

# Abundant News

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



**Lift High the Cross; the Love of Christ Proclaim!**

**November 2023**

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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 11, 2023**

## Council Meeting Highlights...



- Seeking individuals interested in serving on Church Council.
- Seeking members to join the 50th Anniversary Committee.
- Need help on November 3rd peeling potatoes for the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner.



## Words for Then... and Now

On this opening page of the newsletter, I usually write something I hope is engaging enough to get you to reflect and apply it to your life. In the midst of the political upheaval that characterizes both the world and our nation at the moment, I cede my time to President Abraham Lincoln. His words upon the founding of the day for which November is most known are worth reflecting upon now and a practical reminder of why we should always give thanks... even in the midst of strife and challenge.

## By the President of the United States of America. A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious

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*gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.*

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.*

*By the President:*

*Abraham Lincoln*



## *Sacred Sorrow*

*The pain of loss under the shadow of the cross*

### **True or False?**

Caring for ourselves and others in a time of loss and sorrow demands that we do so gently and wisely. There are many myths and misunderstandings that can cause stumbling, confusion and hinder healing.

Here is a sampling of false beliefs with more to come next month:

- You should be pretty much back to normal after 6 months with grief lasting no more than a year.
- People with a strong faith don't grieve
- A strong person should be able to get through a loss without showing a lot of emotion.
- If you express intense feelings you're losing control of yourself. Crying is a sign of weakness.
- Continuing to talk about the person who died only makes the pain last longer.

Grief is difficult enough without unrealistic and guilt-producing misconceptions.

"Don't put on a happy face because you think it's expected.

Grief denied is grief without healing."

*Please be sure to see next month's newsletter for our first grief ministry offering.*

# Pastor's Answers



## ***We Don't Need No Stinking Pastor!***

Why would a Lutheran go to *private* confession?

@ The Faith Conservationist

In August I announced the introduction of my pastoral blog. A link to it will be found on our church website, [www.HolyCrossNazareth.org](http://www.HolyCrossNazareth.org) or you can directly to [www.FaithConservationist.org](http://www.FaithConservationist.org) to read all the previous columns for this segment of our newsletter. Don't forget to check out our website from time-to-time as new things getting added there all the time... and watch for big changes coming there later this year!

"Honey, you've got to give us more time to think of our sins before we move on to confessing them." We were in my first church, and I was just trying to figure out the rhythm of things on Sunday morning. I love worship, and if you could not tell from my tendency to speak too fast on Sunday mornings, I get really hyped up for what we are gathered to do and what God has promised He will do among us when we gather to receive His Word and Holy Sacrament.

"What?" I politely asked, not sure I had heard my lifelong Lutheran wife correctly.

"You've got to give us more time. I have been bustling all morning to get me and the baby to church on time, and my mind is all over the place. I barely have time to think of any particular sin I might be struggling with before I am moving on to confessing it."

After 18 years I am probably not remembering what she said word-for-word, but I am sure I am correctly catching the gist of it. I worked hard to slow down my pace on Sunday mornings, remember that not everyone has been at church already for hours like I had, and give everyone the time they needed to offer to God what was bothering them so that they could feel the full weight of the precious words of God's forgiveness that came next. I knew from my classes on Luther that they would only really understand God's forgiveness when they knew that it was not generic forgiveness for our generic sin, but that God offers *particular forgiveness* for our *particular sins*.

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*particular  
forgiveness  
for our  
particular sins.***

It was only two years later when, while attending the General Retreat of my prayer order, the Society of the Holy Trinity (that's what the STS after my name stands for), when a pastor of nearly retirement age recommended in a beautifully compassionate presentation that we discontinue the use of the *Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness* that is the prelude to most of our Sunday worship services. He recommended that we do that because after almost 50 years of pastoring, what he saw was that the people in his pews were still struggling with the burden of guilt and unresolved shame because, while every Sunday they *heard* the assurance of God's forgiveness for confessed sin, they *felt* as though God couldn't really forgive this-or-that particular sin because it was too big... or they had confessed it too often... or they were still struggling with it after years and years... or their relationships were still fractured... or....

You get the idea. Though they understood the idea of God's forgiveness, they had no experience of what it was like when someone we really and deeply heard them talk about the sin of which they were so ashamed and then told them—with that full knowledge—that God loved them and forgave them because they had trusted in His grace more than their own righteousness. This pastor also pointed out that we were depriving people of the chance to receive help in the struggle against their sin, help that we pastors were uniquely placed to bring them both by our God-appointed position in the community (our call) and our training.

Luther wanted confession of sins retained as the third Sacrament because it was *helpful* for the people he loved, people who were trying to live a life pleasing to the Lord whose sacrifice had saved them from sin, death, and the devil. It quieted their consciences and empowered them to be a blessing to those around them. I want to offer this to the people I love in this congregation, so on the 2nd Monday of every month from 4-7pm, I will be available in the prayer chapel for anyone who needs it to unburden themselves of their guilt or shame, to seek counsel in a spiritual or relational struggle, and be reassured by the precious promises of God that they are not abandoned in the midst of their specific struggles and trials. I will also be available by appointment at other times if that does not work for you.

When you need it, if you need it, I will be here for you with this gift of Christ, given through His Church. **I will be available for private confession regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5-6:45pm and 8-9pm. I will also be available at other times by appointment.** + PBJ

Don't forget to submit your questions at church or at [www.FaithConservationist.org](http://www.FaithConservationist.org)

## November Lessons....

**November 5, 2023**

**All Saints Sunday**

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

**November 12, 2023**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19, 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

**November 26, 2023**

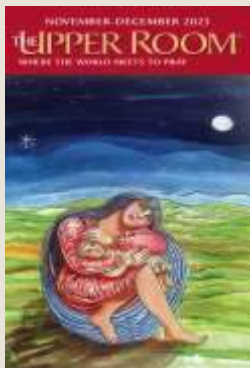
**Christ the King Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46



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 5**

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

**November 12**

*Cindy Denker in honor of Aaron Denker's Birthday.  
James & Violet McCandless in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.*

**November 19**

*Amanda Leindecker, Children and Grandchildren in memory of John Leindecker.  
MaryAnne Vorholy in honor of Cindy & Mitch Brauzer Wedding Anniversary.*

**November 26**

*Eileen & Warren Rohn in honor of Children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren.  
Anita Trach in honor of Marcellus' 94th 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.

### 2024 Altar Flower Sponsorships

Beginning Sunday, November 19, binders with sign-up sheets for **altar flower sponsorships for 2024** 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. **Beginning January 1st, 2024, the cost of sponsorships will be increased to \$25 per sponsorship.** Payment should be placed in a Designated Gift Envelope, indicating your name, type of sponsorship and date of sponsorship, and placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

**WE NEED YOU**

**Servers are needed for Sunday Worship.**

Lay Readers

Communion Assistants

Worship Tech

Usher Greeters

**If interested or for more information, contact the Church Office**



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!*

# Family News



Madison Benotto; Ryan Ravitsky; Brycen Smith; Barbara Romanishan; 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; Annalisa Misiti; James McCandless; Kay Tomko; Katherine Wallace; Elias Bombico; Frank Dalcin; Patricia Liberto; Emory Scuderi; Dave Altemose; Phyllis Gostony; Debbie Beckowski; Lois Iasiello; Kimberly Altemose; Evan Frack; Boston Grube; Bryce Grube; Matthew Werkheiser; Kyle Werner; Sherwood Altemose; Delie Iasiello; Marcellus Trach; Makayla Margli; Jillian Rissmiller.

*Sunday Social Hour* is when we get to know each other and become family to one another. **Stop by after services and join us for a snack and Christian friendship with your Church family!** Each week a different church committee, family, or group hosts Social Hour.

### Our Hosts for November are...

November 5 ~ Finance/FAT/Mutual Ministry  
November 12~ NO Social Hour  
November 19~ Social Ministry  
November 26~ Choir/Worship Arts

### Would you like to host a Social Hour?

If your FAMILY or GROUP would like to host Social Hour, please contact the church office for more information or to schedule a date.



Jenelle & Fernando DaFior; 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.



### Congratulation Newlyweds....

Nicole (K ufrovich) & Brennen Berry  
Emily (Sutton) & Alex Bartleson  
May your life together be blessed,  
and filled with lasting joy.



**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.**

### The Annual Bath Area Council of Churches COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

will be held Tuesday, November 21  
at 7:00pm

**Emmanuel's Lutheran Church**

Everyone is invited to attend!



*On Sunday, October 15, Holy Cross celebrated Golden Age Sunday, honoring these very special members of our Congregation.*

*THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this annual event a success.*

*God's blessings to all!*



**ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE**

There is still time to sponsor a Thanksgiving turkey for the Bath Area Food Bank!

**The last day to sponsor a turkey is November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**GOBBLE, GOBBLE!**



**Cookbooks are here and are available to purchase on Sundays before and after services, or during church office hours. Cost is \$22 each.**

**Makes a great Christmas gift!**

*Proceeds will go towards the cost of the new roof.*

Take-out available!

**Saturday**

**November 4 ~ 4-7pm**



**Adults \$15**  
**Kids ages 5-11 \$7**  
 Tickets can be purchased during church office hours, OR at the door.



To everyone who donated to the Bath Food Bank during our Harvest Home celebration, (and those who donate all year long!), and for the items donated for the NALC emergency relief and Stuff the Truck events - **THANK YOU!**

## **A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS!**



**John Abbott** ~ US Army, Sgt. E-5

**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)

**Alex McCandless** ~ Lieutenant Army; Several Leadership awards, award ribbons, Cyber Space.

**James W. McCandless** ~ Army

**William McCandless** ~ Master Sergeant Air Force; 2 Meritorious Service Awards,  
21 Award Ribbons, Desert Storm Awards, Kuwait Liberation Medal.

**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!***

**Veteran's will be recognized during services on Sunday November 12th.**

**Bring your favorite dish and  
join us after the 9:30am service  
for our monthly Potluck Luncheon,  
and thank our veterans for their service.**



## Christmas Blessing Boxes

Pick up your box after the 9:30 service on Sunday, November 19, 2023  
Please wrap the box and lid separately, preferably with Christmas paper.  
Fill it with the non-perishable items that are listed below.

**Return the filled box to:**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
696 Johnson Road, Nazareth, PA 18064  
**before noon** on December 16, 2023.

A drive through will take place from noon until 1:00 PM. Each car in line can receive 1 box. Boxes are limited. When they're gone, they are gone. The items they will receive in the box are:

a box of stuffing mix  
instant mashed potatoes  
2 pkgs of turkey gravy  
canned yams  
cranberry sauce  
green beans and canned corn

cake or brownie mix and a can of frosting  
can of chicken broth  
mac & cheese in a box  
canned meat ( ham, chicken, etc.)  
a treat or sweet (candy, snack, nuts, cookies)

### **SEASONAL SPONSORSHIPS**

are available for the following:

**10 Christmas Eve Candle Sponsors**

~ \$15 each

**10 Christmas Eve Bulletin Sponsors**

~ \$15 each

A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex during November.

**Welcome!** Would you like  
to help visitors  
feel WELCOME in  
our loving congregation?

***We need YOU!***

We are making up welcome folders for visitors on Christmas Eve, and we need to know what to put in them. If you would like to help create these, please contact the church office.

### *Social Ministry news...*

**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!** November 30, 2023, Social Ministry will be having a **craft session** to make a little keepsake for residents in Gracedale. We will meet at the church at 10:00AM. **All are invited.**



**CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!** Donations of Christmas cookies and/or wrapped candies for our sick and shut-in members are needed. On December 16, 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 9:30 am Saturday December 16. Sign up in the Narthex.**



**POINSETTIA SPONSORS NEEDED** for our sick and shut-in members. complete a Poinsettia order form (see page 11) and return it with payment to the church office **by November 26.**





# Church Council

## Meeting **HIGHLIGHTS** for October 11, 2023

**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.\*

All Council members were present.

August 9, 2023 minutes were approved.

### **REVIEW OF REPORTS:**

**Church Secretary:** Annual cleaning of Septic system done on 10/4/23. Council approved to have the system cleaned every other year rather than every year. The December & January newsletter will be combined. Articles are due November 15.

**Treasurer:** Insurance check was received and will be used for water damage repairs. Cindy D. submitted her resignation as treasurer effective 12/31/23. Discussion ensued on finding a replacement. Report approved by Council.

**Pastor:** Discipleship Small Groups: First group launched and second is in the building stage; are designed to provide more intimate support for participants. Pastor Coaching Program: consists of 7 modules, the first being "Building a Generous Church Culture" since we are currently in a Capital Campaign. Church Website: A dummy website has been set up so we can redesign our own, which has not been updated since 2017. Seeking congregation members to work on. Continuing Education: Pastor will be attending a Conference November 6-8 in Hershey on how pastor's might address the moral issues of our day. Baptismal Gifts: Pastor suggested several items for Altar Guild to consider for Baptismal gifts for various ages, keeping our current gift of blankets for infants. New Sound System: New Sound and Video system is 80% installed; next step to implement the hearing assisted devices and improve the stream. Report approved by Council.

**New Business:** Capital Campaign total \$66,221.76 as of 10/6/23. Annual congregation meeting 1/28/24; Lunch catered; requesting members provide desserts; meeting will follow. Budget will be prepared for the 2024 Spending Proposal. Council Nominees needed for 2024. Expired members are Paul G. and Diane D, and one vacated term. 12/24 services are at 9:30am, with Christmas Eve services at 3, 7 & 9pm. Confirmation is 1/7/24.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Cemetery:** John A., Tom K., and Allen T. agreed to be members of the Cemetery Committee-still need a few more. Procedures and duties outlined and a meeting will be held shortly.

**Emergency Planning:** Next meeting 10/18/23.

**Finance Committee:** Did not meet.

**Mutual Ministry:** Did not meet. No issues.

**Personnel Committee:** Karl D. review completed.

**Prayer Team:** received several prayer requests.

**Property:** Parking lot lights are out.

**Old Business:** A committee needs to be established to coordinate a celebration for the weekend of the Bishop's visit, including a dinner and small group meetings. Alarm inspection conducted; yearly inspection fee approved by Council. Water test failed and being resolved. Pork & Sauerkraut dinner 11/4/23 4-7pm; proceeds to benefit roof repair expense. Help needed November 3rd to peel potatoes.

Th Atlantic Mission Region would like to thank you for your continued support with your prayers and benevolence offerings.

Pregnancy Resource Center: The baby bottle donation totaled \$1,275.81- Thank you!

Thank you from Kerry L. for helping her and her family through this difficult time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled  
WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023, at 7:00pm.  
All Church members are welcome to attend.**



As of October 27th, we have received donations totaling **67,696.76** toward our goal of \$500,000.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE NOTE: When making donations to the church, a **separate check is needed for the Capital Campaign, made out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Thank you!**

# Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (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 by appointment

**Deacon** Michael Grube

**Director of Worship Arts:** Karl DeBoeser

**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*

**Sexton:** Kerry Livermore

## Our Church

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## 2023 Church Council

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Lynne Auger	484-634-1347
Diane Dickison	570-977-3638
Kate Grube	610-972-2219
Paul Grube, Jr.	610-570-2474
Lois Iasiello	484-239-2698
Gerald Lewis	610-657-3961
Richard Siegfried	610-360-5949
Michele Verdi	570-807-6393

## 2023 Congregational Officers

President ~ Richard Siegfried  
Vice President ~ Gerald Lewis  
Secretary ~ Lois Iasiello  
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);

**Tuesdays at 12:15pm**  
Lunchtime Prayer with Holy Communion

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**  
Prayer Service with Holy Communion

## 2023 RED 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 poinsettia for our sick and shut-in members, which will be delivered to them before Christmas. Plants are in a 6" pot and cost **\$9.00 each**.

**Please complete and return this form to the Church Office  
WITH PAYMENT by November 19, 2023.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to sponsor (indicate quantity) \_\_\_\_\_ RED poinsettia(s)  
for a **sick and shut-in member**.*

**AND/OR**

*I would like to sponsor (indicate quantity) \_\_\_\_\_ RED poinsettia(s)  
to **adorn the altar on Christmas Eve**.  
(plants may be taken with you  
after any of the Christmas Eve services).*

Please list HOW you would like your sponsorship worded:

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