



**The newsletter of . . .**  
**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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**“A TIME TO BE GENEROUS”**

*“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.....”*

*“.....On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.....” (Matthew 2:1,2 & 11)*

Christmas is a time of giving. There is probably no other time of the year that we are so kind, thoughtful, and generous.

The Magi were also generous with the gifts they brought to the Christ Child. I believe they offered the best that they had, to Jesus. As we read this story once again we need to ask ourselves what do I have to offer to Christ today? Will I give him my best? What does he want from me?

Wouldn't this be a great time to give our hearts to the Lord or to rededicate our hearts to him? What if we were to love him with all our heart and show him how much we love him by loving others? How about giving thanks to him for everything? Let's lift our hearts and voices in praise to our Savior! Give him our lives, our time, our talent, and our treasure.

He wants the very best we have to offer. Will we give him our best? If we do we will have a blessed Christmas and we will live blessed lives!

In His Hands,  
Pastor Jeff

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**Aubrey**—child on ventilator in ICU  
**Bob Carmichael**—guidance, health concerns  
**Amal Das**—brain injury  
**Gloria Dunleavy**—TB  
**Dennis Edwards**—blood clots in legs  
**Jenny Fields**—gall bladder surgery

**Dorothy Peck**—health issues  
**Carol Scarbrough**—herniated disc, discolated knee cap  
**Rosa Swett**—bone cancer  
**Theresa**—12 yr old with brain aneurysm  
**Dorothy Thomas**—cancer  
**Merle Wilkinson**—spiritual, health issues, brother of Dorothy Thomas

**Dennis Harris**—cancer  
**Hector**—tumor in abdomen  
**Ellis Keene**—health  
**Patty Latter**—surgery for lung cancer  
**Everett Little**—taken away from his custodial mother, a teacher, by his father

**Cancer patients:** Sheri Adkins, Nancy Allen, Sharon Bailey, Dee Bergman, Roger Bourque, Margie Conner, Kelly Findley, Avolee Fowler, Janice Fuson, Carol Gates, Pete Gee, Helen Hanzl, Cedar Hovde, Spencer Jones, Beverly Konradt, Bob & Barbara McDonald, Randall Nycek, Kathleen Ryan, Earl Shimp, Jr., Tim Sommer, Dorothy Thomas

**Health concerns:** Helen Backman, Carol Beal, Mitch Crouch, Clark Griffith, Sundra Fuson, Charlie Hoffman, Ellis & BJ Keene, Marleen Lewis, Mauri Modesitt, John & Jean Moreland, Dawn Neal, Bobby Perkins, Matthew Reece, Dennis Ryan, Emma Samuel, Marilyn Stringfellow, John Theos, Jo-Auda Wilkin, Ann Wood,

**Military personnel:** CDR Matthew Beran, CPL Ryan Butler, LCDR Shannon Callahan, CDR Traci Clark, Cadet CPL Derek DeVecchis, PFC Benjamin Farrell, Ken Goodson, Amanda Isaacsen, Gary Jaworski, SPC Lahman, Col. Mike Myers, Robert Maier, Sgt. James Smith, Wes Weigle, LCDR Dave Wolynski

We have lost one of our church family. **Velma Hanson** has passed away. A service to celebrate Velma's life will be held here at the church on **January 3rd at 11:00 AM.**



**Christmas Eve: 5PM Carols and a special message for our young children**  
**7PM Our traditional candlelight service**

On **December 26th** and **January 2nd** we will have a combined service at **10:00 AM.** On these days **Bible Class** will be held at **9:00 AM** in the chapel. **Children's Sunday School** will be during the **10:00 AM hour.**



A special **thank you** to **Maxine Smith** for those beautiful birthday cards we all receive. Maxine puts much thought, love and time into each birthday card she sends you. Next time you see Maxine, just extend a thank you!



- 1/05 Don & Loretta Hackenyos
- 1/06 Paul & Joan Nowell
- 1/10 Tom & June Gray
- 1/15 Don & Sharleen Watt
- 1/30 Andrew & Gloria Burnam
- 1/30 Jack & Mary Jo Lewis

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## Christmas Greetings Everyone,

During the month of November our total giving was \$43,829, bringing our year to date giving to \$395,096.

“Give freely and spontaneously. Don’t have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God’s blessing in everything you do, in all your work and ventures.” Deuteronomy 15:10  
MSG

God is a generous God. Everything we have in life is because God gave it to us. It is a gift. It is God’s generosity. God wants us to follow his example.

During the past year the people who attend the Church of the Cross have certainly followed the example set by God. Not only has your financial giving been an outstanding blessing, but the way you support this church with the giving of your time and your talents cannot be measured.

Thank you for your continued support. Church of the Cross is truly blessed because of YOU!

In Christ,

### The Fiscal Support Team

Paul & Joan Nowell, Dave Ulrich & Brad Welch



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## THE GATHERING PLACE WILL BE OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS

The Gathering Place will be open Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th with a menu of sloppy jos, hot dogs, chips, etc. There will be Christmas cookies and holiday beverages. We will be playing carols for a Christmas atmosphere.

We will be operating with a small staff on a reduced schedule. The hours will be 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Our capacity to serve takeouts will be limited, but we can probably take care of those for whom it is impossible to get out.

We understand that Christmas is a family day and many people will want to be home; but if you feel a need to get out or a desire to be with us, we’d love to have you.

*-Dan Warner*



### MEN'S LUNCH

01/07	Nino's
01/14	Leroy Selmon's
01/21	Biddle's
01/28	Two Meatballs in the Kitchen

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1/01	Marti Moran
	Bill Robertson
	Natalie Sealora
1/02	Lester Smith
1/03	Al Cason
	Elizabeth Trapanese Green
1/07	Ruth Paterson
1/08	Ellis Keene
1/09	Jean Humble



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1/11	Dorothy Jungbluth
1/13	Jim Robinson
1/22	Mary Hackett
1/23	Mary Jo Lewis
1/25	Cal Parker
1/26	Roger Smith
1/28	Wayne Ormsby
	Tom Ashwill
1/29	Curt Farrell

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<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Kelly Mongoven
<b>Nursery</b>	Shawn Norling
<b>Accompanist</b>	Marilyn Leland
<b>Elder On Duty</b>	
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Marion Dondero
<b>Church Custodian</b>	Curt Farrell
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