



MOUNT CROSS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CROSS CONNECTIONS

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Council PresidentTom Whannell

*Monthly newsletter of the events in the life and fellowship of Mount Cross
Evangelical Lutheran Church in University Place, Washington.*

Mount Cross Mission Statement

We, the members of Mount Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, proclaim that we are called in mission by God through his Son who is Jesus Christ our Lord and empowered by the Holy Spirit to:

REJOICE in the Lord in our daily lives and celebrate God's presence with us in word, deed and sacrament.

RENEW ourselves, each other and the community as we experience God's presence and love for us in worship, music, study and deed.

REACH OUT to each other, the community and the world in love, caring and service for it is in the serving of others that we serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mount Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

8902 40th Street West
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8:15 AM Sunday Worship
9:15-9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
9:45-10:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM..... Sunday Worship

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Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

Sept. - May
3 year olds - (Thurs & Fri)
4's & 5's - (Mon-Tues-Wed)



November Newsletter 2011

“Immediately!”

Haste makes waste. Slow and steady wins the race. Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today. He who hesitates is lost. So which is it? Slow down and catch your breath; take time to smell the roses? Or get with the program and stop procrastinating; don't dilly-dally because time's a wasting? Yes! For everything there is a season. Sometimes we let life pass us by because we are so busy being busy. Sometimes we miss out on a once in a lifetime opportunity because we are too methodical, crossing every "t" and dotting every "i", crawling at a snail's pace. On the one hand, what's with the rush? Mistakes happen when you get in a hurry. On the other hand, when 9-1-1 is dialed urgency is the name of the game, and an immediate response is desired. Some things are a matter of insignificance; other things are a matter of life and death. Lost people matter to God!

A few weeks ago we entered the New Testament portion of the Grand Sweep. We've been reading through the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. I've been thinking about the word "immediately" as I read through the four Gospels. I've been paying attention to the pace and storyline of each Gospel. The Gospel of Matthew uses the word immediately seven times in 28 chapters. The Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts each use the word immediately only once. The Gospel of John uses the word immediately three times. I checked my Greek Concordance and discovered that Mark uses the word immediately (euthus) some 41 times; eleven times in chapter one, twenty times in chapters 2-7, and ten times in chapters 8-16. The Gospel of Mark is a compact, action-oriented Gospel. Mark

omits the birth and genealogy of Jesus, and moves straight into Jesus' baptism and ministry. The "good news" storyline is clipping along at a fast, accelerated pace, until the passion and resurrection announcements are given; then everything slows down to a snail's pace. It's impossible to understand who Jesus is apart from the cross. Don't rush Calvary. Baptism is our immersion into the death and resurrection of Jesus; a long bath, not a quick shower.

Each Gospel has its own way of telling the Good News! The Gospel of Matthew is a teaching Gospel. Jesus is a prophet like, but greater than, Moses. There are five teaching sections in Matthew corresponding to the five books of Moses (Torah). Jesus didn't come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; he came to fulfill them. From beginning to end, Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us. Faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus matter; hearers need to be doers of the Word, practitioners of the preaching of Jesus, fulfilling all righteousness. Formula quotations tell us that Jesus is the fulfillment of promise. The Great Commission is a non-negotiable for the church. Matthew proclaims costly grace!

The Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts are written to "lovers of God". Salvation and prayer undergird every word and activity of Jesus and His Church. The Holy Spirit is the engine which drives the mission of God to all nations. Witnessing is a non-negotiable for those who are clothed with power from on high. Worship and singing are central to the storyline. The

travel narrative plays a key role in Luke; Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, no turning back. Divine necessity, with emphasis on TODAY, assures us that God is in control of history. Luke's Jesus is good news for people on the margins; especially the poor. Benefactors have the privilege of using God's wealth for God's Kingdom work.

The Gospel of John is a theological work; divided into two parts (Book of Signs, chapters 2-12; and Book of Glory, chapters 13-20) and framed by a prologue (chapter 1) and an epilogue (chapter 21). Jesus is the Great "I AM" who dwells among us (Incarnation) full of grace and truth. Seven "I AM" sayings and seven Signs guide the narrative of John. The purpose of John is clearly stated: *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"*—20:30-31. The Fourth Gospel was written to create faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is always a verb (never a noun) in the Gospel of John. Faith is not the product of human effort or work; it is the grace of God. This is the work of God: "that you believe in Him whom God has sent"—6:29. John 3:16 is the gospel in miniature: God loves, so God gives His only Son. Believing guarantees abundant and eternal life for those who are born again by the will of God. Everything in John's Gospel moves to "the hour" of Jesus' glory, which takes place with Jesus' enthronement on the cross. It is finished! Mission accomplished!

Slow down and let God's Word ruminate in your life. Then put your life into gear and get going. Immediately! Right now! The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. St. Mark ends his Gospel with a preposition (16:8): "The women went out and said nothing to anyone, they were afraid, for...." Insiders know that there is only one Gospel. Jesus is beginning of the good news; victory announced beforehand. Don't tell anyone until the Son of Man is raised from the dead. Easter has arrived. We are heirs of the Third Day. Time's a wasting. Get with the program. "What's the rush," you ask? 9-1-1 has been dialed. Lost people matter to God! The heavens are ripped apart when Jesus is baptized. The temple curtain is ripped apart when Jesus dies on the cross. The barriers between a holy God and a sinful creation have been removed, permanently. The harvest is fully guaranteed by God; thirty, sixty, one hundredfold. We are the rest of the story. Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Immediately is the only appropriate response. So take some time and think about it, right now!

In a rush for Jesus' sake,

Pastor Dave

Council Highlights from October 20 Meeting

- The vacant Discipleship Coordinator position has reduced our spending by \$18,730 through the end of September and is contributing to our year to date surplus of \$21,022.
- A job description for an Interim Youth Coordinator proposed by the Youth Council was approved.
- Final budget requests are due to Pastor Dave and Dave Anderson by Nov. 6.
- Coffee with the Council will be on Sunday, Nov. 13 during the Adult Education hour - 2012 Mission Plan.
- Budget Meeting is Sunday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 PM.
- Confirmands were approved for adult membership: Rachel Burks, Kathleen Burks, and Kalen Keim.
- Gave Peace and Justice the OK to invite Bishop Hofstad to our annual meeting in May 2012.

Church Happenings

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mount Cross welcomes our newest members, who were received on Sunday, October 16th. We are so happy they have decided to call Mount Cross their home church. May God continue to bless them and their families as they grow in the Holy Spirit. Welcome, Jim, Sheri and Warren Bell and Rich & Jami Hawkins! See the bulletin board in the Gathering Space with their pictures and bios. You can find their contact information with everyone's contact information in the new directory that will be available November 1st!

Stewardship Packets

There's still time to turn in your 2012 Pledge Card. You can place it in the offering or mail it to the church office. Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their pledge cards. To date there have been 66 pledges turned in.

Music Celebration Service: November 6

If you love music, you won't want to miss this worship opportunity! Music Celebration Sunday will be on November 6th at both the 8:15 and 11:00 am services. Invite a friend and come worship by making a JOYFUL noise!



Quilt Blessing

Join us Sunday, November 6th as we bless our beautiful quilts. Some will be purchased at the Holiday Boutique, and those not sold, will be donated to local charities. No matter where they end up, we want Mount Cross' blessings to go with them.

Time Change-November 6th!

Don't forget to roll-back those clocks one hour on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 am, or when you go to bed Saturday night. Mark your calendars for the time change!

All Saints' Sunday: November 6, 2011

Each year, on All Saints' Sunday, we remember the Saints who have died in faith; who have entered the church triumphant. By remembering their lives we pray that we would be pointed to Jesus, their redeemer and ours! Thanks be to God for the Saints who teach us how to live to the praise of God's glory. The deadline for submission of names is Sunday, October 30.

Dedication of Communion Ware

Mount Cross invites you to join us on Sunday, November 20 at both Services, as we dedicate our new communion ware in loving memory of Lois Zeigler and in honor of her husband Russ. The new communion ware was hand crafted and designed specifically for Mount Cross. We hope that you can join us for the dedication of this gift.

Budget Meeting —Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 12:30 pm



Remember, November 20 is our annual Budget Meeting. A light lunch and childcare will be provided. We will discuss the 2012 Mission Plan Budget on Sunday, November 13 during our Adult Education Hour (Coffee with the Council).

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

You are invited to attend the pie social following the 7:00 p.m. worship service on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 23rd). If you are making a pie for the holiday, why not consider making an extra to bring along with you to Mount Cross? We need sugar free pies in addition to regular pies. Bring all pies to the church kitchen at least 30 minutes prior to worship. The 6 AM Men's Thursday Bible Study (SONrisers) will be serving this year's pies. If you would like to contribute pie, toppings, or loan some table decorations, please contact Doug Bischoff at (253) 752-2551.



Peace & Justice

Families Unlimited Network Food Bank News

At the Simple Supper on Oct. 22nd, FUN received \$22,566, compared to 2010 when they received \$15,000. Attendance this year was 215, compared to 119 in 2010. Way to go! If you were not able to contribute but would like to, please contact Joan Christensen (565-4565). Thank you for supporting Families Unlimited Network (F.U.N.) Food Bank! With monetary donations, the food bank is able to purchase milk, eggs, margarine, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni & cheese, rice, and bar soap. Oatmeal and dried beans come from Northwest Harvest. Food donations are always welcome and can be placed under the coat-rack in the Gathering Space. Items will then be transferred to the food bank. If you see a good special or have extra coupons, consider purchasing a few extra items like peanut butter, soup, tuna, chili, canned vegetables or fruits, cereal or ramen. Diapers, laundry detergent, toilet paper and other non-edible items are always welcome, too.



Giving Tree

The Mount Cross family will again have the opportunity to share the gift of Jesus' birth with families in our community. Gift tags will be available at the Thanksgiving Eve service, Nov. 23rd. Gift tags will identify a family member by age and sex with suggestions for items needed or desired. Tags for food baskets will also be available. ALL gifts and food baskets will need to be received at church by Saturday, Dec. 17th, for organization and delivery on Sunday, Dec. 18th.

Duck the Halls

UP for Art and Families Unlimited Network (FUN) are co-sponsoring the 1st annual Duck the Halls Caroling Competition to be held on Friday, December 9 at the University Place Civic Building/Market Square. The contest is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in University Place. Form a caroling team and compete to benefit the Families Unlimited Network Food Bank! The deadline for entering is November 16. For more information, please log on to: www.familiesunlimitednetwork.org.



Getting To Know You Better...Howard & Cia Schlehlein

“The Lord was really at work when he put us together,” is a sentiment shared by Howard and Cia Schlehlein. They are both “cradle Lutherans” who share the same religious values and have enjoyed a God-centered marriage from the beginning when they were wed at Mount Cross on May 3, 1975.

Howard was raised with his two brothers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and went through grades one to twelve in Lutheran schools. Upon his high school graduation in 1966 he joined the US Navy and was assigned to destroyer duty in Tacoma on the Hylebos Waterway. He spent the next six years between here and California training navy personnel. Howard liked it here in the Pacific Northwest and decided to stay after he got out of the Navy. He worked in a variety of jobs around construction and logging but always liked to “fix things”. This talent led to him working for Smith Tractor, which is presently Pape, where he has worked for the past thirty-seven years doing big machinery mechanics and welding.

Cia is a native of the Tacoma area and grew up in University Place when it was very sparsely populated. Her family had come to Tacoma in 1888 and three generations worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad where her father was the stationmaster at Union Depot for twenty-five years. The family got to travel all over on the railroad. Her parents were very active in the UP School District and she grew up on 67th Street where the park is now. Cia graduated from Clover Park High School and later married and had a son and daughter. She was a single parent when she met Howard through some mutual friends. As will happen in small towns, everyone enjoyed their courtship and romance and Mount Cross was packed for their wedding. Cia worked at various jobs and was the church secretary at Redeemer Lutheran for several years. She liked cleaning and the flexible schedule and for the past several years has been cleaning homes including many of the quilters.

Howard and Cia not only share a deep faith but a great love of dogs and animals. They used to have German Shepherds but became owners of Norwegian Elkhounds after friend, Chuck Christensen, gave them their first one that had belonged to his deceased son Mike. This led to a true passion in their lives of raising these magnificent dogs that were originally bred for hunting moose in Norway. They now have four elkhounds and are part of the dog show life. One of the dogs, Voya, is a Grand Champion and the only Norwegian Elkhound that has that distinction in Washington State. He also ranks thirteenth in the United States. Over the years Cia and Howard have gotten a reputation for how well they take care of the dogs. Howard is vice-president and Cia is treasurer of the Puget Sound Norwegian Elkhound Association.

Cia is a spinner, and she and Howard both are weavers. Cia has one spinning wheel made in UP that is based on one of Mabel Brobacks. They inherited one loom that was made in the 1930's. Cia shared that “spinning was just a call for me when I first saw it done.” She is a self-taught spinner, knitter and weaver and member of the Tacoma Weavers Guild.

Howard and Cia are looking forward to an active retirement in the next couple of years. Howard would like to weave communion linens then as well as joining the quilters and becoming a counter. He also wants to get a puppy to train as a certified therapy dog that they could take to hospitals, schools and rest homes. Both he and Cia “like to stay in the background and be behind the scenes people”, and are looking forward to having the time to work more at church. They serve as greeters and ushers at church and set up communion together. Cia served as the altar guild chairman for ten years. The future will certainly hold many opportunities for this devoted couple to continue their lives of service and help to others.

By: Ann Leighty





Affirmation of Baptism

On October 30, 2011 three of our youth lifted the Cross high and proclaimed the love of Christ by affirming their Baptism. Mount Cross is a rejoicing church, and we rejoice with the confirmands:

**Kathleen Burks,
Rachel Burks,
& Kalen Keim**

CONFIRMATION UPDATE...

Grades 2-4: A four week class on Holy Communion (The Welcome Table) will take place on Wednesday nights in January. Class begins on January 4, 2012.

Grades 7-8: Youth are completing a course on the Old Testament. A test will be given on November 16 during class. A sample test has already been distributed to the students. The answers to all the questions are found in the class materials. Anyone who studies is guaranteed an A. Students need to complete two family sermon notes, memory work, and service projects for this class. Looking ahead: a Winter Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Saturday, February 10-11, 2012 on the topic of Human Sexuality; students will be reading family devotions during Lent (February 22-April 8, 2012) on "Favorite Stories from the Old Testament"; and class will resume on Wednesday, April 11 (ten sessions on the New Testament). Thanks to all the youth served at the FUN Simple Supper!

Grade 9: Congratulations to our three Confirmation Youth (Kalen Keim, Rachel Burks, and Kathleen Burks) who affirmed their baptismal faith on Reformation Sunday (October 30)! Thanks to the mentors who hosted the coffee hour in their honor on October 30. Thanks also to Roger Buranen for making the beautiful keepsake crosses: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim". Keep our Confirmation Youth in your prayers as they grow into adult membership and work on their mentoring activities in the months ahead.

Youth & Family News...

6th—8th Grade Sunday Night Youth Group

11/6- 6:30 pm Youth Group

11/13-6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group

11/20- 1:00 pm Scavenger Hunt!

11/27- Youth Group Left Overs event. Come from 6:30-7:30 pm, bring your favorite thanksgiving leftover and share what you are thankful for.

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, November 20!

All 6th—12th grade youth are invited to join in as we go around in teams and try and collect a Thanksgiving Dinner for a family in need. We will depart Mount Cross at 1:00 pm, so bring a lunch to eat after the second service. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 16 to ensure your spot. If you are a parent who is willing to drive on this event, please contact Beth!



Save the Date!

Parents Night out will be on Friday, December 9, from 5:30-9:30 pm. All youth ages 4 years old- 5th grade are invited to come for dinner and activities. Youth 6th grade and up will be serving at this event. A High School Lock-in will follow!



Advent Chili Cook-off!

Join us on Wednesday, November 30 for a chili cook-off. Bring a bowl and an appetite to taste the chili! There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to bring chili, so we can be sure we have enough. Dinner will be followed by a candle light Advent service.

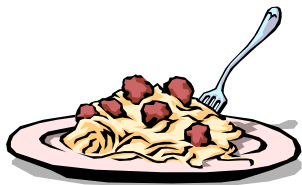


Wednesday Nights During Advent

Advent Worship is just around the corner! This year we will be featuring skits preformed by our High School and Jr. High Youth. If you are interested in participating please let Beth know. Join us Wednesday Nights in November for practice.



Youth & Family News...



Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday, November 2: Dinner at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9: Dinner at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 16: Dinner at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 23: Pie Social following 7:00 pm Service

Wednesday, November 30: Chili Cook Off at 5:30 pm

We hope that you can join us!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE – Volunteer in the Church Nursery!



Nursery

Mount Cross is pleased to welcome Trisha Lagerwey as our new Nursery Attendant. Trisha enjoys serving our little ones and their families. Mount Cross cares about kids and

wants to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them in our Church Nursery, while their families are in worship. It is our hope that with Trisha on board, members of Mount Cross will volunteer to serve and help out in the Nursery. For the added safety of our little ones, it would wonderful if we were able to have a second set of eyes always in our Nursery. We are hoping that parents using the Nursery, as well as adult members of Mount Cross with a heartfelt love for children, will volunteer once every 6-8 weeks. Many hands make for a lighter servant load. Not everyone can do this, but if you are able and willing, Trisha would love to have you join her. Call the Church office for more information.

Preschool Substitute Teachers Needed

Do you like working with 3, 4, and 5-year-old children? Then, Mount Cross' preschool might be a nice fit for you. We are updating our substitute teacher list for preschool and are looking for more volunteers who are willing to teach or assist in the classroom when Pam or Lorrie are out due to illness. You would be called to fill in two or three times a year and be available in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Your participation would only be needed September—May. Please prayerfully consider joining us in the preschool ministry. If you are interested, contact Pam Erickson at 564-2200.





Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

All-Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
Tuesday, November 22nd: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
All are invited!

Pastor Dave Steffenson will visit with the children and their families in the sanctuary during Chapel Time before the Thanksgiving Feast. All families attending are asked to bring a potluck food item to share. Members of the congregation are invited to come. Please RSVP to reserve your place in the Fellowship Hall.

During November the students will be studying: Native Americans & Pilgrims, Thankfulness, Thanksgiving, and Advent.

Special Dates:

November 1: Tuesday, 9:00 AM. Parent Helpers meeting in the art room. We will be planning the Thanksgiving Feast and Christmas Program.

November 2, 4, 16 & 18: Chapel Time visits with Pastor Dave Steffenson at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

November 11: Friday, Veteran's Day – NO PRESCHOOL

November 22: Tuesday, All-Preschool Thanksgiving Feast from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. NO PRESCHOOL CLASS.

November 23-25: Thanksgiving Vacation – NO PRESCHOOL

November 29: Tuesday, 9:00 AM. Parent Helpers meeting in the art room.

December 16: Friday, All-Preschool Potluck and Christmas Program 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The potluck will be served from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM, with a photo session in the art room from 7:20 PM to 7:25 PM. The program starts in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM.

December 19 to January 2: Christmas Vacation – NO PRESCHOOL

January 3: Tuesday, 4 & 5 year olds return to preschool at 9:00 AM.

January 5: Thursday, 3 year olds return at 9:00 AM.

Pam Erickson



Announcements



Mount Cross Holiday Boutique and Quilt Sale
Saturday, November 12, 2011 ~ 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, November 13, 2011 ~ 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

It's almost here! It's shaping up to be a quality sale again this year with members making hardanger Christmas tree ornaments, knitting afghans, embroidering pillow cases and tea towels, sewing placemats and table runners. There will also be a collection of vintage laces, doilies and linens for sale, as well as jewelry again. We hope there will be some lefse bakers busy these next few weeks. There are lots of ways you too, can get involved. Please consider one of these small projects that you could do:

1. fill a jar with ingredients for making soup, bread or muffins (recipes provided)
2. bake a holiday favorite recipe for the bake sale table
3. help price merchandise and set up for the sale (Friday, Nov. 11)
4. sign up to work the day of the sale (Saturday, Nov. 12)

Finished items that you have been working on at home, are now being collected. Please bring them to church on Sunday or to the church office and they will be safely stored until the day set up begins. **Questions?** Contact Sandy Walker (565-3661) or Jan Vandervort (565-0635) or jan-van@comcast.net



I would like to **thank** everyone who came to my bridal shower that was held at Mount Cross. It was such a big outpouring of love and support and I am so blessed by each and every one of you. I would also like to thank Ann Leighty, Cheryl Spidahl, Sonja Ferri, and Betty Martin for all of their hard work in organizing and throwing such a beautiful shower for me. You are all such caring people and I appreciate every one of you more than you know.
God Bless, Sherylee Heacock

Care Team Meeting

Our November meeting for the Care Givers is fast approaching. The first Tuesday is November 1, so make sure you mark your calendars. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room downstairs. We hope to see everyone there and anyone new who would like to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Langton at (253) 566-7150 or Kim Forster at (253) 565-1350.

Thanks, Diane

Announcements

The Lunch Bunch is Back...



The Lunch Bunch is making a return on Thursday, November 17th! Everyone is invited to Bates Technical Institute (downtown) located at 1101 S. Yakima in Tacoma. We will meet at the church at 11:00 am and carpool down to Bates. There will be a big Thanksgiving feast for a reasonable price. Please contact Ed Anderson at (253) 564-9676 if you have any questions. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm.

Taize Prayer Service

Taize prayer is prayer that includes repetition and silence and the insertion of those elements into liturgy. Repetition allows each person to commune with the living God. Silence is holding oneself in a presence and letting Christ, through the Holy Spirit, pray in us. These are the parts of Taize that help us to meditate and pray throughout the service.

Come and join us for Taize worship. It has been said that prayer is the world's greatest wireless connection. Come and experience and get connected. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wiley at (253) 588-4801.

Taize Dates: November 20 @ 6:30 pm & December 31 @ 11:00 pm

Sympathies to the family of Dan Hager with the recent passing of his father, Robert (Bob) G. Hager. *May the presence of Christ and the promise of resurrection unto eternal life comfort the family and friends of Bob. There will be a funeral held at New Tacoma Cemetery on Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00 pm.*

Food Handler's Card

In the past, Mount Cross has held a Food Handler's Card class for anyone interested in working in the kitchen. Due to low attendance of these classes, Mount Cross has decided to instead offer to pay the \$10 fee if you are interested in taking this class online. You can register and complete the short course at: <http://www.tpchd.org/food/food-worker-card/online-food-worker-card>. Please note that ALL people who use the kitchen at the church MUST have a current Food Handler's Card on file. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (253) 564-2200.

Thanksgiving Offering

Offering envelopes collected at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM will support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.



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Thank You

To all our friends and family at Mount Cross, I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to Elaine's Memorial in her loving memory. I am so touched by all the wonderful, caring people of our church family.
God Bless,
Bill Hudak

Newsletter Assembly

Would you like to help collate the "Cross Connections" Newsletter? Join us for our next newsletter assembly, on **Wednesday, November 23 at 11:00 am**. If you would like more information, please contact the church office. **Please note that the newsletter submission deadline is the 15th of every month at 4:00 pm!**



Sign Up To Host Coffee Hour

The new schedule to host coffee hour is posted in the Gathering Space, so sign up today and get the date of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



CDs of the worship services are available each week at the Welcome Center, just inside the front doors to the Gathering Space. They are recorded in loving memory of all the saints of Mount Cross. Members and guests are welcome to take a copy for themselves or a friend. *(If you know of shut-ins who would like a CD delivered, contact Joe Anna Jacobson at 564-0906.)*

Pick Up Your Mount Cross Church Directory

The 2012 Mount Cross Church Directory will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 1. Pick up your copy today and stay connected with your Mount Cross family.



SEPTEMBER 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT


	Current Month	2011 Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date
Budget Income:	\$48,637	\$369,046	\$394,200
Budget Expenses:			
Fellowship of Believers	(\$130)	\$1,256	\$3,900
Good Stewards	\$8,465	\$65,155	\$71,870
Great Commission	\$325	\$5,505	\$9,019
Peace & Justice	\$1,349	\$18,739	\$25,144
Worship & Welcome	\$337	\$2,859	\$5,981
Staffing Costs	\$25,065	\$239,523	\$266,702
Administrative	\$797	\$10,214	\$11,584
Total Expenses:	\$36,209	\$343,251	\$394,200
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$21,022	
Surplus from Previous Years		\$3,944	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)		\$24,966	
Designated Funds			
Income	\$3,785	\$72,880	
Expense	\$1,147	\$38,357	
Benevolences Paid			
From Budget Funds	\$1,349	\$18,739	
From Non-budget Funds	\$1,038	\$5,815	
2011 Loan Activity (Interest @ 5.375%)			
Beginning Balance		\$502,037.00	
Payments Made		\$39,949.84	
Interest Paid		\$17,464.44	
Principal Paid		\$22,485.40	
Ending Balance		\$479,551.60	



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Change Service Requested

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