


**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!**

Welcome to Holy Cross. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. Please fill out the white Guest Card in the pocket of the friendship pads, which will be passed during the service.

 **Nursery** (for children 4 years old and under) is located in room 106 across from the women's restroom.

Sat & Sun during services:

- **Kidwise Children's Ministry** (Sat) is for ages 5-5th grade.
- **Children's Bible Time** (Sun 10:30) is for ages 5-3rd grade.

- PASTORS**  
Thomas Ahlersmeyer  
Larry Merino  
Mark Neubacher
- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR**  
Cecily Chandler
- MINISTER OF MUSIC**  
Ken Rogner
- MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP**  
Chad Van Meter
- DEACON**  
Don Henry
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Mark Lange
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
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| John Speckhard   | Matthew Leighty |
| Larry Graham     | Deb Brennehan   |
| Nancy Berning    | Mike Plank      |
| Tom Allman       | Brian Chandler  |
| Tom Gerbers      | Don Duff        |
| Cathy Von Bargen | Dick Kierstead  |
| Tim Breininger   | Andy Tom        |

**NEWS & EVENTS**

The Weekend Prayer Group will meet at the following times:

- Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> during the 8:15 am
- Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> during the service

Prayer partners are needed. Please join us in Pastor Merino's old office by the staff mailboxes.



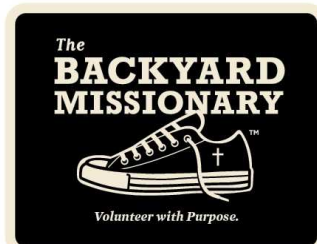
**The Backyard Missionary Training Sessions**

**When?** Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 3 pm in the Aulick Center.

**Who should attend?** Anyone who wants to volunteer with The Backyard Missionary or someone who is already volunteering somewhere, but hasn't gone through our training. You will learn about time, relationships, communication and vulnerability in working with all different groups of people. Find out more about yourself and how God wants to use you in His Mission.

**Sign up** after services in the Welcome Center or call one of the following:

Randy Renken (416-9114)  
or  
Heather Gingerich (579-6478)



Check out [www.thebackyardmissionary.org](http://www.thebackyardmissionary.org)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Psalm 30; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;  
and Mark 1:40-45

**THE LORD'S WEEK**

**SATURDAY, February 4**

5:00 PM\* **Worship Service - Communion**

**SUNDAY, February 5**

8:15 AM\* **Worship Service - Communion**  
9:20 AM Pastor Ahlersmeyer's Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
10:30 AM\* **Worship Service - Communion**  
6:00 PM Bible Study (AC)  
\* Feed the Hungry Barrels available in the Welcome Center

**MONDAY, February 6**

12:00 PM Lunch w/ the Lord (Elsie Rossman Media Center)  
6:30 PM **Worship Service**  
7:00 PM Buildings & Maintenance (AC)

**TUESDAY, February 7**

7:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast (Atz)  
9:00 AM Tuesday Crew (School)  
7:00 PM Women's Journey (AC)

**WEDNESDAY, February 8**

8:30 AM K-8th Grade School Chapel (Church)  
9:00 AM Women in the Word (AC)  
4:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Group (Pastor Conference Room)  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (School Library)  
7:00 PM Friendship Ministry (AC)

**THURSDAY, February 9**

3:30 PM Market Day Pick-Up (Cafeteria)  
7:00 PM Men's Journey (AC)

**FRIDAY, February 10**

9:30 AM Helping Hands (Welcome Center)  
6:30 PM Int'l Fellowship Bible Study (AC)  
7:00 PM Father-Daughter Dance (Cafeteria/Gym)

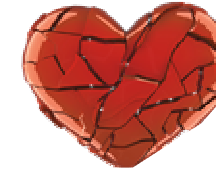
**SATURDAY, February 11**

8:30 AM Chancel Guild (Church)  
3:00 PM Saturday Worship Rehearsal (Church)  
5:00 PM\* **Worship Service**

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 12**

8:15 AM Weekend Prayer Group (Pastor Conference Room)  
8:15 AM\* **Worship Service**  
9:20 AM Pastor Ahlersmeyer's Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Senior Saints Activity (LLV)  
10:30 AM\* **Worship Service**  
6:00 PM Bible Study (AC)  
\* Justice Bread & Blood Pressure Screenings available after services

# News & Notes



## With All Your Heart

An Epiphany Journey toward Whole-Heartedness

Discover by Doing . . . take the leap to join us for 6 weeks of stretching to grow more faithful in our various callings from God.

**LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK:** Do an Act of Random Kindness. Need some ideas? Go to [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org) or here's a few ideas: help someone whose car is broken down, help someone with yard work, pick up groceries for a neighbor, leave a generous tip, bring your co-workers a special treat, etc. Stay tuned to see what this week's homework will be!

### Follow Me (2012 Lent Initiative)

We are gearing up for our 2012 "Follow Me" Lenten Initiative. We will start each Wednesday night during Lent with a light meal in the Welcome Center then head to the Sanctuary for our Lenten worship service (shortened half hour services) and then to one of our different adult growth classes from 7-8 pm afterward. The program will run five (5) weeks, starting the week AFTER Ash Wednesday: February 29 - March 28.



**5:30 - 6:30 pm: Meal, 6:30 - 7:00 pm: Worship Service, 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Adult Growth Classes:**

- **Lenten Journey: Follow Me** ~ Pr Ahlersmeyer & Deacon Henry
- **New Partner Class** ~ Chad & Pr Merino (every other week)
- **Beth Moore's Daniel** ~ Jody Harkenrider (6 weeks)
- **Couponing Class** ~ Marybeth Scherer (3 weeks)
- **Financial Peace University** ~ Randy & Christine Renken (13 wks)

\* Kids Program (K-5<sup>th</sup>) & Nursery (0-4 years) also available from 7-8 pm

### PRINCIPAL CALL UPDATE

The Voters' Assembly voted this past Sunday to issue a divine Call to Cecily Chandler to serve as Principal of Holy Cross Lutheran School. This action now proceeds through the Indiana District President to Concordia University Ann Arbor -- the LCMS educational institution through which Cecily received her colloquy or rostered status as a Minister of Religion (Commissioned) -- in the usual way our church body calls newly rostered church workers. This process simply confirms and ratifies the action of our congregation. Please keep Cecily in your prayers as she prays through the conclusion of this process.

## LAST WEEK'S SUMMARY

<i>Holy Cross Partner Envelope &amp; Plate Giving</i>	Jan 2012 Week 5	Jan 2012 Month	2012 YTD Total
2012 Budget Requirements	\$ 26,003	\$ 130,015	\$ 130,015
2012 Actual Receipts	\$ 32,954	\$ 135,406	\$ 135,406
Difference	\$ 6,951	\$ 5,391	\$ 5,391

**Total Church Attendance (1/28 - 1/30): 820**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- Ruth Springer, Edyth Eickemeyer & Carolyn Koehler in loving memory of their parents, Allen & Helen Bauer

**Dates available:** 2/12, 2/19 & 2/26

Sign up on the flower chart in the Welcome Center.

The Chancel Guild is responsible for the flowers that adorn our altar at Holy Cross. We rely on donations for the weekly change of the flowers. We have two flower stands that are serviced by Flowers of Canterbury. Each request of flowers costs \$30.00.

In the event there are no donations for a particular weekend, flowers will be cancelled. Would you consider donating for the flowers? It could be "In Memory", "In Honor", "Thanks be to God", or "Thank you". The flower chart is located in the Welcome Center on the wall, to the left, as you come out of church.

## JUSTICE BREAD

**February - Wheat, White and Garlic Bites**



Justice Bread will be sold in the Welcome Center for \$3.00 a loaf available after services next weekend.

## WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

**Preaching Schedule**

This weekend:

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier** will preach on the theme, "Christ's Activity and Our Life".

Next weekend:

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker** will preach on the theme, "Too Simple".

**Viewing Schedule**

Sundays:

**6:30 AM** WPTA-TV-21

**8:00 AM** FiOS 9, Digital 33.2, Comcast 252

**11:30 AM** DIRECTV 377 & WINM 12/38

**4:00 PM** Comcast 55 & FiOS 25

Mondays:

**10:00 AM** Comcast 55 & FiOS 25



## COMMUNITY INFO

**Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church is hosting the 5th Annual Hymnfest at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** in the historical sanctuary at 1301 South Anthony Blvd (just South of Lewis). All are invited to share in song following the theme "And their eyes were opened" (from Luke 24:30-32) led by Rev. Dr. Paul Grime from Concordia Theological Seminary playing the 1952 Kilgren 32 rank pipe organ accompanied by a variety of guest instrumentalists and singers. A reception will follow the service.



**Laugh away the winter blahs—attend the Cross Connections comedy event, "It's a Spring Thing"** on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott Grand Marquis Ballroom on Washington Center Road. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. Christian comedian Jeff Allen will follow the meal. Cross Connections is requesting a donation of \$75 per person for the event. For information and reservations, please call Matt Konow at 744-3228, ext. 337 (days) or Peggy Courtney ext. 327 (evenings). Reservation deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cross Connections is a Christ-centered nonprofit counseling ministry supported by your congregation.

**Mad Ants Faith Night - Saturday, March 3rd!** Featuring a post-game concert with *Attaboy*. Get discounted tickets to the game (\$7.50 for upper level, \$14.50 for lower level); the Indiana Pacers Mascot Boomer will be performing at half-time. To order tickets, call the Mad Ants office at 469-4667.



Pick up a Ft. Wayne Lutheran Newspaper on your way out of church today! You will learn about important events taking place in our Lutheran community, and even at Holy Cross.

## SENIOR SAINTS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for assisting folks in wheelchairs to and from chapel at Lutheran Life Villages (LLV). This is a service opportunity enabling those who can't get to church on their own to attend LLV's Sunday service. If you are able to help from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, please call Barb Friedrich (484-3701).

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for Bible Study & Potluck at 11:00 am in the Aulick Center.

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for a tour of the Ft. Wayne Newspapers and lunch at Coney Island. Enjoy an interesting guided tour of the Ft. Wayne Newspapers by fellow Lutheran, Kevin Leininger, who is an editorial writer for the News Sentinel. We will then head to the Ft. Wayne Community Center for a famous Coney Island lunch and a tour of the Center. Following that tour, the Community Center is offering games to play free of charge for those interested. The cost for this entire event will be \$4 payable that day. Make your reservation to Barb Friedrich by February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Holy Cross and carpool for this event.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Scrip:** When you place an order, you are eligible to win a \$10.00 gift card. It is available on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8:00 - 9:00 am, Saturday after church in the Scrip office and on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Welcome Center. Added to our list of vendors is Fazoli's @ 7% - \$25.00 cards and Famous Hair @ 8% - \$25.00 cards.

**Girl Scout Cookies** are available for purchase in the preschool hallway after services throughout the month of February and middle of March.

**Father-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>!** We are hosting a semi-formal dance for fathers and daughters of all ages on Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm in the Cafeteria. There will be a great assortment of refreshments, a DJ (for some dancing), a photographer for formal photos, roses, a Valentine Card-making station, and more. Cost is \$15 (per father-daughter couple, \$5 each additional daughter). All proceeds will benefit the girl's athletic program at Holy Cross. Dads, help create a memory your daughter will never forget! Tickets are now available in the school or church office.

**2012 Little Sadlers Intramural Basketball is still in need of volunteers!** The games for the 2012 Little Sadlers Intramural Basketball games are on Saturdays, February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are crucial in making this program a success. If you are interested in coaching, helping with concessions, or have any questions regarding this program, please contact Rick Neuhaus 492-5875 or Mary Speckhard 443-8754. We look forward to another great year of Little Sader basketball!

**Want your kids to have a Christ-centered education?**

Come to our Open House on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to invite all your friends and family to meet our Holy Cross teachers and staff and get a tour of the school. Holy Cross School is Preschool through 8th Grade.



***Save the Date for the Big Give 2012!***

**Date: Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Location: Holiday Inn across from the Coliseum**

**Cost: \$20 each (tickets available after services)**

The annual Big Give Auction and Dinner is a wonderful evening of food, fun, fellowship and fundraising! It is a great night to show your support for the school. Holiday Inn has promised a spectacular food spread, full of hearty, delicious appetizers, so come hungry! And wear comfortable shoes, so you can dance the night away!

It takes an army to pull off an event of this magnitude. We are looking for volunteers to help out the day and night of the event! If you are interested in donating your time, please contact Karen Cox (karencox98@frontier.com) or Kathy Selking (kselking@mdausa.org).