



MOUNT CROSS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*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

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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)



December Newsletter 2011



“Designated Giving”

“Stir up your Spirit O Lord and come!” In the Season of Advent we await the coming of our newborn King and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus. We wait with expectation and joy-filled anticipation. We wait with the Spirit of thanksgiving in our open hearts and extended hands. “Amen. Come Lord Jesus!” The Son of Man comes as Judge of the living and the dead. The sheep and goats are separated on the basis of one criterion: “Faith active in love.” Jesus said, “As you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, so you did it to me”—Matthew 25:40. Advent waiting is all about interim ethics. Believers are entrusted with undesignated gifts and directed to use them to build up the body of Christ; to glorify God and serve the neighbor.

As we prepare for Black Friday, holiday shopping, and the celebration of Christmas, I would like us to collectively give thought to the topic of “Designated Giving”. “For God so loved the world that God gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Jesus, may not perish, but have eternal life”—John 3:16. God directs the offering of His Son to the world and designates the Gift for believers. God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for the ungodly. God designated Jesus for a cross, for the sake of our salvation. We may question the wisdom of God’s designated giving, but it is the Owner’s prerogative to give as He chooses. Who are we to judge God’s choice of designated giving? The cross is always foolishness to those who are perishing!

In the Season of Giving, we remember that each of us has been entrusted with time, talents and treasures. Who we are and what we have are “the belongings” of God. We are divine property. How do we decide individually and communally where to direct and designate our spiritual gifts; what to support and what not to support with our

time, talents and treasures? Each of us is always directing our gifts toward, or away from, one cause or another. Each of us is being solicited via phone or mail for support of various causes. According to ELCA statistics, the average ELCA member gives 1.7% of their income to the church. Assuming as Jesus does (Matthew 23:23), that we tithe ten percent, then the average Mount Cross member is designating 1.7% of their gross income to Mount Cross and 8.3% toward something else; benevolence or otherwise. God gives us the freedom to designate and direct our time, talents and treasures. With the privilege of choice comes responsibility and accountability; the blessing is also a burden of sorts. Each of us seeks the Master’s commendation: “Well done good and faithful servant.” Are we giving as God, the Holy Spirit, directs us?

We’ve just finished reading Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. Paul writes: “When one member of the body suffers all suffer together. When one member of the body is honored, all rejoice together. God has given the greater honor to the weaker member of the body.” Spiritual gifts are intended to build up the body of Christ, not divide, dismantle and destroy it. If you have been designating your giving in the past, and intend to continue on the same path, the Body of Christ at Mount Cross will not judge or shame you. Whether you pledge or not, will be your decision. How you direct your gifts will be your prerogative. I hope that Mount Cross will continue to give 10%, or more, of its budget to benevolences. I also hope that members of Mount Cross who support this level of benevolence giving will also practice the same behavior in their personal giving to Mount Cross. But, my feelings and wishes are not a shepherd’s mandate placed upon the sheep



within his care. When it comes to the distribution of our spiritual gifts, we dare not shame our brothers and sisters by finger pointing, accusations of bad faith and punishment giving, or bullying tactics. To applaud or “noise abroad” such behavior is to bring injury to the Body of Christ, of which we are all members. In other words, to injure another is to injure Jesus and oneself.

By way of illustration consider this: Mount Cross has placed the YWCA on our benevolence front burner. No one would question the importance of providing safe places for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. But how do we decide what to give our collective dollars and time to and what not to support (hunger, disaster relief, March of Dimes, cancer, heart disease, poverty, homelessness)? We are always allocating our resources. I called the YWCA recently, because a member of Mount Cross informed me that the YWCA removed Christian from its mission statement. The response I received on the phone, when I asked what the four letters—YWCA—stood for, was interesting: “they don’t stand for anything; they are just four letters.” The Quilters delivered several quilts to the YWCA recently. All the Quilts were blessed on All Saints Sunday. Should the quilters have distributed their quilts to a Christian organization like Lutheran World Relief or the Tacoma Rescue Mission? Each year the Quilters support the Noah’s Ark Preschool with monies made from the Holiday Boutique. They have also generously purchased chairs and tables for Mount Cross. Do we question the direction of their giving? Do we judge the choice of their designated giving? We have a member of our congregation who is retired and chooses to donate three days each week serving at the Families

Unlimited Network Food Bank. Is this a good use of his time, talents and treasures? Who is to judge the appropriate allocation and distribution of spiritual gifts? Only the Author and Giver of our spiritual gifts! Remember the words of Jesus, “Remove the log out of your eye before you attempt to remove the splinter from the eye of another. Whoever is without sin may cast the first stone.” Love is something to practice, not just applaud.

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year, in conjunction with the Grand Sweep Year of the Bible, is “Word Made Flesh”. Jesus is God’s designated gift for our salvation. In our life together at Mount Cross, may God grant each of us the faith and grace to honor one another in the name of Jesus, as we direct and designate what God has first given us! I close with this offering from St. Paul, a token of my own affections as well: “Finally, brothers and sisters, *fare-well (rejoice)*. Put things in order, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the *koinonia* of the Holy Spirit be with you all!” —II Corinthians 13:11-14. Merry Christmas in the name of Jesus, God’s Word made flesh!

Designated by God,

Pastor Dave



Budget and Council Highlights from November Meetings

- As of end of October, year to date surplus is \$22,451- the vacant Discipleship Coordinator position has saved us \$23,063 so far.
- Jamie Lindberg will be our Interim Youth Coordinator in 2012 (10 hours per week)
- Thanksgiving Eve Offering will be designated for ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- Proposed 2012 Mission Plan budget approved for consideration on Nov 20 Budget meeting

Highlights from November 20 Budget Meeting:

- Benevolences paid for 2011 will be increased from 7% to 10% of Non Designated Giving
- Benevolences for 2012 will be set at 7%. Money sent to the ELCA Synod will be unrestricted.
- Pastor Dave's salary will be increased in 2012 to meet synod guidelines for his years of service.
- We will decide at the November 2012 Budget Meeting if we want to increase our benevolence giving from 7% to 10% for 2012.

Advent and Christmas Happenings



Merry Christmas From Your Staff at Mount Cross!

Your Mount Cross staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope that you remember the true meaning of Christmas this holiday season, that we are celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. May you all have a safe and joyful holiday season, with many blessings upon you and your family! God loves you and so do we!

Dave

Telena

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Beth

Ramela

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Michael

Mike

Pastor Dave

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Order Your Christmas Poinsettia Today!

If you would like to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve, please see fill out the Ministry Opportunity Sheet in Sunday's bulletin. The cost is just \$10. Order yours today! All money and forms must be turned into the office no later than Tuesday, December 13.

Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm with Holy Communion and Christmas Carols at each service. Childcare will be provided at the 5:00 pm service. The chancel choir will be singing a Christmas Cantata written by J. Edmund Hughes and Mary Ellen Loose at 11:00 pm. The Cantata, "The Word was Made Flesh," is funded by an anonymous gift from a member of Mount Cross. It is offered in thanksgiving to God and in loving memory of the Saints of Mount Cross of who have died this past year. We hope that you can join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus!

Celebrate the Nativity on Christmas Day!

On Sunday, December 25, Mount Cross will have one Service of Worship at 10 a.m. We are calling it a "Story Telling Service". Come in your casual clothes; even your presentable pajamas. We will celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus and the baptism of Thane Reiter. Families in attendance will receive a special gift (The Gift of the Christmas Cookie); a book that will be cherished for years to come. Holy Communion will be shared and carols will be sung. A coffee hour hosted by Pastor Dave and Julie will follow Worship. We hope you can join us!

12 Days of Christmas—Bell Ringing Service!



On Sunday, January 1st, Mount Cross will be celebrating the Season of Christmas with a special liturgy called "The Twelve Days of Christmas". It will be a Service of Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion. It will be a teaching service, and the liturgy will be the sermon. Bring a bell with you to worship or borrow one of ours, and join your church family in celebrating the Season of Christmas, while ringing in the New Year! There will be only one Worship Service at 10:00 am.

2011 Giving Deadline

Friday, December 30th, at 12:00 noon is your last chance to credit 2011 giving. If you are planning to make a "Year End" Donation for credit to your 2011 church giving, please be sure to have your contribution into the church office no later than noon on Thursday, December 30th. Please remember that in order to remain an active member of Mount Cross a recordable offering and a record of Communion within the past year (2011) is required.



Christmas Giving Tree



This year Mount Cross is teaming up again with Families Unlimited Network to provide for families in need during the Christmas season. Referrals were generated by UP school counselors. The “Giving Tree” in the fellowship hall contains tags with gifts for family members or food baskets. Mount Cross is sponsoring 20 families. In addition to taking tags for gifts or food baskets, cash donations are welcome to purchase utility gift cards, grocery gift cards, or other items needed by the families.

Delivery day will be Sunday, Dec. 18th, so all gifts and food baskets will need to be received by 9:00 am on the 18th – whether or not you plan to deliver to the family (in the past those who chose food basket tags typically delivered to the family). If you take a tag for a food basket, please sign the sheet available by the tree.

We have been given an opportunity to give as we have been gifted. This is our opportunity to share God’s love as He extended it to us through His son whose birth we celebrate this season.

Assistants will be available by the tree on Sunday mornings to take donations or to answer questions. For further information or to make a donation, please contact Joan Christensen (565-4565 or jochris@nventure.com).

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 from 6:30-8:30pm 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 Tuesday, Nov. 29. For more information, log on to www.upforart.org for entry form and rules.



Getting To Know You Better...Bruce & Judy Williams

Both Judy and Bruce Williams originally came from the Youngstown, Ohio area. Bruce's mother and Judy's dad even attended the same high school together. Judy and Bruce met in 1982 when they were introduced by a family member. At that time Bruce was working in the steel industry and was a member of the United States Air Force Reserves, while Judy was teaching in a school outside of Cleveland. After meeting in June their first date was dinner at a Red Lobster and roller-skating. The couple became engaged in October of that same year.

Bruce was offered a civil service job doing the same technical work he had been doing in the Reserves and moved to the Tacoma area in January of 1983. He and Judy had a long distance relationship until he returned to Ohio for their wedding February of 1984. The newly-weds packed their 1976 Olds Cutlass so full "there was not a inch of extra room in the car" and headed for their new home in Washington. Bruce had previously found a church home for them at Mount Cross – one determining factor was that it had a parking lot unlike another church he had visited.

Their son Bryant was born in 1986 and was both baptized and confirmed at Mount Cross. Jamie, their daughter, followed in 1988 and was baptized in Ohio and confirmed also at Mount Cross. During those busy child-raising years the family liked to go camping with friends and always attended the annual church camping trip. "Sports is a big part of our family," shared Judy in remembering their children's pastimes. As for spectator sports she says, "I love football – my favorite sport of all time."

Judy spent one and a half years working as an administrative assistant at Mount Cross and also did substitute teaching at Curtis and Bethel high schools. In the spring of 1991 she was contacted by the head of the language department at Charles Wright Academy and ultimately offered a position. She is now in her twenty-first year as a Spanish teacher and helper in the athletic training room at the school. Bruce had been on active duty with the US Air Force for four years before joining the Reserves and retired in 2000 after twenty-four and a half years of service. Two years ago he also retired from his civil service job. One thing that not everyone may know is that he is a licensed cosmetologist. He is presently a bus driver for Charles Wright – driving the route to Kent every day – and "absolutely loves it".

Their family has always been very involved in church activities. Judy was Sunday School Superintendent for five years, taught Sunday School, served on Council, and continues as a choir member, assisting minister, reader, usher, greeter and helps with the boutique. Bruce helps with the sound system, ushers, has taught Sunday School, chaperoned youth events and is the church liaison for Boy Scout Troop 148 where he works with Bob Tice.

As empty-nesters now they enjoy walking, have seasons tickets for the Seattle Storm and "like to do stuff with our kids and their spouses – we all get along so well. We've been really blessed as Jamie and Bryant have always gotten along – they're best friends. We're so proud of them and how caring they both are." They would like to take more road trips and maybe a cruise in the future, and they dream of one day "selling their house and buying a condo near the water with no yard to worry about".

By: Ann Leighty



Youth & Family News...



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

2012 Mission Trip

The Youth will be heading to ELCA Youth Gathering from July 18th-22nd, in New Orleans, LA. A registration deposit to hold your spot is \$300. See Beth Niggemyer or Jamie Lindberg with questions, more details to follow.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE...

Grades 2-4 and Parents: Mark your calendars. For four Wednesday nights in January 2012, Pastor Dave will be teaching our 2-4 grade youth about the gift of Holy Communion in a class called THE WELCOME TABLE. This class begins on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:15 pm in the church basement (Multi-Purpose Room).

Grades 7-8: Youth have completed a class on the Old Testament and are finishing up on course requirements (service, visitation, sermon notes and memory work). A Winter Retreat is currently set for Friday-Saturday, February 10-11, 2012 (topic: Human Sexuality). Youth and their families will read devotions on Old Testament Stories during Lent. Youth will resume class on Wednesday, April 11 with a course on the New Testament.

Grade 9: Youth and Mentors are working on faith essays, and mentoring activities in preparation for the Faith Retreat on Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, 2012.



Farewell to Beth

After over two years of faithful service, we are sad to say farewell to Beth. She has been offered a unique opportunity in Australia and will therefore be ending her service with Mount Cross at the end of December. During her time here, Beth has not only worked with our youth, she has touched the hearts of every person with whom she's come in contact. There will be a farewell party one Sunday in January, be sure to attend and wish her good luck. We will miss Beth's energy and unquenchable spirit and pray that she is successful in her future endeavors.

Welcome Jamie!

Jamie Lindberg will be serving as our Interim Youth Coordinator (approx. ten hours a week). A little more about her...Jamie has been a member of Mount Cross since she was born. She recently graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2010 with a degree in religion and a music minor. Jamie married her husband Matt in July of 2011 and is currently working toward enrollment in a graduate program for a Master's degree in Elementary Education. A lover of music, she is a member of PLU's community choir, the Choral Union. She has always enjoyed being a part of the youth atmosphere at Mount Cross from her days as a youth all the way through serving as a Sunday School teacher. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue working with the youth groups as the Interim Youth Coordinator.

Employment Opportunity - Nursery Attendant

Our Nursery Attendant, Trisha Lagerwey, will be completing her service to Mount Cross at the end of December. Employment constraints and concerns at the YMCA prevent her from continuing as an employee of Mount Cross. We thank Trisha for the time she has served in our church nursery and the wisdom she has brought to our ministry table. Trisha has provided valuable information for Mount Cross as we continue to provide nursery care to members and visitors who worship at Mount Cross. Anyone interested in applying for this position may inquire in the church office for a job description.

Wednesday Nights During Advent

Advent Worship is here! This year we will be featuring skits performed by our High School and Jr. High Youth. Join us as we celebrate the Word Made Flesh. We will have dinner at 5:30, a candle light worship at 6:15 and an activity open to all ages.

Nov. 30: Chili cook off Dinner, Advent Chain making **Dec. 7:** Cookie Decorating

Dec. 14: Bell Making- come make a bell for the bell ringing service on January 1st

Dec. 21: Bundle up we're going caroling!



Youth & Family News...



Parent's Night Out
6th-12th graders are needed to help run this event. There will be a 9th-12th grade lock-in from 9:00pm-9:00am. Sign up with Beth!

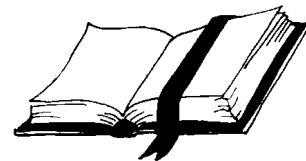
6th—8th Grade Sunday Night Youth Group

Dec. 4 6:30-8pm

Dec. 11 6:30-8pm

Dec. 18 6:30-8pm

Be ready for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study. Invite a friend!



The Lutheran: Please note that the 2012 Mission Plan Budget will no longer include every-member subscriptions to The Lutheran. Mount Cross will continue to provide several copies in the church library, office area and Gathering Space for members and guests to check-out, read, and return. Members wishing to subscribe to The Lutheran are encouraged to do so with payment coming at one's own expense. Dollars formerly designated for The Lutheran are being directed in 2012 in support of Vacation Bible School, evangelism and discipleship. Questions may be directed to the members of the Great Commission Servant Team. If you've enjoyed reading The Lutheran in the past, we encourage you to subscribe to this publication and to continue reading it, as it provides valuable information on the work of the ELCA.





Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

In December the students will be studying: Advent and Celebrations Abroad, whereby the children will learn about different countries, their customs, specialty foods, and how Christmas is celebrated. We will highlight Asia, Mexico, Africa, and the Scandinavian countries.

Everyone is invited to "Circle The World With Love" Christmas Program and Potluck

Friday, December 16th

6:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

Potluck in Fellowship Hall: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Program in Sanctuary: 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 9th, to reserve your place in the Fellowship Hall, and sign up to bring food to share.

Program Costumes

Henry Wilsie is Joseph, Camryn Prater is Mary, and Whitney Copeland is an Angel. Our preschool children are going to be representing different countries of the world by wearing costumes from the country that they and their parents have chosen.

"Food Drive"

The preschool will be collecting non-perishable food items for the "Families Unlimited Network" food bank. The food may be placed in the collection box located in the preschool Circle Room before Friday, December 16th.

Special Dates:

December 7, and 9: Chapel Time visit with Pastor Dave Steffenson at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

December 19 to January 2: Christmas Vacation – NO PRESCHOOL.

January 3: Tuesday, 4 & 5 year olds return to school at 9:00 am

January 5: Thursday, 3 year olds return to school at 9:00 am

Pam Erickson



Holiday Boutique and Quilt Sale Review

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mount Cross Holiday Boutique and Quilt Sale. Many of you contributed both time and talents; an estimated 70 members and friends. Many, many members and friends supported the sale by shopping and purchasing merchandise. A special thank you to Karen Wiley and her string quartet for the beautiful Christmas music they provided. What a difference everyone made and what a fun way to bring so many of us together. Our efforts reach out to our pre-school, our church facility, our community, as well as our global community.

Nearly \$5,500.00 was made, portions of which were from the sale of quilts, baked goods, jewelry and donated crafts. Eighteen quilts, hats, and a couple of baby afghans were donated to the YWCA battered women's shelter after the boutique. Suitable items left over will also be donated to the Giving Tree. Ten percent of the boutique proceeds will be given to the Peace and Justice Servant Team for distribution to benevolences. Other proceeds will be used to provide scholarships to Noah's Ark Pre-school, improve the efficiency of our kitchen, and sponsor other activities within the church.

Looking Ahead to Next year:

All members of Mount Cross are encouraged to begin planning for next year's Holiday Boutique and Quilt Sale. One option is becoming a member of The Quilters. Experience sewing is not required; there are many other tasks that contribute to the process of quilt making and the fellowship is warm and welcoming. Perhaps you have a craft that you enjoy and would like to teach us how to do it at Wednesday Night Dinners: stamping, card making, jewelry making, candle crafting, wood crafting and painting, and think of all the different ways to make Christmas ornaments. All of these would add greatly to the success of next year's boutique.

Christmas Cookies

Care Team members will gather at church, Tuesday December 6 at 9:00am to wrap Christmas cookies. The cookies will be delivered to our members who are in care centers, home bound, etc. Please bring one or two batches of cookies and any small cookies tins that you have. Anyone interested in joining us is very welcome. We can always use extra help with this project!

If you have any questions, feel free to call Diane Langton (253) 566-7150, Kim Forster (253) 565-1350, or Joe Anna Jacobson (253) 564-0906.



Taize Prayer Service

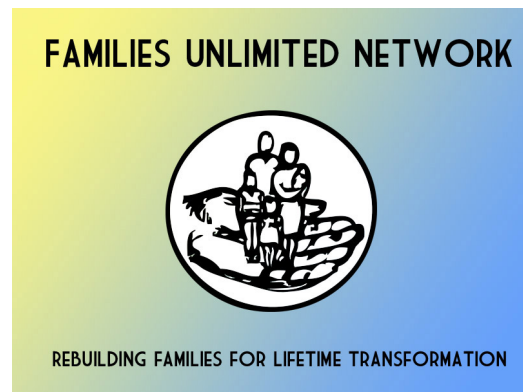
Taize prayer is prayer that includes repetition and silence and the insertion of those elements into liturgy. Repetition allows each person to commune with the living God. Silence is holding oneself in a presence and letting Christ, through the Holy Spirit, pray in us. These are the parts of Taize that 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: No Taize in December; Sundays at 6:30 pm: January 22, February 19, March 18, April 22, and May 20

F.U.N. Needs Supplies

Families Unlimited Network (F.U.N.) is in need of some supplies. In addition to stocking their shelves with food they also need grocery shopping bags (paper or plastic) and egg cartons. If you have any extra of these, please leave them in the Gathering Space by the collection of food for F.U.N.



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>. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (253) 564-2200.



Announcements

Newsletter Assembly

Would you like to help collate the "Cross Connections" Newsletter? Join us for our next newsletter assembly, on **Thursday, December 22 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.

Troop 148 offers thanksgiving to members of Mount Cross!

Mount Cross is the proud sponsor of both Pack 148 and Troop 148. Bob Tice and Bruce Williams are the congregational liaisons with the scouts. The scouts meet regularly in our building and several of the scouts have participated in Christian Learning in the God and Country Program. Currently five scouts are finishing up a class on God and Church with Pastor Dave. Recently, Troop 148 hosted a fundraiser at Joesepi's. Troop 148 would like to thank the members of Mount Cross who attended this fundraiser, and who generously support scouting. \$602.00 was made from the Joesepi's takeover and \$742.00 was made from the silent auction; for a grand total of \$1,344.00. Mount Cross would like to offer thanks to the Scouts and their families for cleaning up our church grounds this fall.

Christmas Tree



The tree in our worship space is provided once again by Linda Falk and her family in loving memory of her mother, Ethel Swanson. This gift is in honor of Ethel's birthday, which would have been December 14th. Special thanks to Dean, Karen, Logan and Braden Ash for putting up our Christmas Tree.





OCTOBER 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Month	2011 Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date
Budget Income:	\$44,007	\$413,053	\$438,000
Budget Expenses:			
Fellowship of Believers	\$807	\$2,063	\$4,333
Good Stewards	\$8,584	\$73,739	\$79,856
Great Commission	\$1,151	\$6,656	\$10,021
Peace & Justice	\$4,774	\$23,513	\$27,938
Worship & Welcome	\$1,074	\$3,933	\$6,646
Staffing Costs	\$27,130	\$266,653	\$296,336
Administrative	\$1,094	\$11,308	\$12,871
Total Expenses:	\$44,613	\$387,864	\$438,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$22,451	
Surplus from Previous Years		\$3,944	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)		\$26,395	
Designated Funds			
Income	\$4,214	\$77,095	
Expense	\$3,694	\$42,051	
Benevolences Paid			
From Budget Funds	\$4,774	\$23,513	
From Non-budget Funds	\$768	\$6,583	
2011 Loan Activity (Interest @ 5.375%)			
Beginning Balance		\$502,037.00	
Payments Made		\$45,367.84	
Interest Paid		\$19,612.43	
Principal Paid		\$25,755.41	
Ending Balance		\$476,281.59	



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