

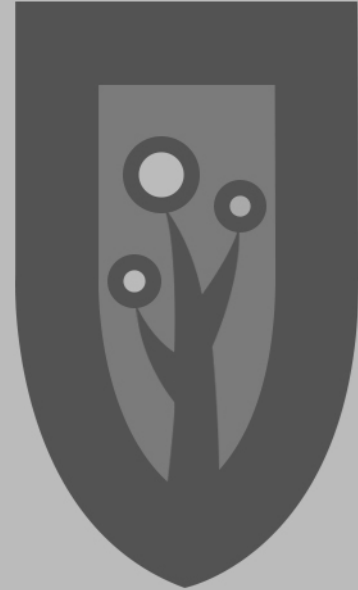
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*Weekly Announcements for January 14 at ...*



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**Worship each week is at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.:** Each week we offer two services—an early more traditional service at 8:30 a.m. and a later more contemporary service at 10:45 a.m. The blessing of this schedule is that it allows for at least 45 minutes of fellowship over coffee and goodies in our Fellowship Hall with all worshipers from both services together. Please plan to join us for fellowship and worship! Fellowship is at 9:45-10:30 a.m.

**Offerings:** We thank each of you for your continued financial support of Holy Cross. Donations may be made through our website, through your bank, through automatic transfers, by mailing a check into the office, or at one of the in-person services. Donations received from January 1-7, 2024 were \$16,222.35. Questions? Need help? Contact the office at 509-483-4218 or [secretary@holycrosslcms.net](mailto:secretary@holycrosslcms.net).

**Sunday School starts at 10 a.m.:** Sunday School teachers will round up kids from the Fellowship Hall at a few minutes before 10 a.m. and take them to their rooms. Sunday School will run until 10:35 a.m. and kids can be picked up from their classrooms. Kids will be divided into preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. Parents of little kids are invited to come help their little ones

**Middle & High School Bible Class is in the Youth Room** from 10-10:35 a.m. lead by Pastor Mike & Ben Anderson.

**“To Be” Groups Studies:** “To Be” groups are our Sunday morning adult small group studies. See details on back and join one.

**Stephens Ministry Leader Training began Tuesday, January 9:** Please pray for our class of new leaders led by Don Comi.

**Prayer List:** If you would like prayers for needs going on in your life or if you would like to be on our prayer list praying for others, please email Gwen at [prayerlistholycross@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlistholycross@gmail.com) or call Barbara Ammons at 509-328-0213.

**Life Light** is studying The Gospel of Mark. Books are in and available for pick up on the round table in the narthex. Study groups started this last week. They meet Mondays at 7pm, Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 7pm.

**Mission Community Outreach** is in need of clothing and hygiene items. There is a barrel for donations in the narthex. Thank you!

**Coffee Call:** Needing regular coffee again. No decaf please, we have plenty. We could also use some individually wrapped tea bags so if you have a favorite tea you would like to share that would be great. Please bring all donations to the kitchen. Thank you!

**Missing a favorite dish?** We have several dishes that have been left in the kitchen or Fellowship Hall over the last few weeks. Stop by and see if any of them look familiar and need to find their way back home. Thanks.

**Choir** is meeting Thursday nights at 7p.m. in the sanctuary. Come join us and make a joyful noise.

**Youth Sledding & Epiphany Bonfire Event for Middle & High School Youth** will be TODAY Sunday, January 14 from 1 pm to 6:30 pm. This will include sledding, bonfire, dinner, smores, God's word and more. Friends are welcome too. Please sign up at: <https://holycrosslcms.net/youth-ministry>

**Holy Cross Resource Conservation Initiatives:** Holy Cross recently implemented three initiatives to conserve resources and money: (1) a retrofit to all LED lighting, (2) a smart water irrigation system, and (3) smart thermostats. The thermostats have been set based on planned activities in the church. When the space is not scheduled they are set to 60 degrees in the winter and 90 degrees in the summer. This will save money, energy, and increase the life of our HVAC system. If the space is not at a comfortable temperature for your group, feel free to make an adjustment for the time you are here but please return the thermostat to the standard set point (60 degrees winter, or 90 degrees summer) when you are finished using the space. You can learn more about these initiatives in our January newsletter. If you have questions or concerns please call John Gillette at 509-990-7959.

**The Lost and Found Box** has found a few new things lately, so if you're missing something, go take a look. It's located in the hallway to the south of the sanctuary. The box has recently found a insulated cup and a pair of fingerless gloves that were left in the sanctuary.

**Your mail box in the Narthex:** Please check your boxes, there is a new Portal of Prayer and some still have the new directory and offering envelopes in them. Please clean them out regularly.

**2024 Flower Chart:** The new flower chart is up for 2024. If you'd like to put flowers on the alter for any occasion, just sign your name up next to the date you'd like and grab a flyer that explains everything.

**Glocal Mission:** Jesus said "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) Are you ready to accept Jesus' invitation? Glocal Mission Training School is beginning a new class, "How To Be A Disciple Of Jesus". It is 10 weeks beginning January 16, 2024 and ending on March 19, 2024. The class will be Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm-7:00pm in person at Holy Cross and online. The cost is \$200. per person. There will be a cross-cultural mission trip scheduled towards the end of the training for those who are able to participate. If you have questions, please reach out to Barb Tanke at 503-367-2771 or [bltanke58@gmail.com](mailto:bltanke58@gmail.com). To register or for more information visit [www.glocalmission.org/GMTS](http://www.glocalmission.org/GMTS). Looking forward to learning together, Barb Tanke.

**Photo Club:** Next meeting is on January 17 at 6:30pm. They are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**Photos for the Picture Wall:** Picture Day will be Saturday, January 27 from 10am-2pm. There is a sign up sheet on the round oak table in the narthex for you to make an appointment to sign up to have your picture taken or updated if you'd like. Questions, contact Mike Donahue 509-655-9959



## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

**New Sunday Morning “To Be” Groups:** Sign up sheets will be out January 21 & 28 in the Narthex for you to sign up for a class. All are welcome!

**9 am Loving Jesus,** a study on various aspects of the life of faith as found in the Gospels. Written by a Lutheran New Testament scholar, this is a great study for living a meaningful Christ-centered life. The study will be facilitated by Lisa Key. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 036.

**10 am 2nd Peter and Jude,** a Bible study of the New Testament books of 2nd Peter and Jude. This is a shortened 35 minute study to accommodate parents with kids in Sunday School or Youth Bible Class. These two short letters at the end of the New Testament seek to root every believer’s faith deeply in God’s word as we wait the soon coming return of Jesus. This study is a God’s Word for Today publication of Concordia Publishing House and will be facilitated by Margie Indahl. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 029.

**10:30 am Church Year Bible Studies,** a Bible study of the readings used in worship for that particular Sunday of the Church year. This will take you deeper into the scriptures for the week giving you more out of every Sunday service. This study is published by Concordia Publishing House and facilitated by David Gannaway. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 003.

**10:30 am 10:30 am The Gift of Empathy,** a book study produced by Stephen Ministries, looks at what the Bible has to say about empathy as God’s gift to us and how we share it with others. It’s a great study for learning to live a more caring life in Christ among others. This study will be facilitated by Holy Cross Stephen Ministries Leader Don Comi. Meets in Room 036.

**10:30 am The Spirituality of the Cross,** a study of the fundamental themes in Lutheran theology and how these impact the way we live our everyday lives as believers in Jesus. This book is published by Concordia Publishing House and the study will be facilitated by Mike Shannon. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 030.

**GLOW meets on Fridays via Zoom:** This is our Friday morning Women’s “To Be” group, currently meeting via Zoom. If you would like more information please contact Mardi Ellwanger 509-868-7354

**Men’s Bible Study:** This is a small group study on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying 2 Peter. Participants may join any Thursday by entering through the back doors by the kitchen.