
Mount Cross Chronicle

November 2011



Mount Cross 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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“You will teach me how to live a holy life; Being with you will fill me with joy; at your right hand I will find pleasure forever” Ps 16:11 (NCV)

Our Liturgical Church Calendar involves three wonderful “Holy” days for the month of November. When people usually think of November they think of Thanksgiving followed by “Black Friday shopping.” This November we begin with All Saint’s Sunday on November 6th. On that day we celebrate our new baptized saints and our loved one’s who have gone home to Jesus. As we honor our loved ones, All Saint’s Sunday is a reminder to us that God has prepared a room for us. We can have great joy because we will be together in heaven with Jesus forever! This “forever” is something we already have; it is not something we get when we die an earthly death. Perhaps we can ponder on what it means for us to live as eternal Christians today?

Our second day this month is Christ the King Sunday. It calls us to look at our lives and examine our loyalties. What ‘kings’ do we bow down to in place of the One who is our King? Christ the King helps reminds us that Lord Jesus is not only King but He will return someday. As a King, Jesus desires to be in relationship with his subjects. The King cares for His people! Ps. 16:7-8, “I praise the Lord because he advises me. Even at night, I feel his leading. I keep the Lord before me always. Because he is close by my side, I will not be hurt.” Our King is not far off and distant but is close by and near. We can rejoice that God desires to be in relationship with us. Perhaps we can ponder about our part in that relationship. How much do we invest in connecting to Jesus through prayer and through scripture? What might it mean to take a leap of faith and explore opportunities for discipleship? Invite God to help us “live a Holy life” as the psalmist above declares.

The third official church day is the beginning of advent. Advent sneaks up on us right after Thanksgiving this year. God is with Us! Immanuel! One name for Jesus is the Peace Child. As we prepare for Christmas, let us examine our lives and see where we might need some of God’s peace. Can we not give to our God who loves us dearly all those things in this world that trouble us?

Three Holy Days, all of them celebrations pointing to our God who has loved us all the way to the Cross and beyond!

Let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

Pastor Glenn



Our **STATEMENT . . .**

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

FAITH FORMATION REFLECTIONS

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

2 Timothy 3:16,17 All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Bible was written thousands of years ago, so how can what was written then be useful now; how can it apply to my life today? How do I make sense of the ancient stories? These are questions many of us struggle with. But, scripture tells us that God's word, in the form of the Bible, is indeed written for us today. As 2 Timothy states, God's word teaches us, corrects us when we are wrong, trains us, equips us.

The second mark of discipleship is daily Bible reading. Do you read the Bible? Do you read it daily? Why or why not? I didn't used to read the Bible daily. I've struggled with trying to understand the ancient stories and figuring out how they apply to my life today. It has taken me most of my life to get to the point where I actually like reading the Bible. I do read the Bible almost daily. It helps me connect to the God who loves me dearly. It is just one more way I can learn to listen to and learn the heart of the One who knows me better than I know myself.

So, how do we/should we read the Bible? How do we apply this stuff to my life today? How do we read the Bible to learn who God is? Those are some of the questions I hope to answer in the Basic Bible Reading class. We'll look at what scripture says about God's Word; we'll look at and experience different ways to read the Bible; and we'll look at resources for Bible study. I'll share some of what I've learned about reading the Bible and I hope you will come and share what you've learned.

So, come and let's learn about reading the Bible daily together.

In Christ's love,
Jan Zimbelman

DINNER/SHOW PUTS BUILDING FUND OVER \$560,000

Ninety-four guests were present on October 14th to feast on a delicious dinner prepared by Joe Dice and family and served by spiffy looking adults and teenagers. Following a delightful dessert, all sat back and enjoyed the variety show of ten different acts and a variety it was: from trumpets to flutes, piano performances, guitar, vocal numbers, jugglers, and bells. Red roses were handed out in celebration of the Ludwigs' wedding anniversary and mum centerpieces were awarded to lucky chair occupants. Raffle ticket and table mat sales and waiter's tips added to the dinner tickets sold put the Building Fund over the \$560,000. Thanks to all who made the evening a memorable occasion. There are too many to list here but you know who you are. Thanks a million.

Presidents Update:

The AMAZING MOUNT CROSS is undergoing so many things at present, it Rocks!

What is going on, well let's start with the various classes and bible studies. We have learned really great ways to pray, we have had our vision opened up, and we have become an outreaching church, all in just a few months. And now we are learning Basic Bible 101, 202 and 303. Soon our small group ministry will be launched.

The next step is the one with Roger and Sally Rhorbach and June Schranz and Jerry Carlson who have undertaken Mount Cross Cares along with Joe and Tonnie Dice. The tutors vary, but Ron Nelson, Ed Blair, Glenn Zimbelman, Jodie Lorenz, Sherry Lien, and many others are helping the children with homework and games. We start up again the first week of November after one very good first session.

The drive for heating for the Rock Point Mission has moved forward, and when I went to the last meeting of Mission Board, I took a check for \$2006 to help pay for the initial filling of the propane tanks. This paid for half of that cost. This is an ongoing drive, so think of cold weather here in Payson, drop the temperature 10 degrees, and add in wind chill, which is never ending up there, and then you have the Rockpoint Community weather. Our donation was greatly appreciated. One of the great things is that K. Blair told a friend in Illinois, who then sent \$100, and told another friend, and now there are others who will join us in this project. It costs about \$8,000 per winter to keep the rooms around 65 degrees.

The youth, under the leadership of Jodi Lorenz and others went to Lake Roosevelt. This is a great step for young people. They also handed out candy at the Town of Payson's annual Trunk or Treat. There was a huge turnout at the event. The youth have plans to participate in Payson's annual electric light parade on December 3.

The property committee has been working very hard to repair the bunkhouse, get the out buildings painted before winter. In addition they are getting the grounds ready for winter.

The building committee is ready to launch Phase 2 of the building fund. Many have expressed that the current building is ok, but once these many different aspects of our ministry take place, we find it is hard to have a meeting or class due to church being filled almost every day with something. Now that is nothing to lament, but it points out the need for a larger church with classrooms and meeting rooms. The building fund committee hosted a variety show/dinner fund-raising even which was held on Friday, October 14.

WELCA received \$79.31 in the donations from the quarterly "Thank Offering" boxes. These donations go directly to ELCA World Missions. This is one of our activities. In addition, we support New Beginnings, and the Rock Point Mission with quilts and other items. We offer bible study once a month and have a monthly quilting meeting on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:00 AM. The second Sunday of November will be the dedication of quilts for the Rockpoint Mission. I will be taking the quilts up the following week if the weather cooperates. I cannot say a day, since weather dictates road conditions. They do not plow the roads up there, and this Southern Californian is not the best snow driver. The WELCA convention is taking place in Tucson on Nov. 5 and 6. The spring convention will take place late in April or early May. Spirit of Joy in Cottonwood is the host.

Rockpoint Mission is moving along. Susan Vogel, former Chair, has resigned due to health issues, and yours truly is now Chair. Our school has made great progress in this year, with kids getting on track for their grades in several of the grades. We have Christian Education, Navajo Cultural Education and sports on Wednesdays if the weather permits. The Hogan was the site of the first ever Scholastic Book Fair and was well received. We no longer have facilities for overnight stays in the bungalows since they are used to house teachers. Instead, with considerable preplanning, there is a Hogan or a teepee to sleep in. Reservations must be made with the executive director, Lynn Hubbard. This is a great experience for young folk and their chaperones, but probably not so good at my age.

Note your calendars for the annual meeting on November 20 between services. This meeting will have the annual budget, election of Council members and Committee members as well as updates on the Building project.

Alice Natale
Council President

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

LOMONA IS AN ACRONYM FOR LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011

CHURCH SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

WEEKLY

MONDAY: BOY SCOUT MEETINGS
CUB SCOUT MEETINGS
TUESDAY: MOUNT CROSS CARES
THURSDAY: CUB SCOUT DEN MEETINGS
SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 OCTOBER:

WEEKENDS

1. TRINITY FELLOWSHIP-YOUTH
2. CREATIVE MEMORIES-CHANDLER

DAY USAGE

1. SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING
2. TAI CHI CLASSES (3X)
3. BIBLE: BIG STORY CLASSES (3X)
4. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (1X)
5. CATCH A VISION (2X)
6. CHURCH HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

RETREAT WEEKENDS: 2 WEEKENDS/4 NIGHTS

TOTAL DAY USE: 11

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE: HEATING SYSTEM WAS CHECKED OUT IN BOTH THE LOG BUILDING AND THE DORM IN PREPARATION FOR THE WINTER MONTHS.

DORM

THE SECTION ON OUTSIDE OF THE DORM THAT WAS DAMAGED DUE TO A CAR ACCIDENT HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND PAINTED. SOME OF THE BOARDS ON THE BACK LANDING OF THE DORM WERE DRY-ROTTED AND WERE REPLACED.

LOG BUILDING

THE KITCHEN FLOOR HAS BEEN REPLACED AND THE NEW FIRE SUPPRESSION HAS BEEN UPDATED. WE HAVE FINISHED CLEANING OUT THE CLOSETS. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANYTHING IN THE CLOSETS, WHICH YOU DON'T WANT. THE ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. EVERYTHING IS LABELED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

THERE IS A PING PONG TABLE. ANYONE WHO DONATED THIS ITEM, PLEASE PICK IT UP NO LATER THAN NOV. 17, 2011 OR IT WILL BE DONATED.

REMINDER: DUE TO SOME CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULING THAT HAD OCCURRED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTHS, 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 WOULD NEED TO CONTACT ME BEFORE YOU FINALIZE ANY PLANS.

MARYANN ROWE
LOMONA DIRECTOR



Mount Cross has experienced the loss from our presence three individuals who are affiliated with us, either directly or indirectly: one of our disciples, Bob Babbitt; the spouse of our dear Mary Adams, Dan Adams; and the father of Kelly O'Neill, Donald Busarow. Our prayers are with the family members who feel a void without their loved one's presence.

A memorial service for Dan Adams will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the new Messinger Mortuary facility located at 901 S. Westerly Rd. in Payson.

Dancing with God

When I pray and meditate on the word **Guidance**, I keep seeing 'dance' at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.

When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.

The movement doesn't flow with the music and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes that and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music.

One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.

It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.

The dance takes surrender, willingness and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes draw back to the word **Guidance**,
I see '**G**' and think of God
followed by '**U**' and '**I**'.
God, you and I dance.

As I lowered my head in prayer, I become willing to trust
that I will get guidance about my life.
I became willing to let God lead.

My prayer for you today is that God's
blessings and mercies be upon you this day
and every day.
May you abide in God as God abides in you.
Dance together with God,
trusting God to lead and guide you
through each season of your life.

Prayer is one of the best gifts we can receive.
There is no cost, but a lot of rewards;
So let's continue to pray for one another,
Mount Cross' missions and ministries and God's guidance.

And I hope you Dance!!

Linda Grosser

The Capital Appeal team thanks you for your prayerful consideration of the extended mission to build a new sanctuary for Mount Cross. There will be a special pledge Sunday on November 20th.

We hope you will attend and be part of this wonderful opportunity of "Building to Serve Christ."

If you cannot attend worship on November 20th, you may mail or drop off your pledge cards to the church office.

Warming Things Up!

On October 14, Alice Natale delivered a \$2,006 check to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, which will be used to pay for half of the first propane bill of this winter. The bill was \$4,000 and the tank still had some left in it from this past spring. The Mission is very thankful for this help. Thank you to all the disciples who contributed through individual contribution envelopes, the Bake Sale, and Pastor Glenn's installation service.

We will continue raising funds for this purpose in order to help with the second fill when that is needed. 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. Already \$41 has been contributed in these small black furnaces as of October 17. As usual, disciples may also contribute through the weekly offering envelopes by specifying an amount for "Navajo Heating" in the Other category on the contribution envelopes.

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, the clinic, the wellness center, and other administrative buildings. Our goal is \$6,000 for this winter, which will pay for almost two months of propane bills. Tell your friends about our goal, especially those who belong to other congregations that may have Mission or Outreach Committees and perhaps your friends and their congregations will be inspired to "Feed the Flames for Warmth" for the students and staff at the Navajo Lutheran Mission. It has happened with one friend and her congregation.

Karyl Blair
Global Missions Team



Chancel and Bell Choirs will hold regular rehearsals on Thursday evenings in November, 6:00 p.m. for Bells, and 7:00 p.m. for Chancel Choir, November 3, 10, 17.

There will be no rehearsals on Thanksgiving, November 24!

Extra rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 8, 15 and 29 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., for our Christmas special music, the Schubert Mass and the John Rutter Carols. There will also be an extra rehearsal for the Schubert on Saturday morning, November 19, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. with the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists.

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical service will be held at Community Presbyterian Church this year, on Tuesday, November 22: rehearsal with combined choirs at 5:00 p.m., supper at 6:00 p.m., and service at 7:00 p.m.

The Music Christmas Party/Potluck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in LOMONA. All choirs are invited, as well as all staff members.

Feed the Hungry

The four ecumenical churches: Mount Cross Lutheran, Payson United Methodist, Community Presbyterian, and St Paul's Episcopal, are in the beginning stages of organizing a program to feed those in our community without resources to adequately provide food for their families. We are in the process of planning one dinner a month to be held in the log building. All four of the churches will work together to provide workers to set up, clean up and help with the serving. Gary Bedworth, a master chef in the food service industry, has provided us with nutritious and low cost meals. We are also looking for those who will direct the kitchens. The churches will help with the funding.

We can make a difference in our community! Let me know if this is a ministry that is of interest to you. More details to come as we bring this together.

June Schranz

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 Zimelman 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.

Nov 8	10:30 AM - noon
Nov 9	6:00 - 7:30 PM

Discipleship 101: What in the world is discipleship?

(attend ONE session)

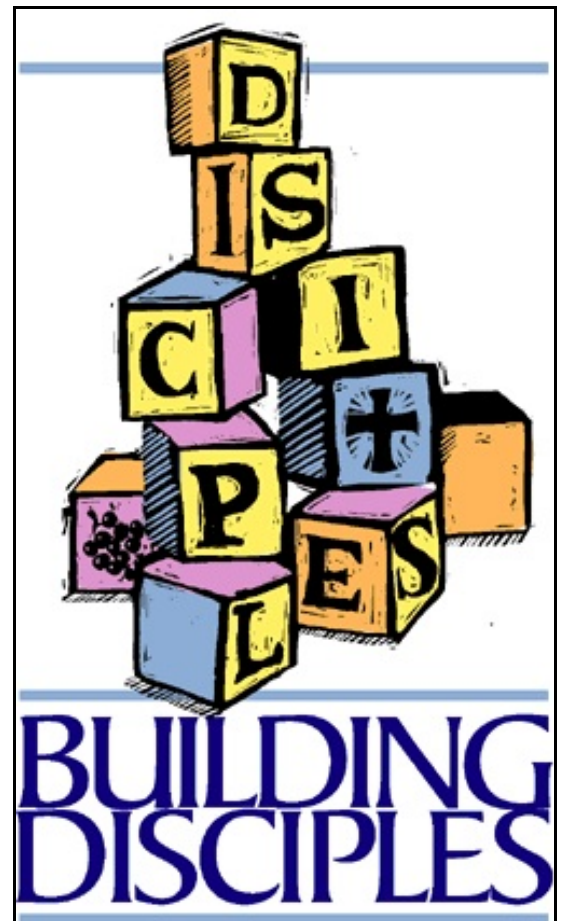
Learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We will provide an overview of the marks of discipleship as a guide for growing in our faith walk with Christ; taught by Pastor Glenn and Jan.

Nov 2	6:30-8:00 PM
Nov 3	10:30 AM-noon

Basic Bible Reading: How on earth does this book apply to me? (attend ONE session)

The second mark of discipleship is read the Bible daily. Learn the basics of how to read and study the Bible; taught by Jan.

Nov 6	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Nov 9	1:30 - 3:00 PM
Nov 16	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Nov 22	10:30 AM - noon



"If you want Christian children and youth you need Christian adults."

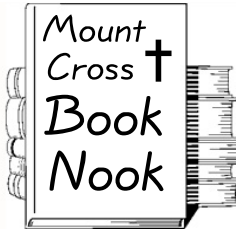
Vibrant Faith Ministries

With the holiday season quickly approaching, now seems to be a good time to remind you of the *Taking Faith Home* bulletin insert located on the table just under the mail boxes. This insert is lectionary based, very kid friendly, and is a valuable tool for helping households bring God into their homes. During these festive holiday celebrations, as you encounter children and youth in the various ways that seem to come about, I encourage you to have **Caring Conversations** with children and youth, do **Devotions** together, invite a child or youth to participate in a local **Service** project (Angel Tree or Ringing a bell for the Salvation Army or giving to a local charity of your choice are just a few ideas) and establish or maintain family **Rituals and Traditions** that bring God into your celebrations. Remember, *Taking Faith Home* is how we pass our faith on to the next generation.

If you would like Lenore to place a copy (standard or large print) of *Taking Faith Home* bulletin insert each week in your mail box, just let us know and we will make sure it happens.

May God's Peace fill your homes!

Jodi



If you are attending the classes on Prayer and/or Bible Study you will find two shelves on the library cart in Fellowship Hall full of books pertaining to both subjects. The cart will be perpendicular to the wall so both sides of the cart will be available.

The following are recent donations to the church library.

Non-Fiction:

Moving On

by Sarah Ban Breathnach

The True Measure of a Woman

by Lisa Bevere

How to Hear From God

by Joyce Meyer

Happy reading.

Your Librarian,

Eloise Jones



Jesus' Power and Authority

On Thursday, November 10, at 10 AM, the women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Mary Adams at 1011 South Butte Crest in Payson. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:45 to pool rides. Bring a bag lunch if you are able to stay for fellowship after the Bible Study. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Call Mary at 474-6181 with questions. All women and friends are invited to join us for whatever length of time you can stay.

Mark's accounts in Mark 4:1—6:29 cover many examples of the power and authority of Jesus. Jesus teaches using parables, heals people of a variety of physical and mental diseases, stills the storm that frightened the disciples, was rejected by his own neighbors in Nazareth, sent out the twelve disciples in pairs, and learned of the death of John the Baptist. Mark placed several parables together to build momentum. This focuses our attention on the "kingdom of God" which is a way of describing the world from God's perspective and intervening presence. Announcing the nearness of the kingdom of God is at the heart of Jesus' message of good news. Have you ever noticed an event or an exchange between people that revealed the grace and generosity of God? Perhaps you can think of more than one example to share with the gathered group.



November Birthdays

- 3 Linda Grosser
- 4 Bob Kennedy
- 7 Marc Apps
- 11 Dave Ritterbusch
- 12 Ed Stevens
- 13 Kelly O'Neill
- 14 Charlotte Robinson
Linda Wiebe
- 16 Betty Carter
Yvette Harpe
Barb Overfield
- 19 Ed Blair
- 21 Naomi Metz
- 24 Dar Kometh
- 29 Joe Dice
- 30 Anita Dewitz
Dana Fladhammer

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Warren/JoAnn Wegenke
- 7 Tom/Carrie Backe
- 10 Tony/Lori Andretta
Bill/Kathryn Lee
- 12 Jerry/Naomi Metz
- 21 Herb/Helen Mueller



Congregational Meeting

**Sunday
November 20, 2011
Between services**

Make your voice heard! Plan to attend.

The agenda will consist of voting for vacated positions that will need filling and voting on the proposed budget for the 2012 year.

Living Space Needed

A frequent guest in worship is out of work and needs a space to stay over the winter. Currently this person is sleeping in the woods. Background check can be made. Person can do lots of outside work. See Pastor Glenn for more info!

Dear Mount Cross Disciples,

In September children, youth, families and friends gathered at Roosevelt Lake for a full weekend of swimming, boating, eating, playing, and worshiping. It was a wonderful trip! I think 12 year old Spring Farnsworth, Terri and Joe Vlahovich's granddaughter, does a great job of capturing the fun and spirit of the weekend. In her own words....

September 19, 2011

2011 Camping Trip

Quite an adventure this trip was. There was tubing, water skiing, kayaking, boat rides, campfires, wonderful desserts, and amazing people to share this amazing adventurous trip. My favorite part was – S'mores! Those wonderful treats! Oh, how they fill my stomach with butterflies! All that chocolate melted by a chewy scrumptious marshmallow, topped off with sweet crunchy graham crackers. Water skiing was fun even though I didn't get up - I enjoyed it. The desserts were delicious too! But all those amazing people – without them I would have never been able to have this amazing experience! I would like to thank all of those wonderful people and YES, You! You right there - standing right there. So thank you – Thank you very much!

by Spring Farnsworth,

A BIG THANKS for the TEAM effort and planning go out to **Rene Apps, Terri and Joe Vlahovich, Tonnie and Joe Dice, Yvette Harpe, and Diana Fletcher**. Diana, our token photographer, recorded the weekend's activities and you can see them on the church web site. Another BIG THANKS goes out to all our friends and extended family that supported and participated in this weekend. The more the merrier! Saturday night we had 24 people gathered together for a delicious potluck dinner. And last but not least a BIG THANKS goes out to **Bob and Mary Kennedy** for donating a pot of their famous home cooked beans – We literally scraped the pot clean.

Let's do it again soon!

Jodi Lorenz



THANKSGIVING EVENTS

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Our own Pastor Glenn will be providing the sermon.

Want to celebrate Thanksgiving differently this year? Then join us at the annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner at Mount Cross. All are welcome - friends, family, the neighbor that is all alone, anyone. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the back of the church. When you sign up please note the dish you will be sharing - we love tasting old family recipes that are a special tradition in your home. Dinner will begin at 4:30 followed by dessert around 5:30. Also, if you just want to come to share a cup of coffee and dessert that would be great too.

Cooking can be done at LOMONA – just let me know of your needs.

If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Jodi Lorenz.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO ALL!!

Friendship Club Happenings

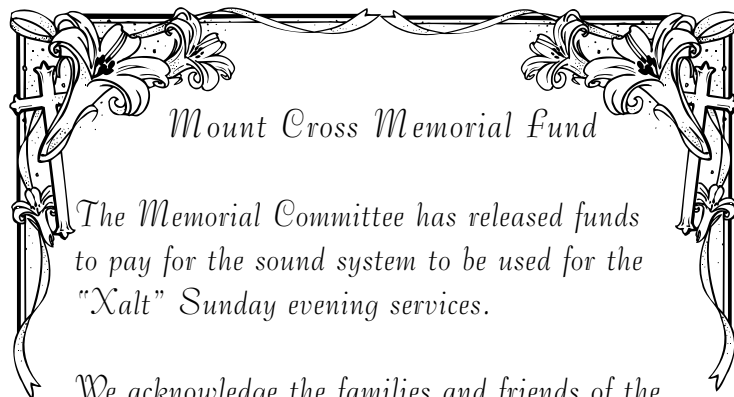
The WELCA convention will take place November 4 – 6 at the Tucson Sheraton. We have four ladies attending: Eloise Jones, Mavis Denofsky, Jan Zimbelman our delegate, and myself.

The quarterly “Thank Offering” came to a total of \$79.31. Money received for this offering is sent to national and is used to contribute to various ministries.

Our quilters, who meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month, will be donating quilts to the Navajo Lutheran Mission. There will be a quilt blessing on Sunday, November 13th. Just a reminder, the quilters will not be meeting in November or December.

Nancy Peiffer

WELCA president



Mount Cross Memorial Fund

The Memorial Committee has released funds to pay for the sound system to be used for the “Xalt” Sunday evening services.

We acknowledge the families and friends of the following memorial gifts that were used to pay for the sound system:

<i>Dee Felker</i>	<i>Allen Hennings</i>
<i>Marie Glissendorf</i>	<i>Lois Kennedy</i>
<i>Richard Glissendorf</i>	<i>Mel & Michael Laumb</i>
<i>Irene Gildemeister</i>	<i>Betty Miller</i>

Surprise Program at Friendship Club !

As acting President of the Friendship Club, and one-man program planning committee, I am telling you that we haven’t secured a planned program or guest for noon, November 16th.

Secondly, I’m not sure the program is the attraction. As a town council member, THE question I have heard most in the past 12 months is whether ASU is coming to town. I planned a presentation by people who know the answers to all kinds of questions . . . And only 17 people showed up! Boy, was I disappointed! I had expected double the normal attendance! It was particularly embarrassing as one of the planned presenters couldn’t be there, so Mayor Evans showed up to supplement the excellent power point. I know all who attended felt it was well worth their time and they got all their questions answered.

So, instead of being embarrassed again, I’m thinking we could have a “mixer” type of “program” . . . or show some of the great pictures of autumn I have received on my email from all around the world. . .and the persons or person who best guess the locations will win a giant prize. . .like all the left-over Halloween candy from my house.

So bake something (we were short of everything last time, especially hot dishes) or buy something and come for a surprise or two on Wednesday, November 16 at noon. I’ll have you out by 1:29! (PS 1—you don’t have to be a certain age. . .anybody who is free can attend. PS 2- plan for the Christmas party at noon on Wednesday, December 14, earlier than usual)

Ed

Friendship Club Acting President



Sunday, November 27	1 st Sunday in Advent	8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 30	Advent Supper - Altar Guild	5:00 p.m.
	Hanging of the Greens Service	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, December 4	2 nd Sunday in Advent	8:30* & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 7	Advent Supper -	5:00 p.m.
	Mid-week Advent Service	6:00 p.m.

*Chancel Choir will present Schubert's Mass in G Major as part of the worship setting



Mount Cross Financial Report (January- September 2011)

Approved Budget Commitment.....	\$208,254.00 (75.00 % of 2011 budget)
Income.....	\$207,362.19 (74.68 % of 2011 budget)
Expenditures.....	\$194,967.75 (70.21 % of 2011 budget)

Total Contributions to the Building Fund as of 10-18-2011. \$560,381.76
 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 eScrip program? Forms are located on the table beneath the mailboxes in Fellowship Hall. 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. \$2,985.00
 LOMONA..... \$1,234.00

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

LUTHERLAND in 2012



Reverend Ken Lentz is planning a trip to the land of Martin Luther. There will be a 2nd informational meeting held on Sunday, November 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in participating in the trip is encouraged to attend the meeting.

LOMONA BAZAAR
(Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Of Northern Arizona)

DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IN THE LOG BUILDING

Matching funds from Thrivent

It is time once again to begin thinking about the annual LOMONA bazaar. There will be a change from former years. . .we will not have a rummage sale at the same time.

This year, we will only accept homemade crafts (of all kinds), wood or metal objects, baked goods, candy, canned goods, jams or jelly, live plants or artificial arrangements, paintings, mixes in a jar, or any other craft item I may have missed. Our kitchen will be open with a limited menu for breakfast and lunch.

No large furniture or clothing. The exception to this is homemade furniture and/or handmade sweaters, slippers, etc.

If you have gone through your closets or storage area this summer (as I did) and found something you bought and now can't remember why, we will also accept that.

As many of you know, LOMONA is a separate entity from the Mount Cross Church. We are run by a board of directors and have a building director (Maryann Rowe) who has the final say on who uses the log building and/or bunk house. We are however under a mandate from the church council to make a profit. For the past 25 years we have been able to pay our expenses as well as giving free usage of the LOMONA facilities to church sponsored groups, which figures out annually to be \$10,000 plus. Since this is our only fund-raiser each year, it becomes very near and dear to our hearts. Please help us help you, by donating and/or buying from the bazaar. If all else fails, we are not too proud to accept cash donations. All of our bazaar proceeds go into an account for upkeep and maintenance of the log building and bunk house.

If you can spare a few hours to help set up or work at the bazaar, please sign up on the sheet on the podium in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Charlotte Robinson
468-6738

Maryann Rowe
474-3787

Tai Chi for Three Weeks in November

The Tai Chi classes, which began a new six-week series on October 12, will continue for three weeks in November. We meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 2, 9, and 16 in the log building. It is not necessary to attend every week, because each week stands on its own. Admission is an item of canned goods or cash for the Payson Food Bank as a tribute to our talented teacher, Lori Andretta. We are all learning our need for more balance and stretching, which is helped by this activity. Our next series of classes will occur after the holidays. The classes are sponsored by Women's Ministries and are open to all men and women.

Small Groups are starting!!

Small groups are formed and starting to meet this month. It is not too late to join a group. Check the Discipleship bulletin board in the narthex, groups are listed there with the facilitators names and phone numbers. Contact the facilitators and join a group!

Invite a friend! Small groups are open to the community. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join with you in a small group. This is not just for Mount Cross disciples!

In the Spirit of Giving. . .

Thanksgiving season reminds us of the many causes that need our support as illustrated by the many requests in our individual mailboxes. As decisions are made about charitable giving, remember the many needs to consider within Mount Cross. Special funds have been set up for causes separate from the Building Fund or the Operational Budget. Contributions to any of these funds can be made on your individual weekly offering envelopes in the “Other” category with the fund and amount listed.

Mount Cross Cares
Navajo Mission Heating Bill
Jodi Lorenz Fund—for seminary expenses not covered by Mission Endowment
Local Food Bank
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Relief
Chancel Choir Fund for special music
Church Library
Payson Helping Payson
Good Samaritan Fund

Also, remember that gifts in memory or in honor of someone can be given to the Memorial Fund or the Mission Endowment Fund.

Karyl Blair



To my dear Mount Cross friends,
Thank you so much for all the cards & best wishes.
Your thoughtfulness and loving kindness are an example of the wonderful Mount Cross family I belong to.
Blessing to all of you.
Nancy R. Coyer

THANK YOU Tyler Apps, Joey Dice, Dean Harpe and Zachary Romberger for assisting us as waiter staff at the October 14th Dinner & Talent Show. These good looking bow tie clad young men did their best and earned tips in the amount of \$65.00, which they donated to the Building Fund. A good job by some GREAT young men.
Thanks again,
Doug and Barb Overfield



Wrapped in Prayer A Prayer Shawl Ministry

To the Prayer Shawl Committee,
Thank you for my beautiful prayer shawl. It is always with me, brings me comfort & Keeps me warm. It's my constant companion. Thank you so much.
With loving thoughts,
Nancy R. Coyer

Hello Ladies,
I would like to say thank you to the people responsible for the creation of this beautiful work of art. Today I received a couple of care packages from Payson Supply line and found this wonderful shawl with the enclosed letter and prayer. Sorry but I had to snag the shawl, I guess I'm a little selfish and to be honest by the time I leave here this winter I will be needing it due to the fact that I didn't bring any winter civilian clothes for the trip home. So I did have an ulterior motive besides the fact that it's a work of art. Don't worry, this old Sergeant won't let anything bad happen to it. Once again "thank you" very much from all of us here in Bag ram.
TSgt Tom West 143rd
If there is anything we can do for you, just ask.