

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

August 2018

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I have been thinking about “authenticity” quite a bit lately. I suppose one reason is the summer project with the men at Holy Cross. We have been convening for fellowship and conversation around the theme of living an authentic life. It seemed like a worthy endeavor back in the winter when the idea first came to me. It has turned out to be more of a challenge than I originally thought. My friend Phil Kirschbaum and I have had some wonderful conversations about the subject as we have prepared for these evenings together. So what exactly is authenticity?

Brené Brown, who has become a modern day “evangelist” for authenticity and vulnerability states: *“Authenticity is the daily practice of letting go of who we think we’re supposed to be and embracing who we are.”* I don’t disagree with this statement. I prefer this statement: *“Authenticity should flow from what I am still learning versus what I already know.”* The latter seems a little more honest for my taste.

I realize that my worldview, or lens, will greatly impact what I believe is critical about authenticity. Authenticity from a secular perspective, as real as we try to be, will never truly fulfill our deepest longing. Being authentic is not an end to itself, but a critical component to discover who I was created to be. It is a tool, not an end state. The question then needs to be asked, “Why is authenticity so important to my journey, especially as a child of God?”

Because every human being longs to be known and loved as we truly are. The good and bad; the beautiful and ugly; the highs and lows. All of it. To be unconditionally loved in a conditional world. The very foundation of the Christian faith is that God sent Jesus into this world and our lives, without conditions, in our uttermost ugliest of moments (dead in our sin), because He loves us . . . unconditionally.

The Gospel not only hinges on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but on the church’s ability to authentically, sincerely, and genuinely share that hope, through broken and messed up people. As we discover, Biblical authenticity requires courage, but not recklessness. It requires a balance of *Grace and Truth*. Grace and Truth about ourselves. Grace and Truth about others - but most importantly - Grace and Truth about God. Our attempts to achieve authenticity are experienced and revealed as we walk this path of life.

Living a life of authenticity is about being true to yourself. However, we don’t get off that easy. When we reflect upon our Christian faith we discover that living a life of authenticity is also about how we treat people. I appreciate the quote from Henry James, “Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And, the third is to be kind.”

The Apostle Paul summarizes the Biblically authentic life we are invited to model. *“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”*

So, go and live authentic, imperfect, messy lives before a broken world so that others may see Jesus redeem and transform you into His image.

Peace,

*Being Authentic*  
Fellowship & Conversations for Men

Monday, August 20  
6 - 8:30 pm

Don't miss the last session!  
Participation in earlier sessions is not required.

Details on page 3

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### SATURDAY EVENINGS

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
5:30 PM

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

WORSHIP 8 & 10 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9 AM

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Please join us!*

**MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

**Sunday, August 5**  
During worship at 8 and 10 am

Fellowship and cake reception at 9 am

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## Backpack & Supplies Fundraiser for LSSI



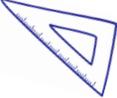
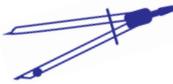




**Help Pack Backpacks!**

All ages welcome to assist in packing prepurchased supplies into backpacks - assembly line style.

**Sunday, August 5 starting at 9 am**



 **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**

**Can't attend packing day? Here are more ways to assist:**

- **Backpack pre-assembly setup**  
Friday, August 3 from 1 to 3:30 pm
- **Load backpacks onto the LSSI truck**  
Monday, August 6 at 12:30 pm

Please let the church office staff know when you're able to assist at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.

**Thank you for your donations and for helping in these ways!**



## Holy Cross Premier Host Site

Register online at:  
**bit.ly/GLS18atHC**

Cost: \$119 with promo code:  
**18HSFAMILY**

**What is the difference between attending the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) onsite versus a Premier Host Site?** Attendance at the Willow Creek campus provides the energy of an expected 9,300 attendees experiencing programming and most of the faculty in person. The live stream of the Summit at a Premier Host Site is preferred by some attendees for convenience, affordability and connectivity to leaders in their local community.

**It gets your priorities back in order.** One of life's greatest battles is to keep the main things the main things. Life will bury you in trivia. Taking two full days to be challenged to learn to grow, to be reminded of what matters and how to pursue it is an effective way to win the battle for the right priorities.

*"The Summit has been monumental in helping me and our team reach the vision God has placed before us and has helped us overcome so many challenges and obstacles. Every time we are engaged at the Summit, we get re-inspired with a grander vision."*  
Josh Dotzler, CEO, Abide

See page 4 for more information about the GLS.

**“There is GRACE for that!”**

*by Pastor Sally Hanson*

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston was a transformational experience for all who attended! Each of the Mass Gatherings (stadium events with all 31,000 participants) included music, community, prayers, silliness and compelling speakers. These worship experiences had an overall theme of “This Changes Everything!” The themes each night were: “Love Changes Everything!”, “Grace Changes Everything!”, “Hope Changes Everything!” and “Jesus Changes Everything!”.

Speakers shared vulnerable stories of transformation and shared how God was active in their lives. Multiple speakers did not shy away from the powerful truths they saw of our broken world which is in incredible need of God’s saving grace. We heard stories from a student who had been addicted to drugs and alcohol from age 11, a student who identifies as transgender, we heard from a man who “had it all together” on the surface but has been cutting and causing self-harm for years, and even a teen who has a disease that she knows is terminal, yet has created a support community with others with the same disease. All of these are examples of how hope, love, grace and community changes everything.

A line that stuck with many of us was from the speaker regarding self-harm. When he originally told his minister about his actions, he was told “he was going to hell”, which caused him to go into a deep depression and self-harm even further. He later found a community of faith that responded with, “There is GRACE for that!”

The chance to hear and witness these speakers was transformational for our youth, many of whom had been craving the authenticity of these speakers. Hearing the trials that the speakers endured and how their faith, faith community, and God have played essential roles in their healing and wholeness was moving.

For many of our youth, the experience of the Gathering has indeed, CHANGED EVERYTHING! I encourage you to ask participants about their experience and listen closely to their incredible insight. To get a glimpse of the Gathering’s impact, experiences and photos, I invite you to turn to page 8 and see the reflections of participants! If you want to hear even more, we are inviting the whole congregation to hear more about the Gathering experience on July 29 for the 2018 Youth Stockholders Banquet.

We are all looking forward to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering which will be held in Minneapolis!

May you, too, encounter the grace that changes everything and know that no matter where you are on your faith journey, there is GRACE for that!

*Pastor Sally*



See pages 8-10 for pictures and feedback.

*Saturday Night Live*  
**ON THE PATIO**

**Worship, Holy Communion, and Fellowship Dinner with Live Music.**  
*In the event of rain or inclement weather, the event will move indoors.*

**August 18 from 5:30 to 8 pm**

*Southern Comfort*

We will provide an entrée of Beef brisket and lemonade/water. Bring your favorite southern side dish or dessert to share. BYOB

Val Maxwell and Manny Flores are our lead volunteers for each evening. If you are able to help set up or clean up please email Val at [vmaxwell48@aol.com](mailto:vmaxwell48@aol.com)

**All welcome for our final event of the season!**  
**Thank you to everyone who has participated this summer!**

*Being Authentic*

**Fellowship & Conversations for Men**

**Monday August 20**  
**6 to 8:30 pm**

Meal provided.  
BYOB

As men, it’s easy for us to talk about football, beer, and the weather. Unfortunately, we need extra motivation and special circumstances to discuss more substantial and meaningful topics.

The Being Authentic series is a chance to share some great food, fellowship, and conversation about issues that really matter. Our topic in August is authentic spirituality. What is it that feeds your spirit? How does God make a difference in your life? When does prayer, contemplation and practicing gratitude help you?

Our first evenings have been well received. We hope you join us for this third conversation in August. Facilitated by Pastor Bob and Phil Kirschbaum. All men, 21 and over are invited to join us. Come alone or bring a friend. Registration is optional but it will help us with planning food. Participation in earlier sessions is not required.

Questions? Contact Pastor Bob  
[pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org)



**RSVP: [bit.ly/authmen](https://bit.ly/authmen)**

**Journey** faith, discipleship, generosity

## ***The World Needs Your Leadership***

by Steve Oelschlager

*As Holy Cross prepares to be a satellite location for the Global Leadership Summit on August 9-10, an excerpt on leadership from the book **Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive Through the Dangers of Leading**.*

“Each day brings you opportunities to raise important questions, speak to higher values, and surface unresolved conflicts. Every day you have the chance to make a difference in the lives of people around you.

And every day you must decide whether to put your contribution out there, or keep it to yourself to avoid upsetting anyone, and get through another day. You are right to be cautious. Prudence is a virtue. You disturb people when you take unpopular initiatives in your community, put provocative new ideas on the table in your organization, question the gap between colleagues’ values and behavior, or ask friends and relatives to face up to tough realities. You risk people’s ire and make yourself vulnerable. Exercising leadership can get you into a lot of trouble.

To lead is to live dangerously because when leadership counts, when you lead people through difficult change, you challenge what people hold dear - their daily habits, tools, loyalties, and ways of thinking - with nothing more to offer perhaps than a possibility. Moreover, leadership often means exceeding the authority you are given to tackle the challenge at hand. People push back when you disturb the personal and institutional equilibrium they know. And people resist in all kinds of creative and unexpected ways that can get you taken out of the game: pushed aside, undermined, or eliminated.

Yet we believe that leadership, while perilous, is an enterprise worthy of the costs. Our communities, organizations, and societies need people, from wherever they work and live, to take up the challenges within reach rather than complain about the lack of leadership from on high, hold off until they receive a ‘call’ to action, or wait for their turn in the top job. This has always been true, but may especially be so now, in the post-September 11, 2001 world of uncertainty and vulnerability.

Leadership is worth the risk because the goals extend beyond material gain or personal advancement. By making the lives of people around you better, leadership provides meaning in life. It creates purpose. We believe that every human being has something unique to offer, and that a larger sense of purpose comes from using that gift to help your organizations, families, or communities thrive. The gift might be your knowledge, your experience, your values, your presence, your heart, or your wisdom. Perhaps it’s simply your basic curiosity and your willingness to raise unsettling questions.”



**THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

### **Here are 6 leadership themes you can expect at the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) this year...**

- 1) Leading with Relational Intelligence** Every great leader understands that relational intelligence is key to getting work done. **Sheila Heen** will guide us through a process to navigate difficult conversations on our teams. **David Livermore** will share his research on how leaders can relate effectively across diverse situations. Apple’s **Angela Ahrendts**, who recently toured the world meeting Apple employees, will explain her conviction that empathy is an essential quality to great leadership.
- 2) Maximizing Your Time and Potential** You have been given a high calling as a leader. Are you maximizing your time and potential to make your greatest possible impact? **Carla Harris** will share wisdom on how to achieve your potential and become the leader you were created to be. **John C. Maxwell** will outline how to maximize your impact as a high-character leader in our world today.
- 3) Creating a Positive Culture** Fantastic leaders know the value of crafting an intentional culture in their organization. Restaurateur **Danny Meyer** will share his unique perspective on creating a customer-focused culture. **Danielle Strickland** will discuss the challenges associated with power dynamics in organizational culture. **Dr. Nthabiseng Legoete** will inspire us to create a culture focused on people.
- 4) Identifying Future Opportunities** Strategic leaders are forward-thinking - intentionally identifying cultural trends and opportunities on their organizational horizon. **Craig Groeschel** will teach us what it means to be a leader who *prepares* for the future *instead of reacting* to it. **Strive Masiyiwa**, founder of Econet (one of Africa’s largest telecommunications companies), will help us learn what it means to be a leader who perseveres to fight for the future of our world. **Erwin McManus** will help us discover what it means to lead a life that matters and how great leaders intentionally build the future.
- 5) Building Enduring Organizations** If we truly want to create positive and lasting impact in our world, we must discover how to build organizations that endure the test of time. **Rasmus Ankersen** will bring to light the mindset cultivated by successful brands to create sustainable success in our organizations. **Simon Sinek** will share brand new content from his book, *The Infinite Game*, challenging us with a deceptively simple question: *How do you stay ahead in a game with no end?*
- 6) Understanding Your Life Purpose** Christ-centered leaders have the incredible opportunity to impact the world in the way they live out their faith in their work. **Stories that will be featured** about people who are living out their “Grander Visions.”



As you prepare to join us for GLS18, we know you're wondering, "What fresh, actionable leadership content will I walk away with this year?"

Each year, the GLS faculty bring world-class content to equip you with clear next steps on how to become the leader God created you to be.

### 2018 GLS Speaker Schedule

Registration opens at 7:30 am

**Thursday, August 9**  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Craig Groeschel and Angela Ahrendts  
Daniel Pink, Strive Masiyiwa and T.D. Jakes  
Carla Harris and Danny Meyer  
Danielle Strickland and John Maxwell

**Friday, August 10**  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Rasmus Ankersen, David Livermore and Sheila Heen  
Erwin McManus  
Nthabiseng Legoete, Simon Sinek and Craig Groeschel

Save your spot and register today!

Register online for \$119

[bit.ly/GLS18atHC](http://bit.ly/GLS18atHC)

Promo Code: 18HSFAMILY



Volunteer at GLS, or for set up or clean up and attend for no charge. Contact Steve Oelschlager at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org)

**I Give**  
electronically

MAKE GENEROSITY A HABIT

### Make Generosity a Habit

Thank you for being on the spiritual journey of generosity and for your contributions to God's mission through Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Without your gifts of participation, leadership, and financial support, we wouldn't be the same or have the impact that we do. Giving is a spiritual practice that enhances meaning and purpose in our lives, and witnesses to our children and others that following Jesus is about connecting to something bigger than ourselves. Please use these opportunities to talk with your kids about the significance of giving in your life.

Holy Cross makes online giving easy with many different giving options available. Visit the giving page on our website at [holycrosschurch.org/giving](http://holycrosschurch.org/giving) for more details.

"I Give Electronically" cards are available in the seat backs for use during worship to participate in the offering.

Ladies Night Out  
Presents

Everything  
under the  
Harvest  
MOON



**Thursday, October 25**  
6 - 9 pm  
Holy Cross, Fellowship Area

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE BABYSITTING**

-  **UNIQUE SHOPPING**

  - Jewelry
  - Personalized ceramic pieces
  - Pottery
  - Essential oils
  - Decorative trays
  - Children's accessories such as hats and onesies
  - Home & holiday wooden decor
  - Whimsical candles
  - Tote bags & purses
  - Religious wooden carvings
  - Hand made artwork
  - Children's books and more!
-  **APPETIZERS & WINE BY THE GLASS**
-  **PERSONALIZED WINE LABELS**

  - Order forms available online: [holycrosschurch.org/events](http://holycrosschurch.org/events)
-  **HOLIDAY GIFTS**
-  **TAFFY APPLES**
-  **RAFFLES**

  - Sara Glas Photography Mini Family Session
  - Singalila Gift Certificate
  - Glamtique Gift Certificate
  - BarreCode 5 Class Pack with socks & bag
  - Purely Pilates Private Session
  - DVD Movie Basket
  - Nail Basket
  - Maggianos Gift Certificate with Italian Wine
  - Picnic Basket Gift Certificate
  - Dos Amigos Gift Certificate
  - Main Street Libertyville Gift Certificate
  - Toy Basket and more!
-  **SILENT AUCTION**

Including craft items made by children from **CrossWays Preschool** and **Celebration! Childcare**

CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare Fundraiser

## MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? To learn more about membership, please contact the church office at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.

Individuals and families who are interested in joining Holy Cross Lutheran Church are invited to our next New Member Breakfast and Reception.

### NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 25 at 8:30 am**  
RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 17.

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**Sunday, August 26 during 10 am worship**

## Faith on the Go Summer Series Food For the Soul

by Pastor Sally



There is nothing better than BLT sandwiches made with tomatoes from your own garden. That fresh-picked taste is somehow more satisfying than any store-bought produce. This is because you've seen it through from the beginning, invested in its care and growth, and are thrilled at the fruit it has produced in the world. Is this not how God sees us too? God has nurtured us since we were planted on this earth, tended to our every need and rejoices in the fruit we produce for the kingdom.

What is it that you have been able to plant, nurture, tend and produce for God's kingdom this summer? How have your God sightings impacted the way you see the world? Whether it has been finding crosses in nature, heading out for a faith walk or even gardening, all of these moments have produced food for the soul - your soul - in the bounty and abundance of creation. My prayer is that as you feast on all the wonderful foods freshly grown this summer, you are able to say thanks and see each piece of produce as a God sighting of love and care, abundance and mercy that not only fill your belly, but also your soul.

Do you have a favorite food that fills your soul and makes you connected to God? Share your pictures of garden bounty or favorite foods with friends! Post your experiences with us on [fb./com/holycrosslibertyville](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosslibertyville) using these hashtags:

#FAITHONTHEGO #FOODFORTHE SOUL #GODSIGHTING

### **Property Director, Tim Mahoney** Farewell & Best Wishes

Dear Holy Cross Family,

The expression that "time flies when you are having fun" is true. It has been almost 5 years since you welcomed me into your lives, but unfortunately, it is time for me to leave. I have not taken this decision lightly and will miss you all. Fortunately, the property is being taken care of by Tom Zombolo and his phenomenal skills.

I will truly cherish all the memories and fun times that I had at Holy Cross. You have a very dynamic and vibrant congregation and I will miss that. Please know that I will always be available if you ever need anything.

Your brother in Christ,  
Tim Mahoney

## PASTORAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS

**Roselyn Jean Westman**  
Daughter of Randall & Katelyn Westman  
July 22, 2018

### MARRIAGE

**Melissa Maki & Matthew Berger**  
June 24, 2018

**Dana Zucco & James Ori**  
July 21, 2018

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Betty E. Carlson**  
July 21, 2018





# Handbell Choir

## Join the Holy Cross Handbell Choir

by Beth Malecha, Handbell Choir Director

We welcome all musicians to join the Holy Cross Handbell Choir. If you can read music, you can play! Our first rehearsal for the year will be held **Thursday, September 6**. The handbell choir rehearses on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Throughout the season, we will provide music at 5 to 6 Sunday morning services. In the handbell choir, we are able to share in a unique musical experience as we collaborate together to learn and play each selection.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Beth Malecha at [elizabeth.malecha@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.malecha@gmail.com) or come to our first rehearsal on September 6 in the church basement (west wing).



## “Halo” Lights

New Lighting in Fellowship Area

by Marge Stueckemann

What could be more appropriate for a group of “saints” - as the Bible calls all who are believers in Jesus - to have the lighting in their building that is reminiscent of halos?

Have you noticed those beautiful, circular lights in the fellowship area? Not only are these fixtures appropriate in their shape, they are also saving energy. Their design is for the whole ring to be luminous, so some light is being sent upwards to reflect off the ceiling, as well as down to the tables and chairs, enabling much better illumination.

These light fixtures, utilizing LED bulbs, help us realize energy and cost savings, and the bulbs will last much longer as well, making them a double blessing. This is another way for Holy Cross Lutheran Church to be good stewards of our resources.



Look UP!

## In Community at Holy Cross



“When my family and I gather for worship week after week, it’s a gift. A chance to be in community. A chance to hear God’s word. A chance to sing and pray. A chance to serve. It’s easy to be so busy and do so much that Sunday morning becomes the only time to rest as a family at home. Yet missing out on worship means missing out on a vital part of our faith formation. In worship, we learn best about God and faith with others. . . . I will remember worship compels me to see others as beloved children of God.”

- Kimberly Knowle-Zeller, LivingLutheran

We are grateful for everyone who volunteers to participate during worship services at Holy Cross. Soon the worship participant schedule for the months of October through March will be printed and emailed.

Have you thought about joining a worship participant roster to enhance your worship experience? Please contact the staff in the office if you would like to be added or if you have any questions at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.

### Worship Participant Ministries:

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Altar Care             | Counters          |
| Assisting Ministers    | Greeters          |
| Coffee Hosts Provide   | Prayer Assistants |
| Communion Assistants   | Readers           |
| Communion Bread Bakers | Ushers            |

Descriptions for each position exist in our *Worship Participant Ministries* booklet, located in the kiosk near the church entrance or online at [holycrosschurch.org/resources](http://holycrosschurch.org/resources)

You may sign up to be a greeter yourself using this case-sensitive link: [bit.ly/GreetersHCLC](http://bit.ly/GreetersHCLC)  
All you need to log in is your email address.

## Acolytes and Assistant Acolytes

Sign up online by August 17  
for Fall/Winter Schedule

[bit.ly/Acolyte1819](http://bit.ly/Acolyte1819)



Voluntary scheduling for the Fall/Winter Acolyte and Assistant Acolyte schedule is now open, and will **close on Friday, August 17** (after which we will schedule your child/children). This open enrollment will cover our worship services in the months of October 2018 to March 2019.

At Holy Cross we schedule students grades 3-5 as Assistant Acolytes (they hold the baskets during communion) and students grades 6-8 as Acolytes. Acolyte training is offered in the fall on September 14.



## Reflections on the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Before 50 participants from Holy Cross, Grace and Holy Trinity left the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this past summer, they answered four questions. Following are excerpts of their responses.



### WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS WEEK?

When we were cleaning the cemetery and the townspeople drove by thanking us for our work. – Colin Rosten (HCLC student)

**I saw God from the people on this trip. They all accepted me with open arms and let me be myself.** – Nolan Rachiele (Holy Trinity student)

I saw God through all of the people I met this trip and their experiences and memories. – Scott Johnston (HCLC student)

**I saw God through all the speakers and their stories about how God was there for them. Also through seeing so many people who are just like us.** – Amber Semler (Grace student)

I saw God through the people and places I helped. – Maddie Ryan (HCLC student)

**I saw God during the whole trip. I saw his grace and compassion through our service project and heard it through the speakers' stories.** – Daniel Koenemann (HCLC student)

I saw God in the nightly Mass Gatherings because there was so many energetic people in one place and we all had the same reason for being there – which was to grow closer to God and celebrate our faith. So I saw God when everyone just came together and celebrated. – Kath Haidvogel (HCLC student)

**I saw God in the faces of the kids, the adult leaders, the staff and the people of Houston.** – Pastor Chris Neptun (Holy Trinity)

### HOW HAVE YOU GROWN THIS WEEK?

**I realized I still have a purpose in going on these trips even when I try and deny it.** – Jeff McClurg (Grace adult participant)

I learned what grace is and also the many ways God's love, hope and grace changes everything! – Zoe Boileau (HCLC student)

**I am reminded that I don't have to have all the answers or "fix" everything.** – Karen Semler (Grace adult participant)

I cried when I realized Christ **KNOWS** who I am (like the woman at the well); I felt relief when I felt God's **GRACE**; and I felt inspired when I felt God's **HOPE**. – Jon Rachiele (Holy Trinity adult participant)

**I participated in my first political march which was fighting against separating families at the border. I felt inspired and I felt that I was making a difference.** – Lia Boucek (HCLC student)

I have grown to see that I am "magnificently imperfect" and to accept who I am, as I am, made in God's image. – Kenna Tripple (Holy Trinity student)

**I have grown in my worshipping skills this week. I only started going to church recently and I never felt comfortable worshipping and putting myself out there. But seeing such comfort in so many other kids really helped me and made me want to be a part of it.** – Jori Oztunguc (HCLC student)

I was inspired by the collective witness of the community! – Steve Oelschlager (HCLC adult participant)

**I have grown in my understanding of other people's struggles in life.** – Sarah Rosten (HCLC student)

I've learned so much about my faith, especially God's grace. I learned that God's grace is endless for everyone: your family, friends and even the people you dislike. No matter the circumstance, "There is grace for that!" – Grace Boileau (HCLC student)

**I think my patience and understanding of others has been tested and grown this week. I really got to figure out more of myself and what I stand for.** – Abby Neptun (Holy Trinity student)

I already knew to love my neighbor but this brought a whole new level to this and I feel I can truly do this, not only at the Gathering, but when I get home too. – Kara Cannon (HCLC student)

**I have become slightly more sociable for me being in a group in which I felt comfortable.** – Alec Berger (HCLC student)

This week I feel like I have reconnected to God. Hearing so many inspiring stories from my peers and the speakers reminded me of how powerful God's love is. – Cameron Hamilton (HCLC student)



I came to the gathering searching for answers to the many questions and doubts I had about my beliefs and faith. While many of those questions remain unanswered, I found new a perspective of God. The power in the gathering of our churches and the inspiration the speakers created made me realize the core of the idea of God. God is love and home and forgiveness and all the good and community in this world. God is a spirit that lives inside us, coming out in the times we share that light. I have grown by my new beliefs and the ways I now see God in the world. – Katherine Thomey (HCLC student)

My faith was strengthened seeing a church community that is inclusive and for everyone. I learned that other aspects of my life can work together with and be influenced by my faith. One example of this was marching to end family separation at the border. – Madelynn Roche (HCLC student)

I have grown to care more about the livelihood of others. – Ryan Berger (HCLC student)



### WHAT IS A MEMORY YOU HOPE TO TAKE AWAY WITH YOU?

A quote that has inspired me was “Radical Hope is the light at the end of the tunnel that is so bright you can’t see the tunnel!” – Terry Berger (HCLC adult participant)

The last night of the gathering when everyone turned on the light on their phone after sending a text message of hope to another. – Maddie Dillon (Holy Trinity student)

Watching two students reach out to a student who was crying (not from our group). They gave her hugs and let her know that she is loved and that God was with her. – Nancy Ryan (HCLC adult participant)

Our service project was to help clean up a cemetery affected by the hurricane that had been forgotten and hearing the woman talk about her passion to get the cemetery looking beautiful again and making sure that the people there got the respect and dignity and are not forgotten. – Amanda Komashka (HCLC adult participant)

Walking down to the stadium and feeding off all the energy and just wanting to yell, “GOD IS GREAT!” – Sam Randall (HCLC student)

I hope to take away all the experiences people had in their speeches and seeing all the problems in the world. It made me want to help with these problems. – Derek Matthei (HCLC student)

I hope I always remember the thrill of actually protesting for immigrant rights. It felt good to not just talk about making change, but actually doing change. – Andrew Oelschlager (HCLC student)

**THE THEME OF THE GATHERING WAS "THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING." WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR YOU?**

My outlook on life, before this trip I was rather pessimistic, however, I now feel optimistic for the future! – Camden Edmunds (HCLC student)

**What has changed for me is the friends I've made through this journey, in addition my faith in God getting stronger.** – Ella Skelton (HCLC student)

Before this trip, I felt lost and lonely in this group but as the week moved on I connected with more people and bonded with other teenagers I am proud to call my friends. – Anna Randall (HCLC student)

**My fear that racism and hatred are being accepted. It was so good to see SO many people excited about taking a stand against it.** – Karla Boucek (HCLC adult participant)

The changes that we see want to see in the world can start with us. The way that I look at some situations has changed and have grown. Change is a good thing! – Beth Ann Koenemann (HCLC adult participant)

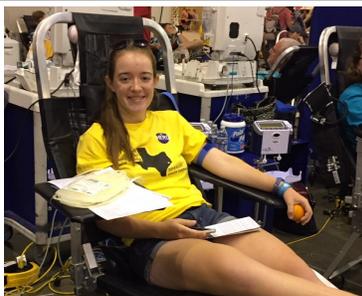
**I heard a speaker this week say the youth are not the future of the church – they are the church now. Experiencing the Youth Gathering with a group of thoughtful, caring teens has made me realize how true this is. The youth are leading the church forward and give me great hope for the future.** – Patty Moyer (HCLC adult participant)

I've become more confident in my own faith and I'm not afraid to keep continuing to explore in God's grace. – Michelle Collier (Grace student)

**How I see God because I thought that I only saw him at church and now I can see God every day!** – Hailey Dunbar (HCLC student)

Going to college, my attitude about church has changed - I can see all the different ways ELCA communities and beliefs have shaped my being, and I know that this is a community that will continue to build me up in life. There's so much potential in the church, and I'm excited to tap into the energy and better the future! – Hannah Oelschlager (HCLC student)

**My view on God has changed. I used to think God was out to get people that did wrong in the world. But by the end of the day, God is there for each and every one of us!** – Robby Partlow (HCLC student)



I think I better understand and appreciate the idea of Grace, both the grace God grants us as well as the grace we all too often neglect to grant one another. – Dan Berger (HCLC adult participant)

**My experience with God, my friends and my view of the whole church. Also, how I see God every day.** – Anika Neptun (Holy Trinity student)

I have a lot more hope for society that I did before the gathering! Being witness to so much hope from our youth overwhelmed and inspired me. – Lisa Dunbar (HCLC adult participant)

**How I view God and myself. I have learned to rely on God and have courage in myself.** – Ana Boucek (HCLC student)

My outlook on my faith changed throughout the week. The speakers brought up several very personal topics that are normally very difficult to talk about, helping to show how they fit in with my faith. – Max Lindsey (HCLC student)

**My opinions have grown and changed this week.** – Loren Semler

The final Mass Gathering closed with the reveal of the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering: there was a lot of purple with Prince's "Let's Go Crazy" and pyrotechnics to disclose Minneapolis, MN as the next location.

Even though the Gathering has concluded in Houston, sharing the experiences are far from over. Make sure to check the Gathering Blog for more stories of what happens when the Gathering is lived across the ELCA.

[blogs.elca.org/youthgathering](https://blogs.elca.org/youthgathering)



## Perspective

by Randy Casey

“Americans think of 200 years as a long time; Europeans think of 200 miles as a long way.”

I am studying at a language institute in Freiburg, Germany. When I told the people there that I would be going away for two weekends to play the organ in a church in Wiesbaden, they said that such was impossible because it was “too far.” (It is about 165 miles.) I will go by train and make the trek easily.

My father was stationed in Wiesbaden after World War II as a soldier occupying the country. He hated the area because it was not central Texas. Nevertheless, I may be walking along some streets he walked and thinking about him. I have watched on youtube a few episodes of a television series set in Wiesbaden so have a nice image of the city. And I already know a mezzo-soprano living in Wiesbaden with her husband who is working on a degree in German literature through Purdue University. Her name is Audrey Johnson, and the two of us met when we were performing in a MESSIAH presentation in Crystal Lake, Illinois. I have invited Audrey to sing at the church for which I am playing in Wiesbaden. (She came to Wittenberg by train and sang when I played there.) According to Google, Wiesbaden was founded in the third century B.C. as a Roman spa location. The “baden” in its name indicates its origin as a spa source. One thinks about age and time while traveling in Europe, underscoring how young our country, and especially Chicago, really are.

Perhaps the most defining quality of a fine piece of music is its timelessness. In June I mailed the Holy Cross Choir members a schedule of the music we will sing during the upcoming season. There are extended works by Vaughan Williams and Bob Chilcott on our agenda that may ultimately prove to be timeless, but two tunes that we will sing, “Go Down, Moses” and “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word,” have already gained a special status. They are gospel music melodies.

Gospel music is a uniquely American musical style growing out of the southern slave culture. We will be singing arrangements of the tunes indicated. In fact, we will begin our season on September 16th by presenting a setting of “Go Down, Moses” by Albert Hosp. The appeal of gospel music across stylistic and geographical boundaries is testified to by the fact that Albert Hosp was born in Vienna in 1964. He is active today in Austrian music circles and I found his piece in a music store in Berlin. His “Go Down, Moses” is in English and I think the choir will enjoy it immensely.

The other gospel tune we are singing, “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word,” is scheduled for Good Friday, its text talking about Jesus’ crucifixion. This setting is by William M. Schoenfeld, who was born in California in 1949.

The music is for choir, piano and cello, and will be perhaps the most arresting work we do among our seven anthems for that

day. I found this piece buried in a box of about 200 anthems in our choral library. Ultimately my greatest contribution to Holy Cross will be the choral library that I have built up over the years. Long after we have all gone to our heavenly reward, the Holy Cross choir library should still be in place, unless someone throws it in the trash. Perhaps 200 years from now someone will see my name on the choral library index and wonder who that guy was. The library is located in the closet in the southwest corner of our sanctuary. One would never guess that such a non-descript place would be of such great importance to the choir and indeed to our entire music program.

Saying such a thing reminds me of the Urbanskirche in Schwabisch Hall. I went to that church on a Sunday in 2015 thinking I would be attending a church service. A choral concert was being held instead and since then I have been told that the building no longer functions as a church. That is a shame because for as unremarkable a place as it seems from the street, on the inside it is astonishing. I am taking the Holy Cross there in June of 2019 so do not want to say too much right now about the church, lest someone in the choir is reading these words. Suffice it to say that the Urbanskirche has probably around for a few hundred years and was designed and built by a very creative person.

Just now I have discovered a book in the latest issue of *The New York Review of Books*, entitled *The War Within - Diaries from the Siege of Leningrad*. The essence of the book provides perspective on life from those who kept diaries during an indescribably difficult situation. The “within” in the title refers to the minds of the writers of the diaries. We are fortunate. We can gain perspective by reading, by traveling, by experiencing a piece of music, or just by “being still and knowing that God is God.”



### Ten Years of First-Generation Success!

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 20

5 to 8 pm

**Event Location:** Glen Flora Country Club  
2200 Sheridan Road, Waukegan

**All-Inclusive dinner, drink and dessert price per person:**  
\$70 until September 1 (Early Bird Pricing)  
\$80 after September 1

**Tickets:** [waukegantocollege.org/events](http://waukegantocollege.org/events)



*The money class that will*  
**CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

## **Financial Peace University**

*at First Presbyterian, Grace, Holy Cross Lutheran Churches*

Are you ever anxious about money? Or are impending or recent life changes (such as graduating from college, getting married, having a baby, getting divorced, going back to work or being close to retirement) causing you to worry about money? What if you had financial peace?

This fall, Holy Cross will be partnering with Libertyville congregations Grace Lutheran and First Presbyterian to offer Dave Ramsey's 9-week course, *Financial Peace University*. Classes will be held weekly on Sundays from September 16 through November 11 at alternating locations.

Both sites will offer **complimentary childcare and lunch** 30 minutes before the class starts.

Each session includes a DVD lesson presented by Dave Ramsey followed by small group conversation facilitated by leaders from each congregation. Topics include budgeting, saving, getting out of debt, money and relationships, insurance, investments, and more.

### **Join us for this nine-week course at alternating faith community locations**

**September 16, 30, October 14, 28, November 11**

Lunch and childcare begin at 11:15 am  
11:45 am - 1:15 pm

**Sessions held at First Presbyterian  
219 W Maple Ave, Libertyville**

**September 23, October 7, 21, November 4**

Lunch and childcare begin at 12:15 pm  
12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

**Sessions held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Participants need to purchase course materials from Dave Ramsey at an approximate cost of \$120 per household. To watch an overview video, see this link here:  
[bit.ly/FPUvideo](http://bit.ly/FPUvideo)

Let us know of your interest using the following link:  
[bit.ly/FPUatHC](http://bit.ly/FPUatHC)

or email Steve Oelschlager at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org)

**Financial Peace would make a great gift!**

## **Lo! How a Rose Ere Blooming**

*by Dorothy Peterson, Lay Minister to the Two Strike  
Community at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota*

**"LO! HOW A ROSE ERE BLOOMING FROM TENDER STEM HAS SPRUNG!  
OF JESUS LINEAGE COMING, AS MEN OF OLD HAVE SUNG.  
IT CAME A FLOWER BRIGHT, AMID THE COLD OF WINTER,  
WHEN HALF GONE WAS THE NIGHT."**



These beautiful words from the German carol by Theodore Baker remind us of Christmas music we sing in the cold of winter. However, as I see the beauty of God's creation on the Rosebud, these words come to mind. Because of the abundant rain showers, we have more prairie flowers for our enjoyment than usual. A beautiful yellow rose that blooms on a cactus plant close to the ground has come out to surprise us with its lovely blooms. The ground is also strewn with the beautiful pink roses of the prairie which so aptly give Rosebud its name.

My beautiful Lakota friend, Theresa Eastman, spends much of her time traveling to the different communities on Rosebud. She has land east of Mission where she spends time in prayer and making preliminary plans with her church from Minneapolis to build the house of prayer. This will be a place where people can gather to pray and be renewed in the walk they have with Jesus as their Savior. Last week she discovered this beautiful yellow rose on the prairie. It was a new discovery for her and for me. It made us aware of what God is doing with the Lakota people. Amidst the continued sadness of drugs, alcohol abuse, and suicide, God is doing a new thing. We are seeing this for the first time, just like the rose. Jesus is walking powerfully among the people.

We have several Bible studies at the jail, led by Christians in the community. This is growing weekly, and many people are turning their lives to Jesus. Many are asking for Bibles and want to be part of a Bible study even after they are released from jail. We recently gathered at the little chapel at Bishop Hare for worship. A beautiful cross-cultural group of people came together to worship God and pray. After the service, we came to my little house on the prairie at Bishop Hare for a meal prepared by Theresa and other friends. Attending were those who had recently been released from prison and those who had been on the street and are now finding shelter. We had a medical doctor and his wife from Minneapolis, Dr. McMillan and Ginny, who minister to the Lakota people there who live on the streets of Minneapolis. A family who had recently lost their daughter to suicide came to receive the love and comfort of Christian friends. People from the church in Parmalee and surrounding communities spent the evening with us. All together, there were about 25 of us. Theresa lives with me and is a wonderful companion since I no longer have Ron to travel to the communities with me. She has a reliable pick-up and knows many people. She grew up in the Two Strike and St. Francis communities. The presence of the Holy Spirit is powerfully moving across Rosebud and I hear it is happening on other reservations.

Thank you, Holy Cross, for your prayers and continued support to the Rosebud ministry.

**Welcome****New Willow House Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

I wanted to introduce myself. I am the new Executive Director for Willow House. I am honored to serve and lead as the Executive Director of Willow House. My hope is that Willow House will be a first line of defense for families that are coping and grieving due to the loss of a parent or child.

I wanted to personally thank Pastor Bob and the entire Holy Cross congregation for the continued support over the years and for providing a safe, and welcoming space for our Willow House families.

Please join us on August 26th for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the 10th annual Walk to Remember and 5k Run for HOPE at Independence Grove. There is no other community event that gives families such a special opportunity to honor a loved one.

We invite all parishioners to participate, create a team, and personalize memory marker which line the one mile lakeside path – a short distance reflecting the longer journey that families endure when grieving the loss of a parent or child.

The Walk to Remember is where families come together, share memories of their loved one, and celebrate the time they had together. We hope you'll join us for this special event! You can register at [willowhouse.org](http://willowhouse.org)

On behalf of the Willow House board, staff, families and myself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,



Erin Leyden  
Willow House Executive Director



Presenting the 10th Annual

WILLOW HOUSE  
**Walk to Remember**  
& RUN FOR HOPE 2018

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**  
**Independence Grove Forest Preserve**  
**16400 Buckley Rd, Libertyville**

*Remember and Honor Loved Ones*  
*Support Grieving Children and Families*

Register as an individual or create a team! Prizes will be awarded for the largest team and the top three individuals who raise the most on their fundraising page. Can't make it to the event? You can still **create your own fundraising page**, and **donate** to help us reach our goal! Visit [willowhouse.org](http://willowhouse.org) for more information.

**Schedule of Events**

8:00 AM	5k Run
9:00 AM	Memorial Walk
10:00 AM	Awards & Post-Race Party
10:30 AM	Closing Memorial Ceremony

**Packet Pickup Information**

August 25 from 12 - 4pm

at **The Runner's Edge**  
524 N Milwaukee Ave,  
Libertyville  
(847) 549-1108



USATF Certified & Timed Course



► **Food of the month for August: Pasta and Rice**  
COOL Ministries food pantries also accept fresh produce if your garden bounty overflows. Contact Gayle at (847) 662-1230 to arrange a drop off!

► **Summer Food Collection**  
Even though Sunday School doesn't meet until September, we are grateful when the children bring non-perishable food donations to worship services. Thank you!



**Help Needed at FMSC**  
Wednesday, August 29 from 12 - 2 pm

Pre-register to pack meals with other Holy Cross members and friends at the Libertyville FMSC location. Volunteers may 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 dates and times, visit [fm.sc.org](http://fm.sc.org)

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



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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Sunday School at Holy Cross

Begins on Rally Day, September 9 at 9:30 am  
Children start out in church with parents and leave for Sunday School following the children's message.

## Core Stories

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

Bring your school backpacks on Rally Day to be blessed!

## Gifts Are Meant To Be Shared!

by Pastor Sally Hanson

Think about the last gift you were given. What was one of the ways that made it even more special? Perhaps it was sharing your gift and the joy it brought with others. Whether it was a new game, money to have dinner with a friend or seeds to sow in your garden, all of these gifts are life-giving when they are shared!

**What gifts do you have to share?** Are you a gardener? A scientist who likes experiments? A great story reader? Do you have great patience? Or are you creative? Have high energy? All of these things are a gifts or fruits of the spirit that are life-giving when used.

**Have you considered how you can use those gifts for God?** Or perhaps share in Christ's story? Everyone has gifts to share and we would encourage you to considering sharing your gifts, - even once - with our Sunday school students.

**How about sharing your gifts with children at Holy Cross?** Sunday School teachers and shepherds are needed. Teachers present the lessons (curriculum is provided!) and shepherds guide and attend to the children while the lessons are being presented. You can volunteer to help for a few weeks, a special Sunday, or throughout the year!

Come and join us for Sunday school this year!



**Sunday School  
Teachers & Shepherds  
Needed**

Sunday school is offered for students age 3 (by 9/1/2018) through 5th grade. Sunday School meets during the 9:30 am worship service beginning September 9. If you are interested or willing to assist in helping kids grow in faith, please contact Pastor Sally [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org)



## Milestone Ministries

Support for their faith journey...

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. *Please refer to the enclosed brochure for more information.*

## Welcome to Sunday School (3 year olds and new students)

**Saturday, September 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 am**

We welcome our three year olds (By September 1) and other new students to offer an introduction of what mornings at Sunday School will look like. RSVP to office staff by email [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) by **Wednesday, September 5.**

## Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, September 9 during 9:30 am worship**

*First day of 2018/19 Sunday School*

The Sunday School year begins with a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship and a welcome of students beginning the Sunday School year. This milestone marks the beginning of each new learning year. Remember to bring your school backpack!

## Introduction to Confirmation/Acolyting (Grade 6)

**Friday, September 14 from 7 to 9 pm**

*Incoming sixth graders and new students*

RSVP to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) by **Tuesday, September 11.**

## First Communion Prep Class

**Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 am**

Second grade students (and older students who have not yet received) learn about Holy Communion and general "how-to" instructions about receiving Holy Communion.

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

## Blessing and Commissioning of Teachers

**Sunday, September 30 during 9:30 am worship**

We honor, lift up and ask for God's blessing upon the service of teachers, coordinators, helpers, shepherds, substitutes, directors and staff in all areas of Christian education at HCLC.

## First Communion

*(on World Communion Sunday)*

**Sunday, October 7 during 9:30 am worship**

Students who attended the prep class on September 22 will receive their first Holy Communion during worship.

# CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

## Confirmation Small Group Leader Safety and Curriculum Training

Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 pm  
fellowship area

This is a time to meet and cover safety and security at Holy Cross as well as train leaders into the new topics of the fall. We are still in need of small group leaders. Please contact [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org) if you are interested in further conversation or if you have questions.

## 2018-19 Confirmation Year Begins with Parent Night

Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 pm  
6th - 9th grade students and parents

All 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students should have received a confirmation registration packet at the end of July. If you did not, please let the office know and we will get one out to you.

## Confirmation Band

Are you a Confirmation student who also has some musical gifts they could share with us?

The Confirmation Band helps to lead worship during Confirmation sessions. We are looking for both vocalists and instrumentalists. (Don't forget, this time each week counts for your practice time!) Contact Carrie Mack for more information or sign up at Parent/Student night of Confirmation on September 9 at 6:30 pm.

## 9th Grade 2018 Confirmands

If you have not already done so, your paperwork is past due! Please be sure to schedule a time to meet with either pastor as you prepare for your Affirmation of Baptism in October.

<b>September 9</b>	Parent/Student night at Confirmation
<b>September 16</b>	9th grade Confirmation meets
<b>September 22 - 23</b>	<b>9th grade Retreat</b> at Lutherdale Bible Camp
<b>October 27</b>	Confirmation dress rehearsal and pictures (8:30 am)
<b>October 28</b>	Confirmation service (11 am)

## Winchester House Worship Sunday, August 26

Did you miss the Sunday your small group was to assist with Winchester House worship? We could use your help now! Join us August 26 at 2:10 pm to help us lead worship with the residents of Winchester House! Your family is invited to join you.

## Back to School Pool Party

For High School Youth and their Families  
(Grades 9 - 12 during 2018/19)

Sunday, August 26  
3 to 6 pm



<b>What:</b>	Pool Party and Cookout
<b>When:</b>	Sunday, August 26 from 3 – 6 pm
<b>Why:</b>	Have Fun Meet other high school families Plan for the future
<b>3:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	Pool + Parent vs. Youth Water Balloon Fight *
<b>4:00 – 4:30 pm</b>	Vision together the future of High School Ministry at HCLC **
<b>4:30 – 6:00 pm</b>	Cookout + More Pool Fun
<b>Provided:</b>	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Drinks
<b>What To Bring:</b>	Your Family Side Dish or Something Sweet to Share Pool Towel(s)
<b>Location:</b>	The Randall Family's Home 1086 Polo Drive Lake Forest
<b>Hosts:</b>	Sonny & Lori Randall (614) 309-3670 Samuel (12th grade) Anna (10th grade) Adam (8th grade)
<b>RSVP:</b>	by Wednesday, August 22 RSVP to <a href="mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org">office@holycrosschurch.org</a> or (847) 367-4060

\* Want to stay dry? No Problem ... basement and back yard filled with fun "dry" games.

\*\* At 4 pm we will begin a brief conversation of the role and impact of faith on your youth and how families and parents can be a part of the journey as your young person composes a life of faith.



## Celebration! Childcare



## CrossWays Preschool



### Getting Ready for the School Year

This month we will be getting ready to start a new school year; buying new shoes and new backpacks, meeting new people and making new friends. In years past, the congregation and friends of Holy Cross have been very generous in donating much needed school supplies to Celebration! While you shop for this fall's school supplies, please keep Celebration! Childcare in mind again. We always need markers, glue, crayons and colored pencils. A box will be by the reception desk in the Celebration wing for drop off of donated supplies. Thank you for all of your support!

### Children's Garden Update

Our new raised beds give us the ability to grow carrots for the first time, since we have deep and loose soil. Onions, tomatoes, sunflowers, peppers and fresh cut flowers are filling the beds. It is so exciting to make many delivery trips over to the COOL Ministries food pantry in Waukegan with our harvest.

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

Give up on what the "caboose" does? (See CrossWays article)



*The CrossWays Preschool "caboose" brings up the rear when we walk in a line about the building. It's a very important job because we have to stick together when we travel from our classrooms, and the caboose makes sure we do!*

### Chores

No matter what any of us do in our day-to-day lives, we all have chores to do. Most of the time, we don't enjoy doing them, but we reluctantly complete these necessary tasks. Interestingly, young children approach things differently. They seem to enjoy doing chores. It never fails that our students scramble to get their hands on a rake in the fall or a shovel in the winter. They feel important when given a "job," and take pride in their work. They also use the experience as a time for learning and exploring. Unfortunately, adults are giving the children in their lives fewer and fewer chores. Today's youth are busy, and some parents feel chores put an unnecessary burden on their children. The truth is quite the opposite. Marty Rossmann, from the University of Maryland, conducted a 25 year study on the effect doing chores have on children. His study showed that people who were given regular, age appropriate chores to do as children, grew up with greater self confidence, more positive relationships with friends and family, and proved to be more successful in their professions.

At CrossWays, each class has a chore chart or job list. These chores are specific tasks we expect the children enrolled in class to do. Throughout the year, each student gets experience doing every single chore (the jobs are usually rotated once a week). The chores range in complexity depending on the age of the student, but every class participates (even the youngest at age two). These are chores the teacher could do, but we know that giving children chores to do is beneficial to them. We take time to teach them how to do the specific job, and praise them with a job well done. Having student specific chores in class also contributes to the feeling of community in the classroom. We encourage all parents to give age appropriate chores to their children at home. Young children are capable of doing things such as weeding a garden, watering houseplants, sorting laundry, or setting the table. Stop by sometime and see what our students do in our classroom for chores! One is called the "caboose." Can you guess what that chore is??

August brings the close of summer camp and the start of the school year. Camp was wildly successful once again! We explored all things "tree" this year, and everyone had a blast! Our school year starts on Monday, August 27, with our open house for enrolled students on Friday, August 24. This year, our broad theme is "shining stars," taken from 2 Corinthians 4:6:

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God.*

Be on the lookout for all the stars decorating our space! Please call if you have questions about enrolling in our programs or if you just want to see what we do Monday-Friday!

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



**THE FREE SPIRITS**  
**"SILENCE & SOLITUDE" FIELD TRIP TO ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

MEET AT HOLY CROSS AT 9:30 AM IF YOU PREFER TO CARPOOL

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

Free Spirits is planning to join the Women's Discussion Group for a trip to Illinois Beach State Park on Tuesday, September 4. (We will not meet in August.) Meet at Holy Cross parking lot at 9:30 am. Pastor Sally will lead a time of reflection at the beach. Lunch in the lodge will follow at 11:30 am. Everyone (women and men) is welcome for the entire event or you may choose to join the group for lunch only. Please let Carol Wasemiller know your plans for that day.

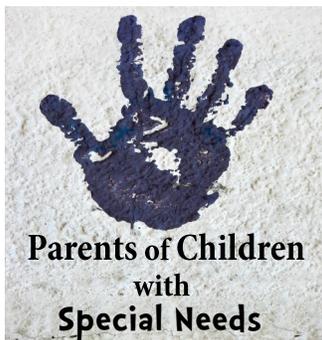
[clinnea@yahoo.com](mailto:clinnea@yahoo.com) or (847) 625-0046

Save Thursday, September 20, for our annual trip to Royal Oak Farm Orchard near Hebron, IL. Watch for details in the September newsletter and bulletins.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**WILL RESUME MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 4:00 PM**

This small group is for parents who have children with any special need (whether or not formalized by 504 or IEP). They typically meet once a month (September - June) to offer ideas, guidance or prayer. Open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please contact Terry Berger (847) 680-3578 or Lisa Dunbar (847) 309-6035.

When in session, snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.



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

**DAY SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 8 AND 22, AT 11:30 AM**

Location: Fellowship Area/or Century Park, Vernon Hills if good weather

**EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 8 AND 22 AT 7 PM, LOCATION TBD**

We will meet twice for our Day and Evening Sessions this month, enjoying meals and hopefully getting out to the water if weather cooperates. We extend an open invitation for veterans and volunteers to participate. Please contact [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) with questions.



**GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

*"...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*

Are you interested in connecting with other Christian women who want to learn, support and love one another? Missed out on the fun this past year and wanted to come but just never made it? Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 7** as we start up again for the year. We will launch a new DVD discussion series! Contact Pastor Sally at [PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions.



**PILATES**  
**AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27 6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING)**

Please join us for the second half of the July/August session of Pilates. Class is led by a certified instructor. If you're not sure Pilates is for you, join us for a class for free to check it out. Questions may be directed to the coordinator, Jodi Zombolo at [jzombolo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jzombolo@chicagobotanic.org) or (224) 595-8573.



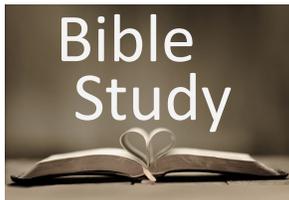


## BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 7 PM

HOST: NANCY JOINER, 1318 VINEYARD LN., LIBERTYVILLE, IL

***The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*** by Katarina Bivald. When Sara, a young Swedish woman at loose ends after losing her bookseller job, comes to visit her pen pal Amy in Broken Wheel, her first shock is that Amy has just died from a chronic ailment. The second surprise is that the citizens of Broken Wheel expect Sara to stay in Amy's house anyway. When Sara uncovers Amy's delightful stash of books, Sara decides to open a bookstore in the one-block-long downtown, sparking a renaissance in Broken Wheel as the residents come together to help the store become a success.



## Bible Study

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 AND SEPTEMBER 25 AT 11 AM

**Please note that we are not meeting in June, July or August.** On Tuesday, September 11, we will begin our study of the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Bob. If you have been thinking about attending, please join us in September! Bring along a copy of the Bible, any edition.



## Common Threads

## COMMON THREADS

WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 1 PM

The Common Threads relational group is made up of volunteers who like to knit and/or crochet. We are taking the summer off from meeting, but please drop off any completed prayer shawls and blankets at the church office. Call the church office to request a prayer shawl that shares God's love with anyone in need.



## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 7 AND 21 AT 9:30 AM

On **Tuesday, August 7 at 9:30 am**, all women are welcome to attend to discuss ***The Way of the Heart: Connecting with God through Prayer, Wisdom and Silence*** by Henri Nouwen. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$12. On August 7, discussion will include the *Prologue* (pp. 1-5 and first part of *Solitude* (pp. 9-14). On August 21, the second part of *Solitude* (pp. 15-32). Tuesday, September 4, our group will participate in a *Silence & Solitude* field trip with the Free Spirits.



## Men's Breakfast Group

## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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

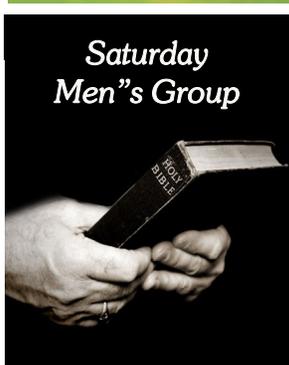
LOCATION: *THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT*, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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

Focused on caring for God's wonderful creation, our goal is to inspire our congregation by providing information about environmental issues. We share pertinent articles on the 3-sided kiosk in the gathering space and on Sunday mornings throughout the year. We are members of Lake County Green Congregations, and many of our members help with the Adopt-a-Highway program at Holy Cross. Through our email list we share environmental news with each other. If you would like to subscribe to our email list please write to [CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org) with "Subscribe" in the subject line. See page 7 for more news.



## Saturday Men's Group

## SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS - AUGUST 11 AND 25 AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness.

Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In her book ***Grateful***, Diana Butler Bass takes on this "gratitude gap" and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude.

Join us as we discuss ***Grateful***. All men are welcome to join us! Please also consider attending our new group, ***Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men*** on **Monday, August 20**. See page 2 for more information.



**Wednesday, August 1**  
**September Newsletter Content Due**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 402  
 9:30 am ECM Marketing

**Friday, August 3**  
 1:00 pm LSSI Backpack assembly set up  
 6:00 pm Wood Badge event set up, 402

**Saturday, August 4**  
 6:00 am NE IL BSA Wood Badge, 402  
 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 5**  
**Mission Endowment Fund Scholarships Awarded**  
 8 & 10 am Worship with Holy Communion  
 9:00 am LSSI Backpack Assembly  
 9:00 am Fellowship Hour/cake reception

**Monday, August 6**  
 12:30 pm LSSI Backpack pickup  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, August 7**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group  
 6:00 pm BSA Wood Badge Staff  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 194 Committee, 207

**Wednesday, August 8**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 11:30 am PHW Day Program, offsite  
 6:00 pm GLS set up, fellowship area  
 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program, west wing

**Thursday, August 9**  
 8:00 am Global Leadership Summit (GLS at Holy Cross)

**Friday, August 10**  
 8:00 am Global Leadership Summit (GLS at Holy Cross)

**Saturday, August 11**  
 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group  
 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 12**  
 8 & 10 am Worship  
 9:00 am Fellowship Hour

**Monday, August 13**  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, August 14**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 6:00 pm NE IL Council/BSA District Roundtable

**Wednesday, August 15**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404

**Thursday, August 16**  
 7:00 pm Church Council

**Friday, August 17**  
**Final Day to utilize voluntary Acolyte/ Assistant Acolyte Sign Up**

**Saturday, August 18**  
 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion and Saturday Night Live on the Patio - *Southern Comfort*

**Sunday, August 19**  
 8 & 10 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
 9:00 am Fellowship Hour  
 10:00 am Little Baptism

**Monday, August 20**  
 6:00 pm Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men, patio  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, August 21**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty

9:30 am Women's Discussion Group **19**  
 3:00 pm Faith Conversations (9th grade)

**Wednesday, August 22**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
 11:30 am PHW Day Program, offsite  
 12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children pack  
 6:30 pm Ladies Night Out planning meeting (offsite)  
 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program

**Thursday, August 23**  
 3:00 pm Faith Conversations (9th grade)

**Friday, August 24**  
 9:00 am CrossWays Preschool Open House for enrolled families

**Saturday, August 25**  
 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group  
 8:30 am New Member Breakfast  
 8:30 am Cub Scout Leader Training, 402  
 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, August 26**  
 8 & 10 am Worship  
 8:00 am Willow House Walk to Remember/Run for Hope  
 9:00 am Fellowship Hour  
 10:00 am Reception of New Members  
 2:30 pm Winchester House worship  
 3:00 pm Back to School Pool Party (grades 9-12 & families)  
 6:30 pm Confirmation Small Group Leader Training

**Monday, August 27**  
**First Day CrossWays Preschool MWF**  
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, August 28**  
**First Day CrossWays Preschool T/Th**  
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
 9:30 am Newsletter Assembly  
 12:00 pm Godly Play Curriculum Training  
 7:00 pm Book Club @ Joiner Home  
 7:00 pm Meeting, fellowship area

**Wednesday, August 29**  
 9:00 am Quilting & More Group  
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

**WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE TO FALL SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mornings**  
*Starting Sunday, September 9*  
**8, 9:30 and 11 am**

**First Saturday of Every Month**  
*Starting Saturday, September 1 at 5:30 pm*  
**September - May**

**Newsletter Assembly - Please Join Us!**  
 Assist with preparing the September newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. **Tuesday, August 28 at 9:30 am.**

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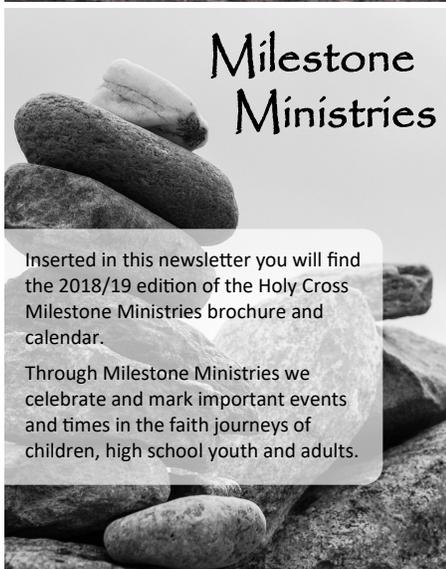
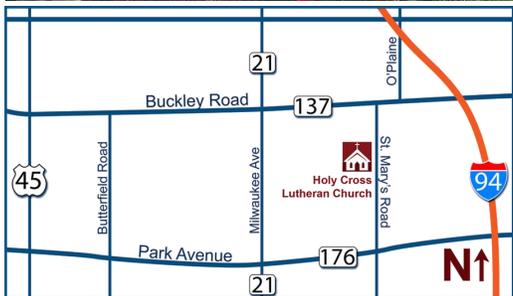


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## Milestone Ministries

Inserted in this newsletter you will find the 2018/19 edition of the Holy Cross Milestone Ministries brochure and calendar.

Through Milestone Ministries we celebrate and mark important events and times in the faith journeys of children, high school youth and adults.

### LSSI Backpack Packing Day Sunday, August 5 at 9 am



### SUNDAY SCHOOL +

#### Rally Day 2018

Sunday, September 9 at 9:30

Hey kids! Bring your school backpack to worship for a special blessing before Sunday School kicks off!

See page 14 for more information.



### CURRENT EVENTS

#### Summer Worship Schedule

*Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, September 1/2*

Every Saturday Evening at 5:30 pm  
 Sundays at 8 & 10 am  
 Fellowship Hour at 9 am

#### August 2018

- 5 LSSI Backpack packing day  
*Mission Endowment Fund*  
Scholarships awarded
- 8-9 The Global Leadership Summit 2018
- 18 Saturday Night Live on the Patio
- 20 Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men
- 25 New Member Breakfast
- 26 Reception of New Members

#### September 2018

- 1 First Saturday Worship
- 2 Worship at 8 & 10 am
- 9 **Fall Worship Schedule Resumes**  
Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 am  
**Rally Day** - Sunday School & Confirmation Resume  
Blessing of Backpacks