @ 8am - Bus Departs for 8:30am - Kringle Pickup 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship With 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship With	18 9am - Preschool @ 1pm - Northwest 6pm - Northwest 7pm - Rehearsal-	19 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 1pm - Property/Admin/F 6pm - Stewardship @ 6:30pm - Rehearsal For 7pm - Celebration Band	20 9am - Preschool @ 9am - Quilters @ 7pm - High School	21 9am - Preschool @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 7pm - Worship Service	22 Church Office Closes At	23 9am - Property @ 109
24 Christmas Eve 9am - No Faith 9am - Worship- 10:30am - No Faith 10:30am - Worship- 4:30pm - Worship- 6pm - Worship- 9:30pm - Christmas 10pm - Worship-	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed 9am - Worship-	26	27	28	29 Church Office Closes At 6pm - Music Ministry	30 5pm - Worship @
31 New Year's Eve 7:45am - Worship @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - No Faith 10:30am - No Faith 10:30am - Worship @	1 Church Office Closed New Year's Day	2 9am - Elizabeth Circle @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Book Club @ 7pm - Baptism Seminar 7pm - Celebration Band	3 9am - Preschool @ 9am - Quilters @ 7pm - Student Ministry	4 9am - Preschool @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 6:30pm - 3rd Grade 6:30pm - Youth Team @	5 Church Office Closes At 9am - Preschool @ 6:30pm - Movie Night @	6 5pm - Worship @



## SERVING on December 2 & 3

### Ushers:

5:00 pm Marvin Jacobson team  
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**In addition to 911, remember these Emergency Numbers**  
When you want peace and rest call...Matthew 11:25-30  
When the world seems bigger than God call...Psalm 90  
**To learn how a Stephen Minister could walk with you during your time of need call...262 251-2740**



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Web Site: [www.holycrosslutheran.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran.org)

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



## TODAY

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Worship Asst./Lectors: Stan Winarski, Angela Hexom, Joan Timmerman, Keri Duce, Stephanie Truckenmiller

### TODAY-Sunday 26

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

### Monday 27

Preschool 9:00 am  
Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm  
Christian Ed 6:30 pm

### Tuesday 28

Preschool 9:00 am  
Staff Meeting 10:00 pm  
Evangelism 6:00 pm  
God Squad 6:00 pm  
King's Kids 6:00 pm  
Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

### Wednesday 29

Preschool 9:00 am  
Quilters 9:00 am  
New Beginnings Handbell Choir 5:00 pm  
Care & Community 5:30 pm  
Heavenly Sounds Handbells 6:00 pm  
Chancel & Festival Choir 7:00 pm  
Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

### Thursday 30

Preschool 9:00 am  
Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am  
Worship Team 6:00 pm

### Friday 1

Church Office Closes At Noon  
Preschool 9:00 pm  
Movie Night 6:30 pm

### Saturday 2

DAF 3:00 pm  
Worship 5:00 pm

### Sunday 3

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

●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](http://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](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org) if you have questions or would like the lyric sent to you. Have fun practicing!

### Seniors

●Young At Heart will hold 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 questions, 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.

## PRACTICE 7 ENCOURAGE

Whatever you are, be a good one.

Abraham Lincoln

