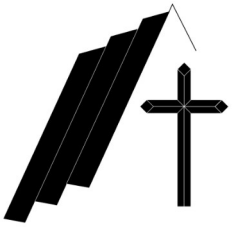


HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holiday Location

"Where are you going for Thanksgiving?" "Where are you "having Christmas"?" It's taken for granted we associate our celebrations of major holidays with some location and likely someone's home to which we will either go or remain. More than geographic location, we expect to be with other people, and in fact we usually name or label those people: "With Aunt and Uncle…." "With our friends from…." To be even more precise, I'm guessing with you, like me, that the place and people you name for these celebrations has a woman or women inherently involved in its location. Hardly do a group of only guys get together for a major holiday. At holidays we gather at geographic locations and where there are women. Yet, wherever women are, women will especially be drawn to, if not carrying babies or children if they are any of close relation.

Where are you going with this, Pastor? Well, did you ever consider that as human beings we all need a designated place and another person if we are to have joy and rest – celebration? And we can hardly have joy or hope if we don't have a place or another person we belong to? I bring up the part about women, because for all of us it is our mothers who first and especially know us and give us a sense of self, to know us as someone who is loved and has made a place for us in the world. And regarding wives, it was when God created Eve that Adam, our first father experienced himself consciously as distinct from all the creatures he named and worked among. She was fitted uniquely to him, and in her he found his bodily place of belonging and for his greater fulfillment in the world in the tasks and purposes God made him for.

Luther commented that with the woman (Eve) from the man's (Adam's) side, God built "a nest" for the man (AE 1:131-134). With her comes the gift of a home. With her there was also the promise of a coming community of persons, i.e., through her children, where Adam was to have a certain place he'd fit in and among, as would they all. And so there would be ongoing human life in God's blessings. As the woman was a gift to the man, and so the man would give himself for her, and there would be reciprocal self-giving in all God provided. And in that bodily community we become conscious of our giftedness, and that God is the Giver, and of His goodness.

We've probably all noted how "the holidays" tend to bring busy-ness that we don't look forward to. Yet our get-togethers and returns to close relationships and/or our human beginnings ("Mom and Dad") are good for keeping us conscious of who we are and God's goodness, and that He has a place for us.

In Church we become particularly conscious of this, since it's where God gives us the very body and blood of His Son in particular created locatable things for our reconciliation and eternal life, apart from which our natural homes will have only temporary and limited significance. This is where we are reassured He has a place for

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us, indeed a bodily place, just as His Son came to bodily dwell among us, and still bodily gives Himself for us.

Part of the sickness of the modern world is that we're told it's better to be or be able to be "everywhere," or at least "anywhere else," and faster. As such it is alleged this makes a person more powerful and better, and that being faster and more remote is the solution to what disturbs you in the place where you are. Yet when we try to be anywhere or everywhere, we end up being nowhere, and the faster we go nowhere, and usually the less it really matters. It is no wonder there is so much loneliness and lack of communion even when we can be bodily very close to many others.

Another way we become "busy," restless and homeless even while in our homes and families is by the things -idols- we consume and obsess over. Indeed, this is part of why "the holidays" are said to be "busy" with a negative, exhausting connotation, rather than simply a time of more joyful and eager activity. When things take greater attention, devotion, and desire than other people, we also end up more alone and divided. Instead of having such things as the gifts they are for a particular use or adornment, they use and make demands of us, taking us from those for whom we were made to live in communion with. They become objects of devotion, taking the place of our Creator and His incarnate Son, who gave us other people to serve us and for us to serve and enjoy as we rejoice in His created gifts in their rightful purposes.

Where God locates Jesus' body and blood for our forgiveness and life amid this fast world, there everyone partaking gets the joy of realizing who they really are and that God has a place for them – indeed, eternally with Him. The Son of God became incarnate, suffered, bodily rose, and sent bodily-locatable people into all parts of the world to make that known to the whole world. Especially by God's great deeds on Christmas (the Incarnation) and Pentecost home was restored and reopened, and in a deeper, truer way than any notion of "home" before. If not considering "home" where He locates Himself for us, any "home" will be vanishing. But if "home" is where He locates Himself and reigns for us in this world, detached as we may feel from this "world," paradise is breaking in again.

Pastor Meissner

Pledging - Rebuilding with Integrity

Nehemiah was given a stipend and a commission: Rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. But this was not just a wall he was building. It was making for a designated place for the life of God's people, where the Lord specially met them for where He promised to forgive, restore, and bless while teaching in His ways, the way of life. Indeed, it was for the life of the whole world.

In Nehemiah's day the Lord became known among the Persians - that there was no God in all the world like Him and no people like His. As the prophet Daniel foretold, the idols of the wealth-loving Babylonians made them so shallow that Persia could easily took them over in a single day. Meanwhile, all the wonderful things that happened through Daniel in his faithfulness to the Lord amid overwhelming odds and the falling away of so many couldn't be denied. Even so, now Nehemiah and Ezra were prompted by the Lord to rebuild the wall and the temple. And they were going to do it on a pile of rubble.

So, what do you do when you have a huge pile before you and a task to accomplish and what appears to be threatening foreign cultures all around? *You go to it one faithful step at a time*. If you lose sight of just what you're doing, the goals, and why, and Who told you, that mountain will look impossible. But for the one who faithfully goes about the work with focus and integrity, there's great blessings and strength the Lord will supply. Before you know it, the impossible will happen.

So proved to be the case under Nehemiah – the wall was built far faster than anyone ever imagined. But the Lord had this written for our learning. And let it be known, this task of re-building the walls of Jerusalem was not without internal complications. Some went into debt, mortgaging fields, and others putting children into indentured

servitude for the sake of getting the work done. Nehemiah firmly rebuked this because not only did it slow the whole project, but he knew it drew the Lord's anger and gave the Lord's enemies occasion to blaspheme. Yet when the wall was done it made a great statement before the nations. They knew this happened only by the Lord's presence and blessing. And here's the thing: Both during and after the wall was rebuilt, they came *to worship the Lord*, *vowing* to make sure to continue therein, and teaching the faith to their children. The promised Seed was still in their midst (Ezr. 9, Neh. 9).

With our recent projects while in Christ's word and sacrament at Holy Cross, I personally think we have been going thru circumstances similar to Nehemiah's. The pure Gospel that is given here is the source all life and truth in the world that is otherwise desolate. The Lord specially makes Himself known here for the renewal and strength of his people, and indeed for the whole world.

One thing we note in Nehemiah's time while building the wall is that the people were bringing their tithes regularly, as the Lord commanded. They knew the project's continuation as it was happening did not have leeway for abuse – it hung on a thread. They needed to act like the Lord called them with integrity. Yet a few years later, the prophet Malachi rebuked them because they had fallen into not giving their "full tithe." In other words, they fell into seeking to justify their not giving the full tenth of all they had. It weakened the people and it brought on the Lord's temporal punishment once again as much as the wall still stood.

I'm writing this reflection in part to urge you to tithe. If you are able to plan, *pledge* to give your tithe. Pledging is like the Jew's vowing to continue faithfully in the Lord as the wall was built. Further, it's a way to commit yourself to making sure the sins that Malachi addressed don't happen with you.

You've been richly blessed to be called by God in Christ to begin with, and further, to be about the important work the Lord does here at our congregation. The hearing, learning, and receiving of God's word and Sacrament here at our Church is for the genuine life of the world. Its where the Lord specially meets us in the world, to be a special people for the world, and our neighborhood in particular. Don't let it be corrupted! Instead, courageously continue, just like those in Nehemiah's day.

A pledge card is provided for you below if you would like to commit to writing your promise to thank God through your time, talents, and treasure! The collection of pledges will take place on **Harvest Sunday, November 15**. If you are unable to be at services on Sunday, November 15, please mail your card in to the attention of: Financial Secretary, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2003 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City, MO 64118

Giving to the Lord is giving thanks. Let us give thanks not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer an praise, in teaching and giving. And let us do it cheerfully and with great joy!

Your fellow servants in Christ, The Board of Stewardship

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLEDGE CARD 2027

Name_____

(Names of both husband and wife when applicable)

Address_____

City_____

State_____

Zip_____

By faith, as God enables me, I will-

- Pray regularly for the ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
- Attend worship services and seek to interest others in attending with me.
- Be available to follow God's leading in working in and through my church
- Give support to the work of the Lord in 2027

General Fund

$_____

Please indicate how you plan to give the amount above:

$_____per week $_____per month

I understand I may change my pledge amount at any time by contacting the church office.

Congregational Planning Meetings

Members of Holy Cross, please join us for our congregational planning meeting & potluck on **November 22nd after the Divine Service**. The goal of this meeting is to develop goals for our congregation and its ministries over the next five years. Participation from as many members as possible will help us to develop the congregation's priorities and plan for the future. More details to come as the meeting gets closer.

Early Childhood Center Christmas Program



You are invited to attend the Holy Cross Early Childhood Center Christmas Program on Thursday, December 10th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to interact with some of our ECC families and listen to the children share about the birth of Jesus! Refreshments will be served following the short program.

A Little Levity…

- Little Tony was in his uncle's wedding. As he came down the aisle during the ceremony, he carefully took two steps, then stopped and turned to the crowd. When facing the congregation he put his hands up like claws and roared loudly. So it went, step, step, turn, roar, step, step, turn, roar, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine the congregation was near tears from laughing. By the time little Tony reached the altar, he was near tears too. When later asked what he was doing, the boy sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear!"

From the Board of Stewardship

GIVING MADE EASY - You may now make a one-time donation or set up recurring contributions through our website's *eGiving* donation page. The eGiving option is secure, fast, and easy to use. You can donate by visiting www.holycrosskc.org and selecting "eGiving" or by simply scanning this QR code. Please contact the church office at 816-452-9113 if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Please cut on the dotted line and fill out the pledge card on the opposite side.

Return your pledge card to Holy Cross on Harvest Sunday, November 15th or mail card to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Theology on Tap - The Kansas City North Circuit invites you to Theology on Tap, a monthly theological discussion publicly led by Circuit pastors. We plan to meet at Chicken N Pickle (1761 Burlington St, North KC, MO 64116) starting at about 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 17th. Bring yourself and someone else!



Pastor Meissner is available for private Confession and Absolution by appointment during the week or on Sunday mornings, following Corporate Confession and Absolution which is held at 8:00 am each Sunday. You can also join Pastor Meissner for the service of Matins on Tuesdays, at 8:00 am after Men's Bible Breakfast, or on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 am & Saturdays at 8:30 am.

Portals of Prayer—The October-December edition of Portals of Prayer is available in the Narthex. Please consider making a donation in exchange for your copy. A standard copy costs the church $2.00, while the large print copy costs the church around $3.00. Thank you!



Church office hours: The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays. The ECC office is open Monday-Friday. Please contact us at 816-452-9113 or church@holycrosskc.org if you have any questions. **Please submit any announcements** to be included in the weekly information notes to the church office by Thursdays at 7:00 am.



Please Remember: Friday is Pastor's "Day off." Unless there is an emergency, please wait until the next day to contact him so he has time to refresh.

A Note from the Chancel Guild – Please help us save our linens by removing your lipstick prior to coming to communion. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of our Chancel Guild.

Music at Holy Cross

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4



The Handbell choir practices on Saturdays at 9:00 am. If you are interested in joining us we can teach you everything needed to ring a position. You do not need to know how to read music! See Linda Rusche (816-797-2696) if you have any questions.



Holy Cross Choir began practices for our 2026 Fall season on September 19 and we will sing through December. We are actively seeking additional sopranos and altos to join us, but the choir is open to all. Not sure you can commit to a regular Saturday practice? We'd love to have you join us for a single practice to try us out. Want an activity you can do with your son or daughter? Join the Choir. Or, if you are only interested in singing in a specific service, e.g. Lessons and Carols, come to those specific practices. Please contact Myla Miller, 816-399-9291, if you'd like additional information.



Our Holy Cross instrumentalists have been playing for the Divine Service throughout the summer and fall months. They will all be assigned hymns to play during the **Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, Dec. 20**. We invite you to come and to make the Lessons and Carols service an annual tradition during the Christmas season.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy

by Burnell F. Eckardt Jr., Editor-in-Chief, *Gottesdienst*

Why is the Sacrament something we eat and drink?

The first answer to that question has to be the simplest one: we eat and drink the Holy Supper because Jesus told us to do so. He said, "Take, eat," and, "Drink of it, all of you." And again, "This do." Therefore without question Christians learn to do this as a central ingredient of their most holy faith. No one can be forced, certainly; neither can one be forced to be a Christian. Christians learn to do what Christ wants them to do, especially in their worship of Him.

Secondly, as the ancient fathers have taught us well, it was by eating that sin entered into the world, so it is most fitting that by eating salvation should be given. The first eating brought death, the second brings life. The first eating was sinful, the second eating is for the forgiveness of sins.

Sacrament means "mystery." We participate in the mystery of God here, and partake in His eternal feast of salvation. Our participation is by eating and drinking because it is a feast.

It can also be said that eating and drinking are very simple things, very down-to-earth things. Therefore God in this way demonstrates His simple desire to have us know in no uncertain terms that our sins are forgiven. As surely as we eat and drink this, knowing it to be Christ's Body and Blood, so confident may we be that our sins are forgiven. ✠

Why do we come to the altar to commune?

In churches of the Reformed or Baptist tradition, one commonly finds communicants staying in their pews as the trays are passed down the line, in much the same fashion as the offering plates. Communicants take a piece of bread, and hold it until all have received theirs, and then when the minister days, "Take, eat," all eat at the same time. Then comes the tray containing cups of wine (or grape juice!) after which the tray is passed again, to receive the empty cups.

In Lutheran churches, by contrast, communicants come forward to receive at the altar, as is also the case among Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglicans or Episcopalians. Why?

This custom reflects our understanding of our participation in the Sacrament, that it is not a symbolic gesture. It *truly is* Christ, and therefore we, according to ancient custom, receive Him with the reverence that befits this faith.

Interestingly, many (though not all) of the churches who have the practice of staying in the pews for Communion also have the custom of "altar calls." Altar calls are invitations to come forward and "accept Christ" into one's life. But those who come forward receive nothing. They might be "slain in the Spirit," falling down as if in a trance, or, in the less emotion-driven settings, they might simply stand at the front while a prayer is said. They might get a hug.

What a telling comparison: in the latter case, people come forward to *give* their lives to Jesus, while in the former, they come forward to *receive* their lives *from* Jesus – for in the Sacrament we receive the forgiveness of sins, where, according to the Catechism, "there is also life and salvation." Here is a stark contrast between what essentially amounts, on the one hand, to doing something (accepting Christ) to "get saved," and on the other, doing something (coming forward for the Sacrament) because of what you already believe, namely, that Christ is giving Himself to you there. ✠

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

November	December
Elizabeth Pohl	Chase Bradley
Patrick Schroeder	Roman Bradley
Reece Schroeder	Rev. Craig Meissner
Ben Cutter	Judy Zimmerman
Joshua Duncan	Terrie Reece
Ann Miller	Riley Addington
Kelli Strandberg	Alan Bahl
Paul Neill	Alexis Hammock
Kent Schroeder	Josh Kueck
Jerry Nance	Gunnar Williams
Nancy Arnold	Stephanie Miller
Kristen Marshall	Irma Kerksiek
Ellie Strough	Corbin Dexter
Norma Koehler	Dolly Brauer
Gavin Baker	Kimberly Meier
McKenzie Foster	Noel Madeleka
Eric Claussen	Richard Reece
Carol Wilson	Toni Bosse
Rebekah Meissner	Jacob Kueck
Carl Pigors	Linda Rusche
Samantha Kent	





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

"LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER ENDS." 1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8A

November
M/M Carl Pigors
M/M David Brown
M/M Michael Crawford

December
No Anniversaries

September/October 2026
Transfers Out/Releases
- None

Baptisms/Confirmations/Transfers In/ Profession of Faith
- None

From the Board of Christian Mercy:

Swaddling Clothes

Mission statement: "The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship and the forgiving Word of God." *"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life." Job 33:4* ESV

For the months September and October 2026 we served 90 families (12 were new) and provided 142 packages of diapers, 141 packages of baby wipes and 50 big items.

Everything is going well with SC the last couple of months. We are staying busy sorting and moving clothes from one place to another. We go through every item that comes in whether it be shoes, clothes, toys, socks, hats, bibs, etc. etc. We try and clean things up the best we can. It's amazing watching everyone cleaning each toy, or pair of shoes that's full of dirt or mud. We fasten each pair of shoes together with a safety pin (we started with no safety pins and we probably have 2,000 of them now) and each pair of socks or mittens are safety pinned together. The dirty laundry goes in the laundry basket to be taken home to wash and the items we can't use are put in another box to be sold at a future garage sale. When Swaddling Clothes (SC) began we purchased 1,000 hangers to hang clothes on. That has probably grown to 5,000 hangers! We started with many totes to sort and store clothing and have now added many egg boxes for storage. We only have so much space, but it seems everything fits! At our last Rhea Lana event four senior citizens filled twenty-one 55-gallon garbage bags (in 30 minutes) with clothing, toys, shoes, etc! That is quite a workout but it keeps us in shape! We are thankful for every gift or donation we receive because it is an avenue that helps each and every family that enters our door.

Swaddling Clothes received a gift of approximately 50 homemade baby quilts, three adult size quilts and many burp cloths and washcloths from the Trinity Lutheran Church quilters in Algona, Iowa. What a blessing! We are using the quilts as a gift to mothers for their newborn babies. The three adult quilts will be used as door prizes during special times of the year. As a group we decided to send the Trinity quilters a monetary gift of $250 so that they can purchase sewing supplies for quilts that will help other families in need.

Just this morning we received a call from a mom that is finally getting back on her feet after losing her job. She attended Rhea Lana in Lee Summit and wanted to know if she could drop off a couple of bags of shoes, clothing, etc. that she thought we could use. She was so thankful for the help she received at her time of need and wants to give back and help others. What a wonderful example to us of sharing Christ's mercy by loving her neighbor.

LCMS Life Ministry Conference will be held online from Feb. 26-27, 2027. Registration is free. Consider joining online to be strengthened and supported in our shared confession of God's creation and value of human life. Any questions email lifemnistry@lcms.org.

Our next Center openings (10am – 1pm) will be Saturday, November 14, 2026 and Saturday, December,12 2026. PLEASE sign up on the SC bulletin board in the Narthex by Sunday, November 8 for November opening or Sunday, December 6 for October opening if you would like to volunteer. PLEASE NOTE: that it is important to sign up so that we know how many volunteers are available to help on our opening days. Please watch your weekly bulletin for SC updates. Thanks be to God for all of the volunteers and congregational support to keep our SC Center open!

In Christ's service, Shara (816) 654-2294

Please note: for the months of December 2026 thru February 2027 Nancy Neill (816-556-6555) or Carolyn Falls (81- 674-5021) will be co-directing SC as Shara will be in Florida. Please contact them if you want to volunteer or have any questions. Thank you!

"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER." - PSALM 23:6

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Phyllis Henry

- Vicki Raine
- Ruth Ingram

Holy Cross Children's Sunday School

Holy Cross Children's Sunday School meets every Sunday, following opening devotions in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45AM with the Adult Bible Class. They have a short music session with the music leaders prior to class and currently are practicing with chimes for future Divine Services.

All your children and/or grandchildren are welcome, contact Carl Pigors at 816-654-2293 if you want them in class.

May God continue to Bless your families

In Christ / Carl Pigors
Sunday School Superintendent



Youth Group Kids, FYI!!!

Northland LYFE - Many Churches. One LYFE.

The first LYFE, all-Northland LCMS High School Youth Mass Event was held at St. Stephen's, Liberty on Sunday, Oct. 11. Approximately twenty-four High School Students from St. Stephen's, King of Kings, Holy Cross and Christ Lutheran attended. Holy Cross was represented by Greta Meissner and Joshua Madeleka.

The event started off with an ice-breaker to help the students mingle with those from the other Lutheran Churches in our Circuit. It worked! They had a great time and were guided through the ice-breaker with trivia and different spiritually-based "thinking questions"..

We served the group a small meal of walking tacos, lemonade and cookies. The kids were so polite and some of the boys came back for seconds. It was a delight to visit with them!

The session was closed with an Evening Prayer Service.

It was a great success and the next event will be held in March 2027!

Missie &Terrie
YG Co-Chairs
Proverbs 22:6



NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	2 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	3 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis 7:00 pm Board of Elder's Meeting	4 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	5 NO Matins NO ECC Chapel	6	7 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Choir Rehearsal (Sopranos & Altos)
8 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	9 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel 5:30 pm Church Properties Meeting	10 7:00 am MBB 8:00 am Matins 10:30 am Chancel Guild Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Catechesis	11 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	12 NO Matins NO ECC Chapel	13	14 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbells 10:00 am Choir (Tenors & Bases) 10:00-1:00 pm Swaddling Clothes Store
15 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	16 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 8:30 am Circuit Winkel 5:30 pm Catechesis 6:30 pm Theo. on Tap	18 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	19 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	20	21 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Brass Rehearsal
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DECEMBER 2026

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