

Abundant News



I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly ~ Jesus

Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!

November 2022

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Please note...

The December and January Newsletters will be combined. If you would like to place an article in the **December/January** newsletter, please submit it to the church office by **November 15**.



October 12, 2022 Council Meeting Highlights...

- Call for new Council members.
- Christmas Cantata, December 18.
- Seeking individuals willing to be trained for Emergency Preparedness.

See pg. 8



Committing to Giving Thanks

Of course, it is the month of Thanksgiving, and we are all looking forward to not only our favorite family recipes, but the family friends that gather together to enjoy them.

Of course, the image that defined “the perfect Thanksgiving dinner” for a generation—and for all of us since whose family traditions were influenced by it—is Norman Rockwell’s famous Saturday Evening Post painting entitled “Freedom from Want.”

The painting appeared in the magazine alongside three others, each themed around a freedom defined by President Franklin D. Roosevelt: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, and Freedom from Fear. The year was 1943, and America was embroiled in World War II, where all four of these precious freedoms was clearly and deeply imperiled.

For many of our brother and sister Christians around the world, these precious freedoms, which we largely take for granted, is even today non-existent. While we rightly count our blessings and give thanks for them, they give thanks to God in radically different—and radically inferior—circumstances.

This should do more than give us pause; it should fill us with humility, inspire us to be more like them and motivate us to take action on their behalf. November is the international month of prayer for the persecuted Church, and at Holy Cross this year, we will be “remembering the chains” (Col 4:18) of our persecuted brothers and sisters in prayer, supporting them in their plight, and taking heart from their example as we face the challenges of our time and place to a faithful walk with Christ.

Even beset with the poverty that many Christians around the world are, they often set for us an example of generosity,

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showing their thankfulness to God by welcoming and supporting strangers, refugees, and even their enemies. This month we have the community Turkey Drive and our Women of Abundance are helping us provide area families in need with a Christmas dinner too (see page 4). Our Sunday School program is sponsoring a virtual toy drive for the children at CHOP, so stop by their room in the Sunday School wing to see what they are doing or visit their webpage (see below) to make a donation.



Freedom from Want

And on Christ the King Sunday, we will do something special. To proclaim the eternal kingship of Our Lord and Savior, we will have a special service of recommitment. COVID changed the spiritual habits of many of us, and all of us have room to grow spiritually. On this day, we will use our freedom of speech and freedom of worship to thank God for our freedom from want, committing ourselves in deeply personal ways to renewed discipleship. The challenges facing us as Christians have grown in recent years, and we need deeper, more grounding habits of discipleship to sustain us in our walk with Christ, so that we may someday hear from Jesus the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Of course, the final freedom President Roosevelt identified—freedom from fear—ultimately comes only the knowledge that Jesus IS the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and that however desperate things are for us or for our brethren around the globe, “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.” (Romans 13:11)

So, let us look forward to the celebrations of this month, pray fervently for our persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ, and truly show our thanks to God by committing ourselves afresh to Christ our King... in worship and in deed. Amen

Pr. Brett

Sunday School Toy Drive:

<https://chop.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.personalCampaign&participantID=125862>



November Lessons....

November 6

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17
Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 13

23th Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-6
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:[1-5] 6-13
Luke 21:5-28 [29-36]

November 20

Christ the King

Malachi 3:13-18
Psalm 95:1-7a
Colossians 1:13-20
Luke 23:27-43

November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14
Matthew 24:36-44




Copies of the November/ December

Upper Room daily devotional are available in the **Narthex**, or contact the Church Office to have one mailed to you.

November Altar Flower Sponsors....

November 6



Julie Millheim, D.J., MaryAnn, Bobby, Mary J. & Emily Drosnock in memory of Isabel Coleman.
Kris Sterner in memory of Candy Forry.

November 13

Cindy Denker in honor of Aaron Denker.
James & Violet McCandless in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

November 20

Amanda Leindecker in memory of John Leindecker
Gerald & Suzanne Lewis in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

November 27

Dave & Diane Breinig in memory of Joseph Breinig & Benton Breinig (Dave's Father and Grandfather).
Anita Trach in honor of Marcellus' 93rd Birthday.

Thank you to all our Altar Flowers Sponsors!

Sponsors can pick up their flowers by the Monday after their sponsorship date. Any flowers left after Monday will be used for sick & shut-in visits.

2023 Altar Flower Sponsorships

Beginning Sunday, November 20, binders with sign-up sheets for **altar flower sponsorships for 2022** will be available in the Narthex. Dates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Two sponsors are sought for each item for each Sunday of the year at a cost of \$20 per sponsorship. Payment should be placed in a Designated Gift Envelope, indicating your name, type of sponsorship and date of sponsorship, and returned to the church office.

Stewardship...

Offerings received during the month of September 2022 totaled \$12,708.00

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Cross!



Giving online is easy and convenient!
Visit our website at
<https://holycrossnazareth.org/support>



Copies of the printed **Prayer List for November** are available in the Narthex.

Please keep all who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers and remember them with your cards or phone calls.

Your caring is deeply appreciated and can mean so very much!



Ryan Ravitsky; Brycen Smith; Barbara Romanishan; Britney Honeywell-Webb; Milan Losagio; Kailynn Way; Jillian Minnich; Linnea Korpan; John Hawk; Keith Miller; LeeAnn Shafer; Lyla Arfanella; Phyllis Zellner; Kathleen Grube; Anthony Skurjunis; Aaron Denker; Jesse Way; Susan Filchner; Christina Way; James McCandless; Kay Tomko; Katherine Wallace; Elias Bombico; Frank Dalcin; Patricia Liberto; Dave Altemose; Phyllis Gostony; Debbie Beckowski; Lois Iasiello; Kimberly Altemose; Evan Frack; Boston Grube; Bryce Grube; Matthew Werkheiser; Sherwood Altemose; Dellie Iasiello; Marcellus Trach; Makayla Margli; Jillian Rissmiller.

Stop by after Sunday services and join us for Christian friendship with your Church family! Each week a different committee hosts Social Hour.



Your hosts for November are....
November 6 ~ Mutual Ministry
November 13 ~ Church Council
November 20 ~ Social Ministry
November 27~ Choir/Worship Arts



Baptized at Holy Cross...

Chase Rumsey
 son of Brandon & Holly Rumsey
 was baptized at Holy Cross
 on October 23, 2022.



Jenelle & Fernando DalFior; William & Britney Honeywell-Webb; Stephen & Jennifer Rissmiller; Jeff & Erika Rowohlt; Jeremy & Tonya Trach; Zachary & Alyssa Young; Lucas III & Deborah Schoeneberger; James & Violet McCandless; Andrea & Mark Fisher; Michael & Donna Langston; Gerald & Suzanne Lewis; Keith & Patricia Miller; Sandra & Joseph DeAngelo.



Christmas Blessing Boxes
Pick up your box after
the 9:30 service
on Sunday, November 27, 2022

Wrap it with Christmas paper after the 9:30 service (WOA will be here to help you if you're not a good wrapper). Or you can take your box home and wrap it with your own paper. Fill it with the non-perishable items that are listed below. **Return the filled box to Holy Cross Church before noon on December 17, 2022.** A drive through will take place from noon until 1:00 PM, when each car in line can receive 1 box. Boxes are limited. When they're gone, they are gone.

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| Box of stuffing mix | Box of crackers |
| Box of dry cereal | Mushroom soup |
| Instant potatoes | Bag of sugar |
| Box of shelf stable milk | French fried onions |
| Jars of turkey gravy | Bag of flour |
| Canned or dried beans | Canned corn |
| Canned yams | Box of tea bags |
| Rice | Cake or brownie mix |
| Cranberry sauce | Mac & cheese in a box |
| Peanut butter | Can of frosting |
| Green beans | Canned meat (ham, chicken, etc.) |



SEND CARDS ~ Anyone can send cards to church members for various occasions, including Thanksgiving and Christmas. **An updated list of those who would appreciate receiving a card, especially during the holiday season, is available in the Narthex, or contact the Church office.**



A SALUTE TO HOLY CROSS VETERANS!

Sherwood Altemose ~ US Navy Seaman, 1st Class

William Bachman ~ US Army

Harry Davenport ~ National Guard, Specialist 5th Class

Gene Dickison ~ Air Force

Jeffrey Hahn ~ US Army, SFC

Jim Craig ~ US Army, E-5, XVIII Corps Airborne

Barry L. Gaugler ~ Army E4, Vietnam Veteran

Daniel George ~ SK3 (E4); participated in Operation Frequent Wind

John Hawk ~ US Army, 1st Infantry Div.-Sergeant

Terry Iasiello ~ US Navy, Aviation Electricians Mate 2nd Class (AE2)

Charles Itterly ~ US Army Corporal, Korean War, served in Japan

Thomas Johnson ~ Air Force

Michael & Terry Koehler ~ Air Force

**Joseph Mazzie, Jr. ~ US Air Force Sergeant, Vietnam War
(served during the Tet Offensive)**

James W. McCandless ~ Army

Richard A. Michael ~ US Army '63 - 66', Spec 5

Keith Miller ~ US Air Force Lt. Colonel (Ret.), Fighter Pilot (F-4's and F-16's)

Fernando Pinquelo

Robert Sandt ~ US Army Missile Artillery, E-4

Ronald Sibbach ~ US Navy, SN

Duane Stevenson ~ Air Force, Air National Guard and Army National Guard, SSG

Tim Vituszynski ~ Air Force Major

Todd Wallace ~ US Marines Corporal E-4, 1978-82, 1985-88

**Matthew Werkheiser ~ US Army Sergeant, Combat engineer in
Iraq and Afghanistan**

***To all of our Veterans, with respect, honor & gratitude,
we THANK YOU for your faithful service to our country!***

Church News



On Sunday, October 16, Holy Cross celebrated *Golden Age Sunday*, honoring our very special group of Golden Agers. **THANK YOU** to Chef Nathan Grube for preparing the delicious meal, Kate Grube for decorating the social hall, and our team of Youth Helpers.

Recipients of the Golden Age flower baskets this year were:

Dolores Weller ~ Marcellus Trach ~ Anita Trach

God's blessings to all!



Social Ministry news...

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!

Donations of Christmas cookies and/or wrapped candies for our sick and shut-in members are needed. On December 17, Social Ministry will bag the donated cookies/treats and prepare poinsettias and cards for church members to deliver to our sick and shut-ins. Cookie/treat donations should be brought to the church **by 9:00 am Saturday December 17.**



Sign up in the Narthex to donate cookies/treats.

Sponsors are needed to purchase Poinsettias for our sick and shut-in members. Please complete a Poinsettia order form (see pg. 7) and return it with payment to the church office **by November 20.**



ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE



The "Wing and a Prayer" Turkey Drive for the Bath Area Food Bank continues through **November 6.**

Visit the table in the Narthex, or contact the Church Office to sponsor a turkey, and you will find the joy of knowing you have helped someone in need!

THANK YOU To everyone who donated to the Bath Food Bank during our *Harvest Home* celebration, (and those who donate all year long!). Your giving so generously to those in need in our community is greatly appreciated!



2022 POINSETTIA ORDERS



It is time to order Poinsettias for Christmas. You can purchase poinsettias to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve and take them with you after services, and/or sponsor a **RED poinsettia** for our sick and shut-in members, which will be delivered to them before Christmas.

**Please complete and return this form to the Church Office
WITH PAYMENT by November 20, 2022.**

NAME _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL \$ _____

I would like to sponsor (indicate quantity) _____ RED poinsettia(s)
for a **sick and shut-in member**. Cost \$8.75 per plant.

AND/OR

I would like to sponsor (indicate quantity):
_____ RED _____ PINK _____ WHITE
poinsettia(s) to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve.
(plants may be picked up after any of the Christmas Eve services).
Cost is \$8.75 per plant.

SPONSORSHIP DESIGNATION:

Please list HOW you would like your sponsorship worded:

Checks can be made out to *Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church*
THANK YOU!

Church Council

Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for October 12, 2022

COMPLETE Church Council Minutes are posted on the board in the Narthex. Attachments are filed in the church office with the originals.

The meeting minutes summarized here are pending Council approval at next month's meeting.

Eight members were present. ABSENT: Ray Scuderi, Diane Dickison, Jesse Way.

New Business (Open Discussion): Kratzer Septic did annual cleaning. Hannabery Maintenance agreement for 2023 reviewed-revised to exclude filter changes-Richard Siegfried will take care of filter changes. December and January newsletter will be combined. Pastor Brett met with Hope Alliance Church regarding their possible use of our building for their services. Pastor would like to review Congregation Membership requirements after the new Constitution is accepted. Cindy Denker and Steve Rissmiller's terms are ending. Christmas Eve Services discussed. Confirmation January 8, 2023.

The Secretary's report: Accepted and approved.

The Treasurer's report: Giving was down in September. Property expense for a roof leak in the Prayer Room was paid. Accepted and approved.

Finance: Reports were provided and reviewed with no comment.

Office Secretary Notes: See New Business.

Pastor's Report: New Business: I am attending an informational seminar on October 24 on the adult catechumenate. Bethany and I are working on plans for a "recommitment Sunday" for Christ the King worship. We have a candidate for the Director of Worship Arts position-Mutual Ministry will interview in a few weeks. Daycare Transition Committee met on October 5-they will make decisions regarding disposition of Daycare assets. Also making initial plans for refurbishment of the Sunday School wing rooms. The Fellowship Committee is planning an Advent/Christmas decorating potluck on December 4. Youth Ministry is averaging 15 students per Sunday night. Old Business: Confirmation classes have begun. We have 3 new students this year. Our new restreaming service has been activated.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild: Kate Grube has rejoined. Currently 11 members. Many items currently being reviewed

Discipleship Ministries:

Christian Education: Confirmation classes started. Additional volunteers needed for Sunday School.

Emergency Planning: Minutes from September 29 meeting provided. Fee discussed to train congregation and committee in various emergency procedures.

Mutual Ministry: Daycare is closed.

Property: Discussed new snow plow services; Various repairs needed around the building; Roof continues to have leaks-a plan needs to be expedited; Fire Alarm system panel replaced-pricing for monitoring is being obtained; Electrical/Lighting repairs needed in Sanctuary-we need volunteers to build scaffolding; Fellowship Hall upgrades have been put on hold; General Exterior items need to be addressed. Additional members of this committee are needed.

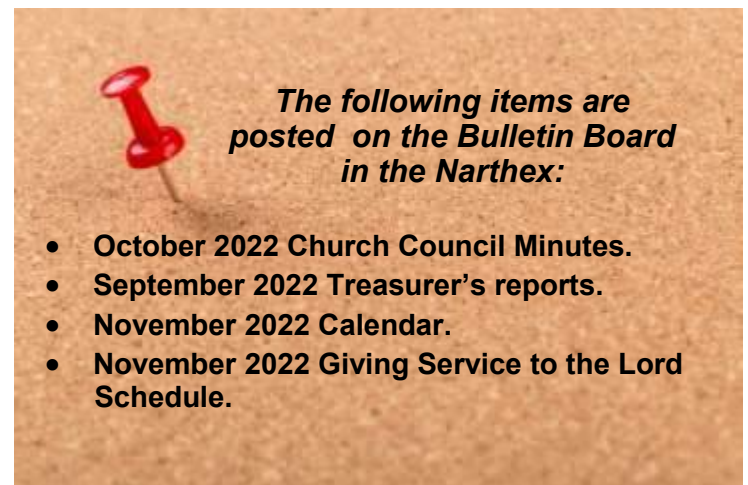
Worship Arts/Music Ministry: Bethany has resigned.

Youth Group: Continues to grow.

Boy Scout Update: They are having a Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. Want to replace picnic tables in the pavilion. Scout project pending final approval for a flagpole at the garden-Christopher Walters presented his Eagle Scout Project-was approved by council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled
WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022, at 7:00pm.
All Church members are welcome to attend.**



The following items are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex:

- October 2022 Church Council Minutes.
- September 2022 Treasurer's reports.
- November 2022 Calendar.
- November 2022 Giving Service to the Lord Schedule.

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC/NALC)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC/NALC) is to respond to the Love of God shown most fully to us in the great gift of his Son Jesus Christ. We engage in five ministry areas – **WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARNING, SERVICE,** and **SUPPORT** – to boldly confess Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. Brett Jenkins, STS
Pastor@holycrossnazareth.org

Office Hours ~ Tuesday 10-1; or by appointment

Deacon Michael Grube

Director of Worship Arts: Bethany Randall

Traditional Music Worship Leader: Ben Watson

Church Secretary: Kris Sterner
Secretary@holycrossnazareth.org

Office Hours: M/T/F ~ 9 a.m.-1 p.m; Th ~ 1-6 p.m.
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

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2022 Church Council

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Kate Grube	610-972-2219
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Richard Siegfried	610-360-5949
Michele Verdi	570-807-6393
Jesse Way	484-330-1263

2022 Congregational Officers

President ~ Paul Grube, Jr.

Vice President ~ Jesse Way

Secretary ~ A.J. Arfanella

Treasurers ~ Darren Landro and Cindy Denker

Financial Secretary ~ Jaime Roth

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday:

8:00 am ~ Traditional Liturgy

9:30 am ~ Informal Worship

(Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Sunday School during the 9:30 service.

Tuesdays at 12:15pm

Lunchtime Prayer with Holy Communion

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with Holy Communion.