

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

February 2018

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SEPTEMBER - MAY  
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH  
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JUNE - AUGUST  
EVERY SATURDAY

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## ***It is That Time of the Year . . .***

I need to schedule a visit with my doctor for my annual physical checkup. He monitors my vital signs and points me in the direction of good health. There will be the usual...weight, pulse, blood pressure, draw some blood for tests, breathe deeply, rubber mallet to the knees, bright light in the eyes and "oh by the way, it is time for another colonoscopy." Hopefully, I am done for another year.

If only there were an easy Lenten spiritual equivalent of a physical checkup. Actually there is a checklist and it goes like this: anger, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, and gluttony. If these formed a medical exam it would feel like a combination of a stress test, endoscopy, colonoscopy and angioplasty. Together they sound like a rather invasive medical procedure. The season of Lent has a way of reminding us that these spiritual diseases are a great human epidemic and if we are not living an engaged spiritual journey, we will most likely succumb to at least one of these.

In Psalm 51, King David is not coming in for a check-up. He is not asking, "Am I doing OK, doc?" He says, "I know my sins and they are ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me." David is in line waiting for a heart transplant. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Listen to the verbs – wash me thoroughly for my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin, purge me, deliver me, restore me, teach me. He is a man in anguish, describing his feelings as like his very bones have been crushed. Like a patient with a faulty heart valve, he knows that the great physician must do something radical with his heart.

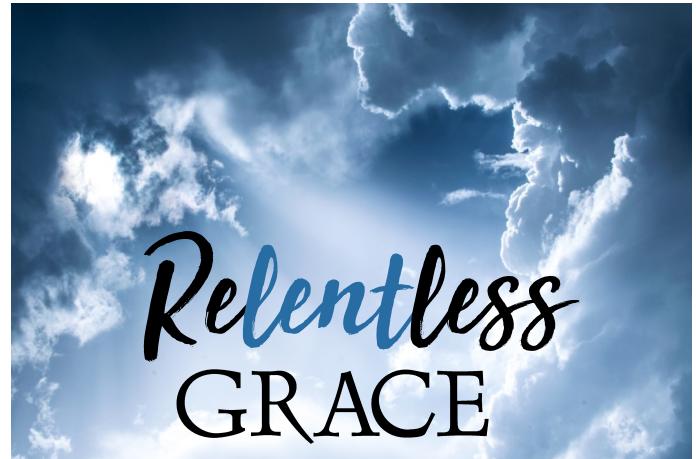
On Ash Wednesday, the main drama is the act of making the sign of the cross with ashes on our foreheads. I am confident that we already get the point about being a sinner.

But, I wonder, does it require less effort on our part to identify with the presence of sin in our lives rather than the presence of God's grace?

I'm not sure which is more difficult to recognize, the sins of this world or the gift of God's grace. Like the patient waiting on the list for a heart to become available, I wonder if God's grace will really touch me and heal me. We probably don't doubt that we sin. Perhaps the bigger issue is are we willing to trust the great physician to heal us. Do we have David's passion and trust in the mercy and steadfast love of God? Maybe that is the real topic for consideration. We are afraid to say, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit" because it is our greatest fear that we will cry out and nothing will happen.

At some point in our lives, I hope we come to embrace the promise that was made to us in the waters of Baptism. The promise that God abounds in steadfast love and that there is more grace in God than sin in us.

Peace,



## First Saturday Worship

**Saturday, February 3  
5:30 pm**

Casual style worship. All welcome.  
Come as you are and share in the Lord's table.



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## Ash Wednesday

**February 14  
7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Imposition of Ashes  
& Holy Communion

Staffed nursery available for children ages 3 and under.

## The Music of Lent

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your heart sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." Colossians 3:16*

The hymns of the Christian tradition not only serve us well in our worship and in our teaching, but, they can also offer striking spiritual insight, comfort and counsel. This year our Midweek Lenten theme is "The Music of Lent". Devotional moments each evening will build on different Lenten hymnody. We will use the liturgical setting *Holden Evening Prayer* for these worship offerings.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**February 14, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

### Midweek Lenten Worship Services

#### Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 - 8 pm

"Abide with Me" (Choral presentations based on this theme)

#### Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 - 8 pm

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW #504

#### Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 - 8 pm

"My Song is Love Unknown" ELW #343

#### Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 - 8 pm

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" ELW #325

#### Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 - 8 pm

AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT  
"ICH HABE GENUG" BACH SOLO CANTATA

Rick Ziebarth, Baritone  
Carl Grapentine, Guest Speaker



## Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Lenten season we provide fellowship opportunities for people of faith to gather around a table and share a meal together. These soup suppers take place on Wednesday nights right before our Midweek Lenten worship service and are intended to be relaxed and provide some time for us to slow down and care for one another.

The Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers will be offered on the following Wednesdays starting at 6:30 pm: **February 21 & 28, March 7, 14 & 21.**

We invite five attendees each week to provide a gallon of soup for the evening. The remainder of the attendees provide either bread, salads, fruit or desserts and/or help clean up after the soup supper. Beverages and table service will be provided.

See the soup sign up board in the gathering space or sign up online: [bit.ly/LentSS18](http://bit.ly/LentSS18)

Please join us!



# Holy Week

### PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

**March 25 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am**  
with procession of palms  
and Holy Communion

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**March 29, at 7:30 pm**  
Holy Communion  
(with First Communion)

### GOOD FRIDAY

**March 30, at 7:30 pm**

### ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

**April 1 at 6 am**

*Independence Grove, North Pavilion*

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

**April 1 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am**

*The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus  
with Holy Communion*

### EASTER BREAKFAST

**April 1 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

*Youth Fundraiser*



## The Power of a Good Story...

by Pastor Sally Hanson

On the way to bed as a kid, there was always a request . . . can you read me a story? For many of us we have fond memories of sitting with a loved one to read through our favorite book – maybe looking at the beautiful pictures, hearing the story in funny voices or even the side conversations that the story would spark about life.

I love hearing stories, but as I grow, I love to hear them in person about people's real-life experiences rather than just a picture book. The relationship that I have with people changes the impact that the story has on my life and worldview. Holy Cross is filled with wonderful stories. Stories of starting up this congregation, building projects, lives transformed by its outreach, when the church 'was there for me in my time of need'. It is an honor and privilege to hear these stories. Stories bring together our past, the present and dreaming for the future. We all have incredible stories to share that make up who we are.

There is another incredible story coming. One that is real, authentic, and transformational. It is a story that has been a part of us since the beginning of creation. In this season of Lent, we hear stories from Mark of promise and yet we know darker days are coming. These days are filled with hatred, betrayal, pain, grief and sorrow. These are the stories of God's people. But there are also stories of hope, anticipation, confusion and love. These are the stories of God's people, too.

Won't you come and be a part of the story? The story of the people of God experiencing and sharing the stories of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? I hope you will take time this Lenten season to share a story; a story that connects you to someone in a new way, a story that reveals something new about what Christ is doing in your life today and a chance to share THE story – the story of God's redemptive work in the unconditional and sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

*Pastor Sally*

**"Abide with me"**

by Randy Casey

There are a very few hymns that I regard as “pan-denominational.” By that term I mean hymns that have been sung with a considerable degree of comfort and familiarity whether the singers be in a church in the back woods of Arkansas, like my mother knew as a child, or in a magnificent edifice on Madison Avenue. Two examples of such broadly known hymns are “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “Crown Him With Many Crowns.” We sing them, respectively, every Trinity Sunday and every Christ the King Sunday, and our congregation responds to them with vigor.

A third hymn that I would offer as “pan-denominational” is “Abide with me.” Just recall its opening stanza: “Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.” Its sentiment is understood, its text and tune are known - by most.

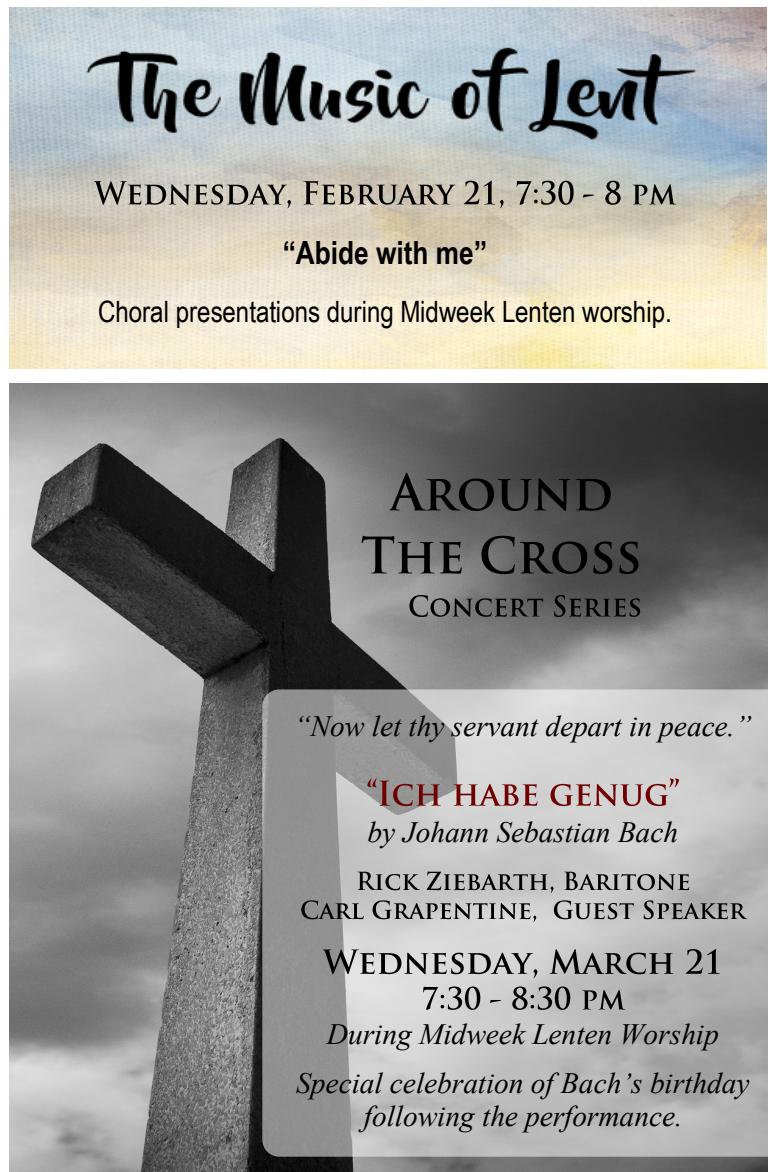
On the first Wednesday in Lent, February 21, the Holy Cross Choir will be pleased to present a series of anthems with a theme of “evening.” The centerpiece of that presentation will be the text “Abide with me.”

On page 7 of the John Julian Dictionary of Hymnology appears a commentary on “Abide with me.” The author of the text was H. F. Lyte, (1793-1847), an English preacher who offered the words in a sermon he preached on September 4, a couple of months prior to his death as he contemplated his mortality. The text was first published in 1850. The tune was written by an English organist and choirmaster, William H. Monk (1823-1899). The tune and text together first appeared in the second edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875.

Another stanza: “I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.”

On Thanksgiving Eve two months ago the Holy Cross Choir sang a lovely setting of “Abide with me” by Gilbert Martin that we will offer again February 21. It was flowing and lyrical, fulfilling the expectation one might customarily have of this hymn. However, again on February 21, the choir will be singing a very creative setting of the familiar text, but with a completely original tune whose accompanying harmony has a very “bluesy” feel. The composer of this anthem is a British musician named John Gardner. At first blush one might think that a “bluesy” setting of “Abide with me” would not work, but in this case the result is most fitting. It defies description; you will just have to be there to hear it.

On this same program the choir will be singing “6 Evening Hymns” by the 20th century Australian composer Malcolm Williamson. This is a set of unison tunes with texts that



**The Music of Lent**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 7:30 - 8 PM

**“Abide with me”**

Choral presentations during Midweek Lenten worship.

**AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT SERIES**

*“Now let thy servant depart in peace.”*

**“ICH HABE GENUG”**  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

RICK ZIEBARTH, BARITONE  
CARL GRAPENTINE, GUEST SPEAKER

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**  
7:30 - 8:30 PM  
*During Midweek Lenten Worship*  
*Special celebration of Bach’s birthday following the performance.*

essentially provide a dissertation on the “evening” theme. The tunes are all original and go very well with the texts. Perhaps the most familiar set of words in the set is “Sun of my soul,” which I encountered somewhere in my childhood.

More than 40 years ago a church musician friend said to me, “On Sunday evenings your life passes before you.” He was contemplating the cycle perhaps many church musicians experience as they look forward to Sunday morning and then “come down” from after a Sunday morning service. Sunday evening for my friend was the nadir of that fall.

Perhaps every evening is a time for contemplation. And as such the Holy Cross Choir invites you to ponder this time of day on February 21. Maybe this evening agenda accounts for my enjoying our Wednesday evening services during Lent and our Saturday evening services year round. Whether I realize it or not, this time of day invites me to think on things meaningful. I might even be compelled to recall that “In life, in death, the Lord abides with me.”

# AROUND THE CROSS

CONCERT SERIES

## COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

**MIKE & SUE BLAIR  
EVER SINGING**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
6:30 - 8:30 PM



Mike & Sue Blair's music tells the story of struggles and adversity transformed to gifts and blessings.

*"You have turned my mourning into dancing... Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing."*  
- Psalm 30

This concert is a benefit for the youth of Holy Cross Lutheran Church who will be attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June.

There is no admission fee, but free will donations will be accepted. Babysitting provided and begins at 6:15 pm.

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers were given today by...

Everyone who worships at Holy Cross may commemorate a happy occasion or the memory of a loved one by purchasing flowers to decorate the altar each Sunday.

Note your request on the Altar Flowers Calendar located on the bulletin board across from the church office or send an email to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org). A donation of \$35 per arrangement can be made online [donate.holycrosschurch.org](http://donate.holycrosschurch.org) or by check payable to Holy Cross with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

You are most welcome to take the arrangement home to enjoy following the last service the Sunday you sponsor. Please return the clean vase to the church office the following Sunday.

## Reverend Todd Wright Ordination and First Call

Todd Wright was ordained on Saturday, January 13 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda. Pastor Bob shared a special message and many Holy Cross members attended.

Pastor Todd has accepted a call at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana, and began there in late January. Follow along with his new church on Facebook here: [fb.com/First-Lutheran-Church-108145369226754/](https://www.facebook.com/First-Lutheran-Church-108145369226754/)

*Back row:* Bishop Wayne Miller, Rev. Todd Wright, Rev. Ben Dueholm, Rev. Dawn Mass Eck, Jill Wright. *Front Row:* Ian, Cassidy and Bridget Wright.



## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH Annual Report

Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are available in the narthex or view online: [bit.ly/HCAR17](http://bit.ly/HCAR17)



## Mission Endowment Scholarship Fund

- Applications Due March 31 -

Through the Holy Cross Mission Endowment Fund, Holy Cross provides scholarships to assist and encourage post high school education for its members. These scholarships may be used at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Requirements are that you be an active member of Holy Cross and that you submit an application form including a thoughtful faith statement.

Applications are available in the church office or online at [bit.ly/MEFscholarship](http://bit.ly/MEFscholarship)





## Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

### Growing in Your Faith One Email at a Time

*Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations*

by Steve Oelschlager

Richard Rohr is a Roman Catholic priest and Franciscan friar, and is one of my favorite theologians. I love his ability to share profound ideas about God, faith, and spirituality in ways that are easily accessible and not tied to narrow formulations of religion. For example, Rohr says if something is true, it's not just true in Lutheranism or Catholicism, Christianity or faith, but also in science, philosophy, history, and more. Truth is truth, so how might we be more open-minded about looking for God's truth that permeates all that is, as opposed to pursuing a truth that is more about reinforcing our egos and need to be right?

Here is a snippet from one of Rohr's recent daily devotions:

"I am saddened that much of Christian history has had so little inner experience to trust that divine union could really be true for us - already and now. Once we know there is an original implanted and positive direction to our existence, we can trust the primary flow (faith); eventually we will learn to calmly rest there (hope); and we can actually become a conduit (love). Finally, we are at home both here and forever. What else could salvation be? Remember, "There are only three things that last: faith, hope, and love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Going to heaven is not the goal of religion. Salvation isn't an evacuation plan or a reward for the next world. Whenever we live in conscious, loving union with God, which is eventually to love everything, we are saved. This can and should happen now in this world. Social justice advocate Dorothy Day (1897-1980) credited Catherine of Siena's inspiration for her often-shared words: "All the way to Heaven is heaven, because He said, 'I am the Way.'" [Even Pope John Paul II said that heaven and hell are not geographic places but states of consciousness. When we understand this, we will spend our lives trying to bring about the Lord's Prayer: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.]"

I encourage you to give these meditations a try in your life. Subscribe for free here: [bit.ly/RohrMeditations](http://bit.ly/RohrMeditations)



## Women's Retreat

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6 pm  
to Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 12 pm.

Location: Lutherford Bible Camp,  
Watson Retreat Center (Elkhorn, WI)

Cost: \$200/person\* (Due with reservation)  
*Includes lodging, four meals, a book and yoga*

\* Scholarships are available, please send an email to [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org)

**ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN!**

Contact the church office ASAP to reserve at (847) 367-4060.

## AT THE TABLE

Through informal conversation we share our thoughts about life and faith. All are welcome. We currently meet on the second Tuesday of most months from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at a restaurant in one of our surrounding communities. Individuals are responsible for their own meal charges.

### As we gather At the Table:

- All thoughts are welcome without judgement.
- We practice community: we are all in this together.
- God is present and ready to connect in a fresh way.
- There is no pressure to talk.
- Listening brings renewal and insight.

**DATE: Tuesday, February 13**

**TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**LOCATION: The Liberty  
419 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Libertyville, IL 60048**



Please RSVP by Friday, February 9: [bit.ly/FebATT](http://bit.ly/FebATT)

### February Topic: Mastering Mobile Technology Instead of it Mastering Us

Ten years ago, the first iPhone was released introducing us to the age of the smartphone. The result has been a revolution in personal connectedness via the internet and social media, as well as many incredible conveniences we take for granted every day. Perhaps we are aware of a downside as well?



Join us for dinner conversation At the Table as we try to be thoughtful about our mobile phones serving us and not the other way around.



by Marge Stueckemann

### Holy Cross Adopted a Second Blanding's Turtle

Thanks to generous Holy Cross donors, we are again Lake County Forest Preserves Turtle Champions, sponsoring a female Blanding's turtle who will be named for Martin Luther's wife, Katharina Von Bora Luther or 'Katie'. Check out her plastron (tummy) which is distinctive for these endangered native turtles posted on the kiosk. In 2016, Holy Cross sponsored a male turtle, Seymour ('See More Jesus'), who attained the needed 40 grams and was released into the wetland near Zion in the fall of 2017.

### Annual Green Living Fair

Saturday, March 17 from 10 am to 2 pm

Save the Date! Join other area churches at the Annual Green Living Fair sponsored by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation in partnership with Lake County Green Congregations and Faith in Place. The free event will showcase interesting displays, speakers on environmental topics, and an opportunity to recycle items like Christmas lights, corks, DVDs, gym shoes and inkjet cartridges. Watch for more information on the Care of Creation kiosk and in the March newsletter. Volunteers from Holy Cross are welcome to help with check-in at 9:30 am, bringing snacks for the volunteers and vendors, or with clean-up at 2 pm. Please contact Marge Stueckemann at [mdstueck@icloud.com](mailto:mdstueck@icloud.com) or (224) 433-4690.

### Care of Creation Meeting

If you are interested in caring for creation and would like to join this ministry, a meeting has been scheduled on January 4 following the 9:30 am worship service in room 207. Please join us to discuss potential projects to work on in 2018!



### Scout Sunday

February 4 during 9:30 am worship

Holy Cross is the charter organization for Troop #194, and we are pleased to celebrate Scout Sunday with the troop on February 4 during the 9:30 am worship service. The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. All varieties of scouts (girl scouts, etc.) are invited to wear their uniforms and receive a special blessing that morning.



The Holy Cross high school youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering (along with their leaders and families) are in the midst of planning their biggest fundraising event for this year's Gathering in Houston. We hope you will attend!

Mark your calendars to join us for a Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction, featuring Val Maxwell & Manny Flores' famous brisket and Texas hash browns; with other Texas specialties such as baked beans, corn bread and peach cobbler. You may wear your cowboy boots, don your cowgirl hat, and join us for a fun evening on Saturday, March 10 from 6 – 9 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Free babysitting for kids 12 and under will be offered. During the event, the children will be served a kid-friendly dinner and participate in some fun games, hosted by our high school youth.

Tickets will go on sale Sunday mornings between church services beginning February 11, for \$45 per adult. Raffle tickets will also be for sale, along with more information on silent auction items and a donation board display for the opportunity to provide non-perishable items to help support this event.

### Seeking Silent Auction Items

We are looking for more donations for silent auction items and raffle baskets, so if you have a special item, trip, sporting event tickets, or anything of that sort that you would like to donate, please email Terry Berger at [terryberger.08@gmail.com](mailto:terryberger.08@gmail.com) or parent volunteer, Angie Lindsey at [angie.lindsey@gmail.com](mailto:angie.lindsey@gmail.com).



## MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? Our next **New Member Breakfast** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 am**. Individuals and families who are interested in joining Holy Cross Lutheran Church are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, February 2.

We will receive new members during worship on **Sunday, February 11 at the 9:30 am service**.

To learn more about membership at Holy Cross, please contact the church office staff at (847) 367-4060 or email [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms

**Hudson Michael and Peyton John**  
children of Ben & Erin Lewis  
December 28, 2017

**Everett Scott Leeson**  
son of Gerard and Kristi Leeson  
January 7, 2018

### Wedding

**Ally Yarc & Thomas Cronin**  
January 5, 2018

### Funeral

**Irene Peppel**  
January 12, 2018

## Worship Participant Opportunities



### Become a Greeter!

by Therese Delli Paoli

Greeters are an essential function of Holy Cross. Our hope is that every member household at Holy Cross takes a turn several times a year being our Sunday morning greeters.

#### The job requirements are easy!

- Arrive 15-20 minutes before the service you will greet for.
- Bring your caring smile!
- Provide a firm handshake or a fist bump or even a high five!
- Invite visitors to sign in at welcome center.
- And... state a warm greeting such as: "Hello! or Good Morning! Welcome to Holy Cross!"

If you believe you possess these exceptional qualifications, we want YOU! This is a great way to learn the names and faces of other members and visitors who worship at Holy Cross.

Please sign up online using your email address by entering this case-sensitive link:  
[bit.ly/GreetersHCLC](http://bit.ly/GreetersHCLC)

Therese Delli Paoli at (847) 921-4223 or [dpchitown@yahoo.com](mailto:dpchitown@yahoo.com)



### 11 am Worship: Participant Openings

If you have been thinking about becoming a reader, usher, communion assistant or assisting minister, we could use your help as a worship participant for the 11 am worship service.

If you currently are a worship participant for the 9:30 am service, please contact the church office if you are willing to be scheduled for an 11 am service now and then. Your participation with worship can be personally rewarding, and makes Holy Cross a special place to worship. Contact the office at (847) 367-4060 or [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org).

## Acolyte and Assistant Acolyte Schedule

As part of Christian Education at Holy Cross, all youth in grades 3 - 8 are automatically scheduled to be worship participants as acolytes and assistant acolytes. (See page 11 for full schedule information.) Many families choose to volunteer alongside their children as communion assistants, readers and ushers. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to a worship participant roster at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)



### Hunger 2 Hope Lake County MobilePack Meal Delivery Update

A total of 544,320 meals were packed by volunteers at Pet Factory during last year's MobilePack. In January we received word that 1,260 of those boxes containing 272,160 lifesaving meals were already on the way to those in need in South Sudan with Feed My Starving Children's partner, Global Aid Network (GAiN). Thank you so much for your hard work, love and support of the FMSC mission!



## **Report from Two Strike on the Rosebud Reservation**

by Dorothy Peterson, ELCA Lay Minister to Rosebud

It was with great joy that the comforters from Holy Cross began arriving at Rosebud the beginning of December. There were 150 of them designated for the people of Two Strike and surrounding communities. My friend Theresa Eastman from the area has a pick-up truck and she and I along with some other friends began delivering them to homes and shelters. We have truly been blessed as we delivered these to so many in need. Many homes have been vacated because of the meth issue. Families have moved into the home of friends or families or are at the shelters. We share scripture and prayer that speak of God's comfort to us as our provider and our friend. He is truly the God of compassion and the God of all comfort. Prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for blessing over each home and family were shared.

We watched many happy families and friends come to our annual Christmas party hosted by Trinity Lutheran in Rapid City on December 9. Turkey with all the trimmings and gifts for the children were enjoyed by everyone. Theresa Eastman from Two Strike read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20. We are thankful to all who come with so many gifts and blessings for the people.

I spent 12 days at Bishop Hare Center in Mission, SD during the time of delivering the comforters. I was also blessed with the opportunity of sharing in Bible study several times at my double wide with friends in the Mission area. Two of them were young men who have recently become Christians. One a former gang leader and Satan worshipper and his brother were with us. They were so happy to be part of a group who wanted to read God's word with them and pray together with other Christians. Please pray for Jeff and John as this is a difficult road to walk in the midst of so much spiritual warfare. A very active jail ministry is happening with several of my friends making sure there is a study every weekday at the jail. This has been very well received. I see God moving among the young people and what a joy this is.

As I also reflect on last summer, a special thank you to Holy Cross members Ana and Lia Boucek for the beautiful set of chimes they left for me last June and to Alex Delli Paoli for his help on that project.

God bless all of you who pray and give.



- **Food of the month for February:** Breakfast items.
- **Please check expiration dates!** COOL Food Pantries will not dispense expired food to their clients.
- **WOW!** Due to the generous support of our donors, including Holy Cross, COOL Ministries was able to provide **1,100 Holiday Meal Boxes** during the holiday season. The prepacked boxes contained menu items needed to make a turkey dinner for a family including potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dessert, stuffing and a frozen turkey. In the months of November and December we served 3,974 households 129,810 meals.
- **15th Annual COOL Golf Outing** will take place at Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan on Monday, July 9. If you are interested in helping to volunteer, donate auction items, sponsor or participate, please call Linda Morgret at (847) 662-1340 ext. 4.



## **Volunteer at FMSC**

**Wednesday, February 28  
from 12 - 1 pm**

Pre-register to pack meals with other Holy Cross Members at the Libertyville FMSC location. Volunteers can also use the link to sign up for other days to pack meals. Minimum age to volunteer is 5 years. Student/adult ratio applies. For more information, visit [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org)

Feed My Starving Children  
742 East Park Avenue (Hwy 176)  
Libertyville



**Register at: [bit.ly/packFMSC](http://bit.ly/packFMSC)**



To help support the PADS shelter in Grayslake, you may sign up to bring a food item on the whiteboard in the narthex. Donations should be brought to the kitchen by noon on **Sunday, February 25**.

Other items that are greatly appreciated: new hats and gloves, lip balm, foot powder, new women's underwear sizes 5 - 7 and new men's boxer briefs (not white) in sizes L and XL, new warm socks in all sizes (dark colors preferred).



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## You Are Invited to the Party!

by Judith Frank-Gonwa & Felicia Brandt

February will bring a very special event to Sunday School! On Sunday, February 25, the children will participate in a Reformation Party, celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's quest to worship God in a more open and just way. The Protestant Reformation brought forth the faith and church that we are a part of today. At this "party" the children will learn more about Martin Luther and why the Reformation came about by using games, activities, and Bible verses. Shepherds will be needed! Please contact Judith at [jfrankgonwa@gmail.com](mailto:jfrankgonwa@gmail.com) to volunteer.



Leading up to this special event, the children in grades 1 - 5 will continue with their Rotation 3 lessons about the Exodus story. Our 3 - 5/K students will hear stories about Moses, David and Goliath, and the Little Lost Sheep.

As a bonus, our Sunday School children were able to watch a video during the annual congregational meeting about the story of Ruth. This was a great review of the lessons that were taught last year about Ruth and her kind and generous heart.

Please note that there will not be Sunday School on February 18 due to Presidents' Day weekend.

Save the date for the annual Sunday School Spring Sing on Sunday, April 29, during the 9:30 am worship service!

### Sunday School Coordinators:

Ages 3-5/K: **Felicia Brandt** (847) 362-0924

Grades 1-5: **Judith Frank-Gonwa** (847) 363-8783

### Dates to Remember:

**February 10:** Milestone Ministry, 9:30 am  
Fourth Grade: Ten Commandments

**February 18:** NO Sunday School

**February 25:** Reformation Party  
Shepherd volunteers appreciated! Contact [jfrankgonwa@gmail.com](mailto:jfrankgonwa@gmail.com) to volunteer.



Our faith journey occurs from birth through life eternal. Milestone Ministries serve as an important way of connecting, supporting, and equipping families and the congregation to pass on the faith, to live out the promises that are made when someone is baptized and to provide strength for their faith journey.

### Milestone Ministry: 4th Grade: Ten Commandments

**Saturday, February 10, 2018  
9:30 to 11 am**

The Ten Commandments are one of the things that parent(s), sponsors and the congregation promise to place in each baptized person's hands. What are the Ten Commandments really all about? How does that apply to your family or the life of a fourth grader? Join us as we explore these questions and dive deeper into scripture.

**RSVP by February 5 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**

### Milestone Ministry: 5th Grade: Discipleship

**Saturday, March 3, 2018  
9:30 to 11 am**

What is a disciple and what does that mean for today? How does being a disciple of Christ impact your relationships or how you interact with the world? We'll explore these questions and more in this parent/child milestone class.

**RSVP by February 26 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**

### Milestone Ministry: 2nd Grade: First Communion

**First Communion Prep:  
Saturday, March 17 from 9:30 - 11 am**

**First Communion: Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 pm**

In this milestone, we learn about the mystery and gift that is Holy Communion. Class includes making bread, learning about the Passover, the events surrounding Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper, what happens in Holy Communion and the general "how-tos" of receiving Holy Communion.

Two sessions are offered each year with the fall class celebrating First Communion on World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) and the spring class celebrating First Communion at the Maundy Thursday service, which is during spring break this year on March 29.

**RSVP by March 14 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**



### 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2018  
HOUSTON, TX

*It's not too late to participate!  
We have one opening. Contact  
Pastor Sally ASAP.*

#### Participant Prep Meeting Sunday, February 11, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Meet in the fellowship area

*This is for all participants who are attending the  
2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.*

#### Save the dates for helping with upcoming fundraisers:

Coffeehouse Concert Fundraiser - February 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction - March 10 at 6:30 pm

Easter Breakfast

- Setup: March 31 from 10 am to 12 pm

- Breakfast: April 1 from 8:30 - 11:30 am

### Peer Ministry Meeting

#### Saturday, February 17 from 4 to 7 pm

RSVP by Wednesday, February 14

[pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org)



### Acolyte & Assistant Acolyte Schedules

As part of Christian Education at Holy Cross, all youth are automatically scheduled to be worship participants as acolytes (grades 6 - 8), and assistant acolytes (grades 3 - 5). Being an active participant in church life helps children learn they are an important part of the church family.

If you prefer to choose the Sundays your child(ren) serve(s), you may do so now using your email at this case-sensitive link: [bit.ly/acolyte18](http://bit.ly/acolyte18)

**The sign up will close on Friday, March 2.**

A new acolyte and assistant acolyte schedule for the months of April 2018 - September 2018 will be finalized for release in March. When the schedule is released, please enter dates in your calendars right away. If you need to make changes to the calendar, please use the contact list that will be provided with the schedule to make your own trades and contact the church office with new information.

Many families choose to volunteer alongside their children as communion assistants, readers and ushers. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to a worship participant roster at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)



### High School Breathers/Youth Group

**Sundays, February 11 & March 4**

**6:30 - 8 pm**

*Meet in the fellowship area*

High School Breathers are a chance to do just that... breathe! This is a time for Christian fellowship in doing a little homework, joining in prayer and discussing life. Topics vary based on the conversations of the group from week to week. You do not need to be attending a trip or have regular attendance to join High School Youth Group.... it is a come when you can kind of group!

### Confirmation Discipleship Retreat

**Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 3**

This is an opportunity to get to know peers and small group leaders a little better. Our theme for the weekend is Discipleship.

Arrive at Holy Cross by 6 pm having had dinner or pack a bag meal. We will return to Holy Cross for pick up on Saturday by 9 pm.

### Confirmation

*Confirmation instruction at Holy Cross is for all students who are in grades 6, 7 & 8. Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation occurs fall of 9th grade year.*

#### Important Dates

##### Confirmation Retreat: Discipleship (sessions 13 - 15)

**February 2 - 3**

Phantom Lake Bible Camp

##### February Sunday Confirmation Sessions

**Meets Sundays, February 11 and 25 at 6:30 pm**  
(session 16 & 18)

##### Ash Wednesday Confirmation Session

**Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 pm** (session 17)

##### Confirmation Service Opportunities

**7th grade girls pack PADS lunches**

**Sunday, February 25**, following the 9:30 am service.  
Families welcome to assist.

##### 7th grade boys assist with Winchester House worship

**Sunday, February 25, 2 - 3:15 pm.** Families are welcome to assist.



Where Love and Learning Meet

## Celebration! Childcare

### Loving Caregivers Wanted

Do you have a passion for working with children? Would you like to spend your day with children in a caring and nurturing environment? Thinking about pursuing an early education degree while working part time? We have expanded our childcare center and are adding teaching assistants to our team. Room for advancement! If you are interested or know of any individuals, please apply today.

#### PART TIME TEACHING ASSISTANTS

*MUST MEET DCFS QUALIFIED REQUIREMENTS*

At least 18 years of age with a high school diploma.

2 pm - 6 pm, Monday - Friday, year round.

Compensation starting at \$9.50/hr

Please call or email your cover letter and resume to Celebration! Childcare Director, Kathy Pfister.

**Kathy Pfister**, Celebration! Childcare Director  
*celebration@holycrosschurch.org*  
 (847) 367-6208



### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Friday, February 16 from 6 - 10 pm**

**Theme: Love You to Pieces**



**Fee: \$30/First Child**

**\$20/Second Child**

**Reservations needed by: Friday, February 9**

**Run by Celebration! staff. Reservation packets are available on the welcome center at Holy Cross or in the Celebration! Childcare reception area. If you have further questions, contact the Celebration! Childcare office at (847) 367-6208 between 6:30 am and 6 pm, Monday - Friday or [celebration@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:celebration@holycrosschurch.org)**



## CrossWays Preschool

### Love to Play

Take a moment and visualize wooden blocks. As you think about them, you may imagine two or three young children stacking them, or creating a city or zoo in which to play. You may also assume that this type of play is a given in any early childhood classroom, but sadly, this is not the case. According to Roseanne Hansel's article "Bringing Blocks Back to the Kindergarten Classroom" in *Young Children*, this type of highly imaginative and manipulative play is disappearing from our classrooms and is being replaced by "seat work" with screens or other two-dimensional materials. This replacement is happening for the sake of school readiness, but in actuality, not encouraging children to play with blocks does more harm than good. Studies have shown that exploring objects in a deeper way leads to deeper understanding. In addition, using manipulatives such as blocks help children understand abstract concepts better. Fortunately for us, we value block play at CrossWays Preschool and encourage our students to engage with them every single day. Stop by for a visit and see this rich early childhood experience in action!

This month not only brings us many wonders of wintertime, but also lots of discussion about love. The children who attend CrossWays Preschool will be learning a lot about what this word means through a variety of experiences. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day of course, but also exploring stories such as "The Good Samaritan" as part of this study. We will be learning about community helpers, and will be continuing to collect items for troops serving overseas through Operation Support Our Troops.

Registration is well underway for the 2018/19 school year. Classes have begun to fill up, so if you are thinking about registering your little one, please do so soon. We have a variety of programming options to fit your needs. Please contact me to discuss what the options are. Summer camp is right around the corner as well! The Seedlings (for two year olds) and Little Sprouts (3-5 years) camps will be focusing on trees this year. We will explore the different parts of trees, who lives in trees, and what grows on trees. Camp runs June 12 through July 26. Look for more details coming soon!

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." - Luke 10:27*

# LOVE

**Elizabeth Moy**, CrossWays Preschool Director  
*[crossways@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:crossways@holycrosschurch.org)*  
 (847) 367-4367



## THE FREE SPIRITS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 11 AM AT THE CHOCOLATE SANCTUARY, GURNEE

THE FREE SPIRITS ARE A GROUP OF RETIREES AND OTHERS AGE 55 AND MORE WHO ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN OUTINGS TOGETHER.

The Free Spirits met for their annual potluck lunch on Thursday, January 18 and enjoyed the screening of the motion picture, *The Shack*.

The February outing will be for lunch on Thursday, February 15 at the Chocolate Sanctuary in Gurnee. Located at the south east corner of the intersection of Rt. 21 and Washington in Gurnee. The restaurant features a reasonably priced lunch menu and also a prix fixe lunch menu for \$11 which includes a choice of a "Cocoa-Tizer" appetizer, an entree and a handcrafted chocolate for dessert. Meet at 11:30 am at the restaurant or meet at Holy Cross to carpool at 11:15 am. RSVP to Marge Stueckemann by February 13 at (847) 362-9036 or [mdstueck@icloud.com](mailto:mdstueck@icloud.com)

## PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 4 PM, ROOM 208

Parents who have a child with any special need (whether or not formalized by 504 or IEP) can meet to offer ideas, guidance or prayer. This group, open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation, meets at Holy Cross on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm. For more information, please contact Terry Berger (847) 680-3578 or Lisa Dunbar (847) 309-6035. Snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.

## PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO

DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP AREA

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7 PM, ROOM 208

We will meet once in February, enjoying a meal and creating flies for the spring. We extend an open invitation for veterans to participate, and for volunteers to help with hospitality. If you would like more information, please contact [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)

## GROUNDED IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

*"...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."* - Ephesians 3:17-19

This group meets once a month - come when you can, leave when you must! No prep work is required, but if you would like to read ahead, pick up the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women* (available in the church office for \$5). On **Friday, February 9**, we will discuss *Chapter 6: Mary*. Please bring a beverage and a snack to share. Contact Pastor Sally with any questions at [PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org)

Save the date for March 2 when we will discuss *Chapter 7: Anna, the Faithful Witness*.

## PILATES

FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26

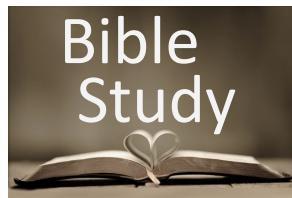
6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING)

Join us for the final month of the January/February session. We will meet each Monday starting at 6 pm. Your fee will be prorated if you join for a month. Try one class for free! Questions about pilates may be directed toward the organizer, Jodi Zombolo at (224) 595-8573.

**BOOK CLUB**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 7 PM** LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP AREA AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

This month the club will co-host the session to discuss *Victoria's Daughters* by Jerrold M. Packard. Five women shared one of the most extraordinary sisterhoods of all time... born to a sovereign who ruled over a quarter of the earth's people and who gave her name to an era: Queen Victoria. All five would face the social restrictions and familial machinations borne by nineteenth-century women of far less exalted class - royal women who were dominated by their mother, married off as much for political advantage as for love, and passed over entirely when their brother ascended to the throne.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

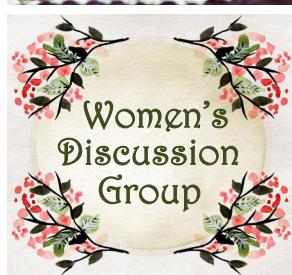
**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 13 & FEBRUARY 27 AT 11 AM - 12:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Many think that the book of Revelation is violent and fearsome. While it presents some unique challenges with its mysterious symbolism, it is important to know that the message of Revelation is, most of all, one of hope - A message that has sustained people of faith throughout the ages and still today. Please join us!

**COMMON THREADS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

The Common Threads relational group is made up of volunteers who like to knit and/or crochet. They get together once a month to work on personal handiwork projects as well as prayer shawls and blankets for the prayer ministry. All are welcome to join us. Questions? Please contact Judy Luplow at (847) 367-0242.

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

**TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6 & 20 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

This group, led by Pastor Sally, will begin discussing a new book, *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* by Skye Jethani. Join us to discuss *Chapter 1: Life After Eden* at our meeting on Tuesday, February 6 and *Chapter 2: Life Under God* on Tuesday, February 20. All are welcome!

Extra copies of the book are available in the church office for \$10.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

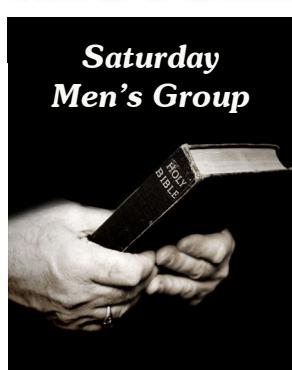
**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM**

**LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE**

This is a wonderful way to begin the day. We promise to provide you with thought-provoking and stimulating fellowship and conversation. All men are welcome to join us.

**CARE OF CREATION - WINE CORK COLLECTION**

If you missed bringing in your corks before the end of January, have no fear! You may bring them with you to the Annual Green Living Fair on March 18 sponsored by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation in partnership with Lake County Green Congregations and Faith in Place. The free event will showcase interesting displays, speakers on environmental topics, and an opportunity to recycle items like Christmas lights, corks, DVDs, gym shoes and inkjet cartridges. Watch for more information on the Care of Creation kiosk and in the March newsletter.

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**

**SATURDAYS - FEBRUARY 10 & 24 AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

"Living the Questions 2.0" (LtQ2) is an open-minded alternative to studies that create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. LtQ2 consists of 21 sessions which may be offered in sequence or as three independent flights of seven units each: "Invitation to Journey," "Honoring Creation" and "Call to Covenant." Recently updated to include Diana Butler Bass, Brian McLaren and Robin Meyers, LtQ2 is a popular video and internet-based small group exploration of progressive Christianity featuring premier religion voices of our day. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.



**Thursday, February 1**  
**March Newsletter Content Due**  
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, 402

**Friday, February 2**  
 6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat - Departs  
 7:00 pm BSA event setup, 402

**Saturday, February 3**  
 7:00 am BSA NE IL Council, 402  
 5:30 pm First Saturday Worship with Holy Communion  
 6:30 pm Around the Cross Coffeehouse Concert: Mike & Sue Blair  
 9:00 pm Confirmation Retreat - Returns

**Sunday, February 4**  
**Scouts honored at 9:30 am**  
 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Care of Creation, 207  
 6:30 pm NO Confirmation

**Monday, February 5**  
**CrossWays OSOT collection ends**  
**Deadline to RSVP for 4th gr. Milestone**  
 6:00 pm Pilates Celebration! atrium  
 6:00 pm Willow House Meeting

**Tuesday, February 6**  
**Deadline to RSVP for At The Table 2/13**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 7:00 pm Troop #194 Committee, 207

**Wednesday, February 7**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 11:30 am PHW Day Program Session  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program, 208  
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 8**  
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, 402  
 7:00 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208

**Friday, February 9**  
 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace: Friday Night Women's Group

**Saturday, February 10**  
 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group  
 8:30 am New Member Breakfast  
 9:30 am *Milestone Ministry:* 4th Grade - 10 Commandments

**Sunday, February 11**  
 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship w/Holy Communion  
 9:30 am Reception of New Members  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 12:30 pm 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Prep Meeting  
 6:30 pm Confirmation  
 6:30 pm HS Breathers/Youth Group

**Monday, February 12**  
 1:00 pm Common Threads  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, February 13**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 11:00 am Adult Bible Study  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 6:00 pm BSA Roundtable, main level  
 6:30 pm At The Table, The Liberty

**Wednesday, February 14**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes and HC.

**Thursday, February 15**  
 7:00 pm Church Council  
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 17**  
 4:00 pm Peer Ministry Meeting

**Sunday, February 18**  
 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion  
 9:45 am NO Sunday School  
 4:00 pm Parents of Children with Special Needs  
 6:30 pm NO Confirmation

**Monday, February 19**  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, February 20**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404

**Wednesday, February 21**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 9:30 am ECM Marketing Meeting  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship  
 8:15 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 23**  
**6:00 pm Women's Retreat arrives Elkhorn**  
 7:00 pm BSA Wood Badge set up

**Saturday, February 24**  
**Women's Retreat in Elkhorn, WI**  
 6:30 am BSA Wood Badge Staff

**Sunday, February 25**  
**PADS Donations Due Before Noon**  
 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Confirmation 7th gr. girls pack PADS lunches, kitchen  
**12:00 pm Women's Retreat returns**  
 2:00 pm 7th gr. boys assist at Winchester  
 2:30 pm Winchester House worship  
 6:30 pm Confirmation

**Monday, February 26**  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 6:00 pm BSA Troop #194 Court of Honor, fellowship area

**Tuesday, February 27**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 9:30 am Newsletter Assembly  
 11:00 am Adult Bible Study  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 7:00 pm Book Club, fellowship area

**Wednesday, February 28**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children Pack  
 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship  
 8:15 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal



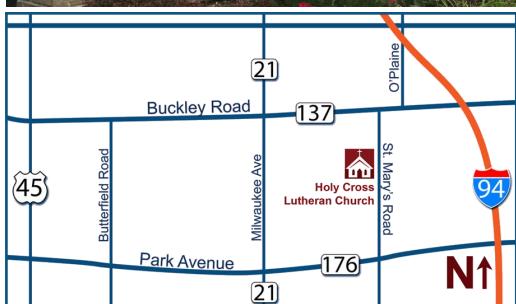
### Newsletter Assembly

Assist with preparing the March newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. **Tuesday, February 27 at 9:30 am.**

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**AROUND  
THE CROSS**  
CONCERT SERIES

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT  
**MIKE & SUE BLAIR**  
*EVER SINGING*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Youth Fundraiser. No tickets or reservations required. Details on page 4.



**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
February 14, 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 pm  
AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT  
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Details on page 2.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### February 2018

- 2-3 Confirmation Retreat
- 3 First Saturday Worship 5:30 pm  
*Around the Cross Coffeehouse Concert:* Mike & Sue Blair 6:30 pm
- 10 New Member Breakfast 8:30 am
- 11 Reception of New Members 9:30 am
- 13 At the Table, The Liberty 6:30 pm
- 14 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30 pm
- 18 First Sunday in Lent
- 21 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Lenten Worship
- 23-25 Women's Retreat at Lutherdale
- 28 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Lenten Worship

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- 3 First Saturday Worship 5:30 pm
- 7 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Lenten Worship
- 10 Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Auction
- 13 At the Table, tbd
- 21 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Midweek Lenten Worship  
*Around the Cross Concert*
- 25 Passion/Palm Sunday
- 29 Maundy Thursday
- 30 Good Friday