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EASTER SUNDAY

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8 & 10 am
Sanctuary & Livestream

View livestream at

HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons

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Space To Tell The Story

by Pastor Chris Neptun

Most of our stories in the Bible were created, told, shared, and passed on from generation to generation in the narrative form. The situation remained this way until around the time of the exile, most of which was in the 7th century B.C. Once the possibility of exile became real, it became important to preserve the stories by writing them down. Doing so would increase the likelihood that future generations would have them.

The Story continued of course to be told and shared through the years. Jesus used both scripture and oral tradition to learn and teach. Those early disciples learned by hearing those stories. They continued to tell their stories of friendship, miracles, ministry and teaching in their time with Jesus and after the resurrection. Some of those stories were written down giving us the New Testament which we both read and tell others today.

This Easter Season, we will celebrate the resurrection again. We'll hear the story of the empty tomb, Jesus appearing to the disciples, Thomas' struggle to believe, and Cleopas and the other disciple unknowingly meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. We'll also hear from the Gospel of John, Jesus' farewell discourse to the disciples encouraging them to not be afraid, to love one another, that he was going away but would come again to them and send the Spirit to them.

We are not only told the story of the Bible and the people of God and their relationship to God. We become a part of it in a way. At the end of the Gospel of John the author finishes with this: *"This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that this testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."* – John 21:24-25.

As I read this, I imagine those stories continuing to be written as we live our lives of faith. I imagine each one of us to be those who have the privilege to hear and tell these stories. Just as the author writes, "This is the disciple who is testifying to these things," we are also called to tell of our experience, what we have seen, heard, lived and how it made and continues to make a difference in our lives.

Holy Cross is a community of faith that allows us to have the space to tell this story that is still being written. Each of you has a story to share. Many of you have shared parts of them with me and with each other. Our reason for being is to focus on the story that has come before us, that we are amid and will be shared with future generations. This story is one of hope, encouragement, resurrection, and life. We tell this story not only in word, but also by living in ways that bring life even through hardship, heartache, pain, and disappointment.

I am grateful for the story which I have been a part of at Holy Cross. I yearn to hear more stories of the past and the ones that are to come. I also look forward to sharing stories with each of you. I am grateful for this community which intentionally makes space to tell the story of the Kingdom of God.

What new ways will we do this going forward? There are many ways to share the story. Technology continues to offer new ways to connect us with others and tell our stories. Social media, blogs, podcasts, and other platforms offer new opportunities to reach out to a wider audience and share our experiences. Still, it is important to remember the most powerful way to share the story is through personal connections and relationships. I am grateful Holy Cross continues to live out the story of hope, love, and resurrection that lies at the heart of our faith. As we continue to make the space, I look forward to being part of this!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris



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Get ready for a family-friendly journey like no other this Easter Eve! Take a walk (literally) through the Bible stories that point the way to the Resurrection.

This won't be your traditional Easter Vigil. We are planning a new and interactive way to journey together throughout our building, from outside to indoors... from the fellowship area to the sanctuary to the atrium of Celebration! Childcare.



Our time together begins outside where we will light a fire from the evergreen boughs we used at Christmas. A new candle will be marked for the light of Christ that continues in 2023. From Christ's light, we'll share the light with one another by lighting candles for all to bring the new Easter light into the church.

As we move throughout the building, the Bible stories shared will be brought to life through amazing sets, creative displays, and fantastic music that our Sunday School age children have been learning each week.



Ezekiel and the Valley of Dry Bones



These sights, sounds, sets, stories, and songs will allow us to engage with texts that are very familiar and some that may be less so. Even if you have not been present at Sunday School, the songs are simple, joyful, have lots of action, and will be something for all of us to participate in!

To celebrate the end of Lent, we will finish the afternoon with an ice cream social! This promises to be a moving experience to deepen your faith and celebrate Christ's Resurrection!



All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!



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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

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



Easter Generosity Thank You!

Through the generosity of Holy Cross members, we have received 42 Easter Baskets and monetary donations for Easter Baskets and canned hams. Holy Cross has collected over \$5,000 in gifts for COOL so far in 2023.

Thank you for your help in partnership with COOL Ministries to bless the Easter tables of others here in Lake County.



Thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten Soup Suppers and also to the donation drives in support of our hunger ministry partners: COOL Ministries, Feed My Starving Children, ELCA World Hunger, Northern Illinois Food Bank, and PADS.

Your continued support, especially during Lent, helped to address the needs of those who hunger in our community and around the globe.



A Year of Holy Days: Triduum of Holy Week

by Deaconess Katie Freund

We can become used to the ebb and flow of the church year... Advent turns to Christmas, which turns to Lent, to Easter, to Pentecost. But really, our whole faith tradition hangs upon Holy Week.

What we call "Holy Week" is from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. If we were outsiders learning about this religion for the first time, you'd be told these are the Christian's high holy days. Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian calendar.

Out of Holy Week, the most sacred time is the "three days"—the days from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. And yup, if you're counting the full 24-hour periods that's actually four days. The catch is we're technically counting from the evening of Maundy Thursday to the morning of Easter Sunday. Creative church math aside, these three(ish) days are the most holy days of our year. Sometimes you'll hear of a *Tenebrae* service on one of these nights, indicating the gradual extinguishing of candles coinciding with the death of Jesus. We use the narrative of the synoptic gospels for the framework of how we worship on these three days.

We start with Maundy Thursday, the evening where Jesus washes the disciples' feet and commands us to love one another. This is done during the Passover feast, a Jewish holiday. This is when Jesus institutes "the Lord's supper"—the root of Christian eucharist tradition. Today, worship services on Maundy Thursday often include foot washing, a tactile remembrance of Christ's example of humble service. The altar is "stripped" as Jesus was when arrested late in the night between Thursday and Friday. At Holy Cross, we have a tradition of washing the altar alluding to preparing Christ's body for death and burial. We also offer First Communion class in the spring and Maundy Thursday is the evening service where our youth come to receive the Lord's Supper for the first time.

Good Friday is the day of Christ's unjust trial, death by crucifixion, and burial. This is a night of grieving and the color of the day is black, or alternatively there simply is no color as the altar remains stripped down. Some churches will emphasize redemption from sin on this night while others stay in cathartic despair. There can be a tradition of slamming a book shut. This can signify the earthquake when creation rent itself over the death of Christ, or signify the shutting of the tombstone at his burial. This service ends in silence and without a dismissal, either to show somber mourning or as a sign that the story is not finished.

In Lutheran tradition, Holy Saturday is our most often forgotten day. We've come to skip over Saturday in favor of Sunday morning's high Easter celebration, but there's some lovely Saturday practices in our history. The epistles make the analogy between Jesus in the grave and Jonah in the belly of the whale. The Easter vigil is held on Saturday night, symbolizing the church waiting in darkness for the resurrection of the light of Christ. Some churches will assemble a group of volunteers to read Bible scriptures throughout Saturday night until Sunday morning, the word of God never ceasing. This year our church is having some fun with the Easter vigil tradition. Instead of having a formal service with high liturgy, we're having an Easter Eve Festival at 3 pm with interactive storytelling throughout the building and ending in an ice cream social. As I'm writing this article we're putting together sets and figuring out how we're going to make a giant whale!

The culmination of all of this, of course, is Easter Sunday. This is the holiest of our holy days (yes, it's a bigger deal than Christmas). Color returns to our sanctuary, joy returns to our music, and those who gave up something for Lent can shamelessly enjoy chocolate or coffee again.

Family Ministry

by Deaconess Katie Freund



Our church is made up of families, all in different seasons of life and made in a variety of ways. For our families with young children, we know these years are precious and fleeting. Our goal is to show each member of your family hospitality so everyone feels comfortable and loved in this house of worship.

So, with that heart of love we are inviting our whole church to be curious! You'll notice some pockets of growth at our church, perhaps you've even spotted red toy bins in the Fellowship Area and children's books on the shelves at the Inspiration & Curiosities area in the Gathering Space. We want to offer tools that make Sunday mornings a welcoming space for everyone, and, if we're lucky, a place where parents and guardians can relax knowing that their children are valued and celebrated just as they are.

God put the wiggle in children and don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! Please take advantage of our new "playground" space to the left of the altar area in the Sanctuary. Books, coloring, and soft toys are all available to help make church a welcome and inviting space. All ages are welcome here! Parents may sit near the area to help provide support. The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

New Easter Sermon Series

by Pastor Chris Neptun



A sermon series helps to focus our thoughts and prayers around one specific topic area. As the series progresses, larger ideas can come into focus. Holy Cross has a history of walking with children and young believers as we all share the journey of faith. This series will explore our walk together with these young members who represent the growth of our congregation.

April 16: It's about getting them to trust you

April 23: It's about consistently telling them the message repeatedly

April 30: It's about being a voice of life

May 7: It's about showing them there's a place for them (again & again & again)

May 14: It's about returning to them again and again so they know you are with them

May 21: It's about them, that they may know...

Thank You for Your Smiling Faces

One of the most compelling ways to communicate the story of Holy Cross and our ministries is through photos and videos of congregational events that might include you or your family. With this in mind, in 2022, your church council adopted a new photo and media policy to govern our standards and intentions around taking and using images of participants at Holy Cross. To learn more about the details of that policy, please see the Holy Cross website HolyCrossChurch.org/welcome

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org



Search Team Update for Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Holy Cross is seeking to expand the faith formation ministry serving our youth and their families. We are currently forming a search team for the purpose of finding a Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

Pastor Chris and Amanda Komaschka are co-chairs of this team. Four members of the congregation have agreed to help with the search. We are seeking students and parents to help with this search from families of students from 3rd grade through high school, realizing their families and students will be directly impacted in this process. **If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Pastor Chris Neptun (pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org) or call the church office.**

The Director of Youth and Family Ministry will be a full-time position directly involved in the redesign of Holy Cross's youth and family ministries, driving engagement in ministry and milestone programs, as well as fostering an enhanced sense of connection within the church community.

The Director of Youth and 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

Please share this link with candidates who may be interested in applying. If more information is needed, or to apply, send your resume to Pastor Chris Neptun at pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org



Text Scams are on the Rise

A number of congregants have shared that they are receiving text messages as part of phishing attempts.

These messages include requests such as asking the recipient to contact members of the church staff regarding favors, or purchasing gift cards. Holy Cross will never ask for such favors via text message. Please do not reply to suspicious texts (or emails) or click on any links contained in these messages. If in doubt, please contact the church office directly via phone at (847) 367-4060 or email at office@holycrosschurch.org.

The Federal Trade Commission offers tips on spotting and reporting fraudulent text messages at bit.ly/FTCspam





Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Being Hardwired for Empathy, Compassion, and Generosity

by Steve Oelschlager

An excerpt from *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* (a conversation between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama)

The modern world is suspicious of compassion because we have accepted the belief that nature is “red in tooth and claw” and that we are fundamentally competing against everyone and everything. According to this perspective, in our lives of getting and spending, compassion is at best a luxury, or at worst a self-defeating folly of the weak. Yet evolutionary science has come to see cooperation, and its core emotions of empathy, compassion, and generosity, as fundamental to our species’ survival. What the Dalai Lama was describing—explaining that compassion is in our self-interest—evolutionary biologists have called “reciprocal altruism.” I scratch your back today, and you scratch my back tomorrow.

This arrangement was so fundamental to our survival that children as young as six months have been shown to have a clear preference for toys that reflect helping rather than hindering. When we help others, we often experience what has been called the “helper’s high,” as endorphins are released in our brain, leading to a euphoric state. The same reward centers of the brain seem to light up when we are doing something compassionate as when we think of chocolate. The warm feeling we get from helping others comes from the release of oxytocin. This hormone seems to have health benefits, including the reduction of inflammation in the cardiovascular system. Compassion literally makes our heart healthy and happy.

Compassion also seems to be contagious. When we see others being compassionate, we are more likely to be compassionate. This results in a feeling called “moral elevation,” and that is one of the aspects of joy that Paul Ekman had identified. Recent research by social scientists Nicholas Christakis and James Fowler suggests that this ripple effect can extend out to two and three degrees of separation. In other words, experiments with large numbers of people show that if you are kind and compassionate, your friends, your friends’ friends, and even your friends’ friends’ friends are more likely to become kind and compassionate.

Faith Formation

ADULT

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

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**



Women's Ministry News

An afternoon of merriment and frivolity was had by all 48 ladies who attended the Spill the Tea Party! It was a wonderful afternoon; we socialized, viewed a demonstration on how to make a spring wreath, played games, ate very tasty treats and of course, tasted several different teas. Many thanks to all who contributed to the delectable savory and sweet offerings—they all tasted wonderful! Thank you Katie Bubash for your wreath making skills and demonstration, it was very helpful and informative. Gail Kelly was the lucky early RSVP raffle winner and was able to take the beautiful wreath home! Thank you everyone for your participation in making this afternoon tea a huge success!

At the tea party, the women present voted on a new name for the Women's Ministry Program. LIFT (Living In Faith Together) will now be the new name for the overall Women's Ministry Program. So, look for this new name to locate all of the different women's ministry offerings we have here at Holy Cross.

In an effort to communicate more directly with the women of Holy Cross, we are creating a new LIFT group email list. If you would like to be added to this list so that you can receive emails about upcoming events and/or updates, please use the QR code or this sign up link: bit.ly/HCLCwomen or email Beth Ann at bethann@holycrosschurch.org



Ladies, mark your calendars and save the date for the events listed below:



Movie Discussion Night

Date: Friday, May 19
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Area
Cost: Free
All ladies welcome!



RSVP: bit.ly/MOVIEDiscussion



RSVP online at the link above or on Sundays in the Gathering Space and vote for the movie you would like to watch and discuss. The choices are: *Women Talking*, *Wild*, *Joy*, and *Still Alice*. View descriptions and a trailer for each movie at the RSVP link above. We will start at 6:30 pm and go to approximately 9:30 or 10 pm. Pizza, popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Ravinia Outing

Kenny Loggins
Date: Saturday, August 19



Save the date and look for more details in future newsletters.

Women's Retreat

Friday, October 20 at 4 pm - Saturday, October 21 at 4 pm

Our retreat this year will be at Lutherdale Ministries in Elkhorn, WI in the new HOPE Conference Center (hotel style accommodations). More information to come.

We hope you look forward to these events as much as we do! If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact Beth Ann Koenemann (847) 997-9937.



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

TUESDAYS, APRIL 4, 11, 18 & 25 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 pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6:30 - 8 PM
LOCATION: 28 MILE DISTILLING COMPANY, 454 SHERIDAN ROAD, HIGHWOOD

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. 28 Mile serves pizza and small plates to share. Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the Grounded in Grace Messenger group.



SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 15 & 29 AT 7 - 8:30 AM
LOCATION: IN-PERSON (ROOM 208) OR VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517

In April we will continue discussion of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Copies are available from the church office. 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, APRIL 4 & 18 AT 9:30 AM
LOCATION: ROOM 208

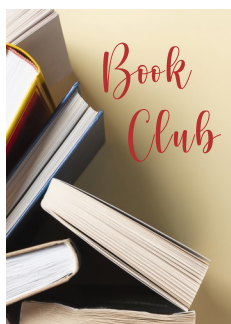
The discussion topics for 2023 will continue to be taken from the book *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. View the full session schedule at HolyCrossChurch.org/virtualmeetings All women welcome. Contact Pastor Chris at pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.



PILATES

MONDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, 17 & 24 AT 6 PM
LOCATION: CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

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



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 AT 7 PM
LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

In April we will discuss **The Body in the Clouds** by Ashley Hay. The story of one moment so extraordinary that it transformed time and space forever—a man falling from the sky and surviving—and of the three men who see it, in different ways and at different times, as they stand on the same piece of land. An astronomer in the 1700s, a bridge worker in the 1930s, and an expatriate banker returning home in the early twenty-first century: all three are transformed by this one magical event. And all three are struggling to understand what the meaning of “home” is, and how to recognize it once you’re there. Our discussion host will be Kay Meyer. If you have any questions, please email Melanie Houser at housermd@comcast.net



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 12 & 26 AT 7 - 8:30 PM
LOCATION: HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AREA

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



QUILTING GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 5, 12, 19 & 26 AT 9 AM - 12 PM
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, APRIL 10 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 to 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.

Thank You, Worship Volunteers

We are grateful to God for providing us with the best volunteers in town! Every one of you who serves as a worship volunteer helps to make Sunday worship a positive experience for so many. Greeters, readers, acolytes, assisting ministers, coffee hosts, Altar Care, AV tech assistants, Communion assistants, worship coordinators and ushers serve the congregation in so many ways by helping to make our in-person service run smoothly and by helping livestream our services to those who cannot be with us that day. Thanks for being the church and lending a hand!

If you are thinking about becoming a worship volunteer, please reach out to the church office (847) 367-4060 or email office@holycrosschurch.org so that we can connect you to the service position of your choice!



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



Save The Date!

Pastor Bob will return from his three month sabbatical leave on June 1. To welcome him back and thank him for his 32 years of dedicated ministry at Holy Cross, we will honor Pastor Bob and his family in a service of worship and celebration on Saturday, June 3, and an upscale coffee reception after the 8 and 10 am worship services on Sunday, June 4.



Please plan to join us on one (or both) of these dates. More details to come.

CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare



WISHES



On Sunday, April 16 and Sunday, April 23 between worship services you will find an exciting display in the fellowship area of available Wishes items to choose from. The children will be able to play and learn from the Wishes donations every day while at Crossways Preschool and Celebration! Childcare.

Your monetary donation will be used toward a specific item of your choice or will go toward the purchase of one or more items on your behalf.* Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross with "Wishes" in the memo line or donate online at bit.ly/wishesCPCC



Make a wish come true!

Following is a list of just some of the items on the 2023 Wishes list:

- Little Tikes Gas 'n Go Mower (need 3) - \$20 each
- Studico Wobble Stool for Kids (need 4) - \$70 each
- Fidget Poppers, 3 pack - \$13
- Children's Sensory Table and Lid - \$310
- IROO Balancing Stilts (need 2) - \$40
- Sun Shade Sail- \$22
- Long-sleeve Art Smocks (need 3) - \$13 each
- Board books (need 1 - 25) - \$10 each
- Dinosaur Play Set - \$24
- Plus-Plus blocks - 600 piece set - \$30
- Skip Hop Activity Center - \$142
- KidKraft Dress Up Unit - \$135
- Leapfrog Reader Pen and Book Set - \$60
- Leapfrog Reader Pen (need 2) - \$40 each
- Poke-a-Dot Book - \$14
- KONGYA Calming Busy Box - \$20
- Keurig Coffee Maker - \$150
- Squigz - \$33
- Potty Chairs (need 2) - \$12 each
- Storage Cubby - \$80

* If you'd like to become a Gold Star Wishes Donor (gift of \$500 or more) please contact Steve Oelschlager or Sam Cooper.

**CrossWays Preschool****Celebration! Childcare**

by *Samantha Cooper*
 Director of CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

April Showers, Bring May Flowers

CrossWays Preschool has just returned from Spring Break! We are looking forward to hearing about everyone's week off. Some of our families took vacations to warmer destinations! We love to see pictures and hear stories of people's family time. Now that we are back to school, our teachers will begin focusing their attention on our upcoming parent/teacher conferences. During our spring conferences, teachers look at the progress that has been made and the areas which need improvement.

Plans for our Preschool graduation are underway! We look forward to celebrating with our students who will move on to kindergarten next fall. This year, we will also include our Green Room friends from Celebration! Childcare. Most of our Green Room students will also be moving on to kindergarten next fall and will be cheered and celebrated alongside CrossWays Preschool students in all they have achieved. The Preschool graduation is an in-person event held in the Sanctuary and Gathering Space.

Registration for the upcoming school year is open to in-house families and the public. In addition to the 2023/24 school year registration, our summer camp program is also open for registration! Little Sprouts camp is offering 3-day-a-week, monthly sessions this summer. We have planned exciting in-house activities, such as a bubble show, pony rides, and a spooky magic show for our Haunted Camp week! Our campers also participate in weekly water play, special crafts, and more! Registration for both our summer camp program and our upcoming school year can be found on our website at cpreschool.org.

CrossWays Preschool Important Dates

Month of April: Support Our Troops Donation Drive
 April 5 & 27: Chapel
 April 12: Donuts with Grownups
 April 19 & 20: Spring photos



Support Our Troops

For the month of April, CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare are hosting a donation drive for Operation Support Our Troops. We will be collecting "urgently needed" and "Priority" items to be delivered to troops in the form of care packages. Requested food items include peanut butter (28 oz. or less, no glass), snack size cracker and cookies, and individual cold drink mix. Non-food items include pain relief medication, foot powder, AA batteries, and non-aerosol shaving cream/gel. For a full list of items, please go to: bit.ly/OSOTcomfortcare

In addition to donated items, we are also encouraging donations of letters and/or pictures to be included with the care packages. Drop off areas can be found at CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare entryways.

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

Springing into Summer

Celebration! Childcare is getting excited about the summer! The summer program has been finalized. Students, teachers, and parents alike are looking forward to the fun things we have planned. Kona Ice, The Frog Lady, and Ms. Caryn's music class will all be returning to entertain our children this year. We have a few new shows as well. A science show, bubble show, and a balloon twister will be attending our camp program with their fun and interactive entertainment!

With summer camp approaching, we are looking for seasonal help. We need additional staff to help support our school-age program and extra hands for our in-house activities. The summer program operates from the beginning of June through the end of August. If you or anyone you know is interested in a fun, flexible summer position, please contact our office at celebration@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-6208. We are also still on the hunt for permanent assistant teachers for our childcare program. These openings can be found on our website as well as other job search websites such as Indeed.

On April 12, we will be hosting our first Donuts with Grownups Event! We are welcoming the important adults in our students' lives to share a donut and beverage with us and their child. CrossWays Preschool will host the event for the first hour of their operating day. Celebration! Childcare will have the event open during drop off hours.

Celebration! Childcare Important Dates

Month of April: Support Our Troops Donation Drive
 April 5 & 27: Chapel
 April 12: Donuts with Grownups
 April 19 & 20: Spring photos

WISHES



Wishes will return this month on Sundays, April 16 and 23. Our staff put together a wish list of items for their classrooms and as resources for CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. We are grateful to the congregation for their support and donations to our programs. See page 8 for more details.

2023 Fallin' Into Fun Volunteers Needed

We are in the beginning stages of planning our 2023 Fallin' Into Fun Fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate the event. Committee members will help with the planning of food, vendors, and other events for the day. We hope to have a variety of volunteers from both CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare families, and Holy Cross members. Our committee will meet at least once a month for planning. You can email Samantha Cooper at sam@holycrosschurch.org if you are interested!

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

Faith Formation

CHILDREN YOUTH

by Deaconess Katie Freund

It's our last month of faith formation for our kids before letting out for the school year! We're learning the Easter story and about the earliest stories of followers of Jesus!

**Growing
In Faith** 

Growing In Faith Class Schedule

Drop off: 9:05 am

Pick up: 9:50 am

Location: West Wing (Celebration! Childcare atrium)

April 2 & 9 - no session

April 16 - Empty Tomb (Matthew 28:1-10)

April 23 - Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20)

April 30 - Paul's Letters (Romans 1:1-17)



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.

Second Grade: First Communion

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

Please RSVP to Deaconess Katie via email

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. Each year we offer two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Playful Prayerful: Kindergarten

Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 - 10:30 am

Please RSVP by April 16 to Deaconess Katie via email

Prayer is our connection to God and an open line of communication. This milestone offers an opportunity for families to talk about prayer and to learn about integrating prayer into our daily lives.

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

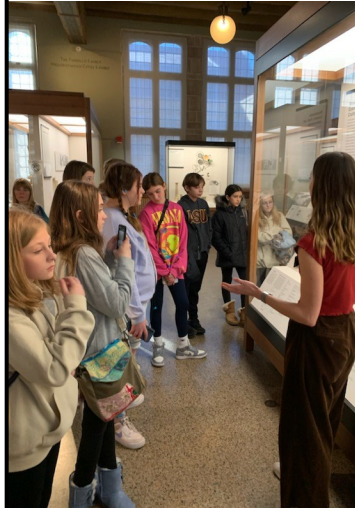


CONFIRMATION

6th - 8th Grade Confirmation

This year our confirmation class was able to return to our long-standing practice of taking students off site for field trips and service opportunities, and we really went for it! From setting up beds for PADS at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, to packing meals for Feed My Starving Children, our kids showed up to serve others.

Their favorite event of the year was a field trip to the Oriental Institute Museum on the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park. Students did a great job of staying engaged and asking tons of thoughtful questions during our guided tour. They also had the chance to participate in a hands-on workshop identifying replicas of ancient artifacts. Before we even got back to the church we had kids asking if this is a trip we could do again next year!



Our last class off church property was a Walmart shopping night. We had 25 students divided into five teams, each with the PADS "wish list" of items they need to care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The kids were given a budget of \$150 per team and set loose in the store (with adult chaperones). And our kids did great! The final tally included, but was not limited to: 58 single serve meals, 32 kids' coats, 9 boxes of diapers, 7 sleeping bags, 2 tents, clothing for adults and children, and other food items.



Crossroads Bonfire

by Pastor Chris Neptun

Attention Crossroads High School Youth! Join us for an evening of fun as we gather around the Spark of the Spirit Fire Pit for a bonfire, hot dog roast, and s'mores. The entrance to the fire pit is located on the south west side of the Holy Cross parking lot, next to the parsonage.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with your friends and make new ones while enjoying hot dogs and s'mores cooked around the warmth of the fire. There's nothing quite like the sound of crackling flames and the smell of roasting marshmallows to create memories that last a lifetime.

Crossroads Youth Group is all about creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can feel comfortable and supported. Whether you've been coming all year, it's your first time, looking to make new friends, or just looking for a fun way to spend your Sunday evening, we welcome you to join us.

Don't miss out! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 16, and come join us for an unforgettable evening around the fire. 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



Bonfire Night

Date: Sunday, April 16

Time: 4:30 - 6 pm

Location: Holy Cross Fire Ring

Cost: Free, dinner included

RSVP at HolyCrossChurch.org/crossroads



Game Night Recap

Crossroads had a great time playing Telestrations last month! If you've ever played you know how far the drawings and guesses can stray from the original word. Sometimes it's the same with our understanding of God's Word to us. We remembered the importance of coming back to community centered around God's word of Love!



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!

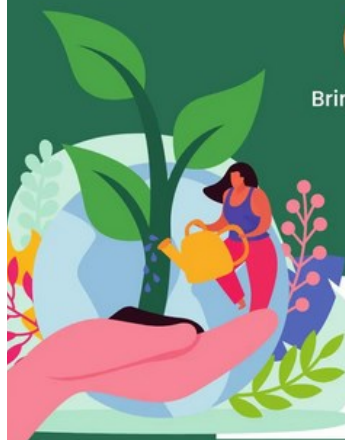


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1200 University Center Dr. Grayslake

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CARE OF CREATION



Earth Day(s) 2023

by Leo Karris

April 22, 2023 will mark 53 years of the idea of Earth Day. The first Earth Day was the idea of Senator Gaylord Nelson, the junior senator from Wisconsin, who had long been concerned about the deteriorating environment in the United States. In January 1969, he and many others witnessed the ravages of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, Senator Nelson wanted to raise public consciousness about air and water pollution and on April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was celebrated.*

How might you be celebrating a relationship with the Earth today, tomorrow and the next? How does the place where you live help you to experience and connect to the sacredness of the natural world? How much more might that be experienced if each day this month you were to walk barefoot in your yard (or other favorite nature space) in step with what John Philip Newell writes in his book *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, “when our soles touch the earth our soul more readily awakens to the sacredness of the earth.” And remembering the Old Testament story where Moses hears, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” (*Exodus: 3-5*)

Here is a prayer you can use to help you get centered on this idea and help you in the moment:

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen (*Common Book of Prayer*)

*Source: earthday.org

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

Lutheran Disaster Response: Middle East Crisis



Lutheran Disaster Response shares God’s hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

On February 6 two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Türkiye, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Thousands of people have been killed, thousands more have been injured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to these earthquakes. Mere hours after the earthquakes hit, ACT Alliance member organizations began distributing emergency supplies, including medicines, bedding and other relief items.

Lutheran Disaster Response has been active in this region for several years, partnering with ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Middle East Council of Churches to accompany Syrian refugees with food, water, shelter, health services and sanitation support. The epicenter of one earthquake lies near Turkish provinces that host hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, which will only exacerbate the refugee crisis in the region.

Your gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by the disasters in this region. For more information on how to donate, go to: ELCA.org/disaster



Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner



**LUTHERAN
CAMPUS MINISTRY**
AT NORTHWESTERN

Wednesday, April 19

Carpool at 3:15 pm (note time change)
Dinner at 5:15 pm

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 3:15 pm, carpool (or drive separately) to Evanston (2204 Orrington Avenue), and serve dinner at 5:15 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.



LCMNU Showcase 2023

**Our Faith,
Our Community,
Our Story**

**Featuring Student Talks,
Musical Entertainment,
Appetizers and Desserts**

Saturday, April 29, 2 - 6:30 pm

Join Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern for Showcase 2023. This event will be held in-person at Parkes Hall at Northwestern University in Evanston AND online with livestreaming. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for LCMNU and an inspirational, fun-filled time to connect with students, alumni, and community members. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit: mcselca.org/ministries/campus/

Schedule for Saturday, April 29:

LCMNU Center, 2204 Orrington Avenue, Evanston

1:00-2:00pm Open House

Parkes Hall, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston

1:30-3:00pm: Check-in and Gathering Reception

3:00pm: Programming and Livestream begins

3:00-3:15pm: Welcome

3:30-3:50pm: Student Panel Sessions

4:00-4:20pm: Student Panel Sessions

4:30-5:00pm: Social Time

5:00-5:20pm: Alumni Panel

5:30-6:30pm: Performances



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FMSC Spring Gala
Friday, April 21, 6 pm

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 available online at: fmsc.org/ilgala

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



Save The Date

Willow House 25th Anniversary Gala
May 20, 6 - 11 pm

Winnetka Community House
620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka

Food, open bar, music and dancing, a "Golden Ticket" raffle for a fabulous trip, and opportunities to connect (or reconnect) with the Willow House family. For more information or to register, go to: willowhouse.org/25thgala

COOL Ministries

by Jill McKeon



Thank you all for the extra donations of the cereal boxes at Lent. What a blessing! The pantry continues to have more and more visitors. Any and all of your donations big and small help. This year, we are trending to have an increase in families who are coming to the pantry. The need is growing. As a reminder, here are some of the staple items that we continue to need: canned fruits, canned vegetables, side dishes such as mac and cheese, pasta, canned meat and cereal.

In addition, we continue to support our veterans with basic toiletry items, such as shampoo, conditioner, razors, toilet paper, and paper towels. Finally, we can always use your plastic and paper bags from the grocery store. That is how we package it all up for our clients.

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



Thank you for your generous support of COOL Ministries, including Easter Bagskets and canned hams (see page 3).

24th Annual COOL Plant & Flower Sale



Orders Due Monday, April 3!

Volunteers Needed for Plant Pick-Up on Saturday, May 13

There is still time to place your order for the COOL Plant Sale! Drop off your order form by Monday, April 3 at Holy Cross with a check made payable to COOL, or upload your order form and pay online at holycrosschurch.org/resources Remember, all orders benefit COOL Ministries' Food Pantry and Transitional Housing programs.

Orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 13 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee. If you would like to pick up a few more plants, we always have extra hanging baskets, flowering plants, vegetables, and herbs available for cash and carry at the plant pick-up.

We also need volunteers! No gardening knowledge is needed, and volunteers have a good time working together to benefit the ministries of COOL. We will have multiple shifts on Saturday, May 13 between 6:30 am and 2:30 pm, all taking place in the Bethel parking lot. Benefits of volunteering include early plant pick-up (late morning), fellowship, service, and light refreshments. To volunteer, sign up in the gathering space or online at bit.ly/COOLpickup

Questions? Contact Terry Berger, Patty Moyer, Jeri Powers, or Diane Rammelsberg at plantsale@coolministries.org

Flowers make great gifts for Mother's Day!



PADS Ministry Support

We continue to welcome new PADS members and are grateful for each and every one of you!

April 30 will mark the end of the season wherein homeless individuals are housed overnight in area churches. Homelessness has no season and we will be working with PADS Central in Waukegan to help address the needs of the entire population throughout the rest of the year.

In April we will be packing lunches between Easter services on the 9th. We will also be serving our last dinner on the 24th. Please use the QR codes to view our needs lists if you would like to help. To keep track, please check the box on the right of the need you are choosing, so we know you have selected that item.

Food Needs List:
bit.ly/PADSfood



Thank you to everyone who contributed microwave safe bowls and can openers in March to support those in transitional housing. Your monetary generosity has also enabled us to provide \$1,000 in Jewel gift cards and an additional \$1,000 in gas only gas cards for those living in their cars and/or trying to get to a job that may be getting them back on their feet.

We will continue to keep you informed of all our efforts over the summer. Thanks again for all of your support, be it monetary, the gift of your time preparing, serving and cleaning up at the dinner services or providing items from our needs lists. Absolutely everything makes a difference in each life PADS serves.

With much gratitude,
The PADS Ministry Team

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



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Thursday-Friday, August 3-4, 2023

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The full schedule of events will be available in July 2023.

Visit bit.ly/GLSatHCLC to register at the discounted rate of \$139 until May 3, 2023 using the code: 23PHSHOST





Saturday, April 1

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
- 9:30 am Milestone Ministry: First Communion Prep Class, Fellowship Area
- 5:30 pm First Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 2

- 8 am Passion/Palm Sunday Worship with procession of Palms and Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
- 9 am Faith Formation (Adults only; no Sunday School)
- 10 am Passion/Palm Sunday Worship with procession of Palms and Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, April 3

COOL Plant Sale Order Deadline

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

Tuesday, April 4

- 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 Reimagining Team Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, April 5

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
- 10:30 am CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare Chapel, Sanctuary
- 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

Thursday, April 6

- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion and First Communion, Sanctuary and livestream

Friday, April 7

- 7 pm Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary (no livestream)

Saturday, April 8

- 3 pm Easter Eve Festival

Sunday, April 9

- 8 am Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
- 9:15 am Pack PADS Lunches, Kitchen
- 10 am Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
- 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
- 7 pm Youth Ministry Search Team Meeting, 208

Wednesday, April 12

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
- 9 am Crossways Preschool Donuts with Grownups, Fellowship Area
- 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402

- 7 pm Project Healing Waters, Fellowship Area
- 7 pm Church Council, 208

Thursday, April 13

- 7 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

Saturday, April 15

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208

Sunday, April 16

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
- 9 am Faith Formation
- 9 am Wishes display, Fellowship Area
- 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
- 4:30 pm Crossroads Bonfire Night, Spark of the Spirit Fire Pit

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

- 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 ECM Board Meeting,

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402
- 7 pm Transition Team Meeting

Friday, April 21

- 6:30 pm Grounded in Grace, 28 Mile Distilling Co., Highwood

Saturday, April 22

- 9:30 am Milestone Ministries: Kindergarten: Playful Prayerful, Fellowship Area

Sunday, April 23

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
- 9 am Faith Formation
- 9 am Wishes display, Fellowship Area
- 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 26

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
- 4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402
- 7 pm Project Healing Waters, Fellowship Area

Thursday, April 27

- 10:30 am CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare Chapel, Sanctuary
- 7 pm Book Club, Zoom
- 7:30 pm Finance Team Meeting, via Zoom

Saturday, April 29

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208

Sunday, April 30

Mission Endowment Scholarship Applications Due

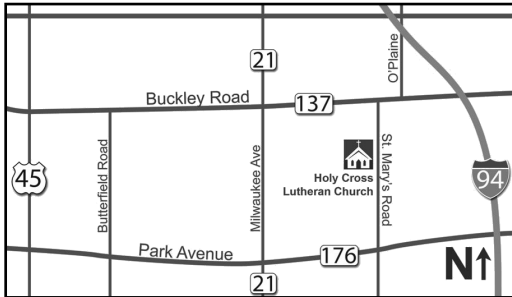
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- 9 am Faith Formation
- 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream



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



Faith Formation

CHILDREN YOUTH ADULT

Growing In Faith

Children ages 3 through 5th grade

Sundays, April 16, 23, 30 at 9:05 - 9:50 am

Details on page 10

Visual Faith Process

Post Confirmation Adults

Sundays, April 2, 16, 23, 30 at 9:10 - 9:45 am

Details on page 5

A family-friendly Easter journey like no other! Take a walk (literally) through the bible stories that point the way to the Resurrection.



Easter Eve Festival



Date: Saturday, April 8
Time: 3 - 5 pm
Cost: Free
All welcome!

Details on page 2