



Cross Roads

The Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

January 2009



KIDZ CONNECTION meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church. *Take note of the new meeting time!*

CONFIRMATION meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

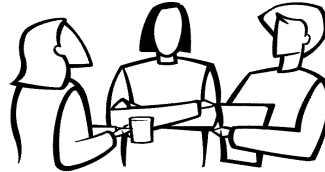
The 2008 Leadership Team will be meeting on Monday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 18

following worship.

Please plan to attend.



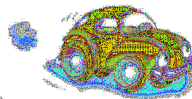
Women's Group

Monday
January 19
6:30 p.m.

All women are invited to join us as we continue with the second of three lessons on Daniel. We'll be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the church on Monday, January 9.

To subscribe to the Lutheran Woman Today Magazine, order online at Augsburg Fortress at www.augsburgfortress.org or call toll free 1-800-328-4648. Subscriptions are available for \$12 a year.

JOIN US. If you have any questions, call Kathy Harris at 225-0014.



- REMINDER -

Youth and Shepherds going to New Orleans will meet on Sunday, January 25th at Good Shepherd from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.



Ushering Schedule

January, 2009

Sunday, January 4

Wayne & Pearl Holt
Del Heupel
Noah Martinmaas

Sunday, January 18

Gary & Mary Anne Sperle
Rusti, Jenni & Logan Flack

Sunday, January 11

Mike & Cindy Kocabinski
Phyllis Kringen

Sunday, January 25

Billie Black
Janel Ellingson
Lisa, Jordan & Davis Gese



Yarn to Pray

Please come join our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Those who enjoy knitting or crocheting, beginners or pro's - all are welcome.

Any questions, please call Stacey @ 229-3759.

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Rev. Jim Seeber - Interim Pastor
Tricia Mortensen - Office Assistant
Darlene Mohr - Financial Secretary
Anthony Morrissey - Worship Team
Bev Salwei - Pianist
Brandon Sterling - Pianist / Bass
Dewayne & Jon Hoffman - Custodians
Ellen Dinger / J. Ellingson - Altar Guild
David Haglund - Building Fund Treasurer
Cindy Kocabinski - Head Teller
Lyle & Lois Chapin - Head Ushers
Heidi Morrissey - Kidz Connection
Kathy Harris - Women's Group

Leadership Team

Kim Carlson - President
Pam Fiechtner - President-Elect
Darlene Mohr - Treasurer
Nancy Palmer - Secretary

Lisa Gese - Congregational Life
Betty Gilchrist - Congregational Life
Janet Shilman - Congregational Life

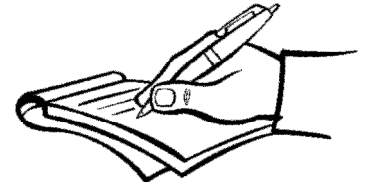
Terry Brown - Properties
Jon Fogarty - Properties
Pearl Holt - Properties
Brent Klipfel - Properties

Char Hager - Youth & Education
Cynthia Haglund - Youth & Education
Barb Kelly - Youth & Education
Michelle Vilhauer - Youth & Education

Gary Martinmaas - Worship Planning
Boyd Perkins - Worship Planning
Jay Rossman - Worship Planning
Sheri Weisgram - Worship Planning

All Members Are Ministers!

A Note from the Leadership Team



During this time of transition, our fellowship together after Sunday service is an important part of ministry to each other. It is also a time where we can meet and welcome visitors to our congregation. Your Leadership Team has placed a high importance on this and we have come up with a revised plan to make sure that there is always coffee ready & someone to serve after our worship together.

First, all members will continue to be assigned to the serving team schedule, and each family's turn to serve will come around 2-3 times per year. You will still receive post cards & a call from your team leader.

What we've changed is the team leader position. We are looking for 12 families, who will volunteer to take the "Team Leader" position for one month at a time, starting in Feb 2009. While the serving team will change from week to week, it will be a consistent leader each week for the entire month. Team leaders will also get letters with the list of serving team members for each week in their month, and will then be the one call and coordinate. Please consider if you & your family could fill this role here at Holy Cross. A list will be posted near the office door for volunteer Team Leader families.

And to clarify, many people (myself included!) did not know that before Pastor Tony left, we split the duties of the serving team, and now also have a rotating schedule of ushers each week. The separate usher schedule will continue. So, this is what the serving team is responsible for:

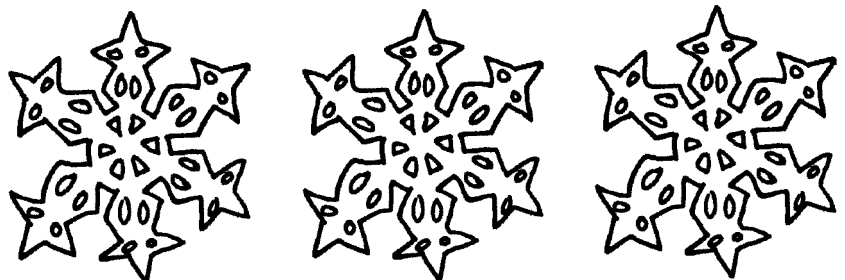
- communion servers (wine servers & kids for the baskets)
- coffee & treats after worship
- service & clean up of coffee/treats

The ushers will continue on their rotating schedule, and they are

- greeting & handing our bulletins
- attendance books
- collecting the offering

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time as a team leader for one month out of the year and sign up on the sheet near the office door.

Thank you for all you do!
Your Leadership Team



The Old Cowboy

One Sunday morning, an old cowboy entered a church just before services were to begin. Although the old man and his clothes were spotlessly clean, he wore jeans, a denim shirt, and boots that were very worn and ragged.

In his hand he carried a worn out old hat and an equally well-worn, dog-eared Bible.

The church he entered was in a very upscale and exclusive part of the city. It was the largest and most beautiful church the old cowboy had ever seen. The people of the congregation were all dressed with expensive clothes and fine jewelry.

As the cowboy took a seat, the others moved away from him. No one greeted, spoke to, or welcomed him.

They were all appalled by his appearance and did not attempt to hide it.

As the old cowboy was leaving the church, the preacher approached him and asked the cowboy to do him a favor. 'Before you come back here, have a talk with God and ask him what he thinks would be appropriate attire for worship in this church.' The old Cowboy assured the preacher he would.

The next Sunday, he again showed up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, boots, and hat. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored. The preacher approached the cowboy and said, 'I thought I asked you to speak to God before you came back to our church.'

'I did,' replied the old cowboy.

'And what did God tell you the proper attire should be for worshipping here?' asked the preacher.

'Well, sir, God told me that He didn't have a clue what I should wear. He'd never been in THIS church.'

**Aren't we lucky to worship in a church that says
"Whoever you are, however you come, you are welcome here."**

General Fund Giving Recap

November General Fund Giving	\$ 9,559
Monthly General Fund Giving Goal	\$13,500
YTD General Fund Giving	\$118,755
YTD General Fund Giving Goal	\$148,500
YTD General Fund Giving Shortfall	\$ 29,745

We invite your continued prayerful consideration..



January Serving Team Schedule

Sunday, January 4

Wayne & Pearl Holt
Deuwayne & Louise Hoffman
Sharon Hansen
Team Leaders: Eugene & JoAnn Williams

Sunday, January 11

Aaron & Mari Sundberg
Tracy Swanson
Greg & Denise Vandekamp
Kelly & Pam Miller
Jodi McQuillen
Team Leaders: Eric & Jennifer Gray

Sunday, January 18

Mildred Hieb
Mike & Cindy Kocabinski
Phyllis Kringen
Mike Muellenberg
Team Leaders: Terry & Brenda Brown

Sunday, January 25

Lionel & Misty Bruemmer
Brad & Pam Fiechtner
Boyd & Jessica Perkins
Team Leaders: Kevin & Jolene Brick

Table Grace
For food, for shelter,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank you, O God.
Amen.

Leadership Meeting
November 3, 2008

Members present: Lisa Gese, Kim Carlson, Pam Fiechtner, Nancy Palmer, Janet Shilman, Char Hager, Brent Klipfel, Darlene Mohr, Barb Kelly, Terry Brown, Sheri Weisgram, Cindy Haglund, Anthony Morrissey, Jay Rossman and Michelle Vilhauer.

Jay opened with Prayer.

Kim called the meeting to order.

Minutes from last meeting – The Sunday School Christmas Program will only take place of the sermon on Sunday, December 21st; the rest of the service will focus on the fourth Sunday of Advent. We also discussed Pastor Rick's last Sunday and our new secretary. It was stated the executive board needs to better communicate to the leadership team on changes.

We will need to find another interim pastor and the executive board can hire an interim pastor. We may have an interim pastor from Vermillion interested.

Committee Reports:

Properties: The lights have been worked on. Joe Gese fixed the shingles on the roof and the vented lid is in place to prevent odors from entering the church.

Youth & Education: Looking at the Christmas Program instead of the sermon on the December 21st, also looking for someone to lead the program. The Fall Festival was cancelled this year. It was asked if the kids going to New Orleans could help with the pie and coffee after Thanksgiving Eve service and receive the proceeds. It was approved. Congregational Life will post a list for people to bring pies. There will also be an announcement in the bulletin.

Worship & Planning: Sheri, Gary and Anthony will arrange the singers, songs and power point for Sunday worship. It was decided that only one member needs to attend the council meetings and that will be Anthony.

Congregational Life: They will be working on the pie social for the Thanksgiving Eve. Service.

Treasurers Report: Giving is below budgeted giving but we are still meeting expenses. Benevolence is based on members. It was suggested that the interim pastor could speak to inactive members without being too intrusive. Building Fund – we have paid \$31,800 we now owe approximately \$28,000 on the building.

There was no Pastor's report.

Old Business: Building Use form was tabled to wait for Jon Fogarty who was making edits.

New Business: Changes in leadership team were discussed, Nancy will step down as secretary and join Congregational Life, Lisa Gese will take minutes, she will decide if she wants to be part of the executive committee. A president elect is needed, Heidi Morrissey was lifted up. Lisa made a motion to accept Heidi as president elect with a 2nd by Michelle, motion carried.

Budget 2009-some changes are needed- Darlene, Pam and Janet will look at and bring to the next meeting to be finalized and accepted.

The congregational annual meeting is set for January 18, 2009.

Next meeting will be on December 8th at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Palmer



January 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats	5 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting	6 11:15 Sr. High Table Talks @ Good Shepherd	7 6:00 KIDZ CONNECTION 7:00 CONFIRMATION	8	9	10
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Before you toss all the 2008 calendars in the recycling bin, flip through the pages of one. Recall some of the events in the world and in your own life that happened on those days, weeks, and months. Give thanks to God, and let them be.

Next, take a 2009 calendar or date book and flip through the pages. Dare to dream a little about what the possibilities can be. Stop at a significant date and wonder what it will be like, or pause at a special anniversary. Remember that, just as in all the days of the old calendar, God will be there in the new year, too.