

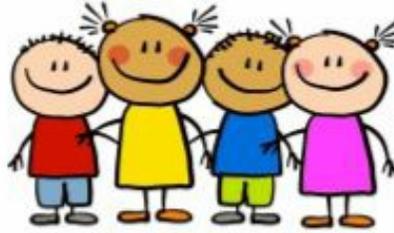


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Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4500 Wadsworth Blvd. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

The Pray-Ground



And Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

- Matthew 9:14

- “ The Pray-Ground is an area in the sanctuary specifically set aside for young children (Second Grade and under, or as appropriate), and their families, during worship. Toys and other materials are provided for them to worship in their own way.
- “ The Pray-Ground is designed for families to worship together, and to make the worship experience more welcoming to young children.
 - “ We celebrate the "wiggle" that God has put in children, and that children's participation in worship is naturally more vocal and more physical than that of adults.
 - “ Children learn to worship by participating and watching other's example. The children in the Pray-Ground are invited to participate during all aspects of worship and especially during times of prayer.

At Holy Cross, ALL are welcome, and ALL are invited.



ADULT EDUCATION

February 3rd

- Session 11 of *Living the Questions: The Myth of Redemptive Violence*. The facilitator is David Guinn.
- Parent Forum on internet safety. See the Youth News section for more details.

February 10th

- Training session for all Family Promise volunteers; old and new. Allie Card, Executive Director of Family Promise will talk about volunteer job descriptions, walk through possible scenarios in those jobs when our guests are present and answer questions about past or future experiences. Everyone who has volunteered or is interested in doing so, is encouraged to attend.

February 17th

- Session 12 of *Living the Questions: Practicing Resurrection*. The facilitators are Janet and Steve Iona.
- Faith Talks in the Narthex

February 24th

- The Health Cabinet presents Cherie Chau, a dietitian from Lutheran Hospital. Come join us as we discuss the power of a healthy diet as well as specific foods that may either reduce your risk of inflammation or accelerate the inflammatory disease process.

March 3rd

- **FAT SUNDAY!** Start stoking your appetite for pancakes and get your pancake throwing arm ready for the pancake toss. We celebrate with food and games the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the coming of Lent.

YOUTH NEWS



February 3rd:

- Worship - **8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.** (Souper Bowl of Caring)
- Parent/Student Forum - **9:30 a.m.**

February 6th:

- Why Not Wednesday - **5:15 p.m.**

February 9th:

- Tubing and Beau Jo's at Copper Mountain - **1:00 p.m.**

February 10th:

- Worship - **8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**
- Youth Group - **9:30 a.m.**

February 13th:

- Why Not Wednesday - **5:15 p.m.**

February 17th:

- Worship - **8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**
- Sunday School - **9:30 a.m.**

February 24th:

- Worship - **8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**
- Sunday School - **9:30 a.m.**
- Rejoicing Spirits Event - **TBD**



Souper Bowl of Caring

February 3rd

Please sign up to help collect money in large soup bowls, to donate to Family Promise. Help is needed after both services.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Parent & Student Forum

February 3rd

Join us in Asel Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a discussion about how social

media affects our lives; both positively and negatively. There will be a guest speaker from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.



Tubing and Pizza at Copper Mountain February 9th

It's that time of year again! If you would like to join us to go tubing at Copper Mountain and pizza afterwards at Beau Jo's, please turn in your forms by **February 3rd**. The event costs \$15 and friends are always welcome!

Rejoicing Spirits Service Opportunity February 24th

We have a great opportunity to serve the community at Bethany Lutheran Church service, by providing them dinner. You are invited to sign up and be part of this wonderful project! More information will be coming as we get closer to this cross-generational event!



Have questions?

Contact:

Allison Schriver
allisons@holycrosswheatridge.org



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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks will occur on the following Sundays from 9:15-9:45 a.m.

February 10th
February 24th

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

On **Sunday, February 10th**, you will have an opportunity to purchase a special Valentine for \$5.00, the proceeds from which will be given through the ELCA Good Gifts to provide a water well for areas where access to clean water is not available. The lack of access to clean water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. It is also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change for people's lives making it possible for communities to become healthier and for people to spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. With access to a clean water well, instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with **HOPE**, and talk about **YOU** being able to be a part of providing that hope! We can do this together! Buy some valentines with love *and* meaning!

[This is an outreach project sponsored by The Environmental Stewardship Team of Holy Cross]



THANK YOU!

Submitted by Vianne Bertelsen of the EST

FOREVER YOUNG

Wednesday, February 13th
Noon



Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy the sounds of Ron Kientz and the Crooners of the 20th Century as they perform "Musical Memories". Lasagna will be served, but please be so kind as to bringing a salad or dessert for all to enjoy!

Monday, February 25th

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Cost: Free

Join us to tour the JEFFCOM 911 Center in Lakewood!



LIBRARY NOTES

Check Out Reminders

Any material from the library needs to be checked out when you take it through the library doors or take it off the display cart in the narthex. Please print your name and phone number legibly and indicate the date you TAKE the item. In general books can be checked out for a month and DVDs for two weeks. We do not charge fines for overdue items, we just like to know when to give you a gentle reminder that something is due. In general you may check out 3 items at a time, unless that number is less than one per family member. Then leave the card in the appropriate box in the library or on the cart. Return all materials to the red plastic container **in** the library.

New Coordinator

We are happy to announce that Kerryn Francis is our new Library Coordinator. We still need a couple more volunteers for short time commitment library tasks. Contact Kerryn (303 423-8590) if you are interested in lending your support.

New Books on Display

This month on the narthex cart we have both fiction and non fiction books for adults including 2 copies of the Michelle Obama memoir, 2 of John McCain's books, a collection of George H.W. Bushes letter, and "Feeding the World" about the Jose Andres who goes to disaster scenes to cook large amounts for the victims as well as some new fiction books. If you have suggestions for authors or books of adult fiction that you think are appropriate for our library please give those ideas to Kerryn Francis.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP COMING TO HOLY CROSS

Once again Mary Ann Van Buskirk, a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, will be coming to Holy Cross this spring to offer support for members and friends who have or are currently experiencing grief and loss. Mary Ann is a skilled and caring professional who has led grief support groups here at Holy Cross for the past four years.



If you, or someone you know, is in need of this free service please contact the church office by calling 303-423-5654 or by emailing Kamila Hosaja at office@holycrosswheatridge.org

Five sessions will be provided during March and April with the first meeting starting on **Thursday, March 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** The remainder of the meetings will be held on *Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30:*

March 21

March 28
April 4
April 11

The Care Team sponsors this important service each year, if you have questions concerning this support group or other care support services please contact members of the Care Team: Voanne Bertelsen, Marlene Elenbaas, Janet Iona, Carol Kaiser, Joyce Kamprath, Kay Moser.



MEMORIAL PLANNING

Did you know that Holy Cross has a **“My Funeral Plan”** document available that outlines your personal wishes regarding your funeral and/or memorial plan?

This document, available from the church office, by contacting anyone on the Care Team or by stopping by the Care Team announcement board in the Ministry Hall. Completing this document is an opportunity for you to bless your family and friends during a very difficult time: your death. Think of this as a gift to them. It is also an occasion to let your personal desires be known to those who will assist your family and friends in planning for your funeral or memorial service.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to complete this valuable **“My Funeral Plan”** document at your convenience. Once completed we ask that a copy of this document be provided to the church office as well as a copy be retained in a secure place with your other important instructions/documents, known to your family and friends.

In addition to your funeral/memorial plan, other items to be considered include, but are not limited to

- Advanced Directives such as:
 - Medical Power of Attorney
 - DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)
 - Colorado Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST)
- Other documents such as:
 - Will/Living Trust Agreement
 - Living Will
 - 5 Wishes
- Financial Power of Attorney and other financial information

Bless yourself and your loved ones by completing the “My Funeral Plan” available in the Church office.
The Holy Cross Care Team

PORTABLE CD PLAYERS

If you have checked out a portable CD player to listen to church service recordings or music CDs etc. from the church, please return them if you are no longer using them. If you are still using it please call Leslie Swetnam at (303)980-5889 and let her know you have one that you are using.

Please and Thank You!



THANK YOU Thank You for the many blessings, cards, phone calls, meals and help after my surgery and during my recovery. A special thank you for the poinsettias and amaryllis; they are just so beautiful!

-Marilyn Roll

2018-2019 SEWING GROUP

Our finished quilts, hats and miscellaneous items have been delivered. We can start anew!

1 Knitted Shawl donated to Handcrafted for Hospice.

8 Baby Quilts were delivered to Florence Crittenton High School.

8 Quilts were placed under the Christmas tree, along with donated.

10 Quilts were delivered to Lutheran Family Services.

16 Children's Quilts were donated to the Santa Shop. They were matched with a toy and made a desirable gift for shoppers to choose

hats, mittens and stockings; which were delivered to The Action Center.

16 Quilts were provided to Anne Pihlo for the Sunday School children and can be used for other projects at her discretion.



Our supplies are donations that come into the group during the year. We are thankful for all of the donations, fabric, thread, crochet thread, sheets, batting, etc. Thank you to all who have donated!

Remember we also have a "yarn bank" and everyone is welcome to use the yarn. We continually receive donations for the yarn bank, so be sure and check it out from time to time!

Any questions may be referenced to
Mary Ann McCann at (303)777-9702



FAMILY TREE THANK YOU

Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church:

We appreciate your generous contribution of the MANY gifts totaling in market value to over \$7500; to Family Tree's Holiday's of Hope Program on December 12, 2018. In the past year, Family Tree provided service to tens of thousands of people in efforts to *empower change and transform lives.*

Scott Franssen
Chief Development Officer
Family Tree, Inc.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Annette Leijen
- 2nd Horace Clair
- 4th Susan Mader
- 5th Claudia Griffin
- 6th Sophie Walker
- 7th Kate Figurski
- 8th Maurice Lydick, Erin Wernlein
- 9th Theona Hammond-Harms, Arnold Ladwig, Sharon Sonnenfeld, Gene Youngmann
- 10th Richard Kellogg
- 11th Philip Estrem, Dayton Knutson, Margie Mallet
- 12th Bruce Bollenbach, Camryn Josephy, AJ Wagner
- 13th Gary Weichselbaumer
- 15th Tom Swanson
- 16th Lynn McCracken, Andrew Ware, Emily Ware, Angela Weishaar
- 18th Bill Beverly, John Beverly, Earline Bohling, James Parker, Trevin Root
- 19th Betty Roan

20th Kim Guinn, Rudy Jacobson, Betty Morgan
21st Gary Crocker, Adriana Romeo
22nd Samantha Meza
23rd Bonnie Kerns
24th Barbara Kaspersen
26th Debra Holt
27th Savannah Plumley,
28th Annie Robinson

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rejoice **Renew Reach Out** 
Joining in God's Story
As told by members of Holy Cross