

The Lighted Cross

Holiday Worship Times

The following are all of the special services at Holy Cross in November and December.

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 26 at 10:00am

Sunday School

Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10:30am
This is the Sunday Schools' Christmas Service.

Christmas Service of Songs and Readings

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:30pm
This is the Lutheran Elementary Schools' Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 24 at 10:00pm

Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord
Friday, Dec. 25 at 10:00am

There will not be a worship service on Monday, December 28th. Instead the evening worship service for that week will be on Thursday – the New Years Eve Service

New Years Eve Worship

Thursday, Dec. 31st at 6:30pm
Individual absolution &

communion will be offered at this service.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 21st

High School Youth: Our next event is Nov. 21st, at 9:00am. We'll cook and deliver a Thanksgiving turkey dinner to some of our shut-in members. We will meet in the morning to prepare the food, box the dinners, and deliver the meals. We will then return to Holy Cross to enjoy the 'leftovers'.

Christmas Wreaths

24" Christmas wreaths are available for \$18.00. Please prepay for your wreath at the scrip desk located in the 7th and 8th grade hallway. Wreaths need to be ordered by Nov. 22nd and can be picked up between services on Nov. 29th. Questions, please call Amy Hoel @ 249-7764.

Sunday School

The songs and recitations for the Sunday School Christmas Service have been handed out to the students from their teachers. Attendance at Sunday School is important this time of year to practice those recitations and songs together as a group. Rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas Service will be on Saturday Dec. 5th & 12th from

9:30am – 11:00am.

Advent by Candlelight

Sat., December 5th at 6:30pm
Prepare your heart for the Advent season by attending this year's Advent by Candlelight. The Naomi Circle will be hosting an evening of fellowship and dessert for the women of Holy Cross (18 and older) and their women family and friends. Sign up on the office window or call Becky Collyard at 592-1846. Hurry as the seats fill up quickly! The deadline is November 22 and there is no cost to attend. We hope you will join us in celebration for Jesus' birth!

Christmas Dinner

Sun., December 6th at 11:30am
Support the High School Youth of Holy Cross by attending the Christmas dinner. The dinner is one of the ways that the youth raise money for the National Lutheran Youth Association Convention in Virginia Beach, VA next summer. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.
Note this has been a success. The dinner used to be on a Sunday night at 6:00pm. It has been moved to earlier in the day, after the second service, so that people can worship and go

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downstairs and eat and also not have to worry about driving at night.

Open Gym

Running now through early March, 2010, Holy Cross will sponsor a weekly Saturday night open gym from 6:30 – 9:00pm. Holy Cross members and invited friends are welcome. Parents, please note that Senior Youth coming and going from the Holy Cross gym will not be monitored. During the open gym, please enter and exit via the rear gym entrance. Please contact Jay Baumgartner at jaybaum@yahoo.com, or 333-4712 with questions.

Craft and Bake Sale

This year the Craft and Bake Sale raised about \$3,000.00. All proceeds were given back to the Ladies Groups and will be used to provide Holy Cross church and school with many wonderful things that go over and above our budget. Thank you to all who donated, worked and helped to make this a success!

Creativity and Lutheran Theology in Media

Fri. Nov. 20 & Sat. Nov. 21
Bethany Lutheran College is sponsoring a conference addressing questions like: How can media be used to bring the message of the Gospel to vast audiences in the US and around the world? What is a 'Christian Movie'? How can we make

one? How do you write a screenplay carrying a Gospel message?

Go to www.blc.edu/cmi for more information.

Simply Giving!

Holy Cross can now accept your offerings in an electronic form, as an automatic transfer from your bank account. No more need to write checks, remember your offering envelope, or try to play 'catch up' for a missed Sunday. Find out more about this extremely flexible, convenient, and consistent form of giving. Visit the Stewardship/Finance table in the Narthex in between services to learn more or call Jenny Patten at 249-3101.

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is a program whereby schools can earn cash to use on whatever project they wish. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents to our school. Last year, Holy Cross School earned \$840. Since the school started participation in the program, we have earned \$6,573. We already have collected over \$300 worth of Box Tops coupons this year. Look for Box Tops on all of the grocery products you buy. So school parents, church members and families and friends, clip and deposit the coupons in the plastic drawer under the coat rack. Every little bit helps to earn cash for our school.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be ordered for \$12.00 for the altar. Deadline to order is Dec. 1st. Please make checks payable to 'Holy Cross Altar Guild.' Look for order forms in the bulletin.

Bethany College

Tuesday, November 24th

Bethany Lutheran College is offering opportunities to chat online with current Bethany students and ask them questions about college life. Go to the website at www.blc.edu and click on the CHAT icon to get started.

Thrivent Matching Program is ending!

Over the years our school has benefited greatly from Thrivent's Matching Gift program for schools. Thanks to all of you who have participated. By December 31 of this year (or earlier if funds run out) Thrivent will no longer make this matching program available. If you would like to make use of this program for your Relocation Offerings, or for a gift to the school, now is the time to take advantage of this matching gift opportunity. Contact Jenny Patten (249-3101) with questions. Thank you, and thanks to Thrivent for all of the matching funds throughout the years!

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