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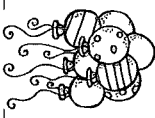
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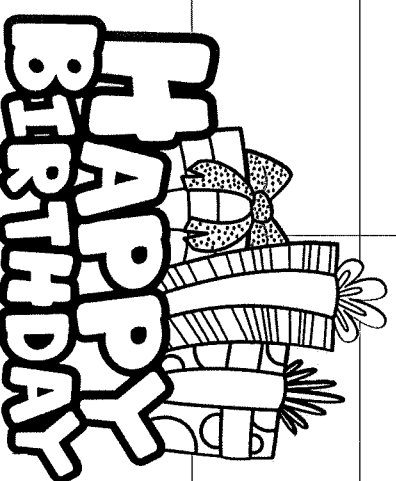
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Happy Birthday!!! - November 2018

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11 18	12 19 Anika Eliason	13 20 Orv Jeske Marian Schmitz	14 21	15 22 Keith Larson Marlene Kerr Barb Eliason	16 23 Jeff Hill Allexis Rassbach	17 24 Laura Lee Peg Holtomt
25 Betty Anderson Melodee Forrest	26 Betsy Glenn Nelson Polen	27	28	29	30 John Cassellius Don Klatt	



Pastor's Page

"There is never enough singing" — Martin Luther

One of our confirmation students, Owen Nerby, chose as his favorite Bible verse Romans 16:19-20 because he said that he remembered learning it as a camp song at Luther Point Bible Camp. In this verse, Paul writes:

For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you,
I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil.

Owen wrote as a part of his Confirmation Paper, "This verse just stuck with me throughout the past three years and I reflect on it when people are being disobedient and making bad choices."

In these days leading up to the election, when we cannot seem to avoid the negativity of political ads and the toxicity of much of the rhetoric that demonizes whole populations of people created in God's image, I believe we need to know and to sing more songs based on scripture.

I love that Martin Luther said, "As long as we live, there is never enough singing." As a Lutheran pastor, one of the many blessings I enjoy is having opportunities to sing with people throughout the week. There is Sunday morning worship, the Sunday School closing time, Monday evening worship, our Jesus And Music after-school program, confirmation class, and visits with our homebound members or those hospitalized. But I suspect that for most of you, outside of Sunday morning, singing in public is limited to the occasional singing of our national anthem or a visit to a karaoke bar.

Yet singing is a healthy activity for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Another quote of Martin Luther is this, "Come, let us sing a Psalm, and drive away the devil." When we sing, whether solo or in a group, it will nearly always enrich our souls.

Whenever I have the chance to meet with parents of young children, such as in a Baptism class, I always encourage them to sing to their child, even if they feel they do not sing well. Because many of the songs that we learn as children will stay in our hearts and minds for our entire lives. What follows are the words to a bedtime lullaby my parents sang to me long ago which I, in turn, sang many, many times to my daughters.

Now the light has gone away
Father, listen while I pray.
Asking thee to watch and keep,
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior wash away
All that has gone wrong today.
Help me every day to be,
Kind and gentle, more like thee.

We all need God to watch and keep us and, without a doubt, we all need Jesus to wash away all that has gone wrong today. Yet perhaps just as importantly, we need our Father God's help to be more kind and gentle. So let us continue to grow in our care and compassion for those whom we know and love as well as for those whom we have yet to meet. And let us gather to sing on Sunday mornings (and other times, too) and continue to expand our repertoire of songs knowing that, "As long as we live, there is never enough singing."

Holy Cross Council Minutes

October 8, 2018

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Dustin Rassbach. Members presence: Ben Bartz, Pastor Jonathan Zielske, Dean Brunkhorst, Carol Larson and Darlene Waters.

Check in and Devotion

M/S/C Dean/Ben Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C Dean/Ben Approve Secretaries' report as printed in the newsletter.

Property and Management:

A few items remain on the "To Do" list.

Landscaping timbers around the perimeter of building 3rd weekend in October.

Sound damping panels for the fellowship hall should be in place shortly.

New furnace \$6,900.00 bid received from Halvorsons. 92% efficiency.

Missy to email members to see if anyone will be willing to shovel the sidewalks, otherwise we will put an ad in the paper.

Faith United Neighbors:

Uncommon Conversation – District 9 - October 25th

Trunk & Treat will be on Sunday October 28th

Resources:

M/S/C Dean/Ben to approve Financial report

The Resource Committee is looking at having a legacy workshop on November 13th. Everyone is welcome.

Faith and Life:

Sunday school is going well with new curriculum.

The attendance last Wednesday JAM had 45 children last Wednesday

Confirmation details are being worked on for the 2nd Sunday in November

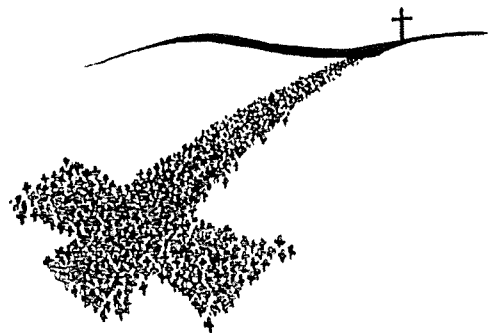
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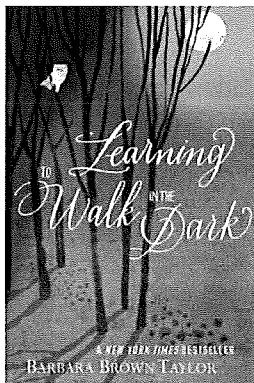
The topic discussion with the youth group is following up on the idea of the Youth group worship on Wednesday.

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study (2:00) is growing.

M/S/C Dean/Ben Adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Waters





Book Bunch

As the days become shorter and the nights longer, it seemed appropriate to choose *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor for this month's book.

Contemporary culture throws many brightly lit distractions at us to divert our attention away from the dark, but Barbara Brown Taylor combines her great grace, sensitivity and insight as a writer and priest with the deep wisdom of the biblical and Christian traditions to discover how God is more present to our vulnerable, open night-time selves than to our pre-occupied daylight selves.

What can we learn about the ways of God when we cannot see the way ahead, are lost, alone, frightened, not in control or when the world around us seems to have descended into darkness?

We will meet in the library on Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please pick up a copy and plan to join the conversation!

Upcoming Events

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

On Friday, November 2nd to Saturday, November 3rd our eight students who will be getting confirmed will be on a retreat at Ned and Becky's farm north of Boyceville. Please pray that they continue to grow in their faith and they have a wonderful retreat!



All Saints Sunday - On November 4th during our 9:00 worship time we will give thanks to God for six saints of Holy Cross who died over the past year. They include: Gilbert Mounce, Mabel Hoffman, Ruth Slotevig, Roberta Graese, Arlene Piel, and Les Crosby.

On this day we will also invite and encourage you to light a candle in memory of other loved ones that you wish to call to mind on this day. Together these candles will remind us that we continue to be surrounded each day by a great cloud of witnesses.

Confirmation Sunday - On November 11th we will gather to celebrate a significant milestone in the faith journeys of Warrick Anderson, Hunter Bonte, Morgan Johnson, Brady McCarthy, Owen Nerby, Drew Olson, Kendall Schutz, and Owen Swenby. As they gather to publicly affirm their faith, we thank God for them along with their parents and mentors.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship - On Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. we will be the host site for our annual Thanksgiving worship service. We will again be joined by our brothers and sisters in faith from our neighboring congregations of St. John's Catholic and Glen Hills United Methodist Parish. Following our festive worship service, we will have a time of fellowship and treats.

Looking Further Ahead

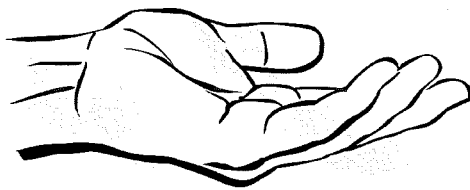
First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd - We will be honoring our keyboardist Marian Schmitz as she will be stepping down from playing regularly on Sunday mornings. Please plan to come to add to our expressions of gratitude.

Midweek Advent Worship services will be on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19th. There will be a meal served at 5:30 with Holden Evening Prayer following at 6:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th - We will be receiving new members on this day. Please plan to be present to welcome our new members and get to know them!

Third Sunday of Advent, December 16th - Our Sunday School Children will be presenting this year's Christmas program at 9:00 a.m., *The Little Star: A Christmas Fantasy*

Financial Resources Update



Through the first three quarters of 2018:

Budget YTD	\$125,962
Total Income YTD	\$121,966
Total Expense YTD	\$130,323
Shortfall YTD	\$ 8,357

In spite of the the above figures showing a shortfall, the good news is...

- We are keeping current on all of our bills.
- We had another very successful year with the Fair Stand, in spite of the unforeseen expense of a new commercial dishwasher.
- We have already fulfilled our Support Assessment to Luther Point Bible Camp.
- And, through our special appeals during Lent, we have given away \$2,869 to support local ministry partners - this is nearly a threefold increase over all of 2017.

So Thank YOU! Please do your utmost best to live generously in these last couple of months as we are confident that with your continued support, we can end the year in a strong financial position. Lastly, watch for a stewardship letter as we will be inviting you to take a step up in your giving for 2019, our 50th Anniversary year.

Your Legacy- Family, Church, Charity

Giving is important to many of us. It's vital to the causes we care about. It's personal. And it's possible for all of us—with thoughtful preparation. In other words, you don't need to be rich, old or dead to make a memorable impact.

The Resources Team at Holy Cross invites you to a workshop called *Your Legacy – Family, Church, Charity* which will be facilitated by Thrivent Financial Consultant Joan Bartz. The workshop will be Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00pm at Holy Cross. A light meal will be provided by Thrivent.

The purpose of this workshop is to offer ideas, options and resources that align with your values so you can give in ways that make sense for you. We'll also touch upon how having a strategy in place can help make giving even easier. We will also talk about how the Tax Reform Act will affect charitable giving and some tax efficiencies around giving. Please RSVP by calling Missy at the church office or Joan at the Thrivent office; 715-265-4453 by November 11th.

Quilters Work Day

Mary Ann Ross

We had a great September. We had a nice number of ladies and 15 quilts were completed. There is a box waiting to be tied and finished too.

After our August work day, Grandson Carson and I took 16 bags up to the warehouse in St. Paul. I needed room to keep them and took advantage of him not back to school yet. And he loves to help in all aspects of the quilting. Thank you Carson.

Thank you to Barbara Nelson who gave us a donation in honor of Ella's 95th birthday. Ella comes so faithfully each month and is always ready to sew. It's always nice to be remembered with such gifts. Thank you to Ella for having a birthday and to Barb for thinking of us.

There have been items coming in and I want to thank everyone who has done this. We especially like the sheets that come, because they work great for backs. Blankets and mattress pads work well for filler. We try to utilize most everything. It's rare we get something we don't use. I even was able to make pillows for Grace Place. Thank you to everyone who remembers our workday.

Remember that in November and December, we will be meeting two weeks earlier. We will be meeting on November 8th and December 13th, so please mark your calendars.

Everyone comes as they are able, and then we have a coffee break around 9:30 and then always a great potluck at noon. Thank you to Velma who takes care of the kitchen on these days and to everyone who helps with the clean-up. We are usually on our way by 1:00. Come join us, even just to have coffee or lunch with us. We'd love to see you.

