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Our Mission Statement:
“Celebrate Grace, Grow in Faith and Make a Difference”

The Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

May 2018



As I Abide in You

John 15:1-8

Feeling “cut down” isn’t limited to Jesus’ disciples two thousand years ago but aptly describes the feelings harbored by many of us today. The single mom or dad struggling to make ends meet and provide a nurturing environment for the kids while struggling with a profound and entirely unexpected loneliness. The kid who’s been cyber bullied for so long just for being different that he or she is beginning to believe what the haters are saying. The professional whose employment was terminated and, despite the headlines saying the economy is at full employment, has no decent job prospects. The recently and unexpectedly bereaved and devastated parent. The caretaker who is losing a beloved spouse day by day, little by little to Alzheimer’s.

There are, of course, countless examples of how you may feel cut down – maybe mowed down – by life and by circumstances, and John offers you, too, a different perspective. Jesus is with you, abiding in you, holding onto you, loving you, and will not let you go. Which means that what feels like a death cut is mere pruning, that growth is ahead, that new life will come.

And so, maybe you feel this way from time to time yourself. Pushed and pulled and pruned beyond baring by trying to make ends meet or settle an argument in the family or better balance the relational responsibilities of home and work or just carry on being faithful to those who depend on you when you feel unbelievably lonely. Jesus’ words of comfort and presence are for you, for he is with you and for you and will not let you go.

“Abide in me.” Alone, these words are, at best, good advice or encouragement and, at worst, a threat. But, “Abide in me, as I abide in you....” Ah, these words are pure promise, gracious words of presence and providence. Words that need to be shared, whether shouted from the rooftops of Highland or whispered in a moment of tender and vulnerable stillness. “Abide in me, as I abide in you.” Thank you for sharing Jesus’ promise wherever you go, as your words, action, and presence will make more of a difference than you can imagine.

Peace,
 Pr. Noah

Church Information

Pastor:
Rev. Noah Johnson
 722-0132 (Office)

Sunday Worship:
 8:30 a.m. ~ Traditional
 10:45 a.m. ~ Contemporary

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

Sunday School/ Youth Forum:
 Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education:
 Thursdays
 10:30 a.m.

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

****Change of Address:****
 Please notify the church office of any change in address (temporary or permanent) as soon as possible.

Holy Cross News, Announcements and Events

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Rachel Circle will be having their Annual Spring Dinner on **Monday, May 14th, 6pm at the Pickwick.** Hope everyone can make it, its such an enjoyable evening.

For those of you who may have missed our April meeting we have committed to a service project for the Homeless Youth Hub at 14th Ave East. We will be putting together two "Welcome Home kits". There is a need for these fairly soon, so if possible, could everyone purchase your items and bring them to the Fireside Room between services on **Sunday, June 10th.**

If this does not work for you, please drop them off at Judy Genovese's home any time **before June 10th.**

Judy's address: 201 W Morgan St., Duluth.

Call Judy Genovese 722-1925 or Shirley Adamczak 279- 2779 if you have questions.

Naomi-Sarah Circle:

We will meet at 11:30 on Tuesday, May 8th at Outback Steak House in Duluth.

If you can attend please **RSVP BY MAY 4th** to Patty Toivonen- 391-1038

All women are welcome!

MEETINGS

MEETING RESCHEDULED

Evangelism and Congregational Life Team Meeting will rescheduled to **Tuesday, May 15th at 5:15.**

Tuesday, May 8th Officers and Councils Meeting

**5:30–Congregation Officers
6:30–Congregation Councils**

I invite all newly elected Congregation Officers and newly elected Congregation Council members to attend this meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve Holy Cross as an officer or on the council for the 2018-2020 term.

Blessings,
Becky Swor
President



WORSHIP/MUSIC MEETING

**4:30–Tuesday,
May 15th**

HELPERS NEEDED

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Altar Guild. If you are interested or would like to know more about what's involved, please call Peggy or Barb and we would be happy to answer your questions. Thank you for your consideration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

You and your family members have the opportunity to sign-up for worship positions. The sign-up sheets are on the kiosk for your convenience.

If we all pitch-in 4 times from **now until December** all positions will be covered.

Every week we need the following number of members to sign-up and fill a position in order to cover both services:

1st Service:

2-Ushers, 1-Lector, 1-PowerPoint, 1-Acolyte, 1 or 2-Coffee, 1-WA

2nd Service:

2-Ushers, 1-PowerPoint, 1-WA

All job descriptions are posted at each position's location. Thank you for serving!

CHURCH ITEMS

The Memorial Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge gifts received in memory of Conrad Larson and Jana Holmgren.



Congratulations Luke!

Holy Cross is pleased to announce that Luke Lekander has been assigned his pastoral internship with Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Austin, MN. Luke will serve their parish for a year and then he will graduate from Luther Seminary in May 2019. Congratulations Luke on your achievements!

Sunday, May 6th will

be the last day for Sunday School and Youth Forum for the summer.



Enjoy your time off and have a fun, safe and warm summer!

Financial Overview (As of March 2018)

Actual Income YTD	\$ 54,717.93
Budgeted Income YTD	\$ 48,818.65
Difference	\$ + 5,899.28
Actual Expenses YTD	\$ 57,812.45
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$ 56,850.90
Difference	\$ +961.55

Holy Cross Congregation, friends:



I appreciate and I thank you for the opportunity to have served Holy Cross for the past 4 years! It was my pleasure!

Best wishes to the Officers and Council members for the 2018-2020 term. Thank you for your service.

Blessings to all,
Becky Swor
Outgoing President

YOUR CHANCE TO BID

Holy Cross' contribution for the NE MN Synod Assembly Silent Quilt Auction for ELCA World Hunger Appeal is complete and beautiful!

HC Members will have a chance to bid on the beautiful queen size quilt hanging in our sanctuary on **April 29th before it goes off to the synod assembly on May 4.** Thank you, Holy Cross Quilters for your, one again, very fine and practical piece of art!



BURRITO UNION

Food and Fellowship will meet at Noon on **Sunday, May 6th** at:

Located at:

**1332 E 4th Street
Duluth, MN 55803
(218) 728-4414
Hope to see you there!**

Musical Notes for MAY



6:30pm—Choir practice on May 2, 9 & 16. Sunday, May 20, is the last Sunday choir sings— then summer break.

5:45pm—Worship Team Practice each Wednesday.

Please remember to complete a communion card when taking communion. The cards can be found in the pew pocket. Place your completed card in the offering plate.



If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let one of the ushers know and they will bring the sacraments to you.

COMMUNITY



Relay for Life 2018

* July 20th-6pm to midnight @ College of St. Scholastica

- * We can make a difference by fighting cancer
- * Consider making a donation
- * Consider attending and walking a few laps
- * Buy a luminaria bag to decorate and light at dusk
- * Bring your questions to Shawn or Erin

Toiletry Supplies Needed

Do you have complimentary hotel soaps, shampoos and lotions at home? Holy Cross collects these items in the **Food Shelf grocery cart.**



COMMUNITY cont.



At the **Salvation Army dinner** that several of our congregation attended recently, this statistic card was placed on each table. Jamie and Diane Walsh wanted to share it with you.

In 2017 we served:

- 20,265 meals to 4,771 people thru our Hot Lunch Program
- 68,340 meals to 4,556 people thru our FoodShelf
- 1,802 households totaling 4,141 people thru our Emergency Assistance program
- 16,148 Nights of Lodging thru our Transitional Housing Program.

Thank you, for your support.

Crisis Nursery/Duluth

218-302-6879

This Crisis Nursery is a confidential service offering short-term safe care for children from infancy through 12 years of age.

The LSS Crisis Nursery provides up to 72-hours of child care provided by licensed providers, crisis day care, crisis counseling and support for families.



CHUM is looking for volunteer leaders to get ready for the

Rhubarb Festival

Call CHUM at 218-720-6521, ask for Mary!

**Teen Closet
FREE**— new and gently used clothes for your ages 13-20.