

# Life Beneath the Cross

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## SEEKING CONNECTIONS

One of our Mission Motives, our core values at Holy Cross, is that we seek connections with other people. These connections happen in many different places. They happen in our hallways, sanctuary and even in the parking lot. People are connected to each other in worship and Bible studies.

Connections also happen in our food pantry. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, people from our community gather in the east side of Holy Cross to receive a gift of food from our congregation. Some of these people look just like we do, but others don't. Most of the patrons speak English, but some speak Spanish. Some have lived in poverty most of their lives; others have recently been devastated by some unforeseen circumstance.

**Some of the people know Christ while others don't.**

Our food pantry is one way that we connect with people outside of our congregation. The most important resource we have to connect with these people is not the food, but you and me. Without us, these people—for whom Christ died—will not have a caring smile and touch that says we do this because of God's love for us.

Right now our food pantry needs volunteers more than anything else. We need people who will be that point of connection for others who live on the margins of society. Yes, there are challenges in volunteering in the food pantry. Yes, it will cost you time. It can be difficult to share in the experiences of our patrons. But they are people for whom Christ died; and God has graced us with the not only the physical resources to help, but the personal touch that so many of these people need.

I hope you will consider joining us in this important ministry at Holy Cross. Please contact Michael and Nita Fitzgibbons if you would like to connect with people through the food pantry. (Please call the office if you need their phone number.)

Pastor Doug

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### BRAND LAUNCH PARTY

This Sunday, November 12  
Hiller Hall between services  
Enjoy cake  
Order t-shirts and more.

We'll take orders on  
November 12th and 19th  
so your goodies will be here  
in time for Christmas.

# Worship Ministries

by Pastor Jeffrey Meinz, Director of Worship Ministries

## What is Worship?

*Psalm 86:9-10 says,  
"All nations whom You have made  
shall come and worship  
before You, O Lord,  
And they shall glorify Your name.  
For You are great  
and do wondrous deeds;  
You alone are God."*

Over the next two months (November and December of 2017), Holy Cross Lutheran Church will host **41 different worship services.**

41! That's several sermons. That's thousands of musical notes, both from the organ and our praise teams. The brass instruments and handbell choir will join the chorus. The adult choir, the youth choir, and liturgical dancers will offer their gifts of celebration, thanks, and praise.

The 41 services include **All-Saints Sunday, Pentecost, Thanksgiving Eve and Day, Advent, Christmas Eve and Day,** and even **the Sunday morning of New Year's Eve.**

We'll hear readings from **Zephaniah, Deuteronomy, Ezekiel, Isaiah, John,** and several from **Luke.**

We're going to **launch a new brand, burn a 30-year mortgage,** and witness the annual **Children's Ministry Christmas Program.**

Even though 41 worship services sound like a lot, that number really only scratches the surface.

Honestly, there will be a countless number of worship services in the next two months. God will reach down time and time again and pour out His gifts on His people. God will listen to thousands of prayers: for healing, for hope, for thanksgiving, for praise, for strength, for protection.

**Every prayer** is an abbreviated worship service because God is present and active.

**Every time a song of praise or hymn is sung** or listened to, a worship service occurs. No matter if it is a song of thanks or a meaningful Christmas carol, God hears His people every time. **Every car, truck, or SUV** that turns on their radio **can shift** their four-door mode of transportation **into a mini Sanctuary** for just you and Jesus.



## Every time someone reaches out in service

to someone over the next two months in the name of Jesus Christ, a spiritual act of service and worship will take place. Whether we drop a few coins into a kettle or purchase Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas presents for a family, yep, we'll worship the Lord once again.

So over the next two months, exactly how many worship services will the people of Holy Cross experience? It's hard to tell. But we'll worship the LORD together and faithfully receive His gifts. May God bless you abundantly over the next two months (and beyond).

**Enjoy worship!**



# Worship Ministries (Continued)



**By Jess McDowell**

This is the last hymn in this two-year series. Thank you to Jess

McDowell for researching and providing these fascinating articles for us.

## **From Heaven to Earth I Come**

TLH 85, LW 37/38, LSB 358

Text: Martin Luther, 1534

Tune: Von Hommel hoch; translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Text and tune public domain.

Luke 2:1-20

Martin Luther wrote this 15-verse Christmas hymn for his children in 1534. It was his custom every year to prepare a happy Christmas entertainment for his family. By his orders, the first 7 verses were sung by a man dressed as an angel whom the children greeted with the 8th and following verses. The point of this hymn is that the coming of Christ at Christmas is in vain unless we allow him to come and dwell in our hearts as well. As God communicated with us by sending His Son that first Christmas night, Luther sought to communicate the life-transforming of Christ to his children.

The first 7 stanzas declare the joyful words of the angel proclaiming the wondrous news of Jesus' birth. The remaining stanzas declare the response of the shepherds and the meaning of the Savior's birth to the world. (The LW splits the song into 2 hymns to reflect this.)

The hymn was first published in "Geistliche Lieder D. Mart. Luther (Wittenberg, Joseph Klug)," where it was sung to the folk tune "Ich kumm' aus frembden Lamden her." The tune "Von Hommel hoch", attributed to Luther himself, is now universally sung, and first appeared with the text in his hymnal of 1539. J.S. Bach has several settings of the tune, one of them in his great "Christmas Oratorio."

The translation is an altered form of Catherine Winkworth's version, from her "Lyra Germanic, first series, 1855." There are many other English translations in use as well as versions in other languages.

## Special Worship Services



### **Thanksgiving Eve**

**November 22, 7 pm**

*(Offering "Pilgrim style" Holy Communion)*

*Followed by Pie Social and Auction*

### **Thanksgiving Day**

**November 23, 10 am**

*(Offering Holy Communion "by table")*



### **Advent Worship**

**December  
6, 13, 20**

Noon, 7:15 pm

### **Special Musical Worship**

**Sunday, December 10**

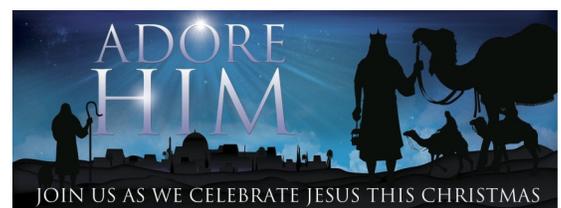
*8 & 9:30 am—Special music*

*11 am—Children's musical*

### **Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, December 24**

*10 am only (Offering Holy Communion)*



### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

**Sunday, December 24**

*3 pm, 5 pm (Family Oriented Services)*

*7 pm, 9 pm (Offering Holy Communion)*

### **Christmas Day Candlelight Worship**

**Sunday, December 25**

*10 am (Offering Holy Communion)*

# Dan's Commentary on Education



How many times have we heard or spoken this statement, *“It’s just a phase, they’ll grow out of it.”* As parents and other adult influences, we might be trying to bolster the new parents who haven’t slept (or showered) in days, or perhaps we are talking to the parent of a teenager who does not listen to a word the parent is saying. As well intentioned as the statement might be, I think it is actually leading us away from the real issue.

## ***“It’s Just a Phase – So Don’t Miss it!”***

Parents, grandparents, godparents, and every other adult who has been, is, or will be active in the life of the next generation listen to this! From the moment a child is born you have 936 weeks until they will turn 18 and graduate from high school, embarking upon an independent life of their own. Those

weeks will go fast. Time is too precious to waste on dreaming about what might be coming next.

If you have recently walked around our church facility you likely noticed many large posters outside most of the education classrooms. Each of these corresponds to a particular age (for example outside the Nursery is the 0-2 year old posters). These posters are filled with information

about the spiritual, cognitive, and moral development of a child. It also lists things that parents (and other invested adults) may do to bolster and support that child.

**Please take a few extra moments to read some of these posters** so that you may be encouraged and strengthened in the role God has given you.

Coming soon you will be hearing more about what was formally called “Stepping Stones Ministry” as it is rolled into a comprehensive plan for our families at Holy Cross. This will include all major faith milestones in the life of a child as well as resources and training so adults don’t miss what’s happening during the critical phases of growing up in order to connect God’s love and forgiveness to the heart of the next generation.



## ***Upcoming Films in Lifetree Café***

We’re having great discussions in Lifetree Café! We gather in Room 120 every **Monday** and **Tuesday** from **11:45 am to 12:45 pm** for a film and interesting conversation. Stop in, have a snack, and enjoy!

Nov. 13,14—**Getting Past Your Past And Making the Most of Your Future**

Nov. 20,21—**A Safe Place: Confronting Child Abuse in Your Corner of the World**

Nov. 27,28—**Is Church Obsolete. Has God Left the Building?**

*Spanish Lifetree Café is every Monday in the Fireside Room during English speaking Lifetree.*

***Join us for stimulating conversation to feed your soul.***



# Sunday Adult Education

DCE Dan Hampton, Director of Growth Ministries

No Sunday Morning Classes

November 26

December 24

## CLASSES AT 9:30 A.M.



answersingenesis.org  
believing it. defending it. proclaiming it.

### **Answers Bible Curriculum**

A four-year overview of the Bible.  
Leaders, Pastors; Hiller Hall

### **Songs of the Christmas Story**

We are taking a break from *Answers* for the month of December to do a 4-week study, "Songs of the Christmas Story" that shares the songs, stories, and God's plan to send a Rescuer into the world on that first Christmas. Our children will study the same lesson.

### **The Book of Ezekiel**

Learn how, through all of His dealings with people, God reveals that He is the Lord. Read how the Lord will make a new covenant with His people, fill them with His Spirit, and give them a faithful Shepherd who will lead them with justice. Room 120; Leader, Carol Darby

## CLASSES AT 11 A.M.

### **A Man Called Martin**

On October 17, 1517 a little known German monk took up his hammer and rocked the world. As we celebrate this important moment in history 500 years later you might wonder who was Martin Luther, what provoked him so much to start a movement that became the Reformation? We'll examine the life and impact that the Martin Luther has had on the world today. Leader, Dan Hampton, Fireside Room

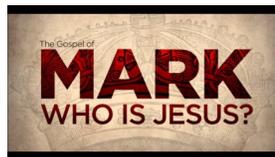


### **The Gospel of John**

Dive in and find out how God is speaking to you each day. Leader, Room 102; Del Dudden.

### **The Gospel of Mark**

Like small groups? This small group study of the Gospel of Mark is for you. Room 120; Leaders, Wayne & Lisa Gayler



## WOMEN. . .

**We Need Your Input** Holy Cross Lutheran Church is dedicated to providing amazing events to build up the Church and foster relationships between individuals and Jesus Christ. Please complete a survey to help us understand your desires as we begin planning the **Women's Retreat** and future **Bible study** offerings. The survey link was emailed on October 1. It is also available on HolyCrossCS.org, and paper copies are available at the Ministry Center. We need to hear from you! If you have any questions, please contact DCE Dan Hampton.

## MOMS. . .

**Do You Need a Break?** We are starting a Mom's Night Out group. Our goal is to help moms of newborns to high school students have a night of fun while connecting with other moms from Holy Cross. We will be getting together on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. Our first MNO will be at Old Chicago on Powers on November 13. For more information, join our Facebook group facebook.com/groups/MOTTsNightOut/. RSVP on the Facebook page or email Nicki Evelyn at NickiE@HolyCrossCS.org.

### **New Member Basics** (Nov 6 – Dec. 11)

This six-week course for confirmed Lutherans is highly recommended for those who want to join Holy Cross. You will learn the six keys of discipleship; and the pastors and other leaders will stop in to meet you and talk about their ministries. New members will be received into membership on December 17<sup>th</sup> during 9:30 worship. Leader, Jeff Faunce, Fireside Room



If you would like to join our family but cannot attend the class, please contact Marcy in the church office.

# Midweek Adult Education

## DCE Dan Hampton, Director of Growth Ministries

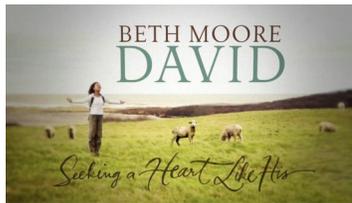
Our TOGETHER program is offered every Wednesday during the school year. If you'd like, you may start with a delicious, home-cooked meal that includes an entrée, complete salad bar, dessert and beverage for \$3 for 5 year olds through adults (\$15/family maximum) from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. Then, from 6 to 7 pm, we offer adult classes, high school youth group, Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) for middle schoolers, and Pioneer Clubs for children. **Join us—and bring your friends!**

**There are NO TOGETHER CLASSES OR MEAL on November 22, December 20 and December 27.**

### Wednesday Adult Bible Studies from 6 to 7 pm

**A Man Called Martin**, See Page 5 for full description. *Hiller Hall; Leader, DCE Dan Hampton*

**David—Seeking A Heart Like His**, Explore how David's life proves God's promise to never give up on you. In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at other times. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, family problems, or more, this **Beth Moore study** is for you. *Fireside Room; Leader, Richelle Hecker*



**Twisting the Truth**, Our postmodern society is expert at distorting the truth. How can we learn to discern in a culture of deception? In this five-session curriculum, Andy Stanley exposes four destructive lies about authority, pain, sex and sin. His straightforward insights will help you exchange the falsehoods of our day for the life-changing truths of Scripture. *Room 120; Leader, Randy Morley*

**The Truth Project**: This Focus on the Family DVD-based small group study will meet three more times: November 15 and 29, and December 13. (Food is served.) *Room 102; Leader, Scott Gustad*

*All Bible Studies are open to everyone, even if the class has already started. Join us!*

### LWML Bible Studies

Circles are women's groups who meet monthly (except Rachel Circle) for Bible study and fellowship. Check out the Circle that is most convenient for you. You are always welcome! Call the office for contact info.

### Evening Studies

**Deborah Circle** - 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm, Fireside Room. Study: **Old Testament Characters** by Chuck Swindoll. Contact Steffanie Hobelman or Jean Rolfs.

**Sarah Circle** - 3rd Monday, 6 pm, Fireside Room. Light meal provided by the members. Study: **Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life**. Contact *Bev Smith or Trish Gillette*.

### Daytime Studies

**Joy Circle** - 3rd Tuesday, 9:15-11:30 am, members' homes. Study: **LWML Quarterly**. Contact Debbie Koster or Pat Howard.

**Rachel Circle** - 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, 9-11 am, Fireside Room. **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**. Study: "Echos of the Reformation." Contact Kelly Carter for more info.

### Thursday Breakfast Bible Studies

**Village Inn Bible Breakfast** (for men & women, Austin Bluffs & Academy) 6 am. Discussion of the Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday. *Leader, Pastor Brauner*.

**Women's Bible Breakfast** 6 am. Open Door Café, Rocky Mountain Calvary Church, 4285 N. Academy Blvd. Study: "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young. *Leader, Connie Bond*.

**Wade's Cafe Men's Bible Breakfast** (3504 N. Academy) 6 am. Study: The prophet Jeremiah. *Leader, Matthew Grunenwald*.

# Children's Ministries by Nicki Evelyn

## Fall Festival

Last year we had a little over 300 people attend our Fall Festival. This year we added a few more activities, as we anticipated an increase to around 500. **Over 1,000 people attended this year!**

I want to thank all of our awesome volunteers for stepping up to help and doing such a great job with over twice as many people as we expected. It was crazy and amazing and we couldn't have done it without all of you!



## Children's Christmas Program

"The Night Shift Before Christmas" will take place on

December 10 during the 11am service. Practices are Saturdays in the Youth Room from 9am-10am (all kids) and 9am -11am (drama kids only). We will also use our Sunday morning music time to practice. Casting is closed, but you may still sign your child up for the choir in the Sunday School hallway.

## Pioneer Club

I am so thrilled with all of



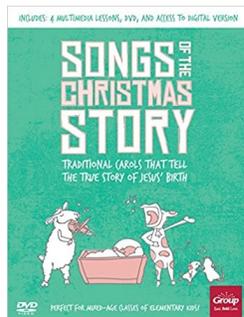
our teachers and assistants, both new and seasoned! Our kids have done cool projects, games and field trips around the church, all while learning about God and His creation.

*Volunteer opportunity: We are currently in need of an assistant for the 3rd-4th grade class. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested!*

## Sunday School

We are almost done with the first unit in our Answers in Genesis curriculum.

We are taking a break for the month of December to do a 4-week study called "Songs of the Christmas Story" that shares the songs, stories, and God's plan to send a Rescuer into the world on that first Christmas. We will pick up with unit 2 of Answers in Genesis in January.



*Volunteer opportunity: Bradley has help in the 2nd-3rd grade class; but now he will be teach the High School youth, so we need an assistant for that class. Please contact Nicki to help.*



Nov. 22—No Pioneer Club  
Nov. 26—No Sunday School  
Dec. 10, 11 am—Children's Christmas Program  
Dec. 20 & 27—No Pioneer Club  
Dec. 24—No Sunday School  
March 24—Easter Faire  
April 1—No Sunday School  
June 11-15—VBS "Babylon" **The leadership team begins meeting in January.** Please let me know if you are interested in leadership!

## Exciting News at Holy Cross Lutheran School!

*By Deb Schrank, Director*

So many children were on a wait list, a decision was made to open the **fifth and final morning preschool classroom** on November 1. Additional space for preschool-aged children is available. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact the school office at 596-4386.



Our **Colorado Shines** rating was just announced, and the school has earned a **FOUR STAR RATING!** Colorado Shines looks at quality in all areas of the school's day to day operation. **We are one of only a few schools in El Paso County to achieve four stars, and no school has five stars!**

We are super excited about this affirmation of our high quality programming. Staff worked so hard to earn this rating, and we will celebrate all month long!

Thank you for your continued prayer support for the school ministry.

# Service Ministries

Pastor Doug Brauner, Director of Service Ministries

Every year the people of Holy Cross generously provide funds for us to purchase meals for 200+ families in need of food for Thanksgiving. Forty of those baskets go to Women Partnering, an organization in town that helps (mostly) single mothers get back on their feet.



You may sign up and pay at the Ministry Center if you would like to help. The suggested donation is \$20 to \$25, but any amount helps. (Please write "Thanksgiving Basket" in the memo section of your check.) Thank you for helping us continue this 20+ year tradition of feeding the hungry. Contact Greg Sheldon or Erich Nowe if you have questions. Baskets will be distributed on a lottery basis on November 20 at 12 noon. Our food pantry will be closed on the 20th.

## Show Christ's Love This Christmas!



Our annual Christmas Giving Tree is at the Ministry Center. Names and gift ideas for 235 children in 9 local schools will be on the tree. Currently the tree holds gift ideas for Lutheran Family Services children and gift cards for Mosaic mentally-challenged adults.

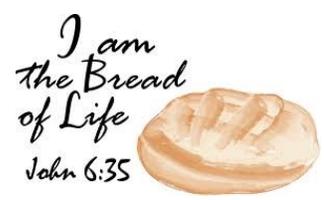
It is such a joy to participate! You simply take a tag off of the tree and record your name with the volunteer at the Ministry Center. Then purchase and wrap your gift, attach the tag, and return it to the Ministry Center.

Instead of a regular gift for high schoolers and Mosaic mentally challenged adults, we will provide Walmart gift cards. There will be tags on the tree for gift cards **OR you may write a check to Holy Cross so we may purchase the gift cards.** Please write "Giving Tree" in the memo.

This year we are NOT delivering gifts. They will be picked up from Hiller Hall on Sunday, December 17, from 1 to 3 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Wright or Marcy Serby.

**Members in need of food or a gift for your child,  
please contact Marcy or Pastor Doug.**



## Food Pantry Statistics October

Total Adults (18-59)	687
Total Seniors	170
Total Children	<u>549</u>
Total Recipients	1,406
Average # of families/day	24

Pounds of food distributed	7,857
Avg lbs distributed/day	561
Average lbs per person	5.6

### Food Donations

Holy Cross members	1,033
Non-members	14
Gold Wings Motorcycle Club	158
Community Garden	59
Schlotzsky's	122
Panera	278
Care & Share	1,928
Less Spoilage/Donations elsewhere	(74)
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>3,518</b>

### Food Purchases

Care & Share (5,118 lbs)	\$3,267
Sam's Club (52)	101
<b>Total food purchased</b>	<b>\$3,368</b>
<b>Total lbs of food received</b>	<b>5,170</b>

The Bread of Life Food Pantry was open 14 days during October.

## FREE Concert November 12

The Rocky Mountain Wind Symphony (along with our own Krista Robinson) will perform a concert of selections from Broadway musicals and movies. The concert will include music from Leonard Bernstein, Richard Rodgers, Michael Kamen, Marvin Hamlisch, and others.

Village Seven Presbyterian Church, 4040 Nonchalant Circle S., 3 pm. A free will offering will be taken.

# Service Ministries (Continued)

## Prayer Ministries

If you'd like us to pray for you, please contact Marcy at 596-0661 or [marcys@holycrosscs.org](mailto:marcys@holycrosscs.org).

**Prayer Chain** We email prayer chain members prayer requests. They may be anonymous.

**Sunday Prayers** are usually for medical needs. Specifics are not shared with the congregation. We simply pray for the person.

**Staff Prayers** The staff prays every Tuesday for prayers listed on the pew cards. (If your prayer is intended for Sunday morning, please indicate that on your card.)

**Intercessory Prayer**—The team usually meets the third Monday of every month at 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Call Connie Bond if you have questions.

**Prayer Shawls**—If you would like to give someone a visual reminder that we are praying for them, pick up a prayer shawl, square or bear from the Ministry Center and write the name of the person for whom we should pray. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, please contact Rosey Dudden.



**Bread of Life Food Pantry**—The food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday and Saturday for those in 80909, 80915, 80916 and 80951. (Members may come as needed.)

**Counseling**—Holy Cross has two Christian counselors who minister to people in need.

**Stephen Ministries**—We have a team of caring listeners standing by if you just need someone to talk to. Contact Pastor Doug if you would like a Stephen Minister.

**Visitation Ministry**—If you are going into the hospital or having surgery, or if you are homebound either temporarily or permanently, we'd love to visit with you. Contact Marcy in the church office.

**Four-week Callers**—If you have been absent from Holy Cross for 4 weeks, you may expect a phone call from one of our caring callers. They are simply checking in with you to make sure everything is okay and to see if there is anything we can do for you.

## Sunday School Offerings

Do you know where your child's Sunday School offering goes? Holy Cross sponsors three Compassion children through the offerings received during Sunday School.

Children's Ministries sponsors Yoel Rufino Sales. He is one of five children and will be



turning 7 next month. He enjoys playing with his friends and learning Bible stories. The Youth Group sponsors two children. Jairo Mendoza is 17 and enjoys sports and learning about God. Yolani Martinez is 13 and plays the lyre in the marching band.

Please remember them in your prayers and help your kids remember to turn in offering.

## Never Alone For Widows

Never Alone meets for breakfast and devotion the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 at The Egg and I, Citadel Crossing. All widows are invited to join us on November 11. You do not need to be a member of Holy Cross. For more info, please contact Lorrie Fauce at 593-0035.

## YOUNG AT HEART



The November 4th meeting of Young at Heart was an educational meeting. Tom Tudor presented a follow up program regarding Arlington National Cemetery, revealing "Who is buried in Arlington National Cemetery?" This also was the meeting for our members to sign up and pay for the meal at our upcoming Christmas Party December 4th. Those who missed this meeting and want to attend the Christmas Party should contact Marion Daugherty, 637-9555, or Lyman Kaiser at 260-6187.

The Young at Heart Christmas Party will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on December 4th at 11 am. The meal will be catered by Golden Corral, buffet style. The program will be presented by Gus Meza, who will lead us in singing Christmas Carols.

# Ministry News



## ADULT/TEEN GAME NIGHT

Adults and teens with an adult are invited to join us in Hiller Hall on Friday, November 17, at 7 pm for games. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Beverages and FUN are provided. Child care is available ONLY if you sign up in advance.

## FAMILY ADVENTURE ACTIVITY

November 18, 11-1. You will create a fun Advent tradition in your home, a Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is a great way to help us prepare for the coming of Christ by reviewing the genealogy of Jesus and remembering God's plan of salvation through the Old Testament. Sign up at the Ministry Center. If you can't attend, you may order a kit to make at home. Cost, \$5 for the tree and \$5 for the ornaments.

*Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Isaiah 11:1.*

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 17 at 5:30 pm we will sing for the residents at Winslow Court Retirement Community, 3920 E. San Miguel St. Join us! We'll meet there a few minutes early and gather in the room with the grand piano where you will see Deb Schrank.

## LUTHERAN WITNESS

Cost \$22.01 for 2018. If you would like a subscription to the "Lutheran Witness" magazine, please sign up at the Ministry Center or email Pam Pagel at [pamp@holycrosscs.org](mailto:pamp@holycrosscs.org). Make your check payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and mail it in or place it in the box at the Ministry Center no later than December 10.

## CONE ZONE INFORMATION

You may have noticed the traffic cones on our corner. The City is replacing the traffic signals at all four corners, going to the "arm" type of traffic light pole that will eliminate the cables used to suspend the traffic lights. They are also removing the island at the southwest corner and will re-align the turn lane for eastbound Constitution to southbound Murray. They have no plans to work on Sundays, but there may be slowing of traffic during the week. The city plans for the project to be completed by early December.

For the safety of our school children, we have placed barriers around our parking lot during the week to keep cars from cutting through our lot.



## PIE AUCTION AND FELLOWSHIP

Have a piece of pie in Hiller Hall after the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22 and help support our Compassion children with your donation. We need pies to serve and to auction off!

## 5KANDLES ADVENT RUN

This youth fundraiser is Saturday, December 2, 10 am. \$15/participant. This year we will have an inflatable obstacle at the beginning and end of the race; then we'll have hot chocolate and devotions afterwards.

## SENIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS BASH

Wednesday, December 20, 6-8 pm. Dan Hampton's house. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange and enjoy Dan's famous crepes.

## LCMS ROCKY MTN DISTRICT DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 6, 1 pm for 6<sup>th</sup> graders through college age. Cost \$10/person to cover cost of team tee shirts and snacks. Immanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium.

## FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Friday, January 12, 6 pm. Do you have a winning chili or soup recipe? Bring your award winning chili or soup and compete for top prizes! Proceeds benefit Student Ministry's upcoming mission trips. Breads and condiments will be provided. \$10 admission for 12+. Under 12 is free.

## JUNIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

January 26-28. Leave for LVR at 5 pm Friday and returning by 1 pm Sunday. Cost \$75/person for fun, fellowship, hikes, devotions and more. No charge for adult chaperones.

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday Service Times:

8:00 A.M. - Classic Celebration (Traditional)

9:30 A.M. - Majestic Praise (Blended)

11:00 A.M. - Praise Alive (Contemporary)

Children and Youth Education: 9:30 A.M.—Adult Education 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Childcare for 3 & younger available during Sunday services

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