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## THE ILLUMINATOR

### The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Newsletter

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*Pastor's Newsletter Article for December 2024*

#### ***What Does It Mean That We Are Living in The End Times?***



We're in the thick of the "holiday season." The commercials and holiday specials on TV attempt to dictate what life should be like this time of year. We often see families smiling and laughing. But how often do our lives really look and feel anything like those overly produced moments we see in movies and on TV? Is our holiday experience filled with laughter and delight, or is it mostly filled with stress and anxiety? The chaos of this life and the whirlwind of increasingly busy schedules can leave us with a sense of longing rather than fulfillment.

The pain and hardship of this life, whether at this time of year or anytime, should come as no surprise. We are living in the *End Times*, the last days before the end of the world comes. But so what? What difference does that make? God makes it clear that we shouldn't be surprised when life isn't the Hollywood ideal. In fact, because of sin in this world, God says that this life is going to be troublesome. He even warns us that wickedness will increase in the last days.

However, we live in the *End Times* like a child watches the calendar for Christmas. We wait with that same sort of eager excitement because we, too, are waiting for a gift. We're not waiting for toys and games wrapped in shiny paper. There's something much better coming. As the apostle Paul wrote: ***"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us"*** (Romans 8:18).

God promised a Savior right at the scene of the world's first sin. He followed through on that promise by sending Jesus to pay the price for everyone's sins by dying on the cross. God's forgiveness is ours now; trusting in Jesus we are God's children! And as his children we stand waiting for the rest of that gift: rescue from this world of hardship to be brought to an eternal life where only good exists.

Jesus' work for us, his death and his resurrection, assure us of his love. While there may be dark times in this life, none of those change God's love. He is with us now to help us get through the rough times. Because of Jesus and the gift of salvation that he won for us, finally God will take us to be with him forever in heaven. These *End Times* will give way to an eternity of true joy! Whatever you're experiencing, He remains IMMANUEL—God with us!

## I LOVE BEING YOUR VACANCY PASTOR!



Pastor Wright

**(Next month:** Does God Really Demand Perfection?)

**TERRY AND DEE ANN (NEE: SCHUENEMAN) KRAMER** were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 16. We pray that their love will grow stronger with each passing day. Please join us in congratulating them on their union! May God grant much love and happiness!



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOLY CROSS:

The Christmas season often involves a variety of family activities, unfortunately these “get-togethers” sometimes highlight broken relationships. We long for reconciliation, but it can be difficult to achieve. Advent, a penitential season, and a time of preparation for Christmas, encourages us to examine our own sins and seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

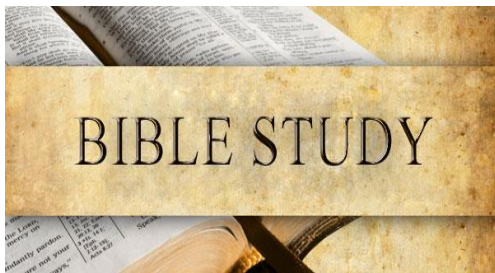
While full reconciliation with others may be challenging, we can find hope in the certainty of our reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ. We rejoice in Jesus' birth because it brings forgiveness, reconciliation and peace between God and humanity.

As we journey through Advent, let us embrace the opportunity for reconciliation, both with God and with others. By trusting in God's grace and seeking forgiveness, we can experience the true meaning of Christmas.

### Here are our weekly themes for Advent and Christmas:

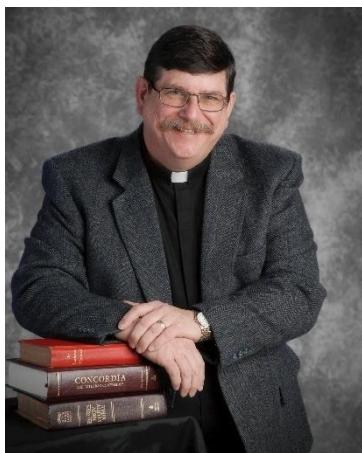
- Advent Midweek I – Dec. 4 - “For You and All the World”—Lk 2:8–20
- Advent Midweek II - Dec. 11 - “To Set You Free from All Your Sorrow”—Matt 2:1–12
- Advent Midweek III - Dec. 18 - “For You, to Bear Your Flesh in Weakness”—Lk 1:46–55
- Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - “All the World with His Free Grace Supplying”—Jn 1:1–14
- Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - “The Word Became Flesh”—Jn 1:1–14

### You are always welcome to any of our Bible classes!



Wednesday's at 9 am. Or Sunday's at 9:30 am. Held in the fellowship hall. You do not need to start at the beginning of a unit or topic. Please come whenever you can.

For those who have been attending church for decades, it may seem that the historic liturgy is boring or vain repetition. In this Bible study, however, we will note how much of the liturgy is actually God's Word as it first appeared in the lives God's people. In a practical and vibrant way, these sessions will help enrich and deepen our worship life and appreciation for Word and Sacrament in a way that has proven tried-and-true over the centuries.



*Rev. Joel A. Brondos*

Rev. Brondos served as a parish pastor and as a parochial headmaster of classical Lutheran schools for over 30 years in urban, suburban, and rural settings (retiring 2019).

He has lectured around the country and has published numerous devotions and Bible studies for CPH and other synodical publications. In 2008, he received the middle school teacher of the year award in the Northern Illinois District. He currently serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary - St. Louis.

His wife of 43 years, Marilyn, has served as a teacher in the primary grades, and they currently live in Geneseo. Benjamin and Melissa Brondos, son and daughter-in-law, are members of Holy Cross.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for the prayers and assistance I received from members of Holy Cross since Jennifer's death. Despite moving so far away, you have remained very dear to our hearts. When we discussed funeral plans several years ago, Jennifer requested a full LCMS funeral service, and use of your pall and crucifix helped to achieve that setting.

Thank you very much!

Michael Zecher

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for your concern, generous prayers and expression of sympathy for our family during this difficult time.

Thank you!

*"We mourn not as those who have no hope."*

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Michael Zecher

Douglas & Janet McCaw

Dennis, Eileen and Brian Zecher

***If you would like to purchase an 8" red Poinsettia, the sign-up sheets are available in the entryway. The cost is \$17.00/ea. You may take it home after the Christmas Day service. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you!***

***During Advent season Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Wright.***

**Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of December is Youth-Hope (Christian Friendliness)**

Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out shopping!





## **The Mutual Encouragement Committee**

serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need. Our next date of service is Monday, December 9, 2024. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.

**The Voter's Assembly meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.** Note: we are still looking for a property chairman.

**The Foot Clinic will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** The cost is \$35. \*Please remember to bring a towel.

**Come and join us for the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in lieu of Bible Class & Sunday School.

**The October – December 2024 Edition:  
Portals of Prayer is here!**

Please help yourself to this devotional resource and share with others.

## **Volunteering to Serve:**

**Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services!**



If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

**As we approach 2025, Holy Cross is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and leadership positions.** If you are interested in serving the Lord through leadership/committee work or general assistance, please call or text Marcia Green.

## **ATTENTION!!!**

**The staff at Holy Cross is currently in the process of updating our records of contact information for members, etc.** If you need to update your address, phone number or email, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

**Just a Reminder...** There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in the month of December.

### **Exercise Class and Fellowship Hour:**

**Exercise Class begins at 10:15 A.M. Immediately following the 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. Bible Class** led by Pastor Gary Wright. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour following the Exercise Class!



*Newsletter and Calendar Announcements for the month of January*  
***MUST*** be submitted to the office by ***Monday, December 23, 2024!!!***

**Christmas cards are available** for purchase in the church library. Prices are marked on the boxes.

*Holy Cross has been blessed in their support to Sri Lanka this year. Our \$4,000 pledge to Rev. Mahlburg's work was achieved. God be Praised!*



We will be supporting **The Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church's** annual Christmas outreach events bringing the gospel to non-Christian children and families. Our goal last year was \$3,000 and by God's grace our \$3,000 goal will be met this year as well. Donations for this purpose may be made payable to Holy Cross and should be given by December 15. Please clearly mark your gift

**"Sri Lankan Christmas."** Thank you.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
Matthew 28:19

Dear Saints of Holy Cross,  
The peace and joy of  
Christ fill your hearts.  
We thank God for your  
partnership in His  
mission work in Sri  
Lanka. Your prayers and  
gifts of \$3,000.00 and \$500.00  
makes a difference for  
Jesus here. Please pray for  
Sri Lanka, the people we  
serve, and for us.

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Steven & Martha  
Autumn, Sky, Rose, & Duncan  
Mahlburg

# *St. Matthew's 20th Annual* **Cookie Walk + Crafts**



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*When..... Saturday, December 7*

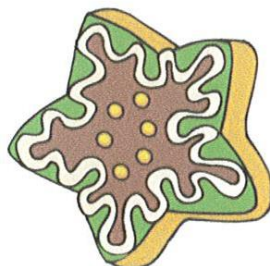
*Where..... St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
115 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milan, IL*

*Hours ..... 9:00 a.m. – noon*

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*Come shop for Christmas goodies --  
cookies, candies +crafts*

*\*\*Proceeds go to the Milan Christian Food Pantry\*\**







## National Youth Gathering

### Summer 2025 – New Orleans

Plans are already underway to bring your youth and adults a fantastic experience. The theme for this upcoming Gathering is Endure, based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Jonathan Guse is the DCE from Bethel, Morton, and Christy Malinowski is the DCE from Trinity, Bloomington, and they will be the District Coordinators for CID! Both have had many years experience in not only leading a group, but each has also had experience as District Coordinators!

We wanted to make sure you are connected to the LCMS Youth Gathering website: <https://www.lcmsgathering.com>. There you can find information, FAQ, resources, zoom link sign-up for monthly meetings, and more.

#### Looking for information: Ways to Connect

##### **CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252>

Find the latest district updates and information LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group

##### **End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast**

<https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/>

All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! Be sure to check out <https://www.lcmsgathering.com> under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.

**The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.



**Dollar for Missions finds itself able to include an unexpected project this year.**



Furnace replacements at the campus ministry center in Macomb did not cost as much as anticipated, so CID can now devote incoming dollars to a couple of needed items at University Lutheran Church, Champaign: new toilets in a men's room and a new water heater. This project is for \$5,000. Will that amount be received by the end of 2024?

You can help. *For additional information please visit*

*[www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org).*

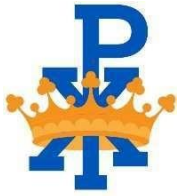


# Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church

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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



## DECEMBER 2024

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (Matthew 1:18-24)

Have you ever been scared? As a child, crossing the street without assistance, a car ran me over, breaking my right leg in two places. For two weeks I was hospitalized with my whole right leg, part of my left leg and my abdomen in casts. I went back home, but it wasn't easy for me not being able to move for a couple of weeks. Once they took the cast off, I was so scared. I thought, I was going to fall. Finally, one day I started walking, and my fears disappeared.

A story says that one man was walking and saw a huge bull blocking the way. Dead with fear, he prayed asking for the bull to leave, but he did not. A voice said to him: “Do what you need to do, but keep going”. He filled his heart with bravery and decided to grab the bull by the horns, no matter what. Courageously, he confronted the bull.

You won't believe what happened. The bull spoke to him: “Why did you take so long to come to me? Were you scared? I've been waiting for you so that I might take you with me. Hop on my back, and tell me where you wish to go”.

Joseph, too, was in a dilemma; He didn't know what to do with the pregnant Mary. In dreams he heard these words: “Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...” What seemed like a problem turned out to be a blessing. Courage to find the blessing, and overcome the fear is what we need.

The Lord gives words of security to all who belong to Him: “Do not be afraid”. These words were heard by Abraham, David, Zechariah, Peter, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Joseph and many others.

Today, God says to us: “Do not be afraid”, even though we have many reasons to be scared, such as flying on a plane, facing terrorism, losing a job, facing illness or even death.

Though fear is natural, and we have to deal with it, let us not forget that God has control of all, including our fears. Christmas is near; where we always remember that everything has a significant meaning. Celebrate Christmas! Celebrate Immanuel! Celebrate God with us! Celebrate that He brings to us His peace and salvation!

Eventually, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Las Posadas began to include a procession. It appears that this change came out of resistance from the people to celebrate in the atriums of the church, preferring instead the indigenous custom of celebrating in the homes of individuals.

As the celebration of Las Posadas became more commonly celebrated in homes rather than in the church, the celebration quickly became part of family tradition, and other elements were added. As the processions visited homes throughout the community, it became customary to offer refreshments to the guests. Dances and parties took place, and candy and piñatas became staples of the festivities for the young. The tradition that continues to be passed down from generation to generation is a combination of religious elements along with a type of festival celebration that includes several typical elements as described throughout this resource. Las Posadas can be hosted by individual families, churches, neighborhoods, and entire towns.

Truly, Las Posadas is a traditional Hispanic celebration depicting Mary and Joseph’s search for lodging in Bethlehem. It is most commonly celebrated in Mexico although it is practiced in other countries as well. While originally a Roman Catholic celebration, this tradition is now also widely practiced as a one day event among other denominations and in secular venues. The word posada means “inn” or “place of lodging,” literally a place where one can posar (rest). In this celebration, figures representing Mary and Joseph take part in a procession that goes from door to door guided by the angel seeking posada, or lodging. The traditional song of Las Posadas is a series of responsive verses sung between a group of pilgrims asking for lodging and innkeepers turning them away. Finally, after several stops, the innkeepers realize who is asking for lodging and welcome them in with open arms. All those in the procession enter the “inn” and a celebration, often including refreshments and a piñata, follows.

Las Posadas, in addition to being a reenactment of Mary and Joseph looking for lodging in the inn, has a variety of applications and lessons for the Christian life. While the practice of this tradition has become very secularized, it remains a wonderful tool for use in the church. It is one way of preparing for Jesus our Savior’s coming and is a reminder that this should be awaited with great joy. When the time for Jesus’ birth drew near, Mary and Joseph were unable to find lodging.



Likewise, the world into which Jesus entered did not recognize Him as the Messiah. Even today the world often does not recognize Jesus, who would have all people know Him as Lord and Savior of their lives. Las Posadas provides an excellent opportunity to reinforce the Gospel message of Jesus, born as a baby, come to Earth as our Redeemer. Las Posadas also provides opportunity to explore the themes of welcoming the stranger and serving your neighbor in need. In addition to serving as a celebration for the faithful Christian, Las Posadas can be an excellent tool for Christian outreach into the community. The pilgrimage and the accompanying party provide opportunities for churches and individuals to invite their community and neighbors in and share a time of celebration and joy. Las Posadas provides churches and individuals an amazing opportunity to connect with Hispanics in their communities in a culturally relevant, non-threatening way.

Hosting Las Posadas provides an opportunity to teach the Gospel message of Jesus' birth as our Savior, connect with those in the community, and enjoy a time of celebration with family, friends, and neighbors. If you ever get the chance to participate, don't pass it up.



All of us at Cristo Rey want to wish all of you a most Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year. And we thank you most sincerely for all of the support you faithfully give to us. May our loving God Continue to bless us as we reach out to the Hispanics in the Quad Cities area with the Good News of His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*Please help to keep this list current by calling the church office when a name can be added or removed. This list is also printed in the Sunday bulletin.*

**Members in Facilities:** Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; **Park Vista-** Ron & Caroline Luecke; **Wodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg-** Dick Ristau; **Illini Restorative Care-** Henry Setton; **Friendship Manor-** Dick Hochstetler, PhylThorngren; **Mercer Manor, Aledo-**Bob Koehler; **Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline-** Jan Phillips;  
**Hope Creek, East Moline-**Elizabeth Cobb

**Serving in the Military:** Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

**Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

**Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Steven Bell (nephew of Rev. & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt (brother of Sarah Paller) Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom) Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison), Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

**Serious Health Concerns:**

Rev. Murdock, Joyce Spidle, Ladd Poell (friend of Donna Knudtson), Tracy Bennet (friend of Sieg Paulsen), Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake, Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

### **Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:**

Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll) Ladd Poell (friend of Donna Knudtson)  
Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Lucy Jahns, Penny Dawson, Donald  
Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Beryl Edwards, Helen White,  
Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen,  
Cindy Davenport.

## December Bible Reading Guide

12/01 Luke 1:46-55/Revelation 1-2  
12/02 Psalm 1/Revelation 3-5  
12/03 Psalm 2/Revelation 6-8  
12/04 Psalm 3/Revelation 9-11  
12/05 Psalm 4/Revelation 12-14  
12/06 Psalm 5/Revelation 15-17  
12/07 Psalm 6/Revelation 18-20  
12/08 Psalm 7/Revelation 21-22  
12/09 Psalm 8/Isaiah 1-3  
12/10 Psalm 9/Isaiah 4-6  
12/11 Psalm 10/Isaiah 7-9  
12/12 Psalm 11/Isaiah 10-12  
12/13 Psalm 12/Isaiah 13-15  
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12/22 Psalm 21/Isaiah 40-42  
12/23 Psalm 22/Isaiah 43-45  
12/24 Psalm 23/Isaiah 46-48  
12/25 Psalm 24/Isaiah 49-51  
12/26 Psalm 25/Isaiah 52-54  
12/27 Psalm 26/Isaiah 55-57  
12/28 Psalm 27/Isaiah 58-60  
12/29 Psalm 28/Isaiah 61-63  
12/30 Psalm 29/Isaiah 64-66  
12/31 Luke 1:46-55/Mark 1

## December Birthdays!

Christine Taylor  
Elizabeth Cobb  
Carl B. Thompson  
Sarah Paller  
Kathy Cramblett  
Alice Bentley  
Holly Vermeire  
Marilyn Noard  
Martha Mahlburg

Kelsey Winter  
David Reeves  
Aaron Schmidt  
Donald Dassow  
Melissa Thorngren  
Willie Swain  
Patricia C. Mueller  
Brice Winter

Rebecca Dawson  
Bruce Noah  
Michael McKean  
Jan Phillips  
Lori Stewart  
Richard Hochstetler





Holy Cross Lutheran Church Accountant Report October 2024  
 Thank you for your support!

# of Sundays 34  
 YTD P/W \$7,448.98  
 LYTD P/W \$9,964.21

ACCOUNT BALANCES	MONTH	THIS YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR TO DATE	PRIOR MO. YTD
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	144,792.41	175,619.61	159,891.58	175,619.61
Contributions/Transfers In	15,740.00	253,265.40	338,783.24	237,525.40
Interest	3.35	112.31	260.31	108.96
Total Receipts	15,743.35	253,377.71	339,043.55	237,634.36
Available Balance	160,535.76	428,997.32	498,935.13	413,253.97
Expenditures/Transfers Out	17,078.02	285,539.58	331,829.24	268,461.56
Ending Balance	143,457.74	143,457.74	167,105.89	144,792.41
<b>ANNIVERSARY FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	2,477.01	-383.29	805.33	(383.29)
Contributions/Transfers In	425.00	5,137.13	1,959.38	4,712.13
Bequests and Refunds	0.00	1,558.23	372.00	1,558.23
Expenditures	504.92	3,914.98	3,436.91	3,410.06
Ending Balance	2,397.09	2,397.09	-300.20	2,477.01
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	19,613.06	16,438.06	12,560.06	16,438.06
Contributions	330.00	3,505.00	3,722.00	3,175.00
Expenditures	0.00	0.00	369.00	0.00
Ending Balance	19,943.06	19,943.06	15,913.06	19,613.06
<b>MEMORIAL FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	98,441.95	101,938.38	99,387.48	101,938.38
Contributions	200.00	3,400.00	6,544.30	3,200.00
Expenditures/Transfers Out	0.00	6,696.43	4,363.40	6,696.43
Ending Balance	98,641.95	98,641.95	101,568.38	98,441.95
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND Adult Bible Class</b>				
Beginning Balance	3,907.34	2,986.24	1,224.93	2,986.24
Contributions	197.00	1,868.10	2,273.05	1,671.10
Expenditures	0.00	750.00	397.74	750.00
Ending Balance	4,104.34	4,104.34	3,100.24	3,907.34
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND/ VBS SUPPLIES</b>				
Beginning Balance	3,221.74	2,291.12	1,799.72	2,291.12
Contributions	0.00	2,468.12	1,221.58	2,468.12
Expenditures	0.00	1,537.50	900.00	1,537.50
Ending Balance	3,221.74	3,221.74	2,121.30	3,221.74
<b>BENEVOLENCE FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	3,523.94	10,576.36	10,505.53	10,576.36
Contributions	220.00	3,717.00	1,389.00	3,497.00
Expenditures	0.00	10,549.42	1,388.17	10,549.42
Ending Balance	3,743.94	3,743.94	10,506.36	3,523.94
<b>MISSIONS FUND</b>				
Beginning Balance	3,553.63	4,739.50	20,593.00	4,739.50
Mahlburg, Cristo Rey Sri Lanka \$ for Missions	642.00	4,438.48	7,318.31	3,796.48
Contributions- Rev. Devanesan	0.00	1,387.00	4,351.00	1,387.00
Contributions -Pastor	0.00	6,827.00	0.00	6,827.00
Expenditures-Rev Mahlburg	1,301.00	4,811.00	3,490.00	3,510.00
Expenditures-/\$ for Missions	1,001.98	2,301.98	1,729.81	1,300.00
Expenditures-Cristo Rey	863.00	863.00	1,500.00	0.00
Expenditures-Sri Lanka Xmas	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Expenditures-Pastor & Lynette	0.00	6,827.00	0.00	6,827.00
Expenditures- Rev Devanesan	0.00	1,559.35	11,846.00	0.00
Ending Balance	1,029.65	1,892.65	3,696.50	5,112.98
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>276,539.51</b>	<b>277,402.51</b>	<b>303,711.53</b>	<b>281,090.43</b>
Beginning cash	195,197.56	Total fund balance	276,319.51	
Months deposits	17,754.00	accts payable	14,677.16 *	
Months checks & fees	19,023.83		290,996.67	
Outstanding Checks	2,579.72			
Interest	3.35			
Ending cash	191,351.36	retained earnings	134.69	
		CD	100,000.00	
CD's CBI and CID	100,000.00	Total balance=assets	291,351.36	
Sweep account	0.00			
Adjusted bank balance	291,351.36	*13872.23 insurance	Accrual in accts payable	



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church – Moline, IL

## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 1st Sunday in Advent</b>  9:30 Bible Class/SS 10:45 Divine Service HC  <i>Pantry Sunday ~YouthHope (Christian Friendliness)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  5:30 Property Meeting  5:30 Confirmation Class	<b>4</b>  9:30 Pastor's BC 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner - LWML 7:00 Advent Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m. The office is closed on Fridays</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8<sup>2nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>  9:30 Bible Class/SS 10:45 Divine Service HC	<b>9</b>  6:00 Christian Care	<b>10</b>  5:30 Confirmation Class	<b>11</b>  9:30 Pastor's BC 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Youth 5:30 BOE Mtg. 7:00 Advent Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>  9:15 Voter's Assembly Mtg. 10:45 Divine Service HC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  5:30 Confirmation Class	<b>18</b>  9:30 Pastor's BC 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Evangelism 7:00 Advent Service	<b>19</b>  1:00 Foot Clinic	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>  9:30 Children's Christmas Program 10:45 Divine Service HC	<b>23</b>  January Calendar & Newsletter Items Due!!!	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>  5:00 Candlelight Service	<b>25 Christmas Day</b>  10:45 Divine Service	<b>26</b>  <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">             Church Office Closed until Tuesday, January 2. In case of              emergency...please call Pastor Wright 309-236-3882           </div>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Sunday after Christmas</b>  9:30 Bible Class/SS 10:45 Divine Service HC	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>  5:00 Divine Service	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		
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