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worth to God is perhaps just the simple word we need to hear this Christmas.

And if you really want, you could probably reduce the Christmas message even further, picking up the two words of the angels' song that capture the heart of the Christian message: "for you." Notice it's not just that Jesus is born, but the angels say, "Jesus is born *for you*." And it's not just "good news," in general, but it's "good news of great joy *for you* and all people." For while the Gospel is never a *private* word, it is nevertheless a very *personal* word, reminding each and every one of us that God believes we are worthy of honor and dignity and, above all else, love.

Blessed Christmas, Dear Holy Cross. Thank you for playing the part of the angels as you bring glad tidings to your beloved aching to hear of God's love for them, for us, for all the world.

Peace, Pr. Noah

## Our Mission Statement:

**"Celebrate Grace, Grow in Faith and Make a Difference"**

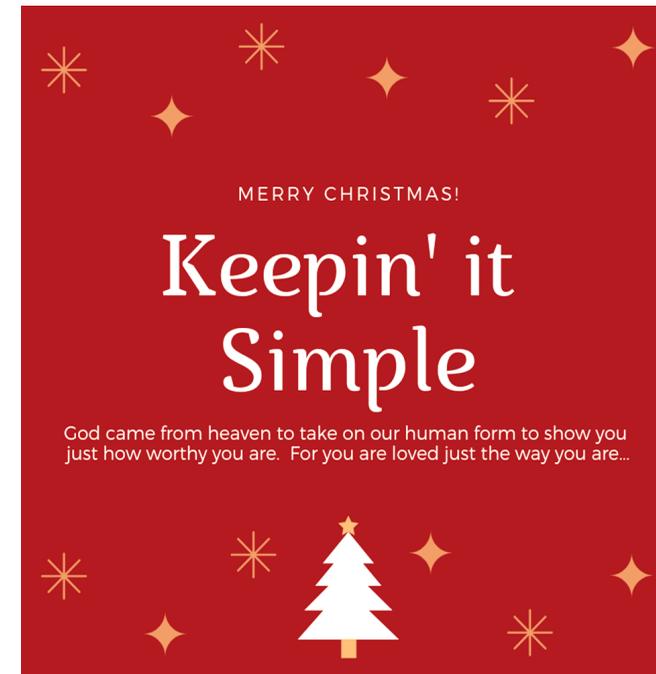
The Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

January 2019

The Christmas message itself is pretty simple: *God came from heaven to take on our human form to show you just how worthy you are.* That's pretty much it.

Well, maybe there's a little more, but that's pretty much the core. When God surveyed humanity and realized how dark and difficult our days could be, how confused we get about our identity and place, how many painful things we do to each other out of that confusion and insecurity, God decided to do something about it. And so after giving the law and sending the prophets, God got involved. Personally, intimately involved with God's fallen creation.

But note: when God decided to get personally involved, God didn't come to punish, or frighten, or scold, or threaten, or any of the other things that are often attributed to God (sometimes even by people in the church!). Instead, God came to tell us that we are loved, deeply, truly, and forever. And just to make sure we got the point, God first brought that message embodied in the flesh by Jesus to people the world was pretty sure weren't particularly important or, for that matter, loved: no



account shepherds, an unwed teenage mom, astrologers practicing a whole different religion. All of this to show that God wasn't going to leave anyone behind. That God's message of love was for all. As in *everyone*, whether the world thought you were important or lovable or not.

And that's still the way it is. God loves *all* of us, but especially wants those who don't feel loved or lovable, those who regularly feel like they're on the outside looking in, those who feel forgotten, and those who wonder what the point of life is, to hear the "good news of great joy" that God loves all of us.

And so, after all the shopping and cleaning and cooking and preparing.... Or, for that matter (and we sometimes we forget this side of things), after all the trying to make ends meet, keeping a distraught family intact, struggling to get a job, or worrying about a loved one serving overseas.... After all the stuff that makes our lives kind of crazy, I think the short, simple, and peaceful word that we are of infinite value and

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**Sunday Worship**

8:30am ~ Traditional  
 10:00am ~ Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:45am ~ Contemporary

**Holy Communion**

Communion is celebrated on the First & Third Sundays of the month.

**Sunday School and Youth Forum**

Sundays at 9:45am

**Adult Education**

Thursdays @ 10:30am

**Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office and our prayer groups will be notified.

**\*Information Updates\***

Please notify the church office of any change in address (**temporary, snowbird or permanent**), **phone or email** as soon as possible.

# Happy New Year Holy Cross, January 2019

## Food & Fellowship



January 6, 2019

5094 Miller Trunk Hwy, Ste 700  
Hermantown, MN 55811  
218-729-1900

See you there at Noon!

## Church Item's

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you to the Women of Holy Cross for purchasing our new Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. A big thanks to those that brought it to the church, assembled, made ornaments, decorated, and added final touches. It is beautiful. Thank You Jamie and Diane Walsh for playing Santa Claus and elf at Pennel Park on November 11th. Gifts were purchased for over 50 residents with the help of Thrivent.

We received a beautiful poinsettia from Pennel Park. Our hope is that we made their Thanksgiving and Christmas a little brighter with God's love.

### SNOWBIRDS!!!

Just a reminder to please submit your Winter destination departure dates and addresses, as well as your return dates to Duluth; to the church office as soon as you can. I will need to schedule your newsletters to arrive at your Winter residence.  
**Just a REMINDER: The U.S. Post office will not forward your Newsletters.**  
Thank you, Church Office

## Memorial Task Force

### The Memorial Task Force

We gratefully acknowledges gifts received in memory of Joyce Zuck and Roger Fjone Jr.,

## Community Outreach



Holy Cross is now serving at the Damiano Center

Quarterly. So, our next time to serve will be on **January 26th from 8:30am-1:00pm.**

Please watch the Kiosk for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. We need five(5) people to help prepare and serve the meal. For questions, please contact Diane Walsh at 391- 4677.

## Food Shelf Grocery Cart

The grocery cart is in need of canned goods (soups, chili, tuna, chicken, Raman's and boxed items. As well as feminine products, wipes and deodorants.

Please put your donation of food into the grocery cart whenever you're able to help.

Thank you!



## Women's Ministries

### Naomi-Sarah Circle

We will meet on **Tuesday, January 15th at 10:00 AM** in the Narthex. We will begin a new bible study based on the book, "**Women of the Bible**", by Ann Spangler. Edna Stromquist will order books for the current Circle members. New members are always welcome!  
RSVP to Patty Toivonen at (218)-391-1038 so we can order a book for you!

### Rachel Circle

The next meeting will be Monday evening, **January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm** in the Narthex.  
Hope to see you all there.  
Judy Genovese 722 1925.  
Shirley Adamczak 279 2779

## Financial Overview

**Financial Overview**  
(As of November 2018)

Actual Income YTD \$212,137.54  
Budgeted Income YTD \$189,670.42  
**Difference** ..... \$ 22,467.12

Actual Expenses YTD \$200,483.06  
Budgeted Expenses YTD \$208,621.76  
**Difference** .....\$ 8,138.70

## January Meeting's

**1/8 @5:15:** Evang/Cong Life Mtg  
**1/15@4:30-**Worship & Music Mtg  
**1/15@5:30-**Cong Ofcrs Mtg  
**6:30-**Cong Council Mtg  
**1/16@6-8:00-**Youth Ldrshp Mtg

## Music

**Choir Practice** for 2019 will begin **Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30pm.**

We sing most Sundays at the first service from September to May. If you cannot commit to every Wednesday and Sunday, not a problem.....we all have life happening and we do the best we can.

Come and join us on a Wednesday and see if you like it!

Any questions-- see Nate or Julie LaFond.

## January Birthday's



Aidan Reisdorf  
Alece Carlson  
Allen Wiens  
Avery Brisbin  
Bev Grindahl  
Brian Toivonen

Connor Carlson  
Cynthia Bonham  
Diane Walsh  
Dominic Romagnoli  
Everett Erickson  
James van Druuten  
Jean Swenson  
Jeff Reisdorf  
Jenalyn Wright  
Jill Gitar  
John Serre  
Kathleen Leach  
Lisa Maciver  
Marcia Fulton  
Marilyn Busse  
Nancy Eklund  
Nancy Kolquist  
Patty Toivonen  
Sandra Peterson  
Scott Lipinski  
Stacy Johnson  
Stephen Kresal  
Tapio Toivonen  
Taylor McMillan  
Trissany Kolquist

## January Wedding Anniversary's



**Marcel and Julie LaFond**

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**Pete and Mary Rosholt**

**Intercessory Prayer-Please keep the following families and Individuals lifted in prayer throughout the month of January 2019**

### January 6th

Brad Ierien  
Janet Ierien  
Ron & Janice Jezierski  
Bob & Chris Johnson  
Carole Johnson  
Eileen Johnson

### January 13th

Greg & Susie Johnson  
Jean Johnson  
Julie Johnson  
Kyle & Stacy Johnson  
Noah & Abby Johnson  
Ron Johnson

### January 20th

Mike & Robyn Jones  
Matthew & Joanna Just  
Evonne Kangas  
Steve Kaspszak/Shar Prudhomme  
Dianne Kelleher  
Bill & Peggy Kivi

### January 27th

Brent Kivi  
Blake & Ivy Kolquist  
Brad & Nina Kolquist  
Brett & Jennifer Kolquist  
Cindy Kolquist  
Cliff & Audrey Kolquist

## Upcoming YOUTH WNS January 2019

Youth Director: Brianna Krause

Email:  
briannakrause4HCLC@yahoo.com

**Jan. 2-WNS 6-8. "Anything Night."** Youth show up & pick out what you would like to do for 2 hrs.

**Jan. 9-NO WNS.** Brianna in NCLEX review class.

**Jan. 16-** Youth Leadership meeting from 6-8. Youth, these meetings are really important.

**Jan. 23- WNS 6-8.** Homework/hangout night, as well as planning February as a group/ discussion on the 30 hour famine (if the kids want to do it this year).

**Jan. 30- WNS 6-8.** SOUPER BOWL NIGHT!! Come have soup, discuss community giving and have fun playing some football-related games!

**\*\*Please Note:\*\*** All activities are subject to change (you'll be sent a text) as Brianna is in the process of passing boards and interviewing as an RN.

