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Meeting the Other with Hospitality

by Pastor Chris Neptun

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. – Genesis 18:2

Anthony Bourdain once said, “If you had a good experience in a restaurant, you tell two people. If you have a bad experience, you tell 10.” The point is experience matters. Service is one of the most important aspects of eating out if not the most important. The food served can be amazing but if you aren’t made to feel welcome, it doesn’t matter.

Hospitality or serving others was about survival in the ancient world. In some of the more remote parts of our world it is more prominent. I watch a few shows that feature homestead lifestyle and the same is true. Helping a stranger isn’t about doing something nice for them. Instead, it often involves life or death and realizes that, at any given moment in the wilderness, you may depend on the help of a stranger to survive.

The verse from Genesis above tells of Abraham’s hospitality to what he believes to be three strangers when they arrive at the heat of the day unexpectedly in his camp. He meets them at a place called the Oaks of Mamre, which is believed to be in present day Hebron. It’s hot. It’s dry. They look like travelers who need rest, food, and water to survive the journey ahead of them. Abraham’s posture reveals humility to provide what these strangers need.

I was recently reminded how well Holy Cross shares the gift of hospitality. We hosted a memorial service where many were strangers to Holy Cross or hadn’t visited in a long time. Throughout the visitation and after the service I heard many express how welcomed they felt and how much it helped them at a time when they were grieving the loss of a friend, a family member, a loved one. There was plenty of food, drink, and people serving them. Serving food and drink is often what we think of when we hear the word hospitality. This is part of it but there is so much more.

Allow me to be a “word nerd” here. The word “hospitality” we use today has its roots in the French word *ospitalité* and the Latin word *hospitalitem* meaning, “friendliness to guests”. The related word, host (a person who receives guests), also comes from the Old French *hoste* (modern *hôte*) and the Latin *hospitem*. Hospital, hotel, hostel, and even hostile find their roots in this etymological idea of providing for the needs of a guest, stranger, or foreigner.¹

The Dutch priest Henri Nouwen described hospitality in this way, “Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place.”²

True hospitality requires a certain mindset of risk and humility. Holy Cross does hospitality well but there are opportunities for us to understand and engage it more deeply. Doing so may allow us to live a life of faith that receives and shares the gifts of God more completely and deeply. The gift of a few experiencing God’s love through us is better than 10 that don’t.

Peace be with you,

¹ etymonline.com/word/hospitality

² Nouwen, Henri J. M. . Reaching Out (p. 48). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK LENTEN

WEDNESDAYS,
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7 - 7:30 PM - SANCTUARY

SATURDAY

MARCH 4 AT 5:30 PM
SANCTUARY

SUNDAYS

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26
8 & 10 AM
SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

VIEW LIVESTREAM AT
[HOLYCROSSCHURCH.ORG/
SERMONS](http://HOLYCROSSCHURCH.ORG/SERMONS)

LENT

Hungry Understanding What Feeds

This Lenten Season we will encounter different characters in our Gospel readings who hunger in specific and various ways. God cares about our whole well-being—physical, spiritual, and emotional and works in real ways to meet our needs. Each Wednesday during Lent, a representative from one of Holy Cross' hunger ministry partners will join us to share how their organization has worked to address the needs of those who hunger in our community, country and across the globe. Our hope is that this will help to provide tangible information about how we as individuals and as a congregation might support their efforts through deeper partnerships. Donations may be dropped off in the Gathering Space any time before the worship service dates or on the designated Wednesday night.

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Midweek Lenten Worship

Featuring Interviews with our Hunger Ministry Partners

Wednesday, March 1, 7 - 7:30 pm

COOL Ministries

Mindy Lindholm, Executive Director

Suggested Donation: Boxed cereal

Wednesday, March 8, 7 - 7:30 pm

Feed My Starving Children

Kenzie Mackillop, Development Advisor

Suggested Donation: M&M containers filled with quarters

Wednesday, March 15, 7 - 7:30 pm

ELCA World Hunger

Deacon Brooke De Jong

Program Assistant - Hunger Education

Suggested Donation: Special monetary collection to benefit ELCA World Hunger

Wednesday, March 22, 7 - 7:30 pm

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Jenny Ackerman, Development Officer,

Corporation and Foundation Giving

Suggested Donation: Boxed whole grain pasta or rice

Wednesday, March 29, 7 - 7:30 pm

PADS

Eric Foote, Deputy Executive Director

Suggested Donation: Hygiene kits

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers



March 1 - March 8 - March 15 - March 22 - March 29

During Lent we will offer a family-friendly fellowship opportunity of gathering before our midweek Lenten worship services for a soup supper including soup, bread, and beverages. Soup suppers and midweek worship begin on Wednesday, March 1. The soup suppers will begin serving at 6 pm and wrap up by 6:45 pm with the midweek Lenten worship services beginning at 7 pm.

To help provide this fellowship, we invite you to sign up to bring soup of any kind or to help with clean up. You will find a signup form at bit.ly/soupsupper23 Holy Cross will provide the bread and beverages.

We will gather in the fellowship area. All are welcome, please join us! Any questions may be directed to the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.

Easter Baskets

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



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

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

Place your donations in any paper grocery bag. Please do not overfill bags. Double bag heavy items or use multiple bags. If using multiple bags, please tie together. Filled bags should be **returned to Holy Cross by Sunday, March 26**. In lieu of an Easter Basket, monetary donations can be made online at donate.holycrosschurch.org (Suggested donation: \$25/basket)



Date: Saturday, April 8
Time: 3 - 5 pm
Cost: Free
Come journey with us!

Get ready for a family-friendly journey like no other this Easter Eve! Join us for an unforgettable Easter celebration.

Experience the traditional Easter Vigil in a completely new and contemporary way. Dress for the weather as the festival will begin with a special ceremony outdoors, where the light that was extinguished on Good Friday will be returned to the building.

Explore Holy Cross, from the Sanctuary to the atrium, and back to the fellowship area, as we bring bible stories to life through interactive storytelling and song. Our Sunday school children will lead us in singing at various story locations, and we invite you to sing along with us. Journey with us as we revisit the creation story, Noah and the Flood, Jonah and the Whale, and finish with the Resurrection story proclaiming that we are indeed Easter people!

To celebrate the end of Lent, we'll finish up with an ice cream social! Come and be a part of this free, creative worship experience, where we welcome the Good News of Christ's Resurrection and deepen our faith together. We can't wait to see you there!

Canned Hams

Additionally, we will be collecting donations to help COOL purchase canned hams. Please make checks out to Holy Cross with "COOL hams" in the memo or donate online at donate.holycrosschurch.org (Suggested donation: \$15/ham)



Holy Week

Passion/Palm Sunday
April 2 at 8 & 10 am
with procession of palms and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday
April 6 at 7 pm
with Holy Communion and First Communion

Good Friday
April 7 at 7 pm

Easter Eve Festival
April 8 at 3 pm

Easter Sunday Worship
April 9 at 8 & 10 am
the celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion
Children's Message at 10 am





What do we want 'for' you not what do we want 'from' you...

by Pastor Bob Davis

This topic has been at the heart of many conversations at Holy Cross over the years. Congregational leadership discusses this as does the church staff. It is an important distinction because it shapes and informs our life together as a community of believers. The idea of what we want 'for' people who we are in relationship with and not just what we want 'from' people with whom we are in relationship influences our congregational culture.

I believe it matters in the conversations that we have with each other. These conversations build upon wise and graceful lives as we make spiritual inquiries about a relationship with science, social healing, the arts and our faith values. It matters as we explore humanity's ancient questions in the 21st century about topics like: *What does it mean to be human? How do we want to live? And who will we be to each other?*

I understand that the opportunities we provide at Holy Cross are intended to offer an adventure in the mystery and art of composing a life rich with faith. I personally find it satisfying to have companions who also think deeply about our lives in a tumultuous world and find strength through the presence of being with others as we write the generative story of our times.

Over the next three months I will miss all of this. I begin my sabbatical leave on March 1. I will return to a part-time role at Holy Cross as Pastor Emeritus beginning June 1. While away, I will not be available for pastoral responsibilities. All pastoral care requests need to be directed to Pastor Chris. During my time away I will be more attentive to the rhythm and pace in my personal life, time with loved ones and friends, study and reflection through some courses I will be taking and conversations with other people of faith in other faith contexts. I look forward to returning and sharing those moments that occurred while we were apart. I hope you know that even though I may not be physically present with you, you all will remain in my prayers.

Peace!

Pastor Bob's Sabbatical Leave



Pastor Bob will be on a three month sabbatical leave beginning March 1 and concluding on May 31. What is a sabbatical? It is not a vacation. A sabbatical is an extended period of time away from work that allows for a different pace/rhythm from work responsibilities and a time for study and reflection. During this time, the individual is still employed and paid. While Pastor Bob is on his sabbatical leave, he will not be available for pastoral responsibilities. He will return on June 1, 2023 and move into a part-time role as Pastor Emeritus at Holy Cross through May 31, 2024.

The sabbatical leave has been a part of the transition plan and will culminate the first year of the co-pastorate position. View the full Path Forward outline at HolyCrossChurch.org/transition



A Year of Holy Days:

Jewish Festival of Purim & Feast Day of Saint Oscar Romero

by Deaconess Katie Freund

This month we're wading through purple. It's Lent, all week, every week. For the purpose of this year's series, *A Year of Holy Days*, I'd rather not try to reiterate what Lent is (yet again). We already go through that enough each year.

So this March, I'm lifting up two days that center around the value of standing up for others. The teachings of Christ essentialize our responsibility to care for "the least of these", a scriptural value since the time of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Hebrew Bible (aka the Old Testament). The law that is driven home over and over again throughout different books and by different writers in the Hebrew Bible is the responsibility of the people of God to care for widows, orphans, and the sojourners (analogous to today's refugees). The people of God have long been expected to stand up for others.

This year, March 6-7 is the Jewish festival of Purim, focused on when Queen Esther saved the Jewish people from an attempted genocide at the risk of her own life. If it's been a while since you've read this story, I highly recommend it. In Christian Bibles it's in the "Old Testament", you guessed it, in the book of Esther. Throughout the entire account, you'll see prayer and God at work but God is never specifically mentioned. The driving force of this story is how our faith shapes the very way we live our lives.

Later in the month, March 24, is the feast day of Oscar Romero. This day was chosen because in 1980 it was the day this Catholic priest was assassinated. In the middle of a church service, Father Romero had finished preaching and moved to stand in front of the altar to begin the eucharist; and there, in front of the assembly he was shot. For years he was maligned and intimidated for his message that we must care for the poor. Honestly, it's hard for us to understand that such a simple conviction would inspire a violent response. At the time the Salvadorian civil war was raging, and when this conservative Catholic priest found his faith in opposition to those pursuing power he became a globally known political target.

I lift both of these stories up, a happy ending and a tragic one. The common thread is how caring what happens to others is essential to our own "personal" faith. There are consequences to having different priorities than the rest of the world. May we love our neighbor boldly.



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Feeding Our Hungry Hearts

by Steve Oelschlager

When it comes to physical hunger, we all have routines and strategies for supplying our bodies with needed calories. From getting groceries, packing lunches, making meals, and eating out, most of us in the developed world do quite well satisfying our appetites for food.

I wonder if "everybody has a hungry heart," how we go about satisfying that kind of existential hunger, for ourselves and our world? How do we understand that feeling that something is missing, not right, that there is disconnection from what we need, moments of emptiness to life? And, given our framework for making sense of those feelings, where do we turn for the nourishment and sustenance that will feed us?

Unfortunately, our world is quick to serve up what amounts to junk food for the soul, alluring options that provide short-lived relief without long-term satisfaction. More stuff, more success, more pleasure, more building up of our egos, it all feels good until soon it doesn't, and we need more. Is it any wonder that statistics measuring our well-being suggest that we are both satiated yet holistically starving to death?

I'm grateful for my faith and what Jesus has to say about hungry hearts, including his suggestion that following him is the pathway to hungering and thirsting no more. Jesus' wisdom points us in a different direction than the junk food for the soul served up by the conventional wisdom of our world. Jesus lays out a package of values for us to live by: love, hospitality, compassion, generosity, empathy, care, concern, service to the other, inclusion, and forgiveness, to name a few. It seems to me Jesus has a better story about how to satisfy hungry hearts, and it involves shifting our focus to something bigger than ourselves. That, Jesus says, is the way, the truth, and the life.

Hopefully, our community at Holy Cross can keep all of us inspired to take Jesus at his word and follow him.

*Easter Flowers
to decorate the Sanctuary*



on April 9, 2022

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Donations will be listed in Easter bulletin as follows:

Given by

In celebration of

or

In memory of

Please attach payment to this order form **no later than Monday, March 20, 2023.** (Checks payable to Holy Cross with "Easter Flowers" in memo line.) Or order online at ***bit.ly/flowersEASTER***



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

Spill the Tea Party



Date: Saturday, March 18
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Location: Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
All ladies welcome!
RSVP: bit.ly/SPILLTEA



Ladies, you're cordially invited to join us for a Spill the Tea Party! This tea will be filled with meaningful discussion, sharing, laughter and an all-around good time!

Although we will have different types of amazing tea and it is a tea party, you do not need to be a tea aficionado or even like tea—it's less about the tea and more about sharing a new experience and our time together. We will have different teas, cakes, mini sandwiches and other beverages available. We want you to come and have fun with us, so include us in your calendar for a great time!

To help us plan for this event, please RSVP by March 5 online at bit.ly/SPILLTEA or in-person by filling out an invitation available in the narthex between worship services and you'll be included in a special raffle!

Questions? Contact Beth Ann Koenemann at bethann@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 997-9937.



Movie Discussion Night



Date: Friday, May 19
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
All ladies welcome!
RSVP: bit.ly/MOVIEDiscussion



Ladies, save the date for a Movie Discussion Night!

Pizza, popcorn and beverages will be available. We will start with the movie at 6:30 pm and wrap up our discussion by approximately 9:30 to 10 pm. We are currently screening movie options and will share more details soon. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Ann Koenemann at (847) 997-9937.

Job Opportunity Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Holy Cross is seeking to expand our intergenerational faith formation ministry. This position will be involved in the redesign of the church's youth and family ministries, driving engagement in ministry and milestone programs, and creating an enhanced sense of family within the church community.

The Director of Youth & Family Ministry will be responsible for the faith formation ministry for Middle and High School youth. Holy Cross extends the youth programs to include parents and families in the faith formation of youth, with frequent opportunities for intergenerational community. The goal of the Middle and High School youth program is to continue to cultivate a sense of love, purpose, identity, and belonging in the church. We will continue to have regular faith formation for all ages, and a series of fun events to enjoy together throughout the year.

The Director of Youth & Family Ministry will help to further define the overall vision and strategy of the youth programs.

View the full job description at HolyCrossChurch.org/jobs
 For more information or to apply, send your resume to Pastor Chris Neptun at pastorchrisc@holycrosschurch.org



2023 HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

The following Holy Cross Church Council members and Holy Cross Officers were installed during the worship services on Sunday, February 5:

Karla Boucek
 Wendy Brewer
 Darin Chartier, *Vice President*
 Nicole Drake
 Andy Eidson, *President*
 Lori Fedyk, *Treasurer*
 Ralph Freye
 Karen Karris
 Gail Kelly
 Jeannine Phillips
 Kathy Pritts, *Council Secretary*
 Harold Sargent
 Joe Taylor
 John Villani
 Ryan Young, *Financial Secretary*

A special thank you to Terry Berger, Mick Garrison, Bill Miksch and Amy Sekili for their service on council.

PASTORAL ACTS

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

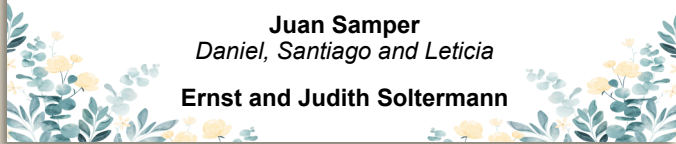
Sunday, February 19, 2023

Kenneth and Kathryn Dorn

Paul and Maggie Moraw
Jordan and Bella

Juan Samper
Daniel, Santiago and Leticia

Ernst and Judith Soltermann



Faith Formation

ADULT

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago...Community Learning

Members from Holy Cross joined with others from around the country in the Fall 2022 for a class on ecumenical and interfaith relationships led by Dr. Mark Swanson. Another session is being offered beginning in February 2023. There is no cost involved.

The next offering is: **Martin Luther on the Holy Spirit and the Christian Life** by Dr. Candace Kohli, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Do Lutherans shout justification and whisper sanctification? This question suggests an over emphasis on Christ and justification in Luther's theology and its reception in modern Lutheranism. Luther actually had much to say in the final decade of his career about the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit's role in the Christian life. In many ways, in fact, Luther's late "discovery" of the Spirit helped him to answer unresolved questions inherent in his doctrine of justification alone by faith alone, such as the ongoing role of the law in the Christian life, ethical and moral foundations for a life lived in community, and what really happens to the soul in justification. For Luther the Christian life was a life lived in and with the Spirit in thought, word, and deed?.

Week 1: A Trinitarian Pneumatology: The Spirit as divine agent of the law and gift of the gospel

Week 2: Did you say "sanctification"? The Spirit as Christ's healing medicine for the soul

Week 3: Fanning Spiritual Flames: The role of prayer in the Spirit-soul relation

Week 4: Christians Do Good Works! The role of the Spirit in supporting the Christian life

The offerings will all be remote. **If you are interested in participating in this offering you will need to register individually online at bit.ly/LSTCspring**

The schedule will be as follows:

**Sunday Evenings (Live), starting February 26,
6 - 7:30 pm**

5-minute introduction and prayer
20-minute presentation
20-minute small group break out discussion
5-minute report-back
20-minute presentation
15-minute small group break out discussion
5-minute recap and sending with homework assignment

The two 20 minute presentations will be recorded and used in the Wednesday sessions

**Wednesday Evenings (Recordings w/ Facilitation), starting
March 1, 7 - 8:30 pm**

The format of delivery will be the same but the presentations will be the recordings of Dr. Kohli from Sunday (these can also be used for make-up sessions), with our wonderful seminary student Eric Jensen facilitating the report-backs and live interactions throughout. Dr. Kohli will also join live for the closing recap and sending.



Visual Faith Process

When: Sundays between worship services at 9:10 to 9:45 am (full schedule below)

Who: Adults and young adults post confirmation

Where: Conference room 208 in the CrossWays Preschool education wing



What you should know...

This is a conversational model led by Pastor Chris for any post confirmation people of faith. We know there is creativity in uncovering the power of images for the formation of faith. We will be using content that provides access and insights for people who want to follow Jesus today. As practitioners of the Christian faith, we believe this is an opportunity to disciple one another towards a vibrant faith.

Choices...

Did you know that looking at pictures, images, and photographs connects with the emotional center of your brain? That is where we actually "see." So, processing pictures helps people make immediate internal and emotional connections to their own experiences. We don't bring the same life experiences to formation and discipleship. We will provide material that will allow each person the opportunity to explore a variety of overarching themes, targeted topics, visual image choices, and thoughtful questions.

Topics and Texts...

Visual Faith Process uses Scripture as the basis for topic-explorations that generate natural, vigorous conversations about what it means to follow Jesus today.

Scope and sequence of themes

No advance preparation is required. Take home resources will be available. Or download online at holycrosschurch.org/adultfaith

Visual Faith Process Schedule

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

March 5: Dressing Up (*Colossians 3:12-13*)
March 12: Forgive and Be Forgiven (*Matthew 6:14-15*)
March 19: First: Reconciliation (*Matthew 5:23-24*)
March 26: Confession (*1 John 1:9*)

April 2: Living In Peace (*Luke 7:36-50*)

Learning to Trust God

April 9: No Session (Easter Sunday)
April 16: Being Within (*John 17:20-24*)
April 23: Unafraid (*Psalms 6:3-4*)
April 30: Another Fine Mess (*Proverbs 28:26*)

 **visual faith**



**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

TUESDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 21 & 28 AT 7 - 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 Chris at pastorchrist@holycrosschurch.org

**GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP**

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 AT 6:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: DISTRICT BREW YARDS, 700 N. MILWAUKEE AVENUE, WHEELING, IL

Grounded in Grace is a social opportunity for women of faith to connect together in fellowship.

Join us if you can for fellowship and fun. Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the Grounded in Grace Messenger group for the most current scheduling information.

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 & 18 AT 7 - 8:30 AM

LOCATION: IN-PERSON (ROOM 208) OR VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517

We will start a new book in March to fuel our conversation. Please pick up a copy from the church office of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr to access the reading for our sessions. Rohr suggests that all of us have the opportunity to grow and mature throughout our lives to incorporate a more profound sense of purpose and meaning. Rohr writes that this growth typically follows from dealing with adversity or challenge, leading to a feeling of falling upward. Please join us. Questions? Contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

TUESDAYS, MARCH 7 & 21 AT 9:30 AM

LOCATION: ROOM 208

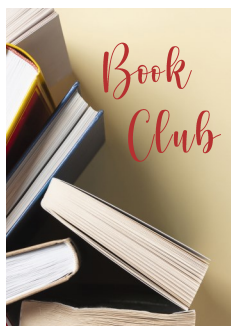
The discussion topics for 2023 will continue to be taken from the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. View the full session schedule at [HolyCrossChurch.org/virtualmeetings](https://holycrosschurch.org/virtualmeetings) All women welcome. Contact Pastor Chris at pastorchrist@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.

**PILATES**

MONDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27 AT 6 PM

LOCATION: CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

To join this group, please contact Jodi Zombolo at (224) 595-8573.

**BOOK CLUB**

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: IN-PERSON (ROOM 208) OR VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

In March we will discuss **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See. Set on the Korean Island of Jeju, this story follows the friendship of two girls from very different backgrounds as they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective. "This vivid...thoughtful and empathetic" novel (The New York Times Book Review) illuminates a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge and the men take care of the children. "A wonderful ode to a truly singular group of women" (Publishers Weekly). The story covers many decades through the Japanese colonialism of the 1930s and 1940s, WWII, the Korean War, and the present. Our discussion host will be Melanie Houser. If you have any questions, please email Melanie Houser at housermd@comcast.net

**PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 AT 7 - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ROOM 208)

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

**QUILTING GROUP**

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 1, 15, 22 & 29 AT 9 AM - 12 PM (NO MEETING ON MARCH 8)

LOCATION: ROOM 404

We gather on Wednesdays to sew as a group. Completed quilts are donated to COOL Ministries for families residing in the Family Housing program or to Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to comfort children who are seriously injured, traumatized, or in need. Questions? Contact Deb Sherrock at debs695@aol.com or (630) 267-7802.

**COMMON THREADS**

MONDAY, MARCH 13 AT 1 - 3 PM

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP AREA

We meet on the second Monday of each month to knit, crochet and visit. No prior crafting experience necessary. Each blanket or shawl created is dedicated at a worship service and then presented to the prayer recipient. These pieces offer the healing power of prayer, crafted as an expression of God's love. Request a prayer blanket or shawl for a loved one by contacting the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org. Questions? Contact Judy Luplow at (847) 367-0242.



CrossWays Preschool



Celebration! Childcare

by Samantha Cooper

Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

Think Green

The color of the month is...GREEN! Green is for spring, planting, and St. Patrick's Day. CrossWays Preschool will be doing many fun things this month! As we inch our way closer to spring, we will begin planning for our child-led garden. Students will have the opportunity to help clean out our garden space to prepare for new seeds. We will be making room in the greenhouse for our starter seeds. This year, we will be keeping an eye on the weather patterns. We planted too soon in 2022 and lost some of our vegetable plants. We hope to have a better year with more crops to eat and donate.

The Bumblebee and Caterpillar classrooms will be talking about colors this month. Students will practice identifying colors and for the older students, they will practice color name writing. Blending colors will also be a fun experiment children will be able to do in addition to a color hunt! For our Ladybug classroom, they will be introduced to the Space unit! Our four-year-olds will discuss plants, stars, galaxies and more. Of course, we can't forget about St. Patrick's Day! CrossWays Preschool will celebrate the Irish holiday on Friday, March 17 with themed stories, crafts, and snacks. We may also get a visit from a little leprechaun friend!

Fall Registration for Preschool

Registration for the 2023/24 school year is now open to the public. Children who will be turning two by September 1 will qualify to enroll in our 2's program. Registration is open year-round, however, enrolling early will secure a spot in our fun and enriching program. Interested families can find more information on our website at cpreschool.org or reach out to Samantha Cooper via email or phone at crossways@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4367.

Little Sprouts Summer Camp

The Little Sprouts summer camp program is currently being drafted for our 2023 season! Camp will take place Tuesday-Thursday from June through August. We will have three one-month sessions. Camp information and registration is expected to be available later this month. We are looking forward to the return of our pony rides, magician, and animal shows! We are also planning new activities and themes for our campers.

CrossWays Preschool Important Dates

March 8 & 23: Chapel
March 27 - 31: Spring Break (No School)

PaperPie Book Fair

Tuesday, Feb 28 - Friday, Mar 3
6:45 am - 5:45 pm, daily
Celebration! Childcare atrium

Our Book fair is open! Please stop in to Celebration! Childcare to check out all the great books PaperPie (formerly Usborne Books) has to offer! The in-person book fair is located in the atrium. Choose from a selection of board books for infants and toddlers, preschool books for ages 3 - 5, early readers, and chapter books.

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

March Excitement

Mischievous fun is right around the corner with St Patrick's Day! Teachers will be spending the week talking about all things Irish. Many of our classrooms are hoping for a visit from a magical leprechaun. We will be making leprechaun traps and hoping for a sweet treat. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite green gear to celebrate the day on Friday, March 17.

This particular Friday is also special for another reason. Many of our younger friends will spend their last day in their current classroom before moving to the next age appropriate room. Classrooms will have visits scheduled for each student to become more familiar with their new teachers and the environment. They will learn new routines, skills, and hopefully even make some new friends.

Our students and staff are getting very excited about our new playground addition! With the funds we raised from our Fallin' Into Fun event last fall, we have purchased a balance beam to replace the chain-link climbing equipment. The climbing ladder has seen better days and has needed to be repaired several times. The decision was made to replace, rather than fix, the ladder with something new and different. A balance beam is an important gross motor skill that all children can benefit from. It will improve coordination, stability and teach children about their center of gravity. From these skills, children will also gain self-confidence!

Summer camp is only a few, short months away! Our staff has been hard at work planning activities and themes. The summer camp program will be available to families during this month. We will also be welcoming back our school age students for camp. Please reach out to the Celebration! Childcare office staff for additional information at celebration@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-6208.

Celebration! Childcare Important Dates

March 8 & 23: Chapel
March 20: Classroom Transitions

WISHES

Staff and admin are preparing a list of donation items for the annual Wishes. We are looking to add and replace items in the classrooms, playground, and facility as a whole. We are grateful for the donations we received last year from the congregation as we received everything on our list! Look for our 2023 Wishes list on Sundays, April 16 and April 23 between worship services.



Support Our Troops

CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare will be working with Operation Support Our Troops for the month of April as our community service project. We will collect items that will be sent as care packages to troops. In addition, we will be creating letters and cards to include with the care packages. Be on the lookout for more information and drop-off site for April.

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

Faith Formation

CHILDREN YOUTH

by Deaconess Katie Freund

Our lessons for March are the foundation of what Jesus was teaching and preaching!



Interested in helping us rebuild our Sunday school program? We've had a great turn out for volunteers in the first half of the year, and we want more. The goal is to make sure we have plenty of people in rotation so that this joyful task stays joyful. Help us make our children's ministry sustainable in the long run!

Growing In Faith Class Schedule

Drop off: 9:05 am

Pick up: 9:50 am

Location: West Wing (Celebration! Childcare atrium)

March 5 - The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-46)

March 12 - Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-14)

March 19 - Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:38-48)

Lent 2023

We're used to the idea of "giving up" something for Lent, and often we're talking about a favorite food or beverage. This year, we're focusing on families who are going without food, but not by choice. Using the Scholastic program "Hungry to Help", we're teaching our kids about the pervasive issue of hunger in the United States. Each Wednesday of Lent we're going to be releasing a video as we explore this issue in an approachable and age appropriate way. The Scholastic materials will be available as a PDF emailed to Sunday school families from the church office, and we'll also have hard copies available by request.



Midweek Lenten Video Schedule

HolyCrossChurch.org/sundayschool

March 1 - Favorite Foods

March 8 - Feeling Hungry

March 15 - Buying Food

March 22 - Who Is Hungry

March 29 - Where Our Food Comes From



CONFIRMATION

6th - 8th Grade Confirmation

This month we're wrapping up confirmation classes for this school year! We've been focusing on the life of Jesus and the New Testament, so now we're learning the biblical accounts of the resurrected Christ. For our final session, instead of small group conversions we're having an open game night. We're looking for parents to come and lend a hand for our farewell session.

Class schedule

6:30 - 8 pm

March 5 - Holy Week & Easter Story

March 12 - Road to Emmaus - farewell game night

PADS Packing Schedule

Second Sunday of the month - pack lunches in the Holy Cross kitchen between worship services on March 12 and April 9.

Questions? Contact Deaconess Katie Freund at deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org

Milestone Ministries



At long last, we're offering a full year of Milestone Ministry opportunities that have been on hiatus in recent years. So while we have a certain age group in mind when crafting our schedule, if there's an event that hasn't been offered to your child in recent years that is now available we are absolutely welcoming all interested kids and families.

Ten Commandments: 4th Grade

Saturday, March 11 from 9:30 - 10:30 am

The Ten Commandments are one of the things that parent(s), sponsors and the congregation promise to place in each baptized person's hands. But what does that actually mean? How does that apply to your family or the life of a fourth grader? Join us as we explore these questions and dive deeper into scripture.

Second Grade: First Communion

Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 - 11 am: Prep class

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm worship: Celebration

In this milestone, we learn about the mystery and gift that is Holy Communion. Class includes making bread, learning about the Passover, the events surrounding Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper, what happens in Holy Communion and the general "how-tos" of receiving Holy Communion.

For any questions related to Milestone Ministries, please contact Deaconess Katie Freund at deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org. To learn more about Milestone Ministries visit HolyCrossChurch.org/milestoneministries



Fun and Good Food!

by Pastor Chris Neptun

High schoolers, are you ready for a night of laughter and good food? Then mark your calendars for the upcoming Crossroads event on March 12! Join us at Holy Cross from 5:30 - 7 pm for a fun-filled evening.

At this exciting event, we will be playing Telestrations, the hilarious drawing and guessing game that is guaranteed to have everyone in stitches. Whether you're an artist or not, this game is easy to learn and even more fun to play!

To top off the evening, we'll be serving up a delicious dinner from Panda Express. So come hungry and ready to indulge in some of your favorite Chinese dishes. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others, have a blast, and create some unforgettable memories. We can't wait to see you there!

Peace to you,
Pastor Chris

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris, Becky or Nikki
Pastor Chris pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org
Becky Sawle becky.earthlaughsinflowers@gmail.com
Nikki Spencer nikolspencer@gmail.com

Telestrations Game Night
Date: Sunday, March 12
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm including dinner
Location: Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
RSVP at HolyCrossChurch.org/crossroads



January Feed My Starving Children Event

On January 21, Crossroads High School youth packed 96 boxes of food at the Libertyville Feed My Starving Children facility. That's equal to 20,736 meals or enough food to feed 56 malnourished kids for a year! Thank you!



Crossroads Mission Trip - Summer 2023

Group Mission Trips Week of Hope
Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21
Indianapolis, IN

Students entering 8th grade through High School students who graduate in 2023

There are still plenty of spots for current 7th grade, 8th grade and high school students to go on the mission trip to Indianapolis for Group Mission Trip's *Week of Hope!* The trip is July 16 - 21, 2023.

If you couldn't make it to the informational meeting in January, no worries. Pastor Chris can give you all the information you need to know. To let him know you are interested, you can reach him at the church office or fill out the interest form by following this link bit.ly/missiontrip23 or QR code:



Students and leaders planning to go on the summer mission trip to Indianapolis are invited to a team meeting at Holy Cross on **Sunday, March 12 from 7 - 8:30 pm.** We'll share our goals for the mission trip and engage in fun, team-building activities with the students of Joy! Lutheran Church.

Reminder: While there is still plenty of room, we will need a deposit of \$250 payable to Holy Cross (Attention: Pastor Chris) to secure your place on the trip.





Volunteer

by *Therese Delli Paoli*

Volunteer opportunities abound at Holy Cross. We are looking for volunteers to serve in different worship capacities and we need YOU! It is easy and we can mentor you to fill any worship volunteer position in which you may have an interest.

Job requirements (BTW: you all have these amazing attributes already):

- Great smile!
- Awesome attitude!
- Dedication!
- Willing to donate a small amount of your time during worship service
- You can volunteer as often as you like!

We have volunteers supporting worship services at 8 am and 10 am. You may volunteer to help as a Greeter, Reader, Communion Assistant, Assistant Minister, Usher, or with Altar Care. Your children in grades 6 - 8 may serve as acolytes. It is a great feeling to know that you participated in the church service while showing your love for God and our church family. Learn more about these tasks at bit.ly/WPMbrochure

How do I become a volunteer? Please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060 to be added to our list of worship volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you soon! Thank you to all of our current volunteers who graciously donate their time often at each of our church services. You are so appreciated and make each service you serve very special as you actively participate with your talents. We send a special shout out thank you to all of you.



New Member Hospitality Opportunities

We are always happy to welcome new members to the Holy Cross family. As part of the welcoming process, an informal breakfast is hosted by a pastor on the Saturday morning before the Sunday morning worship service at which our new members are accepted.

Our current members are invited to participate in these breakfast meetings, both to provide breakfast food items and more importantly to share with new members their experiences as members of the Holy Cross congregation.

If you would like to be added to the list of potential hospitality volunteers for future new member breakfasts, please contact the Church Office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060 to be notified of future breakfast dates and opportunities.



Mission Endowment Scholarships

Applications Due April 30

Through the Holy Cross Mission Endowment Fund, Holy Cross provides scholarships to assist and encourage post high school education for its members.

These scholarships may be used at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Requirements are that you be an active member of Holy Cross and that you submit an application form including a thoughtful faith statement.

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

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

Applications are available online at HolyCrossChurch.org/resources



Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31

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

There are two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

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

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

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



24th Annual COOL Plant & Flower Sale



Orders Due Monday, April 3

After a cold and snowy winter, we are looking forward to the COOL Plant Sale this spring! This sale is a wonderful opportunity to purchase annual plants for your home and yard while supporting COOL Ministries at the same time. The plants are delivered directly from a greenhouse the morning of the pick-up, and the sale provides financial support to the COOL Food Pantry and Transitional Housing programs, which serves many hungry and homeless families in our area.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about the Plant Sale and encourage them to order too. Looking for great Mother's Day gifts? Order beautiful hanging baskets and patio pots that are perfect for gift giving.

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

Orders are due to Holy Cross on Monday, April 3, and plants will be available for pick up at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee on Saturday, May 13 (the day before Mother's Day!). The plant pick-up will occur outside in the Bethel parking lot from 11:30 am to 2 pm. To order, return your order form to Holy Cross by April 3 with a check payable to COOL Ministries, or order online by going to holycrosschurch.org/resources

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

Flowers make great gifts for Mother's Day!

Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, April 19
Carpool at 4 pm
Dinner at 6 pm



**LUTHERAN
CAMPUS MINISTRY**
AT NORTHWESTERN

Holy Cross members are heading back to Evanston on Wednesday, April 19 to host a dinner for the college students who attend the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern. All are welcome to attend or contribute a treat for the students. We will meet at Holy Cross at 4 pm, carpool (or drive separately) to Evanston (2204 Orrington Avenue), and serve dinner at 6 pm for LCMNU's Wednesday night supper worship. Come and get to know the students! It is fun to hear about their activities, and join them for a short worship service during the meal.

These dinners are a fun time of fellowship for both the students and Holy Cross members! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com or (847) 502-3196.

Feed My Starving Children

**Spring Gala
Friday, April 21**

Schaumburg Convention Center
1561 Thoreau Drive N.
Schaumburg



Feed My Starving children is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Donations fund the meal ingredients, and volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved. Holy Cross adults and youth have participated in packing events at the FMSC Libertyville location.

Join FMSC supporters on Friday, April 21 for a live, in-person evening of fundraising to provide lifechanging meals in the world's most critical hunger hotspots. Hear powerful stories of courageous faith in action. Immerse yourself in unique interactive stations.

Registration opens February 27 at:
fmsc.org/ilgala

GREEN LIVING FAIR

FREE

Saturday, April 15, 2023

10 AM - 2 PM

University Center of Lake County, Grayslake

EXHIBITORS:

Gardening, composting, solar energy, conservation & more

RECYCLING



Bring bikes, shoes & glasses to recycle!

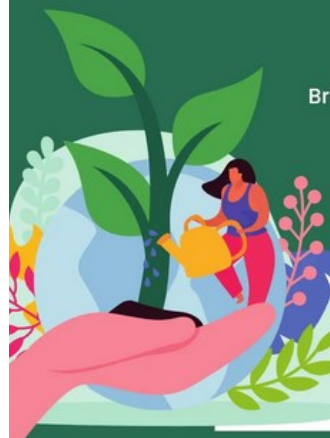


Learn about Solar PV Energy

College of Lake County

University Center of Lake County
1200 University Center Dr. Grayslake

@gosustainablelc
Google Sustainable CLC



CARE OF CREATION

Resources

by Leo Karris



There are many resources available that can help you “green” up your lifestyle. For instance, be on the lookout starting in March and then early April for Earth Day events and volunteer opportunities with the Lake County Forest preserves and other organizations.

One event that is highlighted on page 13 of this month’s newsletter is the Green Living Fair being held at the University Center of Lake County (College of Lake County Grayslake campus) on April 15, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event is free for attendees. There will be over forty organizations with exhibits to include gardening, composting, solar energy and conservation efforts. The CLC Sustainability Council will be collecting items for recycling including shoes, bicycles and glasses.

Speaking of recycling and other waste reduction practices, check out the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County website swalco.org. The site has information about what collection programs/services such as recycling and composting are offered in your neighborhood, and also includes information on electronics recycling, household chemical waste, clothing and textiles, reuse-a-shoe and can answer questions on where to recycle and how to properly dispose of other household items. So, if you ever wondered about how to get rid of old pharmaceuticals, holiday lights, or want to refresh your recycling collection practices, this site can help.

Here are links to a couple of other sites that might be of interest and offer opportunities to get involved and learn: Lake County Forest Preserves - lcfpd.org and Illinois Extension for Lake and McHenry Counties - extension.illinois.edu/lm

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. (Psalms 96:11-12)

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

COOL Ministries

by Jill McKeon



The need for assistance for individuals and families is ongoing. Your food donations are greatly appreciated by those who need assistance and those who are offering the pantry as a resource.

You may also continue to support COOL Ministries by donating online at donate.holycrosschurch.org



PADS LAKE COUNTY

PADS Ministry Support

by Peg Chartier

A huge WELCOME to our new PADS Ministry team members! We are always looking for more people to join the team. Fill out the form at bit.ly/PADSinterest if you’d like to be a part of this ministry.

If you would like to donate food items for packing lunches, provide breakfast items, or assist with dinner supplies, please follow the link or scan the QR code below to view our food items needs list for our homeless friends who we serve through PADS. Select the foodstuffs you would like to provide, bring your donation to Holy Cross and place in the box by the coat rack opposite the kitchen by Sunday, March 12.

Food Needs List:
bit.ly/PADSfood



On February 13 we provided 40 guests at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church (SOTL) in Grayslake with breakfast and lunch sacks. On February 27 the PADS Ministry Team prepared and served a delicious fried chicken feast.

This month we have more opportunities for packing lunches and providing breakfast items between services on March 12. On March 27, we will serve another dinner to the guests at SOTL. Please join us!

In the spring we try to partner with PADS central to address a bigger need in the homeless community. Last year your generous monetary donations provided 300 sweatsuits and \$1000 worth of diapers and pull-ups. Thank you for considering PADS in your monetary gifts and the gift of your time.

Make your donations online to benefit PADS at donate.holycrosschurch.org



Willow House



Willow House provides free grief support groups to families who have lost a spouse/child and are actively parenting children ages 3 - 28. They also offer a Survivors of Suicide loss group (this group includes people with varying relationships to the person they lost to suicide). All family members are required to complete an intake process before attending a group. Willow House is available for consultation, as well as to offer additional resources depending on the individual/family's needs. For details on specific meeting dates and more information about Willow House, visit willowhouse.org or email info@willowhouse.org

#GLS23

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Thursday-Friday, August 3-4, 2023

REGISTER NOW & SAVE »

Visit bit.ly/GLSatHCLC to register at the discounted rate of \$139 until March 31, 2023 using the code: 23PHSHOST



Wednesday, March 1**CrossWays Preschool Public Registration Opens****Book Fair, Celebration! Childcare Atrium**

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Area
 7 pm Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2**Book Fair, Celebration! Childcare Atrium**

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, March 3**Book Fair, Celebration! Childcare Atrium****Saturday, March 4**

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

Sunday, March 5

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
 9 am Faith Formation
 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
 6:30 pm Confirmation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, 208
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
 7 pm Innovation Team Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, March 8

- 10:30 am CrossWays & Celebration! Chapel, Sanctuary
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Area
 7 pm Lenten Worship, Sanctuary
 7 pm Project Healing Waters, 208
 8 pm Church Council, Fellowship Area

Thursday, March 9

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, March 10

- 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace, District Brew Yards, Wheeling

Saturday, March 11

- 9:30 am Milestone Ministry, Ten Commandments: 4th Grade, Fellowship Area

Sunday, March 12

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
 9 am Faith Formation
 9:15 am Confirmation Class Packs PADS Lunches, Kitchen
 10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
 5:30 pm Crossroads Game Night, Fellowship Area
 6:30 pm Confirmation, Sanctuary
 7 pm Mission Trip Team Meeting, Fellowship Area

Monday, March 13

- 1 pm Common Threads, Fellowship Area
 6 pm Pilates, Celebration! Childcare atrium
 7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Area
 7 pm Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 16

- 7 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, March 18

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
 1 pm Spill the Tea Party, Fellowship Area

Sunday, March 19

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
 9 am Faith Formation
 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, March 20**Easter Flower orders due**

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

Tuesday, March 21

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, 208
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Wednesday, March 22

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Area
 7 pm Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 23

- 10:30 am CrossWays & Celebration! Chapel, Sanctuary
 7 pm Book Club, 208 & Zoom

Sunday, March 26**Easter Baskets Due**

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
 9 am Adult Faith Formation
 10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant

Wednesday, March 29

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
 6 pm Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Area
 7 pm Lenten Worship, Sanctuary

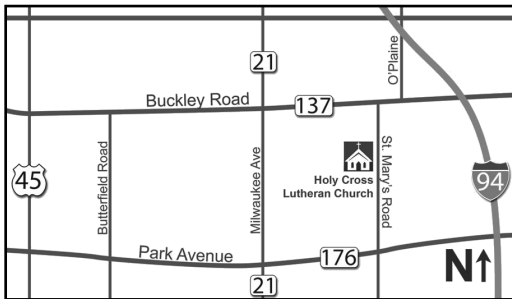


March

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

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

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LENT

Midweek Lenten Worship

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7 - 7:30 pm

Details on page 2

Hungry - Understanding What Feeds

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers



March 1 - March 8 - March 15 - March 22 - March 29
6 - 6:45 pm

Details on page 3



Easter Baskets

Holy Cross is participating in the COOL Ministries Easter Baskets project again this year. This is both a fun and meaningful project that helps to bless the Easter tables of local families in Lake County. *Details on page 3.*

Faith Formation

CHILDREN YOUTH ADULT

Growing In Faith
Children ages 3 through 5th grade
Sundays, March 5, 12, 19 at 9:05 - 9:50 am
Details on page 10

Confirmation
Youth in 6th - 8th grade
March 5, 12 from 6:30 - 8 pm
Details on page 10

Visual Faith Process
Post Confirmation Adults
Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 9:10 - 9:45 am
Details on page 7

Spill the Tea Party

Date: Saturday, March 18
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Location: Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
All ladies welcome!
See page 6 for more information.

