



**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**Reading:** Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:3b-6, 17-19

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

**Worship Asst./Lectors:** Scott Steinke, Judy  
Haerberle, Nathan Jahn

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Gift Wrapping Party

Join us to organize, sort, and wrap gifts from the Giving Tree! This is a great service opportunity for the whole family! You are also invited to join the International Learning Center for their Holiday Party in the morning on Thursday, December 20th. Sign up on the easel next to the Giving Tree for both opportunities.

*When: Saturday, December 8th from 3:00-5:00pm in the Trinity Center*

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

### This Is The Last Weekend To Pick Up Giving Tree Tags

We have 40 refugee students from the International Learning Center whose tags have not yet been chosen from the Giving Tree. Gift requests range from booster seats to rice cookers, to blenders. Choose a tag today and place your **unwrapped gift with the tag attached** under the tree by **noon on Friday, December 7th**.

### Joy To The World Nativity Collection Open House

Join us for an Open House and view more than 600 nativity sets from around the world! Bill and Susanne Gay will be here to share the story of their collection.

*When: Saturday, December 8th from 3:00-7:00 pm*

*Contact: Church Office at (262) 251-2740*

### Holy Cross Christmas Concert And Dinner

Enjoy the "The Sounds Of Christmas" featuring the music ministries of Holy Cross. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30pm by the kitchen angels prior to the concert.

*When: Saturday, December 8th at 7:00pm.*

*Dinner Cost: \$6.00 (TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS)*

*Contact: Mike Jacklin at [mikej@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:mikej@holycrosslutheran.org) or (262)-251-2740*

Please send in your photo Christmas cards for our member display!

## **Young At Heart**

Reminder to those who signed up...the Christmas party will be held on December 5th at Village Bowl (Main St. in Menomonee Falls) from 11:30 am-3:00 pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

### **Holiday Worship Schedule With Holy Communion**

Monday, December 24th-Christmas Eve Worship

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

Celebration Band Service at 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th-Christmas Day Worship

~Traditional Service at 9:00am

### **Blue Christmas**

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. Our Blue Christmas is a 45-minute service for those of us whose days aren't "merry and bright." It is a quiet, peaceful service filled with beautiful music, candles, and remembering the babe of Bethlehem.

*When: Sunday, December 16th at 12:00pm*

*Contact: Pastor Meredith at [meredithm@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:meredithm@holycrosslutheran.org) or (262)-251-2740*

### **Faith Development Christmas Program**

The Faith Development Christmas Program will be held on December 16th at the 9:00am worship service. All three-year-old through fifth-grade students will sing during worship.

### **Update On Pledges for 2019**

Thanks to everyone who submitted their 2019 Commitment to Mission Card. As of today, we have 190 pledges totaling \$555,812. 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.

### **Be Strong Stay Strong**

Bone and muscle loss begin early, but strength training can reverse the process. A 10-week strength training class will be held at Community Memorial Hospital for those who want to get in shape in the new year.

*When: January 7th-March 14th, Mondays & Thursdays from 1:00-2:30pm*

*Contact: Jen Whitty at [jwhitty@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitty@waukeshacounty.gov) or (262)-548-7789 to sign up or for more information.*

*Fee: \$30.00 (reduced fee based on need)*

## Children's Ministry – Important Dates To Remember

There will be a three-year-old Bible milestone class on January 10th from 6:30-7:30pm where all three-year-olds will receive their very own Spark Story Bible and begin to learn God's story.

A third grade Bible milestone class will be held on January 3rd from 6:30-8:00pm. Kids will receive their new Spark Bible and begin to learn how to use it.

First communion classes for students who are second-grade and older will be on April 4th and 11th from 6:30-8:00pm. The first night they will be able to share in communion will be April 18th at the 5:00 or 7:00pm worship services.

More information will be sent to your homes before these ministries.

## Mr. And Mrs. Shivers

A collection box for donations of either handmade or store-bought hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens can be found in the Gathering Place near the southeast entrance doors. The clothes will be donated to our partners in the Milwaukee area. This is a great way to keep children and adults warm this winter season.

## Thanks From Luther Manor

Many thanks to those who generously donated to the Luther Manor Friends Drive in November. A total of \$500 was collected and given to Luther Manor to support ongoing special projects that will enrich the lives of the residents. The Bingo party held at the end of October was also a huge success. Thanks to those who donated prizes and volunteered their time.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

### Memorial

~Was given by Susan Haberman in honor of the joy that Steve Haise brought to his family.

### Noisy Offering

~Lutheran Disaster Response designated to the wildfires in California

### Practice 7-Worship

~Disciples found here: Assembly required. Unknown

### Serving Next Weekend-December 8 & 9

~Ushers & Greeters-Normal monthly schedule

~Lector-Paul Bedker, Brian Espinosa, Anne Lindemann

~Worship Asst.-Stan Winarski

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

~Welcome Center-Evangelism

## **TODAY Sunday 2**

First Sunday Of Advent

Scrip Sale

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

Faith Development 9:00 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

Women's Advent Event 3:30 pm

## **Monday 3**

Preschool 9:00 am

## **Tuesday 4**

Elizabeth Circle 9:00 am

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

God Squad 6:00 pm

King's Kids 6:00 pm

Book Club 6:30 pm

Property Team 6:30 pm

Baptism Seminar 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday 5**

Preschool 9:00 am

Quilters 9:00 am

Pr. David Bible Study 10:30 am

Young At Heart 11:00 am

Advent Book Study 6:00 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Full Concert Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

## **Thursday 6**

Preschool 9:00 am

To Do Crew 9:00 am

New Beginnings Handbell Choir 5:30 pm

Youth Team 6:30 pm

## **Friday 7**

Church Office Closes At Noon

Preschool 9:00 am

Movie Night 6:30 pm

## **Saturday 8**

Scrip Sale, Blood Pressure

Nativity Presentation 3:00 pm

Giving Tree Gift Wrapping 3:00 pm

DAF 4:00 pm

Worship 5:00 pm

Pre-Concert Dinner 5:00 pm

Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

## **Sunday 9**

Second Sunday Of Advent

Scrip, Blood Pressure, Coffee & Chocolate Sale

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

Faith Development 9:00 am

Celebration Band 9:00 am

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

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



## 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 Eve 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**

##### **Lector**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm

##### **Welcome Center**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm

##### **Communion Assistants**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm (need 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm (need 5)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm (need 5)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm (need 5)

##### **Greeters**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm (need 4)

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

##### **Ushers**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am (need 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm (need 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 pm (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: \_\_\_\_\_