

The Lighted Cross

All Saints Day

Sunday & Monday, November 8-9
On All Saints Day we remember those “saints” or believers from our midst whom God has delivered safely to heaven during the course of this past year. They now reign with Him in triumph! May we exalt God in our worship!

Thanksgiving Services

Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 26 at 10 am

How blessed we are to live in a nation that sets aside a special day for national thanksgiving! Please honor our nation’s request to humbly thank God for His goodness and acknowledge that our national blessings come from God alone!

Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, December 5 at 6:30 pm

Prepare your heart for the Advent season by attending this year’s Advent By Candlelight program. Naomi Circle will be hosting an evening of fellowship and dessert for all women of Holy Cross (18 and older) and their women family and friends. Invitations will be distributed after Sunday services on November 8 and 15 and will also be located in the narthex after Monday services on November 9 and 16. There will be a sign up sheet on the office window and seating is limited to 70 people. There is no cost to attend. We hope you will join us in celebration of Jesus’ birth!

Joint Reformation Service

Sunday, November 1 at 5 pm

This year Eastside Lutheran Church is hosting a joint Reformation Service with other area ELS & WELS congregations. The preacher will be Pastor Jerry Ewings from Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest. Special music will be provided by Steeplechase Brass and a joint choir. A catered supper, with a free will donation, will follow. The meal will be provided by Bob Worm, member at Eastside - owner of the Essen Haus.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 7, 8 am–1 pm

Looking for holiday crafts, gifts, or baked goods? Come and browse... bring the children along for some hot sandwiches. Proceeds will go to the ladies circles and will be used for church and synod projects. Our Ladies Aid encourages anyone to donate handmade items or baked goods. Bring them over either on Friday, November 6 or early Saturday.

Packer/Viking Party

Sunday, November 1 at 2:30 am

Cheer on your favorite team! We’ll watch the game on a big screen in the cafeteria. We’re asking everyone to bring finger food snacks. Plates, napkins,

utensils, cups and drinks will be provided. The gym will be open for children to use.



School Children to Honor Veterans

Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30

The children of our school will honor those who served our country in the Armed Forces. All veterans are encouraged to come as our special guests. Members are encouraged to come and honor our veterans. Invite a friend or relative who is a veteran!

Senior Youth Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homebound

Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 am – 1 pm

Hey Senior Youth! Come and help us cook and deliver a Thanksgiving turkey dinner to some of our homebound members. We’ll 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 Dinner

Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 am

Support the High School Youth by attending the Christmas Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner is one of the ways that the youth raise money for the National Lutheran Youth Association Convention in Virginia

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Beach, Virginia next summer. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the office window!

Christmas Wreaths

The PTO is selling high quality decorated 24" Christmas wreaths for \$18 each. Please order at the Scrip table in-between services by November 18. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 29 between services. Questions? Call Amy Hoel at 249-7764.

New Book

Growth in Christian living and spirituality is something we desire as Christians. Join us on Friday mornings from 7 – 7:30 am for our Book Club study of "Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today." We'll spend 5 Friday mornings on this book beginning November 6. Speak with Pastor Bartels to order a book.

Bethany Women's Auxiliary

Tuesday, November 10, 1 pm
Madison area ELS ladies work together to support our Synod's college and seminary. We'll meet for a luncheon at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church followed by a program.

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. To find out more about this extremely flexible, convenient, and consistent form of giving, call Jenny Patten at 249-3101.

Special Acts-October

Baptisms

Xavier Alexander 10/10
Emily Scharping 10/25

Moms Group

The Moms Group will meet on November 10th at Pam Starkenburg's house, 1419 Wild Iris St. in Sun Prairie. We will meet from 9:30-11:30, but come when it works in your schedule. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call Pam 318-0973 or Nedra 592-3638 with questions.

Put Up Posters?

Winking at your boyfriend with the lights out is like running a business without advertising. That's why we're appealing to our 1000+ members of Holy Cross for help in distributing advertising for our English as a Second Language program. In the tiny room between the ladies' restroom and the church office is a stack of mailboxes for the staff at Holy Cross. Step into the room, reach up your left hand and you will touch boxes marked "Jim" "Grace" "Lana." Just to the right of those boxes are four envelopes with ads inside. Some are flyers to be distributed. Some are posters with tear-off phone numbers. Some are in Spanish. Some are in English (to catch the eye of those who can't speak Spanish but would also like to learn to speak English better). Take as many as you need. Be sure not to take the last one with a sticky note on it, saying "master copy". If you need more, make copies for yourself.

Special Coffee Hours

Sunday, November 8 is our annual pancake breakfast in-

between services. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$3 for 12 and under. Contact Bill Alexander is you can help (839-1890) Sunday, November 15, Thrivent is sponsoring the coffee hour with proceeds to help with the roof repair fund.

Adult/Senior Youth Open Gym

Running now through early March, 2010, Holy Cross will sponsor a weekly Saturday night open gym from 6:30 – 9 pm. 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.

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!

Special Gifts-October

- Numerous gifts to "Building Our Future on Christ" Fund

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- To the Endowment Fund from the Ladies Aid in memory of Anna Hetland, Verna Klemstein, Ken Peters, Eunice Altenburg, Ruth Gust
- To the Endowment Fund
- To Partners in Christ
- To Holy Cross in memory of Eunice Altenburg
- To the Roof Repair Fund

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