

Holy Crossings

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

▶ Hellooo Holy Cross Family!

You have no doubt noticed some changes in worship since I came. You may like some and some may not be your preference. What I have been trying to figure out is the balance of what the current people of Holy Cross like in worship and what future people of Holy Cross will like. It's important to keep that in mind too, that these things we keep or change in worship are about preferences. Strictly speaking, Word and Sacrament are to be present at Lutheran worship services, the rest (and in some ways even the presentation of Word and Sacrament) come down to people's personal preference. And that's okay, there is nothing wrong with having preferences.

In fact, recognizing your own preferences in worship and understanding that others may have different preferences opens us up to a beautiful thing. Every time an element of the worship service happens that isn't your preference, you have the opportunity to join in that element with all you got, because your participation helps the other person in the service whom that element really speaks to.

Your participation in worship elements you don't like literally serves your brother or sister in Christ, and that in itself is worship of God.

This month we will start a rotation of 4 similar yet different worship orders. I am also working on collecting about 30-35 organ or band songs that we will regularly use. Both of these things should enable us to get into a groove where we know what is coming in the service and how the songs are sung, yet not be the exact same from week to week. A congregation that is singing loud and confidently builds up all those present and gives a positive impression to visitors.

As we move forward together please know that I am a direct person and I appreciate people being direct with me. If there is something you feel strongly about that should be added or removed from our worship experience, please talk with me about it and we will consider it together.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Marc

NIGHT TO SHINE 2025

Friday, February 7th, 2025



Volunteers are needed for the main event. We are also looking

for people with trucks or large SUVs to help haul and pick up items on Friday the 7th. You will get bonus points if you can bring them back to Holy Cross after! All volunteers must be 16 or older. Use this link to sign up nigtoshinemn.org/volunteer.

Donations are also needed for our event. Please make checks out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and in the memo note "NTS donation". Thank you for always supporting our missions, this is one of my favorite nights of the year. We are blessed to have a loving congregation who loves our special needs community!

- Shari Schulze

THE LUTHERAN HOUR



The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org.

February 2

"Do the Things That Make for Unity"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (John 4:9)

February 9

"We Have an Advocate"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6)

February 16

"The Bread of Our Lives"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35)

February 23

"Need to Know"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29)



- Cheryl Drangstveit February 1
- Lynda Sumpter February 3
- Chris Petrie February 7
- Ann Poe February 10
- Doug Brunner February 13
- Dylan Vannett February 13
- Pam Hunter February 16
- Tate Kruse February 17
- Pastor Marc Engelhardt February 21
- Ralph Wagner February 22
- Robert Nowak February 27
- Judy Weimer February 27

COFFEE SERVERS



February 2
Norma & Evelyn Jabs

February 16
Buffy Mobroten

February 9
Dave & Carol Albrecht

February 23
Denny & Vicki Case

If you are not able to serve on your assigned day, please find an alternate to fill in, and make the notation on the serving list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next Church Council meeting will be **Monday night, February 10 at 7:00 pm**. All members of the boards are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 am after the service for Bible Study. And we also have a Tuesday morning Bible Study from 8:00–9:00 am. All are welcome!



NAME TAGS

New name tags have been printed for everyone, so please get in the habit of wearing them again! This will help Pastor Marc and his family get to know all of us. Wearing your name tag will also assist those who are great with faces but not with names. The name tag rack is next to the coat room. If your name was missed with the new name tags, Megan our church admin can print you one.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Mark your calendars for Lenten soup suppers Wednesdays at 6:00 pm from March 5 to April 9. Sign up sheets will be put out this month.



PRAYER REQUESTS

As a community of faith, we are called to lift each other up in prayer and support. We invite you to share your prayer requests with us so that we can pray together as a church family. Whether you have personal concerns, joys, or challenges weighing on your heart, we are here to pray with you. Your requests can be submitted confidentially through email or given to Pastor Marc. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference through the power of prayer.

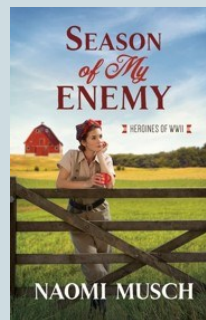
ATTENTION BIBLE BOOKENDERS

Thank you all for a lovely discussion on Jan Karon's book "Shepherd's Abiding". We were also able to discuss and pick our books for the rest of the 2025.

April 29, 2025 - Season of My Enemy by Naomi Musch

July 29, 2025 - Esther (Royal Beauty) by Angela Hunt

October 29, 2025 - Broken Bonds by Amy Mantravadi



The April 29th book is "Season of My Enemy" by Naomi Musch. Fannie O'Brien is an unsung hero living on a farm in Barron County Wisconsin in June of 1944. The war in Europe is raging and Fannie's brothers are soldiers. Her

father has recently died, which leaves the farm to be run by Fannie, her mother and her two younger siblings. Read about the realities of World War II through the eyes of a Wisconsin farm girl.

A limited number of copies of this book will be available soon to borrow. Questions contact Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.

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