

THE NEWSLETTER OF

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



From the Pastor...



The Easter story was an "Against all Odds" story. On that first Easter, every last one of Jesus' closest followers found themselves saying: Jesus alive? No chance! They saw him beaten. Hung on a cross. His mother wept. It was over. The empire won again. They went to anoint a dead body because when someone dies they are dead. Nobody believed the women at the tomb. The men walking to Emmaus didn't recognize him because he was dead. Their 20 minutes of fame was over.

They quit believing he was the Messiah because Messiahs don't die. And yet, he appeared. Against all odds, the cross was not the end.

You may have all kinds of odds stacked up against you - financial stress, a troubled marriage, alcoholism, you lost a child. But, know this, when we think the odds are too great - there's no chance, no one will ever love me, I will never be happy again, I've made too many mistakes, I've made too big a mess, I've

been hurt too much - Friends, hear this: In Jesus, your past has no hold on you. Against All Odds, you always get a second chance because in Christ you are always being made new.

Pr. Noah

iPads Available to Watch Worship With Ease!



Thanks to a generous gift from the Holy Cross Memorial Task Force, nine (9) iPads have been purchased to be used to watch recorded worship services *without* the need for internet access. They are set up to be very user friendly, with just a few simple instructions. An easy step-by-step instruction page accompanies each iPad and training is available (in-person, socially distanced or by phone.) If you, or someone you know, is interested in checking out an iPad, please call Jessica in the church office.

Easter Lilies to Adorn the Church on Easter

- Given by Joe & Shirley Adamczak in memory of Wendy Jo Adamczak
- Given by Les & Rosie Adolphson and family in memory of Lucien & Eleanor Landry and Corky & Mavis Marinkovich
- Given by Judy, Alicia & Alexa in memory of Wally Andersen
- Given by Shirley Boe and family in memory of Cliff Boe
- Given by Don & Jan Brandt in honor of their parents
- Given by Ray & Jackie Fawcett in honor of their grandchildren and in memory of our parents
- Given by Gary & Judy Genovese in memory of their son, Joe
- Given by Lloyd & Bev Grindahl in honor of their grandchildren and in memory of their departed loved ones
- Given by Evonne Kangas in memory of her mother Olivia Dahlby, who was born in 1888
- Given by Cindy Kolquist in memory of Kevin Kolquist and in honor of her children and grandchildren
- Given by Cindy Kolquist & Rod Saline in memory of Dick & Jan Wingren and Marv & Anita Saline
- Given by Cliff & Audrey Kolquist in honor of their family
- Given by Pat Kolquist and family in memory of Donald "Fritz" Kolquist
- Given in memory of Kenneth & Patricia Kolquist from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
- Given in memory of Gary Kolquist from his sisters, Nancy, Barb, Diane and Peggy
- Given in memory of Alf & Betty June Olsen by their children and families
- Given by Rich & Ann Reckinger and family in honor of Esther North & Doug Reckinger
- Given by Rich & Ann Reckinger and family in memory of Ron North, Carol Reckinger & Ebba Peterson
- Given by Roland & Kim Schaeffbauer in honor of the ones they love and in memory of the ones they love
- Given by Ken & Edna Stromquist in memory of Rachael & Kenneth Stromquist
- Given by Robert & Helga Wallner in memory of their daughter, Kim

Financial Update as of 02/28/21

Actual Income	\$32,195.36	Actual Expense	\$35,385.15
<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>\$32,158.12</u>	<u>Budgeted Expense</u>	<u>\$39,566.17</u>
Difference	\$32.74	Difference	(\$4,181.02)

Visit www.holycrossduluth.org/give to make a one time or recurring gift to Holy Cross!

Upcoming Events



Our Next Worship Series

April 11-25

Sundays @ 9:00 am



Drive Thru Communion

Sunday, April 18

10:00 - 10:45 am

Holy Cross Parking Lot



2021 NE MN Synod

Assembly

April 30 - May 1

via Zoom



BRIGHTER DAYS ARE HERE

Dear Holy Cross,

On March 12th, Governor Tim Walz announced changes to Minnesota's Stay Safe plan, lifting the occupancy restrictions for religious services, but maintaining the six-foot social distancing requirement. What does this mean for Holy Cross? At this time, we are not making any adjustments to our Preparedness Plan. Because we need to continue adhering to social distancing, the new occupancy changes do not increase the number of people we can hold in the Sanctuary for worship services.

I recognize that we are all feeling a growing desire to return to a more normal life. We believe that the pandemic has restricted us far too long. We know huge improvements have been made because of COVID vaccines and the plateauing of new COVID cases. We are reminded, however, COVID-19 is still present in our region and the development of a surge due to the new variants is possible. We encourage your patience and prudent actions to keep safe. We have come a long way together. This is not the time to lower our guard. While we welcome all who feel they are ready to safely return to in-person worship, we continue to maintain our safe procedures of masking, social distancing and cleaning and disinfecting.

It's hard to believe that it has been one whole year since COVID-19 became a dominant force in all of our lives, but brighter days are here. Praise God! Discussions have begun about the steps we will take to fully re-open Holy Cross over time. Watch for more ongoing information in the coming weeks and months.

God Bless,

Scott Lipinski

Congregation President

Silent Auction for Anders Breidenbach

During the month of March, the Holy Cross Youth held an online silent auction fundraiser for fellow youth member, Anders Breidenbach, and his family.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the auction and also given monetary gifts outside of the auction. Your support of this great family is much appreciated.

There are still some items left! These will be re-listed for a second auction starting Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 16. These fine items will be listed at reduced starting bids, so be sure to check it out!! Visit the Holy Cross Facebook page at www.facebook.com/holycrossduluth for a link to the auction site. You can also make monetary gifts on the auction site without bidding on items.

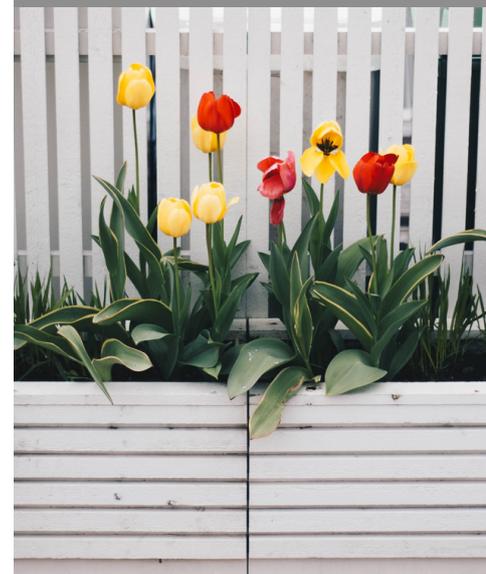
*My Garden
of Prayer*

***My garden beautifies
my yard
and adds fragrance
to the air...***

***But it is also my
cathedral
and my quiet place
of prayer...***

***So little do we realize
that "The Glory
and The Power"
of He who made
the universe
lies hidden
in a flower.***

~Helen Steiner Rice



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