

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Know Christ and Share God's Love

WEEKLY VOICE

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Your Kingdom Come On Earth

Luke sets the preaching of John the Baptist clearly in the midst of the political and religious environment of his day. We are told the names of the emperor, governor, and other political rulers of the day. They are the ones who are supposed to care for the welfare of the citizens of their territories. Although John gave his message while he was in the wilderness, it was intended to have its impact in the farms, villages, and cities where the ordinary and the powerful live out their daily lives. John is not satisfied with the way things are, and his words help prepare us for the coming of one who will turn the world upside down. John's words tell us to examine our own lives and the world around us. We should not be complacent in the face of injustice, but instead seek forgiveness and strive for lives that bear fruit according to God's vision for the world.

We all have the potential to "over-spiritualize" the Bible and our faith, so that they become disconnected from the real needs of the world around us. This potential can be even greater in the days around Christmas, as we may seek to justify overspending on gifts, excessive eating and drinking, or simply desire to escape from the difficulties of ordinary life for a time. John provides a warning about ignoring the truth about our sinfulness and the brokenness in the world. But John also repeats the promise that God ultimately will not settle for the way things are in the world, and that God's salvation will be made known in the one who is to come: Jesus.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

About Us



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Church office is open

Alanon 10:00 am
Forever Young Outing 2:00 pm

*Denotes Community Group

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Full Holy Cross Calendar



Did you know Holy Cross has a
facebook page? Like us to keep
updated on what's happening.

Those Who Serve Sunday, December 9th 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Pastor: Ron Bock

Assisting Minister:
Anne Piphon

Readers:
Win Ferrill/Earline Bohling

Sound:
Josh Woolley

Nursery:
Misti Klarenbeek-McKenna &
Caden McKenna/Anne Marie
Kaspersen & Kennan Narracci

Communion Stewards:
Anne Marie and John Holmstrom
& Jake Osbahr/Hannah
Kaspersen, Kevin Kurth &
Ryley Chisholm

Acolytes:
Noel Wilson/Taylor Foss

Usher Captains:
Rex Thomsen/Gary Crocker

Tellers:
John Beverly & Merle Lydick/
Ed Fogle & Mike Davidson

Communion Clean Up:
Diane Svensk & Diane Brunson/
Martha Lydick & Connie Rich

Bus Driver:
Harold Stitt

Greeters:
Carol Kaiser & Chris Blood/
Barbara and Roger Kaspersen

Bread Baker:
Carleen Woolley

WHY NOT wednesdays?

resumes November 28

for three weeks

5:15-6:00 p.m.—Orff Instrument Ensemble for Kids
6:00-6:30 p.m.—Dinner for Everyone!
6:30-7:30 p.m.—SonRise Singers Choir, Confirmation,
Senior High School Bible Study, Adult Education Class
7:30-7:55 p.m.—Compline (Worship for Everyone)

Come join us!

November 28, December 5, December 12



Adult Education

December 9

Living the Questions: Restoring Relations,
facilitator Kari Kloos

- EST DVD presentation "Happening, A Clean Energy Revolution" will be shown for adult education at 9:30 in Asel Hall. The movie is a positive search for clean energy around the US and is hosted by James Redford (son of Robert).

December 16

- No Adult Education or Sunday School. The children present a Christmas pageant during the one 9:30 am service!

Family Tree - Giving Tree

Thank you to all who so generously participated in our giving tree for Family Tree! And how festive our Narthex did indeed look! We gave 76 wonderful gifts this year to both adults and children in need. Your willingness to give of your resources and your time to shop and wrap will mean a lot to the grateful recipients. We are indeed a church which has been blessed to be a blessing.

- Anne Piphon



Flower Delivery:
Kathy and John Poppitz

Hospitality Table:
Darlene Besser/Joyce Kamprath

Welcome Pads:
Darlene Besser



Family Promise News

We get to play Santa this year! Our next Family Promise host week is December 23-30. Yes, that's right,

Christmas week! Since our guests will be with us Christmas day, we are adding a few special touches. First, there will be tags on our tree in the Narthex for donors (that's you) to buy \$35 Walmart gift cards for each of our guests. Sunday evening (December 23rd) Anne will take all of our guests to Walmart to buy gifts for their children and themselves. We'll end the evening with a wrapping party so we know there will be something under the tree Christmas morning! Second, we are hosting a potluck Christmas day dinner at 6:00 p.m. Come and join our guests and others from our Holy Cross family for a festive meal together. Please see the sign up board in the Narthex to participate. Thank You!

Youth News

White Elephant Gift Party

Make sure to mark your calendars for a White Elephant Gift Exchange on **Sunday, December 9th at 9:30 am**. There will be holiday music, games and fun! Both parents and students are invited; make sure to keep an eye out for more information!



Reminder:

Don't forget that this is our last week of Sunday school *until January 13th!*

Jeffco Action Center and Holiday Gift Shop

A grateful abundance of thanks to all of those who participated in the Gifts of Hope Fair and donated to the Jeffco Action Center and Holiday Gift Shop (formerly known as Santa Shop). A box will be in the Narthex to those who missed the chance to give or would like to continue to do so, until **Saturday, December 8th**. Thank you once again and Happy Holidays!



Forever Young

**Wednesday, December 12th
Noon**

Come enjoy the festive sounds of the Wheat Ridge High School Singers perform alongside a delicious course of ham and scalloped potatoes! Please bring a side, salad or dessert and join us for some fun!

Saturday, December 15th

2:00 pm

Enjoy an outing to a wonderful Christmas Music Concert at Arvada High School. The sights and sounds of barbershop, church, college and bell choirs will fill the room with an ambiance that can't be missed!



Amicitia Circle Christmas Cookie Exchange

**Thursday, December 13th at 10:00
a.m.**

in the Fireside Lounge

Come join us, We'll supply the cookies!

This is a wonderful and comfortable way to meet other women of Holy Cross.



Sunday School Christmas Pageant "Once Upon A Night"

If you are in preschool through middle school and would like to be a part of this, please join us for practices during Sunday School time:

Dec. 9th

from 9:30 -10:30 am. There will also be a one hour dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 1:00 pm. Please know that you are welcome, even if you can't make it to all of the practices! If you have a friend or neighbor or grandchild who would like to be a part of this, please invite them to come too! The Christmas pageant will be on

Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 am

during the worship service. If you have any questions please contact

Kim Guinn or Mary Haeger!



January Calendar

Did time get a little too chaotic last month and you forgot to add an additional date to the January calendar? Don't you worry, you have

until **TOMORROW (Friday, December 7th)** to get those dates in!



Christmas Choir

Please consider singing in our
Christmas Choir on
Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm!

Rehearsals are:

**Sunday, December 16th and 23rd after
the 9:30 service.**

We will be singing the beautiful anthem,
"All is Well".

**Join Susan in the choir loft for
rehearsals!**



Annual Reports Due

Can you believe we are coming to
the end of yet another beautiful
year? With that being said, this is
just a friendly reminder that Annual
Reports are due to Kamila in the
office by

Wednesday, January 2nd. There
is so much to take care of this
holiday season, but make sure you
mark the deadline down on your calendar!



Coffee Hour Help Needed

To all Coffee Hour Lovers:

WE NEED YOU!!! Please consider helping
out with clean-up on Potluck Sundays.

Treats are provided thanks to our **AWESOME**
Congregation, and very little cleanup is
needed since dishes brought are disposable,
recycled or go home, and mugs can be put in
the dishwasher by the user. So clean up is
really putting items back into the cabinets,
cleaning out the coffee pots, and starting the
dishwasher.

If you are willing to donate 15 minutes of your
time after Coffee Hour or before 2nd service

(just once or twice a year!), please join me on Sunday 11/18 for an
informal clean up training (around 10:30). It doesn't take much time
but this is something **YOU CAN DO** to keep Coffee Hour going strong.
Coffee Hour is an incredible opportunity for fellowship and sharing.
Let's keep it vibrant by working together as a Holy Cross Community!

Peace to you all!

Dale Holden
303-349-8602

**"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together
we can do great things." Mother Teresa**

Attention "Scrapbookers"

Did you miss the first scrap booking get together? No worries, come join in on the fun at the next "crop". You can catch up on your photo albums, learn new techniques and make new friends! All are welcome to attend these FREE events.



Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (open crop-come and go as your schedule permits)

Dates:

Saturday, December 22nd

Saturday, January 26th

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church (enter through the main entrance on the East side of the church)

Includes:

- 8 feet of table space per person
- Access to punches, border makers and plenty of ideas
- Well lit classroom with both natural and fluorescent light
- Free, convenient parking located on the East side of the church

Tea and water will be provided- please bring your own snacks and lunch.

Please R.S.V.P. Call Darlene Besser at (303)902-4669 or Sheri Zamora at (303)946-3810 to reserve your table space or for more information.



Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening will take place on **Sunday, December 9th** from 9:15-9:45 a.m.



Feel free to contact Kamila with any requests to add your announcements to the Weekly Voice at 303-423-5654 or office@holycrosswheatridge.org. Announcements are required to be emailed or dropped off at the church office by Wednesday afternoon. The Voice is emailed on Thursday afternoons.

Ministry Partners





New Beginnings Church
"Making Christ Known"

