



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips.

For healing and continued recovery • Helen Vickers (former member, having a biopsy on her liver on November 24), Jasmine (sister of Ben, Rachel Schremp's friend, undergoing tests following a seizure), Pansy Meyer (back pain), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, recovering from kidney surgery), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Olivia (Betty Schremp's great-niece, recovering from a concussion), Emmalyn Ganey (Cathy Dew's granddaughter, ill), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in November • Cathy Dew (November 3), Lisa Schlueter (November 13), Mary Perschbacher (November 19), Bill Surman (November 20), Bonnie Zerwig (November 24), Isaiah Reiter (November 25), Randy Ruzicka (November 27).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in November • Carl & Cheryl Noll (November 2), Jim & Stacy Bell (November 26).

For those who mourn.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

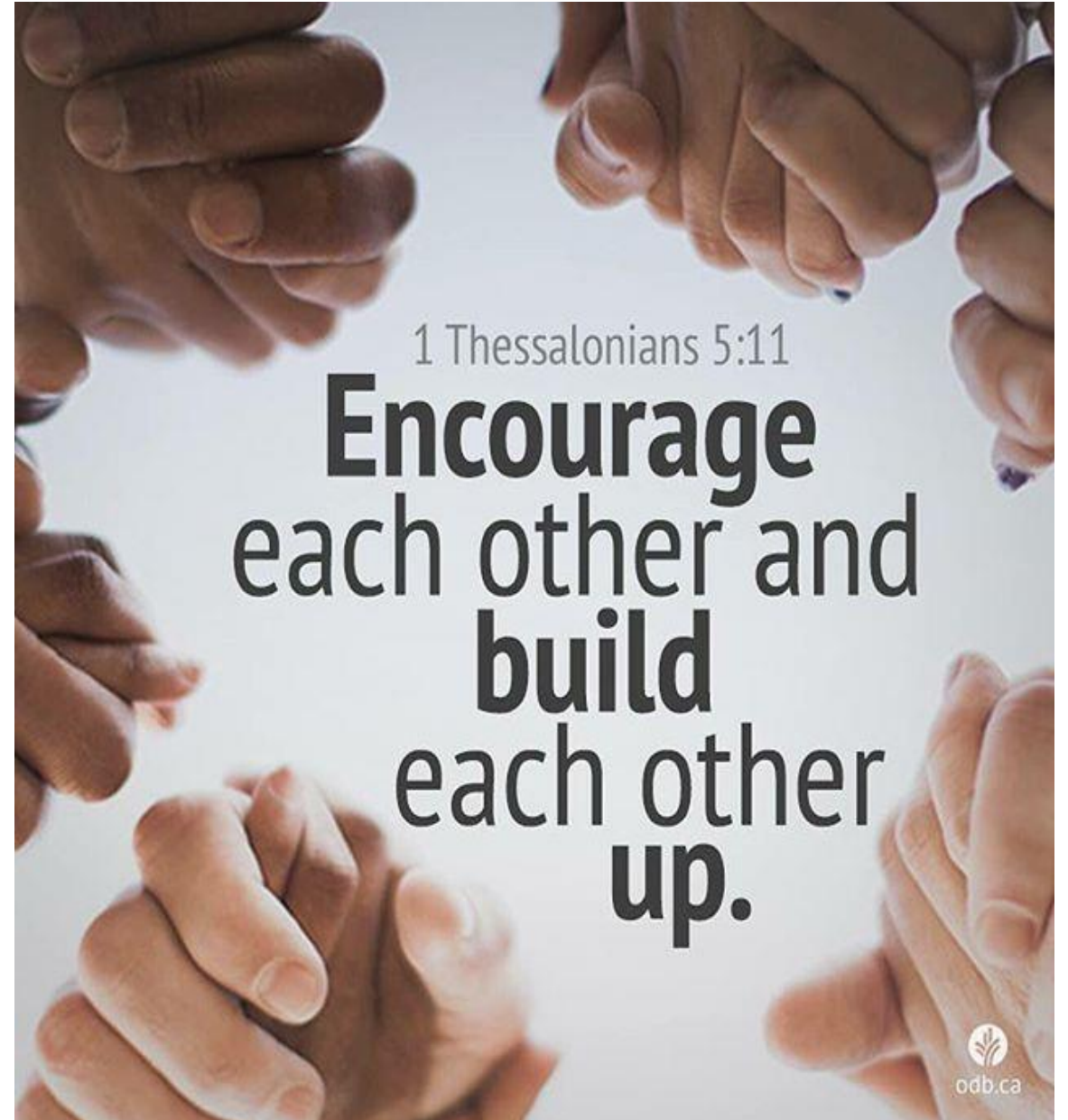
For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.



1 Thessalonians 5:11

Encourage
each other and
build
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up.





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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost **November 19, 2023**

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!

As We Gather • This Sunday and next, we will consider how we should live between now and the Last Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace, the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

The insert in your bulletin is the communion liturgy for the Sanctus, *Angus Dei*, and *Nunc Dimittis*.

A short meeting for those interested in helping with the upcoming Christmas events at Holy Cross will be held following the service today.

Please plan to attend our Thanksgiving Service with Holy Communion this week on Tuesday, November 21. The service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday • We will decorate the church inside and outside for the Advent and Christmas seasons following the church service next Sunday.

Town Christmas Festival: December 2 & 3 • We need hosts! Please sign up on the display in the narthex.

Country Christmas Tour: December 14 & 15 • Please sign up to greet or serve. The sign-up sheet is on the display in the narthex.

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY November 19	TUESDAY November 21	NEXT SUNDAY November 26
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion SHORT MEETING ON UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS BIBLE CLASS after the service	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 6:00 PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE Holy Communion	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DEDICATION CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	11/12/23	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,953	\$135,838
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$3060	\$128,185
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$107	-\$7,653
% Ahead/Behind	3.6%	-5.6%

Next Sunday is the last day to turn in your stewardship pledge cards. We will have a dedication next Sunday on the Last Day of the Church Year. Members, if you haven't yet done so, please read through the materials you have received. After prayerfully considering, please place the completed pledge cards in the box on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

There is a music survey available for members to fill out if desired. They are available on the back table, and the collection box for the surveys is on the piano. We appreciate your feedback!
 —Holy Cross Music Committee

Would you like to give flowers for the altar? Advent poinsettias: December 10, 17, 24. All Sundays in January and February are also available. Clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. On an envelope, write “Flower Fund”; put **\$25** inside; and place it in the offering plate.