

CROSSROADS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church– ELCA



TRUST IN GOD AT ALL TIMES O PEOPLE, POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS *Psalm 62:8*

The following are a sampling of hearts that have been turned into the church office...We are giving more because:



God Loves Us!

God has taken care of us.

We can, and we love our church.

The abundance of God's love for me.

We have been so blessed, as has our wonderful family. Our monetary gifts to HCLC to carry on important ministry programs, are but a small part of our gratefulness to the Lord!

Because of the gifts of loving family and special friends, with thanks to our loving God.

Because all of us are so blessed, and there is still so much of God's work to do!

Holy Cross is important in maintaining balance in my life. I just have to do this!

We believe in the mission and ministry here at Holy Cross. We are thankful to be able to give more each year since becoming members fourteen years ago.

We are loved by God and receive many of his blessings here at Holy Cross.

God gave so much to us, that we honor him by giving back of our blessings.

We are thankful and fortunate for our family, our health and our home.

God has blessed us in so many ways and we are so grateful for what Holy Cross means to our community, its many members and friends.

We are following what Jesus has asked us to do as his children, to carry on the many wonderful and diverse ministries of HCLC.

We are grateful for God's Love during our cancer treatments.

Of the many wonderful and diverse ministries of Holy Cross.

Despite hard times, God is always there to provide for us.

Holy Cross Lutheran is an extension of our home.

In very difficult times, God has blessed us richly!

Holy Cross is a very important part of our lives.

For the blessings of family and friends.

We are blessed to be healthy in 2010!

We are so incredibly blessed!

God is Good! All the Time!

All the Time! God is

Good!

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The Pour Out Your Hearts Stewardship Campaign will conclude on Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day. Thanks to all who continue to support the ministry and mission of God's Work here at Holy Cross. We give thanks to those who were able to increase their giving this year, those who have sustained their generous gifts and tithes, and those who are learning to grow in faith filled giving!

Pastor Meredith

Life at Holy Cross

Upcoming Events

•What is DAYLE? It is a fellowship group for definitely-abled young adults, ages 18 – 25(ish). It is open not only to Holy Cross members, but also to those in the area. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 13 from 6-8:00 pm. Join us for prayer, music, activities, food and bible study. This meeting will focus on opening our hearts to Jesus. Please pass this information on to any young adults who you feel would enjoy this evening of fellowship!

•Are you a young member of Holy Cross looking to meet others? Are you a family, a couple or single? Join us on the 1st Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm for a pot luck, conversation, and kid's playtime. We get together monthly, but there is no obligation to come every time. This gathering is very informal and lasts about 1 1/2 hours. The next gathering is February 6th. Contact Todd & Bobbi Fochs for more details at: tfochs1023@yahoo.com or 414-881-0235; blandvat@yahoo.com or 414-840-8078.

Thanks

The Braaten family believes that their family has been richly blessed by the "Power of Prayer" during Brian's recent illness. They are thankful for all of the prayers and visits from the pastors and all of the prayers from the members of the Prayer Chain. The Braatens are sincerely thankful to everyone who was part of their extensive support group.

Military Honor Roll

Please keep the following Holy Cross members and families in your prayers: Shannon Brusseau, Aaron Ferguson, Eric Hemming, Nick Gilson, Julie Lange, Jonathan Lange, Eric Nordseth, Patrick Remfrey, Joshua Braaten, Loren Braaten and Dustin Peche.

Prayer Connection

•Hospitalized
Betsy Koehler, Martin Traindl, Tom Gelhar,
Louise Galleau



Add to
your
prayer
list

General Contributions

Our 2010 budget calls for average weekly contributions of \$20,199 to avoid an operating deficit.

Week of January 24, 2010:

Offerings = \$9,383.46 (\$1,179.00 Simply Giving, \$8,204.46 plate offerings)

Week of January 31, 2010:

Offerings = \$13,367.45 (\$5,784.00 Simply Giving, \$7,583.45 plate offerings)

Month End Financial Information

	2010	January <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Actual</u>
Contributions		\$ 72,586.36	\$ 72,586.36
Expenses		88,397.53	88,397.53
(Deficit)/Surplus		<u>\$(15,811.17)</u>	<u>\$(15,811.17)</u>
Undedicated Savings as of 1/31/10 – 23,580			
Mortgage Balance as of 1/31/10 - \$2,600,423			

Attendance

Week of January 24, 2010:

Saturday 126; Sunday 441.

Week of January 31, 2010:

Saturday 99; Sunday 422.

Seedlings from Earthkeepers



10-Minute Green Home Makeovers

The average faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute, and a five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons of water. So, we're going back to elementary school for this one. Turning off the water when you brush and shave, taking shorter showers and flushing judiciously can all save hundreds of gallons of water.

Resolution of Thanks from the Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, Cindy Boerner and Lisa Schild of Christian Education; Chelsea Jaeger, Pam Schwalbach and Todd Jex of Church in Society; Monique Knodl, Rachel Tillman and Lisa Gloede of Evangelism; Diane Jewell, Linda Johnson of Fellowship and Community; Jeffrey Bryl and Aaron Cross of Finance; Greg Darga, Marty Kowatsch and Dana Seflow of Property; Jack Kamoske, Nanette Smith and Ruth Windbiel of Stewardship; Sandy Wals, Linda Haise and Chris Thalhammer of Worship; Nancy Whalen and Amanda Boerner of Youth; Andy Frailing of Mission Endowment; Donna Stevenson, Betty Fuller and Nicky Brown of Preschool; and Randy Stowell, Robyn Zinda and Julie Bandt of the Executive Team; have given of their time and talents in service to the Lord, the Church and the family of Holy Cross,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that we express our sincere thanks to these people for the ways that they have used their gifts to serve God through Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Partnership Emphasis

At the worship services on Feb. 27 & 28, our congregational partner at SEELA, Tanzania will take center stage. Sue Werner, having returned to us in December from Tanzania, will share her experiences at our partner church. During worship, we will hear stories of the people, their faith, hopes and hardships. We will hear about where we've been and where we're going in the coming years. There will be an invitation for a delegation to go to Tanzania. We'll listen for God's calling and prompting.

The Church Council & Ministry Team members are encouraged to attend either Florist Ave. Lutheran or Hephatha Lutheran for their morning worship on Feb. 28. Services are at 9:00 am, a bus will leave at 8:15 am from Holy Cross.

Mid-Week of LENT

Are you a stay-at-home parent, don't drive at night, a night shift worker, or available during the day? Maybe the morning Mid-Week Lenten opportunities are for you! Worship is at 10:00 am and then you may move to the Gathering Place for coffee/juice. "LUTHERAN TIDBITS" will be offered following fellowship. No preparation is necessary.

**What
Does
Your
Faith
Look
Like?**

Youth & Family Ministry

Something's Stirring...

As the cold dark days of winter give way to the brighter days of spring, all of God's creation awakens to new life. As Christians, we celebrate our awakening to new life in Jesus as this season of Lent prepares us for his glorious Easter dawn. The whole world comes alive in celebration of Christ's resurrection. Let us take time to join in the celebration as all creation sings our Lord's praise.

Join us as we begin a Lenten experience for children called *Let All Creation Sing*. Each week will focus on a specific animal from the season: The donkey, the honeybee, the rooster and chicks, the lamb, and the bunny. This five-session event will be offered from 6:00 to 6:45 pm on Wednesdays beginning February 24 thru March 24. Lenten dinners will begin at 5:30 pm and worship services will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

We will be doing a plethora of fun activities to learn about Lent. Our time will include skits, crafts, songs, prayers and recipes to fulfill and inspire you this Lent. There is no need to sign up ahead of time, just come to the Garden View Room. Kids can be dropped off or parents are welcome to stay. Let's all have a fun, fulfilling and faithful experience. If you have any question, please call Sue Christiaansen in the church office at 251-2740.

Get the Spring Back in your Step!

The Holy Cross Women's Retreat will take place on April 17-18 at the Green Lake Conference Center. There are hotel style accommodations with two double beds and a bath. The cost covers lodging plus 4 meals...single room - \$ 120; Double Room - \$ 75; Triple Room - \$ 60 (only 6 of these rooms are available). Plans include a variety of opportunities including: worship, devotions, crafts, reading, games (bring your own materials to catch up on ~ scrapbooking, stamping, reading or a deck of cards). Pastor Meredith will lead a discussion on the popular book *The Shack*. HCLC member Cindi Schickert will lead some Yoga sessions as well as a conversation on health, nutrition and wellness. Hopefully, we'll have great spring weather and you can enjoy a walk along the lake!

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE online at www.holycrosslutheran.org. Go to the Resources tab and choose Forms from the drop down menu. Forms may also be picked up in the church office.

Volleyball at Holy Cross

Holy Cross is starting a Monday night co-ed volleyball league for those ages 13 and up. Sign up as a team (minimum of six people) or as an individual and we will get you on a team!

Information is available on the bulletin board near the Trinity Center. Sign up by February 15. The first match will be on February 22 at 6:00 pm! Please contact Zac with questions.



Free Children's Clothing

Every third Monday of the month, the Northwest Trading Post distributes free children's clothing to families in need. The Trading Post is located in the Trinity Center at Holy Cross. The hours are from 1-2:30 pm and 6-7:30 pm.

Gently-used clothing is available in infant sizes through size 14. A limited amount of maternity and adult clothing is also available. Toys, high chairs, baby seats, strollers, play pens, car seats, diapers, formula, etc. are also offered when available.

Participants are asked to bring one or two non-perishable food items for the local food pantry in exchange for the clothing.

Donations of gently-used children's clothing and other items are also greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Trinity Center. For more information, call the Northwest Trading Post office at 262-251-2963.

First Aid Kits

Please donate the following First Aid/Health Kit items which will be forwarded to Tanzania. The items can be placed in the basket located underneath the Giving Wreath.

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| ___ Band aids (3/4"-1") | ___ First aid ointment |
| ___ First aid tape | ___ Q-tips |
| ___ Gauze pads | ___ Wash cloths (dark colors) |
| ___ Toenail trimmers | ___ Fingernail trimmers |
| ___ Metal nail files | ___ Toothbrushes |
| ___ Tylenol (adult or children – tablets or caplets, no gel or capsules) | |

Sewing Kits

Until the end of March, Mary Circle will be collecting supplies for the Lutheran World Relief sewing kits. These kits are used to help people in underdeveloped countries learn a trade and earn an income. Please place your donations in the designated box in Micah's closet.

Items needed for the kits include:

- Cotton or cotton blend fabric (3 yards if 45" wide, 4 yards if 36" wide)
- Packages of needles for hand sewing (10-15 needles)
- New spools of matching thread (not sewing kit size)
- Cards of at least 5 matching buttons (1/2 to 5/8 inch)

Mt. Meru

Mt. Meru coffee and tea will be sold on Sunday, February 9 in the Gathering Place. Consider also purchasing some delicious chocolate bars from Ghana through the Lutheran World Relief Chocolate Project.

God's Work Our Hands



LSS News

In the wake of the devastating earthquake that destroyed tens of thousands of homes across Port au Prince and Western Haiti, the LSS Refugee program is preparing for the possibility of resettling Haitian individuals and families. The status of the Haitian families isn't yet known, but with unexpectedly heavy arrivals of Burmese, Sudanese, and Iraqi families thus far this January, the LSS stockpile of furniture is quickly dwindling.

Items of particular need are beds, dressers, kitchen cooking items, and dinette sets. If you or your family have any pieces of furniture or household items that you would like to donate, please contact the Community Resource Coordinator at Byork90@LSSWIS.org, or (414) 325-3164.

The Readers' Corner

By Lois Heider

This latest book, by the author of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, can be found in the NEW ARRIVALS section of our church library.

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom (2009) (Non-Fiction)

In *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds—two men, two faiths, two communities—that will inspire readers everywhere.

The story begins with an unusual request: an eighty-two-year-old rabbi from Albom's old hometown asks him to deliver his eulogy. Feeling unworthy, Albom insists on understanding the man better, which throws him back into a world of faith he'd left years ago. Meanwhile, closer to his current home, Albom becomes involved with a Detroit pastor—a reformed drug dealer and convict—who preaches to the poor and homeless in a decaying church with a hole in its roof.

Moving between their worlds, Christian and Jewish, african-american and white, impoverished and well-to-do, Albom observes how these very different men employ faith similarly in fighting for survival: the older, suburban rabbi embracing it as death approaches, the younger, inner-city pastor relying on it to keep himself and his church afloat.

As America struggles with hard times and people turn more to their beliefs, Albom and the two men of God explore issues that perplex modern man: how to endure when difficult things happen; what is heaven; intermarriage; forgiveness; doubting God; and the importance of faith in trying times. Although the texts, prayers and histories are different, Albom begins to recognize a striking unity between the two worlds—and indeed, between beliefs everywhere.

In the end, as the rabbi nears death and a harsh winter threatens the pastor's wobbly church, Albom sadly fulfills the rabbi's last request and writes the eulogy. He finally understands what both men had been teaching all along: the profound comfort of believing in something bigger than yourself.

This book is about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story.

Holy Cross Preschool celebrates our 10th year!!!

The Holy Cross Preschool is celebrating it's 10th year as a state-licensed preschool, and we would love to invite you to celebrate with us. Over the past ten years, the preschool has grown to include a staff of three teachers and one administrator/director with more than 30 years of combined experience and two full classrooms each morning. We are dedicated to introducing children to Christian values and principles while recognizing that children learn best through play. We provide a wide range of opportunities for exploration and self-discovery.

So far during this school year, the preschool has hosted two coffee hours to help make the church members aware of the preschool's 10 year milestone. We hope to plan additional activities throughout the year to encourage the congregation's awareness of our wonderful program. An Art Night for preschool students and other children in the church family is being planned for the evening of March 22, from 6-7:00 pm. At this event, children create their own original works of art and can have them printed on a variety of items, such as note cards, mugs, night lights, plates, and so much more. Additionally, the preschool will be hosting a "taco dinner" on Wednesday, March 24, in conjunction with the Wednesday evening Lenten service. We hope to see many of you at our activities.

The preschool benefits from fundraising. This includes the sale of Boston Store Community Day coupon booklets, volunteering at the Milwaukee Brewer concession stands and doing an Art Night in March. Additionally, the preschool collects McDonald's receipts and Campbell's "Labels for Education". We have collection spots in the preschool office and in Micah's closet. In addition to earning many new classroom supplies, our fundraising has allowed us to purchase beautiful new play kitchen equipment for each of the preschool rooms as well as completing a remodel of the administrator/director's office.

Please support the Holy Cross Preschool by purchasing a Community Day coupon booklet for only \$5. Your \$5 purchase gives you a \$10 coupon off any purchase of \$10 or more. Above and beyond the \$10 coupon, you will also receive several 20% off coupons as well as Bonus Buys. The entire \$5 goes directly to the preschool – a winning situation for everyone! These booklets can be used at Boston Store, Bergners, Carson Pirie Scott, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's and Younkers on Feb. 27. Coupon booklets are available in the Preschool or church offices.

Registration for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year begins soon. Please mark your calendars! Registrations began for currently enrolled Holy Cross Preschool children/families who will be returning, Holy Cross church members and previously enrolled Holy Cross Preschool families on Saturday, February 6 from 9-11:00 am. Open Registration for the general public will begin on Monday, February 22. Classes meet from 9-12:00 pm, either two days per week (T-TH) or three days per week (M-W-F), from September through May. Any children who turn three by December 31 through five-year-olds are welcome to attend with priority going to those who turn three by September 1. No early registrations can be accepted. Please see the preschool tab on the Holy Cross website to view current brochures and registration forms. Additionally, the preschool will hold two open houses for current and prospective families. The first will be held on Tuesday, February 9, from 6-7:00 pm, the second will be held on Monday, March 29, from 6-7:00pm. We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about our preschool program, please contact Carrie Booher, President of the Preschool Board, at (262) 250-1090 or Pam Kraus, Administrator/Director of the Preschool, at (262)502-4104.



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WERE YOU THERE?

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:

February 17 at 10:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday February 24 thru March 24

WEEKLY WORSHIP:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

We the Jury - A Lenten Drama

Don't miss this unique and moving Lenten Series.

WEEKLY ADULT STUDY:

Wednesdays at 10:45 am and Sundays 9:00 am

WEEKLY LENTEN SUPPERS:

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY LENTEN EVENT

Let All Creation Sing

Wednesdays at 6:00 to 6:45 pm



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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm,
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daily, give joyfully, study the Bible and
serve the Lord in our community and
throughout the world!*