



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Read The New Testament

We're reading the New Testament in a year at Holy Cross and the schedule for October calls for us to finish reading 1 Thessalonians, then read 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and start the Gospel of Mark.

Let's briefly talk about each one.

1 Thessalonians: Written in 51 AD to the church in Thessalonica. Written by Paul to encourage them and reconnect with them after he had visited but was forced to flee because of Jewish opposition. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to guard against sin and do good to one another. He also teaches about the second coming of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians: Written in 52 AD to the church in Thessalonica. Written by Paul primarily to correct misunderstandings about Christ's return.

1 Timothy: Written in about 65 AD by Paul to Timothy who was a young pastor serving the church in Ephesus. Paul instructs Timothy as he called the Ephesians to be cling to God's Word and be wary of false teachers. He also gives instructions on topics such as worship and qualifications for overseers and deacons.

2 Timothy: Written in 68 AD as Paul awaited execution in Rome. Paul exhorts Timothy to boldness and faithfulness in the face of false teaching and to cling to the truth of God's Word.

Titus: Written in the 60s AD from Paul to Titus in order to instruct and encourage Titus as he served the church on the island of Crete. Paul emphasizes sound doctrine and doing good works to others.

Philemon: Written in 60 AD from Paul to Philemon about Philemon's slave Onesimus. Onesimus had fled and at some point met Paul and became a Christian. Paul wrote this letter and gave it to Onesimus to carry back to Philemon. Paul asks Philemon to accept Onesimus back as a brother in the Lord, not a slave.

Mark: Written most likely sometime in the 50s or 60s AD. Mark is the shortest of the Gospels and is a book of action. It emphasizes the deeds of Jesus. Mark emphasizes the preaching of God's Word by Jesus but it chiefly by His works that Jesus is shown to be the Divine Son of God.

It's still a great time to read the New Testament! Pick up a Read The New Testament devotion card on the table when you enter worship and read a little bit each day according to the schedule. Form a habit. You are blessed by God's Word.

Leaving a Legacy - Giving of RMDs from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account to tax exempt charities such as Holy Cross and your donation will be tax exempt? If it applies to you, this is a giving strategy that can benefit you, bless Holy Cross and even elevate your financial giving.

Consider joining others and designate a portion of your RMD to Holy Cross. It's easy and tax-friendly. If you are of the age that you're required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement accounts (IRA, 401K, 403b, TSP, 457) or incur a penalty this might be a solution and a way for you to bless Holy Cross. To contribute all or a portion of your RMD to Holy Cross, all you need to do is instruct your financial institution or adviser to designate a portion or all of your RMD to Holy Cross. The contribution does not count as reportable income for you to the IRS and you get credit for it as a charitable donation. It's a win-win situation. If you have any questions about how this works, Jim Santala would be happy to talk to you and answer your questions.



**Holy Cross is collecting
600 Cans of Fruit
for the Flushing
Thanksgiving Food Baskets
Giveaway**

**We will be collecting the cans from October 4th
to November 22nd. Please leave your cans
on the table in the Narthex**

**On the 22nd we will need people to help box and
deliver cans to Flushing Community Church
Please sign up to help.**

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Fun Night
Put it on your calendar!
October 21st, 6pm-8pm
BOARD GAME NIGHT

Bring your friends.

Pulled Pork & Refreshments supplied
Signup sheet in the Narthex



Monday Night Bible Studies 7PM
Men meet in classroom by Sanctuary
Women meet downstairs in Library
Everyone welcome

**Women's Bible Study will
be canceled October 5th**

**Ladies Lunchly -
October 14th**

Liberty Restaurant @ noon
All Ladies are invited

Join the fun in Plarn Mat production!
The next meetings are
October 6th @2pm
& October 20th @ 2pm

**Happy Hearts meet
October 14
for the Halsey Jamboree**
Meet at Holy Cross
at 9am to car pool
Lunch to follow at
Hill Road Grille



Pastor Appreciation Potluck

Sunday October 11th @ 12:30

Meats and Drinks Provided

Sign up to bring a dish



Annual Kids Coat Drive
Holly Cross Is Collecting
Coats for FCOC Kids
They can be new or gently used
Scarves, Hats, Mittens and Gloves
Are also appreciated
All sizes from small child's
to large adult

Volunteers Needed

No Tricks Just Treats
needs volunteers for:
Set-up, Clean-up
Helpers during event
Please sign up to help

No Tricks Just Treats
Is asking for donations of
Halloween Candy. Please
Bring in by October 25th





Calendar

Today

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Month

SUN 27 + 9am Traditional Worship 10:15am Sunday School for 11:15am Contemporary Wo	MON 28 7pm Bible Study Men 7pm Bible Study Women	TUE 29	WED 30 10am Quilting	THU Oct 1 10am Adult Bible Study	FRI 2	SAT 3
4 9am Traditional Worship 10:15am Sunday School for 11:15am Contemporary Wo	5 No Women's Bible Study for 7pm Bible Study Men	6 2pm Planning	7 10am Quilting	8 10am Adult Bible Study	9	10
11 9am Traditional Worship 10:15am Sunday School for 11:15am Contemporary Wo 12:30pm Pastor Appreciati	12 7pm Bible Study Men 7pm Bible Study Women	13	14 9am Happy Hearts Halsey 10am Quilting 12pm Ladies Lunchly	15 10am Adult Bible Study	16	17
18 9am Traditional Worship 10:15am Sunday School for 11:15am Contemporary Wo	19 7pm Bible Study Men 7pm Bible Study Women	20 2pm Planning	21 10am Quilting 6pm HC Game Night	22 10am Adult Bible Study	23	24
25 9am Traditional Worship 10:15am Sunday School for 11:15am Contemporary Wo	26 7pm Bible Study Men 7pm Bible Study Women	27	28 10am Quilting	29 10am Adult Bible Study	30	31 6pm No Tricks Just Treats