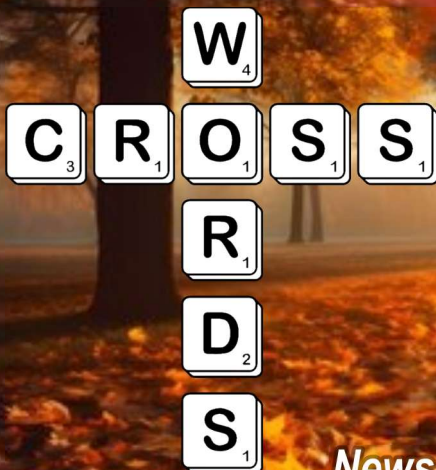




News for an Abundant Life in **CHRIST**

From the Pastor



For Those Who Came Before Us, We Give Thanks.

We live in an era when an international cultural elite would see us cut ourselves off from the places, personal histories, and even families from which we come. As Christian writer Paul Kingsnorth has noted recently in his international bestseller *Against the Machine*, the modern world wants to make of us interchangeable parts economically, politically, and even relationally.

The antidote to this aspect of the modern world—in other words, the way to stay truly and fully human—is to be more firmly rooted in our locales, histories and families. Traditionally, the Church was great at this. Lately, we have forgotten this aspect of our faith.

For instance, we just celebrated the work of Martin Luther in the Reformation, but how much of the rest of Church history do we know? Luther was not the first reformer; do we know any others?

This month we begin by remembering our dearly departed on All Saints' Sunday—those saints whose lives touched us deeply. As you've probably noticed, we've been giving thanks on Sundays for other saints—members of our extended family, the Church—whose lives have touched us by their ongoing example and influence in the life of the Church.

We have not started doing this to be “more Catholic.” Rather, we have started doing this to be more thoroughly *Christian*. Only a robust Christian identity can hope to be a bulwark against the modern world's attempts to make us mere workers in the hive, mere consumers of products and entertainment, mere cogs in a political machine... followers of Christ in name only. So, let us give thanks for those who came before us, and upon whose shoulders we stand! Amen

Pr. Brett

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Saint of the Month: Elizabeth of Hungary

Like St. Paul, Lutherans refer to all those in Christ as "saints," and we look to the great ones as role models in the faith.

This month we are remembering Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) on Monday the 17th. Also known as Elizabeth of Thuringia, she was the daughter of Hungarian King Andrew II, and married Louis IV, Landgrave of Thuringia, in 1221. She devoted her life to helping the poor and feeding the hungry, turning from riches to help the poor, like Francis of Assisi. She used the royal treasury and food of her husband to help the poor, which angered him at first, until he eventually supported her actions, despite what others said. The food was distributed to the people all around their land.

In 1227, Louis went on a Crusade and died shortly after from an illness. Louis' brother, Henry Raspe, took over and did not agree with Elizabeth's actions. He exiled her and her children from the land.

Elizabeth had an uncle who was bishop of Eckbert that they fled to. There she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. She founded a hospital in Marburg, and died in 1231, aged 24, from an illness.



Reading this, we should remember what Jesus said. Matthew 25:35-40 states, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

by Melissa Misiti

Prayer Fellowship Group Starting

Dear Christian friends,

Lois Iasiello and Judy Iasiello are starting a home-based Prayer Fellowship Group. We are looking for people, women and men, who are committed to learning how to pray more effectively, study the Bible and have fellowship with like-minded Christians.

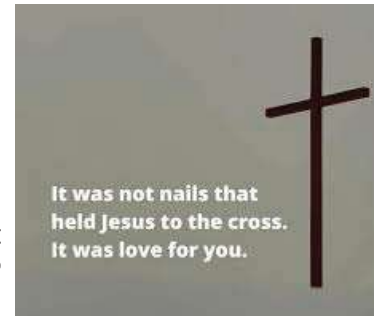
We will be meeting at Judy & Terry's home, 1519 Colgate Dr. Bethlehem (Hanover Township). Times and dates and how often to meet will be determined after we have enough to start a group. This group will meet in the daytime.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in, please contact one of us to sign up. My cell # is 610-751-5549 and Lois' cell # is 484-761-4589. We are hoping to get started in November.

Lois has experience in leading prayer groups and I have participated in many at my past home churches. In the words of Martin Luther, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

Come learn to pray with us, share your needs and experiences, and grow in your faith.

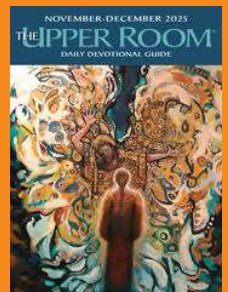
Yours in Christ, Judy & Lois



November Lessons

- November 2, 2025 ~ All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:2-8; 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
- November 9, 2025 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 148; 2 Thesalonians 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40
- November 16, 2025 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Malachi 4:1-6; Psalm 98; 2 Thesalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-36
- November 23, 2025 ~ Christ the King Sunday
Malachi 3:13-18; Psalm 95 or 46; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43
- November 30, 2025 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Upper Room



- Copies of the Nov. - Dec. Upper Room daily devotional are available in the Narthex.

Church Family News

SUNDAY
Social
Hour
Hosts

November 2 Emergency Response Team
November 9 Potluck Sunday
November 16 Deacon Michael's Tuesday Class
November 23 Spiritual Growth & Property
November 30 Prayer Shawl & Spiritual Care



We are looking for Social Hour Hosts!
If YOU, your FAMILY or GROUP would like to host Social Hour, please contact the church office to schedule a date!

Many thanks for hosting!



November
BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Ravitsky; Brycen Smith; Madison Benotto; Barbara Romanishan; Milan Losagio; Kailynn Way; Michael Mohn; Jillian Nichols; Jillian Minnich; William Godiska; Linnea Korpan; Keith Miller; John Hawk; LeeAnn Shafer; Phyllis Zellner; Lyla Arfanella; Kathleen Grube; Anthony Skurjunis; Jesse Way; Aaron Denker; Susan Filchner; Christina Way; Annalisa Misiti; James McCandless; Kay Tomko; Roseann Mohn;

Katherine Wallace; Frank DalCin; Patricia Liberto; Elias Bombico; Emory Scuderi; Dave Altemose; Karissa Martin; Phyllis Gostony; Lois Iasiello; Debbie Beckowski; Kimberly Altemose; Matthew Werkheiser; Kyle Werner; Evan Frack; Boston Grube; Bryce Grube; Marcellus Trach; Dellie Iasiello; Jillian Rissmiller; Makayla Margli!



November
ANNIVERSARIES

Jenelle & Fernando Dalfior; Jennifer & Stephen Rissmiller; Alyssa & Zachary Young; Erika & Jeff Rowohl; Deborah & Lucas Schoeneberger; James & Violet McCandless; Mark & Andrea Fisher; Michael & Donna Langston; Gerald & Suzanne Lewis; Keith & Patricia Miller; Joseph & Sandra DeAngelo!



Congratulations to...

Mark & Madison Schuon,
married by Pastor Brett on October 11, 2025
&
Juan-Daniel & Stephanie Perez,
married by Pastor Brett on October 18, 2025.

May God bless them on their journey together through life!



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 Stuff the Truck event!
THANK YOU!



Council Meeting Highlights

- Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Saturday, November 8 at 9:00am
- Confirmation - November 23, 2025
- Christmas Eve Service: 3:00, 7:00, & 9:00pm. Christmas Day Service: 10:00am
- Nominations are needed for 3 Council members and 2 Elders.

Golden Age Sunday



On Sunday, October 12, Holy Cross celebrated **Golden Age Sunday**, honoring these very special members of our Congregation. **THANK YOU** to Chef Nathan Grube for preparing the delicious meal, and to Women of Abundance, and our team of Youth Helpers, and everyone who helped to make this annual event a success.

God's blessings to all!



New Around the Altar

This month you will see some new things going on in our worship!

On All Saints' Sunday and Christ the King Sunday, we will be using our relatively new processional cross to celebrate those feast days. For the reading of the Gospel, we will be bringing the Bible with the cross to the center of the congregation to remind ourselves of how Christ is truly present in our midst through the Word of God. (A reminder: when we use this cross, we always face it while it is motion around the room.) We want to thank Terry & Judy Iasiello for the gracious gift of this cross!

On November 9th & 16th, while Pr. Brett is out of town on family matters, you will also see the first of our lay assisting ministers leading worship with Deacon Michael. The role of a lay assisting minister is to both represent and to help lead the congregation in its worship. It is a staple feature of most Lutheran worship around the country, and we are excited to be bringing it to the ministry of Holy Cross. If you would like to have the privilege of being part of our worshi life in this way, please talk to Pastor or Deacon Michael!

Church News

Christmas Blessing Boxes

Pick up your box on Sunday, November 16, 2025

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
by December 7, 2025

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)

Any other non-perishable food items that you would like to add to your box is TOTALLY up to you!



Seasonal Sponsorships

Seasonal sponsorships are available for the following:

10 Christmas Eve Candle Sponsors - \$15.00 each

10 Christmas Eve Bulletin Sponsors - \$15.00

Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex throughout the month of November.

Social Ministry News...

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!

Donations of Christmas cookies and/or wrapped candies for our sick and shut-in members are needed.

On **December 13**, 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 13.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

POINSETTIA SPONSORS NEEDED for our sick and shut-in members.

Complete a Poinsettia order form and return it with payment to the church office
by November 23. Thank you for your support!

A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS!



John Abbott ~ US Army, Sgt. E-5

Sherwood Altemose ~ US Navy Seaman, 1st Class

William Bachman ~ US Army

Steve Bauman ~ USC Guard, Captain (0-6), Vietnam Patrol Boat Service

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

Robert Gilson—US Air Force, SGT E-4

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

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

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 Pinguelo

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, 1978-82, 1985-88

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

*To all 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 9th.**

Bring your favorite dish and
join us after the 10:30am service
for a Potluck Luncheon,
and thank our veterans for their service.





News to Use

Sunday Life

Giving Service to the Lord

November 2, 2025

Musician

Usher/Greeters (2)

Lay Reader

Tech Ministry

Communion Assistants

(Around the Altar - 3 people)

Social Hour Host

Flowers Donated by

8am Service

Ben

John Abbott

Megan Abbott

Fred Bechtoldt

Emily Drosnock

Lynne Auger

Colleen Greene

10:30am Service

Ben

Michael Mohn

Roseann Mohn

Jamie Hahn

Katelyn Hahn

Jerry Lewis

Jamie Hahn

Jesse Way

Emergency Response Team

Julie Millheim & The Drosnock Family

Sponsorship Available



November 9, 2025

Musician

Usher/Greeters (2)

Lay Reader

Tech Ministry

Communion Assistants

(Intinction - 2 people)

Social Hour Host

Flowers Donated by

Karl

Vicky Gaugler

Alice Sterner

Catherine DeBoeser

Andy Zaso

Anita Zaso

Barbara Lynn-Sarley

Karl

Heidi Sweetser-Cohen

Cindy Bonney

Heidi Sweetser-Cohen

Delilah Cohen

Madelin Kocher

Tom Kocher

No Regular Social Hour - POTLUCK SUNDAY

Marie Silfies

Sponsorship Available



November 16, 2025

Musician

Usher/Greeters (2)

Lay Reader

Tech Ministry

Communion Assistants

(Intinction - 2 people)

Social Hour Host

Flowers Donated by

Ben

Randy Letterhouse

Deb Letterhouse

Terry Ellis

Jennifer Vandegrift

Lois Iasiello

Barbara-Lynn Sarley

Ben

Karen Odenwelder

Jesse Way

Jesse Way

Griffin Kneisly

Jesse Way

Corbin Bombico

Deacon Michael's Tuesday Class

Cindy Denker

James & Violet McCandless



November 23, 2025

Musician

Usher/Greeters (2)

Lay Reader

Tech Ministry

Communion Assistants

(Intinction - 2 people)

Social Hour Host

Flowers Donated by

Karl

DJ Drosnock

Mary Ann Drosnock

Mary Ann Drosnock

Mary J Drosnock

Paul Grube

John Abbott

Karl

Diane Dickison

Gene Dickison

Catherine DeBoeser

Molly Kryman

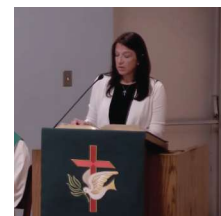
Violet McCandless

Joyce MacDonald

Spiritual Growth & Property

Suzanne & Jerry Lewis

Sponsorship Available



November 30, 2025

Musician

Usher/Greeters (2)

Lay Reader

Tech Ministry

Communion Assistants

(Intinction - 2 people)

Social Hour Host

Flowers Donated by

Ben

Eileen Rohn

Warren Rohn

Eileen Rohn

Cindy Denker

Pam Berlew

Paul Grube

Ben

Madelin Kocher

Tom Kocher

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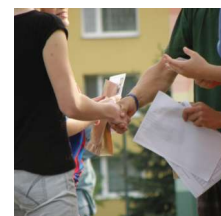
Alyssa Young

Melissa Misiti

Prayer Shawl & Spiritual Care

Sponsorship Available

Sponsorship Available



Church Council Minutes

COMPLETE Church Council Minutes are posted on the bulletin 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.

Meeting HIGHLIGHTS for October 15, 2025

Eight members present.

Absent: Rob Ingenito & Lynne Auger

GUESTS: Pastor Brett Jenkins

Review of Reports:

Secretary's Report - Boy Scout Troop 74 was approved to use the pavilion, outdoor space, and social hall (if needed) from Nov. 7-8th for their Troopsgiving. Associated Fire Equipment performed their annual inspection on all fire extinguishers and safety lights on 9/29/25.

Treasurer's Report - Detailed reports reviewed.

Pastor's Report - Enrolled in free nonprofit editions of Affinity Publisher, Designer, and Photo for creating/updating our newsletter. Discussed changing our bulletin format and our new member process. Pastor Brett will be away 11/9 & 11/16. Requested May 21-30, 2026 as vacation. Approved by Council. The AMR Convocation asked if Holy Cross could host the yearly meeting. Proposed dates: October 8-10, 2026. Approved by Council. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, November 23 for this year's 9th graders.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: See hard copy of minutes.

Emergency Planning: ERT visited the Monroe County Fire Training Center w/approx. 20 people in attendance. Training was very educational and productive.

Fellowship Committee: See hard copy of report.

Finance Committee: 2026 Budget work has begun. Meetings forthcoming.

Prayer Team: Two requests for September.

Social Ministry: See hard copy of report.

Women of Abundance - See hard copy of minutes.

Old Business:

Discussed CCCN costs to the church. Council agrees that the Co-op is a ministry of the church. Co-op continues to make donations to the church.

New Business:

Reviewed Pastor's active shooter letter, recommendations were made and conversations will continue to make sure our congregation is well prepared. Annual Meeting date set for 1/25/2025.

Council members Lynne Auger and AJ Arfanella terms expire in December. Two nominees are required, three would be beneficial due to the resignation of Linda R. Two Elders are needed as well. Christmas Eve services set for 3:00, 7:00 & 9:00pm. Christmas Day service set for 10:00am.

Ending Business/Correspondence:

There will be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, November 8 at 9:00am. Received Thank You card from the Jacob Family, a Thank You card from ILT, a letter to Pastor from Bob Bailey, and the Bushkill Township Fire Company 2025 Fund Drive. Agreed to a \$200 donation to the Bushkill Township Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

Offerings received during the month of OCTOBER as of 10/28/2025 totaled **\$19,226.70**

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Cross!

Capital Campaign Update

As of October 28th, we have received donations totaling

\$113,459.45

toward our goal of \$500,000.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDER: 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

Sexton: Kerry Livermore

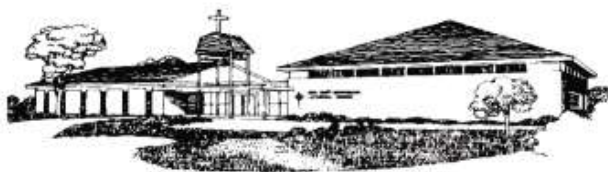
Treasurer: Lois Iasiello

Church Secretary: Laura Longley
 Secretary@holycrossnazareth.org

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

Our Church

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 Fax ~ 610-759-3431
 Website ~ holycrossnazarethchurch.org



NALC website ~ the nalc.org

2025 Church Council

A.J. Arfanella	717-903-0521
Lynne Auger	484-634-1347
Lois Iasiello	484-761-4589
Robert Ingenito	908-652-1828
Tom Kneisly	570-840-7481
Tim Kryman	908-727-3932
Gerald Lewis	610-657-3961
Manuel Pinguelo	610-818-7415
Richard Siegfried	610-360-5949
Andrew Zaso	570-424-5651

2025 Congregational Officers

President ~ Jerry Lewis
 Vice President ~ Andy Zaso
 Secretary ~ AJ Arfanella
 Treasurer ~ Lois Iasiello

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays with Holy Communion:

8:00 am Traditional Liturgy
10:30 am ~ Relaxed Worship
9:15-10:15am ~ Sunday School all ages

Tuesdays at 12:15pm

Lunchtime Prayer with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with Holy Communion

2025 RED & WHITE POINSETTIA ORDERS



You can purchase **red** or **white** 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. Plants are in a 6" pot and cost **\$9.25 each**.

**Please complete and return this form
to the Church Office
WITH PAYMENT by November 23, 2025**

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) _____ WHITE 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. Please print.

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