

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

March 2019

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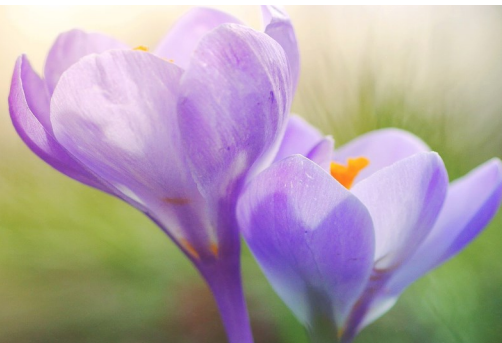
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A congregation of the  
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## *The Serenity Prayer*

*God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*- attributed to Reinhold Niebhr*



The liturgical cycle of Lent and Easter remind me that I am a precious child of God, and that I don't need to compare my best with anyone else's. It is freeing to know that when all the secrets are gone, and the pretending is over, we can live in the truth of serenity and peace.

I think Jesus knew something about serenity and peace in his life, and I believe it started with prayer. Jesus prayed all the time. He prayed before and after challenging days. He must have prayed for strength to stay the course. He prayed for others. He prayed for discernment and understanding. Jesus prayed until it was time to let prayer be how he lived. It was prayer that sustained him through the last days of his life. I know that this version of the serenity prayer wasn't around for Jesus, but, prayer brought peace in his life as he dealt with all of the distractions that engaged him.

I think from the first time I prayed the serenity prayer, I have been drawn to it. When I am at a loss for words, I often pray this prayer or the Lord's Prayer. I have to admit that I defer to this prayer at times when I am tempted to believe that the idea of serenity and peace seems far away.

If I had to boil the serenity prayer down to one word, it would be *perspective*. The serenity prayer works at teaching us how to see what's really going on in a particular moment of our life. There are two things this simple prayer can help us cultivate if we pray it from the heart—equanimity and courage.

Equanimity is a very important word and concept. If you look up equanimity in a thesaurus you'll find words like calmness or composure as its synonyms. But that doesn't do true justice to the idea. I think the word means to be undisturbed by surface or superficial distractions. It is critical we learn to be still and know that God is God and we are not. This is why silence and solitude are so important. When we are quiet before God, we reconnect to our true self and it grounds us in a relationship with God. That's a wonderful gift. But an even more important gift of silence and solitude is that it changes our hearts so that when we get back in the turbulence of our days and face those superficial distractions, we're in a more centered place to respond. The challenge is not entirely in finding a quiet nook in this world of ours. The challenge is quieting the soul in the midst of the noise. How long has it been since you let yourself find the peace that God reveals in times of quiet? Without those times, we're always more susceptible to the distractions.

Courage teaches us to remain resolved to be authentic in the moment at hand. It takes courage to stay faithful when the distractions are so appealing and we're so famished. We begin to believe that we deserve this escape or pleasure. It takes courage to say yes to God's dream for us. It takes courage to walk the path when we can't see the place unfolding and the distractions seem so immediate. It takes courage to find the still point, hear the voice of God, and see with the eyes that enable us to walk the path of faith.

Even with the experiences we associate with Lent and Easter, we still manage to stand transfixed by the worries and hopes of today. Too soon we may go back to the way life is. Too soon our attention may be diverted. Too soon we may forget what our God has done for us. God isn't interested in our momentary recognition. The Holy Spirit is at work among us so that our prayer might take root deeply within us. So, "The Lord be with you...let us pray."

Peace,

# Big Band & Bingo

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, March 9 from 6 - 9 pm**

Holy Cross Gathering Space

**\$45 per adult**

(Includes dinner, beverage & bingo)

**TICKETS:** [bit.ly/BBBINGO](http://bit.ly/BBBINGO)

BIG BAND ERA  
FAVORITE SONGS

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TABLE GAMES

CARD RAFFLE



See page 4 for details



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# Lent

## Making Sense of the Cross

How should we regard the cross? Is it a sad tragedy that we should grieve?

Is it the moment of God's victory and redemption that we should

celebrate? Is it the place where we stand in awe to see God's

incomprehensible love poured out for us? Is it some combination of these, or something we haven't named altogether?

We invite you to join us for our midweek Lenten worship services and conversations as we discern together the role of the cross in our lives.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

**March 6, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

*Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion*

## Midweek Lenten Worship

**Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"A Man Hanging on a Tree"

**Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"Portraits & Perspectives"

**Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"Ransom & Victory"

**Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"Substitution, Satisfaction, & Sacrifice"

**Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"Example & Encouragement"

**Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:30 - 8 pm**

"Event & Experience"





## Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Every Wednesday before our Midweek Lenten Worship service, we will gather for fellowship and share a meal. These are intended to be relaxed and provide some time for us to slow down and care for one another. Soup Suppers will be offered on the following Wednesdays starting at 6:30 pm: **March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10.**

We invite five attendees each week to provide a gallon of soup for the evening. The remainder of the attendees provide either bread, salads, fruit or desserts and/or help clean up after the soup supper. Beverages and table service will be provided.

A sign up board is available in the gathering space or you can sign up online: [bit.ly/LENTSS19](http://bit.ly/LENTSS19)

Please join us!

## Holy Week

### Passion/Palm Sunday

**April 14 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am**

*With procession of palms  
and Holy Communion*

### Maundy Thursday

**April 18**

**Midday Worship at 11:30 am**

*followed by lunch (provided)*

**Evening Worship at 7:30 pm**

*Holy Communion (with First Communion)*

### Good Friday

**April 19 at 7:30 pm**

### Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Worship

**April 21 at 6 am**

*Independence Grove, North Pavilion*

### Easter Sunday Worship

**April 21 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am**

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

### Easter Breakfast

**April 21 from 8:30 - 11:30 am**

*Youth Fundraiser*

## Forgiveness

*by Rev. Sally Hanson*

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

*- Matthew 18:21 - 22*

Forgiveness is one of those things we talk about, but I wonder how often we really live into it. Each week, we begin our worship together with a time of confession and forgiveness. It is an opportunity both personally and as a community to confess our sins, be cleansed and forgiven, so that we can move through the remainder of the service as one body. That forgiveness is critical; it puts us all on an even playing field before God. It brings a sense of internal holiness that we may not always feel in our daily lives. It reminds us that if we are forgiven, so is everyone else around us. Forgiveness is not just for the individual receiving it.

One result of experiencing forgiveness is the desire to share forgiveness with others. It helps your own forgiveness grow and flourish. Forgiveness is a process. It is not a one and done thing, but a choice you have to make over and over again until you are free from the hurt and grief. But the way it grows and impacts yourself and those around us is by sharing it abundantly with others.

Forgiveness is giving up my desire to hurt you for hurting me. Forgiveness is an act of love. It is no longer letting the hurt dictate the direction you're going, but simply letting it be a part of your story. Forgiveness is soul cleansing, but also incredibly difficult work that comes through persistence, intentionality, and love.

As we move into the Lenten season, what if we thought about 40 days of forgiveness? Or even spending 40 days intentionally trying to forgive that one thing that has been consuming your mind for what might be years? It starts with baby steps. Forgiving small things as you work your way toward the bigger ones. 40 baby steps will take you a lot farther than where you are right now...

Blessings,

*Pastor Sally*

## Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Worship

**Sunday, April 21 at 6 am**

*North Bay Pavilion at Independence Grove*

For the third year, Libertyville area churches are coming together to offer a sunrise Easter worship service. This is an opportunity to worship and witness in a public way—that while there may be differences between Christian denominations, there is not division when it comes to celebrating the love God makes known to the world through the resurrected Christ.

Please consider adding this to your Easter Sunday experience, and come and worship with your brothers and sisters at Holy Cross at a regular Easter Sunday worship service afterwards.

# Easter Flowers to decorate the Sanctuary



on April 21, 2014

_____ Single Stem Lily @ \$11	= _____
_____ Begonias @ \$11	= _____
_____ Daffodils @ \$11	= _____
_____ Hyacinths @ \$11	= _____
_____ Tulips @ \$11	= _____
_____ Azaleas @ \$17	= _____
_____ Hydrangea @ \$21	= _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations will be listed in the Easter Bulletin

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach payment to this order form **no later than Sunday, March 31, 2018**. (Checks payable to Holy Cross with "Easter Flowers" written in memo line.) Additional order forms available on the usher's table or online at [bit.ly/flowers19](http://bit.ly/flowers19)

**Flowers will be available for pick-up after the 11 am worship service on Easter Sunday.**

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**Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Gathering Space**

**\$45 per adult**

**(Includes dinner, an adult beverage & one bingo card)**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE: [bit.ly/BBBINGO](http://bit.ly/BBBINGO)**

Join us for a riot of a night filled with songs from the big band era of the '30's and '40's. Music by Dale Tippett, as well as games from the time period, bingo for prizes and a card raffle.

Cost is \$45 per adult and includes dinner, an adult beverage and first bingo card. Childcare for children under 12 is included. Tickets are available online or in person on Sunday, March 3 between worship services. Proceeds benefit the High School Mission Trip to Rosebud this summer.

Enjoy a ham and scalloped potato dinner with signature drinks from the 1940's. 8 rounds of bingo will be played with prizes at every round. Additional bingo cards are \$2 each. Play as many cards per round as you wish! There is also a fun new raffle opportunity—you may purchase a card from a deck of cards for \$25, and at the end of the night, potentially win 1/3 of the cash!

Cribbage, charades, cards, and a variety of games of the 1940s will be available to play as well.

If you are interested in volunteering with setup or during this event, contact Pastor Sally or sign up online at: [bit.ly/BBBhelp](http://bit.ly/BBBhelp)





## Johann Sebastian Bach

by Randy Casey

March is the month of the birth of J.S. Bach, hence a good excuse is at hand to ponder a bit more about the great man. In addition, the fact is that as of this writing I have been at Holy Cross the same number of years that Bach was in Leipzig. For one trying to make music in a Lutheran church, this is a sort of benchmark.



Bach fathered 20 children, 9 of whom were girls. His eldest was Catharina Dorothea, born in Weimar on December 29, 1708, and died on January 17, 1774. The only other item known about her is that she got married. I would surmise that she was musical, even very musical, but the extremely patriarchal times in which she lived have suppressed further knowledge of her. For us today, a great regret pervades this gap in our understanding. Bach's final child was also a girl, Regina Susanna, born on February 22, 1742 in Leipzig and died on December 14, 1809. She is the only Bach child to have survived into the 19th century. By the way, Bach's third and fourth children were boy-girl twins who died a few days after they were born in Weimar.

Bach was married twice. His first wife was Maria Barbara, and her maiden name was Bach. Their grandfathers were brothers, and she bore seven children. His second wife was Anna Magdalena, who bore 13 children and outlived her husband by ten years.

The most successful, at least musically, of Bach's children was Carl Philipp Emanuel. He was the fifth child and is believed to have looked like his mother. His godfather was Georg Philip Telemann, after whom he was named. Often referred to as C.P.E. Bach, he was a prolific composer whose life and work were celebrated in 2014 at the BACHFEST in Leipzig upon the 300 anniversary of his birth. From a music history point of view, he is regarded as an important link between his father and Mozart, who was born in 1756. Carl Philipp Emmanuel is buried below the sanctuary of St. Michael's Church in Hamburg, where he succeeded Telemann as the chief musician. Visiting the church of Telemann and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach is the primary reason I am having the Holy Cross Choir and friends visit Hamburg a few short months from now.


Johann Sebastian Bach operated in an esoteric realm that none of us will ever experience. Thus, my favorite sentence I have ever read about the man is something like "While Bach was walking around Leipzig with the 'St. Matthew Passion' in his head, the city fathers were complaining about the musical forces he was requesting to present the work." The depth of Bach's mind notwithstanding, it is interesting to note that no composer is known for having more students of his own, of organ and composition, and, of course, no composer is known for having fathered so many children, at least legitimately. Johann Sebastian Bach, was simply what we call a "Renaissance man."

J.S. Bach died on July 28, 1750, after 27 years and 2 months in the

employ of the city of Leipzig, in charge of the music for four churches, including St. Thomas and the Nikolaikirche. He was 65 years old, blind, and probably an overweight diabetic. I am 67 years old and have worked diligently to be in respectable condition, physically and otherwise. Originally, Bach was buried in a cemetery outside of Leipzig, but in 1949, his remains were moved to the chancel of St. Thomas where millions of pilgrims have traveled ever since. I will be buried in the Live Oak Cemetery outside of Killeen, Texas, being related to more than half of the people already there. The date is as yet unknown.

We will never know what God has in mind. For example, one of my unforeseen pleasures is that I delight in the lives of the now adult children of my ex-wife. And my heart is uplifted when I see my ex-wife's granddaughter, who is in daycare at Celebration! Childcare at Holy Cross.

Perhaps surprisingly, the family line of J.S. Bach expired in the 19th century. His music, however, is seemingly eternal. Let us continue to enjoy that which he has left behind, at least for as long as God allows us to be together.



**AROUND  
THE CROSS**  
CONCERT SERIES

**TRIO IN D MINOR**  
*by Bohuslav Martinu*

RANDY CASEY, PIANO  
BARB CANNON, CELLO  
PAM LUTTER, VIOLIN

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
**AT 4 PM**

For the Lenten season, the sanctuary layout will be reconfigured to worship in the round. About a dozen volunteers are needed on **Monday, March 4 from 7 - 8:30 pm** to assist in moving the chairs and platforms. Let us know if you can lend a hand by Friday, March 1 at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.



## Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

### **Your life. Your faith. Your gift to the future.**

*by Steve Oelschlager*

For those of us with kids, raising them and providing for their future is one of the most purposeful things we do. Having said that, the meaning of our life and the impact we are able to make through our lives is not limited to the wellbeing of our descendants. Jesus teaches and invites us to think about the bigger picture of all that is, challenging us to keep moving our focus from me to us, to all of us.

As you reflect on your life's work then, is there an upper limit to the amount of your estate that you plan to give to your children, grandchildren, or other family members? Something like 70, 80, or 90%? Or, will they receive everything God has entrusted to you? It's an important question that reveals all sorts of possibilities for continuing to make a difference even after your life ends. How have you thought about this question and discussed it with your loved ones? How might such conversations be sacred moments for you to share your thoughts with your kids, not only of your love for them, but also the values and concerns that are dear to your heart?

As part of the ELCA, Holy Cross has access to gift planners to help you explore options for one-time gifts, deferred gifts, endowments, trusts, and so much more. An ELCA gift planner can review your plan and let you know the amount of your assets that will go through probate and the amount that will go to the ministries and causes that you want to impact. Some members at Holy Cross are including our congregation and its ministries as part of their estate planning, and we encourage everyone to consider these future gifts as a part of your plan.

If you are interested in more information or want to connect with our local ELCA gift planner, please contact me at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org) or at (847) 502-3195.



### **Make Generosity a Habit with Online Giving**

With the "I Give electronically" cards in the chair backs, it is also easy to participate in the collection of the offering on Sunday morning by placing one of these cards in the plate.

Get started with online giving: [donate.holycrosschurch.org](https://donate.holycrosschurch.org) or send an email to [giving@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:giving@holycrosschurch.org)



## **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31**

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars from 2018 have until March 31, 2019 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Holy Cross.



There are two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

- Online at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://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](mailto: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](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)



## **Mission Endowment Scholarship Fund**

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 by **April 30, 2019**.

Applications may be found in the church office, and are also available online at [holycrosschurch.org/resources](https://holycrosschurch.org/resources)

## **Early Bird Registration for The Global Leadership Summit**

"Everyone wins when a leader gets better."

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

To be a part of this experience, register at [bit.ly/GLSHCLC](https://bit.ly/GLSHCLC)



# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT





Through conversation we share our thoughts about life and faith. All are welcome to join.

We meet on the second Tuesday of most months from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at a restaurant in one of our surrounding communities. Individuals are responsible for their own meal charges. There is no pressure to talk: listening also brings renewal and insight!

**As we gather At The Table:**

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

**DATE: Tuesday, March 12**

**TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**LOCATION: The Chocolate Sanctuary  
5101 Washington Street, Gurnee**

**Please RSVP by Friday, March 8 at [bit.ly/ATT312](http://bit.ly/ATT312)**

**March Topic: The Power of Questions**

Children under five ask lots of questions, as many as 400 a day. Yet, as we grow older we stop asking questions for a variety of reasons. One is that we "figure things out" and become "experts," reducing our perceived need to ask. Another cause is that asking questions can label us as troublemakers, as in "who do you think you are?"

It turns out Jesus was a questioner, suggesting that a life of faith involves being open to seeing things differently. Jesus asked, "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan?" He also inquired, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Another time he questioned his disciple Peter, "do you love me?" Jesus understood the importance of questions.

Join us on March 12 at 6:30 pm at the Chocolate Sanctuary in Gurnee for At the Table as we discuss how critical questions are for helping us to make sense of our lives and our world. See the Stewardship Lending Library for copies of the book ***A More Beautiful Question*** for more insights on the topic.



**MEN of  
PURPOSE  
&  
PRINCIPLE  
PRAYER**

**Date: Monday, March 18**

**Time: 6 - 8:30 pm**

**Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Gathering Space**

**Theme: Maturing...Evolution/Revolution**

**RSVP by Friday, March 15: [bit.ly/MP3318](http://bit.ly/MP3318)**

The men of Holy Cross and the community are invited to an evening of fellowship, food, and conversation on Monday, March 18. We encourage you to bring your appetite not only for dinner, but also for a rich conversation on the theme of "Maturing... Evolution/Revolution."

It's natural during the course of our lives to pass through stages from infancy, childhood, adolescence, and then through successive degrees of adulthood. Maturing, however, is more than just getting physically older but also includes seeing, thinking, and understanding the world in healthier ways. Hopefully, the experiences of our lives and the ideas we acquire over time lead to an evolution of our consciousness and sensibilities, what we might refer to as wisdom. Eventually, this kind of transformation amounts to something much greater than just incremental change, but instead a revolution in who we are as people. Jesus metaphorically suggested it's as if we were "born again."

How might we be not just passively open to this kind of transformation, but actively seek it out and invest in it? What does evolutionary maturing look like in our lives? What gets in the way or makes growing a challenge? How does a life of faith contribute to our maturity and wisdom?

Come join the conversation and enjoy an evening of fellowship, live music, and time around the table for a meal. This all happens in the gathering space. Please join us starting at 6 pm. We will serve dinner by 6:45 pm and will wrap up the evening by 8:30 pm. You are welcome to invite other men who are friends and/or colleagues.

Registration is optional but it will help us plan the food for the evening. Contact [pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions.



## MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? To learn more about membership, please contact the church office at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060. Individuals and families who are interested in joining Holy Cross are invited to our next New Member Breakfast and Reception.

### NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 am**

RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 21.

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**Sunday, April 28 during 9:30 am worship**

## PASTORAL ACTS

### WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

**Brigid Hawlitzky**

**Jennifer Frances Bellantuono**

Sunday, February 10

### MEMORIAL

**Gerald J. "Jerry" Vojtko**

Saturday, February 16



## 2019 Holy Cross Church Council

2019 Holy Cross Church Council members and Holy Cross Officers were installed during worship services on Sunday, February 3.

Lisa Dunbar, <i>Council Secretary</i>	Eric Ormson, <i>Treasurer</i>
Andy Eidson	Katie Ormson, <i>Vice President</i>
Lori Fedyk	Sonny Randall, <i>President</i>
Mick Garrison	Maria Roberts
Beth Ann Koenemann	Jim Smalley
Tom Miller, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Daniela Wuerfel
Bill Miksch	Rich Yocius
Karl Nygard	

A special thank you to Jessica Brown, Barb Cannon, Eric Christensen, and Mark Fedyk for their service on council.

## Growing Musicians

### Family Outreach Series Update

by Diane Gaines, Event Chairperson

The Family Outreach Series event, "Growing Musicians," was a huge success! Despite the cold weather and threat of snow, almost 100 participants came out to make music and enjoy an interactive concert. The evening started with families making a box guitar and composing their own simple piece of music they got to share with those in their group.

Professional children's musician, Jim Gill, then provided an interactive concert. Jim and his accordion player had families up and dancing and beating out the rhythm to songs like "Alabama, Mississippi." The evening concluded with a light meal of various pastas, salad, and delicious treats! It was wonderful to see families connecting with each other and enjoying some time to just have fun and learn through music.

Thank you to Holy Cross, CrossWays Preschool, Celebration! Childcare and Thrivent for helping sponsor this event. Thank you also to the hard working committee of Judith Frank-Gonwa, Val Maxwell, Elizabeth Moy, Katie Ormson, Kathy Pfister, Andrea Young, and the volunteers who showed up that night to help!







## Film Screening

Sunday, March 10

2 - 5 pm

Koenig Center

121 E Maple St., Libertyville

All are welcome to a free screening of "Call of the Forest: The science and enchantment of the global forest provides us with answers to modern dilemmas." Free Bur Oak sapling to the first 25 families. Giveaways and refreshments. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Presented by: Care of Creation of St. Joseph Church, Lake County Audubon Society and Faith in Place.

## Green Living Fair

Free Admission!

Saturday, March 16th

10am-2pm

Libertyville Civic Center

135 W. Church St. Libertyville, IL 60048

**Come learn what you can do to live an eco-friendly lifestyle!**

**Approximately 30 exhibitors**

**Speaker Forums and Workshops!**

**No goods or services will be sold at the fair**

### Recycling Opportunities

- \*Styrofoam
- \*Shoes
- \*Cellphones
- \*Eyeglasses
- \*Wine corks
- \*Hearing Aids
- \*Xmas lights
- \*Bikes
- \*Bike Parts
- \*Toothbrushes
- \*Empty Toothpaste Tubes
- \*Empty Dental Floss Holders



FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/217283042502754

## Willow House Expressive Arts



Join Willow House for an Expressive Arts program at Holy Cross on **March 25 from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm** in the gathering space. All are welcome to come participate in this opportunity to use art to help bridge the gap between your thoughts and grief. Expressive Arts therapy uses dance, drama, music, poetry, and art to enhance the expression of the grief experience, and to help you let go of your feelings and emotions related to the grief journey.



- Canned tuna** is the non-perishable food items of the month in February. Please place your contribution in the COOL collection cart outside the church office or in baskets during the children's message.
- 16th Annual COOL Golf Outing** will be held on Friday, July 12, 2019 at Bonnie Brook Golf Course. Come enjoy their famous Friday Fish Fry, and stay tuned for more details.

**COOL Ministries**  
**Plant & Flower Sale**  
By Diane Rammelsberg



It's springtime again, and the plant sale is back! This sale is a wonderful opportunity to purchase annual plants for your home, and support COOL ministries at the same time. The plants are delivered directly from the greenhouse the morning of the pick-up and the sale provides financial support for homeless and hungry families in our area.

Look for a COOL Plant Sale table staffed with friendly Holy Cross gardeners in the gathering space in March or online at [holycrosschurch.org/resources](http://holycrosschurch.org/resources)

Orders will be due to Holy Cross on **Sunday, March 31** and plants will be available for pick-up at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee on **Saturday, May 10** between 11 am and 2 pm.

**Make checks payable to COOL Ministries.**

**PADS**  
LAKE COUNTY  
Helping the Homeless Find a Way

Holy Cross members will once again provide breakfast and lunch food items for guests of the PADS shelter at Shepherd of the Lakes in Grayslake on the fourth Monday of every month, October - April. Watch for the sign up board in the gathering space this month for the opportunity to donate food items by **Sunday, March 24 at noon.**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Sunday School at Holy Cross

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

### Core Stories

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

March brings the end of the 4th rotation of the school year, the Woman at the Well, and the beginning of the 5th rotation, The Four Friends. Both of these rotations are rooted in relationships. How do we befriend and reach out to those different than us or those that others think lack worth?

In the story of the Samaritan Woman and Jesus meeting at the well, Jesus crosses a cultural barrier between Jews and Samaritans... two groups that disliked each other. When Jesus comes to the well, he is thirsty for water. When he meets the Samaritan woman, he learns that she is the thirsty one, searching for salvation. In biblical tradition, wells carried overtones of courtship. Abraham finds Rebekah, a bride for Isaac, at a well. Jacob and Rachel meet at a well. Though Jesus and the Samaritan woman are not matched romantically, they are matched spiritually. Jesus shows the woman that he is the source of the living water that she has been seeking.

In the story of the Four Friends, we hear how our friends can stand up for us when you aren't able to on your own. Many people think this story is primarily about the healing of a person with paralysis—a cause for great astonishment and celebration among the witnesses. However, there is more going on! For this rotation, we are focusing on the friends' role. We see their care in bringing their friend who couldn't walk to Jesus; we sense their frustrating interaction with the crowd who won't let them through; we witness their creative boldness as they dig through the roof; and we hear Jesus forgive and heal the man because of his friends' strong faith. Several themes emerge from the story of the friends and their faith that leads to healing.

Both of these stories portray the healing power of Jesus. Both are loved unconditionally by Christ even if they are seen by outsiders. God's love never changes for people. It is the same in the beginning, now and in the future.

Want to be a part of the adventure? We would love to have you join us for a Sunday! We are looking for teachers to help with Rotation 4 in Art, Science, Spiritual Practices, and Games, and in Art, Science, Drama and Games for Rotation 5 classrooms.

Contact Pastor Sally for more information at (847) 367-4060 or at [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org).

### Dates to Remember

**Sunday, March 24** - No Sunday School

**Sunday, March 31** - No Sunday School

### Sunday School Coordinators:

Ages 3-5/K: **Felicia Brandt** (847) 362-0924

Grades 1-5: **Volunteer Requested**

## Milestone Ministries



*Support for their faith journey...*

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

### Fifth Grade: Discipleship

**Saturday, March 9**

**9:30 to 11 am**

What is a disciple and what does that mean for today? How does being a disciple of Christ impact your relationships or how you interact with the world? We'll explore these questions and more in this parent/child milestone class.

**RSVP by March 7 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**

### Kindergarten: The Lord's Prayer

**Saturday, April 6**

**9:30 to 11 am**

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

**RSVP by April 1 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**

### Second Grade (and up): First Communion Prep

**Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 to 11 am**

**First Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 pm**

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.

Two sessions are offered each year, the fall class celebrating First Communion on World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) and the spring class celebrating First Communion on Maundy Thursday, which is April 18 this year.

**RSVP by April 7 to [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)**





### Game Night!

April 12 from 6 - 9 pm

Gathering Space

Mark your calendars for Pew Battleship, Sardines, and more. Please bring \$5 for pizza, and a snack or drink to share. Friends are welcome!

### 2019 High School Mission Trip to Rosebud

Date: June 22 - 29, 2019

Cost: \$500 per person

Open to current 9th - 12th graders and chaperones.

This trip will be a cultural immersion experience that will grow your faith and challenge you in new ways. Join other high schoolers from Holy Cross, Grace Lutheran, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for a week of service, learning, prayer, and care for the people of Rosebud.

### Important Upcoming Dates

Saturday, March 9 at 6 pm Big Band & Bingo fundraiser

Sunday, April 7 at 1 pm Prep meeting

Sign up to assist with the Big Band & Bingo fundraising event:  
[bit.ly/BBBhelp](http://bit.ly/BBBhelp)

Thank you to all those who assisted in chaperoning and driving for the Confirmation retreat.



## Confirmation

Confirmation instruction at Holy Cross is for all students who are in grades 6, 7 & 8. Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation occurs in the fall of 9th grade year. Confirmation sessions are at 6:30 pm on most Sunday nights.

### Important Dates

#### Confirmation Sessions

Sunday, March 3	Session 17
Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm, Session 18
Sunday, March 10	Faith & Sports (see below, Parent Night)
Sunday, March 17	Session 20
Sunday, March 24	No Confirmation
Sunday, March 31	No Confirmation

#### Confirmation Service Opportunities

Sunday, March 24	8th grade boys PADS Pack following the 9:30 am worship service. Families are welcome to join.
Sunday, March 24	8th grade girls assist at Winchester House. Please arrive by 2 pm. Family/adult assistance needed along with students.
Sunday, April 21	No lunch pack, food will be provided to Shepherd of the Lakes.
Sunday, April 28	6th grade boys assist at Winchester House. Please arrive by 2 pm. Family/adult assistance needed along with students.

*Missed your session to help pack meals or assist at Winchester House? Join us for a date that works for you!*

### Upcoming Speakers

Sunday, March 10 at 6:30 pm  
Parent Night - Faith & Sports

So, how can I be a good athlete and compete and push to be the best while my faith tells me to seek the least of these? Don't those contradict each other? Come hear how faith and sports are integrated together in daily life. For many, this can be a challenge, but a sacred challenge that inspires growth, spiritual maturity, and a sense of awe around all the gifts God has given us.

Come join us for a conversation with Coach Randy Kuceyeski on how faith and sports interact with each other, and how faith informs our athletics. Coach Kuz coached football in Libertyville for a number of years, and is also an active member at Holy Cross.



## CrossWays Preschool

### Summer?

The title of this piece has a question mark because it may not feel quite like summer outside at this very moment. Rest assured, however, that at CrossWays Preschool we are diving deep into summer right now! Our popular summer camps, Little Sprouts & Seedlings, are open for registration. This year our focus is on "the garden." Over 6 weeks, we will explore who lives in a garden, what grows in a garden, how to take care of a garden, and why gardens are important.

Camp runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:45 - 11:45 am from June 11 through July 25. We will however, be closed the week of July 4. There are two age groups: The Seedlings, age 2, and Little Sprouts, age 3 - 5, and each group will be in its own classroom. You may sign up for one week, all six, or anything in between! If you are looking for something for your preschooler to do this summer, consider joining us for camp.

Registration forms are available in the church office and gathering space as well as online at [cpreschool.org/forms](http://cpreschool.org/forms)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about camp or other programming at CrossWays Preschool.

**Elizabeth Moy**, CrossWays Preschool Director  
[crossways@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:crossways@holycrosschurch.org)  
(847) 367-4367

## DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare. Just come in to the Chipotle at **945 Rockland Road Suite A** in Lake Bluff on **Tuesday, March 19th** from **5 pm to 9 pm**. Bring this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to CrossWays Preschool & Celebration Childcare. **Online flyer: [bit.ly/CHIP319](http://bit.ly/CHIP319)**



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



## Celebration! Childcare

### Summer Programs are Here!

We hope spring is on its way, and with the start of spring we start thinking of getting things together for Celebration! Childcare's Summer Camp Program. Camp calendars are available at the Celebration! Childcare front desk or online at [cchildcare.org/forms](http://cchildcare.org/forms). If you're interested in having your child attend Celebration! Camp come see me for a copy of the calendar and camp rate sheet. You can also sign up for certain weeks during the summer.

Our summer program includes many of our favorite specials that have been with us for years. The outdoor classroom/garden with our new raised beds, the climbing wall, pony ride days, Kevin Kelly the magician, trackless train days, ice cream cart days, mini golf course days, and bowling on the Celebration! lanes are just a few of our summer programs that the children will participate in.

We look forward to another exciting summer program, and it will be here before you know it.

**Kathy Pfister**, Celebration! Childcare Director  
[celebration@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:celebration@holycrosschurch.org)  
(847) 367-6208

### Spare Clothing



Celebration! Childcare is always in need of children's clothing. Infant sizes through children's size 5. If you have any gently used garments that your child is no longer using, we can always use spare clothes. Clean, seasonal clothing can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 7 am to 6 pm in the childcare wing.

### Parents' Night Out

**Friday, March 8, 2019**  
**6 pm - 10 pm**

**Fee: \$30 / First Child, \$20 / Second Child**  
**Theme: Pot of Gold**  
**Reservations due by Tuesday, March 5th**

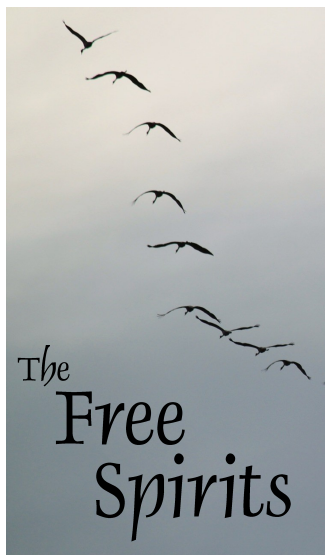


Children will enjoy craft activities and a pizza dinner before settling in for movie night.

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

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





**THE FREE SPIRITS**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 10 AM

**SCREENING OF "AMAZING GRACE"**

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

Let's get together for a DVD movie at Holy Cross. Have you seen "*Amazing Grace*?" It is the story of William Wilburforce who wrote the hymn. Wilburforce played a role in the English slave trade, and this movie discusses that plus his change of heart regarding slavery. 10 am show time! Then, potentially a bite to eat together to discuss the movie.

Questions? Contact Felicia Brandt at [felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com](mailto:felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com) or (847) 362-0924.



**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4 PM, ROOM 208

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

Snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.



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

DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7 PM, ROOM 207/208

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



**GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, GATHERING SPACE

What role does violence have in our lives today? Can violence be solved with violence?

Join us as we continue to explore *Living the Questions 2.0* with the topic of *The Myth of Redemptive Violence*.

The most potent religion in Western Culture is not Christianity, but a belief in the redemptive power of violence. Although Jesus inaugurated a new order based on partnership, equality, compassion, and non-violence, his example of teachings have been eclipsed by an emphasis on a human unworthiness that demands and defends the need for Jesus' violent, suffering, and atoning death.

Please contact Pastor Sally with any questions at [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org)



**PILATES**  
MONDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25  
6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM

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

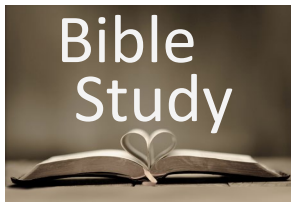


### BOOK CLUB

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT 7 PM**

LOCATION: HOME OF MARJI THUMMEL, 3707 CANTON CIR, MUNDELEIN

This month we will discuss *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. It is a story of how the Kurc family survives the Holocaust in Poland, against all possible odds. The story that comes across in the pages of *We Were the Lucky Ones* isn't strictly fiction—the characters and events that inhabit this Holocaust survival story are based on her family's own history. An astonishing story of hope, luck, destruction, and most remarkable, of love.



### Bible Study

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 12 & 26, FROM 10 AM - 11:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Throughout the year, this Bible study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Biblical scholarship is not required. All you need to join the conversation is an open heart and any translation of the Bible. In March and April we will be exploring the "minor prophets" of the Old Testament.



### Common Threads

### COMMON THREADS

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

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



### Women's Discussion Group

### WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 5 & 19, FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

We're continuing to discuss Dr. Chris Thurman's, *The Lies We Believe about God: Knowing God for Who He Really Is*. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.

**March 5** - Ch. 8: You Can't Handle the Truth - *The Lie: God Sugarcoats the Painful Things He Wants Us to Face about Ourselves*

**March 19** - Ch. 9: How Many Gods Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb? - *The Lie: God Changes Us*



### Men's Breakfast Group

### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

**TUESDAYS, FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AM**

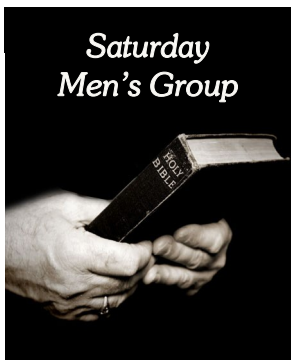
LOCATION: *THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT*, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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



### CARE OF CREATION

If you missed bringing in your corks before the end of January, please bring them with you to the Annual Green Living Fair on March 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Libertyville Civic Center, sponsored by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation in partnership with Lake County Green Congregations and Faith in Place. The free event will showcase interesting displays, speakers on environmental topics, and an opportunity to recycle items like Christmas lights, corks, DVDs, gym shoes, and inkjet cartridges. Watch for more information on the Care of Creation kiosk and in the March newsletter. We are also glad to support the plastic cap collection project from CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare.



### Saturday Men's Group

### SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

**SATURDAYS, MARCH 9 & 23 AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Join us as we continue to take in ideas and inspiration from a variety of Ted Talks. Each Saturday, we will look at different topics as a way to launch our conversation.

Please join us. All men are welcome!





*March 2019*

**Friday, March 1**

**April newsletter content due  
CrossWays Men's Day**

6:30 pm Grounded in Grace

**Saturday, March 2**

5:30 pm First Saturday Worship with  
Holy Communion

**Sunday, March 3**

8:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship with  
Holy Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship with  
Holy Communion  
6:00 pm Confirmation Session 17

**Monday, March 4**

6:00 pm Willow House meeting  
6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! Atrium  
7:00 pm Move sanctuary seating

**Tuesday, March 5**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, The Liberty  
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group  
4:00 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
7:00 pm Red Rose tour meeting, gathering  
space

**Wednesday, March 6**

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship w/  
Holy Communion  
Confirmation at Ash Wednesday  
9:00 pm Holy Cross Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 7**

7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

**Friday, March 8**

**RSVP due for At The Table**

**Saturday, March 9**

7:00 am Saturday Men's Discussion  
9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Discipleship  
(Fifth Grade), fellowship  
3:00 pm Set up, Rosebud dinner  
5:00 pm Big Band & Bingo Fundraiser

**Sunday, March 10**

8:00 am Worship  
9:30, 11 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
4:00 pm Around the Cross Concert:  
Trio Performance, sanctuary  
6:30 pm Confirmation, Faith & Sports  
Parent Night

**Monday, March 11**

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

**Tuesday, March 12**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, The Liberty  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study  
4:00 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
6:30 pm At The Table, The Chocolate  
Sanctuary, Gurnee

**Wednesday, March 13**

9:00 am Quilting & More Group, 404  
9:30 am ECM Marketing Meeting  
11:30 am PHW Day Program  
3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper,  
fellowship area  
7:00 pm PHW evening session, 207/208  
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship  
8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 14**

7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402  
7:00 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208  
7:00 pm BSA Troop #194 Committee,  
207

**Sunday, March 17**

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Holy  
Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School  
4:00 pm Parents of Children with  
Special Needs, 208  
6:00 pm Confirmation, Session 20

**Monday, March 18**

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
6:30 pm MP3, fellowship area  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

**Tuesday, March 19**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, The Liberty  
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group  
4:00 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
7:00 pm Church Council, gathering

**Wednesday, March 20**

9:00 am Quilting & More Group  
3:30 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402 & 404  
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper,  
fellowship area  
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship  
8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 21**

7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm Church Council

**Friday, March 22**

7:00 pm BSA Wood Badge Set Up, 402,  
kitchen & fellowship area

**Saturday, March 23**

6:00 am Wood Badge Staff  
Development  
6:30 am Saturday Men's Discussion, 208

**Sunday, March 24**

**PADS Donations Due before Noon**

8:00 am Worship  
9:30 & 11 am Contemporary Worship  
9:45 am No Sunday School  
10:30 am PADS Pack, 7th grade boys  
2:30 pm Winchester House Worship  
6:30 pm No Confirmation Session

**Monday, March 25**

**CrossWays Preschool closed  
for Spring Break**

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
6:30 pm Willow House Expressive Arts,  
gathering space  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

**Tuesday, March 26**

**CrossWays Preschool closed  
for Spring Break**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast, The Liberty  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm Book Club, Thummel home

**Wednesday, March 27**

**CrossWays Preschool closed  
for Spring Break**

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children  
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Soup Supper,  
fellowship area  
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship  
8:00 pm Holy Cross Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 28**

**CrossWays Preschool closed  
for Spring Break**

7:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal, 402

**Friday, March 29**

**CrossWays Preschool closed  
for Spring Break**

**Sunday, March 31**

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship  
9:45 am No Sunday School  
6:30 pm No Confirmation Session

*Reminder*

**Daylight saving time begin  
Sunday, March 10 at 2 am.  
Turn clocks forward one hour.**

**Newsletter Assembly**

Assist with preparing the April newsletter for mailing. Join us on **Tuesday, March 27 at 9:30 am**. Fellowship included.

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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[HolyCrossChurch.org](http://HolyCrossChurch.org)

**Lent**

**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
 March 6, 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
 Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

Full Lenten schedule on page 2.

**AROUND THE CROSS**  
 CONCERT SERIES

**TRIO IN D MINOR**  
 by Bohuslav Martinu

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT 4 PM**

**Big Band & Bingo**

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 9  
 from 6 - 9 pm  
 Holy Cross Gathering Space

\$45 per adult  
 (Includes dinner, beverage & bingo)

TICKETS: [bit.ly/BBBINGO](http://bit.ly/BBBINGO)

BIG BAND ERA FAVORITE SONGS  
 BINGO FOR PRIZES  
 TABLE GAMES  
 CARD RAFFLE

Details on page 4.

**MP3**

**MEN of PURPOSE**  
 PRINCIPLE & PRAYER

**Monday, March 18**  
 6 - 8:30 pm

Fellowship Area  
 "Maturing... Evolution/ Revolution"

Register: [bit.ly/MP3318](http://bit.ly/MP3318)

See page 7.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### March 2019

- 2 First Saturday Worship 5:30 pm
- 6 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30 pm
- 9 Big Band & Bingo HS Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner 6 pm
- 10 Around the Cross Concert Series: Trio Performance 4 pm
- 12 At The Table, Chocolate Sanctuary
- 13, 20, 27 Midweek Soup Supper 6:30 pm & Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30 pm
- 18 MP3 6 pm

### April 2019

- 3 Midweek Soup Supper 6:30 pm & Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30 pm
- 6 First Saturday Worship 5:30 pm
- 9 At The Table, TBD
- 10 Midweek Soup Supper 6:30 pm & Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30 pm
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 18 Maundy Thursday Midday 11:30 am Evening Worship 7:30 pm Good Friday Worship 7:30 pm
- 21 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise 6 am Easter Worship 8, 9:30 & 11 am Easter Breakfast 8:30 am