

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

June 2022

Restore and Refresh...

by Pastor Bob Davis

It is safe to say that Jesus saw value in each day. He was open to the building of relationships and the effort that goes into developing trust. He had a spirit of gratitude for the simple moments that reminded him of the beauty of God created days. He embraced an appreciation for the joy that comes from being curious, imaginative and willing to entertain the mystery of those moments in life that may go beyond our ability to understand.

In other words, Jesus showed up. Jesus showed up for:

- the Samaritan woman at the well
- the healing of the ten lepers
- blind Bartimaeus
- the man who was lame and whose friends lowered him through the roof
- the 5,000 who were nurtured with the sermon on the mount
- the conversation with the rich young ruler, Nicodemus
- the woman who was to be stoned to death, and so many others.

What about us? What does it look like for us to "show up" each day as people of faith? What does it mean for us to be connected to one another?

It is a simple enough concept. It may not seem to be that profound on the surface of life. Here's the good news: no matter how discouraged or distracted we may get, Jesus walks with us. For the disciples, the Emmaus road experience revealed, our faith journey is enriched when we are connected to Jesus in the present moments of life. The Gospel narrative radiates with the good news of the power and the presence of Jesus. Jesus leads. Jesus provides. Jesus anoints. Jesus' goodness and mercy are with us always.

When we are connected to each other, we realize that even though the specifics are unique to each of us, there are topics, moments, situations, and needs where God's Word may offer us some insight into our lives. When we are connected to each other, we have our faith stretched and deepened. Our connection with God and one another is not about making us feel shamed, chastised, isolated but a sense of belonging and being loved. When we have the opportunity to be connected to each other, we discover that every idea, old or new, is needed; every person, young or aged, is valued; every soul, troubled or overly-satisfied or whole, is treasured; every spirit, tired or high strung, is refreshed; and, every child of God is welcomed into a family of faith where God's other children wait with open arms.

In Christ, the sacred/holy shows up in the ordinary/every day. Jesus calls us out where we are buried in our fears, our pain, our grief, our worries, and life's pressures. Thank God Jesus shows up to restore and refresh us each day.

Peace, 

Ordinary Time?

by Pastor Chris Neptun

I am excited to be writing this to you *as your pastor!* The time seems anything but ordinary. It's a time of change, transition, and excitement for Holy Cross. Like me, you may wonder what the next chapter of life will bring. Easter was just weeks ago. Pentecost is coming with the Spirit's power and mystery.

Things are extraordinary for difficult reasons too. There is war in Ukraine, an uncertain economy, memories of and concerns around the pandemic, continued issues of hunger and poverty, inequality, health concerns, family troubles... you get the idea. We experience joyful and troubled times, sometimes at the same time. Other times it feels as if nothing is happening at all. It's just, well... ordinary. We live with paradox, trouble with joy, uncertainty with hope.

I am a bit of a word geek. I get into etymology, the root of words, their origin, meaning and alternate meanings. "Ordinary" can mean *"of no special quality or interest; commonplace; unexceptional."* In church, ordinary refers to *green times*, time after Epiphany or Pentecost typically in January and February, and June to November (not Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). For church, refers to "an order or form for *divine* service." On the day of Pentecost, God shows once again how they use the "ordinary" extraordinarily. Ordinary people speak about God's amazing deeds of power in languages they do not know so others hear extraordinarily in a language they do know.

Even in seemingly ordinary times, God is with us doing extraordinary things through us. With the Holy Spirit in and around us, we speak and live out God's amazing deeds of power. I look forward to us watching for, taking part in, and experiencing God's divine service together in the extraordinary AND the ordinary times!

Peace is with you,



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JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS
5:30 PM

JUNE 4 - SANCTUARY

JUNE 11 - SANCTUARY

JUNE 18 - PATIO

JUNE 25 - SANCTUARY

SUNDAYS

JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

8 & 10 AM - SANCTUARY

& LIVESTREAM

View at

HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons

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Altar Flowers Returning

Returning to “normal” post pandemic will once again include the opportunity to purchase flowers for the altar on Sunday mornings in memory of a loved one or to celebrate with joy a birthday, anniversary, baptism, wedding or other event. For convenience, altar flower order options are offered online where you will have the opportunity to select your desired date (by the 25th of the month prior) and craft a dedication which will appear in the bulletin on your chosen day.

Our new floral vendor will be Joseph's Florist here in Libertyville and we are excited to be working with their creative designers. The price for a arrangements including delivery will be \$50 per bouquet. You are welcome and encouraged to take the flowers home with you to enjoy following the 10 am service on the day you donate. (We ask that the vases be returned during the following week or on the next Sunday so that we can continually rotate them back to the florist.) It is our hope that the altar flowers will be a visible reminder in our lives and in our worship setting of the beauty, the joy and the love that God has given to each of us. **To order, visit bit.ly/orderaltarflowers**



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Consider Active Worship

Greeters, Readers, Altar Care, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Audio/Visual Helpers, Fellowship Hosts

Perhaps you have not participated in a worship volunteer role before but many hands make light work and each volunteer position contributes to a positive worship environment for all who attend. The responsibilities can be before, during, or after worship or behind the scenes and are easily teachable so that you will feel at ease in any role. As a volunteer, you may choose your service times and dates and schedule yourself through our congregational database.

Many of these roles can be done in tandem so if you would like to read and greet on a Sunday morning, you are welcome to do so. Or greet and assist with Communion or even read and usher. Couples, friends, or families are encouraged to volunteer together. If you would like to be connected to one of these volunteer positions, contact the church office at (847) 367-4060 or office@holycrosschurch.org and we can add you to the group you would like to serve with. Jump into active worship and join a team today!



PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Nora Rose LaFollette

daughter of Jake and Kayla LaFollette
May 1, 2022

WEDDING

Emily Moore and Ryan Young

May 29, 2022

FUNERAL

Branko Horvat

May 6, 2022

Conrad Larsen

May 21, 2022

Summer at Holy Cross

Holy Cross will provide a variety of worship, fellowship and educational (faith formation) opportunities during the Summer of 2022. In lieu of a traditional one-week Vacation Bible School experience, we will provide educational experiences between the Sunday morning worship services. These are intended for any age. We will use a curriculum called "Messy Church" which includes Bible stories, activities, crafts and a lot of fun. Held outdoors on the front lawn, it will begin on Sunday, June 12 from 9 to 9:45 am and will run through Sunday, July 31. More details on page 7. We will resume faith formation on "Rally Day" Sunday, September 11.

We enjoy each other's company at Holy Cross. We are planning a number of fellowship events where we can come together for conversation and food. The church will make the arrangements to provide the food unless otherwise specified. On Sundays we will encourage the use of the patio for fellowship space as needed.

Worship plays a vital role in our community life together. During the Summer months of June, July and August we will offer worship every Saturday evening at 5:30 pm. These will always offer the sacrament of Holy Communion and will be 45 minutes in length. Sunday mornings will provide worship services at 8 and 10 am. Please refer to the schedule below to determine when the services will be offered in the sanctuary, as a drive-in, or on the patio. As always, we provide a livestream worship option on Sundays at 8 and 10 am (except during scheduled drive-in worship services) with past recorded worship services on our website.

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| June | Saturday, June 4 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, June 5 | |
| | 8 & 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | Saturday, June 11 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, June 12 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Cupcake party |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 10 am | Worship and High School Graduation Recognition, Sanctuary |
| | 11 am | Cupcake party |
| | Saturday, June 18 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, PATIO |
| | Sunday, June 19 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | Saturday, June 25 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, June 26 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 9 am | Donuts and Fellowship on the Patio |
| | 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |

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| July | Saturday, July 2 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, July 3 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 10 am | Worship, DRIVE-IN |
| | 11 am | Fellowship Tailgate |
| | Saturday, July 9 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, PATIO |
| | Sunday, July 10 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | Saturday, July 16 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, PATIO |
| | Sunday, July 17 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| | 9 am | Breakfast Pizza and Fellowship |
| | 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 11 am | Breakfast Pizza and Fellowship |

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| Saturday, July 23 | |
| 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| Sunday, July 24 | |
| 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| Saturday, July 30 | |
| 5:30 pm | Saturday Night Live on the Patio: Fellowship with music & food following worship |
| Sunday, July 31 | |
| 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| 9 am | Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn |
| 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |

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| August | Saturday, August 6 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, PATIO |
| | Sunday, August 7 | |
| | 8 am | Worship and Mission Endowment Scholarship Presentation, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Cupcake party |
| | 10 am | Worship and Mission Endowment Scholarship Presentation, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 11 am | Cupcake party |
| | Saturday, August 13 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, August 14 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 10 am | Worship, DRIVE-IN |
| | 11 am | Taco Sunday Fellowship Tailgate |
| | Saturday, August 20 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, PATIO |
| | Sunday, August 21 | |
| | 8 & 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | Saturday, August 27 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, August 28 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 10 am | Worship, DRIVE-IN |
| | 11 am | Fellowship Tailgate (menu TBD) |

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| September | Saturday, September 3 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary |
| | Sunday, September 4 | |
| | 8 & 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | Sunday, September 11 | |
| | 8 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |
| | 9 am | Rally Day: Faith Formation |
| | 10 am | Worship, Sanctuary & livestream |



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7 PM VIA ZOOM



holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

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

In June we will discuss *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer. In 1942, Europe remains in the relentless grip of war. Just beyond the tents of the Russian refugee camp she calls home, a young woman speaks her wedding vows. It's a decision that will alter her destiny... and it's a lie that will remain buried until the next century.

The Things We Cannot Say is an unshakable reminder of the devastation when truth is silenced... and how it can take a lifetime to find our voice before we learn to trust it.

Our discussion host will be Deb Sherrock. If you have any questions, please email Melanie Houser at housermd@comcast.net View the list of our 2022 Book Club selections at holycrosschurch.org/virtualmeetings



WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

On hiatus until September 2022

This group typically meets twice per month on Tuesday mornings in-person in the fellowship area. All women are welcome to join when sessions resume.

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

PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO



DAY SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 8 & 22

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

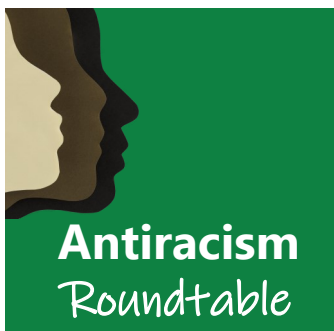
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EVENING SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 8 & 22

4 - 7 PM

LOCATION: CENTURY PARK/HOLY CROSS

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



ANTIRACISM ROUNDTABLE & WORK GROUP

On hiatus until September 2022

Over the past two years, this group has had many deep discussions leading to a collective desire to share their passion for exploring antiracism and intersectionality concepts with more members of Holy Cross. To shape and frame those ideas takes time, so the roundtable is taking a brief hiatus from holding monthly meetings while they develop and bring forth some new plans. Please contact Carol Dikelsky at carol@dikelsky.org if you would like to learn more. The group plans to reconvene in September.



QUILTING GROUP

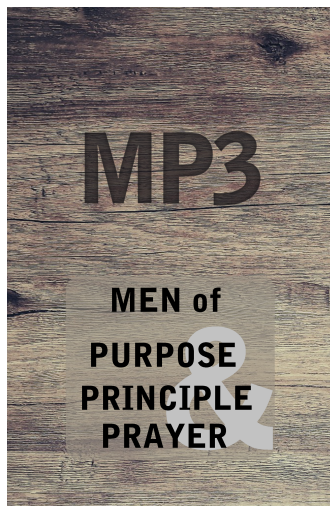
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

9 AM - 12 PM

IN-PERSON, ROOM 404

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

Contact Deb Sherrock at debs695@aol.com or (630) 267-7802 with any questions.



MP3: MEN OF PURPOSE, PRINCIPLE, & PRAYER
TUESDAY, JUNE 14
6 - 8:30 PM
IN-PERSON, FELLOWSHIP AREA

THEME: SEEKING ALIVENESS IN JESUS

Our June session will be the second of a four session video curriculum on *Seeking Aliveness*. We will continue our journey with renowned author and emergent Christian leader Brian McLaren as we seek out this new path for our faith. We will meet a total of four times in 2022 for an evening of fellowship, food, music and conversation. If you have not already received one, copies of McLaren's book "*We Make the Road by Walking: a yearlong quest for spiritual formation, reorientation and activation*" are available as a resource and gift for everyone. Drawing on the themes from his book we are offering up some fresh insights for how we go about composing a life of faith. Men (21+) are invited to attend.

To help us plan for food, please RSVP at: bit.ly/MP3JUNE2022



SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAYS, JUNE 11 & 25
7 AM
IN-PERSON (ROOM 208) OR VIA ZOOM

 **holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517**

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

In June, we will continue to utilize Diana Butler Bass' book, titled *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*. Join us as we explore the question Jesus asks all of us, "Who do you say that I am?" Books are available in the Gathering Space.

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP
TUESDAYS, JUNE 7, 14, 21 & 28 FROM 7 TO 8 AM
LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

This is a wonderful way to begin the day with coffee, breakfast, fellowship and thought-provoking and stimulating conversation. All men are welcome to join us.

Questions? Contact Pastor Bob at pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, JUNE 10
6:40 - 8 PM
IN PERSON AT BLACK LUNG BREWING COMPANY
2217 N. ILLINOIS ROUTE 83, ROUND LAKE BEACH

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

There is no set agenda or RSVP needed for this June gathering. Join us for fun and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or a snack to share. Questions? Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com or (224) 775-1479.



PILATES
MONDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20 & 27
6 PM
IN-PERSON, CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

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



CrossWays Preschool



Celebration! Childcare

by Samantha Cooper
Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

Little Sprouts: Summer Camp June Session

June begins our first session of summer camp! Our first week of camp starts with our carnival theme. Our campers are going to enjoy clowning around with carnival games and winning prizes. Carnival week wouldn't be complete without a visit from the Cotton Candy Cart! In addition to carnival week, our June campers will have fun this month with a musical week, Harry Potter week, and USA week. Little Sprouts Summer Camp is full of fun and engaging activities such as Limbo and Water Day. Students will also be tending to our child-led garden. We have added a few new raised beds. Thanks to our WISHES donations, we have also added a playhouse and garden center as well! The kids have really enjoyed playing in the garden space and taking care of our vegetables and herbs.

There is a small handful of open spots left for our July and August summer camp sessions. We offer camp for children aged 2 - 5 years old on Tuesdays through Thursdays. We would love to have a few more friends join us in our summer camp adventures! In-person tours are by appointment only. Families can also view our virtual tour on the CrossWays Preschool website at cpreschool.org

The 2021/22 school year wrapped up at the end of May. We celebrated the successful year with a pizza party and cheered on our graduating students at a heart-warming ceremony. We are very excited for the students who will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall. It is a major milestone for 5 year-olds and their families. We wish the best for the students in the coming school year! We hope to hear all about their success.

CrossWays Preschool Important Dates

June 7: First Day of Little Sprouts Summer Camp
June 30: Last day of June Summer Camp session



All Smiles for Summer!

Summer camp is finally beginning and our students couldn't be happier! Summertime is the best time for free play, getting creative, and being outdoors in the fresh air! With the help of our WISHES donations, we have added some new items to our playground. Large push trucks and a new Mickey Mouse playhouse are a few items that were donated for the children to play with. In June, we have a variety of in-house events that will be taking place. There will be a puppet show during musical week, a magic show during Harry Potter week, and the students will be making ice cream sundaes to celebrate Independence Day! In addition to our exciting activities and crafts, we are bringing back our dress-up themes! Every Tuesday, students and staff can come to school dressed in the week's theme. This month, we have class color day, backwards day, hat day, and USA day.

Our fairy garden has made its yearly return! This magical garden is located at the entrance of Celebration! Childcare. The children love to play with the little fairy figurines and create relaxing places for tiny, special visitors to unwind. If you happen to be visiting Celebration! Childcare, don't forget to take a glance at the garden on your way in. You never know what you may see!

Celebration! Childcare Important Dates

June 6: First day of camp
July 4: No school (Independence Day)

Staff Training

CPR is a DCFS requirement for CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare staff and can be renewed every two years. Our staff will be participating in CPR renewal this year on June 8. Staff will be trained in the most current CPR techniques as well as first aid.

Libertyville Days Parade!

CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare will be participating in the Libertyville Days Parade on Saturday, June 18. This is one of Lake County's largest parades featuring floats, marching bands, Shriner groups, clowns, horses and more. We have families and staff of our programs joining us to be in the marching unit. Parade participants will wear either blue or purple to represent our school colors. Program brochures and child-friendly goodies will be handed out during the walk by our marching unit. We would love to have supporters on the parade route cheering for us as we walk in the parade. The parade kicks off from the Metra Station starting at 10 am and heads south on Milwaukee Ave to Rockland Rd. We are hoping for sunshine and good weather for parade day!

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Celebration!
Childcare

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cchildcare.org

Faith Formation

by Amy Becker-Perez

A song from my college years came on the radio (Run Around by Blues Traveler) last week when my 5-year old and I were driving home. My thoughts were focused on college memories when that voice from the backseat piped up telling me that he liked this song! Lost in my nostalgia I jabbered about how old I was when I first heard that song—but was kindly asked to be quiet so he could listen to it!

Songs from a particular time in life can be weighed down with more than their catchy tune or fun lyrics. They can carry baggage. The baggage of this song is positive for me, but still it's weighted with memory that my son just does not have. Obviously, he will have experiences and in a few decades may associate certain times of life with songs that have yet to be written. And while I'd love if his music appreciation would include that which I have found meaningful and fun, he will forge his own connection to song.

I wonder if there is something to be learned about how we pass on faith as we think about how we share our experience of music with the kids in our lives. Sometimes we bring a lot of baggage into the ways we tell stories—the ways we appreciate worship and music—and our expectations of what it means to follow Christ. We are invested in our own encounter with Jesus and our own practice of faith at the same time as we're hoping to give kids a foundation upon which to build.

Perhaps part of what we can do is give our kids opportunities to observe how we engage with Scripture, worship, music and faith. We can not only have the answers (or at least some of the answers), but be curious about a Bible passage or fed by a worship service together with the kids in our life.

Our kids' faith lives will not be the same as ours. And yet—God is present to them, working in and through them. Seeking to connect to them in an experience that is their own. As I was trying to connect with my son about the song from my past, he was trying to enjoy it at his own level in the now. He would not have heard that song without me—and we did get to talk about how we liked the fast paced lyrics and fun melody, but his experience is his own.

Just like his experience with the story of the women discovering that Jesus' tomb was empty will be his own. Just like his connection with the liturgy will be (and already is beginning to be) his own. I can help by giving him the opportunity to experience these aspects of faith, and by living my own life of faith that he can see—but it will still be his own connection. Thanks be to God!



CONFIRMATION

Save the date: June 26 - July 1, "Campfirmation" retreat dates at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. More details to come!

Confirmand Packets

All rising 9th grade students who have completed their years of Confirmation programming will be receiving their Confirmand Packet during the month of June. The information included will be the schedule of events surrounding your Affirmation of Baptism scheduled for Sunday, October 30. The timing for the service, rehearsal, class and individual Confirmand photos will be included in this mailing together with the Faith Statement packet that we ask each Confirmand to complete in advance of a faith conversation with either Deaconess Katie, Pastor Bob or Pastor Chris. The schedule for these conversations will also be included in the packet. Please watch your mail this month for a large envelope from Holy Cross!

Milestone Ministries



Support for their faith journey...

2022 High School Graduation Recognition Sunday, June 12 during 10 am worship

Graduation from high school is an important milestone and a time of transition for students and families. This year we will celebrate this milestone during the 10 am worship service with prayer and a blessing of all those who graduated and their families. Questions? Contact office@holycrosschurch.org



High School Youth Group

Please watch for future meeting dates to be announced.

Messy Church Summer Faith Formation

Sundays, June 12 - July 31
9 - 9:45 am

As thoughts turn to summer and warmer days are on the rise, we'd like to offer opportunities to enjoy the weather and share God's love with one another through play, craft, music, and games outdoors during "Messy Church" on Sundays between the 8 and 10 am worship services. Everyone will be welcome to join in these experiences and everyone is encouraged to dress for mess! Crafts may include glue, glitter or paint, and games may include water or physical activity so be comfortable and come join in the fun! These opportunities will be held weekly beginning on Sunday, June 12, from 9 to 9:45 am on the lawn in front of the main entrance, weather permitting, and ending on Sunday, July 31.

Lutherdale Summer Camp Opportunities for Youth and Families



Did you know that one of the largest common denominators of the faith lives of people in ministry is time spent with outdoor ministries (like *Lutheran Summer Camps*) in their youth? That's one reason we're encouraging our families to sign up their kids for "water weekend" at Lutherdale this summer!

For generations Holy Cross has been affiliated with Lutherdale, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Lutheran outdoor ministries are a great opportunity for our young ones to not only have fun but also develop socially and in their faith. Our hope is for the kids of Holy Cross to make and strengthen connections with peers from our congregation by getting to spend time together beyond worship. We know that competition for scheduling is fierce in the summer, so rather than only offer one large program we're working hard to make sure we connect you to resources to meet your needs and nurture the spiritual lives of your family. We'll even be able to send a member of our ministry team up to Lutherdale to be with our congregation's youngest members while they're at camp.

Here are two weekends we particularly want to highlight for our members:

Water Weekend Summer Camp

Dates: July 15 - 17,
Ages: Grades K - 6

From Friday to Sunday, campers will develop new friendships and stay cool with a variety of waterfront activities, from the water slide to canoeing. Splash in the water and enjoy extra water activities all weekend! While the full cost of a weekend is \$400, register before June 13 for the pre-summer discounted price of \$250 for weekend programs!

For details and to register, visit
lutherdale.org/event-details/water-weekend-1

Camp 24 Family Camp

Dates: July 30 - July 31
Ages: Family

If "Water Weekend" in mid-July doesn't work for you, there's also the option for the whole family to go to camp together! "Camp 24 Family Camp" is twenty four hours together playing and praying together in God's creation! Families of all sizes welcome, the cost is \$75 per person.

For more details and to register, visit
lutherdale.org/event-details/camp-24-family-camp-2



CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare



by Samantha Cooper
Director of CrossWays Preschool
& Celebration! Childcare

Thank you again for the support and generous donations of our WISHES items! I am so happy we were able to receive all the items we had asked for. The students have enjoyed playing in the new cars we purchased as well as the bouncy whale balls. We are also excited for the new additions to the garden such as the picnic table and garden center that are shown in the pictures! This summer is going to be amazing thanks to our WISHES donors.



Director of High School Youth Position Available

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

The Director of High School Youth Ministry areas of focus will include ministry leadership and advocacy with high school youth and their families; project and programming planning; event implementation and facilitation,; and establishing and sustaining relationships.

Full job description available at holycrosschurch.org/jobs

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

Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Life Together in Faith

by Steve Oelschlager

Growing up, I used to look forward to going to church every Sunday simply because I knew I would see one of my favorite friends. He and I went to different schools, so while we saw each other only occasionally during the week, being together on Sunday was usually a sure thing. Eventually, it occurred to me how much my motivation to be in church was for social reasons, and I recall feeling a bit guilty that perhaps being so focused on my friendships meant that I was missing the point.

Traditionally, the serious work of religion included thanking God through worship, learning about the Bible and creeds in support of doctrines and theology, serving others in need, and correcting injustices. Today I'm convinced that sharing life together is an underappreciated dimension of the faith journey that is also central to God's desire for us. Through our relationships, we support each other and sense the nearness of God. We learn from each other, refine ideas, and grow in wisdom as we share our experiences and perspectives. We also inspire each other to keep on caring about what Jesus is saying, to listen to his nudges for our lives and world.

Reading through this newsletter, you can see Holy Cross provides many different opportunities that bring people together to learn and serve, but also to share the journey of life. Over the years, I have been particularly blessed by my participation in our men's ministry, including the Saturday Morning Men's Group and MP3 (see pictures below). Just like when I was a kid growing up, I still look forward to my time and involvement with all of you, my Holy Cross friends. My hope and prayer are that Holy Cross can be that kind of community for you too.



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

Registration Now Open

Holy Cross is once again committed to hosting the Global Leadership Summit (in person) on **August 4 - 5, 2022**.

Register using the following link and priority code by June 15, 2022 to take advantage of the reduced \$159 Host Site & Summit Partner rate.

bit.ly/GLSatHCLC

Priority code: GLS22TEAM



Thank you for being part of Holy Cross. We wouldn't be the same without you!

Please remember that everything that happens at Holy Cross is made possible by people like you who support our ministries through their contributions of leadership, 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 electronic giving system at HolyCrossChurch.org/giving to automate your giving at the level and frequency of your choosing. We currently have about 100 households at Holy Cross that give in this way. 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.

2022 ELCA Metro Chicago Synod Assembly

The 2022 Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA, Synod Assembly will be taking place on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville. In order to limit the number of in-person attendees for the sake of COVID-19 risk mitigation, only voting members (laypersons and rostered and retired ministers) may register to attend in-person. Please keep all Holy Cross delegates and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in prayer as they discern the business matters of the Synod.

The next ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in-person in Columbus, Ohio from August 8 - 12, 2022.

1 PETER 4:10-11

*In Jesus' Name,
Proclaim the Gospel...*

#GoodStewardship



Parking Lot Sealcoating

This summer we will be recoating the Holy Cross parking lot, as we do every few years. Please note that, weather permitting, the parking lot will be closed after worship on Sunday, July 3, and all day Monday, July 4. The lot will be accessible again on Tuesday, July 5, but portions of the lot may be unavailable as they complete line striping.



World Ocean Day

by Leo Karris

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good (Gen 1:9-10, NRSV)

June 8, 2022 has been designated as World Ocean Day by *The Ocean Project* (theoceanproject.org). We might not live near the ocean, but we can still celebrate World Ocean Day and remember that water is life. To better understand let's start locally and think in terms of watershed. To help explain, we can turn to the ELCA fact sheet, *Caring For God's Creation: Stewarding the gift of water* (elca.org/Resources/Advocacy#Issues)



A watershed is the land area and water bodies that capture and drain snow melt and rainwater into a common river or lake system and is the source for groundwater and drinking water. Holy Cross is in the Bull-Creek-Des Plaines River watershed located within the Upper Mississippi River watershed which drains into the Gulf of Mexico. Learn more about watersheds at mywaterway.epa.gov/community/libertyville,%20il/overview

Healthy watersheds mean healthy aquatic systems and drinking water. What happens here by way of stormwater run-off, pollution and land use impacts our local water quality, our watershed, and larger bodies of water downstream. Take some time this month to look at the web sites referenced here to learn more about the health of our watershed and oceans. Think about sources of pollutants and how they might be entering and impacting our watershed. Have a look at a map, think about a drop of water and trace how it might make its way down to the Gulf of Mexico and beyond. What does that drop carry with it?

By celebrating World Ocean Day, we are reminded to restore and care for our own watershed.

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

Hidden Gems Garden Walk

The Town & Country Garden Club of Libertyville is hosting their annual "Hidden Gems Garden Walk" on Saturday, June 25 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Proceeds from the Walk fund community plantings, Libertyville Food Pantry, and scholarships for Lake County students studying Horticulture.



See towncountrygardenclub.com/gardenwalk or fb.com/TownCountryGardenClubLibertyville for details.

18th Annual COOL Golf Outing



Friday, July 16

Bonnie Brook Golf Course
2800 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan

\$175 per golfer or \$600 for a foursome. \$675 for a foursome plus a Tee sign sponsorship. Fee includes green fees with a power cart, lunch and dinner, entry into prize drawings. Tee sign sponsorship is \$125. Dinner only \$40. Dinner starts at 4:30 pm and includes 50/50 raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Registration forms available at: coolministries.org
Questions? Contact Jill McKeon at (847) 331-7908

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



PADS Support

by Peg Chartier

Thanks to all of you, this year's PADS season was a huge success. While nightly hosting has wrapped up until October 1, the need of the homeless population is year round. Holy Cross is fortunate to have a relationship with PADS Central. Therefore thanks to your year round donations, we can reach out to them and they can reach out to us to fulfill upcoming and ongoing needs that are not seasonal. Monetary donations for PADS may continue to be made online on the Holy Cross website at donate.holycrosschurch.org

The Holy Cross PADS ministry is hoping to expand our volunteer pool. If you have ever wanted to serve the homeless, let us know your interest here: bit.ly/PADShost

Our hope is to bring this group together at the end of the summer and work towards a larger Holy Cross presence during the hosting season of 2022/23.



PADS
LAKE COUNTY

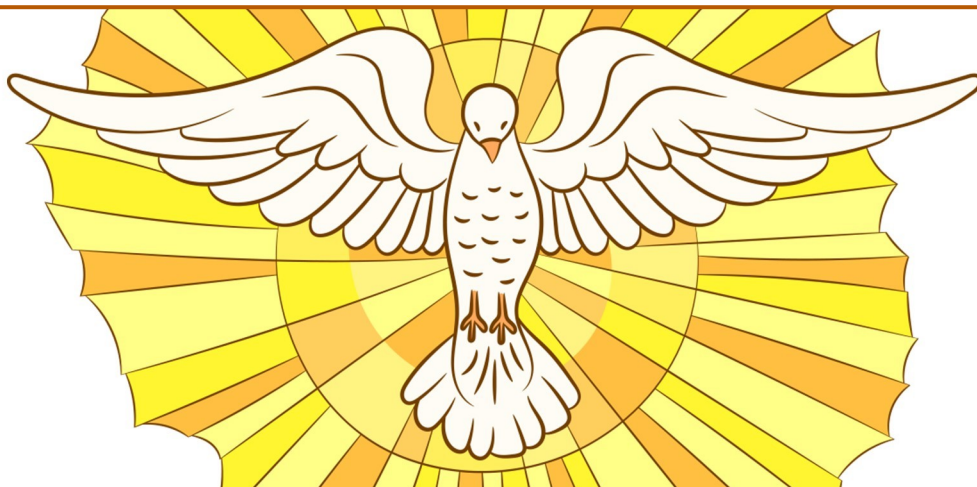
Willow House Remembrance Grief Retreat



The Willow House Donna Panfil Remembrance retreat for adolescents (ages 11-17) and adults coping with the death of a parent, sibling, child or spouse will be held on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, 21850 Riverwoods Rd, Riverwoods. This is a day to find support, comfort, connection and spaces for healing through a day of nature and creativity. Participation is free, and breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided. Register at: bit.ly/2022griefretreat

Questions? Contact Program Director Lauren Raney at (847) 236-9300 or info@willowhouse.org

June Calendar



Wednesday, June 1

9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Saturday, June 4

3 pm Red Rose Alumni Choir Rehearsal, 402
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost and ELCA World Hunger Sunday

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, June 6

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

Tuesday, June 7

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, June 8

9 am Quilting Group, 404
11:30 am PHW Day Session, Century Park
4 pm PHW Evening Session, Century Park
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
8 pm Church Council, Fellowship Area

Saturday, June 11

7 am Saturday Men's Group, Room 208
10 am Allan Humbert Visitation and Funeral, Sanctuary
12 pm Lake Michigan Lodge group, Fellowship Area
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 12

Holy Trinity Sunday

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
9 am Cupcake party, fellowship area
Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, and High School Graduation Recognition, Sanctuary & livestream
11 am Cupcake party, fellowship area

Monday, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 14

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
6 pm MP3, Fellowship Area

7 pm ECM Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

9 am Quilting Group, 404

Saturday, June 18

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Patio

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day and Juneteenth

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
9 am Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, June 20

World Refugee Day

6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium

Tuesday, June 21

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant

Wednesday, June 22

9 am Quilting Group, 404
11:30 am PHW Day Session, Century Park
4 pm PHW Evening Session, Century Park

Thursday, June 23

7 pm Book Club, Zoom

Saturday, June 25

7 am Saturday Men's Group, Room 208
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 26

8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream,
9 am Donuts and fellowship, patio
Messy Church: Faith Formation, lawn
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream,
11 am Donuts and fellowship, patio

Monday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 28

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant

Wednesday, June 29

9 am Quilting Group, 404

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

June 5 - 8 & 10 am

Sanctuary & livestream

June 12 - 8 & 10 am

Sanctuary & livestream

High School Graduation Recognition at 10 am
and cupcake party at 9 & 11 am

June 19 - 8 & 10 am

Sanctuary & livestream

June 26 - 8 & 10 am

Sanctuary & livestream

Donuts and Fellowship on the Patio at 9 am

Saturday Evening Worship

5:30 pm

June 4 - Sanctuary

June 11 - Sanctuary

June 18 - Patio

June 25 - Sanctuary

View the full summer worship schedule
and events calendar on page 3

MP3

MP3: Men of Purpose, Principle & Prayer

Date: Tuesday, June 14

Time: 6 pm, In-person (Fellowship Area)

Theme: Seeking Aliveness

See page 5 for details

Messy Church

Summer Faith Formation

Sundays, June 12 - July 31
9 - 9:45 am

All ages welcome!
Details on page 7

Milestone Ministries

2022 High School Graduation Recognition
Sunday, June 12 during 10 am worship

See page 7