

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

April 2018

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SATURDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER - MAY
1ST SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH
5:30 PM

JUNE - AUGUST
EVERY SATURDAY
5:30 PM

*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*

God Will Have the Last Word

If you drove through downtown Libertyville during the month of March you couldn't help but notice the yarn creations in Cook Park and along Milwaukee Ave. It was an effort called "Yarnstorm" that involved volunteers who knitted or crocheted the squares as a witness to celebrating "Libertyville Fine Arts Month" sponsored by David Adler Music and Arts Center. Some of our members contributed to the project. It transformed the public space.



*Photos courtesy of
Beth McKenna*



It reminds me of our prayer shawl/blanket ministry, Common Threads. A simple act of blessing a knitted prayer blanket makes a powerful statement and becomes a meaningful witness of hope, grace, promise and love when the correct words may not be enough. What we're hoping for in these life moments is a Savior who is present with us when we cannot stand by ourselves. What we need is not our timing but the gift of God's timing. Resurrection is not something to wait for until Easter, not some forthcoming day in some undetermined future. Resurrection is now and it ushers in transformation and a new living relationship, not a philosophy or theology.

The Bible is full of stories about transforming situations that had become desperate and hopeless, but are radically changed with new opportunities filled with promise and new life. There was Abraham and Sarah, to whom God's promise seemed so impossible being revealed, so impossible that Sarah laughed; there was Moses running from being wanted for murder then is called to lead his people through the sea; there was David who faced a giant; there was Elijah, after his greatest success seeing no reason to live, finding God in the still small voice; there was Ezekiel's vision of the scattered bones of a defeated army coming back to life. In the New Testament there is Nicodemus shaking his head at being born anew bringing spices for Jesus' body; or the Samaritan woman at the well, pushed aside by her village, finding in Jesus a new life; or the blind man being rejected by his own parents only to find new life in Jesus.

I think it is important for us to hold onto the idea that during the 40 days of Lent we were on the road to Easter, we moved toward the joy of Easter and the hope of the life everlasting when we experience the power of Christ in our lives. This happens for us when the stones of bitterness, disappointment, and sorrow are rolled away and we experience the call to come forth and live - to live life in abundance.

It is when we hear Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die," not only at the High and Holy time of Easter, but in a cemetery filled with sorrow. Then, and only then, do these words come alive for us. That is what I appreciate about the Easter scripture readings, they are more than just noise to fill the days of Easter.

Barbara Brown Taylor wrote, "Faith for me is a dangling modifier. When people tell me they have faith, I want to ask, 'Faith in what? Faith in what will happen?' Day by day I encounter events that draw me deeper into these questions. Results, I hope, are not a set of beliefs but an openness to wonder." The world will not have the last word. We will not have the last word. God will have the last word.

Peace,

Peter Bob

First Saturday Worship

Saturday, April 7

5:30 pm

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



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Articles should be submitted by the 1st of the month to Roz Deigan at
roz@holycrosschurch.org

Easter



Ecumenical

Easter Sunrise Worship

Sunday, April 1 at 6 am

North Bay Pavilion at Independence Grove

Organized by Holy Cross and Libertyville area churches, the worship service will be one hour in length and afford you the opportunity to worship with your brothers and sisters at Holy Cross later in the morning. Held rain or shine in the outdoor pavilion located at the North Bay, so please dress for the elements. There are picnic benches available for seating, or you are welcome to bring a portable camp chair if needed. Gates open at 5:30 am. Turn left after the guard station at the entrance. No admission fee or reservations required.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 1 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am

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

Children's Message at 9:30 am

EASTER BREAKFAST

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

Youth Fundraiser

As has been our annual tradition, the Holy Cross youth and their families will host a light Easter breakfast between worship services. Your free-will donation will support the fundraising efforts of the Holy Cross youth traveling to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this June.

To donate items or help with the breakfast, please sign up at bit.ly/YEB18



HE IS NOT HERE FOR HE HAS *Risen* AS HE SAID

- Matthew 28:6

Foolish Love

by Pastor Sally Hanson

Easter lands on April 1 this year. For many of us, we know this as a day to play tricks on those we care for in order to try and fool them. This year something more miraculous will be happening on April Fools Day. When we rise with the first light on April 1, we will find that the tomb is empty, and it is no joke!

Throughout the season of Lent, we continued to talk about the season as a time of reflection and renewal through digging deeper into those places we may ignore or not deal with on a regular basis. Hopefully, you were able to take some time this Lenten season to reflect deeply, listen for God and search your heart for whatever it is that God is calling you to discover or let go.

In doing this spiritual interior work, we find new revelations in what God has been trying to communicate with us. With a love so deep and vulnerable, that it could only be called foolish, Christ rolls away the stones of our heart – the stones of anger and hate, fear and brokenness, loneliness and isolation. The long weeks of reflection and looking deep into our hearts have been broken open by this foolish love of God that is found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are free from the burdens that weigh us down and are called to live into this freedom by sharing this foolish love of Christ not just on April 1 but always.

For he has risen! He has risen indeed! The tomb has been opened, and Christ has risen! What foolish love this is indeed!

SCREENAGERS GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

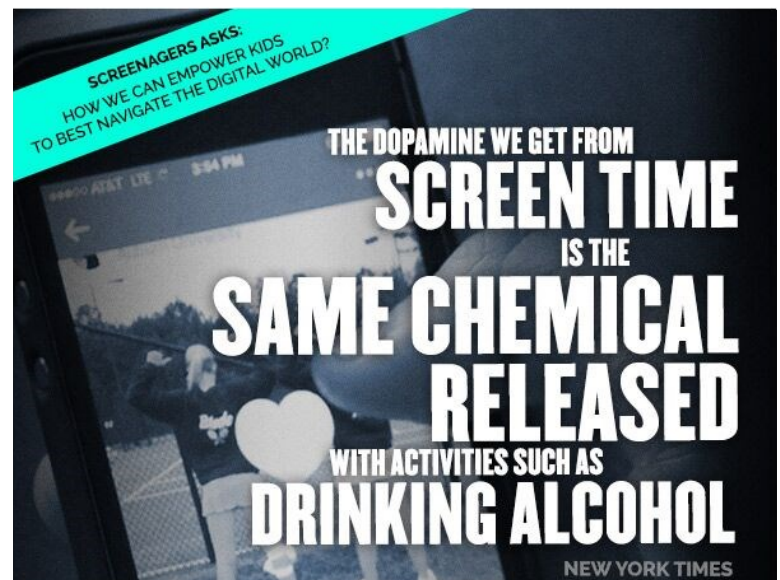
**Free Documentary Screening
Sunday, April 29 at 6 pm**

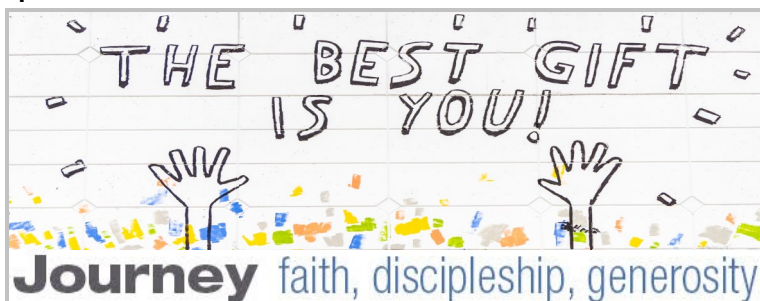
Holy Cross is thrilled to present “SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age”, a documentary about one of the most significant parenting issues of our time.

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and also offers practical resources and solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

Join us at Holy Cross on Sunday, April 29, at 6 pm. The documentary run time is 67 minutes and will lead into time for optional breakout conversations going no later than 8 pm. This documentary is appropriate for adults (who have children of all ages) and kids aged ten and older. Babysitting will be provided for children under 10 years. Viewing of the documentary is free and open to Holy Cross members and the community. Questions? contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org

**Please register online:
bit.ly/ScreenagersAtHC**





Using Money to Take a Stand

by Steve Oelschlager

Excerpt from *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life* by Lynn Twist

“Whether you are aware of it or not, you make an impact each day with your choices about how you live and how you allocate your resources. If ‘money talks’ it is with our voice. Each financial choice you make is a powerful statement of who you are and what you care about. When you take a stand and have your money reflect that, it strengthens your sense of self.

You don’t have to change careers, revolutionize your business, or pack up your family and move away from anything or to anything to take a stand. You express your stand in the way you earn money, choosing work consistent with your values. You express your stand in the way you use money to provide food, clothing, shelter, or education for your family. It can be in the money you use to support others in your community or beyond, through food depositories, or shelters for battered women, troubled children, or homeless people. It can be in the money you use to empower your own creativity and self-expression, or otherwise nurture yourself through classes, books, or music. It can be in the money you pay for the products you buy, supporting the companies that produce them. It may be money you contribute to local, national, and global causes that inspire you, and the opportunity you offer others to do the same. If you are an employer, it can be the money you invest in the resources to make your workplace an expression of integrity, where employees and management have what they need to express their excellence.

We each have the power to arrange life so that the stand we take with our money and our life with money is a right-now, every-day, every-week expression of our core values, not a someday, next-year, or when-I-retire or when-I-have-enough expression of our core values. Every moment of every day there are chances to participate in expressing your individuality and creativity, in contributing to your vision for yourself, your family, your community, city, or world. When we bring this consciousness to our choices about money and use our resources— money, time, or talents— to take a stand for what we believe in, we come alive. We are flooded with a sense of purpose even in the smallest action, and a feeling of power and energy opens up in our life.”

Please join us **At the Table on Tuesday, April 18** as we discuss the role of money in our lives, and how our families and faith affect our attitudes and perspectives about money.

AT THE TABLE

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

As we gather At the Table:

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

DATE: Tuesday, April 10

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Pizzeria DeVille

**404 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048**



Please RSVP by Friday, April 6: bit.ly/ATT410

April Topic: Money in Our Lives

As important as money is to how we get along and live each day, we have a tendency to not talk about it much. Supposedly, financial distress is the number one cause of divorce, and no doubt, anxiety about money is commonplace. Even with our own kids, we tend to insulate them from the details, deliberations, and challenges around money, ultimately limiting the development of these critical skills needed for adulthood.

What did you learn about money from growing up in your home as a child?

Do you think the wisdom of our faith has anything helpful to say about money?

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

MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

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

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

New Member Breakfast

Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 am
RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 6.

New Member Reception

Sunday, April 15 during 9:30 am worship

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Bentley George Amann
son of Joshua & Joyce Amann
March 11, 2018

Lucy Patricia Weiss
daughter of Matthew & Deana Weiss
March 18, 2018

Wedding

Hannah McClellan & Joseph Brooks
March 3, 2018

First Communion

The following young people completed a milestone ministry and received their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday (and in the weeks following Easter):

Ella Evans
Samantha Pink
Colten Siebert
Nora Siebert
Audrie White

If your child (grade 2 or older) missed the spring class, there will be another First Communion Prep class on September 22 at 9:30 am, with First Communion occurring on World Communion Sunday, October 7.

Support our High School Youth

There are two opportunities that you can help support our trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering this summer:

Easter Breakfast

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

Opportunities are available to donate food, time and other supplies from the entire congregation. To see where your help would be appreciated, go to bit.ly/YEB18

Youth Stock Sale

Sundays: April 29, May 6 and May 13

(See below)

Save the Date!

2018 Youth Stockholders Banquet
Sunday, July 29 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Take Stock in Holy Cross Youth

We are inviting each of you to become a stockholder in the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston. **Stocks are \$25 each.** We invite you to buy as much stock as possible.

Rights and Privileges:

As a stockholder your rights and privileges include: praying for, encouraging and supporting Holy Cross' Youth; our sincere thanks and appreciation; and an invitation to attend the 2018 Youth Stockholder's Banquet on **Sunday, July 29 at 11:30 am.**

Youth Stock Purchase Form

Number of Stocks _____ x \$25 = Total Amount \$ _____

Cash / Check (circle one) Check # _____

(Please write YOUTH STOCK in memo line of check.)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

"How do I purchase Youth Stock?"

- Youth will be at tables selling stock on the following Sundays between worship services:
April 29, May 6 and May 13
- By returning this completed form to the church office, or include in the offering plate. Additional Youth Stock purchase forms available online: bit.ly/Stock18



Reusable Bag Sale on Earth Day Sunday, April 22

by Peggy Henry



According to the websites Center of Biological Diversity and *ReuseThisBag.com*, Americans use 100 billion plastic bags per year which requires 12 million barrels of oil to produce. 1,500 plastic shopping bags are brought home annually by the average American family. According to Waste Management, only about 1% of these bags are returned for recycling, which means that the average family only recycles 15 bags each year, with the rest ending up in a landfill.

Because of their light weight, plastic bags don't always stay in the landfill. They may fly away and catch in trees, block storm drains, clutter beaches, and pollute the roadside. About 80% of plastic pollution in the ocean comes from the land and 267 different species have been effected by plastic pollution in the ocean. Annually, 100,000 marine animals die because of plastic bags. Lastly, it takes at least 500 years for plastic bags to degrade in a landfill. Even then, the bags don't completely break down but instead will photo-degrade becoming microplastics which will absorb toxins and continue to pollute the environment.

On Sunday, April 22 (which is Earth Day), Care of Creation will be selling Holy Cross reusable ChicoBags for \$5 each. Please consider buying these bags and using them when shopping. Several stores in our area will give the customer credit when reusable bags are brought in (Target, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods, to name a few).

Using a reusable shopping bag is one of the easiest ways we can help to save wildlife and marine life, reduce Waste Management landfill, use less oil on plastic production, and to keep our countryside eyesore free of discarded plastic bags. Please help us keep our earth cleaner by using reusable bags.



Cork Tally

Care of Creation team members delivered 17 pounds of corks to the Green Living Fair on Saturday, March 17. By our calculations, that represents approximately 476 corks (28 per pound). Thank you all for recycling your corks! Our collection has ended, but you are welcome to bring them in next November, or take them to any Whole Foods store.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Roadside Cleanup

Sunday, April 15

after the 11 am worship service

Twice a year, the members of Holy Cross commit to cleaning up Saint Mary's Road between Route 137/ Buckley and Oak Spring Rd.

Please join the Care of Creation committee, BSA Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts from Troop #194 for our spring trash pick up to occur on Sunday, April 15. We will start at approximately 12:10 pm with snacks while we watch a short video about Adopt-a-Highway "best practices." We will head outdoors no later than 12:30 pm. Depending on the amount of volunteers, it usually wraps up within an hour. We provide gloves and safety vests: please dress for the elements!

Participants must be at least 10 years old. Participants under 18 year old must have adequate adult supervision.

Confirmation and High School students:

Need extra service hours? Please join us!

AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT SERIES



**"KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST,
HERR GOTT"**

by Georg Phillip Telemann

SUNDAY, MAY 20

During 9:30 and 11 am Worship

Holy Cross Choir accompanied by
Strings & Harpsichord

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

by Randy Casey



According to Wikipedia, Jesus was first referred to as an “apple tree” in a poem written by “R.H.” in the *London Spiritual Magazine* of September, 1761. The poet was presumed to be Rev. Richard Hutchins, a Calvinist Baptist preacher. The text is as follows:

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be,
compared with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
by faith I know, but ne’er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see
‘tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I’m weary with my former toil,
here I will sit and rest a while:
under the shadow I will be,
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The first American appearance of these verses came in 1784 in the *Divine Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Rev. Joseph Smith of New Hampshire. A possible biblical inspiration for them comes from the Song of Solomon: 2:3 “As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men.”

Were one to search “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” on YouTube, one would discover a half dozen musical settings of this elegant text. Easily the most familiar piece of music in

this regard is by Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987), a British composer, whose music has several performances on the internet. Her very nice setting of the poem is for unaccompanied voices and is in four parts. There are also other settings of the text on YouTube by Stanford Scriven, John Purifoy, and K. Lee Scott. My favorite presentation, however, is by Malcolm Archer (b.1952). His piece is simply titled: “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” and was published in 2008 by Oxford University Press.

Malcolm Archer is the Organist and Choirmaster of St Paul’s Cathedral, London, and is the Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College. That first title alone makes him one of the most prominent church musicians in England today. I found this Malcolm Archer anthem during my January trip to a music store in Toledo, Ohio, with which I do business on your behalf. This one discovery made the whole trip worthwhile. The structure of the piece matches that of the poem. In other words, it is strophic. The first verse is sung in unison, the second verse is in four parts. The third verse is for men only, while the fourth verse is set for women only. The final stanza brings everyone back together. The piece is composed with an organ or piano accompaniment, and the the choral parts are not hard at all. The choral line moves mostly by step. In short, the work is simple and lovely.

A limitless number of descriptions of Jesus are scattered throughout the Bible. “Lamb of God,” “Prince of Peace,” and “Son of Man” come to mind. He called himself the “Way, the Truth, and the Life.” And yet my attention is arrested by Jesus Christ “the apple tree.” Perhaps it is the distinctiveness of this designation that attracts me. I did not grow up around apple trees so familiarity with them cannot explain the allure. I have only been apple picking once or twice in my life. Maybe it is just that the text has inspired such beautiful music that keeps drawing me to it.

When I had finished selecting anthems for the choir for our current season, I was actually worried that I would not be able to find any music even remotely as good as we are singing right now. However, on that recent trek I found some 20 gems for next year. Several titles come to mind, but the cream of the crop was this Malcolm Archer anthem. And, although one anthem does not a season make, I was overjoyed to include this piece in next season’s schedule for the Holy Cross Choir. We will be presenting it on Transfiguration Sunday, which in 2019 is not until March.

Almost nothing gives me greater musical satisfaction than finding music the singers in the choir will like to sing. But the Malcolm Archer anthem goes even further: It speaks to my soul like no choral work has done in a long time. Perhaps I am compelled to feel that we all have been picked by God for a certain calling in this life. In our core as Christians, we go forth nurtured by Jesus Christ in all of His splendor, blossoming because of the tree He bore for us. We know that “under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.”

Support our Friends Beyond Holy Cross

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern Showcase

Dinner, Student Talks, Musical Entertainment

SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018 • 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

LCMNU CENTER

2204 ORRINGTON AVENUE, EVANSTON, IL

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$35 PRESALE

OR \$40 AT THE DOOR;

STUDENTS (ALL AGES) WITH ID: \$15

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF
LCMNU

To purchase tickets, go to bit.ly/LCMNU or
contact the LCMNU office
at lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu
or 847-864-7849



You're invited to Willow House's

Homecoming Gala



CELEBRATING OUR 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Please join us for an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing, special awards, raffle, and live & silent auctions... all in support of the grieving children & families that Willow House serves.

2018 Award Recipients:

- Ambassador of Hope Award - Nancy Perlson
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Stefanie Norris, Founder & retiring Executive Director of Willow House

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 | 6:00pm - 10:30pm

Cocktail Attire • \$150 per person

Chevy Chase Country Club, Devonshire Room | 1000 N Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090

www.willowhouse.org



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Visit LSSI.org to register for any of these events

Compassion on Tap

Tuesday, April 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Revolution Brewing

2323 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (Logan Square)

A gathering to connect young people with LSSI while enjoying food and beer from Revolution Brewing. Tickets include all you can eat and drink from Revolution's five most popular beers. Raffle prizes will include Chicago experiences, beer and cigar samplers, and sports tickets. **Tickets: \$25.** All proceeds benefit camp and summer tuition for children in LSSI's Intact Family Services program.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 22, 2018

On Good Shepherd Sunday, many congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) across the state celebrate their shared social ministry with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). Watch for information about this event at Holy Cross on April 22.

Spring Fling

Presented by The Women's Network

Saturday, April 28, 2018

The Westin Chicago Northwest

400 Park Blvd., Itasca, IL 60143

Boutiques open at 10 am. Followed by lunch at 12 pm.

Tickets: \$75, Students: \$45

Featuring Leelee Dameron, a botanical artist and the owner of Leelee's Garden. She has hosted over 100 creative botanical workshops online and around the country. This year's presentation will be an entertaining and educational experience with something for everyone. For more info, contact Mariah Heinz (847)635-4656.

refugeeONE

"For almost 80 years, **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** has been a champion for refugees around the world, bringing hope and making a difference in the lives of refugees who have found safety and hope in America's communities. This ministry of hospitality is stewarded by RefugeeOne in the Metro Chicago area."

- Pastor Bob

RefugeeOne's Annual Gala

Saturday, May 5

Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, Chicago

\$300 Individual Ticket \$3,000 Table of 10

For more information visit refugeeone.org/gala

Featured Speaker: David Fahnbulleh

David fled war in Liberia at age 7. He arrived in the U.S. at 11, having completed only the first grade. This May, he's graduating from Purdue University with an engineering job awaiting him in Chicago.

CALLED TO LOVE OUR

HUNGER TO *hope* FMSC GALA

Hunger to Hope FMSC Gala

Saturday, May 19

6 - 9:30 pm

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 Thoreau Drive North, Schaumburg

General Admission: \$125, Table: \$1,000

Get more event details and register online at fmsc.org/ilgala

Volunteer at FMSC

Wednesday, April 25
from 12 - 1 pm

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

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

Register at: bit.ly/packFMSC

Please sign up to bring a food item for the PADS shelter in Grayslake on the whiteboard in the narthex. **Donations should be brought to the HCLC kitchen by noon on Sunday, April 22.**

This will be the final time to contribute for the 2017/18 season. We will start back up in October 2018.

Thank you to all who contributed this year, either purchasing food or volunteering to make or deliver lunches!

COOL Plant & Flower Sale
Volunteers Needed
Pick up Saturday, May 12
by Diane Rammelsberg

Thank you for all the flower orders that our Holy Cross family submitted for the COOL spring plant sale! If you did not place an order, you may want to stop by the plant sale in May and see the selection of plants that will be available for cash and carry. The plant pick up day is **Saturday, May 12, 2018** from 11 am until 2 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee.

We need volunteers! No gardening knowledge is needed and all the participating Lutheran church members have a good time getting together to help out the ministries of COOL. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two: 6 to 10 am - truck unloading and set up or 9:45 am to 2 pm - plant sale distribution.

To volunteer please email: plantsale@coolministries.org or Diane Rammelsberg at drammelsberg@earthlink.net

Benefits of volunteering include picking up your plant orders early plus fellowship and service. Breakfast and lunch provided.



- ▶ **Food of the month for April:** Juice or powdered milk
- ▶ **Please check expiration dates!** COOL Food Pantries will not dispense expired food to their clients.
- ▶ **COOL 35th Anniversary Gala**
Saturday, April 7 from 6 - 10 pm. Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center. Visit COOLministries.org for more information.
- ▶ **Portillo's Gurnee Fundraiser for COOL Ministries**
Thursday, May 3 from 5 to 8 pm. Stop by and support our programs. COOL will receive 20% of your dinner check. Must present printed flier or show it on your smart phone located here: bit.ly/COOLPortillos
- ▶ **15th Annual COOL Golf Outing** will take place at Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan on **Monday, July 9**. If you are interested in helping to volunteer, donate auction items, sponsor or participate, please call Linda Morgret at (847) 662-1340 extension 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Blessings from Sunday School!

by Judith Frank-Gonwa & Felicia Brandt

March was a wonderfully busy month for your children in Sunday School. The first through fifth graders started a new rotation about Peter and John, two of Jesus' followers who couldn't stop telling people about the teachings and blessings of Jesus Christ. The children will finish this rotation on April 15. Children ages 3-5/Kindergarten will hear stories about Zacchaeus.

March Sunday School classes were also involved with packing Easter Treat Bags for the children who visit COOL Ministries with their families. The Sunday School children decorated white bags with Easter and spring pictures and then all worked together on March 18 to fill the bags with candy, stickers and small toys. We are excited to report that the children decorated and **filled 200 bags** for the COOL kids! A huge thank you goes out to members of the congregation who donated goodies for these bags. Your generosity helped our Sunday School kids better understand the saying, "God's Work, Our Hands" as they packed these bags.

We look forward to a special Sunday School class on April 22 (and May 6) called Sunday S'Kool. We hope to see everyone there! On April 22 we will actually review some of the stories we heard during this year and will have videos and special activities for the children. Children ages 3-5/K will enjoy special stories and activities as well.

In music, the children are preparing for their annual Spring Sing that will be on April 29. Please mark that date on your calendar now! There will be no Sunday School that day as the children will be in the sanctuary singing for us!

Sunday School Coordinators:

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

Dates to Remember:

- April 1:** NO Sunday School (Easter Sunday)
- April 7:** Milestone Ministry, 9:30 am
Kindergarten: The Lord's Prayer
- April 22:** Sunday S'Kool Review & Special Activities
- April 29:** Sunday School Spring Sing



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.

Kindergarten: The Lord's Prayer

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:30 to 11 am

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

RSVP by April 4 to office@holycrosschurch.org

2018 High School Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 3, 2018

9 am Fellowship Hour, 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 those who graduated and their families.

Seniors, please submit a graduation photo (or similar) via email with a note about your post-graduation plans to the church office no later than Monday, May 14: office@holycrosschurch.org

First Word: 2 years old and under

Saturday, June 9

9:30 - 10:30 am

At this Milestone, children and families will have an opportunity to explore the First Words of faith by introducing Bible stories and stories of faith into their child's life. How is it that we begin discussing faith with our children before they can even talk? Participants will also receive a children's Bible and an opportunity to get to know other folks at Holy Cross with children the same age. For more information, contact Pastor Sally at PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org

RSVP by Friday, May 25 to office@holycrosschurch.org



2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2018
HOUSTON, TX

Final \$250 payment
due April 1

Participant Prep Meeting
Sunday, April 8, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

This is for all participants who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Meet in the fellowship area.

Save the dates for helping with upcoming fundraisers:

Easter Breakfast

- Setup: March 31 from 10 am to 12 pm
- Breakfast: April 1 from 8:30 - 11:30 am

Youth Stock Sales

- Sundays April 29, May 6 & 13 from 8:30 - 11:30 am

Car Wash

- Sunday, June 3 from 7:45 to 11:15 am
- (Rain date: Sunday, June 10)

Confirmation Service Projects

Confirmation service projects continue throughout the spring and summer. While PADS lunches end in April, we have the opportunity to help at Winchester House once a month during the summer, assist with St. Mary's Road cleanup and serve as an acolyte on Sunday mornings.

Adopt-a-Highway Sunday, April 15

From 12:15 to 1:30 pm. Families encouraged to volunteer together!

PADS Lunches Sunday, April 22

Meet in kitchen after 9:30 am Worship. 6th grade girls and families encouraged to help.

Winchester House Sunday, April 22

Winchester House lobby, 2 pm. 6th grade boys and families encouraged to assist.



High School Game Night

Friday, April 27

6:30 - 8 pm

Meet in the fellowship area

Bring \$10 for pizza and a snack to share.

Inside and outside games, depending upon the weather. The options are endless! Capture the Flag, Sardines, cards or board games are all choices. Activities will be chosen by those participating. Have a new favorite game you're willing to share? Bring it along! Friends welcome!

RSVP by Wednesday, April 25
office@holycrosschurch.org

Peer Ministry Meeting

Saturday, April 14 from 4 to 7 pm

A gathering time for all trained Peer Ministers, to deepen their skill and confidence in peer ministry.

Please bring \$10 for dinner.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 11
pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org



All youth and families
invited to attend
SCREENAGERS
on **Sunday, April 29 at 6 pm**
see page 3 for more info



Lone Star BBQ Dinner & Silent Auction
THANK YOU!

by Pastor Sally

Thanks to all who made the Lone Star BBQ such a wonderful success! We had an incredible group of people who put numerous hours of effort into this event. A special thank you to the planning team – Terry Berger, Lisa Dunbar, Beth Ann Koenemann, Amy Lachowin, Angie Lindsey and Patty Moyer. Thank you to Val Maxwell and Manny Flores for their wonderful brisket and all the families and participants of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering who assisted to make this fundraiser a big success. Thank you for all who participated in the event, raffles and auction. Your support of our youth is what makes transformational trips like the Youth Gatherings possible! This event raised over \$10,000! Thank You!





Celebration! Childcare



CrossWays Preschool

Summer is Coming

Summer is right around the corner. The Celebration! Childcare summer calendar is hot off the press! We have planned some exciting programs to enjoy this summer! We look forward to the pony rides, trackless train, water days, mini golf course, bowling, magic show, frog lady visit, ice cream cart, puppet show, and many more fun activities. To sign up for summer camp, see Kathy or Roxanne down in the west wing. Full day, Monday - Friday programs are available as well as part-week programs.

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

Celebration! Childcare is hiring summer part-time Teaching Assistants and Substitutes

At least 18 years of age with a high school diploma.
 2 pm - 6 pm, Monday - Friday
 Compensation starting at \$9.50/hr
MUST MEET DCFS QUALIFIED REQUIREMENTS

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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 6 from 6 - 10 pm

Fee: \$30/First Child
 \$20/Second Child

Reservations needed by:
 Tuesday, April 3



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



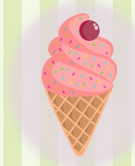
Spring is Here!

The beginning of April brings us the Easter holiday and spring. As the weather turns warmer, and the sun shines more brightly, all of us can get outside and enjoy God's gifts in nature. Studies have shown that children benefit greatly from any type of connection to nature. Time spent in nature helps to encourage creative play, develops self-discipline, and fosters social relationships. In Danielle Cohen's article from the Child Mind Institute, "Why Kids Need to Spend Time in Nature," she explains that when children engage with nature, they are more confident, more responsible, and more physically active. Even ADD symptoms and nutrition can improve by spending time outside.

Here on the Holy Cross campus, we are so blessed to have a wide range of natural areas and green space to enjoy. As we jump into spring, the children who attend CrossWays Preschool will be enjoying as much time as possible outside, using nature as a vehicle for learning! We hope to see you out and about enjoying it all as well!

Also in April, we will be enjoying field trips, children's chapel, the ice cream social, and our second museum room of the school year. We are still accepting applications for summer camp, so if you are looking for something for your preschooler to do this summer, please contact me right away. We would love to have them join us!

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



Ice Cream Social

Thursday, April 12

6 - 7:30 pm

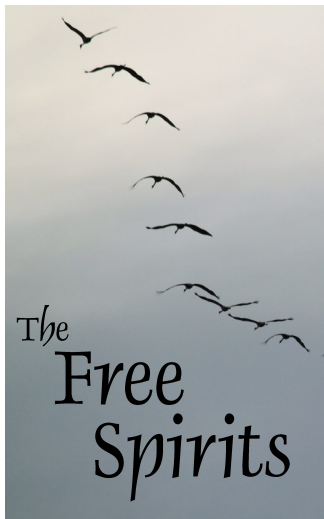
Holy Cross Fellowship Area

Join us for an evening of ice cream and magic with our friend **Kevin Kelly the Magician!**

Tickets \$4 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. Purchase at Celebration! Childcare, CrossWays Preschool or at the door the night of the event. All welcome!



Proceeds benefit the Building Blocks Childhood Center Playground Upkeep Fund



THE FREE SPIRITS
THURSDAY, APRIL 19 AT 9:45 AM (OR MEET AT THE MUSEUM AT 10 AM)

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

The Free Spirits invite you to join us on Thursday, April 19 to visit the newly opened Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County and then go to lunch at an area restaurant. Meet at Holy Cross at 9:45am. (Museum opens at 10am).

Formerly located at the Lakewood Forest Preserves, this museum is operated by the Lake County Forest Preserves and is named after Lake County's first official historian. Now located in Libertyville, we will be attending the museum within weeks of the grand opening.

For more information contact Carol Wasemiller at clinnea@yahoo.com or (847) 625-0046.



PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 4 PM, ROOM 208

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



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO

DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, AT 11:30AM

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP AREA

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 AT 7 PM, ROOM 208

We will meet once this month, enjoying a meal and creating flies for the spring. We extend an open invitation for veterans to participate, and for volunteers to help with hospitality. If you would like more information, please contact office@holycrosschurch.org



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, APRIL 6 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

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

This group meets once a month - come when you can, leave when you must! No prep work is required, but if you would like to read ahead, pick up the book **Twelve Extraordinary Women** (available in the church office for \$5). On **Friday, April 6**, we will discuss **Chapter 7: Anna**. Please bring your beverages and a snack to share. Contact Pastor Sally with any questions at PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org

Save the dates: May 4 we will discuss **Chapter 10: Mary Magdalene**, and we will finish discussing this book on June 1 with **Chapter 11: Lydia**.



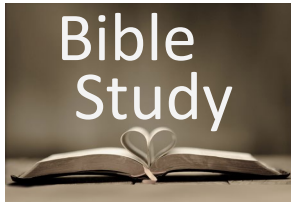
PILATES
APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING)

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

**BOOK CLUB**

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 7 PM LOCATION: HOME OF MARJI THUMMEL, 225 BOBOLINK DR., GRAYSLAKE, IL

The life of Harry S. Truman is filled with vivid characters and dramatic events. There are several biographies and memoirs. *Read any of your choice:* **Truman**, by David McCullough, a hefty biography of turbulent times in which he was our president. **Where the Buck Stops: The Personal and Private Writings of Harry S. Truman**, edited by his daughter, Margaret Truman. **Harry S. Truman**, by Margaret Truman, a biography about her father's life and offers rare glimpses at the personalities and politics behind the world events of his time. All are welcome to join us.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAYS, APRIL 10 & APRIL 24 AT 11 AM - 12:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

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

**COMMON THREADS**

MONDAY, APRIL 9 AT 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

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

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

TUESDAYS, APRIL 3 & 17 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

This group, led by Pastor Sally, will continue their discussions of *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* by Skye Jethani. Join us to discuss *Chapter 5: Life From God* at our meeting on Tuesday, April 3 and *Chapter 6: Life For God* on Tuesday, April 17. All are welcome!

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

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

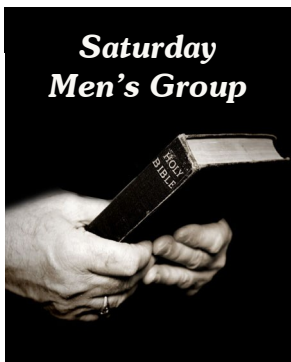
EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM

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

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

**CARE OF CREATION**

Focused on caring for God's wonderful creation, our goal is to inspire our congregation by providing information about environmental issues. We share pertinent articles on the 3-sided kiosk in the gathering space and on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Stop by to meet us during our reusable bag sale on Sunday, April 22. We are members of Lake County Green Congregations, and many of our members help with the Adopt-a-Highway program (Join us April 15!) at Holy Cross. Through our email list we share environmental news with each other. If you would like to subscribe to our email list please write to CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org with "Subscribe" in the subject line. See page 5 for more news.

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**

SATURDAYS - APRIL 7 & 21 AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

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



Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

Final 2018 ELCAYG Payment Due

- 6:00 am Ecumenical Easter Sunrise
Worship at Independence Grove
- 8, 9:30 & 11 am Easter Worship with
Holy Communion
- 8:30 am Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

Monday, April 2

Newsletter Content Due for May

- 5:30 pm Willow House Meeting
- 6:00 pm Pilates Celebration! atrium

Tuesday, April 3

Please RSVP for At the Table

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
- 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop #194 Committee

Wednesday, April 4

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 12:30 pm Libertyville Minister's Assoc.
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 5

- 9:30 am ECM Board Meeting
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, 402

Friday, April 6

- 6:00 pm Parent's Night Out, Celebration!
- 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace

Saturday, April 7

- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
- 9:30 am *Milestone Ministry:*
The Lord's Prayer (kindergarten)
- 5:30 pm First Saturday Worship
with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 8

- 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship
with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 12:15 pm Dane & Tournas Baptisms
- 12:30 pm 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Prep Meeting

Monday, April 9

CrossWays Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Tuesday, April 10

CrossWays Parent Teacher Conferences

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 pm BSA Roundtable
- 6:30 pm At the Table, Pizzeria DeVille

Wednesday, April 11

RSVP for Peer Ministers Meeting 4/14

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 9:30 am ECM Marketing, 208
- 11:30 am PHW Day Program Session
- 3:30 pm RRCC, 402 & 404
- 7:00 pm PHW Evening Program, 208
- 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

- 6:00 pm Celebration! & CrossWays
Ice Cream Social
- 6:30 pm BSA Wood Badge Staff, 207
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, April 13

- 6:00 pm Event Setup

Saturday, April 14

- 6:00 am NE IL BSA Wood Badge Staff
- 7:00 am BSA Camp Staff, atrium
- 7:00 am BSA Training, 207 & 208
- 8:30 am New Member Breakfast
- 4:00 pm Peer Ministry Meeting

Sunday, April 15

- 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 & 11am Contemporary Worship
with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Reception of New Members
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 12:15 pm Adopt-a-Highway/St Mary's Rd
- 4:00 pm Parents of Children with
Special Needs, 208

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 12:30 pm Building Blocks Bible Study
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 19

- 9:45 am Free Spirits Dunn Museum
- 7:00 pm Church Council
- 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, April 21

- 7:00 am Saturday Men's Group

Sunday, April 22

Good Shepherd Sunday/LSSI

PADS Donations Drop off by noon

- 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy
Communion
- 9:00 am Care of Creation: Reusable bag
sale
- 9:30 am La Brie Baptism
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:30am 6th gr. girls pack PADS lunches
- 2:00 pm 6th gr. boys Winchester House
- 2:30 pm Winchester House Worship

Monday, April 23

PADS Donations Drop off by noon

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

Tuesday, April 24

- 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404
- 7:00 pm Book Club, Thummel Home

Wednesday, April 25

- 9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
- 12:00pm Feed My Starving Children pack
- 3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs
- 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 26

- 9:30 am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, April 27

- 6:30 pm High School Game Night

Saturday, April 28

- 10:00 am LSSI Spring Fling, Itasca

Sunday, April 29

- 8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy
Communion
- 9:00 am Youth Stock Sale
- 9:30 am Sunday School Spring Sing
- 6:00 pm "Screenagers" documentary
and conversations following

Monday, April 30

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



Newsletter Assembly - Please Join Us!

Assist with preparing the May newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. **Thursday, April 26 at 9:30 am.**

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Ecumenical
Easter Sunrise Worship

Sunday, April 1 at 6 am
 North Bay Pavilion
 at Independence Grove
 Details on page 2

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

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

**"MUST SEE
 FOR
 ANYONE WITH KIDS
 IN THEIR LIVES!"**

MARTHA ADAMS
 CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER FOR GIRL RISING

SCREENAGERS GROWING UP
 IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Free Documentary Screening
 Sunday, April 29 at 6 pm
 RSVP: bit.ly/ScreenagersAtHC
 See page 3 for more information.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, April 12
 6 to 7:30 pm
 Fellowship Area
 Tickets: \$4 pp
 or \$15 for a family of 4 or more

Join us for an evening of ice cream
 and magic with our friend,
Kevin Kelly the magician!

Purchase tickets at Celebration!
 Childcare, CrossWays Preschool or at the
 door. All are welcome!

**Celebration! Childcare
 CrossWays Preschool**

CURRENT EVENTS	
April 2018	
1	Easter Sunday Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Worship Easter Sunday Worship and Breakfast
7	First Saturday Worship
10	At the Table, Pizzeria DeVille
12	Ice Cream Social
14	New Member Breakfast
15	Reception of New Members
22	Adopt-a-Highway/Clean St. Mary's
29	Earth Day Reusable Bag Sale Sunday School Spring Sing "Screenagers" Documentary
May 2018	
5	First Saturday Worship
8	At the Table, Jimmy's Charhouse
12	COOL Ministries Plant Sale Pick Up
20	<i>Around the Cross Concert:</i> "Missa brevis" by Georg Telemann
28	Memorial Day - Building Closed

AT THE TABLE

Tuesday, April 10: Pizzeria DeVille
 - See page 5 for more details -