

# CROSSROADS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church– ELCA



## A Different Kind of Resolution...

We've all done it, made those New Year Resolutions that we break almost before we begin.

- I'm going to reduce my calories/sweets --- as we grab yet another cream cheese pinwheel.
- I'm going to spend more time with the family --- by the next afternoon you find you've spend 6 hours watching football.

Name your vice, your weakness, your Achilles' heel, or the chink in your armor. We've all made promise we've failed to keep and sincerely wished we could do better.

How about trying a different kind of RESOLUTION, that has a positive twist? Why not resolve to become involved in a Bible Study (adult class) ONCE in the coming year? If you've promised to do it before, this can be the year you actually do it! If you want to be an example to your children, here is a chance to live the talk. If you are up for a challenge that can bless you, maybe now is the time!

## New...

BIBLE STORIES for ADULTS...This study takes place on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am (while kids are in FD) in room 109 from January 10 through Feb. 14 with Steve Trethewey. It will focus on a different Bible story each week. Whether you've heard the story, know and love it, have some questions about it, or just want to explore the story in a bit more depth, (with no preparation) you're welcome to drop in each or any Sunday.

## Ongoing...

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY...This study continues at 7:00 pm every Monday evening. The group has just finished the Purpose of Christmas, and will begin again in January with the Book of Exodus. This is a Life Change Series that explores the redemption of human kind. Gwen Downing leads the class. The members would love to welcome you to the group. They meet in room 102.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...This group meets every Wednesday morning at 11:00 am for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. Generally, the Daily Discipleship Bible Study is used – but occasionally they dig into something that sparks their attention. They meet in room 109.

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## Life at Holy Cross

### Upcoming Events

- On Jan. 2nd & 3rd, a *Three Kings Presentation* will be held in front of the Nativity Cabinets at 4:15 pm, 8:45 am & 10:15 am. See page 3 for details.
- Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 5th at 9:00 am in the Gathering Place. Judy Paul will serve and Joan Shanley will lead the study on "Nothing can separate us". Everyone is welcome.
- The Empty Nesters will be holding their annual "Undeck the Halls" on Friday, Jan. 8th at 3:30 pm. The group will go to the *Schwabenhof* for dinner afterward.
- Mt. Meru Coffee, tea and chocolate will be sold on January 10th in the Gathering Place.
- The Waukesha Co. Workforce Development Center is offering career planning. Job search, education, training, and economic support for Waukesha residents will be discussed. Please call 262-695-7800 or email at [www.wfcd.org](http://www.wfcd.org) with questions.

### Thank You

A gift and thanks were received from Edward & Bonnie Veth for the religious education that their Grandchildren (Booher family) are receiving from Holy Cross.

Thanks were received from Donita Bruder for the prayers by Holy Cross members for her brother Robert Santos.

### Prayer Connection

- *Deaths*  
Christian Sympathy to Donita Bruder and her family in the death of her brother Robert Santos.
- *Births*  
Congratulations to Cindy Doberstein Wolff and her husband in the birth of their daughter Daphne Lynn.

### General Contributions

*Our 2009 budget calls for average weekly contributions of \$20, 269 to avoid an operating deficit.*

Week of December 13, 2009:

Offerings = \$25,252.50 (\$13,599.00 Simply Giving, \$11,653.50 plate offerings)

Week of December 20, 2009:

Offerings = \$26,809.34 (\$769.00 Simply Giving, \$26,040.34 plate offerings)

### Attendance

Week of December 13, 2009:

Saturday 118; Sunday 570.

Week of December 20, 2009:

Saturday 139 ; Sunday 559 .

### Memorials

Memorials were received from James & Kathleen Raml and Mary & Robert Hoelzer in memory of Helga Tronca.

### *Seedlings from Earthkeepers*



Go [Loco for Local](#)

*Save cash and support local economy.*

Most produce in the U.S. is picked four to seven days before getting to supermarket shelves and is shipped for an average of 1,500 miles before being sold. Buying locally grown food means you're getting the freshest product, rather than something that was picked almost a week prior. It also cuts down on energy use and supports local farmers. <http://www.localharvest.org/csa/> will help you find local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).



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### **Upcoming...**

Be on the lookout for a new class coming this spring on ISLAM. It is current...it is interesting...maybe it's for you?

### **The Standards...**

CIRCLES (Women's Bible Study Groups)

Martha Circle            2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm

Elizabeth Circle        1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am

Mary Circle              3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

Which one would be for you? Call Pastor Meredith in the church office, and she'll help you choose.

MEN IN MISSION... This has a new twist. The group is alternating lessons between straight forward Bible Study and DVD presentations. It is held on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 7:00 am in the Trinity Center.

A WHOLE DIFFERENT WAY TO STUDY... Try *GOD PAUSE*, which can be accessed by going to [www.holycrosslutheran.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran.org) (Education tab...Devotion page). This is a daily, online, two minute devotion.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP... This is an online weekly Bible study that will help you prepare for the coming weekend's worship. Please contact Beth Dorsey in the church office to sign up for this study.

CHURCH MAGAZINES... Holy Cross has a number of magazines available to you. *The Lutheran, The Word in Season.*

## **Celebrate Epiphany by Hearing the Story and Traditions of the Three Kings.**

Holy Cross will celebrate Epiphany on the weekend of January 2nd & 3rd at all services. After worship, Bill and Susan Gay will be with us to share the story of the Three Kings with our nativity collection. Meet in front of the nativity cabinets and hear the story!

Saturday, Jan. 2nd      4:15 pm BEFORE 5:00 pm worship

Sunday, Jan. 3rd        8:45 a.m. AFTER 7:45 am service

10:15 a.m. AFTER 9:00 am service.

The presentations will last no longer than one half hour. Children are welcomed to attend with their parents/grandparents.

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME!

# God's Work Our Hands



## ***Jump Start: A proactive approach to brain health and wellness!***

Did you know...the brain is the most complicated piece of equipment in the universe? It has the information processing power of a hundred billion medium sized interacting computers, yet we use only 5 – 10% of it.

Can Thinking Abilities Be Improved? The answer is yes! Mental exercise is vitally important for brain maintenance and regeneration. This new ministry between Holy Cross and Luther Manor consists of participatory classes that emphasize brain health and wellness. *Jump Start* works on early intervention to promote a better quality of life. It is designed for class members to learn techniques to improve memory. *Jump Start* classes increases knowledge of how the brain works and provides mental exercises that are challenging and instill confidence.

Classes will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Holy Cross from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dawn Adler, Manager Adult Day Services and *Jump Start* Instructor at (414) 464-3888 ext. 314.

## **Christmas Giving Tree**

The needs of each family requesting Christmas gifts was fully met. Approximately 100 gifts were distributed through your kind donations. The funds gathered for animals for our partner congregation at Seela and the monies for purchasing a meter of land for the Makimira farm are still being tallied. Thank you for your support.

## **Florist Ave. Brunch**

A special thanks to all who contributed food items, gifts, time and energy to making our annual Christmas Brunch at Florist Ave. Lutheran (one of our partnership congregations) such a success. We ended up providing the Brunch, fleece blankets, (those that came after the cut off date went to Interfaith) frosting, and cake mixes for 40 gift boxes and Christmas gifts.

## **Sign Up Now!**

The 2010 Coffee Hour Schedule is up in the Gathering Place. If you are interested, please sign up now! If you are new to this ministry; training will be done to help you ease into the process. If you have any questions, please call Diane Jewell at 255-0980.

## **Budget Forums**

Learn more about our ministry through our Mission Budget! Meet with Mark Nadolski our volunteer congregational Treasurer by attending a forum after any Sunday services January 23rd and 31st. The Saturday budget forum will be once on Sat. Jan. 30th.

## The Readers' Corner

By Lois Heider

If you love dogs (or any other animals), you'll enjoy this fascinating account of how dogs and humans interact with each other in ways that are beyond what most of us realize. Look for this book in the NEW ARRIVALS section of our church library.

*Paws & Effect* by Sharon Sakson (2009) (Non-Fiction)

Dogs have always been our friends, and they certainly change our lives for the better. But they may save our lives as well.

Seamlessly weaving scientific research with compelling narrative, *Paws & Effect* tells incredibly moving stories of beloved pets who have supported their people through periods of ill health and other crises—with miraculous results. From amazing research on cancer-sniffing canines to the astonishing feats of service dogs, this book covers the array of fascinating information on the healing power of dogs and redefines the age-old bond between dogs and humans—a bond that is proving to be without limits.

Actress and author, Betty White, says of this book, "So meaningful and straight to the heart, *Paws & Effect* sheds a whole new light on our communication with animals, of which many people are unaware. You may listen more closely the next time your dog tries to tell you something!"

## Don't Forget the 2010 Memorial Chart!

The 2010 Memorial Chart is up in the Gathering Place and we have a very open January. You are encouraged to sign up for a flower, coffee hour or mission support square to help support the fellowship and ministry of our congregation in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion. Thank you for your support!

## Preschool News

The Preschool children were busy celebrating the birth of Jesus this month with Mary, Joseph and the birth of our Savior. The fruit of the month was patience. The children enjoyed learning about Christmas and making many fun Christmas crafts. They also went on a field trip to Centennial Hall to see The Gingerbread Man. Additionally, the children participated in two festive holiday events – a Christmas program for friends and family and a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party during which they exchanged gifts.

Holy Cross Preschool will be holding registration for the 2010-2011 school year for current Holy Cross Church members and current preschool families on Saturday, February 6th, from 9:00– 11:00 am. Registration for the general public will be held on February 22nd.

**What  
Does  
Your  
Faith  
Look  
Like?**

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church office closed New Year's Day	2 5:00 PM Worship closed
3 Epiphany Little Lambs Nursery 7:45 AM Worship-Communion 9:00 AM 2nd Anniversary of Bapt. 9:00 AM Worship-Communion 10:30 AM Worship-Communion 6:00 PM Crossing	4 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Music 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:30 PM AOB "Parenting your Teenager" 7:00 PM Fellowship & Community 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study	5 9:00 AM Elizabeth Circle 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Music 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Angel Choir 6:30 PM Crossing Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Seminar 7:15 PM Bell Choir	6 9:00 AM Preschool 9:00 AM Quilters 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM AOB Open Gym 6:15 PM Journey Choir 7:00 PM AOB 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7 9:00 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Preschool Board 6:45 PM Celebration Singers 7:00 PM Mission Endowment Board 7:00 PM Youth 8:10 PM Celebration Band	8 9:00 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Movie Night	9 7:00 AM Men in Mission Bible Study and Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
10 Bapt. of the Lord Jesus Faith Development Little Lambs Nursery Mt. Meru Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sale 7:45 AM Worship-Communion 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship-Communion 6:00 PM Crossing	11 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 7:00 PM FACT 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study	12 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Angel Choir 6:30 PM Crossing Choir 7:00 PM Partnership Task Force 7:15 PM Bell Choir	13 7:00 AM Finance 9:00 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 1:00 PM Martha Circle 6:00 PM AOB Open Gym 6:15 PM Journey Choir 7:00 PM AOB 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 9:00 AM Preschool 5:30 PM Community Dinner 6:00 PM Worship team 6:30 PM 4 year-old Prayer Milestone Class 6:45 PM Celebration Singers 7:00 PM Council MTG 8:10 PM Celebration Band	15 9:00 AM Preschool 6:00 PM LARCUM Rehearsal	16 5:00 PM Worship, Steele Bapt.
17 Faith Development Little Lambs Nursery Stewardship Pledge Drive 7:45 AM Worship-Communion 9:00 AM Worship-Communion 10:30 AM Worship-Communion 6:00 PM Crossing	18 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Music 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 1:00 PM Immun. Clinic 1:00 PM Northwest Trading Post 6:00 PM Northwest Trading Post 6:30 PM AOB "Parenting your Teenager" 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study	19 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Music 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Angel Choir 6:30 PM Crossing Choir 6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Earthkeepers 7:15 PM Bell Choir	20 9:00 AM Preschool 9:00 AM Quilters 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM AOB Open Gym 6:15 PM Journey Choir 7:00 PM AOB 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	21 9:00 AM Mary Circle 9:00 AM Preschool 6:30 PM PJ's & Prayers 6:45 PM Celebration Singers 8:10 PM Celebration Band	22 9:00 AM Preschool 6:00 PM LARCUM Rehearsal	23 7:00 AM Men in Mission Bible Study 5:00 PM Worship
24 Faith Development Little Lambs Nursery 7:45 AM Worship-Communion 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship-Communion 6:00 PM Crossing	25 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Holy Cross Playgroup 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:00 PM Christian Ed. 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study	26 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 12:00 PM Preschool Stay & Play 6:00 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM Angel Choir 6:30 PM Crossing Choir 7:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Evangelism	27 9:00 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 12:00 PM Seasoned Christians 6:00 PM AOB Open Gym 6:15 PM Journey Choir 7:00 PM AOB Guide Meeting & Service Projects 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28 9:00 AM Preschool 5:30 PM Community Dinner 6:45 PM Celebration Singers 8:10 PM Celebration Band	29 9:00 AM Preschool	30 9:00 AM Hephatha Cook 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM BreadBreakers
31 Faith Development Little Lambs Nursery 7:45 AM Worship-Communion 8:00 AM Hephatha Worship & Lunch 9:00 AM Worship-Communion 10:30 AM Worship-Communion 11:30 AM Annual Meeting 6:30 PM Crossing/FUSED						

## January 2010 Connection

### **Ushers**

#### Jan. 2 & 3

5:00 pm Duane Gilson team  
7:45 am Arlene Mahnke team  
9:00 am Ken Dux team  
10:30 am Andy Frailing team

#### Jan. 9 & 10

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

#### Jan. 16 & 17

5:00 pm Don Bisgard team  
7:45 am Randy Kressin team  
9:00 am Bill Marohl team  
10:30 am Oliver Olsen team

#### Jan. 23 & 24

5:00 pm Rolf Berg team  
7:45 am Bev Green team  
9:00 am Glen Schellhaas team  
10:30 am Dave Fetzer team

#### Jan. 30 & 31

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team  
7:45 am Jack Niay team  
9:00 am Don Earnest team  
10:30 am Kurt Windbeil team

### **Greeters**

#### Jan. 2 & 3

5:00 pm Randy & Colleen Stowell,  
Lowell & Mary Carl  
7:45 am Glen & Gail Borchardt, Bruce  
& Sandy Schwoch, Bob & Deb  
Stresing

9:00 am Carol Miller, Donna Wechlo,  
Fred Krull, Jack Sommerville  
10:00 am Mark & Cheryl Schmitz,  
Dave & Diane Jewell, Steve & Lisa  
Schild

#### Jan. 9 & 10

5:00 pm Barb Berg, Mary Ann Holt,  
Sylvia Greytak  
7:45 am Sandy & Jim Koester, Bob &  
Patsy Baer, Glenn & Carolyn  
Schellhaas

9:00 am Donna James Romano, Avis  
Dallman, Richard & Donna Hoffman  
10:30 am Charlene & Norm Peterson,  
Nancy Barelmann

#### Jan. 16 & 17

5:00 pm Paul & Anne Lindemann,  
Susan Gartzke  
7:45 am Don & Sandy Earnest,  
Marilyn Heyde, Sandy & Bob Schlag  
9:00 am Vern & Shirley Blankenburg,  
Bob & Coleen Reshel, Ray Hager  
10:30 am George & Donita Bruder,  
Tim & Richella Singers, Darlene  
Kullmann, Gail & Matthew Citowitz-  
Placzek

#### Jan. 23 & 24

5:00 pm Jeff & Joleen Pyatt,  
Warren Musaus, Mary Ann  
Holt, Sylvia Greytak  
7:45 am Pete & Karen Gullickson, Ellie  
Braeker, Don & Carol Clark, Stan &  
Carole Grove, George & Betty Klaus,  
Bob & Barb Hessler  
9:00 am Donna Kennedy, Jill Konicek,  
Mickie Konicek  
10:30 am Eleonore & Jack Kamoske,  
Mary Kay & Stan Winarski

#### Jan. 30 & 31

5:00 pm Don & Eunice Koehler,  
Tim & Donna Leberman, Lee &  
Judy Paul  
7:45 am Pat Stelzer, Mary Wirth  
9:00 am Howard Westfahl, Kelly &  
Steve Stapelman  
10:30 am Steve & Carol Strehlow, Bob  
& Lisa Burmeister, Scott & Tim  
Rasmussen

### **Lectors**

#### Jan. 2 & 3

5:00 pm Joan Timmerman  
7:45 am Harry Emerson  
9:00 am Ted Klumb  
10:30 am Wendy Kalland

#### Jan. 9 & 10

5:00 pm Lowell Carl  
7:45 am Marilyn Heyde  
9:00 am John Booher  
10:30 am Dick Wals

#### Jan. 16 & 17

5:00 pm Susan Kmiecik  
7:45 am Lori Schultz  
9:00 am Avis Dallman  
10:30 am Scott Stevenson

#### Jan. 23 & 24

5:00 pm Anne Lindemann  
7:45 am Ron Jaeger  
9:00 am Scott DeChant  
10:30 am Stan Winarski  
Jan. 30 & 31  
5:00 pm Duane Gilson  
7:45 am Carolyn Schellhaas  
9:00 am Kim Fischer  
10:30 am Eleonore Kamoske

### **Altar Guild**

Lisa Burmeister, Sandy  
Earnest

### **Worship Asst.**

#### Jan. 2 & 3

Judy Haeberle

#### Jan. 9 & 10

Pete Deubler

#### Jan. 16 & 17

Jon Thomsen

#### Jan. 23 & 24

Marilyn Heyde

#### Jan. 30 & 31

Mark Christiaansen

### **Welcome Center**

#### Jan. 2 & 3

5:00 pm  
8:30 am Chris Hollenberger  
10:00 am Steve & Merissa  
Osswald

#### Jan. 9 & 10

5:00 pm  
8:30 am  
10:00 am Tim Bandt  
Jan. 16 & 17

5:00 pm Susan Gartzke  
8:30 am Dan & Julie Navin  
10:00 am Scott Rasmussen

#### Jan. 23 & 24

5:00 pm Mary Ann Holt &  
Sylvia Greytak  
8:30 am Tom Zinda  
10:00 am Mary Kay & Stan  
Winarski

#### Jan. 30 & 31

5:00 pm Pam Oliveresen  
8:30 am Jake Kuhaupt  
10:00 am Drew & Lisa Gloede

**COOKIE DOUGH**

**2010**

**Come and see** ▲▲▲

**January 22nd - 24th  
Pine Lake Camp  
\$75 due Jan. 16th**

**Sign Up outside of Youth Room or on Facebook  
If you have any questions contact Zac  
zacm@holycrosslutheran.org or 262.251.2740 ext. 225**

HOLY CROSS  
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*A place where we worship weekly, pray  
daily, give joyfully, study the Bible and  
serve the Lord in our community and  
throughout the world!*