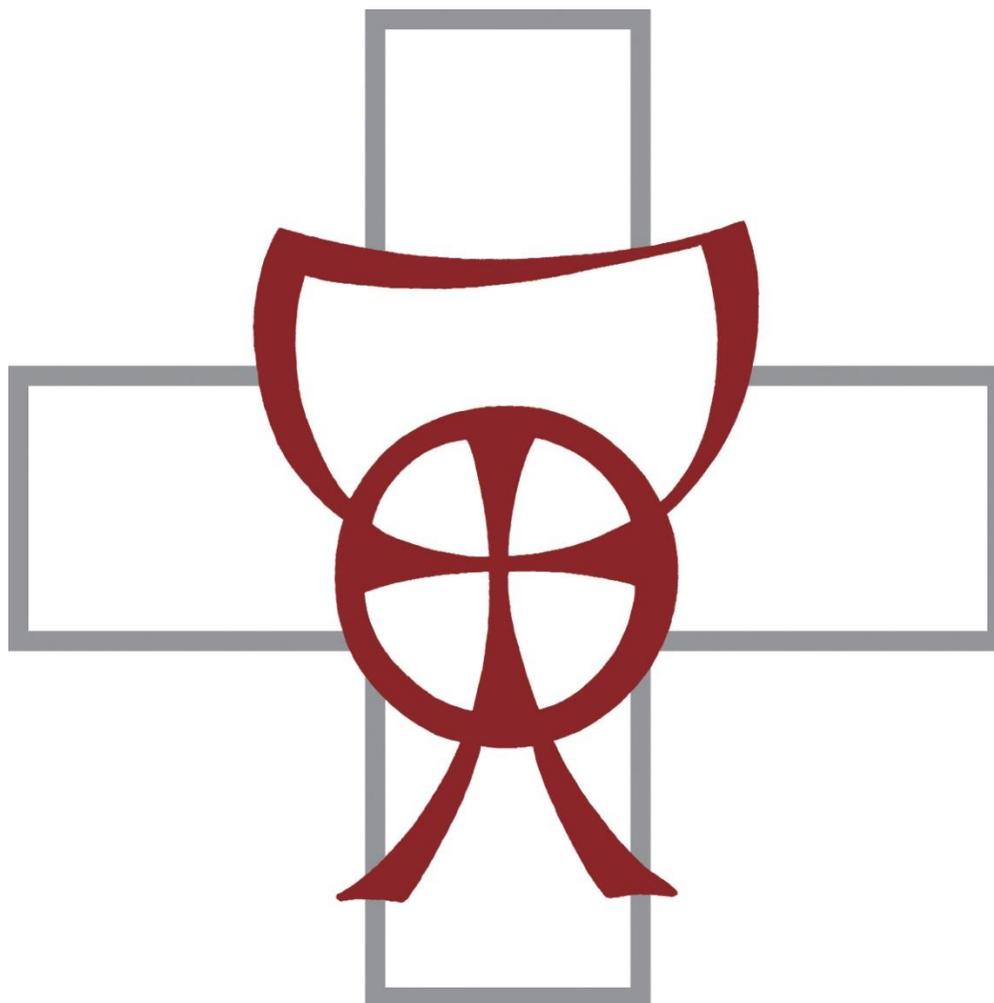


The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

Photo Directory Sign Up after Services

9:45 am - Sunday School & Bible Classes for All Ages

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

Opening Hymn

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain *LSB #435*

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for self-examination and reflection upon God's Word

People **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

Pastor In peace, let us pray to the Lord



© Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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Pastor Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
⁶as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

My Song is Love Unknown LSB #430 v1-4

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 10:35-45

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

My Song is Love Unknown *LSB #430 v5-7*

Sermon

Hebrews 5:1-10

“THE MELCHIZEDEK WAY”

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

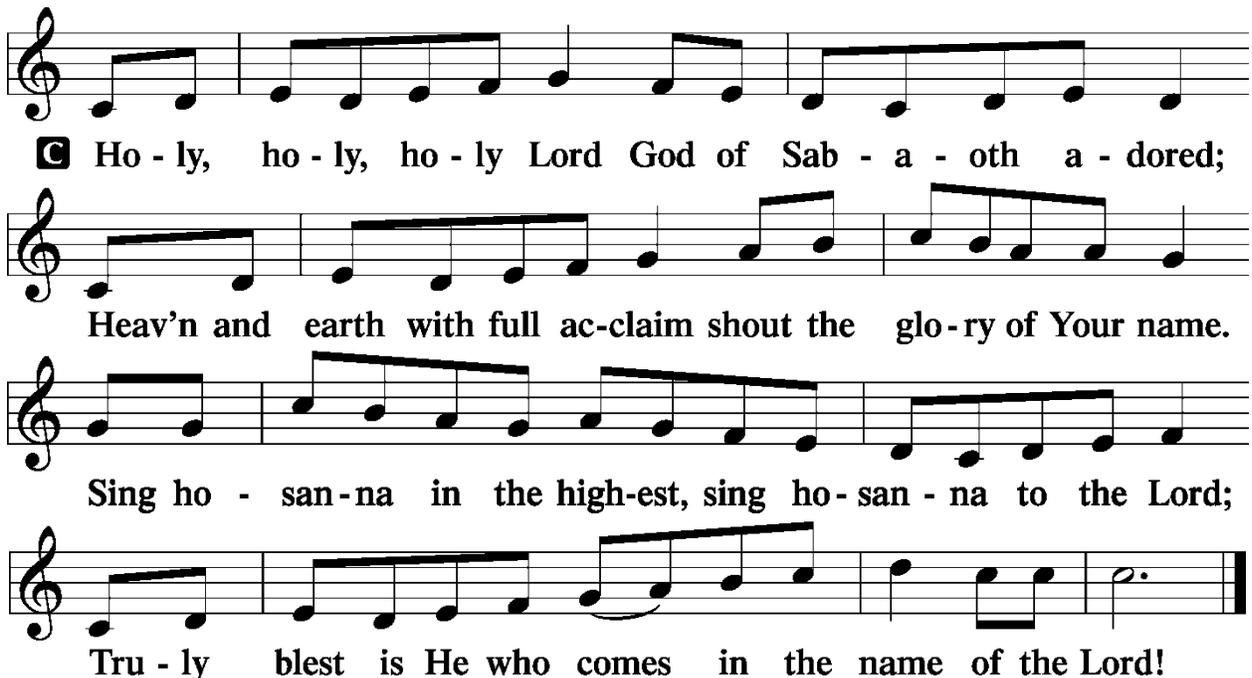
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Alas and Did my Savior Bleed *LSB #437*
The Lamb *LSB #537*

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart *LSB #806*

- Preacher..... Pastor Nolan Astley
- Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
- Communion Assistants..... Pastor Robert Morley (8:30),
 Pastors Joe Das, Gary Weber (11:00)
- Organist..... Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music..... Gabrielle George (11:00 Communion),
 Brady & Maya Black (11:00 Offering)
- Acolytes Kaylee Manuel (8:30)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we ask God to **ble^ss our Lenten Journey** as we draw nearer to Holy Week and Easter. May this be a time of deep renewal in God’s Word, in prayer and in love! We also remember those of our congregational family who have special needs including **Don Kraft** who has been at St. Mary’s hospital in recent days. We also remember those recovering at home and others going through treatments for various ailments. We also remember our **Board of Elders and the Ministry Review Committee** as they deal with important issues in our life together in Christ.

Adult Information Class #9 tonight *from 6:30-8:30 pm* is ‘About a Stewardship Which is fully committed/Eternal life’. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what we believe, please join us.

Today's Education Hour...

March Munchies - Mission project... magnificent! We have already delivered 47 items to Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard for distribution. Please continue to give generously through March.

YABS This Sunday, we'll start looking into the Gospel According to Mark, and will cover Mark 1-2. Come join us at 9:45AM.

Adult Bible Class will focus on Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesus beginning at Ephesians 3:14-21. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning at 10am in the Sanctuary!

Coming Events...

2018 Photo Directory: We have many reasons to **smile** here at Holy Cross and our goal is to have all of our church family ... this means **you** ...participating!! Please look at your calendars and come prepared to book your photo session. Appointments can be booked between the services **March 18 and 25, April 1 and 8**. Please see the flyer in your pigeonhole or at the welcome desk for photo session times.



Prime Time! Come together and learn about Easter traditions from around Europe. This **Thursday, March 22 from 12:30-2:30** enjoy a wonderful lunch and a time of fellowship. Please sign up in the parlor before March 20. If you would be willing to bring dessert, please let Lenora know.

Circuit Youth Night at Bethel Lutheran Church this **Friday, March 23**. Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the from 7:00-9:30pm. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the youth bulletin board by March 20 if you are planning to attend.

Young Adult Brunch Saturday, March 31 – Free Food! Ages 18-30 are invited to the church for brunch. Take this opportunity to complain about your exam stress and get to know other young people in our congregation. Please RSVP to Lenora so we can make sure there is enough food.

Mission Opportunities! Join us on **Sunday, April 8 after the late service** for an information session to learn about two amazing mission opportunities Holy Cross will be a part of this summer. Consider joining the **Ehattesah, BC** mission team this summer and/or try a new mission experience out East to **Moncton, New Brunswick** from August 13-17. Both mission opportunities are being supported by the Board of Missions and are seeking participants to help run a Vacation Bible School. See on you April 8!

50th Women's Renewal Weekend/Retreats Celebration –Come *Sunday April 8*

to celebrate the 50th Anniversary at both services. Between the two services enjoy looking at memorabilia and a video of past retreat pictures and refreshments. The memorabilia and the video will be on display after the late service. Let's celebrate 50 years of inspiring retreats!

50th Women's Renewal Weekend – “Looking Back, Stepping Forward” Young Adults and Women of All Ages we will celebrate the past 50 years of inspiring retreats. **Looking back** helps us see our present more clearly and move us forward. **Stepping forward**, what is your legacy now and in the future? Our Lord nurtures and empowers us. How do we nurture others? Our guest speaker, Anita Syens will lead us through these topics and we will discuss them with each other. Come join us on **April 20 or April 21 or both days** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Enjoy fellowship, fun, good food with new and old friends and we encourage you to bring a friend. More information and registration forms are on the welcome desk in the church parlour. **Registration Deadline is April 15**, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please Note...

Easter Breakfast Reminder..if you will donate nut free muffins or other baked goodies to our Easter breakfast **Sunday, April 1, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**, please sign up in the parlour at the Welcome Centre.

Photo Session volunteers needed! If you are available to take a 4 hour shift to serve as host during the photos sessions, please contact Marg Klages at 519-5767682 or meklages@gmail.com. We need friendly faces to greet our members and fill out paperwork as they arrive to have their picture taken.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

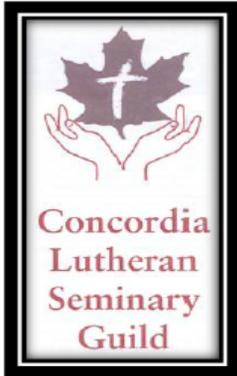
Wednesday Lenten IV:	52 & 77	Total 129	('17 – 145)
Sunday Attendance:	73 & 190	Total 263	('17 – 285)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 16 Staff: 12	Total 28	('17 – 50)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 48 Staff: 1	Total 49	('17 – 49)
YABS:	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 11	('17 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('17 – 9)

Memorials: In memory of **ELSIE SEEGMILLER** to the Unified Church Budget from Kay Stauch. In memory of **HAZEL KUHL & LILLIAN KUHL** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday March 19 to Sunday March 25, 2018

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i>	1:30 p.m.
	LINC, <i>Gym</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	8:00 p.m.
Board of Worship, <i>Conference Room</i>	8:00 p.m.	
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, <i>Church Basement</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Activities, <i>Bethel Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	'This House', <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	Photo Directory Sign up, <i>Parlour</i>	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.	



Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild

St. Catharines, Ontario

Devoted to Service through the use of Talents and Resources to
Support the Seminary and its Students, our Future Pastors

Annual Membership Drive

God has blessed Holy Cross with faithful pastors throughout its history without any prolonged vacancies (as some churches have had to endure).

Never has the need been greater to prepare workers to spread the Gospel of Christ in our District congregations and Mission stations. Here is where the Concordia Seminary Guild comes in to help

How can we help?

Once a year, the Seminary Guild appeals to our congregation and sister churches in Ontario to support its important work, with prayer, and with an annual gift of \$5.00 (or more)

 Simply place your gift in an envelope marked “Seminary Guild”, sign your name and place it on the offering place in the next weeks before Easter.

Cheques can be **made payable to:**

‘Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Catharines, ON’ **and**
Mark it “for Seminary Guild”

What is the money used for?

Besides providing an ongoing Food Bank and Clothing Bank that seminarians can draw on, gifts for books and at birthdays and Christmas, this year they gave generously to fund a “Rare Book Room” to the library to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

I thank all who have so faithfully and generously given their support to the Seminary Guild in the past. We welcome many new members to join us as we help our future Pastors.

Seminary Guild Membership Convenor

“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - *Vision Statement 2010*