



# Holy Cross News

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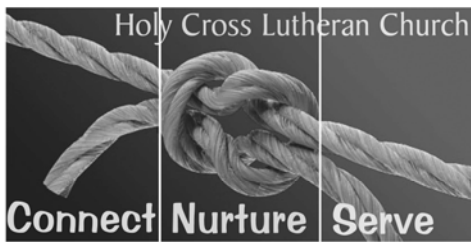
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"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12

## Christmas Holiday Worship Times

### Thanksgiving Eve Vespers

7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Service

### Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. – Family Caroling Service

6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

8:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – Festival Service

with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve

7:00 p.m. – New Year's Eve Vespers  
with Holy Communion

*"She wrapped him in cloths  
and placed him in a manger,  
because there was no room  
for them in the inn."*

*Luke 2:7, NIV*



# Connect

## Worship

### Advent and Christmas Services

During the month of December, there will be many opportunities to worship and celebrate. In addition to our regularly scheduled worship service opportunities on Saturdays and Sundays every weekend, there will be Wednesday evening and other special services as well. On Wednesday, December 2, at 7 P.M., as part of our Advent Vespers worship, the children in grades 1-4 of our day school will be giving a special presentation of the Christmas story. On Wednesday, December 9, at 7 P.M. our Advent Vespers will include a presentation of the Christmas story by the Kindergarten classes of our day school, and on Wednesday, December 16, at 7 P.M., the 4yr. olds of our day school will give their presentation during our Advent Vespers service. On Sunday,



December 13, at 10 A.M. our Sunday School children pre-school through grade 6, will be presenting a service entitled, "Shepherd, Sheep and a Savior", and at 10:45 A.M. that morning our day school 3 yr. olds will be singing as part of their celebration of the coming of the Christ-Child. Aside from those special services, on Sunday, December 20, our worship will include a service of lessons and carols with

communion following, and on Thursday, December 24, our Christmas Eve worship will commence with a 4:30 P.M. Family Worship, a 6:30 P.M. Candlelight Worship and a 8:30 P.M. candlelight worship with communion. On Christmas Day, December 25, at 10 A.M. our traditional Christmas morning worship with communion will take place, and following our regularly scheduled worship opportunities for that weekend, on Thursday, December 31, at 7 P.M. our annual New Year's Eve communion service will take place. We encourage all of you to partake in all or many of these worship opportunities during this Advent and Christmas season.

### Hymn of the Month

December's Hymn of the Month is a revisiting of an Advent tune introduced to our congregation several years ago. The tune, "Consolation" is used in our hymnal twice—both times during the season of Advent. Coupled with the lyrics, "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"-- # 348, and "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"--#342. Our focus this year is on the latter, "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied". The text, written by Stephen Starke, a Lutheran pastor and contributor of several texts in our hymnal, implores the Advent King who is our hope and fulfillment of the prophecies of long ago, to be a part of our preparations as we ready ourselves this Christmas season to receive Him once again. The musical arrangement is the work of Kevin Hildebrand, professor of music at the Fort Wayne seminary, and composer of many organ and choral arrangements used throughout our synod, including our own Holy Cross congregation. Using this hymn will be an aid to our preparations for the coming of Jesus this Advent season.

### Statistics ~ October 2009

Attendance	2009	2008	2007
Weekend Worship Average ~ Average	534	517	554
Weekend Worship Average ~ YTD	573	543	554
Membership	2009	2008	2007
Communicant	886	833	765
Baptized	1311	1236	1158

#### Baptisms

**Barnum, Zachary James & Nathan John**, sons of Aaron & Julie, 10/3/09.

**Bush, Nathan Jeffrey**, son of Jeffrey & Heather, 10/11/09.

#### Received by Transfer

**McDonald, Jeffrey & Amanda, Joshua, Mark & Molly**, 11093 Yosemite Court, Fishers, 46037, from St. John Lutheran, Champaign, IL, 10/19/09.

**Higgs, Penny, Charlie, Clayton & Jack**, 8851 Bradwell Place, Apt. 102, Fishers, 46037, 552-6933, from St. Peter's Lutheran, Columbus, IN, 10/19/09.

**Wilson, Hilary**, 6590 Settlement Drive, South, 46250, 668-6746, 10/19/09.

#### Received by Profession of Faith

**Trueblood, Kimberly**, 12890 Ari Lane, Fishers, 46037, 540-9360, from St. Mark Lutheran, Rockford, IL, 10/19/09.

#### Transfer of Membership

**Cotter, James & Donna**, to Emmanuel Lutheran, Ft. Wayne, IN, 10/26/09.

#### Release of Membership

**DeVault, Joseph, Laura, Taylor & Charles**, 10/12/09.

#### Weddings

**Trevor James Bradburn & Erin Marie Barriento**, 10/24/09.

#### Deaths

**Georgia M. Overturf**, 10/7/09.



# Connect

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Euchre Tournament

Join us on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm for a Euchre Tournament provided by the Board of Sharing. Snacks and prizes will be provided. What do you need to do? Sign up at the Welcome Center. It's \$5 a person to play. You can sign up by yourself and we'll supply you with a partner OR you can sign up with the partner of your choice.

Any questions, please contact Heidi Mielke at [hmielke@hcl.info](mailto:hmielke@hcl.info) or at 823-5801.



### Ladies Advent Evening

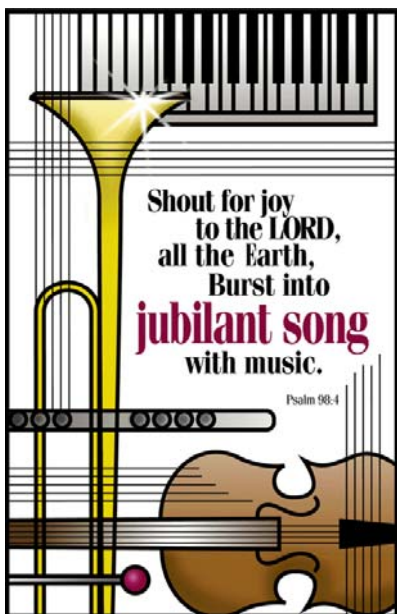
In lieu of Advent by Candlelight this year, we are offering a new program, "Ladies Advent Evening." This event will be similar to Advent by Candlelight but we will NOT be providing a meal this year. We would like the ladies to set aside Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to join us for desserts (Provided by the hostesses), drinks, music, and devotions. All ladies are invited to attend this elegant evening to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas while partaking of some excellent desserts and fellowship. Hostesses set up a table of 6-8 people complete with holiday china (or paper plates!) and Christmas decorations and invite friends to join them. You can invite anyone (Adults only); friends, family, coworkers, neighbors. Not sure if you want to host a table by yourself, co-hosting is acceptable, too. We could also use people to host a table for those that just want to attend. Willing to host a table? Please sign up in Welcome Center by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Want to attend, sign up in the Welcome Center by December 6<sup>th</sup>!

Men! Are you feeling left out? Not to worry, we could use your willing hands to help serve the desserts that evening, as well as help the hostess bring in their table decorations, and clean up. Willing? Sign up in the Welcome Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Katie Soffiatti at 585-0711, Ashley Trump at 752-3304, or Heidi Mielke at 823-5801.

### Children's Choir and the Indiana Pacers

Our Holy Cross Children's Choir, under the direction of Mary-Anne Jungst, will be performing during the Pacer's game with the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday, December 21. If you are interested in being present to support this unique opportunity for our children and Holy Cross, reduced ticket rates are available by signing up for tickets using the forms provided in the Commons at the Welcome Center Area. Forms and money need to be returned in the box provided no later than Sunday, December 6. Ticket orders will be placed on Monday, December 7. Take advantage of this opportunity to see our own Holy Cross children as part of the entertainment during that game.



### Youth Band/Orchestra

Our Youth Band/Orchestra has gotten off to a good start with 15 participants at this point. If your son or daughter has some band experience and would like to participate, rehearsals are being held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 P.M. in room #303 during Genesis/Conformation meeting nights. Our next rehearsal is on Wednesday, December 9, at 5:30 in room #303 for performance on Sunday, December 13. This group is open to players of string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments from our congregation who are middle school aged, and is presently involved in school band or take private lessons. If your child is interested, or if you have questions about this group, please contact Paul Groth through the church office or at "Paul Groth" <[pgroth@hcl.info](mailto:pgroth@hcl.info)>

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## Christian Education

### Sunday School Christmas Service

This year's Sunday School Christmas service is entitled, "Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior" and will be presented on Sunday, December 13, at 10 A.M. in our Worship Center. The children in grades pre-school through 6 will be involved. Our dress rehearsal for that service will take place during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 6, at 9:45 A.M. All participants are asked to be present for that final rehearsal.



### Genesis Snacks

Genesis is in need of boxes of snacks (cheese balls, goldfish crackers, etc.) to serve with pizza on Wednesday nights. Donations can be brought to the church office or brought to Genesis on Wednesday nights, beginning Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### December Senior High Youth Schedule

November 29<sup>th</sup> in Room 301

Noon

LCMS Youth Gathering Parents Meeting

December 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Group

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Jesus is Coming To Town! (The Heart of Advent)

December 13<sup>th</sup> Youth Group

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Finding the *John The Baptist* in Me

December 20<sup>th</sup>

Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party

5:00 p.m. – Midnight

### Library Latest

"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them." – Lemony Snicket

Come give your library the white glove test! Stop in and see which shelf you would like to dust. Do you like Non-Fiction? Check out these titles:

- **Countdown to Christmas : Devotions for Families** by Laura K. E. Zimmerman
- **One Wintry Night** by Ruth Bell Graham – Retells the Christmas story in a contemporary setting, beginning with creation and closing with Christ's resurrection.

Prefer Fiction? For the younger children check out:

- **Follow the Star** by Rachel W.N. Brown – Small Camel is given the honor to carry a very important package on a journey, as his master Balthazar, a wise man, goes in search of Baby Jesus.
- **Christmas in the Barn** by Margaret Wise – The birth of the child Jesus in a barn among the animals, is presented in lyrical form.
- **Goliath's Christmas** by Terrance Dicks – A heavy snow just before Christmas and preparations for a party for the senior citizens in his neighborhood bring excitement for David and his dog Goliath, until the party money and old Mrs. Gorringer both disappear.
- **Mandie and the Unwanted Gift** by Lois Gladys Leppard – When she and her grandmother return to Franklin, North Carolina, for a Christmas visit, thirteen-year-old Mandie worries about how all the guests will get along with each other and wonders about the appearance of a mysterious package addressed to her.

For Adults:

- **The Mitford Snowmen : A Christmas Story** by Jan Karon
- **Shepherds Abiding : A Mitford Christmas Story** by Jan Karon
- **Sarah's Song** by Karen Kingsbury

Your Library is open on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and during the week by stopping in the School Office.

## Serve

### Time, Talents and Treasures

### Simply Giving

Electronic giving is available through the Simply Giving program for Holy Cross. Please consider this convenient opportunity to consistently present your gifts to the Lord. It's very easy to set up for weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly deductions. Please email Cathy Jefferson, [cjefferson@hcl.info](mailto:cjefferson@hcl.info) for additional information.

### Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m. is "Hanging of the Greens" day at Holy Cross. Everybody is invited to come help decorate the Worship Center for the holidays. If you are available on Friday, November 27th, we could use some volunteers to get the trees out of storage. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at 823-5801.

### Coffee Hour Help

Are you looking for a once-in-a-lifetime commitment? Literally, you only have to do it once in your lifetime! We would love to have your help with the Coffee Hour Refreshments. You only need to make the coffee and clean it up before the second service. If this is an area you are interested in, please contact Heidi Mielke at 823-5801 x222.



# Serve

## Celebrations

### “Happy Birthday!”

	Date		Date
Ty Armstrong	12/1	Elijah Cunningham	12/16
Angela Denny	12/1	Jason Scheele	12/16
Michelle Spedding	12/1	Mark Soffietti	12/16
Carol Harvey	12/2	Scott Bowers	12/17
Matthew Reske	12/2	Phoebe Derringer	12/17
Katie Rieke	12/2	Ann Hannoy	12/17
Howard Schroeder	12/2	Eleanor Bennett	12/18
Cindy Taber	12/2	Kristen Rauch	12/18
Eric Frash	12/3	Clayton Rothenbush	12/18
Ashley Trump	12/4	Becky Hufty	12/19
Kendra Hannah	12/5	Alexander Jurkovich	12/20
Alexis Britt	12/6	JoAnne McClean	12/20
Jonah Clark	12/6	Andrea Wetzel	12/20
Hayden DeFord	12/6	Craig White	12/20
Mal Munz	12/7	Faith Blake	12/21
Lesley Vogel	12/7	Jacob Hitzfield	12/21
Pat Adams	12/8	Kurt Walther	12/21
Susie Kwon	12/8	Grace Hannoy	12/22
Anne Marie Anderson	12/10	Dan Novack	12/22
Jody Ferguson	12/10	Caroline Saysana	12/22
Chad McIntyre	12/10	Griffin Thomas	12/23
Katie McLear	12/10	Samuel Crousore	12/24
Gayle Corkwell	12/11	Jose Martinez	12/24
Jacqueline DuBois	12/11	Theodore Radabaugh	12/24
Taylor Duff	12/12	Taylor Rhodes	12/24
Kelly Frash	12/12	Ron Weldy	12/24
Morgan Frash	12/12	Wyatt Wunnenberg	12/25
Melissa Gentry	12/12	Nick Heneisen	12/26
Doug Hannoy	12/12	Gregory Heuer	12/26
Scott Jung	12/12	Todd Fisher	12/27
Melissa Robbins	12/12	Philip Horstmeyer	12/27
Carol Willman	12/12	Mary McCullough	12/27
Chris Hoff	12/13	Jaelyn Menke	12/27
Phil Hoff	12/13	Susan Scheiwe	12/27
Mark Jefferson	12/13	Mason Kupiainen	12/28
Tony Mauk	12/13	Will Mauger II	12/29
Heather Fick	12/14	Ashley Ochs	12/29
Allison Goeglein	12/14	Chuck Butler	12/31
Fred McClure	12/14	Teresa Collins	12/31
Holly Fisher	12/15	Mallory Dunn	12/31
Hayden Hubbard	12/15	Janis Francis	12/31
Kim Orelup	12/15	Kelly Freeman	12/31
Kaitlyn Weldy ***	12/15	Matthew McCullough	12/31



### “Happy Anniversary!”

	Date	Years
Jeff & Carol Willman	12/3	21
Kent & Susan Scheiwe	12/4	16
Rick & Leslie Wilson	12/5	22
Dean & Amy Bultemeyer	12/6	6
Tom & Carla Potts Schmidt	12/6	6
Glenn & Carolyn Rauscher	12/7	24
Buddy & Patty Ritchie	12/12	6
Phil & Rebecca Hoff	12/17	5
Todd & Tracey Tucker	12/24	12
Ron & Sue Gardin	12/26	55
Will & Melissa Mauger II	12/26	5
Paul & Sally McMichael	12/28	59

### Mark your calendar!



**Sunday School Christmas Program**  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Holiday Worship*

*Times at Holy Cross*

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**Genesis/Confirmation Resumes**  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

**Euchre Tournament**  
Saturday, January 30, 2010



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