



**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Reading:** Matthew 1:1-17

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus,  
Vicar Hans Becklin

**Worship Asst./Lectors:** Lowell Carl, Carolyn  
Schellhaas, Mike Naumann

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 23 9:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service

Come follow the star and join Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. Please join us for worship, songs, and scripture along with the telling of the Christmas story, presented by children as Bible time characters.

### Christmas At Holy Cross

#### Sunday, December 23

Traditional Service at 7:45 am

Children's Nativity Service at 9:00 & 10:30 am

#### Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship

Traditional Services at 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, 10:00 pm

Celebration Band Service at 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Worship

Traditional Service at 9:00 am

(Holy Communion at all Christmas Eve/Day services)

#### Saturday and Sunday, December 29 & 30

Poetry and Carols at all Services

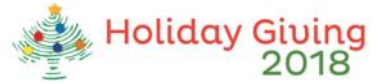
## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

### You Make It Happen

Thanks to all of the musicians and volunteers who enrich the worship at Holy Cross. Your talents are very much appreciated.

### Results Of Eras Senior Network Holiday Giving Program

Thanks to all who donated to the Eras Senior Network Holiday Giving Program. We collected \$870.00 and were able to give a total of 101 gift cards to senior citizens of Waukesha County. We collected 26 from Walgreens, 26 from Pick-N-Save, 21 from Walmart, and 28 from McDonald's. These gift cards will put a smile on the faces of those who may not receive any other gifts this Christmas.



### Summer Camps For Kids

Are you thinking about summer plans for the kids? Make sure to keep the Holy Cross camps on the top of your list! Join us on June 17-21 for ROAR, this summer's Vacation Bible School for kids 3-years through sixth-grade. Summer Musical Camp (SMC) will be held on July 29-August 1. SMC is for kids 1st grade through completion of 8th grade. To complete your summer, we will host a week-long Day Camp from August 5-9 for kids who have finished K-5 through sixth grade. Registration forms will be available in February.

### Confirmation Winter Retreat

Holy Cross' confirmands are invited to join us for a winter retreat at Fort Wilderness in Northern Wisconsin, one of the coolest Christian camps around. We'll be focusing on the topic of prayer. There will be plenty of time to explore the activities that the camp has to offer, including indoor crafts, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, tubing, and sleigh rides!

When: February 22-24

Cost: \$100/after January 2-\$140

RSVP: Sign up outside of the Trinity Center, deadline to sign up is January 31

Contact: Amanda Juedes at [amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org) or 262-251-2740

### Save The Date...

The Holy Cross blood drive will be held in the Trinity Center on January 28 from 1:00-6:00 pm. Our blood drive goal is to get 24 blood donors. Every day, BloodCenter of Wisconsin needs to see at least 800 donors to meet the demands of the more than 50 hospitals across Wisconsin that they service.



## Cookie Dough Retreat

High School students! Last year we had such an awesome time at Fort Wilderness in McNaughton, Wisconsin that we will be returning for Cookie Dough 2019. Join us for broomball, tubing, sleigh rides, and to learn more about prayer and how God comes to us in different ways. Although we will be at Fort Wilderness at the same time as the confirmands, we'll be doing a totally different program and be able to do our own activities.

When: February 22-24

Cost: \$100/after January 2-\$140

RSVP: Sign up outside of the Youth Room, space is limited

Contact: Amanda Juedes at [amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org) or 262-251-2740



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

### Memorials

~Were received from Linda & David Cooke, Ron Jaeger & Teri Luebbering, Jerry & Avis Dallman, Simone Rogina and Frank Zamborini in honor of Hans Biersack.

~Was received from Barb Briggs in memory of Joyce Schultz.

### Memorial Chart

~Community Meal support is given by Kim McCarty & Jeff Bruder in honor of Donita Bruder's birthday.

~Milwaukee partner support is given by Jack & Eleonore Kamoske in honor of Sara's 28th birthday.

### Noisy Offering

~Lutheran Disaster Response designated to the wildfires in California

### Practice 7-Worship

~Faith is not a pill you take, it is a muscle you use. Unknown

### Serving Next Weekend-December 22 & 23

~Ushers & Greeters-Normal monthly schedule

~Worship Assistant-Avis Dallman

~Lector-Bill Shadid, Cathy Brill, Lisa Kreuziger

~Altar Guild-Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell, Sandra Lembke, Bev Mehring

~Welcome Center-Charlotte & Mason Draeger, Kitchen Angels, Scott Rasmussen

## **Today Sunday 16**

Third Sunday Of Advent

Scrip

Worship 7:45, 9:00 (FD Program) & 10:30 am

Faith Development 9:00 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Blue Christmas 12:00 pm

## **Monday 17**

Preschool 9:00 am

## **Tuesday 18**

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

## **Wednesday 19**

Preschool 9:00 am

Quilters 9:00 am

Advent Book Study 6:00 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Chancel/Festival Choir 7:00 pm

## **Thursday 20**

Bus to ILC 8:00 am

Preschool 9:00 am

To Do Crew 9:00 am

Advent Book Study 11:00 am

## **Friday 21**

Church Office Closes At Noon

Preschool 9:00 am

## **Saturday 22**

Scrip Sale

Worship 5:00 pm

## **Sunday 23**

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Scrip

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

Celebration Band 9:00 am

### **Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA**

W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

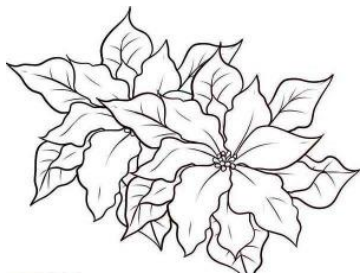
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Website: [www.holycrosslutheran.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran.org)

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



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We will be decorating the altar with poinsettia plants for Christmas. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Orders must be in the office by Sunday, December 16. Please enclose your check or cash with your order. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Day service or during the following week. (The church will be closed December 26.)

Red     White     Jingle Bell (red and white)  
 Pink     Marble (pink and white)

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be given to be added to our Mission Endowment Fund (please see reverse for details about this Fund and who received fund grants in 2017.)

\_\_\_\_\_Mission Endowment Fund

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In **honor** or in **memory** of:  
(please circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_

# CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS (in lieu of poinsettias) will be designated to the MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The two-fold function of the Mission Endowment Board is to:

1. Create a culture within our congregation whereby every member has the opportunity to consider planned giving through their will, trust or other financial instruments.
2. The Board, made up of elected Holy Cross members, is to oversee the wise investment of gifts and to make annual disbursements as outlined in the constitution.

In 2017 \$9,500 of Mission Endowment Fund grants were awarded:

- Seminary scholarship for HCLC member Adam Moreno who is in his final year of Seminary
- Part-time Christian Education summer intern
- GLOCAL programming
- Shady Lane Elementary School accessible playground
- Women's Retreat scholarships for Hephatha Lutheran Church
- The Greater Milwaukee Synod Endowment Fund for leadership
- ERAS (formerly Waukesha Interfaith)
- Outreach for Hope

Grants for 2018 will be awarded by the end of the year. The Fund's value as of October 31, 2018 was \$533,363.00. While the Fund has grown significantly this past year, we continue to seek increased awareness of this essential ministry. Your Christmas memorial will help us in this endeavor. Many thanks!

Is Holy Cross a beneficiary in your end of life financial plan?

## EVENT SIGN UP SHEET

Please use this form to sign up for activities/events at Holy Cross. Fill out the form, and include the fee or amount of deposit, if any. Return the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Use a generic envelope if you are adding the fee in church. If the event or activity you are interested in is not listed, write it in the space at the bottom of this sheet and someone will contact you.



### **2018 Christmas Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed during the **Christmas Eve worship services**. Please indicate which service you will be able to help and fill in your name on the reverse side of this sheet and someone will contact you. Thank you .....

#### **Christmas Eve – December 24**

##### **Welcome Center**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm

##### **Communion Assistants**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am (need 1)

##### **Greeters**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am (need 1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am (need 2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm (need 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm (need 3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm (need 3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm (need 1)

##### **Ushers**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am (need 2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm (need 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm (need 3)

#### **Christmas Day – December 25 9:00 Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lector  
\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome Center  
\_\_\_\_\_ Communion Assistant (need 3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Greeter (need 4)

### **The Christmas Story**

- My child would like to have a non-speaking part in the nativity worship, where the children will act out the Christmas story as shepherds, angels, wise men, etc... I understand the service is on December 23 and we will participate at 9:00 am and/or 10:30 am. I understand there is a mandatory practice on December 18 at 6:30 pm. Please call me with more information.

### **Hula Hoops Needed**

- I understand Children's ministry is looking for donations of old (in good condition) or new hula hoops. I can bring them to the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_