



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

March 2018

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SEPTEMBER - MAY
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH

JUNE - AUGUST
EVERY SATURDAY

*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*

Food for the Soul

The Lenten season provides us the opportunity to become more intentional for a 40 day period to reflect and examine our spiritual life and its health. Lent reminds us that we are constantly learning and discerning as we try with God's help to navigate through our daily challenges. Here is some food for the soul which is a wonderful poetic work by Dr. Maya Angelou.

*I've learned that no matter what happens,
or how badly it seems today,
life goes on, and it will be better tomorrow.*

*I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person
by the way he/she handles these three things:
a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.*

*I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents
you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.*

*I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making
a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.*

*I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt
on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.*

*I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart,
I usually make the right decision.*

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

*I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone.
People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.*

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

*I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget
how you made them feel.*

- Maya Angelou

Peace for your Lenten Journey!

Pastor Bob

For the second year, Libertyville area churches are working together to offer a sunrise Easter worship service. This is an opportunity to worship and witness in a public way - that while there may be differences between Christian denominations, there is not division when it comes to celebrating the love God makes known to the world through the resurrected Christ.

Please consider adding to your Easter Sunday experience. The service will be one hour in length and will afford you the opportunity to worship with your brothers and sisters at Holy Cross at a regular Easter Sunday service afterwards.

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Worship

Sunday, April 1 at 6 am

North Bay Pavilion
at Independence Grove



First Saturday Worship

Saturday, March 3

5:30 pm

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



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roz@holycrosschurch.org

Holy Week

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

March 25 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am

with procession of palms and Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29

NEW! Midday Worship at 11:30 am

Holy Communion followed by lunch (provided)

Evening Worship at 7:30 pm

Holy Communion (with First Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30 at 7:30 pm

ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

Sunday, April 1 at 6 am

North Bay Pavilion at Independence Grove

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 1 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus
with Holy Communion.

Children's Message at 9:30 am

EASTER BREAKFAST

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

Youth Fundraiser

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.

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

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

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

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



Easter Flowers to decorate the Sanctuary



on April 1, 2018

_____ Single Stem Lily @ \$11	= \$ _____
_____ Begonias @ \$11	= \$ _____
_____ Daffodils @ \$11	= \$ _____
_____ Hyacinths @ \$11	= \$ _____
_____ Tulips @ \$11	= \$ _____
_____ Azaleas @ \$21	= \$ _____
_____ Hydrangea @ \$21	= \$ _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

Donations will be listed in Easter Bulletin

Given by: _____

In celebration of _____

or

In memory of _____

Phone: _____

Please attach payment to this order form **no later than Sunday, March 11, 2018**. (Checks payable to Holy Cross with "Easter Flowers" written in memo line.)

Flowers will be available for pick-up after the 11 am worship service on Easter Sunday.





Faith Factor

by Pastor Sally Hanson

Many years ago, there was a popular TV show called *Fear Factor*. The premise was to have contestants face a number of different fears that included a task to complete. Some of these challenges were about heights, speed, drops and jumping between moving vehicles. Others included things like eating disgusting foods and being placed in an aquarium of tarantulas for a set amount of time. The closing line of the show once a winner was announced was, "Clearly, fear was not a factor for you!"

I wonder what it would be like to approach faith in the same way, meaning when do we have a faith factor? When we make decisions? Go through our day? Or even in communicating with others? The faith factor is also a preventative factor to health; a way of reducing stress, deep connections with a caring community that bring social and crisis support, a prayer life or meditation that can also calm the nervous system. The faith factor is also a key component to those who have hit rock bottom and need a point of hope and something steady to cling to while their world is turned upside down like those directly and indirectly affected by addiction, mental illness, grief, loneliness and pain. Faith can not only be a preventative factor but it is also a factor of endurance and hope.

Where is the faith factor playing a role in our life? What does that faith factor look like in your life and how is it at work?

During this season of Lent, we come to a season that inspires reflection and interior work. Perhaps the faith factor is the key to unlocking some of those hidden places you have kept guarded and locked down so the world wouldn't see what lies within you, but also so you could ignore or forget those things in our life that may have caused you pain.

As you discover and discern what your faith factor looks like, I pray you find the hope and endurance that faith and trust in Jesus Christ brings to you and yours.

Hopefully, "Faith is a factor for you!"

Blessings,

Pastor Sally



COOL Easter Bagskets

Holy Cross is participating in the COOL Ministries Easter Bagskets project again this year. This is both a fun and meaningful project that helps to bless the Easter tables of the less fortunate in Lake County. Paper grocery bags donated by Sunset Foods will be available in the church gathering space with shopping lists inside. Filled bags should be **returned to Holy Cross by Palm Sunday, March 25.** (Please bring Bagskets the week before if your family is traveling for spring break.) Additionally, we will be collecting donations to help purchase canned hams. Please make checks out to Holy Cross with "COOL hams" in the memo. (Suggested donation \$10/ham.)

Easter Treat Bags

As a special way to serve others, our Sunday School classes will be preparing Easter Treat Bags for COOL Ministries to give out with the annual Easter Bagskets. To help us with this service project, we are looking for donations of several **Easter Holiday and Spring theme based items:** Pencils, stickers, puzzle books, empty plastic Easter eggs, individually wrapped candies, toys small enough to fit in the egg. Please look for our collection box in the narthex and return items by **March 11.**



Easter Breakfast

The middle and high school youth of Holy Cross and their families invite you to a light Easter breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 am on Easter Sunday. Free-will donations will go towards the fundraising efforts of the youth traveling to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. Donations of food, time and other supplies from the entire congregation would help! Please visit bit.ly/YEB18 to see where your help would be appreciated. Thank you!

Worship Participants

If you would like to help as ushers, greeters, readers, communion assistants or as an assisting minister on Easter Sunday, please sign up on the board at church on Sundays, or phone the church office Monday - Friday at (847) 367-4060. We are also looking for student volunteers as acolytes (grades 6 - 8) or assistant acolytes (grades 3 - 5).



Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, March 10

Time: 6 - 9 pm

Cost: \$45/per adult

Location: Holy Cross

Tickets: bit.ly/LoneStarDA



Wear your cowboy boots, don your cowgirl hat, and join us for a fun evening of BBQ dinner, live music, dancing and a silent auction!

Yee-haw! You're invited to the Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction, featuring Val & Manny's famous brisket, Bella's Beans, Texas hash browns along with beer, wine and southwest margaritas! Additional Texas specialties on the menu include cornbread muffins, peach cobbler, and Ma Stoner's Corn Pudding. This event is hosted by the high school youth from Holy Cross as a fundraiser for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

Tickets are on sale for \$45 per adult, which will include two drink tickets and an entry for a chance to win a raffle. Tickets can be purchased online or in the gathering space at Holy Cross on Sundays between worship services. Additional raffle tickets are also available. Silent auction items will be available for bidding on the night of the event.

Free babysitting for kids under 12 years old will be available in a separate area at church, which includes a kid friendly dinner and age-appropriate activities (hosted by the high school youth).

We will have some exciting items to bid on in the silent auction, including the following:

- Akumal, Mexico Vacation Condo: 7 nights in a 2 bedroom penthouse condo (to be used April - November 2018)
- Blackhawks Tickets: 4 seats (section 113, row 2) for March 20, 2018
- Indy 500 Tickets: 2 tickets for race day, May 27, 2018
- White Sox Tickets: 4 Upper Reserved Tickets for select dates in April or May 2018
- Chicago Wolves Tickets: 4 person family pack for any home game in March or April 2018
- Cycle Class: Host your own class at Heather's Cycle for 20 people
- Beer Making Class at Perfect Brewing Supply for 10 people
- Apple Watch & Apple TV
- Lake Forest Symphony Tickets
- Marriott Theater: 2 tickets to a 2018 main stage show
- Photo Session: Amy Lachowin Photography
- Landscape Services: Buhrman Design Group
- Yoga basket with class pack for Blue Sky Yoga
- Wine baskets, beer baskets, tea baskets, coffee baskets, sailing trip, jewelry, spa items, golf basket, and other items...

Donations and Volunteer assistance needed

A donation board for non-perishable items to help support this event will be located at the ticket sale table. Sign up to volunteer before/during the event: bit.ly/LoneStarHelp Additional auction/raffle donations welcome. Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, encouraging our young people on their faith journey!



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

by Steve Oelschlager

Typically when we think of salvation, we think of being saved from our sins so that we might spend eternity with God in heaven. We believe that this kind of salvation cannot be earned, but instead is the result of God's grace and mercy through faith in Jesus Christ. Another way we say this is that there isn't anything we can do to get God to love us any more or any less. We might think of this as Salvation with a capital "S."

Perhaps there is another kind of salvation we need to consider that is more relevant to us here and now, salvation with a small "s." This kind of salvation has to do with the wellbeing and wholeness that breaks into our lives and world, making a difference today. Jesus made the distinction between just going through the motions in life, or choosing abundant or true life. Likewise, in the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul writes about "taking hold of the life that truly is life." Both Jesus and Paul seem to suggest there are some ways to live that are better than others, and in this case, what we do matters.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro makes a similar point in his book *The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness: Preparing to Practice*. How we engage with life does make a difference as far as what we experience.

"The question at the heart of this book is this: Will you engage this moment with kindness or with cruelty, with love or with fear, with generosity or scarcity, with a joyous heart or an embittered one? This is your choice and no one can make it for you. If you choose kindness, love, generosity, and joy, then you will discover in that choice the Kingdom of God, heaven, nirvana, this - worldly salvation. If you choose cruelty, fear, scarcity, and bitterness, then you will discover in that choice the hellish states of which so many religions speak. These are not ontological realities tucked away somewhere in space - these are existential realities playing out in your own mind. Heaven and hell are both inside of you. It is your choice that determines just where you will reside."

What do you think? Please join us At the Table on Tuesday, March 13 for a conversation about wellbeing and abundant life. See the next column for details.



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. All welcome. Bring a friend!

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, March 13

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**LOCATION: Tacos El Norte
401 N. Riverside Dr.
Gurnee, IL 60031**

Please RSVP by Friday, March 9: bit.ly/ATT313

At The Table Topic for March: *Being Thoughtful About Our 'Wellbeing'*

According to the book *Wellbeing: The Five Essential Elements* by Tom Rath & Jim Harter, "Wellbeing is about the combination of our love for what we do each day, the quality of our relationships, the security of our finances, the vibrancy of our physical health, and the pride we take in what we have contributed to our communities. Most importantly, it's about how these five elements interact."

How aware are you of what enhances your wellbeing? How intentional are you about making choices that promote your wellbeing?

Make Generosity a Habit with Online Giving



More and more people are getting connected to online giving at Holy Cross. We now have over 100 households that are using this safe and convenient way to automate their giving and live out their commitment to what God is doing through our ministries.

Now with the "I Give electronically" cards in the chair backs, it is also easy to participate in the collection of the offering on Sunday morning by placing one of these cards in the plate.

Get started with online giving: donate.holycrosschurch.org or send an email to giving@holycrosschurch.org.

2018 Holy Cross Church Council

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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 (847) 367-4060 or office@holycrosschurch.org

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, April 14 at 8:30 am

RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 6.

New Member Reception

Sunday, April 15 during 9:30 am worship

From the Constitution of Holy Cross Lutheran Church Chapter 12.04. The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

2018 Holy Cross Church Council members and Holy Cross Officers were installed during worship services on Sunday, February 4.

Jessica Brown

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Andy Eidson

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Mick Garrison

Beth Ann Koenemann

Bill Miksch

Karl Nygard

Katie Ormson *President*

Maria Roberts

Rich Yocius

Tom Miller, *Financial Secretary*

Mark Fedyk, *Treasurer*

Lisa Dunbar, *Council Secretary*

A special thank you to Judith Frank-Gonwa and Angie Lindsey who completed two consecutive three-year terms this January.

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

John E. Johnson

Tim & Carla Johnston

Michael Pernice

Jane Sawyer

Derrick & Nikki York

Abbie

Thomas & Linda Sasada

Jeff & Kristyn White

Audrie & J.J.



REGISTER FOR THE 2018 SUMMIT

AND SAVE UP TO \$50 PER TICKET | AUGUST 9-10, 2018

The Global Leadership Summit is returning to

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Register now for the Early Bird Rate!

God created all of us on purpose, with a purpose, to make a difference in the world. No matter if you hold a position of authority or not, you have the opportunity as an adult, young adult, or teenager to behave as a leader in your family, neighborhood, at Holy Cross, and other organizations.

Attend the Global Leadership Summit at our Holy Cross satellite location on August 9 - 10 to enhance and inspire your leadership potential. "Everyone wins when a leader gets better."

Holy Cross members can register for \$89 at this case-sensitive link bit.ly/GLS18atHC using the code: **18HSFAMILY**

For more information, watch this video bit.ly/GLS18video or contact Steve Oelschlager at glinfo@holycrosschurch.org

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

James K. Olson

January 29, 2018

The Birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach

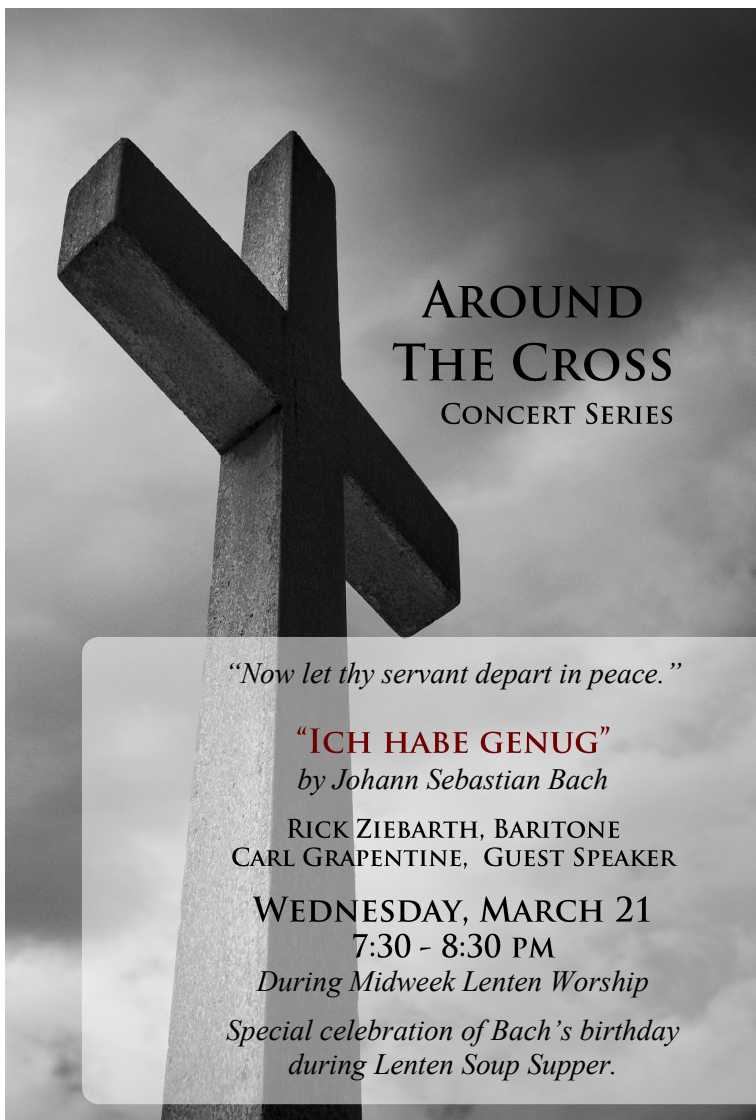
by Randy Casey

You are invited to mark Wednesday, March 21, on your calendar to attend worship at 7:30 pm. Inviting friends to join you is also encouraged. The day in question is the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, and we are celebrating it with a performance of his most famous solo cantata, “Ich habe genug,” the title coming from the first three words of the work’s opening aria. Our guest soloist will be Rick Ziebarth, a fine baritone, who has sung with us several times. Rick’s accompaniment, as called for by the score, will be two violins, viola, cello, oboe and harpsichord. Prior to the performance Carl Grapentine, the morning voice of WFMT, will once again be with us. This time, however, Carl will be speaking, not conducting. Most weekday mornings on 98.7 FM Carl offers what he calls his “daily dose of J.S. Bach.” Thus, it is a treat and an honor for Carl to be with us so he can talk about his favorite composer on the great man’s birthday.

“Ich habe genug” was first performed in Leipzig on February 2, 1727, four years after Bach arrived in that city. Thus it falls within that framework of the intense period of composition that took place during Bach’s early years in the town he would eventually put on the musical map of the world. The cantata consists of three arias, separated by two recitatives. The text of the opening aria is actually a paraphrase of the Nunc dimittis, the Song of Simeon found in Luke 2:22-32. Simeon is saying that he can now “depart in peace,” or die, now that he has seen the baby Jesus. The German paraphrase is something like “I have had enough.” The second aria, “Schlummert ein,” is a lullaby. And the third aria, “Ich freue mich auf meinen Tod,” declares that the singer is looking forward to his own death, again in the spirit of the original Nunc dimittis.

The oboe part of “Ich habe genug” is one of the most famous passages in the repertoire of that instrument. Our guest oboist will be Andy Nogal, who has never played for us previously. Andy does, however, come to us recommended by Naomi Bensdorf Frisch who has played for us numerous times. By the way, Naomi is a newly credentialed lawyer, specializing in matters concerning labor. I can well see her being called upon the next time the contract of the members of the Chicago Symphony, for example, comes up for renewal.

This year marks the 333rd birthday of J. S. Bach. He was born in Eisenach, in the state of Thuringia, Germany in 1685, and baptized two days later at St. George’s Lutheran Church. Yet today when babies are baptized in the church, that J. S. Bach was baptized at that same font is noted. One of the godfathers present was named Sebastian, hence the source of Bach’s middle name. Bach was the youngest of eight children. His father, Ambrosius, was the chief town musician and was doubtless the source of his son’s early, diverse musical training. Sadly, both of Bach’s parents died during his 9th



**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
during Lenten Soup Supper.*

year, thus beginning a series of moves that eventually would see him spending his final 27 years in Leipzig.

It is believed that Bach wrote five cycles of cantatas for the liturgical year, but only 300 or so of them are extant. They were usually presented before and after a sermon, with the cantata text complementing the Word. Once they were sung, scholars conclude that the pages of many cantatas were thrown in the trash, or used to wrap fish or whatever commodity needed a cover. There was no sense that the presentation of a Bach cantata was a matter of historical importance.

333 years later, however, we at Holy Cross are keenly aware of the significance of Johann Sebastian Bach and his music. To mention only two not-so-small facts: Bach was the chief musical proponent of the theology of Martin Luther, and his very life, 1685-1750, is the summit to which all Western music prior to those dates is leading, and the pinnacle from which all Western music flows thereafter.

Plan to be at Holy Cross on March 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Rick Ziebarth, Carl Grapentine, and a gathering of fine instrumentalists look forward to seeing you.



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



Happy Retirement, Jan Schmieding

At our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, we had the opportunity to thank Jan Schmieding for her many years of service to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A member since 1989, Jan started as a volunteer and eventually became an employee. In honor of her retirement, Jan was given a silver cross necklace, two tickets to see her beloved Cubs, and the Quilting & More group created a wall hanging.



Welcome New Staff

Beth Zupkus is very excited to join the Holy Cross office staff as our new Financial Administrator. Her primary responsibilities will be paying bills, tracking church finances, and maintaining the church's membership records.

Beth's professional background is in accounting, and she also worked as a director and teacher of a 2 year old Christian preschool program while her children were growing up.

Beth and her husband Vince, and daughters Alison and Morgan, have been members of Holy Cross since 1996.



Tom Zombolo joined the Holy Cross staff in December when he was helping the church out during Tim Mahoney's medical leave.

A member of Holy Cross since 2001, we were happy when Tom decided he could continue on staff part time to help with building projects. We appreciate Tom's skills and dedication. Tom's full time career is as the Senior Director of Facilities and Construction at the Chicago Botanic Garden.



8th Annual GREEN LIVING FAIR
SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018
10am - 2pm
 Libertyville Civic Center • 135 W Church Street • Libertyville IL

Sponsored by
Libertyville Civic Center Foundation
 Admission is FREE!
 in partnership with Lake County Green Congregations and Faith In Place

Educational & Resource Opportunities
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 Composting • Green Cleaning

Recycling Opportunities
INDOORS
 DVDs • CDs • Ink Jet Cartridges • Cell Phones • Gym Shoes
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OUTDOORS
 Bikes • Bike Parts • Styrofoam Blocks

8 Speaker Forums

Ecologically Responsible
Eat Healthy
Reduce Waste
Shop Local
FARMERS MARKET

NO Electronics Truck
NO Plastic Bags



Hunger 2 Hope Lake County MobilePack Meal Delivery Update #2

As you may recall, a total of 544,320 meals were packed by members of Holy Cross and other volunteers from Lake County during last December's MobilePack at Pet Factory in Mundelein.

In February, news came in that the second and final shipment of 272,160 lifesaving meals were on their way to Uganda through the Children's Hunger Fund (CHF). "CHF is a Christian non-profit organization that seeks to alleviate the suffering of children by equipping God's church to communicate the gospel through effective compassion ministry." To learn more about Children's Hunger Fund and the work they do near and far, please visit chfus.org

Mark your calendar! This year, Holy Cross will host another MobilePack event on November 30, December 1 & 2.

Relaunch of HolyCrossChurch.org

At the end of February, the Holy Cross website received a fresh new look! The new site offers an improved user experience with the use of a streamlined interface that is also mobile friendly. For the latest happenings, event news and updates, be sure to visit us online as new content is posted frequently.

An overhaul of the current Building Blocks Childhood Center website is also in the works for later this spring.



Intergenerational VBS Returns This Summer

You are invited to come together as people of faith on three Tuesdays in June (5, 12 & 19). Individuals and families with all ages are welcome to gather for a complimentary meal and fellowship, followed by music, prayer and discovery. We will begin each evening at 6 pm for a meal and finish by 8 pm.

Mark your calendars now and save these dates. Each session is autonomous and stands on its own. We would love to see you at all of them, but join us as your schedule allows. Online registration will be available closer to the event dates.

June 5, 12 & 19

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Cost: Free

Ages: All



2018 Theme: Spiritual Practices and your Prayer Life

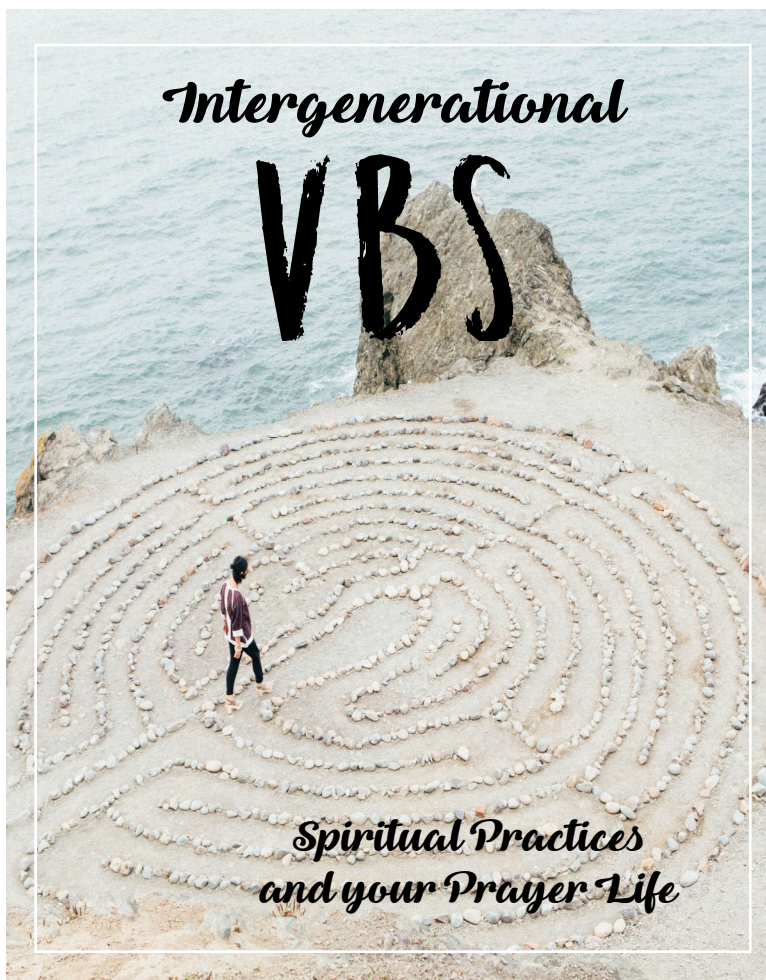
June 5: Lutheran Rosary/Prayer Bracelets

June 12: Living a Prayer Path/Walking a Labyrinth

June 19: Modern Icons/The Sanctuary Mosaic

Intergenerational VBS

*Spiritual Practices
and your Prayer Life*



Growing Up Healthy

Family Outreach Series Update

by Diane Gaines, Event Chairperson

On January 28, the Building Blocks Childhood Center presented its 3rd Annual Family Outreach Series. This year's theme was *Growing Up Healthy*. The free event was open to church members, Building Blocks Childhood Center families, and the local community. The event drew in 52 attendees and 12 volunteers for a grand total of 64 people!

Parents were able to listen to a certified dietician and learn about strategies to make healthy, balanced food choices for their children and themselves. Everyone was able to learn some simple and fun yoga from Angie Miller of Blue Sky Yoga, made calming bottles to help de-stress, and made a food plate representing the MyPlate strategy of making healthy choices (choosemyplate.gov/MyPlate). The evening ended with fellowship and a delicious, home-made, healthy dinner thanks to Katie Ormson!

The event would not be possible without the direction of the committee which included Diane Gaines, Judith Frank-Gonwa, Val Maxwell, Elizabeth Moy, Katie Ormson and Kathy Pfister. Thank you! The committee would also like to thank the Early Childhood Marketing Committee, Thrivent Financial and Libertyville Bank and Trust for their financial support making the evening free for families.

Building Blocks Childhood Center looks forward to the next annual event in January, 2019!



Holy Cross Peer Ministers

by Pastor Sally Hanson

In January, we trained another round of Peer Ministers during a retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp. Peer Ministers are leaders in our church, schools and community. They were trained to listen deeper beyond what is being said and to be aware of how non-verbal communication tells more of the story than the words alone. We continue to train high schoolers in these life skills, to be present with their peers in this unique ministry. Throughout the year we continue with support and further training on a periodic basis for Peer Ministers newly trained or trained in earlier retreats.



Back Row: Amanda Komashka, Pastor Sally, Madelynn Roche, Tyler Cinq-Mars, Hannah Oelschlager

Front Row: Grace Boileau, Lia Boucek, Derek Matthei, Andrew Oelschlager

Peer Ministry Meeting

Saturday, April 14 from 4 to 7 pm
Please bring \$10 for dinner.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 11
pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org

News from Boy Scout Troop #194

by Ken LaCrosse, Troop Leader

2017 was another great year for Boy Scout Troop 194; some of highlights from 2017 include:

- Our Scouts earned more than 142 merit badges and achieved 33 rank advancements.
- An additional seven Scouts were awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.
- As a Troop, we participated in 19 different service projects totaling 924 service hours. This included several service projects at Holy Cross such as clearing buckthorn, St. Mary's Road clean-up, and serving lunch to veterans at Project Healing Waters.
- We completed nine camping or overnight trips including having 30 Scouts spend the week at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation in Wisconsin. Additionally, two Scouts participated in the 2017 National Scout Jamboree (which takes place every four years) at The Summit Bechtel in West Virginia and eight Scouts conquered the Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico.
- We welcomed 16 new Scouts into the Troop during Cub Scout crossover and were fortunate to add three more joining from other troops.
- Our Troop is now 45 Scouts strong and is supported by more than 20 active parents.

Our program and success would not be possible without the support of Holy Cross Church! We appreciate the church's role as our charter organization and supporting our fundraising efforts, especially bake sales and October's pumpkin sale.



Servant of Youth Recognition

Susan Price

During the Scout Sunday service on February 4, Holy Cross member Susan Price was presented with *The Servant of Youth Recognition*. This recognition is awarded by the National Lutheran Association on Scouting. It is given to acknowledge distinguished volunteer service by adults in the ministry to young people through a civic youth agency. Susan is a long standing committee member of Boy Scout Troop 194, which is chartered by Holy Cross. Susan's contributions to Holy Cross and the Boy Scouts are many and include, but are not limited to: small group leadership for the Holy Cross confirmation program, drama teacher for Sunday school, Troop 194 committee member, merit badge counselor and religious emblem coordinator. Her dedication has helped shape the lives of many youth both in and out of Scouting.

Congratulations and thank you, Susan!



Lake County United invites the Holy Cross community to attend:

1000+ organized citizens meeting with the candidates for the office of Attorney General of Illinois on four issues of deep concern to our families and institutions.

Join us to take action on...

- Ending the incarceration of innocent people experiencing addiction and/or mental illness
- Building affordable and accessible housing for individuals, families and young adults
- Ensuring humane and legal treatment of immigrants and refugees throughout Illinois
- Demanding accountability from gun manufacturers on development of "smart" guns and sales to "crime-gun" dealers

Sunday

March 11, 2018

4 - 5:15 pm

Maine East High School

**2601 W. Dempster St.
Park Ridge, IL 60068**



Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® from 2017 have until March 31, 2018 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Holy Cross.

There are two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

- Online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice
- Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt

Questions? Please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or email fraternal@thrivent.com. For faster service, have your member ID or contract number available.

For more information on the Thrivent Choice® program, please visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice



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, March 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).



Volunteer at FMSC

Wednesday, March 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 fmcs.org

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



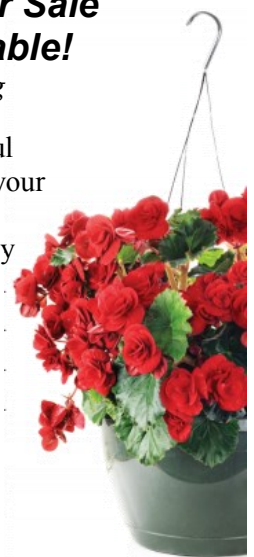
Register at: bit.ly/packFMSC

COOL Plant & Flower Sale Order Forms Available!

by Diane Rammelsberg

Think Spring! The plant sale is a wonderful opportunity to purchase annual plants for your home and support COOL Ministries at the same time. The plants are delivered directly from the greenhouse the morning of the pick-up and the sale provides financial support for homeless and hungry families in our area.

Look for a COOL Plant Sale table staffed with friendly Holy Cross gardeners in the gathering space in March or online: bit.ly/COOLplants18



Orders will be due to Holy Cross on **Sunday, March 25**, and plants will be available for pick-up at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee on **Saturday, May 12** between 11 am and 2 pm.

Make checks payable to COOL Ministries.

Just a reminder! COOL Plant Sale is always the day before Mother's Day, so keep moms in mind when ordering!

If you would like to volunteer with us at the sale, please let Diane know by phone (847) 347-6465 or email drammelsberg@earthlink.net



► **Food of the month for March:**
Canned tuna

► **Please check expiration dates!**
COOL Ministries food pantries will not dispense expired food to their clients.

► **In 2017, Holy Cross contributed \$8,344 in financial support and 3,371 pounds of food.** Your contributions helped COOL provide food for 63,080 individuals. This amounts to food for about 756,960 balanced meals. We also assisted 19 homeless families to become self-sufficient at COOL Family Housing. This program provided transitional housing and a new beginning to a total of 26 adults and 43 children last year!

► **COOL 35th Anniversary Gala Saturday, April 7** at Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center. Live music, dinner and dancing. \$75/person or \$700 table of 10. Reservations by 3/16 online at coolministries.org

► **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.

COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March News

by Judith Frank-Gonwa & Felicia Brandt

Greetings from Sunday School! Our "Reformation Party" on February 25 was a fun and informative time for our Sunday School students. We learned a lot about Martin Luther and how our Lutheran faith all began. I hope that the family letter that came home with the children has been used in your home. If your child was not able to attend Sunday School on 2/25, there are extra copies of the family letter on the welcome center.

This month, the children in grades 1-5 will begin *Rotation 4*: Peter and John. Our Bible verse is from Acts 4:20: "As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." The Book of Acts tells the story of Jesus' followers after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. During his time on earth, Jesus prepared his followers to continue the work he had begun, telling people about God and sharing God's love. In this story, Peter and John follow Jesus' instructions by telling many people the good news about Jesus.

Children ages 3-5/Kindergarten will hear lessons about how Jesus is with us and will also hear the Easter Story. They will finish with stories about Zacchaeus.

With Easter coming up on April 1, we will need to get busy on our annual service project – making **Easter Treat Bags** for the children who visit COOL Ministries with their parents. We need your help in gathering supplies for the bags! We are looking for small, Easter/Spring theme based items such as: pencils, individually wrapped candies, stickers, toys small enough to fit in small plastic eggs, puzzle books and plastic eggs. **Please drop your donation in the collection box in narthex by MARCH 11** so we can assemble the bags during Sunday School on March 18. Thank you so much!

Sunday School Coordinators:

Ages 3-5/K: **Felicia Brandt** (847) 362-0924
Grades 1-5: **Judith Frank-Gonwa** (847) 363-8783

Dates to Remember:

- March 3:** Milestone Ministry, 9:30 am
5th Grade: Discipleship
- March 11:** Items due for Easter Treat Bags
- March 17:** Milestone Ministry, 9:30 am
2nd Grade (and up): First Communion
- March 18:** Sunday School makes Easter Treat Bags
- March 25:** **NO Sunday School** (Palm Sunday)
- April 1:** **NO Sunday School** (Easter Sunday)



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.

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 March 1 to office@holycrosschurch.org

2nd Grade*: First Communion

First Communion Preparation:
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.

* Children in grades 3 and above who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are also invited to attend.

RSVP by March 14 to office@holycrosschurch.org

Kindergarten

Saturday, April 7, 2018
9:30 to 11 am

Prayer is our connection to God and an open line of communication with God. This milestone offers an opportunity for children and their parents to talk about prayer, to learn how to pray and to begin exploring the Lord's Prayer as the basis of future prayers.

RSVP by April 4 to office@holycrosschurch.org

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2018
HOUSTON, TX



**Final \$200 payment
 due April 1**

Participant Prep Meeting

Sunday, April 8 from 12:30 - 2 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:**Lone Star BBQ & Silent Auction on March 10**

- Sign up to help using this link:

bit.ly/LoneStarHelp

Easter Breakfast

- Setup: March 31 from 10 am to 12 pm

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

- Sign up to help using this link: **bit.ly/YEB18**

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.*

Only Two Weeks Left for 2017/18**Faith & Health Night for Youth and Families (session 19)**

Sunday, March 4 at 6:30 pm

Grades 6 - 12 and parents

Last Night of Confirmation for 2017/18 (session 20)

Sunday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Confirmation Service Opportunities**8th grade boys pack PADS lunches**

Sunday, March 25, following the 9:30 am service.

Families welcome to assist.

8th grade girls assist with Winchester House worship

Sunday, March 25, 2 - 3:15 pm. Families are

welcome to assist.



***Faith & Health Night
 for Youth (grades 6 - 12) and Families***

Sunday, March 4 at 6:30 pm

Stress, pressure and expectations continue to weigh on the hearts and minds of our youth. To relieve these pressures, youth can turn to healthy or unhealthy choices. According to the 2014 Youth Survey of Lake County, 13 % of 6th graders have used a substance (alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana) and 65% of 12th graders. This raises another 2-8% when you add illicit drugs (like cocaine, heroin) and prescription painkillers. These illicit drugs continue to have a deep impact on our communities as Lake County has seen an increase in deaths related to illicit drug use in the last few years.

So how is it that we can support our youth through some very stressful years? We can support them by giving them the information they need to make better choices, information to parents to help provide strategies for care and support and encouraging participation in preventative factors. Preventative factors include things like four or more caring adults that have positive influence over a youth, participation in activities like music or sports, and a faith community.

Faith is a key preventative factor. Faith, and a faith community, provide a safe and accepting place for youth. It helps in navigating the unknown by relating to those who also walk in faith and the mystery of God.

Come and join us for a "Faith & Health Night" for Holy Cross 6-12th graders, their parents and families. There will be a presentation by Joan Sheldon, Holy Cross member. Joan is a Health Educator with Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale, and will be discussing risk factors, prevention, as well as her experience in the immediate surrounding high schools and in Lake County. This will be the Confirmation session for the night as well as the high school event. Please join us for this family conversation with youth and parents as we navigate together to role of faith and health in our lives.

**Confirmation Retreat
 February 2-3, 2018**





Where Love and Learning Meet

Celebration! Childcare

Food Drive and Classroom Update

For the months of January and February, Celebration! Childcare ran a canned food drive to collect cans to build a can castle. Thanks to many generous donations, over 150 cans were delivered to the COOL Ministries food pantry at the end of February.

New room darkening shades have been installed on every window in each Celebration! Childcare classroom. These are a nice addition since many of our old shades were worn and needed to be replaced. Thank you property staff.

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

Upcoming Events:

March 13, 14 & 15



Scholastic Book Fair
 for Building Blocks families
 Celebration! atrium
 6:30 am - 6 pm

Tuesday, March 28



Chuck E. Cheese's Fundraiser and Fellowship
 700 N. Milwaukee Ave
 Vernon Hills
 3 - 9 pm

Playground upkeep fundraiser for wood chips and toys.
 Mention Building Blocks Childhood Center,
 Celebration! Childcare, CrossWays Preschool or Holy Cross.
 Fliers may be available closer to the event.
**Food and token purchases made at the counter only
 will count towards the fundraiser donation.**

Thursday, April 12



Ice Cream Social with Kevin Kelly Magic Show
 Holy Cross fellowship area
 6 - 7:30 pm

CrossWays Preschool

Learning How to Learn

When we think about school, we often visualize letters, numbers, reading, and writing. Although those things are important, we need to remember that social and emotional learning are equally as important, especially for young children. Research tells us that in order for children to be successful in elementary school, they need to gain a minimal social and emotional competence by age 6. Furthermore, learning how to be a learner, managing our emotions, and developing other executive functions is a better indicator of future success than an IQ test. Early childhood programs would serve their students well to focus on fostering these skills alongside the ABCs and the 123s. Come visit us at CrossWays and check out how we combine both academic and social/emotional learning in every day!

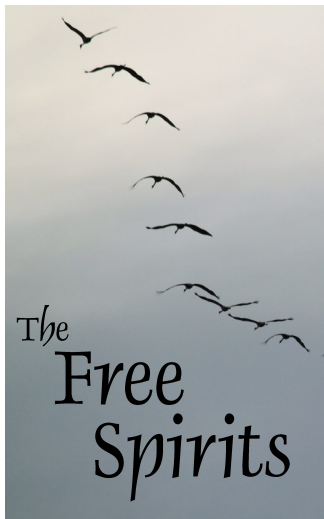
At CrossWays, we have been busy this winter! In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day and learned about love. One way we learned about loving others was through our collection drive for Operation Support Our Troops. The children and their families collected many shopping bags full of items for troops serving overseas! Those items are in the process of being distributed to the brave men and women protecting our freedom all across the world. Many thanks go to the students, their families, and also to congregation members for their generous hearts! This month, we welcome the special men in our preschooler's lives to school for Men's Day, we will be enjoying our second museum room with our friends from Celebration! and will enjoy spring break at the end of the month! Registration for summer camp and the 2018-2019 school year are well underway. Please contact me if you are interested in signing up your child.

Elizabeth Moy, CrossWays Preschool Director
crossways@holycrosschurch.org
 (847) 367-4367

Just a few more spots remain in the Little Sprouts & Seedlings summer camp program. Information and registration form available online: bit.ly/sprouts18



- ♪ For children aged 2 - 5
- ♪ Weekly camps for 6 weeks
- ♪ 3 days per week
- ♪ \$65 per child per week



THE FREE SPIRITS

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 THE ORCHID SHOW AT THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

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

Think Spring! Free Spirits will go to the Asia in Bloom Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) on Friday, March 16. It is always a beautiful display with all the vibrant colors of orchids. Tickets are \$8 for Garden members and \$10 for non-members. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 am. If you have a CBG membership which includes a parking sticker, we hope you can volunteer to drive so we don't have to pay an additional fee. We will have lunch at the Lake House in Lake Bluff. RSVP by March 14 to Jeri Powers at jerilp@ameritech.net.

NEW! Midday Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, **Thursday, March 29 at 11:30 am** Fellowship and lunch provided following worship. Invite your friends especially those who might prefer a daytime service. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to Carol Wasemiller at clinnea@yahoo.com or (847) 625-0046 if you plan to attend.



PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 7, AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP AREA

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

We will meet once in March, 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



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 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). Since we got snowed out in February we will discuss **Chapter 6: Mary on Friday, March 2**. Please bring a beverage and a snack to share. Contact Pastor Sally with any questions at PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org

Save the date for April 6 for **Chapter 7: Anna, the Faithful Witness**.



PILATES

MARCH 5, 12 & 19 AND APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING) - FELLOWSHIP AREA MARCH 12 ONLY

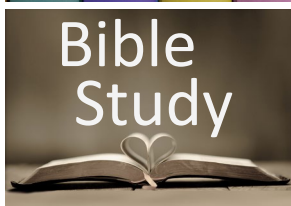
Please join us for the March/April session of Pilates. We will meet each Monday of the month except March 26 which is during Holy Week and spring break. Classes take place in the atrium of Celebration! Childcare. Questions may be directed to Jodi Zombolo at (224) 595-8573.

**BOOK CLUB****TUESDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7 PM**

LOCATION: HOME OF JERI POWERS, 1401 RUIDOSO CT, LIBERTYVILLE CO-HOST, JAN SCHMIEDING

This month the club will co-host the session to discuss ***The Thin Man*** by Dashiell Hammett. In this famous crime novel, we meet one of the detective-story master's most enchanting creations, Nick and Nora Charles, a rich, glamorous couple who solve homicides between wisecracks and martinis. At once knowing and unabashedly romantic, ***The Thin Man*** is a classic murder mystery that doubles as a sophisticated 'comedy of manners'.

Plan ahead for April. Read the book of your choice about President Truman.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY****TUESDAYS, MARCH 13 & 27 FROM 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 6 & 20 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Led by Pastor Sally, this women's group is discussing the book ***With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God*** by Skye Jethani. Join us to discuss *Chapter 3: Life Over God* at our meeting on Tuesday, March 6 and *Chapter 4: Life From God* on Tuesday, March 20. All are welcome!

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

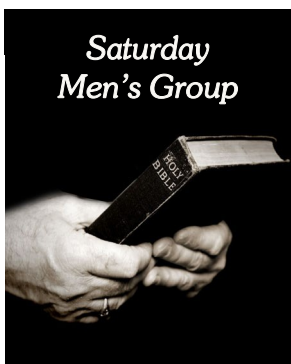
**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP****EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM**LOCATION: *THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT*, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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.

**GREEN LIVING FAIR****SATURDAY, MARCH 17 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM**

LIBERTYVILLE CIVIC CENTER, 135 W. CHURCH ST.

Please plan to attend this FREE event, sponsored by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation in partnership with Lake County Green Congregations and Faith in Place. The 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. See page 9 of this newsletter to view the event flier.

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP****SATURDAYS - MARCH 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, March 1

April Newsletter Content Due

- 8:00 am Advocate Condell Hosting
Active Shooter Training
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, 402

Friday, March 2

- 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace

Saturday, March 3

- 9:30 am *Milestone Ministry:*
5th grade Discipleship
- 5:30 pm First Saturday Worship
with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 4

- 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship
with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 6:30 pm Faith & Health Night for Youth
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Night

Monday, March 5

- 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
- 6:00 pm Willow House Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

Deadline to RSVP for At The Table 3/13

- 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, March 7

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 11:30 am PHW Day Program Session
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program, 208
- 7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- 8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, 402
- 7:00 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208

Saturday, March 10

- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
- 6:00 pm Lone Star BBQ/Silent Auction

Sunday, March 11

Easter Flower Orders Due

Easter Treat Bag Donations Due

- 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
- 9:30 pm Amann Baptism
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 12:30 pm Church Council Retreat
- 6:30 pm Confirmation (Final night 17/18)

Monday, March 12

- 1:00 pm Common Threads
- 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

Tuesday, March 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, Tacos El Norte

Wednesday, March 14

Deadline to RSVP for First Communion

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 9:30 am ECM Marketing, 208
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- 8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15

- 7:00 pm Church Council
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 16

- 9:30 am Free Spirits Botanic Garden
- 5:00 pm Red Rose Choir, 402
- 7:00 pm Red Rose Choir, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 17

- 9:30 am *Milestone Ministry:*
First Communion Instruction
- 10:00 am Green Living Fair, Civic Center

Sunday, March 18

- 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship
with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Weiss Baptism
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 4:00 pm Parents of Children w/Sp. Needs

Monday, March 19

- 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

Tuesday, March 20

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
- 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 6:30 pm BSA Staff Development, 207
- 7:00 pm Book Club, Jeri Power's home

Wednesday, March 21

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 12:30 pm Building Blocks Bible Study
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
Around the Cross Concert
"Ich habe genug" by Bach
- 8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 23

- 6:00 pm BSA Wood Badge set up

Saturday, March 24

- 6:30 am BSA Wood Badge Staff
- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group

Sunday, March 25 - Holy Week

Passion/Palm Sunday

PADS Donations Due Before Noon

COOL Plant Sale Orders Due

COOL Easter Baskets Due

- 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship
NO Sunday School
- 10:30 am Confirmation 8th grade boys
pack PADS lunches, kitchen
- 2:00 pm 8th gr. girls assist at Winchester
- 2:30 pm Winchester House worship

Monday, March 26 - Holy Week

CrossWays Preschool Spring Break

Tuesday, March 27 - Holy Week

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
- 9:30 am Newsletter Assembly
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, March 28 - Holy Week

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children Pack
- 3:00 pm Chuck E. Cheese's Fundraiser
- 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29 - Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

- 11:30 am Midday Worship
- 12:30 pm Lunch and fellowship
- 7:30 pm Evening Worship
with Holy Communion
Milestone Ministry:
First Communion

Friday, March 30 - Holy Week

Good Friday

- 7:30 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 31 - Holy Week

Mission Endowment Scholarship Fund Applications Due

- 10:00 am Easter Breakfast set up

Newsletter Assembly

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

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Midweek Lenten Worship Services

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.

**Lone Star
BBQ Dinner
& Silent Auction**

**Saturday, March 10
6 - 9 pm**

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- Info on page 5 -

Holy Week

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 29
NEW! Midday Worship at 11:30 am
*Holy Communion
followed by lunch (provided)*
Evening Worship at 7:30 pm
Holy Communion (with First Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY
March 30 at 7:30 pm

**ECUMENICAL
EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP**
Sunday, April 1 at 6 am
North Bay Pavilion, Independence Grove

EASTER SUNDAY
April 1 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
*The celebration of the Resurrection
of Jesus with Holy Communion
Children's Message at 9:30 am*

EASTER BREAKFAST
April 1 from 8:30 - 11:30 am
Youth Fundraiser

CURRENT EVENTS

March 2018

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, Tacos El Norte, Gurnee
21 Midweek Lenten Soup Supper
and Midweek Lenten Worship
Around the Cross Concert
25 Passion/Palm Sunday
29 Maundy Thursday
30 Good Friday

April 2018

1 Easter Sunday
10 At the Table, Pizzeria DeVille
12 Ice Cream Social
14 New Member Breakfast
15 Reception of New Members
22 Earth Day Reusable Bag Sale
29 Sunday School Spring Sing

AT THE TABLE

Tuesday, March 13: Tacos El Norte, Gurnee
- See page 5 for more details -