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A Lenten Kind Of Grace

For me, the scriptures inform an image of a God with open arms ready to receive us in a loving embrace. This image is constant and unchanging. We compose lives of faith in the eternal presence of God's embrace: God is always waiting; God is always willing to take us in; God does not look back to our own miserable past, but God offers us the possibility and the immediacy of love.

The Rev. Whitney Rice tells the story about a Franciscan priest who when the terrible war in Bosnia and Herzegovina ended in December 1995 began a revolutionary project. He recruited singers from across their country, people who were gifted in music. They were people who were known in their towns and communities for their voices. He brought them all together, Muslims and Christians, Serbs and Croats, some literally fresh off the battlefield, and asked them to begin singing together. But not just any songs. He asked them to sing the most traditional and well-known and deeply rooted religious songs of the Bosnian people, both Christian songs and Muslim songs. He asked them to sing the songs of their enemies. Some immediately understood the healing potential of the project and plunged into singing all the music, both their own songs and the songs of their enemies.

Others' pain was so deep that they could not imagine singing the music that had been the battle cry of people who had shot and shelled and killed their comrades, their loved ones, and their families. But even those who could not sing at first stayed in the room and listened, some of them sitting silently with tears of anger on their faces through months of rehearsals before they could voice a single note. But eventually they all sang, and the choir is still doing their reconciling work.

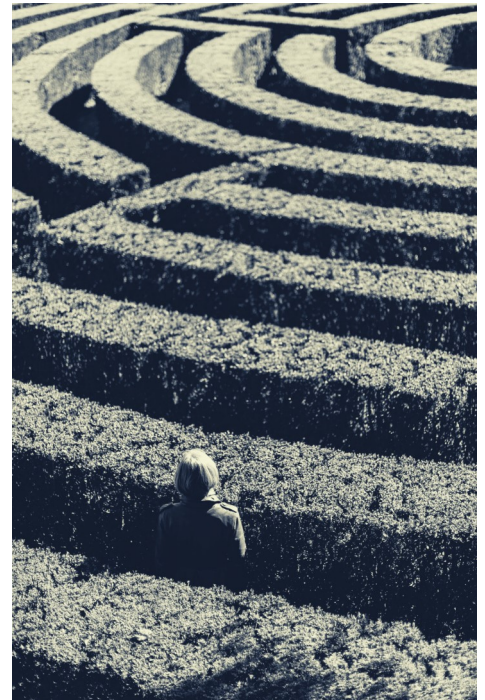
This story reminds me that people of faith have options. We can stand still. We can go backwards. Or, we can choose to move forward. The scriptures assigned for the Sundays in Lent remind us again and again that Jesus encourages us to move forward by God's grace. Jesus is in the business of breaking through obstacles and tearing down barriers. Jesus acknowledges the presence of barriers between people and between us and our Creator which prevent us from moving forward.

Jesus names those barriers that enter into our relationship with God, with others and with our own true self. Some of the obstacles are imposed from outside by our society and our culture... many are imposed from within. We're afraid that if God really knew us, God wouldn't like us very much, so we build our own walls. We create the distance in our relationships and we construct those barriers to protect us. We often end up putting energy into maintaining the status quo or living in the past and ignore the option of moving forward and leaning into a life practicing forgiveness, kindness, love and operating from the gift of God's grace.

Lent asks us to consider that even when we feel lost we remember that God directs our path. Jesus insists on breaking through and when that happens, hopefully we recognize it as a moment of grace. It's the kind of grace that comforts us when we are restless and in great pain. It's the kind of grace that accompanies us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It's the kind of grace that confronts us when we feel that our separation is deeper than usual, because we have violated another life which we loved or from which we are estranged. It's the kind of grace that challenges us when our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us.

I would hope that as people of faith, we realize that we are living in a moment in history that is bitterly divided, at a time when hatred seems to be winning over love and where hostility works against reconciliation. As people of faith, let us move as children of God to spread the good news of God's embrace for all of God's creation and created beings.

Peace,





Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2 at 7:30 pm
In-person & livestream

*with Imposition of Ashes
& Holy Communion*

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The Crosses of LENT

At the cross, legalism loses its power over our daily lives. The message of the cross has the potential of informing and influencing our lives as we compose and lean into a life of faith. The cross represents the gift of love that God has for each of us in a very personal way. The message of the cross changes everything imaginable. There are moments when it is difficult to grasp the true wonder and nature of what a cross represents in our lifetime. The cross as a symbol of the Christian faith has come to mean to people an alternate vision, a new hope and a new life. It is God's 'yes' to a world that often wants us to believe that life is about a 'no'. This is the blessing that the Crosses of Lent hold for us.

Midweek Lenten Worship

In-person & livestream

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 - 8 pm

St. Andrews Cross - Humility

Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 - 8 pm

Anchor Cross - Hope

Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 - 8 pm

Jerusalem Cross - Mission

Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 - 8 pm

Maltese Cross - Change

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 - 8 pm

Celtic Cross - Redemption

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 7:30 pm

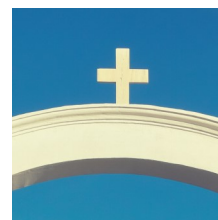
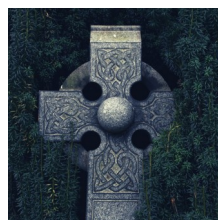
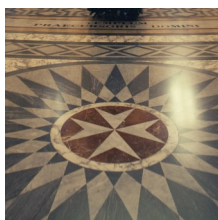
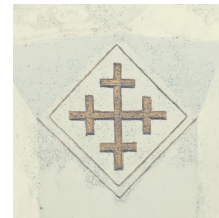
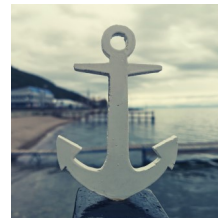
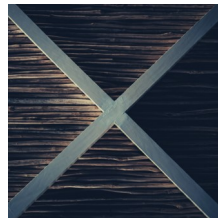
with Holy Communion (with First Communion)

Greek Cross - Service

Good Friday

April 15, 7:30 pm

Passion Cross - Suffering



Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers



March 9 - March 16 - March 23 - March 30 - April 6

During Lent we will offer a family-friendly fellowship opportunity of gathering before our midweek Lenten worship services for a soup supper. **The soup suppers will begin serving at 6:30 pm and wrap up by 7:15 pm with the midweek Lenten worship services beginning at 7:30 pm.**

This year Holy Cross will provide the soup, bread, and everything needed for each week's meal. A chicken noodle soup option will be offered weekly along with a second soup variety that will be a surprise.

The only thing you need to bring is yourself and your appetite. We will gather in the fellowship area where people will be able to social distance as they feel the need to. Any questions may be directed to the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.

All welcome, please join us!



Calming Down for Lent

by Deaconess Katie Freund

This month we are delving into the season of Lent.

Historically, the mood of Lent has been a period of 40 days of fasting and penance. Seeing as we're wrapping up a solid two years of pandemic, 40 days honestly doesn't sound that impressive anymore. I'd take 40 days without meat without batting an eye, who knows, maybe it's just the latest supply shortage.

But think back to the "before" times: could you imagine voluntarily giving up in-person schooling, childcare, and playdates for your kids for 40 days? Remember, that was just three years ago. This Wisconsin bred dairy lover is more willing to go vegan for the sake of fighting climate change than take childcare for granted ever again.

So, long story short, I'm not going to further emphasize reflecting on our mortality or repentance here. I find myself thinking "maybe in a few years"—maybe after a few years of genuine stability my heart and mind will calm down enough for it to feel like Lent again. Maybe.

Now that my eldest is entering the three-year-old category, I have a whole new respect for regulating one's own emotions. She's started saying "*I need help calming down*". Usually when this happens, she's in a terrible mood and on the verge of throwing a fit. I don't think she's any more emotionally evolved than any other three-year-old out there; I think she would just rather have us pick her up and take deep breaths with her than get called out for throwing a temper tantrum.

I'm going to go out on a limb here; if it's effective enough for a volatile three-year-old, maybe it'll work for a thirty-year-old too. God knows I'm tired, busy, and very pregnant. I'm not in the mood for Lent and I don't have time to slow down. And let's be honest, if I try to reflect on anything I'm just going to fall asleep. Maybe I'm the only one here, but in case you are feeling as contrary as I am, might I suggest turning to God and saying "*I need help calming down*".

May God pick us up and hold us, and may we remember to take deep breaths.

Holy Week

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 10 at 8 & 10 am
with procession of palms
and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

April 14 at 7:30 pm
Holy Communion
(with First Communion)

Good Friday

April 15 at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

April 17 at 8 & 10 am
the celebration of the Resurrection
with Holy Communion
Children's Message at 10 am



Holy Cross is participating in the COOL Ministries Easter Baskets project again this year.

Please see page 14 for more details.

2022 HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

The following Holy Cross Church Council members and Holy Cross Officers were installed during the worship services on Sunday, February 6:

Terry Berger, *Council Secretary*

Karla Boucek

Darin Chartier

Nicole Drake

Andy Eidson, *President*

Lori Fedyk, *Treasurer*

Ralph Freye

Mick Garrison

Gail Kelly

Bill Miksch

Tom Miller, *Financial Secretary*

Jeannine Phillips

Harold Sargent, *Vice President*

Amy Sekili

John Villani

A special thank you to Karl Nygard and Sonny Randall for their service on council.

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL

William Connor Gray

February 5, 2022



At Holy Cross we continue to provide a variety of worship opportunities. Currently we offer in-person worship on the first Saturday of every month and on Sundays. A pre-recorded worship service is available online on Sundays. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2 you will be able to join us via livestream for select worship services. The livestream will provide access to the midweek Lenten services (see page 2 for the schedule), and the Sunday morning worship services at 8 and 10 am. The livestream will be connected 15 minutes prior to the worship start time.

Our regular worship schedule is as follows:

First Saturday Evenings

5:30 pm - In-person, Sanctuary

Sundays

8 & 10 am - In-person, Sanctuary & Livestream

Holy Communion is offered on the first and third Sunday of every month and on first Saturdays. The 10 am worship service on Sundays includes a children's message. To view any of the worship livestream options, visit our website at holycrosschurch.org/sermons

After Sunday, February 27, we will no longer pre-record worship videos. Instead, the livestream worship services will be available for on demand viewing following each scheduled worship service.



The livestream option means new opportunities to help out in the AV department. We are looking for volunteer producers to help guide the streaming experience—switching cameras, managing sound, and any prerecorded video assets. If you are interested, please contact Dale Tippet, Jr. at dale@holycrosschurch.org

As Holy Cross launches our livestream worship ministry, please be aware that in-person attendance implies consent to be included in livestreamed and recorded worship services and still photos. If you would like to limit the possibility of being visible in the videos, please sit in the back of the sanctuary.



MEMBERSHIP

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

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

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am

RSVP to the church office by Monday, March 7

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, March 13 during 10 am Worship

Can you lend a hand?



Worship volunteers: Readers, Greeters/Ushers

To help provide information, assistance and a rich worship experience, we are looking for one reader and one greeter/usher assistant at each worship service on Sunday mornings. If you were a reader/greeter prior to Covid, you have received an email inviting you to schedule yourself for a date/time that works for your schedule. If you would like to connect to serving in this way, please contact the office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060 and we will be happy to assist to get you started.

A Surprise Visitor on Select Sundays

Meet Ripley, the newest addition to our hospitality, compassion and care ministries at Holy Cross.

Researchers and experts agree that pets excel as therapeutic agents and that dogs are an antidote to depression. Studies have shown a decrease in both blood pressure and stress levels during therapy dog visits. A therapy dog can break the daily routine, increase overall emotional well-being, and stimulate the mind in dramatic ways. Certified therapy dogs offer so many wonderful benefits to people of all ages such as:



- Bringing joy and laughter, even if for a short time
- Taking a person's mind off of personal problems, aches, pains and worries
- Getting people to share their emotions and stories
- Giving people a chance to communicate with others
- Lowering stress levels and blood pressure
- Rekindling warm memories of their pets

Ripley, a Golden Retriever, is owned by Elizabeth Coyne and her family. Ripley started her training when she was 12 weeks old and after a two-year process, she and Elizabeth were recently certified by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs organization (therapydogs.com). Ripley is able to go to hospitals, public venues, skilled care facilities and church at Holy Cross. She will be present on some Sunday mornings to greet everyone. We also hope to expand Ripley's presence at Project Healing Waters and Willow House gatherings when they return to in-person events.

Please welcome Ripley when she greets you!



Above: Elizabeth and Ripley during a Sunday School session.



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Faith and Friendship

by Steve Oelschlager

Over the years, one of the things I have appreciated most about my involvement at Holy Cross and other congregations I have belonged to is the friendships I have formed. As a child, I looked forward to seeing my best friend at church on Sunday morning, just as I look forward to seeing all of you from week to week. It is a blessing to have friends who can accompany each other on the journey of life, and I'm grateful for all the ways you enrich my life.

I wonder how many of us think of Jesus and God as our friends? Perhaps that is a different way to think about our relationship with the divine, but maybe it is helpful. In her new book *Freeing Jesus*, Diana Butler Bass explores this dimension of Jesus as our friend who connects us with his friend God. She writes:

"Indeed, Jesus instructed his friends to pray to 'Abba' (as we can assume he himself prayed), a term most often rendered as 'Father' in English, but one that contains shades of meaning denoting intimacy and familiarity, including that of fraternal relations like 'brother' or 'companion,' and is related to the Hebrew word for 'friend' (ahab), used to describe Abraham.

Thus, Jesus introduces his friends (the disciples) to his other friend (God) in the daily prayer known as the 'Our Father,' perhaps the spirit of which is better captured by 'Our Father-Friend' or just 'Our Friend.' This idea of 'Our Friend in heaven' was a revolutionary one, as Jesus, acting as a mediator of divine companionship, collapsed the sacred distance between God and us. That thread of insight is found scattershot in the tradition, appearing in comments of theologians like St. Gregory of Nyssa, who linked the tradition of Moses as God's friend with Jesus when he wrote, 'Christ is our true friend.'

Friendship is contingent on love—real love: compassion, empathy, reaching out, going beyond what we imagine is possible. That is the command: love. And if we reach out in love, friendship is the result, even friendship with God. Friendship is mutual, a hand extended and another reaching back... Friendship is an eternal circle, the ceaseless reaching toward one another that strengthens us and gives us joy."

If you would like to read more about Jesus as friend or other aspects of Jesus, including teacher, savior, Lord, way, and presence, please grab a copy of *Freeing Jesus* from the Inspiration & Curiosity lending library bookshelf in the southwest corner of the Gathering Space available in mid-March.

 **THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Thursday-Friday, August 4-5, 2022

Registration Now Open

Holy Cross is once again committed to hosting the Global Leadership Summit (in person) on **August 4 - 5, 2022**. Register using the following link and priority code by March 31, 2022 to take advantage of the \$139 Host Site & Summit Partner rate.

bit.ly/GLSatHCLC

Priority code: GLS22TEAM



MP3

MEN of
PURPOSE
PRINCIPLE
PRAYER

MP3: MEN OF PURPOSE, PRINCIPLE, & PRAYER

TUESDAYS, MAY 10, JUNE 14, SEPT 13, OCT 18
6 - 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON, FELLOWSHIP AREA

THEME: SEEKING ALIVENESS

There is a stereotype of men that they don't like asking for directions. Sometimes we don't like to admit that we don't know it all. It isn't enough to have clarity about what we know, but it is equally important for us to be honest about what we don't know. It can become challenging to admit that we don't know a lot of things and how to get from Point A to Point B can sure be one of them. The real issue for men is that we don't like troubling other people with our problems. And being lost seems like a real problem. And asking someone for directions feels like troubling them.

Do you remember the first time you ever used a GPS? It can be exciting to remember feeling very high tech and how dependent we become on that technology. We become accustomed to simply typing in our desired destination and this seemingly all-knowing, gentle, reassuring voice would turn-by-turn safely guide us there.

There may have been moments in life when we longed for a GPS: Spiritual Version. We may wonder how it might be if God worked that way. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to tell God exactly where we want to go and exactly when we want to get there and have God's all-knowing, gentle, reassuring voice guide us safely there turn-by-turn?

But life doesn't work like that. And God doesn't work like that. And truth be told, life would be pretty boring if it worked like that; if all we ever did was follow the exact instructions of "the great voice in the sky." No one likes to be told what to do all the time. It is important that we be free to explore, and free to make mistakes, and free to go on an adventure every now and then.

We would like to invite you to join in the adventure of MP3 in 2022.

Seeking Aliveness, is a four-session video curriculum. We will journey with renowned author and emergent Christian leader Brian McLaren as we seek out this new path for our faith. We will meet four times in 2022 for an evening of fellowship, food, music and conversation. We will provide copies of McLaren's book *"We Make the Road by Walking: a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation and activation"* as a resource and gift for everyone. Drawing on the themes from his book we will offer up some fresh insights for how we go about composing a life of faith.

Men (21+) mark your calendars now for May 10, June 14, September 13 and October 18. We meet at meet at Holy Cross beginning at 6 pm and concluding by 8:30 pm. Watch for additional details coming in April!



Antiracism Roundtable

ANTIRACISM ROUNDTABLE & WORK GROUP

SUNDAYS, MARCH 13, APRIL 10, MAY 15, JUNE 12,
JULY 10, AUG 14, SEPT 11, OCT 9, NOV 13, DEC 11
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM VIA ZOOM



holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/93144150662

With so many resources available that can lead to sharing ideas about intersectionality and antiracism, the Antiracism Roundtable group will dedicate some of our time each month to book discussion. If you are interested in the themes of the books described below, please contact the church office to arrange a time to pick up a free copy and join us.

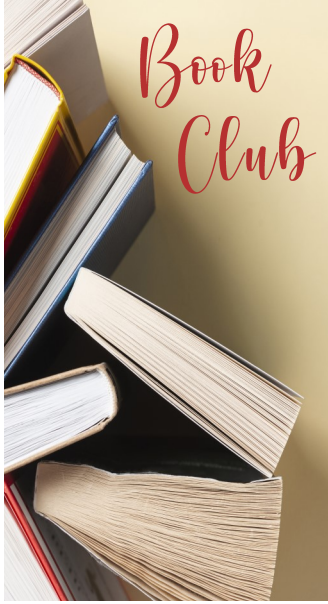
March & April: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans

If the Bible isn't a science book, instruction manual, or position paper, then what is it? New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans (1981-2019) invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present. Drawing upon recent scholarship and literary analysis, Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories, explaining their contexts and possible interpretations, and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones. Using her well-honed literary instincts and experience in both evangelical and mainline Protestant traditions, Evans discovers a way of understanding that avoids noncommittal liberalism on one hand and strident literalism on the other. Readers are invited to fall in love with Scripture all over again without checking their intellect—or their imaginations—at the door.

May, June, July: *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby

The Color of Compromise is both enlightening and compelling, telling a history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church. This book is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white evangelical Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up now and being implementing the concrete ways Tisby outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people. Starting today.

Each month we pray with each other—for those wounded by racism and prejudice as well as for the strength to examine our own biases, privileges, experiences, words, and actions. By listening to each other, we gain new and renewed perspectives. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please reach out to Carol Dikelsky at carol@dikelsky.org with any questions.



BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, MARCH 24
7 PM VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

The Holy Cross Book Club, open to anyone who is interested in reading and discussing books, routinely meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

In March we will discuss *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley. Julian Jessop, an eccentric, lonely artist and septuagenarian believes that most people aren't really honest with each other. But what if they were? And so he writes—in a plain, green journal—the truth about his own life and leaves it in his local café. It's run by the incredibly tidy and efficient Monica, who furtively adds her own entry and leaves the book in the wine bar across the street. Before long, the others who find the green notebook add the truths about their own deepest selves—and soon find each other in real life at Monica's café.

Our discussion host will be Jeri Powers. If you have any questions, please email Melanie Houser at housermd@comcast.net

To view the list of our 2022 Book Club selections, please visit holycrosschurch.org/virtualmeetings



Women's Discussion Group

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
TUESDAYS, MARCH 8 & 22
9:30 - 11 AM
IN-PERSON, FELLOWSHIP AREA

Please join us this lenten season for our next 6-session study series.

In her book and video series titled *Witness at the Cross*, author Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

This series will be offered on the following Tuesday mornings: March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24. The videos for *Witness at the Cross* are available on Amplify media for free through our congregational subscription. See the February newsletter for details.

Please reach out to Pastor Bob at pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.



QUILTING GROUP
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9 AM - 12 PM
IN-PERSON, ROOM 404

The Quilting Group gathers in-person on Wednesdays to sew as a group. Completed quilts are donated to COOL Ministries for families residing in their Family Housing program or to Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to comfort children who are seriously injured, traumatized, or in need.

If you have quilt tops that you no longer want or need, or have sewn a quilt top that you would like to be donated to a good cause, consider giving it to the quilting group. Donations of 100% cotton fabric, either scrap pieces or yardage, are always welcome. Contact Deb Sherrock at debs695@aol.com or (630) 267-7802 with any questions.



SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAYS, MARCH 5 & 19
 7 AM
 IN-PERSON (FELLOWSHIP AREA) OR VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517

This group is for men of faith to come together throughout the year to share their faith and thoughts about challenging topics. All welcome.

In March, Pastor Bob will continue to host conversations on the topic of *In This Together... Loving Our Way Forward* inspired by video presentations. See below for additional details.

Questions? Contact Pastor Bob at pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org or Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org



IN THIS TOGETHER... LOVING OUR WAY FORWARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 8
 7 PM
 VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/84674791777

We differ in views and opinions. We think we know solutions. We all have different life circumstances, variations of privilege, ethnicity, language and seasonings. There are different faiths and practices, cultures, art, music, celebrations and ceremonies. Humanity has developed and diversified over time. But in all our differences, we still are more alike than not. If we are blessed we grow to live a long life. Our bodies function the same. We think and imagine. We innovate, create and manifest. We try, we fail and we learn. We hurt and we get hurt, and hopefully heal. We breathe, need food, water, shelter and company. We long for love, for friendship and community.

We find ourselves in this moment where coming together is fundamentally important and essential to our moving forward from love regardless of faith, race, sexuality, nationality as one humanity for the healing of the world. Pastor Bob will wrap up conversations that are inspired by video presentations.

Five video offerings:

Session One: Toward the Other... Brian McLaren

Session Two: Honor Everyone... Miroslav Volf

Session Three: The Ultimate Embrace... Bishop Mano Rimalshah

Session Four: The Very Good Gospel... Lisa Sharon Harper

Session Five: Kinship & Kingdom... Father Greg Boyle

Questions? Contact Pastor Bob at pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org

GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, MARCH 18
 6:30 - 8 PM
 IN-PERSON AT NORTH SHORE DISTILLERY
 13990 ROCKLAND ROAD, GREEN OAKS
 (NO RSVP REQUIRED)



Grounded in Grace is an opportunity for women of faith to connect together in fun, fellowship, and learning.

Join us for a fellowship opportunity to unwind! There are no activities planned, so come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Questions? Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com or (224) 775-1479.

PILATES
MONDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28
 6 PM
 IN-PERSON, CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

To join this group, please contact Jodi Zombolo at (224) 595-8573. Pilates will meet in-person in the west wing.





CrossWays Preschool



Celebration! Childcare

by Samantha Cooper
Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

Marching into Spring

Classrooms will be spending some time talking about St. Patrick's Day! The color green, clovers, and Irish traditions will all be topics of conversation in the coming weeks. We may even see some traps being built for our resident Leprechaun! In past weeks, our Enrichment students have been enjoying Spanish in the Ladybug Room! They have really caught on to the language and were thrilled to learn things like colors. The 2-year-old Bumblebees had a blast going on shape hunts throughout the church building. The Caterpillar Room learned about winter and hibernation. Teachers will once again be working on evaluations as we approach spring conferences in April.

The month of March begins the transition from cold and dreary to the waking, colorful life of spring. It also brings the excitement of summer! The CrossWays Preschool staff has been hard at work planning a fun-filled summer camp for our Little Sprouts Camp. Plans of pony rides, a magic show, and water days are just a few things on our agenda. The summer schedule is almost complete and information will be sent out to families towards the end of March.

Open registration for the 2022/23 school year is also available to families. For new incoming families, we are waiving the registration fee through March 15! In-person tours are a great way to check out our program and learn more about what we have to offer. Our teachers provide a variety of activities, interactions, and centers to keep your child engaged and excited about school! Visit us at cpreschool.org and view our virtual tour!

CrossWays Preschool Important Dates

March 28 - April 1: No school - Spring Break

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE



BERNIE'S BOOK BANK
BOOKS FOR A BETTER LIFE

During the month of March, CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare students will be hosting a book drive benefitting Bernie's Book Bank. Two out of three children from under-served families have no books of their own. Bernie's Book Bank accepts new and gently used children's books, aged birth through sixth grade. (Please, no workbooks, textbooks or reference material.) Donation bins will be located at the entrances to CrossWays Preschool, Celebration! Childcare, and the main church entrance.

crossways@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-4367
cpreschool.org



CrossWays
Preschool

Welcome, Spring!

Spring is right around the corner with the first day being March 20. As much as we love playing in the snow, our students look forward to seeing the trees and flowers bloom once again. The best part about spring is going on nature walks and finding signs of life outdoors. Classrooms will be learning about weather, seasons, and, of course, St. Patrick's Day this month. In addition to classroom activities and crafts, our teachers will be decorating their doors for the special day! We have very creative staff members and we can't wait to see what they come up with.

Our Infant Room students are getting big so fast! Many babies are now mobile and are busy exploring the classroom and interacting with peers. The Infant Room teachers have been challenging our soon-to-be toddlers, getting them ready for the Toddler Room. We have classroom transitions coming up in a few weeks for our younger rooms and students are ready to meet their new teachers and begin learning new, challenging skills.

Valentines for Seniors



As a service project, our students decorated valentine cards for the senior citizens of Lake County. The event was hosted by Senator Dan McConchie. His office collected Valentine's Day cards from a variety of sources and personally passed them out to facilities in the area. Check out these pictures of some of the cards that were decorated by our students



Wishes



April showers bring May flowers and an opportunity for you to grant a wish for our Early Childhood Ministry programs. The annual Wishes event will be held in-person this year during the month of May. Watch for all the details in our May newsletter!



Celebration!
Childcare

celebration@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-6208
cchildcare.org



Sunday School: Faith Formation

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20
at 9 am
Fellowship Area
All ages welcome!

by Deaconess Katie Freund

This month we'll be kicking off the season of Lent by learning about how God always cares for us, no matter what. We'll start with the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, and also look at Psalm 27 and a passage from the prophet Isaiah before finishing up with the parable of the prodigal son.

Please join us!

Sunday School Spring Schedule

Spring break: March 27 - April 3
Easter break: April 17
Last day of Sunday School: May 8

Milestone Ministries



Our faith journey occurs from birth through life eternal. Along the way, there are important events, rituals and milestones that mark the passage of time through our lives. Through Milestone Ministries we celebrate and mark these important events and times in the lives of children, youth and adults. Each milestone becomes an opportunity to proclaim that God is with us. Milestone Ministries serve as an important way of connecting, supporting, and equipping families and the congregation to share the Christian faith, to live out the promises that are made when someone is baptized and to provide strength for their faith journey.

Second Grade (and Up): First Communion Preparation

Saturday, March 19 from 9 - 11:30 am, Fellowship Area
First Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 pm

This class is for anyone who is currently in second grade or above who would like to explore the significance of this sacrament of the table. The "milestone ministry experience" includes participation by a parent with their child. We watch a video, talk about the significance of certain meals and foods associated with family traditions, make a loaf of bread, explore a Seder plate, take a tour of the altar area in the sanctuary, and, taste and practice the wine and bread of Holy Communion.

Two sessions are offered each year with the fall class celebrating First Communion on world Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of October) and the spring class celebrating First Communion on Maundy Thursday, which is on April 14 this year.

**RSVP by March 14 to office@holycrosschurch.org
or complete the registration online at:
holycrosschurch.org/milestoneministries**



CONFIRMATION

by Deaconess Katie Freund

What a year it has been, but believe it or not we've made it to the last month of confirmation classes!

Our final class will be held on March 20 and it will be a game night to reward our kids for their hard work and tenacity all year. Looking forward to savoring these last few sessions together!

March Schedule

Time: 6:30 - 8 pm

Location: Sanctuary

March 6: The Sacrament of Communion

March 13: Overview of the Commandments and the Apostle's Creed

March 20: Game Night

Volunteer Opportunity: PADS Lunch Pack

Our confirmation students have resumed working with PADS Lake County, which works with individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.

The following dates remain to assist with packing of lunches:
Sundays, March 6 & 13 at 9 am
(Meet in the Holy Cross kitchen.)

Sign up online at:
bit.ly/PADSpring22



High School Youth Group

Intergenerational Worship + Faith + Food + Fun
Sunday, March 6 at 11:15 am

When is it? Every first Sunday of every month

Who? All 8th - 12th grade youth and their families

Where? The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Gathering Space
(Face masks are required indoors except when eating.)

What is it? The first 45 minutes is a fun and interactive worship experience. The second 45 minutes includes lunch, games and planning.

Crossroads Summer Plans

Last month the ELCA canceled the 2022 Youth Gathering scheduled for this July in Minneapolis due to a variety of pandemic-related complications. Our Crossroads High School youth group has begun discernment about alternative trips for the summer with this news, including a brainstorming session with youth and parents, as well as collecting feedback through an online survey. Stay tuned for future updates. In the meantime, please get in touch with Sonny Randall at mlsonnyrandall@gmail.com or Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org if you have any questions.



Mission Endowment Scholarships

- Applications Due April 30 -

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.

The Mission Endowment Fund was established in 1999 and it provides resources to enhance the ministry of Holy Cross, apart from the general operations of the congregation.

These resources, divided equally three ways, are allocated annually in the following areas: music ministry opportunities within the congregation; ministry opportunities beyond the congregation/pastoral discretionary fund; and in scholarship support for members of Holy Cross.

Applications are available online at
holycrosschurch.org/resources



Director of High School Youth Position Available

The Crossroads program is looking for our next Director of High School Youth & Family Ministry. This is a part time position (10 hours a week). The Director of High School Youth & Family Ministry is supported by the broader Intergenerational Faith Formation programming with an emphasis on developing long lasting positive relationships within the larger family of church members.

The Director of High School Youth Ministry areas of focus will include:

- Ministry leadership and advocacy with high school youth and their families
- Project and programming planning
- Event implementation and facilitation
- Establishing and sustaining relationships

Full job description available at holycrosschurch.org/jobs

Contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org to apply.



"I Love to Tell the Story..."

by Judy Frank-Gonwa

The phrase "*pull together*" has become a frequently heard term in businesses, families, and society in general. It can certainly be heard—and seen—in our Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) programs at Holy Cross.

Two years ago, March 2020, we were faced with the challenge of putting our ECM programs "on hold" until further notice. We had no idea when we could resume our services to the ECM children and families but we began to prepare for the day we could welcome the students back to CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. We wanted everything to be ready to go when it was safe to resume our programs.

A team of teachers and administrators worked together to design protocols and procedures that we could present to staff and parents, assuring that everyone would know what to do to keep our programs safe. This team truly *pulled together* to make this task doable. Celebration! Childcare students returned in June and CrossWays Preschool students followed in September. Parents and staff were wonderful in following the protocols and everything seemed manageable.

Because the pandemic continued into another year, we still needed to adhere to expectations and deal with continuous shifting of rules and mandates. Everyone was becoming weary of masks, vaccines, cleaning, exposures, testing, and quarantines. But there was still the sense of *pulling together*, particularly with our staff, to keep the programs in operation and to continue to provide a safe environment for our students.

The pandemic, although looking a bit different, is now continuing into a third year. We are seeing new challenges and difficulties as we continue to navigate through Covid. In the last few months, we have seen several cases of Covid among our students and staff, causing quarantines and staff absences. In response to teachers and assistants needing to be absent, the remaining staff *pulled together* and worked with the director to rearrange schedules, add hours, and do whatever was needed to keep our classes open.

Pulling together is more than a cliché. It's a force that accomplishes a common goal. It's a work ethic that is seen in a variety of groups. And, it is business as usual within our ECM programs.

Thank you, ECM staff, for your continued efforts in making our programs an excellent place for children to learn and grow—and to be safe!

We gratefully acknowledge and thank the Early Childhood Ministry Board members who include:

Judith Frank-Gonwa (President)
Samantha Cooper (Director)
Kira Holguin
Beth Ann Koenemann (Finance)
Taryn Placko (Secretary)
Steve Ward

Matt Sargent (Vice President)
Ralph Freye (Council Rep)
Gail Kelly (Council Rep)
Meredith Metzler
Melissa Rakestraw
Steve Oelschlager (Liaison)

Easter Flowers to decorate the Sanctuary



on April 17, 2022

Quantity	Flower Type	Cost	Total
	Single Stem Lily	\$12	
	Begonias	\$12	
	Daffodils	\$12	
	Hyacinths	\$12	
	Tulips	\$12	
	Azaleas	\$22	
	Hydrangea	\$22	
Order Total:			

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Donations will be listed in Easter bulletin as follows:

Given by

In celebration of

or

In memory of

Please attach payment to this order form **no later than Friday, March 25, 2022**. (Checks payable to Holy Cross with "Easter Flowers" in memo line.) Or order online at bit.ly/EASTERflowers

Flowers will be available for pick-up after the 10 am worship service on Easter Sunday.



Columbarium Ministry

To the right of the main entrance to the sanctuary is the Holy Cross Resurrection Garden. It is an important ministry of ours that often goes below the radar.

Why does Holy Cross have a Resurrection Garden? As people of faith, the promise of the resurrection brings comfort at the time of death. Just as each individual constructs their life in a unique way, our attitudes towards death are also unique. Our Garden consists of a Columbarium, Remembrance Wall, and Meditation Garden. The Columbarium is a dedicated structure containing niches for interment, while the adjacent Remembrance Wall contains plaques to memorialize those who are interred elsewhere. The Garden provides a quiet courtyard for prayer, reflection, and meditation.

Our Columbarium currently houses 144 niches, with room to expand to up to 400. Current and former members of Holy Cross and their families may be interred, while others may also be interred upon request.

For more information about the Columbarium, the Remembrance Wall, or the Meditation Garden, contact the church office or visit holycrosschurch.org/resurrectiongarden

The church office also has a publication available entitled "Five Wishes" that is a thought-starter for communicating with your family, friends and doctors about things like your wishes for medical care if you can't make those decisions for yourself, choosing the right person to be your health care agent, and sharing your end of life wishes. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org



Annual COOL Plant and Flower Sale

After a snowy winter, we are eagerly looking forward to the COOL Plant and Flower Sale this spring! This sale is a wonderful opportunity to purchase annual plants for your home and yard while supporting 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 to the COOL Food Pantry and Transitional Housing programs, which continue to be extremely busy serving hungry and homeless families throughout the pandemic.

Have friends and neighbors who enjoy gardening? Spread the word and give them an order form too. Looking for great Mother's Day gifts? Order beautiful hanging baskets and patio pots that are perfect for gift giving.

To order plants this year, please pick up a COOL Plant and Flower Sale order form at church during a worship service, in the church office during office hours, or download the order form from the church's website at holycrosschurch.org/resources

Orders are due to Holy Cross on Monday, March 28, and plants will be available for pick up at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee on Saturday, May 7 (the day before Mother's Day!). The plant pick-up will occur outside in the parking lot, following current COVID guidelines. To order, return your order form to Holy Cross by March 28 with a check payable to COOL Ministries, or see holycrosschurch.org/resources for additional order options.



Want to volunteer or have questions?
Contact Patty Moyer, Jeri Powers, or Diane Rammelsberg
at plantsale@coolministries.org

Flowers make great gifts for Mother's Day!

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars from 2021 have until March 31, 2022 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please check your account as Choice Dollars need to be directed annually.

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 Dollars program, please visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice

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Think and Act Locally

by Leo Karris

Environmental issues and problems can be overwhelming, especially when we see and hear about them in context of the entire globe. If you feel that way, you are not alone. So, let me suggest this approach. I have listed a couple of the top environmental problems according to earth.org. Think about each from a local and regional lens; what is being done for the good as well as the ill. Talk to your family and friends. How are these two problems interrelated? Think boldly together about creation restored. Isaiah 65:17 says, "For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth."

Food Waste and Food Insecurity

1.3 billion tons of food is wasted or lost each year (that's about a third of the food produced for human consumption). This is enough to feed 3 billion people. It also took energy (lots of emissions) to produce the food, only for it to go to waste. Think about where our food comes from, how we eat and how supporting local and regional food systems can help to reduce food waste and get fresh food into the hands of those in need. The food "system" can include the home gardener, participating in and supporting local community gardens, family farms and farmer's markets, knowing what communities are dependent on food pantries and why, and as always, caring for the soil and the land.

Biodiversity Loss

Humanity is using more of Earth's resources than it can replenish naturally. It is reported that population sizes of mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians have experienced a decline of an average of 68% between 1970 and 2016. This loss is a result mainly of land-use changes that include development and converting habitats (forests, grasslands, and mangroves) into agricultural systems. Ways to keep things "wild" and to "re-wild" our environment include planting native gardens, advocating for restorative land use practices and protecting open, natural spaces from development.

For some great insight, I recommend the following documentaries: *Dirt! The Movie* (dirtthemovie.org) *Kiss the Ground* (Netflix) and David Attenborough's *A Life on Our Planet* (Netflix)

Please email me your thoughts and questions at leokarris@gmail.com

Willow House

Willow House provides grief support services to children, teens, young adult and adult family members coping with the death of a loved one. These groups provide a place in which the challenges and feelings of the grieving experience can be expressed, where loved ones are remembered and honored, and where stories can be shared in a safe and non-judgmental place.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Willow House is determining on a month-to-month basis whether they will conduct their meetings virtually or return to in-person meetings. For details on specific meeting dates and more information about Willow House, visit willowhouse.org or email info@willowhouse.org



**Willow
House**



Waukegan to College (W2C) is an organization that strives to build a college bound culture among the students and families of the Waukegan community. There are limited resources available in the Waukegan school systems to guide and encourage first-generation students to prepare for college, but W2C steps in to fill this void through tutoring, mentoring, advocacy, scholarships, and other programs beginning with fifth graders.

In 2021, Holy Cross members provided a donation of \$1,175 to W2C. We recently received a letter of thanks from Elizabeth Fales, Director of Development and Community Engagement for W2C in which she shared with us the following information about Scarlet, one of their W2C scholars:

“Scarlet is committed to her education and a dedicated Waukegan to College participant. She has been tenacious in her search for scholarship aid and will graduate one year early from Cardinal Stritch University this spring, with a degree in International Business. Currently, she is completing not one, but two internships!”

Elizabeth went on to say, “We appreciate your commitment to invest in and support 196 Waukegan first-generation students and their families on the journey to and through college, now more than ever!”

For more information about this organization, visit waukegantocollege.org

A Safe Place

**10th Annual EmpoweRun 5K
Saturday, May 7**



A Safe Place is the sole provider of services exclusively addressing domestic violence and human trafficking in Lake County, Illinois. Through multi-faceted programs they assist victims on how to transform their lives after violence, prevent future abuse by addressing its root cause through abuser intervention programs, and educating the community about domestic violence and human trafficking and how we can all be involved in ending them.

Save the date for their 10th Annual Run/Walk that will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Independence Grove Forest Preserve** with registration at 7:30 am and race at 9 am.

EmpoweRun 5K is a unique and empowering fundraising event that brings together over 400 runners, friends, and supporters for a fun and impactful Spring day to run, walk, or donate to help victims who have been affected by domestic violence and human trafficking and to support our programs and services for families throughout the Chicagoland area.

Register through May 6, 2022: \$35
Children 5 years old and under: \$15
Day-of-race Registration: \$45



Register at: asafeplaceforhelop.org/get-involved/empowerun-5k

Food donations continue to come in to Holy Cross earmarked for the COOL Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by so many; those who need assistance and those who are offering the pantry as a resource. In order to move our donations from Holy Cross to the Waukegan food pantry location, we are in need of additional volunteers. If you are able to assist by picking up food donations once or twice per month and delivering them to the COOL location on a weekday between 10 am and 2 pm, we'd love to have you join the team! Please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org to volunteer and we will put you on the rotation to deliver.



COOL Food Pantry patrons pick up already packaged food. The number of patrons has grown, and our monetary help is needed more than ever. To continue to help, you may donate on our website at donate.holycrosschurch.org



Easter Baskets

Holy Cross is participating in the COOL Ministries Easter Baskets project again this year. This is both a fun and meaningful project that helps to bless the Easter tables of local families in Lake County.



To participate, shop for non-perishable food items of your choice or use the list below as a guide

- Boxed potatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Jell-O
- Juice and/or powdered milk
- Canned fruit
- Baking mix (such as Bisquick or cake mix with frosting)
- Easter candy and/or egg coloring kit
- Easter themed paper plates/napkins
- Card with Easter message

Place your donations in any paper grocery bag. Please do not overfill bags. Double bag heavy items or use multiple bags. If using multiple bags, please tie together. Filled bags should be **returned to Holy Cross by Sunday, April 10**. In lieu of an Easter Basket, monetary donations can be made online at donate.holycrosschurch.org (Suggested donation: \$20/basket)



Canned Hams

Additionally, we will be collecting donations to help COOL purchase canned hams. Please make checks out to Holy Cross with “COOL hams” in the memo or donate online at donate.holycrosschurch.org (Suggested donation: \$10/ham)

With our support, PADS has continued to provide shelter and other life-saving services to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis during the global pandemic. Monetary donations for PADS may continue to be made online on the Holy Cross website at donate.holycrosschurch.org



March Calendar

Tuesday, March 1

Book Drive by ECM for the month of March
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, March 2

9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

7 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, March 5

7 am Saturday Men's Group, fellowship area
11 am Kathryn Oelschlagel Visitation
1 pm Memorial Service
5:30 pm First Saturday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 6

ELCA World Hunger Sunday

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School: Faith Formation
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
11:15 am Intergenerational Worship +, Crossroads High School Youth Group and their families
Afternoon Church Council Retreat
6:30 pm Confirmation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 7

6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium
6:30 pm Willow House, Fellowship Area

Tuesday, March 8

9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, fellowship area
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
7 pm In This Together Conversation, Zoom
7 pm BSA Committee Meeting, 207

Wednesday, March 9

9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper, fellowship area
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship, Sanctuary
8 pm Church Council, fellowship area

Thursday, March 10

7 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, March 12

8:30 am New Member Breakfast, fellowship area

Sunday, March 13

2 am Daylight Saving Time begins
8 am Worship, Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School: Faith Formation
10 am Worship with New Member Reception, and Senne Baptism, Sanctuary
11:15 am Antiracism Roundtable & Workgroup, Zoom
6:30 pm Confirmation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 14

6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, March 15

4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, March 16

9 am Quilting Group, 404
12 pm Libertyville Ministerium, fellowship area
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper, fellowship area
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 17

7 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Friday, March 18

6:30 pm Grounded in Grace, North Shore Distillery, Green Oaks

Saturday, March 19

7 am Saturday Men's Group, fellowship area
9 am First Communion Prep, fellowship area
12 pm Lake Michigan Lodge group, fellowship area

Sunday, March 20

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School: Faith Formation
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Confirmation, Sanctuary (Last)

Monday, March 21

6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, March 22

9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, fellowship area
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, March 23

9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper, fellowship area
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24

7 pm Book Club, Zoom

Friday, March 25

12 pm Easter Flower orders due

Sunday, March 27

8 am Worship, Sanctuary
9 am Sunday School: Faith Formation
10 am Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, March 28

Crossways Preschool - Spring Break COOL Ministries Plant & Flower Sale orders due

6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, March 29

Crossways Preschool - Spring Break

4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, March 30

Crossways Preschool - Spring Break

9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper, fellowship area
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

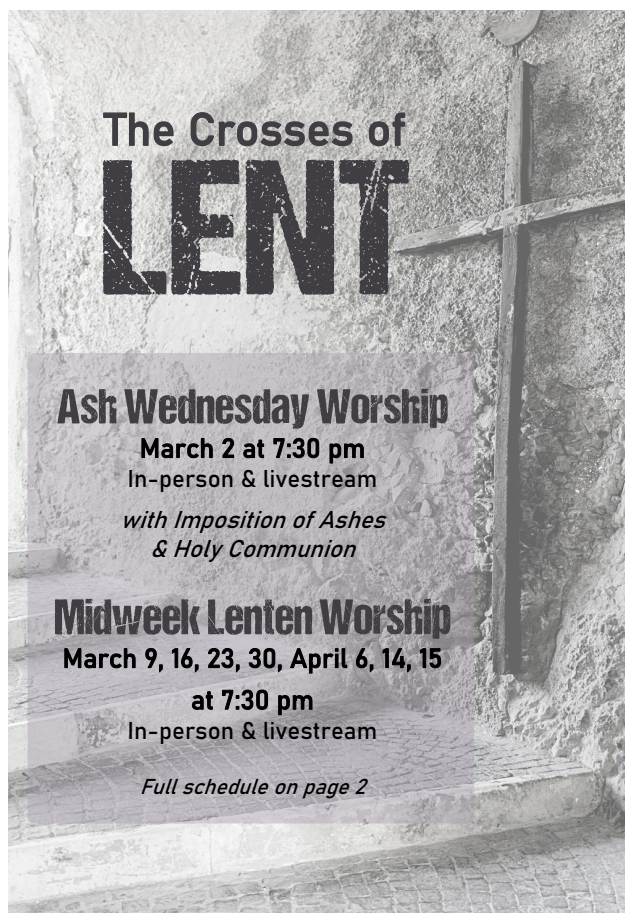
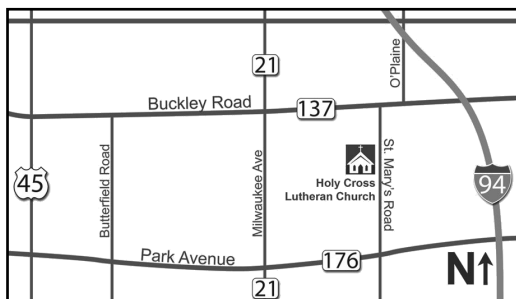
Thursday, March 31

Crossways Preschool - Spring Break Thrivent - Deadline to direct Choice Dollars

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1151 N SAINT MARY'S RD
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048-1575

Postmaster: Request in home by **MARCH 1**

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The Crosses of LENT

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2 at 7:30 pm
In-person & livestream
with Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Midweek Lenten Worship

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 14, 15
at 7:30 pm
In-person & livestream
Full schedule on page 2



Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

March 9 - March 16 - March 23 - March 30 - April 6
Please join us for soup supper at 6:30 pm followed by worship.
See page 3 for more information.



Easter Baskets

The Easter Baskets project for COOL Ministries is back!
See page 14 for details on how to support local families in Lake County this Easter.



MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION
Sunday, March 13 during 10 am Worship
See page 4