

## CROSS CURRENTS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS

Psalm 19: Divine Words to Live By...

Pastor Chu

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<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (English Standard Version)

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

The Lutheran Study Bible notes regarding this psalm:

"The heavens continually declare God's praise, and the forces of nature daily show forth His glory as they faithfully carry out the duties He assigned them. Too bad we so often fail in the fulfillment of our divinely appointed tasks. Marvelous as the heavens are, and eloquent as nature's testimony to the greatness of the Creator, God's forgiveness and grace as revealed in His Word are even more glorious."

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.



EPIPHANY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Those who are in need of our prayers:**

Sue Saalfeld, Muriel Strieter (hospice care), Joy Parker (Gayle Bothe's sister-healing), Wanda Schwartz, Dorothy Taylor, David Grandt (Liz Aduan's brother), Elizabeth Bothé (Gayle Bothe's granddaughter, non-churched), Abbi and Alex Roman, June Stewart (Judy West's friend-fainting), Jan Tammiste (Roman's nephew-brain injury, healing), Betty and Cal Kallsen, Jeannine Godsey (inner peace), Steven Liedtke (healing), Herbert and Clara Huppert (healing, guidance), Julie Oback (Diana Meux sister-healing), Ellie (Julie Oback's mother-healing from leukemia, saving faith in Christ), Julie & Benjamin (comfort and strength), Andrew Gamble (Gamble's grandson-juvenile arthritis), Bob Hartman (eye surgery, healing), Blake Frances (Bill Luker's grand nephew-cancer, healing), Suzanne Stadler (healing), Jack and Doris Mortenson (healing), Eyona Pargman (healing), John Gainer (Marilyn's nephew-healing), Ron Gam-

ble-healing, Dennis Cross (Chris Roman's uncle-cancer treatment, healing), Dorothy Hansen (Janet Villa's mom-healing), James Hardesty (Marilyn's son-healing), John Luker (cancer treatments-healing), Helene Liebert (Mike Voss' co-worker-liver, colon cancer), Cheryl Syrovatka (knee surgery, healing), Sharon (Goodrich) Hutton (healing), Trudy Huenninghaus (healing), Bill Morfeld (back surgery, healing), Jamie Eissner & Tommy (treatments, comfort, strength), Lorna Meitzer (Eyona's daughter, back surgery-healing).

**Chaplains among the armed forces and those serving in the military:**

Taylor Bothe-Yates (Gayle Bothe's grand-niece, Texas), Cadet Megan Gemar, PFC Kevin Hayworth (Glenda's grandson-Hawaii), Lt. JG Aaron Bell, Navy Chaplain CB Unit, Gulport, MS (Rev. & Sherry Bell's son), P.O.W. and M.I.A.'s.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

4	Wanda Schwarz
7	Eric Liebe Brittany Olson Jessica Holland
14	Dennis Lau
15	Josh Coyne
16	Christl Rose Drew Oatis
17	Ricky Liedtke
22	Pat Kroeger
24	Wilma Burch Bill Reichmann
26	Grace Gin
27	Britney Liedtke
28	Marc Albano
31	Bob Oliver
<b>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
10	Peter and Liz Aduan

**BIBLE STUDY**

The dates for the **Wed. evening Bible study** are Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27.

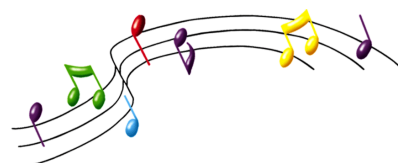
**MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**-We will resume on Jan. 4th to study New Testament women and finish our book. We successfully finished the Old Testament portion of this study, did an Advent study and will now finish up. A diligent group of women! Thanks for your perseverance and fun with learning God's Word. Carol Lau/facilitator

**Small Group:** "The Faces of Grief" will meet Jan. 5, 12 and finish its study on the 19th.

**Choir welcomes Advent in blue****January Choir Schedule**

The choir will have rehearsals on January 12 & Jan 19.

No choir for Jan 10, only the 24th.



## *January 2016 - What's Happening with the WoHC? by Joyce Liebe, President*

In December the WoHC hosted 2 special events. The month started out with our annual **Christmas Dinner**. We had 33 ladies gather at the NEW Norseman Restaurant at Diablo Valley College. After a short social time, which included wine and catching up with one another, we settled into our seats (which were padded and super comfy). I shared an inspirational story that caught my eye: "For the Man Who Hated Christmas" (it's printed somewhere in this issue for you to read). Many said they were moved by the story, which I was too. Then we had dinner: salads, homemade rolls, chicken or salmon entrée, as well as an assortment of handmade desserts. As evidenced by the clean plates being taken back to the kitchen, the food was superb! Melarie led our white elephant gift exchange, which was a lot of fun (a few brave women "switched" gifts along the way). In between all this, Cherylene led us in 3 Christmas songs, including the final song, Silent Night, ending a nourishing evening (for the soul and body). Thanks to the Board for helping with the dinner; in addition to Melarie & Cherylene, I had help from Grace (invitations), Marilyn (name place cards and tags), Idalene (center pieces), and Carol L. (standing guard outside with balloons to lead gals to Norseman). It is a blessing to serve with all of you.

On Saturday, December 12 we hosted several families who were recipients of our **Angel Tree** gifts. Idalene, Cherylene, Carol L., and Pat E. went above and beyond with the table set up and decorations. It was wonderful to be able to share the life size manger display from past children's Christmas shows with our guests. I was in the kitchen with Sue O'malley most of the time, however I was able to peek out and see several of the younger kids doing crafts with Sandy & the Coyne gals. Melarie and her sister Pam did a great job greeting everyone and coordinating the entire project. Pastor Chu, Carol C., Pat E., and others circulated the Parish Hall visiting and sharing the Christmas spirit. After Pastor's short message and prayer, lunch was served. Many came back for seconds, which I think means they liked it. The teenage boys sure enjoyed our homemade Christmas cookies! Once they were put on the tables, the cookies were swooped up. Personally as a baker, that is the best "thanks" you can get. While we were cleaning up in kitchen, there was a lot of noise in the Parish Hall. I looked out to see many of our guests, young and old, playing a bean bag toss game with Holy Cross members - what fun they were having! Soon they all left, with the gifts we purchased for the parents/relatives who could not do so. Thanks to who contributed to this local, hands on, mission project. As Sue O. said "I know the families that attended had a nice time and if we can touch just ONE person and share the love of Jesus then it is ALL worthwhile."

### Upcoming activities:

**Monday, 1/11, General Meeting, 6:30pm. Sue O'Malley's home** Join us for our annual bunco gathering - always lots of laughter & fun! We are collecting donations for Wardrobe for Opportunity. Look through your drawers & closets to see if you have any items to donate (see separate article that lists all items they accept). You can bring them to church, place on/in box in Parish Hall, or bring to Meeting.

**Wed., 2/10, Ash Wednesday Dinner, 5:45pm Parish Hall.** All congregation members are welcome to enjoy dinner & fellowship prior to our Ash Wed. Evening Service. Because it has been so well received (& easy for the cooks) we will have Papa Murphy's fresh baked Pizza, tossed salad, & dessert. Signup sheet will be posted.

**Sunday, 2/21, General Meeting, Lunch, Secret Pals & Visit Shut-Ins., 11am, Parish Hall** We are combining several popular activities in this one gathering after church, so please plan to join us for all, or part of the events. More details as we get closer to the date.

Details on our activities are also on our Bulletin Board & Sunday Bulletins. As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

## January NFS Activities

### The Claim Jumper Restaurant

Jan 8 2016 1:00 pm

Meet at church at 12:30 and leave at 12:45. Please sign up even if you plan on going directly to the Restaurant.

I checked and the last time we went to the Claim Jumper was in Jan of 2013 when we had 12 sign up, which is what one of their large tables will hold and we had 15 so we put two couples in a booth on the end. Herb and Marilyn Neumann and Dave and Ann Caruso volunteered. The motif is interesting with old rusted horse shoes and Gold panning and digging equipment from the gold rush day adorning the walls. The Claim Jumper is noted for their excellent food as well as large portions so you should plan accordingly. It's located at 1981 Diamond Blvd just off Willow Pass Road in Concord. 94520. Sign up in the Social Hall so we know how many to plan on.

Our **second outing** is to

### Tomi Sushi & Seafood Buffet

Jan 22 2016

Tomi Sushi & Seafood Buffet is located on the upper level between Macy's Woman's and J.C Penney's at the Sun Valley Shopping Center in Concord Ca. The selection is such that you cannot begin to list everything just samples such as BBQ pork short Ribs, Pork belly, Mussels, Saba, (Mackerel), almost any type of Chinese food, Soups four or five different kinds, fish of all kinds, dozens of different preparation of chicken, Beef etc. I'm looking forward to picking what I really like and only hope I don't try to eat too much. They also have a huge selection of desserts, Guaranteed you won't go away hungry. Meet at church at 12:15 leave at 12:30 or go direct. We plan at meeting there at 1:00. I'm going to try and reserve a table so we can all gather together and discuss what selections we make. Sound like fun...The price for seniors for lunch is \$13.95. Should be a fun outing.....! Marv Kreitz

## January WoHC General Meeting Invitation

Please join us at Sue O'Malley's home on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be playing bunco and also accepting donations for Wardrobe for Opportunity.

Wardrobe for Opportunity works in partnership with the community to assist low-income men and women in their effort to "Find a Job, Keep a Job and Build a Career." Your gently used professional clothing goes directly to a client with an upcoming interview. Volunteer stylists work with clients individually in their boutique; helping them put together interview-ready outfits and providing that extra boost of confidence.

**What a great time to clean out your closets/drawers, and help a worthy cause!**

**They accept the following items (undamaged, clean, dry cleaned or ironed; clothing on hangers):**

Belts	Blazers	Blouses	Briefcases	Coats
	Cuff Links			
Dress shirts	Dresses	Earrings	Handbags	
	Jackets	Skirts		
Polo Shirts	Watches	Scarves	Shoes	
Slacks	Sport Coats			
Suits	Umbrellas	Ties		

**They also accept the following NEW items (still in original package):**

Stockings (hosiery, knee-hi's) Socks

You may bring items on Monday night or leave them on the table in the parish hall beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you there (4495 Barberry Court, Concord)!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. It was so colorful and so much fun. The food was awesome as well, many cookies to choose from, lots of laughter and singing. Having the dishwasher out of commission ended up being a blessing, as clean-up was a breeze, using all paper products. Next potluck will be Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> - very easy, bring any dish or dessert to share or just come. We always have plenty - God richly provides. A time of fellowship and fun and sharing. See you there. Carol Lau



## NOVEMBER OUTREACH

Here it is the 4th Sunday of the Month, which means it's time to feed our friends at the Concord Shelter. We served a total of 130 of our friends. A complete Thanksgiving dinner was prepared and put into eight large, deep dish casserole pans! Lots 'of comfort food...plus Thanksgiving condiments.

We made it as festive as we could, using orange pumpkin table cloths, plastic pumpkin handouts filled with candy, and other small prizes ,etc., chips and Sue O'Malley's' home baked cookies! Bill Luker made a special batch of yummy Thanksgiving brew that went quickly.

Our friends went through the food line, while Kevin poured beverages and carried it to their tables. It made our friends feel special.

Our friends were really pleased and even said, "It's so good to see that you people actually care about us. (After one said that, several others told us also.) As we were leaving many hugs were exchanged and a lot of smiling faces and very full stomachs!

This morning: Bill, and Kevin Luker and Mindy Wertz helped load, and cleanup kitchen before leaving Holy Cross. After serving at the shelter they came back to church and did the shelter dishes and clean up and put away items before the 2:00 church people arrived. (We

also worked around coffee hour and the Voters meeting; while attempting our 'last minute shelter preparations to get to the shelter on time)

### At The Shelter

Jan Selby gave the blessing; Jan and her husband Scott have been faithfully serving with us (from Baldwin Park days) for approx. ten years. Mindy has been with us for over 15 years. Thank you for your dedication.

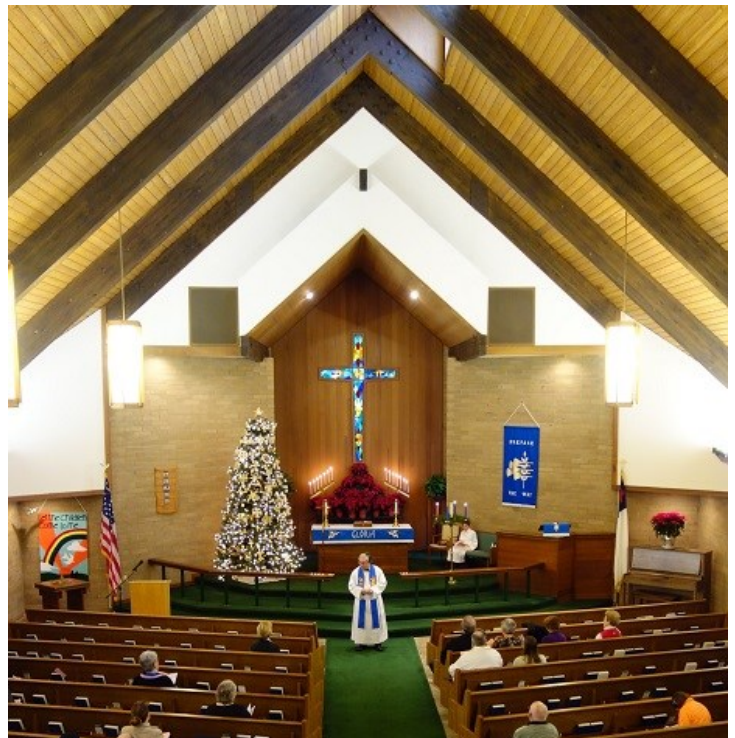
There were almost as many women as men at the shelter this month. They are waiting to get processed to get into their own housing.

They were very pleased that we brought (donated from H.C.) bath towels for them. Also the donated electric fry pan to cook their own food during the week, breakfasts, snacks, etc. was very much appreciated, thank you!

As a reminder: they don't have a kitchen at the shelter--so the electric fry pan is a real blessing. (All electric fry pans or electric pots are ok to use; these have been approved to use by the fire dept.)

We came back from the shelter feeling very blessed to be involved with making life a bit easier for our Shelter friends. We thank the Lord for all he has done. Our friends were very surprised and happy to eat Thanksgiving turkey- (because they weren't expecting it!) Pat Easby

## Altar Guild and Helpers at Work



Holy Cross Lutheran: Advent 2015

This story was originally published in the Dec 14, 1982 issue of *Woman's Day* magazine. It was the first place winner out of thousands of entries in the magazine's "My Most Moving Holiday Tradition" contest in which readers were asked to share their favorite holiday tradition and the story behind it.

### **"For the Man Who Hated Christmas" by Nancy W. Gavin**

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas--oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it--overspending... the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry & the dusting powder for Grandma---the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties & so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; & shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue & gold uniforms & sparkling new wrestling shoes. As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. As each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids - all kids - & he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball & lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came to me.

That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store & bought an assortment of wrestling headgear & shoes & sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, a note inside telling Mike what I had done & that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about

Christmas that year & in succeeding years.

For each Christmas, I followed the tradition--one year sending a group of youngsters with handicaps to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, & on & on. The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning & our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, & in the morning, it was joined by three more.

Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown & someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down the envelope.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit will always be with us.

**What made this story even more special is that it inspired a family in Atlanta, Georgia to start The White Envelope Project & Giving101, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating youth about the importance of giving.**



## NFS CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

We had 30 sign up for our Sing A Long and two more showed up for a total of 32 what a blessing and what fun. We started with Bill Riechmann saying grace then we enjoyed Melarie's scrumptious lunch of casseroles of noodles loaded with chicken, a huge salad and of course cake and ice cream for dessert. I told Melarie that I thought we should open a restaurant because the food was soooo good. She also had fresh bread, probably baked that same day...a loaf for each family. Following lunch we sang a couple Christmas carols and then Jack Mortenson gave a presentation based on Ephesians the apostle Paul's letter to the Saints in Ephesus "the faithful" in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace to you from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. For it is by grace you are saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves...Through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus Jack read some but mostly talked directly to our group. Thanks Jack for a job well done...Following Jack's presentation we had Annaliesa read a few of the many miracles Jesus preformed. Part of the reason Jesus was so feared by the leaders of the church was the fact that they were unable to disprove these miracles. Jesus said while I am here in this world, I am the light of the world. Then he gave sight back to a man that had been blind from birth. When he raised Lazarus from the tomb after he had been dead for four days. No one has ever disproven this. These and many more events are actual fact. On a lighter side Grace read a Christmas letter that Wilma Burch had given her and then I read a true story of how Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was created. Starting with a down and out man with a little girl that he had nothing to give her for Christmas except a book of a character he had created. Rudolph a Reindeer with a Shiny Red Nose. He worked for Montgomery Wards and they used the little storybook he had created to give to children visiting Santa Claus at their many stores. Ward gave all the rights back to Bob May and music was created and he became as wealthy man because like Rudolph he was a misfit outcast which goes to show you it's not so bad to be a misfit. I had put the words to the song in the back of the song book so we all sang Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. What fun. Our German contingency sang Silent Night, We wish you a Merry Christmas and several more and Dave Hawkyard sang Silent Night in Spanish (more than one verse) cause I really didn't understand it when he sang just one verse. We ended our luncheon singing God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Marv Kreitz

## Youth Bake Sale Success!

The youth of Holy Cross would like to thank the congregation for their generous support during the recent bake sale. What a surprise it was to have non youth families join in the spirit of serving by donating baked goods. Your donations have enabled the youth to send over \$750 to Heifer International. This means a village in need will be receiving 2 goats, a water buffalo, tree seedlings, a basket of hope and a llama. Having the resources to feed your family provides dignity and a gift that will last a lifetime. The Lord has blessed our bake sale with an additional surprise! Heifer International just matched our funds so our gifts have now been doubled!! Thank you. Chris Roman and Sandy Coyne



## ANGEL TREE UPDATE

The Women of Holy Cross sponsored their first "Angel Tree Prison Ministry" Party on Saturday, December 12. Seven families joined in the festivities of game playing and making large paper snowflakes under the direction of Sandy Coyne, Kaytlyn, Kameron and Kayleigh. A tasty and nourishing luncheon prepared by Joyce Liebe and Sue O'Malley followed a sermonette by Pastor Chu. The final activity was the distribution of gifts to all the children. Thanks to all those who either provided funds for gifts or purchased gifts. A great big Thank You to Thrivent for their most generous gift of funds to purchase additional gifts. Melarie Seidel

### COMMENTS FROM THE GATHERING

What a rewarding day we had with the children and adults at the Angel Tree Party. I truly didn't know what to expect but what I received were many .blessings. The kids enjoyed the craft of making an oversized snowflake and helping them was so much fun. Pastor had a wonderful message for them and as usual the ladies in the kitchen provided a kid friendly lunch. But the best part was sharing a meal with a lovely family and sharing stories. The event ended with "my" family playing a bean bag game with some Holy Cross folks and with us cheering them on to victory. It indeed was a wonderful day. Dee

I was talking with a family as they arrived. We were talking about the church and I mentioned "That we were one big family." He said, "When I walked in here I felt something different..that's it, LOVE !! This is a wonderful Church, I can just feel it."

He, his wife, two children and granddaughter came. They are raising their teen granddaughter (from birth ), because her father is in prison.

A Very interesting , thankful, And sweet family. Anonymous  
Pat Easby



**Editor's Note:** Electronic copies will receive extra pages with the additional pictures of Holy Cross Lutheran Church members in action during the month of December.

**WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015**-What a delightful evening! The culinary team at Norsemen/DVC was awesome with our very own member, Kiley Wirtz, being a part of it. Thanks to Joyce Liebe who set up the room, coordinated the menu, and instructed the servers. The tables were beautiful, the candlelight was inviting, thanks to the Stadler's. The white elephant exchange was the hit of the evening. The packages were so pretty and so much variety. We had singing, devotions and prayers topped off the night. A good time was had by all. Merry Christmas!  
Carol Lau







# JANUARY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1 New Years Day</b>	2
<b>3 Mite Box/Hat Sunday</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b> 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian	<b>4</b> 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 2:30p WoHC Brd Mtg. 7p Scouts	<b>5</b> 1:00p Small Group 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum	<b>6 Epiphany</b> 7p Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:30p NFS The Claim Jumper	<b>9</b> 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
<b>10</b> <b>9:30am Worship/Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)	<b>11</b> 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 6:30p WoHC General Mtg. 7p Scouts	<b>12</b> 1:00p Small Group 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 1p Senior Brd 7p Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
<b>17</b> <b>9:30am Worship/Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)	<b>18 MLK DAY</b> 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 12:30p Bridge 6:30p Church Council 7p Scouts	<b>19</b> 1:00p Small Group 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum 6:30p Elders 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 7p Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:15p NFS Tomi Sushi & Seafood Buffet	<b>23</b> 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
<b>24</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b> 10:30a Outreach Sunday 11a Sunday School/Bible Study 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)	<b>25</b> 12:30p Wm Bible Study (C) 7p Scouts	<b>26</b> 3:30-6:45p Firecracker Forum	<b>27</b> 7p Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11:00-2:00p Firecracker Forum
<b>31</b> <b>9:30am Worship/Communion</b> Fifth Sunday Potluck 2-6p Myanmar Christian (H)						

cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg, H=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room

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**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
Adults Bible Studies	11AM
Sunday School	11 AM

**Week Day Bible Study Schedule:**

Monday (Ladies)	12:30PM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00PM Parish Hall

**Choir Rehearsal:**

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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**Outreach:**

Fourth Sunday of each month after service

**Publication Deadline:**

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Trustees at Work



More Holy Cross Workers



WoHC Angel Tree

Prison

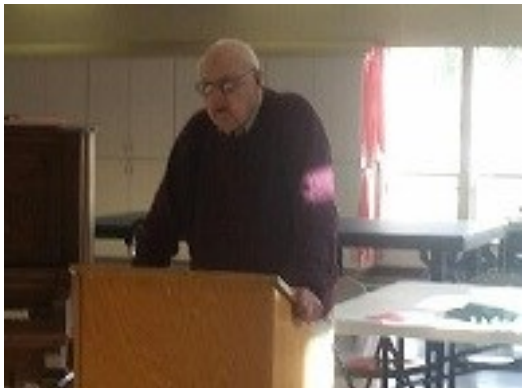
Ministry Party



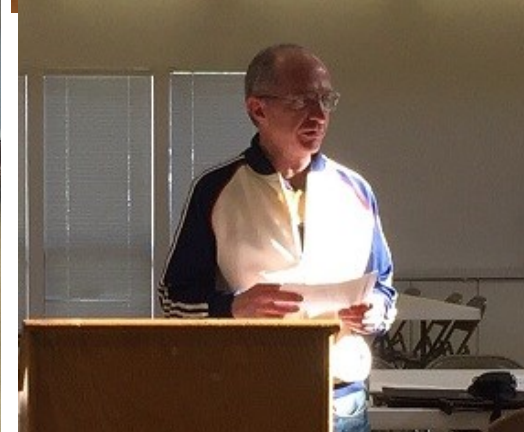




NFS Christmas Party



Youth Fund-  
raiser  
For Heifer  
International







Nifty Fifty Christmas  
Party Complete with  
Singing







WoHC Fun at Christmas Party



Plates were the most coveted items!



More December  
WoHC Fun





Enjoy More Fun from the WoHC Christmas Gathering!



Generosity of Holy Cross  
Members for the  
Angel Tree Ministry

