

*Our mission statement:
Celebrating God's love
by worshipping God,
caring for each other,
and serving in community.*

Crossties

*"Sharing the
Ointment for Jesus'
Feet, Giving God
our Very Best"
Cf. John 12:3*

February 2026	<i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church</i>	Vol. 32 No. 2
Bergy's Babble: "The Donkey and The Lamb"		
<p>We tend to characterize John the Baptizer, as at least eccentric, and maybe just a little off; around the bend. He says, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Who would have thought that a dusty camel-hair-attired, locust and honey eating, social critic, could offer a sensitive insight like that? Who would have thought that an adamantly, politically neutral Essene would even attempt to navigate the turbulent expectations of a Messiah; A Messiah who would rule by dying in the subservient role of a Sacrificial Lamb?</p> <p>John can look at a wild, untamed, unclean, dangerous wilderness and see the salvation of Israel. He can look at Jesus and see in a simple human, the soon-to-be sacrificed Lamb of God, who gives atonement with God to the whole world, who redeems Creation.</p> <p>We can't imagine how that might work until it is happening. John knows <u>who</u>, and <u>what</u> is supposed to be happening. The details of <u>HOW</u> this could possibly happen so people would understand, is in God's future plan, which is mysterious and unpredictable: An unlikely convergence of seemingly random events.</p> <p>Imagine dropping a 1,000-piece jigsaw, fresh out of the box, into an empty fifty-foot silo. It lands, not perfectly assembled, but unbelievably, you can see a clear pattern.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">... /// ...</p>		

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The revealing of the Lamb of God, the perfect sheep, who takes away the sin of the world, begins with a ritually impure, unredeemable donkey who has never been ridden; for all practical purposes a worthless animal. Jesus commissions this impossible animal for a ride into Jerusalem on Passover. I'll bet the first five minutes of that ride were some rodeo fun. Only God could last 8 seconds on that one! But I guarantee, it would seem like an eternity to the donkey!!

About that donkey. A donkey, a mule, is the hybrid offspring of a jack mule, *equus asinus* and a female horse, a mare. It is an unusual hybrid animal; most definitely not *Kosher*. A donkey big enough to ride and not yet broken or ridden, indicates a first-born animal.

Normally, any first-born male animal is required by Law, to be given back to God in sacrifice. It would become food for the priests. Or ransomed with a valuable offering, and put into service. But there is a problem. Hybridization. The donkey is by Mosaic Law, unclean, and cannot be presented as a sacrifice. The donkey cannot be redeemed!

A donkey cannot be butchered and eaten because it does not chew a cud and it does not have split hooves. The donkey is the only non-kosher animal whose firstborn is considered holy. Probably because donkeys carried the riches of Egypt during the Exodus. Smart and adaptive, they were likely considered family members, just like your beloved furry friends that live with you.

It is a quandary. The unredeemable donkey must be redeemed, and until that happens, he can't be ridden or used as a pack animal or an essential draft animal to pull a plough. Clean or unclean, he is the smartest and most valuable creature in your stable. He could do a multitude of tasks. Wild in the field, he is already working, by his very nature, guarding other more vulnerable herds and flocks from predators, with his large teeth, and his slashing hooves, his unearthly braying, and extraordinary intelligence. Wolves and wildcats know better than to challenge a donkey. But he can't be useful until he is redeemed by something of equal value.

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Most rabbis would accept a fine sheep as the substitute. Aha, it becomes clear. **This firstborn donkey will be redeemed by the firstborn Son of God, the finest Lamb of all. This transaction is sanctioned by the Great High Priest of all Creation, Jesus, the Christ. finest sheep of all, the Perfect Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. The irredeemable donkey is redeemed by the Redeeming Lamb.**

It is a deeply layered metaphor or parable, requiring a life Jack-et for buoyancy! It is counter-intuitive. Christ is the Lamb of God. God has brought his best offering to us. God figures, "I wouldn't give you anything that I wouldn't do first. My Will is to finish Abraham's fearful but faithful sacrifice of his son which I cut short, by providing a sacrificial ram. My Son, will be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

God offers the best without holding back. His most perfect offering... TO US. Out of the whole Gospel experience, at the beginning, John knows, that Jesus is born to die sacrificially on behalf of: Not just you or me, or a preferred nation, or a spiritual and favored pep club, but for the whole universe; starting with a dirty donkey. Jesus the Lamb of God, finishes off the sacrifices and their presumptions of bribing successful transactions out of God. As Jesus said, from his sacrificial cross, "It is complete." Jesus put religion out of the accounting business. God loves you and there is nothing you can do about to change His love. Annual atonement and grinding guilt, is in the past, in the old creation. We live in judgement and atonement now, second by second, breathing the joy-filled air of grace. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!!!

See you in worship!!! Bergy



Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC)
Minutes for Council Meeting – October 19, 2025

The October 2025 Church Council meeting was called to order by President Stephen Schulze on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 11:09 a.m. Pastor Berggren opened with a prayer.

In attendance were: Pastor Jim Berggren, Stephen Schulze, Jay Byerly, Anita Cooper, Ricki Finstad, Julie Kilkenny, Wendy Lambeth, Penny Schick and Hans Sunder. Council member Russell Richter was not in attendance.

The **minutes** from the September 2025 meeting were submitted by Secretary Julie Kilkenny. Hans Sunder asked for clarification on the section regarding Telge lots, and the minutes were approved by Council.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Ricki Finstad. At the beginning of his report he forwarded a request from Tillie Remmert to get some help from Council. (See Buildings and Grounds section below.) September 2025 offerings were \$29,366, which was \$6,351 greater than August. Expenses for the month of September were \$30,711, a decrease of \$222 from August. September 2025 expenses exceeded offerings by \$1,345; the average monthly deficit was \$14,528. Average monthly offerings were short of budget amounts by \$12,359/month. The checking account balance at 9/30/25 was \$63,190, not including restricted funds (after the transfer of \$50,000 from the Emergency Fund to the checking account). Treasurer Finstad remarked that the proceeds from the CD which matured in September were transferred into the Vanguard money market fund, as was discussed at the August meeting. He gave a summary of investments and other items in his report. Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Berggren gave a brief report on his activities for the month. There was a funeral service on September 22nd for long-time HCLC member Mim Wignes. He shared a few observations from the Planning/Outreach Committee meetings to determine effective ways to reach out to the community. Penny Schick and Wendy Lambeth noted that HCLC needs to have a more *intentional plan* to publicize these meetings, especially if the stated goal is to involve different people in these ministries. ... /// ...

This would include Mr. Schick’s email blasts (already implemented), regular Facebook and website posts. Pastor Berggren brought up the **Contemporary Theology seminar**, which will take place on Wednesday nights in November and December; he hopes to have a Zoom component. Other activities included preparing for services each week; making phone calls and visits to parishioners; providing counseling and ministering for prayer requests [along with Deacon Donahue]; outreach to the community; weekly Wednesday Bible Study; and various church ministry meetings.

Committee Reports and Old Business:

WELCA: Penny Schick reported that WELCA has a potluck lunch planned for October 26th.

Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance:

- Treasurer Finstad passed along a request from Tillie Remmert that Council would dedicate a line item in the church budget and increase payments to help with the **maintenance of memorial fund landscaping** (or even a few parishioners could contribute toward this.) Currently, she is paying for this maintenance as an in-kind donation, but as the size of the flower beds increased, so too has the burden to cover this expense. Council discussed several aspects of this request, but did not come up with a definitive plan. Council did approve her request to use non-designated memorial funds for maintenance of these beds.
- President Schulze reported that he and Alan Lambeth have been meeting with the heating contractor to discuss details for the installation of the **new furnace** for the sanctuary; a date for the actual installation will be set when these plans are finalized.
- He noted that Mr. Lambeth is working to fix a small leak in the new cooling water recirculation pump in the **sanctuary A/C system** (a function of connecting new parts to an old system).

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- Mr. Schulze remarked that Mr. Lambeth would work on a solution to fix the accessible parking sign that has been repeatedly backed over by cars in the west parking lot.
- Council briefly discussed upcoming inspections of several systems on the HCLC campus from a schedule of required inspections distributed by President Schulze.

Food Pantry: President Schulze summarized an email he received from Jim Hughes (Secretary of ESB Food Pantry Board) about expansion plans for the Pantry. The Pantry is working up details for the “north option” expansion plan (as discussed at the August HCLC Council meeting) for presentation to the Hilshire Village Planning Commission. Mr. Schulze expressed his frustration with the protracted back-and-forth with Hilshire Village; he will keep Council apprised of any developments.

Outreach: In his Pastor’s report, Pastor Berggren updated Council on the successful **Blessing of the Animals service**; he reported that several people learned about it from the 6-foot banner in the Westview lawn. Wendy Lambeth added that there would be banners for future events, including one for the **Trunk-or-Treat** event on Halloween. She noted that the **Visitors’ and New Members packets** which are currently in use need updating; she will oversee this project with Julie Richter.

Other Old Business: President Schulze distributed a list of recommendations from Officer Moore of the Spring Valley Police Department regarding security on the HCLC campus for a brief discussion.

New Business:

Planning and Budget Committee and an **Outreach Committee:** President Schulze added a few comments to Pastor Berggren’s observations on the September 12th combined meeting of these two committees.

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Vacation Policy:

Mr. Schulze emphasized the need to have a *written* policy and procedures for vacation and other time off for paid employees. He noted that per the HCLC constitution this is the responsibility of Council. There was a lengthy discussion about current practices in the workplace, as well as how things have been handled in the past at Holy Cross. President Schulze asked Council to mull it over and get back to him with additional thoughts.

Building Use Request:

Council voted to approve the request for **Bayou City Blues Band**, a group of students, to use the Gym for band practices on certain Friday evenings (September – April). This will not require special setup or cleanup by HCLC staff, and Stephanie Walton will be responsible for opening up the building and monitoring their building use. Also, **School of the Woods** has renewed the contract to use the south driveway for carpool pickup and has increased their donation to HCLC.

Other New Business:

- President Schulze explained in detail a proposal for a maintenance contract from the current A/C contractor. Ms. Lambeth added that Alan Lambeth was not comfortable with the specifics on what would be covered, and he was not certain that a maintenance contract would be worth the cost. Mr. Schulze will meet with Mr. Lambeth before a decision is made. Dr. Finstad commented that, at this time, he was not sure that the \$165/month was necessary. After some discussion Council deferred action on this.
- Mr. Schulze inquired about getting an independent review of Holy Cross finances and investments. He approached his personal financial advisor and will let Council know about any updates.
- He remarked that there has been a recall of the defibrillator (AED) in use at Holy Cross. He informed Council about the options recommended in a letter received from the company two days ago.

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- Mr. Schulze will confer with John Lambeth, who offers Red Cross training at HCLC and has more knowledge in evaluating this equipment, before a decision is made. Treasurer Finstad noted that he also has experience with AEDs from his dental practice and would help with this decision.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

The Congregational Meeting Part I was scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2025 after worship (and also before the Saturday, December 13th 6:00pm service).

Upon motion to adjourn, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kilkenny,
Secretary, Church Council



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

We are looking for volunteers to support our Sunday School and Nursery!
To give our weekly teachers the opportunity to attend services,
we are building a rotation.

Whether you can help **once a month or even once a quarter**, we need you.

The role is simple: supervise 2–4 children, bring them in for Bible Time,
and lead a small activity.

It's a low-pressure way to serve our church family.

Please reach out to Wendy Lambeth or Julie Richter if you can help!

Julie Richter

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC)
Minutes for Council Meeting – November 16, 2025

The November 2025 Church Council meeting was called to order by President Stephen Schulze on Sunday, November 18, 2025 at 11:13 a.m. Pastor Berggren opened with a prayer.

In attendance were: Pastor Jim Berggren, Stephen Schulze, Jay Byerly, Anita Cooper, Ricki Finstad, Wendy Lambeth, Penny Schick and Hans Sunder. Council members Julie Kilkenny and Russell Richter were not in attendance.

The **minutes** from the October 2025 meeting were not available at meeting time and will be submitted at the next Council meeting.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Ricki Finstad. October 2025 offerings were \$31,958, which was \$2,592 greater than September. Expenses for the month of October were \$20,428, a decrease of \$10,283 from September. October 2025 offerings were \$11,529 greater than expenses; the average monthly deficit was \$10,566. Average monthly offerings were short of budget amounts by \$10,425/month. The checking account balance at 10/31/25 was \$70,679, not including restricted funds. Treasurer Finstad gave a summary of investments and other items in his report. Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Berggren updated Council on his activities for the month. He presided at the wedding of Lindsey Doler in Austin. He was very pleased with the first Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at Holy Cross; he estimated there were approximately 8 cars and 400 people that participated in the event. Pastor Berggren noted that the Contemporary Theology seminar has started (Wednesday nights in November and December), and he thanked Russ Richter and Warren Schick for facilitating the Zoom component. He asked for prayers for several parishioners with health concerns. Other activities included preparing for services each week; making phone calls and visits to parishioners; providing counseling and ministering for prayer requests [along with Deacon Donahue]; outreach to the community; weekly Wednesday Bible Study; and various church ministry meetings.

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Committee Reports and Old Business:

WELCA: Penny Schick reported that WELCA had a potluck lunch October 26th.

Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance:

- Council discussed the problem of the overgrown shrubs on the Westview side of the sanctuary building; it has become a place where homeless people are sleeping and leaving bedding, etc.
- President Schulze reported that the installation of the **new furnace** for the sanctuary is complete.
- He noted that the problem with the **sanctuary HVAC system** cooling water recirculation pump was actually a defective pump sent from the factory. This is being addressed by the contractors. Ms. Lambeth relayed Alan Lambeth's recommendation that, in light of recent experience and the inherent difficulties of trying to integrate new equipment into an old system, he recommended that HCLC enter into an agreement with the installers (Optimal Air) to inspect the boiler for several years, so as not to jeopardize the warranty. Jay Byerly made a motion to get a quote from Optimal for a maintenance program for the new boiler. The motion was seconded by Dr. Finstad and approved by Council.
- Pastor Berggren mentioned that there is a water leak on the School of the Woods (SOW) side of the fence along the south side of the church campus, which is leaving increasingly large puddles in the HCLC parking spaces by the carpool lane. He suggested contacting SOW to have them repair the leak.

Food Pantry: President Schulze noted that Pantry representatives will be presenting their proposal for the pantry expansion on November 18th, to the Hilshire Village Planning Commission. He will keep Council apprised of any developments.

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Outreach:

- Wendy Lambeth reported on the Halloween **Trunk-or-Treat** event at Holy Cross. She was pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm of the volunteers, adding that she looked forward to building on this year's success.
- Ms. Lambeth gave an update on the **Visitors' and New Members packets**, which she, Pr. Berggren and Julie Richter are working on.
- She noted upcoming activities: Sip 'n Shop on 12/6/25, which is sponsored by Upcycled Crafty Ladies (Outreach will provide flyers about Advent activities to distribute), Sing Along on 12/7/25, Tumble 22 Christmas pie fundraiser. She will make an announcement at the worship service about upcoming events.
- Mr. Schulze added that Ms. Lambeth will be the liaison/spokesperson for the Outreach Committee.

Other Old Business:

- President Schulze reported that a replacement defibrillator (AED) was purchased by the church.
- He updated Council on his discussions with a financial advisor from Morgan Stanley regarding the independent review of church finances. The advisor had a couple of suggestions, but was generally in agreement with HCLC investment choices.

New Business:

Building Use Request: Mr. Schulze advised Council that the Sons of Union Veterans group was requesting the use of church facilities for a function in December. He will check with the church office to find a date that will work with the HCLC calendar.

Budget: Treasurer Finstad presented his proposal for the 2026 Budget. After Council discussion the budget was approved to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in December.

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Financial Review Committee (FRC): President Schulze reported that Hans Sunder has resigned from the FRC, and he thanked Mr. Sunder for his service on the Committee. Mr. Schulze asked for recommendations for a replacement. He will contact the person(s) suggested to fill this vacancy. There was also a general discussion about the allocation breakdown of investments and expected economic developments; no action was taken.

Congregation authorization to use Telge funds for operational expenses: Council discussed the details and procedures for getting congregational permission to use Telge funds for operational expenses. President Schulze said he would research whether this could be done at the Congregational Meeting Part I on December 14, 2025 or whether a separate meeting would be required. Council also discussed the requirements for advance notice of agenda items, as well as the wording of the resolution for permission to use Telge funds for operating expenses. Penny Schick expressed concern that the resolution be specific and for a finite time period. Council approved the resolution to add to the agenda an item giving congregational permission to use Telge funds, if it becomes necessary, to pay operating expenses for the calendar year 2026.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

[The Congregational Meeting Part will be on Sunday, December 14, 2025 after worship (and also before the Saturday, December 13th service).]

Upon motion to adjourn, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kilkenny,
Secretary, Church Council



Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC)
Summary of Congregational Meeting, Part I
December 14, 2025

The December 2025 Congregational Meeting (Part I) was called to order by President Stephen Schulze on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 10:34 a.m. Pastor Berggren opened the meeting with a prayer.

The agenda, a copy of the budget, and ballots were distributed to those present. It was determined that a quorum was in attendance. The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the March 09, 2025 Congregational Meeting Part II. There was no discussion from the floor. A motion was duly made and seconded, and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

The second item of business was the 2026 budget. President Schulze gave a brief synopsis of the budget and asked the congregants to review their copies of the report. There were no questions or comments from the floor. A motion to accept the 2026 budget as proposed was made by Nancy Beamesderfer, seconded by Linda Cuzzort and approved by the congregation (by a show of hands).

The next item of business was congregational consideration of a proposal regarding the use of Telge funds, which President Schulze read aloud:

- “A proposal to authorize the Treasurer, upon approval of the Church Council, to transfer funds from the Telge Fund to the General Fund in the event this becomes necessary to pay operating expenses. This authorization, if approved by the Congregation, will commence on January 1st, 2026, and automatically ends on December 31st, 2026.” – (per Agenda for 12/14/25 Congregational Meeting)

Nancy Beamesderfer made a motion to approve this proposal (seconded by Scott Wegner). Discussion followed.

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There was further discussion among those present about various aspects of the proposal, with Treasurer Finstad giving a recap of HCLC finances and the history of the Telge fund. Warren Schick expressed his opinion that this proposal should have a cap on the amount that could be transferred to the general fund. After additional discussion Treasurer Finstad suggested that a maximum of \$100,000 would be reasonable. A second motion was made by Jim Berggren (seconded by Linda Cuzzort) to approve the original proposal with the stipulation that “a maximum of \$100,000 can be taken out (of the Telge fund) without further congregational approval.” The congregation approved this item by a show of hands.

Upon motion to adjourn, the meeting was ended at 10:51 a.m. Pastor Berggren led the congregation in closing with the Lord’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kilkenny
Church Council Secretary



FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Fellowship Club will be meeting at Don Jose Mexican Restaurant, located at 5305 Antoine Dr., at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, **February 21**.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us
for some good fellowship and good food!

Nancy Beamesderfer

LENTEN SERVICES IN 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 18th

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays
at 12:00 noon in the Atrium the following dates:

FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25,
followed by a light meal after the services.

LENTEN STUDY

FOR WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES

This year we will explore the Lenten study
“Killing Jesus”
by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard

LENTEN MEALS

This is the schedule for the Lenten Meals:

- ◆ 2/25 Council
- ◆ 3/04 Choir
- ◆ 3/11 Ruth Circle
- ◆ 3/18 Fellowship Club
- ◆ 3/25 Men's Breakfast Group

*The
Season
of
Lent*



SAFEGUARDS SAFETY TRAINING				
HOLYCROSS COUPON CODE FOR 15% DISCOUNT: HCLC2026				
CLASS	DAY	DATE	TIME	
Adult CPR *CPR only (\$79) *CPR + First Aid (\$92)	Friday Sunday	1/23/2026 2/8/2026	1— 4:30 pm 1— 4:30 pm	
Adult & Pediatric CPR *CPR only (\$98) *CPR + First Aid (\$108)	Saturday Saturday	1/31/2026 2/14/2026	1— 5:30 pm 1— 5:30 pm	
Basic Life Support (for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers) (\$89)	TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED WILL RETURN IN LATE FEBRUARY / EARLY MARCH			
CPR Instructor Course (\$299)	Friday	2/20/2026	9am—5:30 pm	
READINGS and PSALMS — FEBRUARY 2026				
DATE	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
2/01/2026	Micah 6:1-8	15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
2/08/2026	Isaiah 58:1-9a	112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
2/15/2026	Exodus 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
2/22/2026	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

USHERS

Month: February **Team #** 04 **Leader:** Julie Kilkenny

LAY READERS & ASSISTANTS

2/01 R Charlotte Jaster
 P/E Nancy Beamesderfer
2/08 R Ruby Schaper
 P/E Alma Byerly
2/15 R Scott Wegner
 P/E Sharon Wagner
2/22 R Nancy Beamesderfer
 P/E Nancy Beamesderfer

R = Reader P/E = Prayer and Eucharist

Nancy Beamesderfer

**CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday—Thursday: 9— 4 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

You may sign up for flower
arrangements in the Narthex.
Suggested donation is \$70.⁰⁰

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting will be Sunday, **February 22nd**, 2026,
at 11:00 a.m. in the Annex.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PART II

Congregational meeting will be Sunday, **March 22**, 2026.

Please send your 2025 Reports to Sussy by Sunday, March 8.

Church Council



Holy Cross members celebrating
Birthdays in the month of February:

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| 02 Gerri Cooper | 14 Warren Schick |
| 04 Mark Kilkenny | 18 Ruby Schaper |
| 05 Cesi Saavedra | 23 Rilla Farley |
| 12 David Dukleth | 27 Debra Pruitt |
| Elizabeth Dukleth | Natalie Hileman |

*If your name is not listed or if this is incorrect information
please contact the Church Office so that the list can be corrected.*



The homebound, disabled,
long-term ill and
prolonged recovering.

- † Dolores Abrego
- † Alberto Basurto
- † Candy Berggren
- † Elvin Bethea
- † Pat Bethea
- † Barney Boeker
- † David Dukleth
- † Gloria McGarvey
- † Todd Miskel
- † Larry Polzin
- † Rosie Stork
- † Bennie Valites

Ken Beamesderfer
Pr. Jim Berggren
Jim Fritze
Eli Gonzales
Paul Houghton
Joyce Huey
Lane Kelly
Nancy Lancaster
David Magrill
Jeremy Mitchell
Geraine Moore

Ed Peterman
Dorothy Preuss
Lupe Romero
Wayne Schaper
Steve Schulze
Scott Spates
Marilyn Thigpen
Jaime Urbanski
Bennie Valites
Michael Williams
Lin Worsham

TREASURER'S REPORT

If you have any questions call
Ricki Finstad at 713-465-5968

DECEMBER 2025

Receipts	\$ 28,474. ⁰⁰
Expenses	<u>32,602.⁸⁹</u>
Balance	(\$ 4,128. ⁸⁹)

Operational receipts

Year-to-date received	\$ 272,968. ⁹⁸
Expenditures year to date ..	<u>394,569.¹³</u>
Balance	(\$121,600. ¹⁵)



*Prayer Request emails are
sent out often.
If you would like to receive
them please contact:*

Renee Allcorn
allcornr@gmail.com

or call at (713) 254-8638

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER SERVICES

Saturday Informal service : 13
Sunday Traditional service : 55
Wednesday Advent services : 15
Christmas Eve service : 126

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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*“Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a community of Christians
gathered by God’s grace and reaching out through God’s love.”*

TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS		
100	Church Office	
101	Sussy Terry	Office Manager & Events Coordinator
103	Rev. Jim Berggren	Senior Pastor
104	John Lambeth	Bookkeeper
<p>SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Informal Service 6:00 p. m. —AT</p> <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. —WC</p>		
<p><u>EARLY LEARNING CENTER</u> ELC (713) 461-5535 email: holycrosselc4@gmail.com</p>		

<u>CHURCH STAFF</u>								
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