
Mount Cross Chronicle

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Lutheran Church
(ELCA)**

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**Sunday Worship
Services**

8:30 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Praise Service

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“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sin in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.” Psalm 1:1-2

For Jewish people the Law was the Torah or the first five books of the Bible and they look to the Torah to understand God and to figure out what God expects of them. Oct. 30th is Reformation Sunday and Martin Luther’s process for the reformation was a calling by the Christian church to take God’s Word seriously. This is why ministry for Lutherans is often called Word and Sacrament ministry. One of the issues we have made for ourselves is the assumption that our education stops with Confirmation. My hope at Mount Cross is that we “meditate day and night” on God’s Word until God calls us home to Heaven.

My hope is that a large percentage of our church will take The Bible’s Big Story as part of a refresher course on the Bible. You will have an opportunity to purchase a workbook for class at a cost of \$10. The courses 101,201,301 will be repeated later in the year so if you miss classes just take it the next time! The Bible’s Big Story is essentially a course that generally outlines the main points of the Bible without getting too specific. The deeper work will be found in Small Groups, Sunday Morning Bible Study and Women’s Bible Study. Many people stay away from Bible Studies because they are afraid they will be embarrassed or put on the spot. So be assured, that we all “learners” on a journey of Faith. Consider this, any effort to engage God’s Word is always beneficial!

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Xalt (pronounced Exalt) is the name of our new Sunday night Worship experience aimed at young adults, families and anyone who enjoys Contemporary Christian Music. We have a band that will be practicing in the back end of the Nursery. Jan Zimbelman will be Worship Leader and we will begin worship on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 PM. We give thanks to our Great Big God who has already blessed us with people willing to form a Band.

See you in worship or at one of our classes!

Pastor Glenn



Our **STATEMENT . . .**

To proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior
through joyful worship, prayer,
life long learning,
active and loving service.

FAITH FORMATION

Luke 11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.'

It's easy to miss, but if you start looking closely you will see throughout the Gospels evidence that Jesus prayed often. Isn't Jesus God? So then, why did He need to pray? Jesus was also human and as such, needed to be strengthened and guided by God to stay focused on God's purpose for Jesus' ministry. So, Jesus needed to talk with God. If Jesus, who is also God, needed to talk frequently with God, how much more do we need to talk with God? 'Lord, teach us to pray....'

The first mark of discipleship is pray daily. Research demonstrates that if you are under the age of 63, you know prayer as grace at meals (e.g. 'Come Lord Jesus....') or something that someone in an official capacity does. If that is what prayer is for so many, then we have work to do! I know prayer is more than grace at meals and I pray often, but I will be the first to admit that my prayer life needs work.

Prayer is communicating with God. To me, that means prayer is my lifeline to the One who created me, loves me, and knows me better than I know myself. During my professional career, I usually forgot or neglected to invite God into my work. But, on those occasions when I actually asked God to be with me as I treated a patient, wrote a paper, read journal articles, etc. my work actually went easier. I was more focused, productive, and thoughts came together more effectively; I stopped stressing over how much needed to be accomplished and just worked. Before I realized it, my work was progressing and I felt better. All because I asked God to be with me. I still need to work on making prayer an integral part of my day; but I'm getting better.

Do you pray? Why do you pray? How do you pray? Does your prayer life need work as mine does? These are some of the questions we will approach in the October sessions on prayer. I know Mount Cross has some prayer warriors. My prayer is that you all come to the Prayer 101 sessions so we may learn from each other. I will share some ways I've learned from others to pray and we'll talk about what prayer is. Please come and share so we may grow in our prayer life together!

In Christ's love,
Jan Zimbelman

DEAR MOUNT CROSS DISCIPLES,



THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. YES, THE ANNUAL MOUNT CROSS THANKSGIVING POTLUCK WILL BE HAPPENING. PLEASE TELL FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND IF THEY'D LIKE TO SHARE A HOLIDAY MEAL WITH US.

MORE INFORMATION IN THE NOVEMBER CHRONICLE.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY OCT. 16!

What is better than food and fellowship! We are having a salad lunch pot luck held in the Fellowship Hall (Narthex) after worship on Sunday, October 16 to celebrate the start of small groups and the Discipleship program. Small group assignments and study guides will be distributed at this lunch.

All Mount Cross disciples (not just those in small groups) are invited to attend to help us celebrate together this faith journey. Bring a salad, bread/rolls, or dessert. Please let Carol McNulty know what you are bringing.

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

LOMONA IS AN ACRONYM FOR LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011

CHURCH SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

WEEKLY

MONDAY: CUB SCOUT MEETINGS
BOY SCOUT MEETINGS
TUESDAY: MOUNT CROSS CARES
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE: THE BIG BOOK

MONTHLY

1ST THURSDAY: DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
2ND THURSDAY: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
3RD THURSDAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST
4TH THURSDAY: CUB SCOUT PACK MEETINGS
3RD WEDNESDAY: FRIENDSHIP CLUB
4TH WEDNESDAY: WELCA QUILTERS

RENTAL BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

WEEKENDS

1. ALTA Y OMEGA WOMEN'S RETREAT
2. ALTA Y OMEGA MEN'S RETREAT
3. RESURRECTION LUTHERAN
4. TRINITY FELLOWSHIP-YOUTH

DAY USAGE

1. DISCIPLESHIP 101 (4)
2. CATCH A VISION (2)

TOTAL DAY USE: 6

RETREAT WEEKENDS: 4 WEEKENDS/8 NIGHTS

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE: THE ENTRANCE TO THE DORM WAS REPAIRED. WE REPLACED THE LIGHTS BULBS IN TWO OF THE EXIT SIGNS IN THE LOG BUILDING. TRACK LIGHTING WAS PUT IN MY OFFICE.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEANING OUT THE CLOSETS IN THE LOG BUILDING AND ARE RELOCATING THE ITEMS CURRENTLY WITHIN THOSE CLOSETS. I WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO CONTACT ME FROM EACH OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE THINGS IN THE CLOSETS, SO WE CAN DONATE OR THROW OUT ITEMS THAT YOU DON'T WANT OR USE ANY LONGER.

REMINDER: DUE TO SOME CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULING THAT HAD OCCURRED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH, PLEASE CALL ME TO CONFIRM DATES AND TIMES THAT YOU MAY NEED TO USE THE LOG BUILDING. MEMBERS: IF YOU HAVE ANY POTENTIAL EVENTS THAT MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF THE LOG BUILDING, YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME BEFORE YOU FINALIZE ANY PLANS.

**MARYANN ROWE
LOMONA DIRECTOR**



Each year the town of Payson provides a safe trick or treating experience for young children in the community: 3,500 – 4,000 children are

expected! The CYF (Children, Youth, and Family) of Mount Cross would like to invite you to come and help pass out candy and participate in this community. We always can use caring adults to work with children and youth and would welcome you to sign up for an hour or whatever times you can give. The event begins at 6PM and ends at 9PM on Monday October 31st. We will need to set up around 4PM.

If you have questions or would help out just let me know.

Thanks,

Jodi Lorenz

Mount Cross New Disciples

A warm welcome to the newly accepted disciples of Mount Cross.

Suzanne Bratcher
Lynn & Sue Hess
CR & Gail Hewlett
James West

Glad you decided to join our faith family!

Tai Chi RETURNS in OCTOBER



Tai Chi will resume for another six-week session this fall beginning on Wednesday, October 12, at 4:30 p.m. for one hour. Again, we will meet in the log building and have set this time to allow for employed persons to join us. Men and women, as well as friends in the community, are welcome. Try to wear loose-fitting clothing that doesn't restrict one's range of motion. Wear shoes that won't slip and will provide enough support to help you balance. We will meet on October 12, 19, and 26, and on November 2, 9, and 16 – so you can mark your calendars.

Your admission is a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation for the Payson Food Bank, a token of our appreciation for our experienced teacher and Mount Cross disciple, Lori Andretta. Lori has studied under masters from China, and she recently went to China with a group of Tai Chi students.

Although Tai Chi is slow and gentle and doesn't leave you breathless, it addresses the key components of fitness—muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and, to a lesser degree, aerobic conditioning. The Mayo Clinic staff says, "If you're looking for another way to reduce stress, consider Tai Chi. Tai Chi is sometimes described as 'meditation in motion' because it promotes serenity through gentle movements—connecting mind and body." These classes have been arranged by Women's Ministries (WELCA) of Mount Cross, a group that values the promotion of healing and wholeness.

Feed the Flames for Heating at the Navajo Mission

Our Mount Cross fund for helping pay the heating bill at the Navajo Lutheran Mission is growing steadily. Prior to the Bake Sale on Sept. 25, the total amount was over \$1,050!! At the Bake Sale, many of you contributed cash and checks in the small furnaces (black cans) with flames on them which added \$856 to the fund for a current total of \$1,917. The small black furnaces will continue to be present in the Fellowship Hall where you can place your coins, bills, or checks throughout the fall months. Contributions can also be paid in your offering envelopes under "Other." Several buildings at the Mission need to be heated: the school, the church, the home for the director and his wife (both ordained pastors), housing for the teachers, and other administrative buildings. Our goal is \$6,000. which will pay for almost two months of propane bills. Thanks to all the bakers, buyers, and contributors who enabled Mount Cross to earn a significant amount at the Bake Sale toward our goal of keeping the folks at the Navajo Lutheran Mission warm this winter.

The Global Mission Committee



Mount Cross Financial Report (January- 2011)

Approved Budget Commitment.	\$185,114.66 (66.66 % of 2011 budget)
Income.	\$187,937.75 (67.67 % of 2011 budget)
Expenditures.	\$173,665.27 (62.54 % of 2011 budget)

Total Contributions to the Building Fund as of 9-11-2011. \$556,913.65
 Total Commitments to the Building Fund.. . . . \$ 715,900.00

Income received from Safeway’s eScrip Program in 2011. \$322.06

Have you registered for the Safeway Program?
 Forms are beneath the mailboxes.
 There is no cost to you, but there will be income for Mount Cross.

Total income received from Thrivent “Choice Dollars” in 2011
 Mount Cross.. . . . \$2,714.00
 LOMONA. \$1,183.00

Thanks to all disciples who continue to faithfully contribute from their treasures in order to enable Mount Cross to continue the ministries God has given to us.

Ray Wiebe
 Financial Secretary

Small Groups are Here!!

What is a small group? A small group is a community of believers (usually 6-8 people) gathering together to study God’s word, share life’s highs and lows (wows and pows), pray together, help each other grow in the depth of their faith, and fellowship together. Usually small groups meet monthly in individual homes. It is a great way to develop deep spiritual friendships (spiritual friendships is a mark of discipleship), which does not happen on Sunday mornings. We are launching small groups this month.

If you travel, you may still join a group. We will be doing our best to group travelers together to accommodate months you may be away.

Training for small group facilitators will be held on Oct. 9, 6:00 - 7:30PM. I’ve identified a study guide that all groups will start with, making it easy to get started.

The study guides have been purchased by the education committee. If you are able, we ask a \$10.00 donation to help offset the cost of the study guide. But, do NOT let that cost prohibit you from joining, it is merely a voluntary donation.

Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join with you in a small group. This is not just for Mount Cross disciples! Lastly, if you have not already signed up, it is not too late! Complete the bulletin insert and/or contact Jan Zimelman (imacoffeebean99@gmail.com or 363-0151).

Course Books available for both Small Groups (*Growing in Jesus*) and for *The Bible's Big Story*. Cost for either book is #10.00 and can be found in Fellowship Hall (narthex). Please sign your name and deposit check or \$10 in the designated envelope. Checks should be written to Mount Cross Lutheran Church with a class/book notation on the memo line.

Discipleship/Faith Growth Opportunities

It is anticipated that all Mount Cross disciples attend these educational opportunities in order to grow in our faith journey. If you are not able to work these into your calendar, please let Jan Zimbelman know so we may schedule additional sessions.

Catch a Vision

(attend ONE session)

Provides an opportunity to discuss the future of Mount Cross with respect to current church culture and how we can plan for both future campus and programming. It will help explain why we need to celebrate our present ministry and reframe our mission for the future; taught by Pastor Glenn.

Oct 23 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct 24 10:30AM - noon

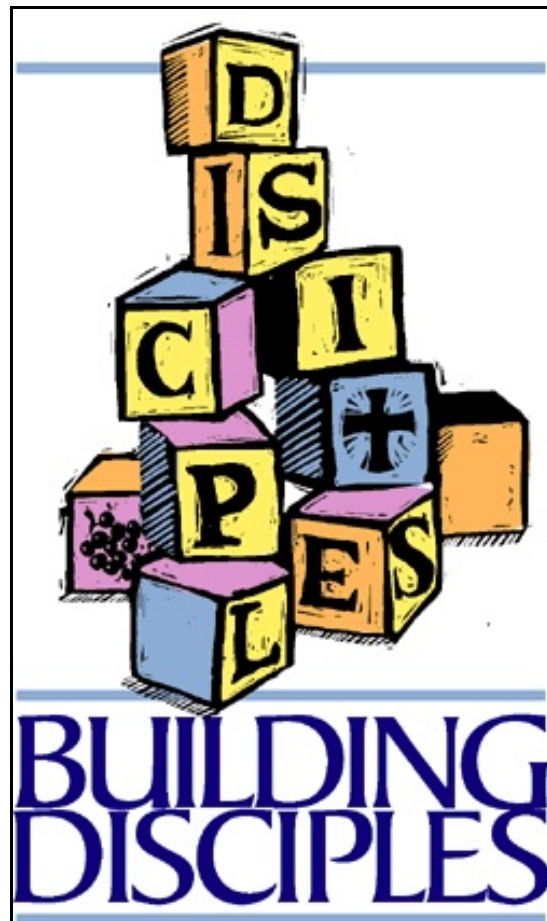
Prayer 101: Ways to communicate with God

(attend ONE session)

The first mark of discipleship is pray daily. Learn different ways to communicate with God and strategies to incorporate more prayer in your daily life; taught by Jan.

Oct 2 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Oct 5 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Oct 11 10:30AM - noon
Oct 20 6:30 - 8:00 PM

(note date change from October 13)



Bible the Big Book (must attend 101, 201, and 301)

Provides an overview of the entire Bible; taught by Pastor Glenn. This will provide a framework for understanding the Bible so people are more comfortable with God's word.

101: Oct 12 9:30 - 11:00 AM or
 6:30 - 8:00 PM
201: Oct 19 9:30 - 11:00 AM or
 6:30 - 8:00 PM
301: Oct 26 9:30 - 11:00 AM or
 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Services at Majestic Rim!

Mount Cross is conducting services at Majestic Rim once a month on the 2nd Monday at 11:00 AM. It would be a joy to have disciples of Mount Cross assist in this worship service. If you feel called to join in this celebration, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the *Pillar of Thanks* in Fellowship Hall.

Dear Leaders:

Ministry today is all about relationships and networks. Competing agendas, crowded calendars, and flattened structures all lead to many feeling confused, disconnected, and tempted to turn inward. Over the next eight weeks, Pastor John Schaumburg and I will join with your Conference Dean in an effort to strengthen our mutual commitment to Christ's mission and the affirmation that the Synod is "US". We are inviting you and other lay leaders in your particular ministry to come together for conversation and celebration of our partnership for the sake of the Gospel.

Bishop Steve Talmage

****Synod "US" Gathering** for the High Country Conference will be in Prescott Valley on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Those who will be attending and would like to carpool, please meet at the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Each Sunday
9:40 – 10:20 AM
In the “Mark” room

We continue to meet in the Luke room and study the scripture for the day. The attendance is increasing so come for an open and fun discussion. The subject in each class stands on its own, so come when you are able.



It is the custom at Mount Cross to add ribbons to the sanctuary wreath of those who have passed away in the last year. All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 6th. Please turn in the names of relatives or friends you wish to commemorate to the church office by Monday, October 26. The ribbons will be tied to the wreath during both services on November 6th.

Congregational Meeting

Please keep your eye on the announcements in the bulletins for the annual Congregational Meeting, which will be held in November.



Who Are Our Family Members?

On Thursday, October 13, at 10 A.M., the women's Bible Study will meet at the LOMONA log building. Following the Bible Study, we will make center pieces with live flowers for the next day's Mount Cross Dinner and Variety Show to benefit the building fund. Bring a small salad or other item to share for a potluck lunch. Beverages will be provided. All women and their friends are invited to join us for whatever length of time you can stay for this varied and fun event.

We will focus on Mark 2:1-3:35. In this second lesson in Mark, we will think about the many ways discipleship, healing, befriending outcasts, and Sabbath practices intertwine. Why were the scribes upset when Jesus told a young man, “Son, your sins are forgiven?” What was unusual about Jesus’ presence at a dinner at the home of Levi, a tax collector? What were the rules in Jesus’ time about observing the Sabbath and why were the Pharisees upset when his disciples picked some kernels of corn while walking on the Sabbath? Jesus extends the meaning of family to all who follow him. Do you think of yourself as a member of Jesus’ family? Do we think of the followers of Jesus around the world as family members? Join us as we consider these questions.



October Birthdays

- 3 Caroline Irvin
Roger Rohrbach
- 5 Helen Mueller
- 6 Violet Hage
- 7 Terri Cheek
- 8 Shirley Johnson
Jerre Leavens
James Monroe
Herb Mueller
- 11 Frank Perran
- 18 Richard Brown
- 21 Kelly Schatz
- 22 Vivian Monroe
- 25 Mavis Denofsky
- 30 Diane Ludwig
- 31 Bob Walker

October Wedding Anniversaries

- 5 Bob/Joan Morgan
- 6 Bob/Ann-Marie Marley
- 10 David/Karen Ritterbusch
- 14 Rick/Diane Ludwig
- 25 Casey/Elva Jones

August 29, 2011

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your cards and prayers.

Due to circumstances, I am in the process of moving to a new senior community in Gilbert. I will be making a lot of new friends, but won't forget my old dear friends.

Bless each and everyone of you,
Dawn May Sorg


**Cards and letters can be sent to Dawn at her son's address. If you would like the address, please contact the church office and Lenore will be happy to provide the information.

"MAKE IT SIMPLE" COVENANT CARDS

Our stewardship as an individual demonstrates how we take care of God's gifts. Stewardship colors all of our life's decision-making, how we develop an attitude of gratitude in our congregation, or how we inspire each other with generosity. Our stewardship focus this year will help us remember that all we are and all we have come from God as blessings. It is our responsibility to take care of and use wisely these blessings. They include our time, attention, physical health, energy, talents, possessions, attitude, relationships, and money. This year we will implement **"MAKE IT SIMPLE."** **"MAKE IT SIMPLE"** is a year long stewardship program to help all of us create a simpler life where we can focus upon our relationship with Jesus, grow in our discipleship practices, and learn to be a better steward of all that God has blessed us with.

You have received and returned a pledge card for your gifts of financial support. On Sunday, October 9th, you will receive a Covenant Card. This card is for you to set goals for yourself on how you are going to use the blessings or gifts other than your financial gifts you have received from God. We ask you take time to pray about your response and return the card during the month of October and place it in the offering tray.

Below is an example of possible covenant statements. Please make your covenant based on what you can and are willing to aim to do this year - the more measurable the covenants, the easier it'll be for you to know if you are on track. You are to place the card in the envelope with your name on the outside. You will seal the envelope and nobody will see your covenant card but you. Your envelope will be returned half way through the year so you can evaluate your progress.



My Covenant

- ♥ Attend at least 2 church services each month
- ♥ Read my Bible 3 or more times a week
- ♥ Pray daily
- ♥ Attend at least one of the special classes offered
- ♥ Share my faith with at least one friend
- ♥ Join a small group
- ♥ Volunteer at least once for a community or church project

NEW ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FORMS

Mount Cross disciples will be seeing "new" attendance registration forms in the red sign-in books in the pews. Below you will see an example of how they will look and how to fill one in.

The first line shows a visitor or someone who may be interested in joining the Mount Cross family; the person provides all the needed contact information.

The second line is an example of a member who just moved to a completely new address and has all new information.

The third line is a disciple who has recently changed their email address and there is no other changes in their information. Please note that the second line of the email address section provides the "@" sign and space is allowed for naming your internet server (i.e. npgcable, yahoo, gmail, q, etc.)

The last example is a disciple who attends regularly and may want to put their church mailbox number somewhere, although it isn't necessary.

PLEASE PRINT	ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION			FOR ALL PRESENT		
DATE <u>10-16-11</u>	<u>Example</u>					
NAME	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP	EMAIL	PHONE	NEW INFO	MEMBER	GUEST
Karen Shipley	1080 W. Farview Payson, AZ 85541	kship @npgcable.com	928-957-1509			✓
Name of existing member	<u>new address</u> Payson, AZ 85541	<u>new email</u> @yahoo.com	<u>new phone #</u>	✓	✓	
Name of existing member	-----	<u>new email</u> @gmail.com		✓	✓	
name of existing member	<u>#215</u>	@			✓	
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Catch a Vision

This provides an opportunity to discuss the future of Mount Cross with respect to current church culture and how we can imagine participating in God's mission for our church. We will explore the question, "What is God calling us to do in this place?" This is an opportunity to dream a bit and to understand that God has big plans for Mount Cross. It will take place on Sunday, October 23, from 6:00-7:30 in the log building and once again on Monday, October 24th, from 10:30 to noon in the Fellowship Hall (Narthex). Pastor Glenn will facilitate the discussion.

Office Hours on October 14 will be 8:30 a.m. to noon

September's Bible Study was held at Carol McNulty's home. This marks the beginning of the new nine month study in our ELCA Women's magazine. Each month's study stands alone so that if you can only make one session, you will not spend your time trying figure out what has gone before. Remember that the magazine is now called "GATHER." The name of the magazine was changed because it was felt that younger women might think of this as a more modern approach. There were surveys, focus groups and a great deal of thought that went into this name change. Don't worry! The same great articles and studies will remain.

October's meeting will be a little different. We will start earlier at 9:30 a.m. in the log building. The Bible study will be first on the agenda. Following the study, we will work on a project for the Building Fund Fundraiser. Carol McNulty, our amazing and creative Sister in Christ, will be in charge of showing us how make door prizes for the Italian Dinner and Variety Show. Our POTLUCK luncheon will be in Fellowship Hall, allowing the Cancer Support group to meet at 12:00 in the Log Building.

Quilting will be on October 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the log building. We do not meet again until January. Everyone is welcome and experience is not required. This is a wonderful way to meet new friends. Those of us who attend regularly really enjoy the conversation that goes along with this endeavor. Our quilts manage to find their way to those who most need them. Many are taken to the Navajo Mission at Rock Point. We are always in need for more volunteers!

Nancy Peiffer
WELCA president



The class provides an overview of the entire Bible and will be taught in 3 sessions.

- 101: Oct. 12th 9:30 - 11AM or 6:30-8:00 PM.
- 201: Oct. 19th 9:30 - 11AM or 6:30-8:00 PM.
- 301: Oct. 26th 9:30 - 11AM or 6:30-8:00 PM.

Workbooks will be available for purchase for \$10 with checks payable to Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Please pick up a workbook from Pastor Glenn. This class is open to the public and if you miss a session it will be repeated Feb, 2012. Classes will take place in the log building. Taught by Pastor Glenn.

Friendship Club Happenings

ASU Coming to Payson and our Friendship Club!!!
Wednesday, October 19, noon to 1:29 will be an exciting meeting of the Friendship Club!!

Why? Because the topic is "everything you wanted to know about the ASU campus" coming to within 3 blocks of the Mount Cross Campus!!

It will impact our new building program... it will impact our worship attendance and our programs! It will impact our area economy and the housing market! And it will be good for students!

Come and hear two members of the Volunteer ASU Planning Task Force, Judie Lyon (former Penn State professor) and Laura Bartlett (regional marketing for Wells Fargo) who have worked on a power point and questions with Mayor Kenny Evans at many meetings. They know what they are talking about!

Ed – who "sometimes" knows what he's talking about :)



I just wish to thank the Women's Ministry for my precious Birthday card, seeing all your signatures brought back so many wonderful memories of the times I used to be able to partake of all the activities and our Bible studies. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful church family and I am so grateful to all of you for caring. Thank you again everyone. May the Lord richly bless all of you.

In Christian love,
Rose Brady

Thank you to all who sponsored me for the New Beginnings 5K Walk. We made over \$10,000. for operating expenses. Mount Cross proudly donated \$360. Thanks you to the WELCA ladies for their donation of a beautiful quilt. It will be used as a raffle prize. God willing, I'll be contacting all of you next September – be ready!

Carol McCraney

Mount Cross Continues Its Exciting Journey into the Future

Mount Cross Lutheran Church is continuing its bold and exciting journey towards its desired future as it kicks off the next capital appeal campaign with the blessing and expectations of discipleship. The theme for this time of renewal and commitment again is appropriately entitled **“Disciples - Building to Serve Christ.”** This theme reminds us that as Christ’s disciples we have been richly blessed by all that Christ’s sacrifice has done for us while also being reminded of all that our sacrificial giving and living can do for the world.

Over the next two months we prepare for a special time of reflection, prayer, trust and faith preparing Mount Cross for the future and its next capital appeal journey. The capital appeal which involve gifts and pledges to be spread over a two year period, will be the second major step that will allow Mount Cross to prepare for the future. This appeal in combination with funds already raised will be used to expand our campus with a new worship facility and allows us to prepare our present campus for new opportunities.

Looking back at the past three years, at the congregational annual November meeting in 2007, the congregation took the important step of starting the first capital appeal campaign which included thorough planning with an architect, Mount Cross standing committees and congregational input to move us further down the road to a new worship space. The success of the past three years moved us closer to our \$1,000,000 goal with cash on hand totaling over \$550,000.

Looking forward to the future, Mount Cross continues its journey towards the \$1,000,000 and a desired victory goal of \$1,250,000 with its second capital appeal. A brief temple talk will be held on Sunday, October 9th, followed by our **“Kick Off Worship” on Sunday, October 30, 2011.** On this Sunday, we will hear a special message from Pastor Jeff Kjellberg from Kairos, a brief report on our building progress and all Mount Cross disciples will receive a very informational appeal packet. This all concludes with our **“Appeal Weekend”**, set for Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Mount Cross Lutheran Church has a rich tradition and history and great potential for the future. We believe we are called to continue our bold step to live out this mission in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Please join us on Sunday, October 30th, as we continue together to live out our theme, **“Disciples - Building to Serve Christ”**.

Key Dates

Sunday, October 30 th	“Kick Off” Sunday kicks off our second Capital Appeal Campaign.
Sunday, November 20 th	“Appeal Weekend” The campaign concludes with disciples making pledges and gifts that will be spread over a two year period.

Missional Leadership Academy Update

The mission of Missional Leadership Academy is to help parish leaders rediscover and reclaim the vocation of the congregation as centers for mission and centers for equipping the baptized for their ministry in the world. Mount Cross is pleased to announce that we will be part of the class of 2013 with orientation set for November 10-11. The following leaders have agreed to go through this process: Linda Grosser, Kerry Cassens, Suzanne Bratcher, Pastor Glenn Zimbelman and Janice Zimbelman. This team will attend eight group events over 18 months, read 7 books and be coached in this process. Mount Cross will have the opportunity for input through TAG Ministry Assessment Tool (a survey). In addition there will be one parish project focusing on missional outreach and adaptive leadership. On October 23rd there will be a commissioning service during both worships and we ask that you keep these people in your prayers.

Mount Cross to take the TCI Index Survey

As part of our preparation for the Missional Leadership Academy we are asked to have a congregational survey to measure our health as a church.

The Transforming Church Index [TCI] is a tool our church is using to gather input from our members and attendees on a variety of topics including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters and others. Please take time between **Oct. 2 and Oct. 30th** to take the survey. You can take it online by following the instructions below; or, if you'd prefer, you can fill out a paper survey by picking one up in the narthex and returning it to the church office in sealed envelope by Oct. 10th. **Our preferred method is to use the web. If you do not have computer access, help will be provided to you with the computer set up in the Casita.** You may stop by the office during 10-noon, Monday to Thursday or sign up to use the computer after worship on Sundays in October beginning Oct. 9th. The survey should take about 20 minutes.

Please note all answers are strictly confidential and you will not be asked to give your name. The TCI survey was designed by The Armstrong Group and has been used in over 100,000 churches to measure church health. All people over the age of 15 in a household may take the survey if they attend worship. This is also open to guests who may not be members.

Online Instructions:

Step 1: Log on to the website at <http://tagsurvey.org/tci/grid>

Step 2: Click on Mount Cross Lutheran Church

Step 3: Enter your church's Password: **mclc1011**

Step 4: Answer each question according to the instructions. When you have finished each set of questions, click "Next" at the bottom of the page. You may use the "Previous" and "Next" buttons to navigate pages and change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click "Finish" on the last page, your answers will be saved and you cannot change them.

Thanks to everyone for participating and the MLA team is looking for a great response from our Mount Cross church family!