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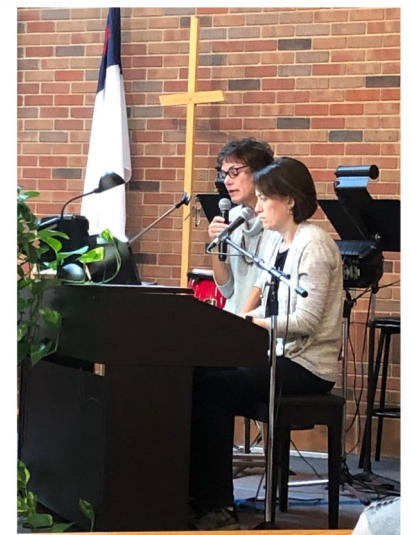
Winter 2021 Newsletter

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Words of Wisdom

Before you sleep, Pray.
When you wake up, Pray.
When life gets hard, Pray.
When you're happy, Pray.
If you are unsure, Pray.
God is always with us.



Views from the Pews

God is always working.

Sometimes you can't see it.
Sometimes you can't feel it.
Sometimes you can't grasp
what He is doing.

That's what faith is, believing
in the goodness of God in
spite of what us humans in
our limited sight can see.

You can "quote" me...



there should
be a
calorie refund
for things
that didn't
taste as good
as you expected

Holy Cross Leadership Meeting 12-15-2020

Present: JoAnn Lehrkamp, Jay Rossman, Dale Boynton, Sue Boynton, Charlie Jakober, Sylvia Davis, Kendall Aldinger

Meeting Opening - Dale Boynton

Opening Prayer - Pastor Jay

Secretary Report - Review Motion to approve by Sylvia Davis 2nd by Sue Boynton Motion Carried.
Treasurer Report - Total amount of PPP Loan approved. Sent a Thank You to Dacotah Bank Attached per document.

Motion to approve by Sylvia Davis 2nd by JoAnn Lehrkamp.
Motion Carried

Pastor Report - Pastor Jay

1. Youth Ministry
COVID impacting attendance
New check in/check out going well
2. Worship
Advent-one Wednesday left
Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 Jessica playing
3. Chaplain Program-working to recruit Kendall Aldinger
Thank you Sylvia Davis for Donation Boxes for Salvation Army and Safe Harbor.
CISM-Mobil Crisis Team-one call-out (Did not participate)
Homeless Coalition meeting postponed .
COTTH-no meeting due to COVID.
4. Misc.
New openings for new council members.
Newspaper-begin taking contributions for Fall/Winter edition
Contacts done sent out 20 Christmas Cards.
Winter lay pastoral care class to Kendall Aldinger and JoAnn Lehrkamp .
PA system - Shawnee Jakober will check out prices for amp.
Shawnee and Pastor Jay will be working on Christmas Service.

Old Business -

Kendall Aldinger printed up Security System went over pamphlet. 1. Form Security committee and training.

New Business - Christmas Eve Service at 4:30.

Annual Meeting Date 1-24-2020 Need to notify by 1-10-2020

Proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Next meeting date-1-7-2020

Closing with Lord's Prayer

Council Secretary,

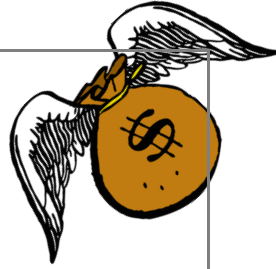
JoAnn Lehrkamp

Note: Minutes printed here may have been partially edited for space. The full, approved minutes are available to view in the church office.

Financial Stuff

2020 FOURTH QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

2020 BUDGET	\$ 95,265.00
WEEKLY	\$ 1,832.00
MONTHLY	\$ 7,940.00
QUARTERLY	\$ 23,816.25



QUARTERLY RECEIVED TO DATE

October	\$ 7,227.16
November	\$ 8,205.26
December	\$ 7,440.34

TOTAL \$ 22,872.76

4th Quarter Budget Shortage (\$943.49)

Received Year to Date Total \$ 99,695.20

The Pompous Pastor

Billy, did you put the Gold Fish in the Baptismal font?

You said in Baptism it is the water combined with the word!

Well, yes I did.

"Fish" is a word!

Roscoe's Kids' Corner

Roscoe reminds all of us to be kind to each other. Although, it is OK to make fun of Pastor Jay once in a while.



Don't give up.

Thoughts and Prayers

*Things will get better.
Please don't forget
God is always with you
Even when it feels like no one else is.*

JoAnn



Operation Christmas Child

43 Christmas Shoeboxes were packed and sent by Holy Cross Lutheran Church were delivered on December 2, 2020 to children in Mexico. Please keep these children in your prayers and remember to start collecting items for this year's packing party. If you want to drop off items between now and November please feel free to do so.



Pastor's Piece

Life After Elections

This past election cycle has proved one thing. If you base your hope on any human designs, in the least, you will be disappointed. No matter who you voted for there was plenty of human brokenness and sin on display. We have gotten to the point where we can't simply disagree with one another. Being on the "wrong" side of an issue means that person can be viscerally hated and declared evil. Once something is determined to be evil all sorts of actions can be endorsed in order to fight the "evil ones".

Jesus has a lot to say about how we are to deal with those who we see as our enemies-even those who wish to do us real harm. But is it realistic to "love our enemies" (especially if they are evil) or even "turn the other cheek" if someone sets out to hurt us? How, as Christians, are we to respond to those who we really believe are taking our country, our way of life down the wrong path? When should we be tolerant of others and when do we stand firm for what we believe in?

Martin Luther believed that each Christian was to suffer all sorts of wrongs and injustices when they were aimed at the person themselves. However, a Christian was to take action, any action, required to defend the life, well-being, and property of a neighbor. In most cases, however, it was the state/government that was ordained by God to wield the sword of justice. Unless, of course, that government was clearly acting against biblical teachings. What happens when you lose faith in a government to rule righteously and that fails to act as God intended them to? Do we tolerate, resist, fight?

God's ways are not our ways. We can never claim that our view of righteousness is the same as God's. Someone once said, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions. All of us view the world with broken vision, through a glass darkly. Our judgement on others falls on us. So, what do we do? We go to God's Word. We put down the sword-but this does have to lead to pacifism. Jesus boldly and vocally challenged the legal and religious powers. Our Lord was not beyond using passive resistance to get his message out. Above all, Jesus prayed. Emil Brunner, a 20th century theologian, has this to say about Christian ethics (i.e. proper behavior).

Christian ethical action assumes an "apostolic" character, in which one enters the sphere of civil action as an avowed Christian. She or he openly works to bring faith to bear in the practical problems of civil life, making clear in word and act that they are there as a Christian.

Let us pray!

Charles is the South Dakota Snow Prince 2021. He represents the entire state of South Dakota and will participate in events throughout the year, such as Gypsy Days and the State events held for Snow Queen. He won the event on January 2, 2021.



Life at Holy Cross

This is the recipe I use for lent. This makes a lot. It seems the past couple of years, I have needed to make the 8qt batch. You can always make less and substitute items in this recipe. This recipe comes from my sister Toscha Larson.

Lasagna Soup

What you need...

8qt stock pot

3lbs ground beef (brown and drain)

3 boxes of lasagna noodles (I have always used my gf brand Tinkyada)

2 - 1lb containers of cottage cheese

2 cans Hunt's pasta sauce. I use the plain jane traditional one.

1 29oz can of Hunts tomato sauce.

1-16oz bag of mozzarella shredded cheese.

1 container of parmesan cheese

1/4 cup italian seasoning

1-2 clove(s) of garlic or 2 tsp garlic powder I have made both ways.



Yes I do use the hunts brand due to the allergies in our family. I think this is why it tastes like it does.

Fill the stock pot 3 qts of water add the meat, seasonings, tomato sauce and pasta sauce.

Let simmer for at least an hour. The longer you allow this to marry the better it tastes.

Then add the noodles. I use 2 1/2 boxes. It just made the right amount. Cook until noodles are done. Our gf noodles take longer and in a bigger pot it will take longer too. Usually about 20-30 minutes. Add 2 more qts water this should fill the entire pot. Add cottage cheese. When done top with parmesan and or mozzarella cheese. ♡-Teresa S.-

Ministry Updates

- Looking forward to Lenten and Easter Worship.
- Annual Meeting-Sunday January 24 following worship.
- Welcome to the new council members. Remember to thank them and pray for them.
- Safety and Security committee forming to develop and implement new plan.
- Properties Committee forming to address building maintenance needs.
- Thank you to all who helped with and contributed to the food drive and Operation Christmas Child.
- Thank you to Chris Stucke for the donations that keep our worship "audible".

