

# *The Lighted Cross*

## *Bible Study Opportunities*

### *Sunday Morning Adults*

In-between services on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10 join Pastor Tweit in the gym and spend the month of January studying the book of Ruth

### *Sunday Morning Youth*

In-between services on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10 am join Pastor Bartels in the library and spend the month of January discussing, “What’s my calling in life?”

### *Monday Evening*

Beginning Monday, January 4 at 7:30 pm, for 10 consecutive Monday nights, we invite you to join us for our Adult Information Class. This class explains the doctrines of scripture... and is basically, an adult confirmation class. Who’s invited?

- Anyone interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross...
- Anyone who wants to study what Holy Cross believes...
- Members who would like a refresher course in our basic doctrines...
- School parents who want to know what their children are

being taught in our school.

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### *Tuesday Evening*

6:30 – 7:30 pm in the cafeteria, led by both pastors. Beginning Tuesday, January 5, we will begin a 6 week study of the Epistle to the Galatians. Luther once said of this book of the Bible, “The Epistle to the Galatians is the epistle to which I am betrothed. It is my Katie von Bora” (his wife’s name.)

### *Wednesday morning 6:30 am Men’s Bible Study*

Judges – in the library, led by Pastor Tweit. We’re beginning the study of the book of Judges... learn from the history of the children of Israel, after they entered the promised land and before they were ruled by kings.

### *Wednesday morning 6:30 am Women’s Bible Study*

Nehemiah – this book of the Bible deals with the religious and social issues the Children of Israel faced when they returned to rebuild Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity.

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### *Wednesday morning 10:00 am*

We’re having fun re-learning the history of God’s great deliverance of the Children of Israel from bondage in Egypt as we study the book of Exodus. Led by both pastors

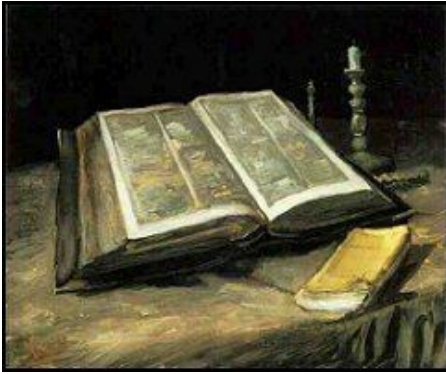
### *Friday Morning Book Club*

Fridays, 7 – 7:30 am.

On Friday, January 8 we’ll begin reading and discussing a book called the Fire and the Staff. It’s written in a very entertaining and engaging style and discusses the fact that what we believe as Lutherans and how we practice as Lutherans go hand-in-hand. This book is so good, I would encourage every member to read it! Please speak with Pastor Bartels if you are interested in taking part!

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## ***Upcoming Youth Dates***

- Vacation Bible School-June 14-18
- Camp Indianhead, July 11-16
- LYA Convention, July 28-Aug 2

## ***VBS Volunteers Needed***

If you're interested in being a teacher, music leader, art leader, or assistant for Vacation Bible School this summer, June 14-18, please speak with one of the pastors. Thanks!

## ***Special Needs Training***

Jesus Cares Ministries is a unique outreach ministry whose mission is to assist congregations of the ELS/WELS in meeting their responsibility to share the gospel with people who have a developmental disability, their families and communities. If you are interested in learning how to teach people with a developmental disability, please join us for this training opportunity. We invite all interested parents, caregivers, students, pastors, Sunday School teachers, professionals and volunteers. Join us! The meetings will be hosted at Holy Cross on Tuesdays, January 5 and 12 from 6:30 – 9 pm. Please RSVP to Bill Truebenbach, Staff Minister, Jesus

Cares Coordinator at 262-677-2066 or [btruebenbach@tlha.org](mailto:btruebenbach@tlha.org).

## ***Lutheran Sentinel***

The Lutheran Sentinel is a monthly periodical with religious articles and news about the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are currently not receiving the Sentinel at your home, and would like to receive it, or if you are receiving it, and no longer want to, please call the church office and speak to Linda Martin at 249-3101.

## ***Thanks from the Holy Cross Staff!***

We're grateful for the generous way in which you remembered us in the Christmas Staff Offering! Serving alongside willing, outreach-minded Christians at Holy Cross is a great privilege! Your gifts to us are yet another way in which you live out Christ's love, a trademark of the people of Holy Cross! With you, we look forward to a new set of blessings from the Lord in 2010! Serving you will be among them!

## ***Snow Tubing***

*Sunday, January 24, 2 pm – 4 pm*

No experience is needed, just hop on your tube and enjoy the ride. Anyone who is able to ride the lift and the tube by themselves can go. You may ask, "How do I get back up the hill?" You can effortlessly ride back up the hill on a new moving sidewalk called the "Magic Carpet." Dress accordingly for the weather as if you were going sledding or doing any type of outdoor winter activity. It is suggested to dress in layers and waterproof clothing is recommended. Cost is \$15 (or \$10 for children under the age of 6).

## ***Open Gym***

Holy Cross sponsors a weekly open gym each Saturday morning running through the first part of March. Adults and Sr. Youth will have the gym from 9 – 10:30 am and 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth from 10:30 am – noon. Holy Cross members and invited friends are welcome. During open gym, please enter and exit Holy Cross via the rear gym entrance from the back parking lot. Please contact Jay Baumgartner with any questions at 333-4712 or [jaybaum@yahoo.com](mailto:jaybaum@yahoo.com).

## ***Care Packages***

Starting January 15 the Senior Ministry Committee would like to start collecting care packages to send to fellow member Major Tonia Mahnke's unit in Afghanistan. There will be a box in the narthex.

- **Foods** – trail mix, beef jerky, sunflower seeds, nuts, coffee creamer, sugar, candy snacks, ramen noodles, microwave popcorn, tic tacs, breath mints
- **Toiletries** – shaving cream, razors, foot powder, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, deodorant, feminine products, tooth brushes, toothpaste
- **Miscellaneous** – DVD/CDs, handheld games, playing cards, greeting cards, fiction and non-fiction books.

## ***Special Acts-December***

### **Baptisms**

Olivia Grace Netzloff 12/12  
Tremon Lee Jefferson 12/13  
Caleb Harper Murphree 12/28

### **Funerals**

Raymond Bowie 12/5  
Carl Block 12/17

## ***Special Gifts-***

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## **December**

- Numerous gifts to the Building our Future on Christ Capital Campaign
- To the Endowment Fund in memory of Eunice Altenberg
- To Jesus Cares in memory of Eunice Altenberg
- To Holy Cross Lutheran School in memory of Eunice Altenberg
- To the Transportation Fund in memory of Eunice Altenberg
- To the Transportation Fund
- To Holy Cross in memory of Evelyn Blaser
- Numerous gifts to the Pastor/Staff offering

## **Kalahari Water Park**

*Some Sunday in Feb, noon – 9 pm*

Youth and families of Holy Cross... join us at the Kalahari. For Holy Cross members the cost of a day pass is only \$18. Pizza and pop are included! Watch for more information soon!

## ***I Resolve to Pray...***

In 2008, why not resolve to grow in your prayer life. Look over the list below. One or more of the listed items may grab your attention and cause you to say, "With the help of the Holy Spirit I intend, this new year to...."

- Pray each day when I wake up
- Pray each day when I go to bed
- Pray out loud with a family member
- Develop a list of people and things to pray for.
- Thank God each day for at least 10 things
- Pray when I get to my place of work each day that the Lord would be with me in every situation at work
- Pray when I get home each day that the Lord would be with me

in every family situation

- Dedicate one day to praying for my spouse or child.
- I will spend prayer time in the pew preparing for worship before the service begins
- I will spend prayer time in preparation for the Lord's Supper either on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.
- Add your own ideas

## ***I Resolve to Share my Faith...***

In 2008, why not resolve to purposefully share your faith in Christ. Look over the list below. One or more of the listed items may grab your attention and cause you to say, "With the help of the Holy Spirit I intend, this new year to...."

- Invite a certain person to church
- Pray for a certain person to become a believer, and for God to use me as an instrument to help.
- Look for small opportunities to fit God into every day conversations
- Ask someone I see on a regular basis where they go to church... and if they don't go, invite them to mine.
- Each month find someone I can help in a special way, either in the church or neighborhood
- Volunteer at a non-profit organization, or give to them.

## ***Moms Group***

*Tuesday, Jan. 12, 9:30–11:30 am*

The Moms Group will meet on January 12th at Pam Starkenburg's home at 1419 Wild Iris Street in Sun Prairie. Please come anytime from 9:30-11:30. Drinks, snacks and a winter activity is being planned. Please call Pam at 318-0973 or Nedra at 592-3638 if you are able to come or if you have any

questions.

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