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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AT 9 AM

HOLY COMMUNION ON 1ST
AND 3RD SUNDAYS AND ON
FESTIVAL SUNDAYS.

*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*

“Let there be no distance between who you are and what you do.”

These words were offered as advice to a group of graduates by their commencement speaker. Someone shared them with me in an email. As I sat at my computer and read those words, it occurred to me that they applied not only to these young people preparing to move forward in life, but they also speak volumes about the season of Pentecost. Like graduation, the season of Pentecost is a time for dreaming and living life with integrity.

“Let there be no distance between who you are and what you do” is an idea that invites us into the spirit of the season of Pentecost. When Peter surveyed the world of his day, he didn’t only speak of things getting worse before they got better, but, he also spoke of a promise made by God that is fulfilled in every generation. No matter the place, the date, or the language we hear it in, this call is planted deep in our hearts and it actually *gives shape* to who we are. It doesn’t matter, Peter says at Pentecost, if we’re sons or daughters, young or old, slave or free; all flesh will be included. This sounds a lot to me like... “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” No exceptions.

I would like to think that at Holy Cross Lutheran Church we offer this kind of extravagant hospitality because we believe, in the depths of our hearts, that “who we are” isn’t determined by our nationality or race or gender or physical abilities or agenda orientation.

Who we are—children of God, beloved of God, filled with God’s Spirit, a new creation—that’s what matters. This is a Pentecost kind of hope for each one of us, and for the whole church Jesus loves so well: the gathering of people of faith filled, empowered, and moved by the Holy Spirit.

The world may react in many ways to all that is happening around us, this “worse before it gets better” kind of attitude where fear and defensiveness, greed and violence operate. However, we have a call, a “stunning vocation,” Walter Brueggeman says, “to stand free and hope—filled in a world gone fearful ... and to think, imagine, dream, vision a future that God will yet enact.”

Mind you, *we* are not in charge, *God* is in charge, but we are called to imagine this future, to trust in it, and to live into it, participate in it, and to share it with all of God’s children.

We might be tempted at times to give in to those same impulses we see around us—to build up our defenses, look out for ourselves, find security in our “stuff” and in our sure knowledge that we know best, but this wind of the Spirit—it blows through our lives and it turns things upside down.

I hope we want more from our faith than consolation. Instead, I would like to think that we would be willing to take the risk of welcoming God’s spirit into our lives. A spirit that is constantly challenging our assumptions, blowing them over, opening up our eyes to see things in a new way, and opening our hearts to a new creation of possibility and hope. That’s who we are as the church... people of hope.

So, in this season of Pentecost, let us pray that there will be no distance, not one single millimeter, between who we are as people of hope, and all that we do and say.

Peace,



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

through Labor Day weekend,
Sunday, September 1

Saturday Evenings

at 5:30 pm
worship with Holy Communion

Sunday Mornings

at 8 & 10 am
Fellowship Hour at 9 am.

Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd
Sundays and on Festival Sundays.



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1st of the month to office@holycrosschurch.org

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School

Who is My Neighbor?

June 11: Let Your Light Shine
June 18: No Fear
June 25: God Loves Everyone

Time: 6 - 8 pm
Cost: Free
Ages: All
Dinner Included.

Register: bit.ly/IVBS19



The idea of a neighbor has been a long time theme of biblical relationships. We are taught that our neighbor is not just the person that lives next door, but all of humanity. This summer, we embark on a journey of faith during the Intergenerational VBS series that includes study of our neighbors in different parts of the world.

Each session of VBS is autonomous and stands on its own. We would love to see you at all of them, but join us as your schedule allows. Individuals and families with all ages are welcome to gather for a complimentary meal and fellowship, followed by music, prayer, and discovery. Registration is optional but please do so to help us plan food and supplies. All welcome!

Saturday Night Live ON THE PATIO

Outdoor worship, fellowship dinner and live music.
Held rain or shine. All welcome!

Date: Saturday, June 22

Time: 5:30 - 8 pm

Entrée: Chicken Parmesan and Mostaccioli

A casual worship service with Holy Communion starts at 5:30 pm on the patio followed by dinner and fellowship. In case of inclement weather, the event will move indoors. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join!

Each evening's main entree is provided as well as water & lemonade. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. BYOB.

Val Maxwell and Manny Flores are our lead volunteers for each evening. If you are able to assist with hospitality, please email Val at vmaxwell48@aol.com or contact the church office at (847) 367-4060 or office@holycrosschurch.org

Saturday, July 27 - Christmas in July

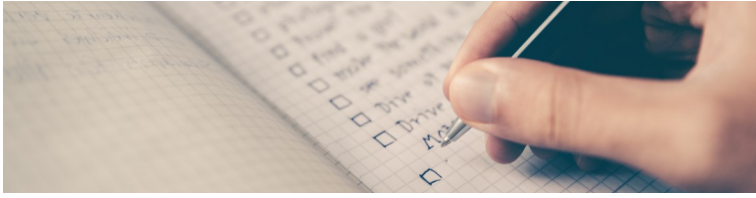
Roast turkey entrée. Bring your favorite Christmas side dish/dessert.

Saturday, August 18 - Southern Comfort

Beef brisket entrée.

Before...

by Rev. Sally Hanson



It always seems like things get busier with the end of the school year before we make it to summer. It seems like a final push to finish everything that has been on our minds and to-do lists before... *before* we can rest, *before* we take time to notice, *before* we do something for ourselves, *before* we can play, *before*...


Before the seasons change completely—both by the sun's doing or by the end of the school year, I encourage you to begin to notice God's voice calling to you in everyday situations. Where have you seen God and work in the world? This can be a deep spiritual experience for some, but for many of us, it may seem "boring." Faith, nor God, are boring. They both encourage a playful spirit of a child.

In hopes of inspiring that playful spirit, I encourage you to play "Where have you seen God at work in the world" Bingo! Are there other squares you think should be added? Add them! This is your game, your fun, your creative outlet to take notice of God at work in the world before... before all those "befores"... take over again.

Blessings,

Pastor Sally

Where have you seen God at work in the world?

A rainbow (Genesis 9:13)	Healing the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9)	Showing love (Galatians 5:22)	A light in a dark place (John 1:5)	Justice for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9)
Showing mercy (Zechariah 7:9)	Rejoicing with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15)	Showing gentleness (Galatians 5:22)	Showing self-control (Galatians 5:22)	Showing humility (Philippians 2:3)
Good news for the poor (Luke 4:18)	Showing generosity (Galatians 5:22)	 A bird (Luke 12:6)	Caring for enemies (Matthew 5:44)	Food for the hungry (Psalm 107:9)
Welcoming a stranger (Matthew 25:35)	A sign of forgiveness (Luke 24:47)	Showing patience (Romans 8:25)	Making peace (James 3:18)	A sign of hope (Psalm 9:18)
Showing kindness (Micah 6:8)	Welcoming a child (Matthew 18:5)	Teaching (1 Corinthians 12:8)	Showing compassion (Colossians 3:12)	Weeping with those who weep (Romans 12:15)

Bingo source: Pastor Levi Bollerud

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Ministry Moments

Over the next year, our council members will be giving ministry moment shout-outs during worship, and they will also be printed in the newsletter. These moments will focus on ministries at Holy Cross that illustrate how our congregational core values are evident throughout the ministry of our congregation.

"Come As You Are, Come Where You Are"

by Jim Smalley, Council member

When my wife Eileen and I first joined Holy Cross, I was told about some opportunities for men to get together. There was the Tuesday morning Men's Breakfast Group and a Saturday Men's Discussion Group. Saturdays worked better in my schedule, and since I liked to read, I decided to give the Saturday group a try.

Since we have all experienced joining something new, I know all of you can emphasize with going into an unknown situation, not knowing what to expect. What I found that first Saturday was what kept me continuing to attend: 12 to 20 very welcoming men willing to get up very early, no matter the weather, and have serious conversations about pretty big and complex ideas.

I honestly thought I was joining a book club, but I was wrong. Books and video lectures may start our discussions, but the men attending add their opinions, critiques, personal experiences, and a good amount of humor which elevates and expands upon the ideas presented.

Our wide ranging conversations offer the chance to grow in our various perspectives and discernment. These Saturdays twice a month are the epitome of Holy Cross' core value of "Come as you are, and come where you are..."

You are welcomed in this group and will discover a place of hospitality and fellowship with the ultimate goal of knowing God a little better.

Watering Help this Summer

Our watering volunteers could use a couple extra hands during the summer months to keep the beautiful flowers in the planters outside our building doors and on the patio watered. This easy task could be a weekly or bi-weekly commitment and takes less than 30 minutes. If you are interested, please contact Ellie Rautenbach at ellie@holycrosschurch.org or the church office.



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Finding God in the Faith of Others

by Steve Oelschlager

An Excerpt from *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor

"The supreme religious challenge," says Jonathan Sacks, "is to see God's image in one who is not in our image." If he is right, then the stranger—the one who does not look, think, or act like the rest of us—may offer us our best chance at seeing past our own reflections in the mirror to God we did not make up.

I think it is no mistake that the New Testament never offers a physical description of Jesus. Although most Christians imagine him as the perfect specimen of their own physiognomy, there is nothing in scripture to support that. He might have been short, balding, or bow-legged, more Danny DeVito than Denzel Washington. He almost certainly had bad teeth. Of course, there is nothing in scripture to support that either. All scripture says is that when he appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, few of them recognized him at first. One thought he was the gardener. Others thought he was a fisherman. A couple thought he was a stranger on the road. Even when most of his disciples recognized him, a few still doubted.

That seems just right to me. How wonderful of him to come back undercover, so that even the people who knew him best had to look, then look again, before they got the crawly feeling that they had seen him somewhere before. It was the perfect setup for people who wanted to know what made him different from anyone else they had met: his ability to reflect their humanity back to them, both familiar and strange, so that they never got tired of searching each other's faces for some sign of him. The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour, he had told them earlier, so be ready. Little did they know how many hours there were in his day, or that he never rang the bell.

Please see the Stewardship Lending Library in the gathering space for copies of the book *Holy Envy*.

Summer Generosity

We want to thank all of you for being a part of the Holy Cross community. Everything that happens at Holy Cross is made possible by people like you who support our ministries through their contributions of leaders, participation, and finances. All the ways our ministries make a difference—from children to seniors, within and beyond—ultimately are a reflection of your generosity and how you see meaning and purpose transcend your self-concern. It is a remarkable thing in our world today. Thank you!

As we enter the summer months, we ask that you would continue to remember how important your support is. If possible, use our online electronic giving system to automate your giving at the level and frequency of your choosing. Visit donate.holycrosschurch.org to create a profile. If you already have an online account through our website, you can now also manage your giving through your Apple or Android smartphone by using the Give+ app.

Apple: bit.ly/GIVEPLUSappstore

Android: bit.ly/GIVEPLUSgoogleplay

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If you haven't reflected on your giving recently, we encourage you to take a fresh look and thoughtfully consider the spiritual opportunity to grow in your giving.

We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead as we support and care for each other, strive to follow Jesus, and make the world a better place.



Make Generosity a Habit

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

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



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

I Give

electronically

MAKE GENEROSITY A HABIT

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MEN of PURPOSE & PRINCIPLE PRAYER

Dates: Mondays, June 17, July 15 & Aug 19

Time: 6 - 8:30 pm

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Patio & Fellowship Area

Cost: Free! Dinner included.

Theme: Re-Imagining Meaning and Purpose

RSVP: bit.ly/MP3summer19



The men of Holy Cross and the community are invited to a 3-part summer series of fellowship, food, and conversation over three Monday evenings on June 17, July 15, and August 19. We encourage you to bring your appetite not only for dinner, but also for rich discussions with lasting impact on the series theme of “Re-Imagining Meaning and Purpose.”

While we might think our greatest challenge is to make it through the busyness, to survive its frenetic pace and never ending dilemmas, below the surface there is an even more critical task—finding meaning and purpose in life. In other words, why bother? The reality is that nothing makes us want to live more than feeling that we have something important to do, while nothing makes life seem as worthless as the feeling we do not.

How then, might our faith inform how we think about meaning and purpose in our life? Is it helpful to sense God has a purpose in mind for our lives, that God created us on purpose, with a purpose? Can our faith be helpful by giving us a road to follow, and hope that the road is going somewhere we want to go? Our conversation for the three evenings will be framed along these lines:

June 17: Insight... The Wisdom of Meaning and Purpose

How can meaning and purpose affect us profoundly and yet exist below the surface or off the radar? Do we understand our lives as a series of tasks or a mission? Where do the people we love fit into our sense of meaning and purpose? What about our work? Does God desire that we have meaning and purpose in our lives?

July 15: Courage... Meaning and Purpose as a Challenge

Do we have to work at embracing meaning and purpose or does it come naturally and easily? Are fear and anxiety factors that we need to be aware of? How does the conventional wisdom of our world help or hinder? How might we get in the way of ourselves? What is the connection between suffering, adversity, hope, and meaning? What is that we will ultimately give our hearts to?

August 19: Endurance... Meaning and Purpose for a Lifetime

How do our choices and behaviors in the short run affect the long run? Is it true that how we do anything is how we do everything? If we want to live lives of significance instead of importance, to focus on eulogy virtues rather than resume virtues, how might we persist? What and who helps strengthen our resolve to stay the course? How might a life of faith make a difference?

Come join the conversations and enjoy fellowship, live music, and time around the table for a meal. We will be meeting at 6 pm in the gathering space or the patio (weather permitting) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We will serve dinner by 6:45 pm and will wrap up the evening by 8:30 pm. You are welcome to invite other men who are friends or colleagues.

Registration is optional, but it will help us plan the food for the evening. Contact pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.

Early Bird Registration for The Global Leadership Summit

“Everyone wins when a leader gets better.”

Attend the Global Leadership Summit at our Holy Cross Satellite location on **August 8 - 9, 2019** to enhance and inspire your leadership potential. God created all of us on purpose, with a purpose, to make a difference in the world, and this summit helps you to find your purpose.

Why should *you* attend? What will you get out of it?

79% of attendees feel that GLS has improved their teamwork ability and their job satisfaction. 68% were inspired to impact their community. 89% gained courage to lead despite opposition.

By signing up, you could be one of those whose life is impacted by this event.

To be a part of this experience, register for \$89 as a Holy Cross member at bit.ly/GLSHCLC with code: **GLS19TEAM** Early Bird Registration ends June 26.



A Journey and More

by Randy Casey

"*The Canterbury Tales* is not about people getting to Canterbury; it is about them failing to get there and being distracted by what happens on the way."

That wonderful sentence is on page 336 of a new biography of Geoffrey Chaucer (c. 1342-1400) by Oxford professor Marion Turner. The text is dense, but a gem like the admonition above makes the reading more than worthwhile. I am going to Germany in June with a group of pilgrims from Holy Cross. We have an itinerary, but look forward to being open to adventures, to distractions, that may come our way.



Geoffrey Chaucer (c. 1342-1400)

Our first night will be in Schwabisch Hall, a town in which I stayed for one month in 2015 because it is the smallest town in Germany that has a Goethe Institute. (I studied German there for a month.) I was actually in Germany that summer for two months and on the one Sunday while there that I was not playing, I walked to a church I had seen quite by chance. To my surprise, they were not having a service, but a choral concert. It turns out that the building is not actually used as a church anymore, but is utilized as a concert hall.

The name of this church building is the Urbanskirche and from the outside it does not look special at all. But the inside is rare indeed, primarily because its seating area is so small. There are about five not-long pews on each side of the center aisle as one enters. Moreover, the ceiling above those pews is hardly seven feet high because it turns out that the "ceiling" is actually the floor of the balcony above. Amazingly, the church actually has two balconies. To put all of this another way, the Urbanskirche is built "up," not out or something else. The altar area is lovely, but the seating on three levels in this small church makes the room distinctive.

"There is no frigate like a book" is Emily Dickinson's reminder that one can "travel" without leaving home. I suggest that a piece of music can also take us on a journey.

One of my annual projects prior to visiting Germany is to select anthems for the Holy Cross choir for the upcoming season. And, like each of the pilgrims from the *Canterbury Tales*, each piece of music has its own story to tell. A work for next fall actually sets an Emily Dickinson poem, the first line of which is "I never saw a moor." Composer Victor Johnson has set this text in a most pleasant, SATB manner. During Epiphany of 2020, the choir will sing an SATB setting of "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" by Dale Grotenhuis. This is a delightful work that will be a nice companion to the SSA setting by John Rutter already in our library. Or there is the Ralph Manuel anthem "God is Love" for after Easter in 2020. This piece is a pleasant foil to the

composer's longer and more famous "Alleluia," also already in our choral library.

The extended works we are presenting next season contrast with one another, too. In December, we are presenting the Kirke Mechem "7 Joys of Christmas," a piece of fluff with harp. On Good Friday, we are singing the very sober "Seven Last Words" by Heinrich Schutz. This man, whose career was largely spent in Dresden, was born in 1585, exactly 100 years before Bach's birth, and was the most important, pre-Bach, German composer.

During Holy Week just gone by, the members of the Holy Cross choir were together quite a lot, on Palm Sunday, for the Wednesday evening rehearsal, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. The singers, like Chaucer's pilgrims, talked, ate, and otherwise shared throughout those days. They were on a journey, albeit a musical one.

Chaucer, sometimes called the "father of English literature," wrote a poem about some people who failed to get where they were going, just like he supposedly failed to finish his set of tales before he died. But amid all of this failure, he created a masterpiece. I have never claimed to be the master of much of anything. But what I always contend is that the Holy Cross choir and I are headed in the right direction.

Winchester House Worship

Please mark your calendar, and join us for our summer Winchester House worship services.

June 23

July 28

August 25

Volunteers gather in the lobby off the back parking lot at 2 pm to bring residents downstairs; services are held from 2:30 - 3 pm. Family and friends are always welcome to volunteer together. Residents especially enjoy having children and families visit.



Pianist openings for Winchester House

Do you play the piano? We'd love to have you join the group of pianists who play for our monthly Winchester House worship services. Student pianists are welcome!

Pianists play three familiar hymns during the service and some light gathering music before and after the service. If you are willing to play occasionally at these services, please contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com. We will email you with upcoming dates so you can choose services when you are available.

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Ariana Madeline Peciulis

daughter of David Peciulis & Olena Spachenko
April 28, 2019

Lincoln James Granfeldt

son of Ryan & Valerie Granfeldt
May 5, 2019

William Christopher Hiitola

son of Matthew & Christine Hiitola
May 12, 2019

Harper Candace Hall

daughter of Michael & Linda Hall
May 19, 2019

Griffin Maddox & Miles Grayson Holyszko

sons of Nicholas & Elle Holyszko
May 24, 2019

INTERMENT

Phyllis Andrews
May 12, 2019

FUNERAL

Peter Otto Neubauer
May 18, 2019



A New Sealcoat for our Parking Lot

This summer we will be recoating the Holy Cross parking lot, as we do every few years. But, this year brought us a difference in the type of seal coat we use.

In years past, as is common for many parking lots, we used a coal-tar sealcoat because it typically is a better price for how long it lasts. But this year, because we are trying to be the best stewards of our resources as we can, we are opting to use an asphalt seal, which is more environmentally friendly.

The reason we seal parking lots is to help protect the pavement from deteriorating, and also to help increase the surface friction, making stopping easier.

The most commonly used sealcoat is a coal-tar based. The difference between coal-tar based sealcoat and asphalt based sealcoat is that asphalt based contains less carcinogens. This is important because when sealcoat begins to deteriorate, it is more easily tracked into buildings via our shoes, into water via run-off, or into the air. But by using the asphalt sealcoat, we are reducing the amount of carcinogens, and making our community healthier and more environmentally friendly!



When: Saturday, June 1 from 6:30 - 8 pm

Where: 160 Hamelitz Ct, Grayslake (Community Room)

Hosted by: Kathy Oelschlager

RSVP: By May 30 to the church office (847) 367-4060 or
office@holycrosschurch.org

Pie and decaf coffee will be provided. Please bring a white elephant bingo prize (wrapped or covered).

Backpack & Supplies Fundraiser for LSSI

By Deb Sherrock

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has asked Holy Cross members to contribute to their back to school backpack and school supply collection for the elementary school students they serve. Last year, Holy Cross members and friends were able to provide 312 backpacks thanks to your generosity!

We found that it was most cost-effective and efficient for the church to shop for bulk prices for the backpacks and their contents. We are asking for monetary contributions in increments of \$35 to defray the cost for the backpacks and the required school supplies. We will make purchases based on contributions received by **Sunday, July 14.**

How can you participate?

- **Donate \$35** (or more) for backpacks and school supplies by Sunday, July 14. Please make checks out to Holy Cross with "LSSI Backpacks" in the memo line, or give online at donate.holycrosschurch.org
- **Volunteer** to assist with backpack pre-assembly setup on **Friday, August 2.** Please let the church office know if you're able to assist at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.
- **Help pack backpacks**, assembly line style between worship services on **Sunday, August 4 starting at 9 am.** All ages welcome to assist.



Thank you for helping in these ways!



**Lutheran Social
Services of Illinois**



A Goodbye

by Elizabeth Moy

By the time you read this, my tenure as director of CrossWays Preschool will be over. I gave my notice this spring because I am relocating to the Nashville area. While that is certainly exciting news for my family and me, it is bittersweet. I have so enjoyed being the director of CrossWays over the past four years. In that time, the school has grown to be one of the more popular preschools in our area, and I have grown as an administrator and educator. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful school and part of the Holy Cross family. CrossWays is a special place, filled with precious children and the most devoted staff of teachers. Those teachers work tirelessly each day to provide the very best in early childhood education for the children who attend. They are truly what makes the school sparkle! The students' families and I have developed a special relationship during my time at CrossWays. Every day, I see many of the parents and grandparents at drop off and at pick up. Often, we exchange warm greetings, and sometime share wonderful heart-to-heart conversations about a variety of topics. Some of them have become my good friends! Our community is filled with loving, caring people, raising the leaders of tomorrow, and I have enjoyed partnering with them to provide the very best experience for their little ones! I will miss our time together, watching and celebrating their child's growth and successes.

Holy Cross is also a special place. When I first started on this journey, I had no idea what an impact being part of the church community would make on my life. This church is a thriving breathing body, doing unbelievably wonderful things, impacting many people across the globe. Almost every week, I hear another story of how someone or some group from the congregation created great change for the better in someone else's life. Sometimes that affected person isn't even the person for whom that effort was originally intended for! This ripple effect of good is what makes Holy Cross shine brightly. The congregation and church staff collectively are some of the finest groups of people I have ever known. Always willing to help, always friendly and warm, always supporting the work of the early childhood ministries and interested in what we do down in the west wing of the building. I hope that the church will continue to grow and thrive, and keep working hard for the betterment of people world wide.

What I will miss the most, however, are the children. I have enjoyed opening the doors every morning, receiving greetings from excited children, ready to start their day with us. I enjoyed watching them solve a problem they wrestled with for a time, or making a new friend. I have enjoyed celebrating their new skills with them. I have enjoyed talking with them, playing with them, reading with them singing with them, laughing with them, crafting with them, and just being with them. Each and every one is truly special and I won't forget them. They have impacted my life beyond measure. Knowing them has given me great hope for the future!

The experiences I have had and the relationships I have made over the past four years have been such a blessing for me, and I will carry it all with me as I enter this new season of my life. It has truly been my honor to serve this church and the community as the director of CrossWays Preschool, and I thank you for the opportunity!

A Beginning

In April, we shared the news of Elizabeth Moy's departure as Director of CrossWays Preschool. Elizabeth was in this position for the past four years. There will be a celebration of Elizabeth's leadership on Sunday, June 9. We will honor her at both the 8 am and 10 am worship services and with a reception at the 9 am fellowship hour.

Since her resignation, the church council and staff support, in conjunction with representatives of the Early Childhood Ministry Board, have been working on filling the position. Whenever there is a transition in leadership of this nature, Holy Cross takes the opportunity to review the current context and make any modifications before we automatically fill the position.

After conversation and deliberation, the decision has been made to restructure the administrative model for our Early Childhood Ministry. There will be one director who will have responsibility for the administration of the early childhood programs (i.e. CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare). The director's position will be supported by two assistant directors. The three of them will comprise the operational team for our Early Childhood Ministry.

We are delighted to announce that Kathy Pfister will be the new Director of Early Childhood Ministry at Holy Cross beginning May 25, 2019. Kathy brings 42 years of early childhood experience as an educator and director. She has 9 years of classroom experience within a preschool setting. Kathy was instrumental in the creation of Celebration! Childcare and has provided quality leadership throughout the growth of this program since 2007. Roxanne Kupfer and Samantha Cooper will serve as the Assistant Directors. Combined the three of them have over 87 years of early childhood experience.

Kathy, Roxanne and Samantha will continue to play a critical role in the evolution of our Early Childhood Ministry without losing sight that it is our desire to introduce children to a world that lies beyond the home, and to provide a broad base of learning to develop each child's God given gifts socially, emotionally, physically, educationally, and spiritually. Kathy will ensure that we continue to provide a quality nonprofit, faith based early childhood experience designed to provide safe and nurturing environments for children to grow, play, and learn.

Holy Cross values the trust and the partnership with the families who share their children with us through CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare.

2018/19 Early Childhood Ministries Board

Thank you to the 2018/19 Early Childhood Ministry board that supports CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. This board consists of members of Holy Cross as well as parent representatives.

We would like to especially thank Early Childhood Board President Wayne Luplow, who completes his second three-year term in June. Under his tenure, the ECM ministries have continued to blossom into the wonderful programs they are. Thank you, Wayne!

Wayne Luplow (President), Judith Frank-Gonwa (Vice President), Katy Hurvitz (Secretary & Celebration! parent), Karl Nygard (Church Council liaison), Elizabeth Moy (Director CrossWays Preschool), Kathy Pfister (Director Celebration! Childcare), Pastor Sally Hanson, Cara & David Heiser (Celebration! Childcare parents), Val Maxwell (Marketing Chair), Meredith Metzger (CrossWays Preschool parent), Danielle Meyer (Celebration! Childcare parent), Krystal Padfield (CrossWays Preschool parent), Morgan Tuttle (CrossWays Preschool parent), Beth Zupkus (Holy Cross Financial Administrator).

CARE OF CREATION

Insect Helpers

by Marge Stueckemann

Organic produce is a big feature of articles on nutrition in many sources. And growing your own veggies organically makes it even better—no cost or pollution to transport the food.



Unfortunately, though, insects love produce as well as we do, and without any pesticides to control them, you may just be setting up an insect buffet. Why not try a different solution—biological controls. I'd recommend two "good guy" insects to help.

The praying mantis, a 4-inch predator that looks like it is praying, hunts around the clock, eating flies, crickets, grubs, caterpillars, grasshoppers, and moths. They are a combination of green and brown, and are able to be camouflaged in the foliage.

Especially if you are fighting aphids (maybe on rose bushes) or thrips, consider lady bugs. Both the larvae and adults eat the pests, although larvae eat more. Lady bugs can survive in cold environments, so if you buy a group, you can release some and then store the others until you need them.

You can order both types from Amazon or from Country Bumpkin Garden Center in Mundelein. If gardening isn't your thing or you don't have a garden, consider buying at least one organic item each week to help us reduce harmful pesticides.



- **Canned vegetables** are the non-perishable food items of the month in June. Please place your contribution in the COOL collection cart outside the church office or in baskets during the children's message. Please remember to check expiration dates.

16th Annual COOL Golf Outing

Bonnie Brook Golf Course,
2800 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan

10:30 am - Check-in begins

11:00 am - Light lunch

11:30 am - Play begins with "best-ball scramble" format



Prizes will be awarded for lowest team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, and more! Golf for one includes: Green fees with a power car, light lunch, dinner, and entry into prize drawings at a cost of \$150 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the COOL Food Pantries and Family Housing Program. For more details, visit their Facebook page at fb.com/events/604330830077437 or register online at coolministries.org

A New Way to Get Coffee

I Have a BEAN

Within the past few years, Holy Cross made a change to our coffee provider. You may have noticed the stand up signage by the hospitality area for a company called "I Have a Bean," which is a roaster and deliverer of the highest quality, organically grown, fairly-traded coffee from crop to cup. Additionally, "I Have a Bean" offers post-prison people the opportunity for a fresh start and a new life.

This roaster came to our attention through its sponsorship of coffee service to the Global Leadership Summit Willow Creek site in 2017. As a satellite site, "I Have a Bean" approached Holy Cross about serving their coffee during our GLS event, and we were thrilled with the high quality coffee as well as the company mission to provide a future for those in need.

In order to continue our support for "I Have a Bean," we are expanding our purchasing to include individual sales to our congregation. This summer, we will begin a program by which members will be able to purchase this coffee in multiple iterations from individual k-cups to 6 lb bags, ground or whole bean, all freshly roasted on Friday, and delivered to you Sunday morning in neatly labeled packaging. We will make the order forms available on the first Sunday of each month, and then turn in the orders to "I Have a Bean" on the third Sunday, with delivery to Holy Cross scheduled for the fourth Sunday of the month.

Stay tuned for more information as we roll out this program over the summer, but we hope that you will consider participating in the mission of "I Have a Bean" by enjoying their coffee in your home!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or at (847) 367-4060.

Boy Scout Garage Sale Fundraiser

Benefitting Troop 194 – Green Oaks/Libertyville

Date: June 12, 13, 14

Time: 8 am - 3 pm

Location: 1008 West Golf Road
Libertyville



Spring cleaning? Please help with one of the biggest fundraisers for Troop 194. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Item drop off will be June 8 and 9, but if you need to drop off sooner, please contact us. If you have any questions, call Nairy Hagopian at (847) 602-0172.

If you need assistance moving items, please call Susan Price at (847) 363-5395 and she will arrange with the scouts for pick up.

New this year—all contributions are welcome except for large pieces of furniture.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School at Holy Cross

We feature open enrollment - your child may enroll year-round.

Core Stories

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

Happy Summer!

Sunday school 2018-2019 was a success, and we had so much fun learning through play and activities about different Bible stories!

Our age 3-5/K children heard stories about creation, Esther, Noah, Jonah, the Good Samaritan, Christmas, Moses, David and Goliath, and the Easter story. A huge thank you goes to our 3-5/K teachers and shepherds for their leadership: Zoe Boileau, Terry Berger, Reagan Craven, Hailey Dunbar, Josh Gordon, Katelyn Jacobs, and Jill Pink.

Children in grades 1-5 also had a wonderful year! We offered five rotations with stories and activities about Samuel, the Four Friends, the Lord's Prayer, the Rainbow Promise, and the Women at the Well. Thank you to our Sunday school teachers, subs, shepherds, and student helpers. Our volunteers this year included: Terry Berger, Alex Brown, Kara Cannon, Laura Carothers, Teri Chadd, Erin Fielder, Caitlin Greer, Angie Lindsey, Dan Mack, Reilly McGinn, Sarah Mendoza, Patty Moyer, Susan Price, Andrew Oelschlager, Lisa Pilkington, Lori Rosten, Jennie Schlitt, Joey Taylor, Donna Thomey, Cheryl Turner, Carol Wasemiller, Nikki York, Tania Zombolo, and Allie Zupkus.

The children helped with several service projects including the decorating and filling of treat bags for children who visit the COOL Ministries food pantry with their families. Thank you to Judy Frank-Gonwa for organizing that effort.

We especially want to thank Carol Wasemiller, Jessica Brown, Patty Moyer and Felicia Brandt for their help in coordinating Sunday School. We couldn't have done this year without you!

We hope you will join us for Intergenerational VBS this month, and you can find more information about it on page 2 of the newsletter. September will be here before you know it! Have a blessed and safe summer, and we will see you in the fall.

Sunday School Coordinators:
Ages 3-5/K: **Felicia Brandt** (847) 362-0924
Grades 1-5: **Volunteer Requested**

Milestone Ministries



Support for their faith journey...

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

2019 High School Graduation Recognition Sunday, June 2, at 10 am worship

Graduation from high school is an important milestone and a time of transition for students and families. We celebrate this milestone with a cake and coffee fellowship hour and then in worship with prayer and blessing of all those who graduated and their families.

Welcome to Sunday School: 3 years old and up Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 am

At this Milestone, we welcome 3 year olds (3 by 9/1/19) and others new to Holy Cross to walk through what a Sunday morning looks like. Older children new to HCLC are welcome! **RSVP by Tuesday, September 3 to office@holycrosschurch.org**

Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 am worship

The Sunday School year begins with a *Blessing of the Backpacks* during worship and a welcome of students. Come with your backpack, and get a keychain to help start out your school year!

Introduction to Confirmation/Acolyting (Grade 6) Friday, September 13 at 7 pm

In September, all incoming sixth graders beginning Confirmation participate in an introduction night based around relationship building, Confirmation life, and acolyte training. Students are reminded why we worship, the role and importance of the acolyte, and how to be a leader in a worship service.

Commissioning Blessing of the Teachers Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 am worship

A time is set apart during worship to lift up and bless all those called to live out their faith by serving as a teacher and mentor for our young people. We honor and lift up the service of teachers, coordinators, helpers, shepherds, substitutes, directors and staff in our Sunday School, Confirmation, and early childhood education programs.

Attention 9th Grade 2019 Confirmands

As we head toward the culmination of your Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation on **Reformation Sunday, October 27**, we invite you to put these dates on your calendar. There will be more additions to our list of dates in the future, so keep an eye out for those.

June/July - Expect a mailing with materials for your Confirmation service as well as the Confirmation Faith statement packet in preparation of your Confirmation Conversation with one of the pastors.

July/August (before school starts) - Schedule and complete your Confirmation Conversation with the pastoral staff. Please select a 30 minute slot by **Friday, July 12**. You may sign up at the following link: bit.ly/HCCconfirmation2019

September 8	Parent/Student night at Confirmation
September 28 – 29	9th grade Retreat
	Lutherdale Bible Camp
October 26	Confirmation dress rehearsal and pictures (8:30 am)
October 27	Confirmation service (11 am)

Summer Service Projects

Confirmation and Youth service projects continue throughout the summer. While PADS lunches ended in April, we have the opportunity to help at Winchester House once a month, or serve on Sunday mornings as a worship participant.

Winchester House *Sundays June 23, July 26 & August 25*
Meet in the Winchester House lobby at 2 pm. Families are encouraged to volunteer together. See page 6 for more info.

Worship Participants *Sunday mornings during worship*
Please watch for emails seeking Acolyte subs. Would you like to read lessons this summer or are you interested in learning about a new worship participant ministry? Contact the church office to schedule or to learn more at office@holycrosschurch.org.

2019 High School Mission Trip to Rosebud

Upcoming Dates

Car Wash	Sunday, June 2
Participant Forms Due	Sunday, June 2
Last Prep Meeting	Sunday, June 2
Car Wash Rain Date	Sunday, June 9
Depart for Rosebud	Saturday, June 22

Final Participant and Parent Meeting Sunday, June 2 1 - 3 pm

We will be meeting at 1 pm after the car wash to discuss details and make final preparations, since we leave for Rosebud in only a couple of weeks after June 2!

All outstanding payments should be turned in prior to the meeting.
All participant forms are also due at this meeting.

Trip Departure Information

Meet at the Holy Cross parking lot to pack the vans on **Friday, June 21 at 6:30 pm**. All participants should be back at Holy Cross the next morning, **Saturday, June 22 at 7 am for a 7:30 am** departure.

We will return in the early evening on **Saturday, June 29**.



Sunday, June 30 from 6:30 - 8 pm
Fellowship Area

- Interactive games
- Contemporary music
- Team building
- Good food
- Faith-based grace conversations

5G High School Youth Group is a new ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church designed specifically for 9th – 12th grade students including students who will be entering 9th grade in the fall of 2019. The goal of **5G High School Youth Group** is to create a positive group dynamic while establishing the foundation for youth and adults, walking alongside each other in relationship, as both grow and mature in their faith in Christ. **5G High School Youth Group** is based on Ephesians 2:8 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing but is a gift from God.”*

Facilitated by Dale Tippet, Jr. (Director of Contemporary Music), each evening’s schedule is fast-paced and interactive:

- 6:30 pm Opening group game
- 6:45 pm Good food* and introductions (*complimentary)
- 7:00 pm Contemporary pop music (led by Dale and the **5G High School Youth Group** band)
- 7:15 pm Grace Moment: Facilitated sharing related to how God’s grace is apparent in our lives.
- 7:30 pm Team building/challenge activity
- 7:45 pm Contemporary pop music (led by Dale and the **5G High School Youth Group** band)
- 7:55 pm Closing prayer: Hopes and concerns

RSVP via phone: (847) 367-4060 (church office), email: office@holycrosschurch.org or **GroupMe text message for youth:** bit.ly/5GHSYG **GroupMe for parents:** bit.ly/5GHSYGPA
For event updates, visit HolyCrossChurch.org/5g-hsyg



CrossWays Preschool



Celebration! Childcare



Above and below: A sneak peek of some of the new elements in our children's garden. Be sure to visit the garden this summer!



CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare
are hiring summer Teaching Assistants and Substitutes

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma and meet DCFS qualified requirements.

CrossWays has a six week position available, and Celebration! has a twelve week position available.

To apply, call Kathy Pfister at (847) 367-6208 or email your resume to celebration@holycrosschurch.org

It's Gardening Time!

by Kathy Pfister

Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

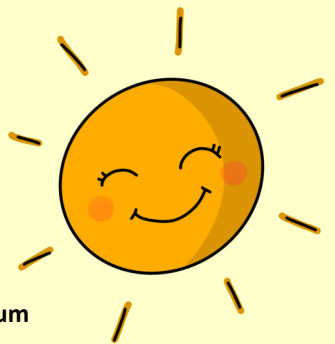
We are ready to start a fun summer. We have an exciting program planned for the summer. We look forward to Pony Rides, Magic Show, "The Frog Lady, Kona Ice visit, The Balloon Man, The Trackless Train, The Ice Cream Cart and many more fun activities. For daily themes, see our summer camp calendar posted on our website at cchildcare.org/events

Monday through Friday Summer Camp programs are available as well as part week programs in some classrooms. To sign up for the summer, contact Kathy Pfister or Rocky Kupfer at the Celebration! Childcare office at (847) 367-6208 or email celebration@holycrosschurch.org

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ice Cream Social. Proceeds from the Ice Cream Social and Dine & Donate fundraisers go to stocking the playground with wood chips and toys as well as to help provide seeds and other necessary items for our children's garden. We are starting to get ready to plant, and we've got some great ideas for making our garden look beautiful! Please come look at it when you have a chance.

Parents' Night Out

Summer Fun!



Date: Friday, June 7

Time: 6 - 10 pm

Location: Celebration! Childcare atrium

Fee: \$30/First Child

\$20/Second Child

Reservations due: Tuesday, June 4

Program limited to 20 students.

Children will enjoy crafts, activities, and a pizza dinner before settling in for movie night.

Reservations are required and payment is due upon reservation. Payment is non-refundable due to prearrangement of staff and supplies. We need to have a minimum of 10 children to have this event take place. Registration forms are available at the Celebration! Childcare front desk or online at cchildcare.org/events

If you have further questions, feel free to contact Celebration! Childcare at (847) 367-6208 or celebration@holycrosschurch.org Monday to Friday between 6:30 am and 6 pm.

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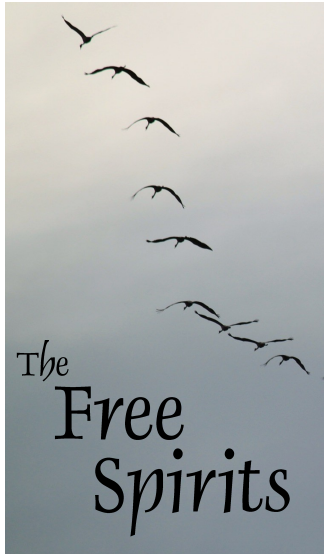


**CrossWays
Preschool**



**Celebration!
Childcare**

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



THE FREE SPIRITS
THURSDAY, JUNE 20 AT 11 AM
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH PATIO & FELLOWSHIP AREA

The Free Spirits are a group of retirees and others age 55 and more who enjoy participating in outings together.

June 20 is a great date for a potluck picnic! We'll be on the patio of the church so we'll have plenty of room and parking for all. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Margie Thummel is the planner and contact for this event. If you have any questions, let her know!

RSVP to Margie Thummel at twothumbs@att.net or (224)778-516 or to Felicia Brandt at felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com or (847)362-0924 if you plan to attend.

We welcome drop ins at anytime! Let us know if you would like to be on our reminder list.



PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 4 PM, ROOM 208

This small group is for parents who have children with any special need (whether or not formalized by 504 or IEP). They typically meet once a month to offer ideas, guidance or prayer. Open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please contact Terry Berger (224) 775-1479 or Lisa Dunbar (847) 309-6035. Snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.

There will be no meetings in June or July. See you in August!



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO
DAY SESSIONS: JUNE 12 & 26 AT 11:30 AM, CENTURY PARK OR FELLOWSHIP AREA
EVENING SESSIONS: JUNE 12 & 26 AT 7 PM, CENTURY PARK OR FELLOWSHIP AREA

We always welcome more volunteers to help with hospitality. If you would like to help in this way, please contact office@holycrosschurch.org



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, GATHERING SPACE

Grounded in Grace is an opportunity for women of faith to gather together in fun, fellowship, and learning. Come and join! Bring a snack or a beverage to share, and don't forget a friend!

A Kingdom Without Walls: The good news of the Gospel tells of a radical hospitality where boundaries, barriers, and walls are overcome by a grace that knows no bounds.

This will be our last session of the spring.

Please contact Pastor Sally with any questions at pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org



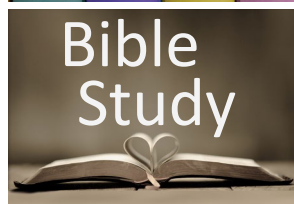
PILATES
MONDAYS, JUNE 3, 10, 17, & 24
6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM

We will meet each Monday starting at 6 pm. Not sure if pilates is for you? Try one class for free. Questions about pricing may be directed toward the organizer, Jodi Zombolo, at (224) 595-8573.

**BOOK CLUB****TUESDAY, JUNE 25 AT 7 PM**

LOCATION: HOME OF DEB SHERROCK, 38447 N. ADAM ST., LAKE VILLA

This month we will discuss *The Dry* by **Jane Harper**. Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for the funeral of his best friend, Luke. Twenty years ago when Falk was accused of murder, Luke was his alibi. Falk fled under a cloud of suspicion, saved from prosecution because of Luke's claim. But now more than one person knows they didn't tell the truth back then, and Luke is dead. Amid the worst drought in a century, Falk and the local detective question what really happened. As Falk investigates to see if there's more to Luke's death, long-buried mysteries resurface, as do the lies that have haunted them. Falk will find that small towns have big secrets.

**Bible Study****ADULT BIBLE STUDY****TUESDAYS, AUGUST 13 & 27, FROM 10 - 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Throughout the year, this Bible study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Biblical scholarship is not required. All you need to join the conversation is an open heart and any translation of the Bible. We are taking a break for the summer and resuming in August.

**Common Threads****COMMON THREADS****MONDAY, JUNE 10 AT 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

This group of our congregation knits or crochets blankets and shawls. Each blanket or shawl is then dedicated at a worship service and presented to the prayer recipient. These prayer blankets offer the healing power of prayer, crafted as an expression of God's love. To request a prayer shawl for a loved one, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org.

**Women's Discussion Group****WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP****TUESDAY, JUNE 4 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

We will be watching videos from past Global Leadership Summits for our last session on June 4. Come join us for conversation around these videos, and to hear about what speakers will be at the 2019 GLS!

All women are welcome to join us. Consider attending this group when we start back up again on Tuesday, August 6 at 9:30 am. We typically meet the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month.

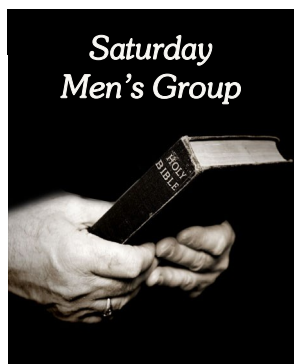
**Men's Breakfast Group****MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP****TUESDAYS, FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM**LOCATION: *THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT*, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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

**CARE OF CREATION**

Focused on caring for God's wonderful creation, our goal is to inspire our congregation by providing information on environmental issues. We share pertinent articles on the 3-sided kiosk in the gathering space and on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Through our email list, we share environmental news with each other. If you would like to subscribe to our email list, please email CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org with "subscribe" in the subject line.

See our article titled "Insect Helpers" on page 9.

**Saturday Men's Group****SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP****SATURDAYS, JUNE 1, 15, & 29 AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

We will be continuing our study of Peter Enns' *How the Bible Actually Works: In Which I Explain How an Ancient, Ambiguous, and Diverse Book Leads Us to Wisdom Rather Than Answers—and Why That's Great News*.

Enns makes the case that the Bible is not an instruction manual or a rule book; instead, it is a powerful learning tool that nurtures our spiritual growth. The Bible refuses to provide us with easy answers, but instead forces us to acquire wisdom.



Saturday, June 1

July newsletter content due

- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group, fellowship area
- 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:30 pm Women's Pie & Bingo, Grayslake

Sunday, June 2

- 7:30 am Car Wash Youth Fundraiser
- 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Milestone Ministry: High School Graduation Recognition Reception, fellowship area
- 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Milestone Ministry: High School Graduation Recognition Placko Baptism
- 1:00 pm HS Rosebud Mission Trip prep meeting, fellowship area
- 2:00 pm HS Rosebud Mission Trip set up, 402
- 3:00 pm BSA Troop 194 Court of Honor, fellowship area, patio & kitchen

Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
- 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, fellowship area

Wednesday, June 5

- 9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404

Saturday, June 8

- 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost

- 8 & 10 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Hawver baptism
- 11:15 am Private baptism

Monday, June 10

- 1:00 pm Common Threads, fellowship area
- 6:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, June 11

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study, fellowship area
- 6:00 pm Intergenerational VBS, fellowship area

Wednesday, June 12

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404
- 11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park or fellowship area
- 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program, Century Park or fellowship area

Thursday, June 13

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 7:00 pm BSA 194 Committee, 207
- 7:00 pm ECM Board meeting, 208

Friday, June 14

- 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace, fellowship area

Saturday, June 15

- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion, fellowship area
- 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Holy Trinity Sunday

- 8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, June 17

- 6:00 pm MP3: Men of Purpose, Principle, & Prayer, fellowship area & patio
- 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, June 18

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, fellowship area
- 6:00 pm Intergenerational VBS, Fellowship area
- 7:00 pm Church Council, 208

Wednesday, June 19

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404

Thursday, June 20

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 11:00 am Free Spirits potluck BBQ, patio & fellowship area

Friday, June 21

- 6:00 pm BSA Wood Badge Set up, 402 & kitchen
- 6:30 pm HS Rosebud Mission Trip van pack and prep

Saturday, June 22

- 6:00 am Wood Badge Staff Development, 402 & kitchen
- 7:30 am HS Rosebud Mission Trip departure
- 5:30 pm Saturday Night Live on the Patio: Worship with fellowship dinner

Sunday, June 23

- 8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship
- 2:00 pm Private event
- 2:30 pm Winchester House worship

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
- 8:30 am Newsletter assembly, fellowship area
- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study, fellowship area
- 6:00 pm Intergenerational VBS, fellowship area
- 7:00 pm Book Club, Deb Sherrock's home

Wednesday, June 26

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp
- 9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404
- 11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park or fellowship area
- 12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children Pack, FMSC Libertyville
- 7:00 pm PHW Evening Session, Century Park or fellowship area

Thursday, June 27

- 8:45 am CrossWays Preschool Summer Camp

Saturday, June 29

- HS Rosebud Mission Trip returns
- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion
- 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 30

- 8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship
- 6:30 pm 5G High School Youth Group

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod will convene June 7 & 8 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Please keep all Holy Cross delegates and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in prayer as they discern the business matters of the synod, and elect a new bishop.

Newsletter Assembly

Assist with preparing next month's newsletter for mailing. Join us on **Thursday, June 27 at 9 am**. Fellowship included.

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**Sunday,
June 2
8 - 11 am**

Holy Cross
Parking Lot

Car Wash
Youth Fundraiser

Enjoy worship and fellowship while your car is washed by the youth traveling to Rosebud! Please consider making a free-will donation. In case of rain, we will run our car wash youth fundraiser on June 9 instead.

**Intergenerational
Vacation Bible
School**

June 11, 18 & 25
6 - 8 pm
Fellowship Area

Who is My Neighbor?

Open to all ages! Free!
Register: bit.ly/IVBS19

Individuals and families with all ages are welcome to gather for a complimentary meal and fellowship, followed by music, prayer, and discovery.

See page 2 for more details.

CURRENT EVENTS	
Summer Worship Schedule <i>through Labor Day Weekend</i>	
Saturday Evenings at 5:30 pm	
Sunday Mornings at 8 & 10 am Fellowship Hour at 9 am	
June 2019	
2	Car Wash Youth Fundraiser
	Milestone Ministry: High School Graduation Recognition
11	Intergenerational VBS
17	MP3: Summer Series
18	Intergenerational VBS
22	HS Rosebud Mission Trip Departs
23	Saturday Night Live on the Patio
25	Intergenerational VBS
29	HS Rosebud Mission Trip Returns
30	5G High School Youth Group
July 2019	
4	Independence Day - Building Closed
14	LSSI Backpack donations due
	5G High School Youth Group
15	MP3: Summer Series
27	Saturday Nigh Live on the Patio

MP3

**MEN of
PURPOSE
PRINCIPLE
PRAYER**

Summer Series
"Reimagining Meaning & Purpose"

June 17, July 15, Aug 19
 6 - 8:30 pm
 Holy Cross Patio & Fellowship Area
 Register: bit.ly/MP3summer19

See page 5 for more information.

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**High School
Youth
Group**

GOD - GAMES - GIGS - GRUB - GRACE

Sunday, June 30
6:30 - 8 pm

Details on page 11.