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THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

November 2018

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

8, 9:30 & 11 AM

FIRST SATURDAY EVENINGS
FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
OCTOBER - MAY

NOVEMBER 3 AT 5:30 PM
WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION

*A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*

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

- The Serenity Prayer, penned by theologian Reinhold Niebuhr

Worry may be the signature human condition, and its attendant anxiety the characteristic mark of our time. Current estimates reveal there is a significant percent of the American population who suffer from some form of debilitating anxiety.

In the gospel narrative, Jesus admonishes us not to worry about our life. How does that help? Doesn't reading these words heap guilt on those who are worried for worrying? Aren't Jesus' words the romantic musings of a young idealist, insensitive to the poor, the unemployed and especially to the worrywarts? At first glance, his advice does not seem very practical or doable.

Or does it? Protestant theologian Paul Tillich characterized the most predominant modern anxiety as spiritual; that is, we suffer from emptiness or meaninglessness. If Tillich is the diagnostician, then perhaps the Jesuit theologian Anthony de Mello, following Jesus' advice, offers the cure. De Mello said, "You sanctify whatever you are grateful for." In other words, instead of nursing our worries, change the focus. Look elsewhere, beyond self-absorption. Cultivate a grateful heart.

The ease of this cure is what makes it seem unrealistic. Do you remember the Old Testament story of Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, found in Second Kings? He sought out the prophet Elisha to heal him of his leprosy but when Elisha instructed Naaman to wash in the Jordan seven times, Naaman became angry. The cure was too easy! When at last Naaman followed Elisha's instructions, his flesh was restored to that of a young man.

Gratitude does not come easily, especially when we are caught in the grip of anxiety. Nor does gratitude come in a sudden conversion. It comes through a slow turning away from worry by intentionally stopping to find something, anything, for which to thank God. In the midst of worry, it can be a real stretch. Jesus understood this. Take something simple and common, Jesus says, for which to give thanks: a bird, a flower, a blade of grass. Anything will do: a breath of air, a dog's loyalty, a glass of water. It is the small step of moving out of self to notice something or someone beyond the self that matters.

This small step leads to huge results. It leads to finally getting what Jesus is trying to tell us: everything is God's, and God is eagerly waiting to give us more and more – if only we would allow it. Jesus wants us to notice what is in front of us, to believe that God is present and to be thankful. Change the subject, Jesus admonishes. There is a lot of stuff in life we are powerless to change, but changing the subject is always in our power.

By adopting gratitude, we can discover God's abundance. It's a funny thing, but gratitude takes math out of the equation. When gratitude replaces anxiety, even when we find we have less than we had during our worry days, gratitude reveals that we have far more than we need. Look at the birds of the air, consider the lilies of the field. Jesus wasn't being idealistic; he was being practical. Medical science has shown that by not worrying, we can add to our life span. We don't have to worry about our lives day to day – what we are going to eat or drink or wear? Nor do we have to worry about our children's needs.

The shift is to say thank you, knowing that what needs to happen will, and the rest is not all that important. Gratitude is the key.

Peace,

All Saints Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
8, 9:30 & 11 AM

We remember our members who have preceded us in death this past year. You will be invited to light candles for those whom you remember. We will also give thanks for the community of saints in present time by lifting up the new saints who were baptized since November 1, 2017.

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Hunger to Hope

2018 Lake County
MobilePack™

MobilePack Location:
Pet Factory, Inc.
845 E High St
Mundelein

Last year, you helped us pack more than 540,000 meals for
Feed My Starving Children food partners around the world.
This Advent season, help us pack 750,000 meals!

Registration for packing shifts are now open:

bit.ly/mobilepack18



Friday, November 30

1:30 - 3:30 pm Set Up
4:30 - 6:30 pm
7 - 9 pm

Saturday, December 1

9:30 - 11:30 am
12:30 - 2:30 pm
3:30 - 5:30 pm
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 2

12 - 2 pm
3 - 5 pm
6 - 8 pm
8 - 10 pm Clean Up

Your financial support makes it possible to provide hope and the promise of a beautiful future to precious children around the world. Each meal costs less than a quarter to make and more than 90% of total donations goes directly toward feeding kids. People just like you donate funds for the meal ingredients.

Help us reach our financial goal of \$20,000 to fund meals before we pack.

Online: donate.holycrosschurch.org

(FMSC MobilePack option)



By check: payable to Holy Cross (FMSC MobilePack in memo line)

On the FMSC website: give.fmsc.org/h2hlc



Turn **HUNGER**
into **HOPE**
with your own
two hands.



AMMPARO

Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

AMMPARO Workshop

The Modern Exodus: Take the Migrant Journey

Sunday, November 4
6:30 - 8 pm

RSVP: bit.ly/AMMPARO

Join us for a conversation regarding immigration and the ELCA. Mary Campbell and Nick Gaines (HCLC Member) who work with AMMPARO will be hosting a workshop learning event surrounding the life of a migrant. Why do people migrate? What would cause you to leave your family, your friends, your home and your country? All are welcome to attend and learn more about the migrant journey and the work of AMMPARO, a ministry of the ELCA.



Interfaith THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 18
4 - 6:30 pm

4 pm: Prayers, Readings, Music and Reflection
5 pm: Food, Fellowship and Displays

Location: Advocate Condell Centre Club
200 W. Golf Road, Libertyville

This tenth annual event is jointly organized by area faith communities and Advocate Condell Medical Center. All welcome to attend. Offerings will be received to support local food ministries with displays at the event, and to *Feed My Starving Children*. Make checks payable to *Advocate Charitable Foundation*.

You are encouraged to bring new or gently used children's books appropriate for children from birth - 6th grade to donate to *Bernie's Book Bank*, a non-profit organization which collects and distributes books to 250,000 at-risk children throughout Chicagoland. If you are unable to attend the Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration but would still like to donate books, a collection bin is located in the gathering space.



ADVENT SEASON

Sundays in Advent

First Sunday of Advent, December 2 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
Second Sunday of Advent, December 9 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
Third Sunday of Advent, December 16 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23 at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
First Sunday in Christmas, December 30 at 8 & 10 am

Advent Breathers *Soup lunch with thematic devotions*
Wednesdays, December 5, 12 & 19 from 12 noon - 1 pm

Around the Cross Concert - Holy Cross Choir
Sunday, December 9 during 9:30 & 11 am worship

Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 am

Blue Christmas Service *Prayer and reflection*
Sunday, December 16 at 7:30 pm

Decorate the Sanctuary *The final push to prepare for Christmas!*
December 23 at 12 pm

Holy Cross Christmas Giving Tree



Thanks to the generous support of the Holy Cross congregation, we will again be reaching out to families and individuals in need through the annual Giving Tree this Christmas season.

The giving tree will contain gift tags for families in the COOL Transitional Housing program in Waukegan. Families in the program are required to work and save toward independent housing, so the gifts provided by Holy Cross may be the only gifts family members receive for Christmas. Tags will feature specific gift requests and sizes. Please return gifts wrapped with tags attached to the outside of each package.

Gift tags will be available on **Sundays, November 4, 11 and 18**, with gifts and boots due back to church no later than **Sunday, November 25**.

Winter Boots for LSSI

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) asked for new winter boots in specific sizes to be distributed to children in their Head Start programs. For questions about the Giving Tree or boots for LSSI, contact Katie Ormson katherineormson@yahoo.com

See page 9 about Holiday Food Baskets for COOL Ministries

Be Still...

by Rev. Sally Hanson



"We hear God in the still, a small voice calling us"
- paraphrase of 1 Kings 19:11-13

This fall I was in a corn maze. The stalks up over your head. Hardly able to see between the rows. Have you ever just stopped to listen to the corn talking? The way corn rustles in the wind reminds me of the murmurings of the head, heart and spirit. When I am able to notice these kinds of noises of nature, I find that my body immediately relaxes. As if the wind or the voice of God is calling me to pause, be still, listen and maybe even rest.

Rest is important. We've been told this for years. But what does that really mean? It is something that I am constantly trying to figure out. I know that rest is a physical thing, to be able to care for your body through enough sleep or even slow your pace down enough to see the smaller moments in life. Rest I am convinced, is far more than that because no matter how much I sleep or create time to just be, I don't always feel rested.

If we look at the idea of wellness in different areas of our being - physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and relational, I wonder if our idea of rest changes. How is it that we can decompress and restore in all of these areas of our lives? Is it truly possible to feel rested in each of these areas simultaneously?

We are constantly bombarded with information, media, opinions, reschedules, plans, events, commitments, news, invitations... It seems like it never ends. Don't get me wrong, these aren't bad things, but they also keep us from truly resting. Resting is a form of restoration. A chance for your brain to reduce its cortisol - the stress hormones, rebalance your body, calm the breath, the heart and the mind alongside the body and take time for reflection. As humans in order to fully restore and fully recharge, we need time to reflect and process what we've observed, learned and experienced. How are things connected with each other in our lives? Without making these connections, we can feel lost and unsettled unable to rest.

These connections come when we are able to create Sabbath. A time of holy rest that is designed to fully restore us in mind, body and soul. How are you creating Sabbath? Are you hearing the rustling of nature calling you to rest as creation begins to take upon its own seasonal rest?

Where are you finding rest in all areas of your life? What is restoring you? I look forward to hearing from you what "rest" looks like in your ever-changing world.

Blessings,

Pastor Sally

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship AND Pie Social**
Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm

Come to worship and stay for our annual Pie Social with fellowship, pie and coffee. Volunteers are needed as worship participants, hosts and pie providers. Sign up in the gathering space or contact office@holycrosschurch.org



*Be Still:
A moment for Mindfulness*

Women's Retreat 2019

Save the date for the 2019 Women's Retreat.
Non-members and friends are welcome to join.

**Date: Friday, February 22 at 6 pm
to Sunday, February 24 at 12 pm.**

**Location: Lutherdale Bible Camp,
Watson Retreat Center (Elkhorn, WI)**

Cost: \$200 per person

Our lives our busy. Perhaps even chaotic at certain periods in our life. No matter your age or life stage, life is busy and filled with the things you love. As women, we are often seen as the caregiver and detail managers of our worlds. When was the last time you took time to Be Still and Know God? As you begin each day, how are you able to find those moments of stillness and mindfulness and you move with intention through your day?

Join other women of faith for a weekend of fun, fellowship and moments of mindfulness. We welcome back again Deb Hornell as our facilitator. What is the stillness in you calling for? Come and bring a friend or two, take a moment to breathe and be mindful to God's call in your life and your God moments.

All rooms have multiple single beds (no bunks) with shared restrooms. Great food is provided by the staff at Lutherdale. We will gather Friday night as your schedule permits and will conclude with worship Sunday morning. You can expect to be in the area around noon on Sunday.

Contact Pastor Sally with any questions.
PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org

Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Building Bridges of Hospitality and Generosity With People of Other Faiths

by Steve Oelschlager

An Excerpt from *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America* by Eboo Patel

"America is among the most religiously diverse countries in human history and by far the most religiously devout nation in the West. How are we doing when it comes to bridging our religiously diverse social capital?"

Social scientists measure America's religious diversity in three basic ways. The first and most common category is attitudes. This is a broad category, and there are many ways to ask questions about attitudes, but it generally comes down to a pretty basic sentiment: 'Do you like Muslims/Jews/evangelicals/humanists?' The second category - relationships - is illustrated by questions like, 'Do you know/work with/have a friend of a different religion?' The final category is knowledge, exemplified by questions such as, 'What religion is Shabbat associated with? In what faith do adherents fast from dawn to dusk for one month of the year?'

I knew this data well. I used it in my speeches and writings, and it helped me paint a picture of how bad the problem of religious prejudice is in our society. What I had failed to notice was that the data isn't just useful in presenting the problem; it actually shapes up to suggest a solution. The three measures - attitudes, relationships, knowledge - are actually deeply related. A 2007 Pew study found that 44 percent of people who did not know a Mormon had a positive attitude toward the Mormon community. Of people who did know a Mormon personally, 60 percent had favorable views. That's a 16-point difference. When the same question was asked regarding Muslims, the difference was even starker: only 32 percent of people who did not know a Muslim expressed favorable views toward the community, but of those who did know a Muslim, 56 percent had positive attitudes. That's nearly a 25-point difference - huge, really.

In his recent book, *American Grace*, written with David Campbell, Putnam calls this the My Friend Al Principle, which he explains like this: Say you are a beekeeper and your friend Al is a beekeeper. Apiculture brings you together, and through this shared activity, you learn that Al is an Evangelical Christian. Prior to meeting Al, you harbored a host of prejudices about Evangelicals, but if Al is a beekeeper and a good guy and an Evangelical, then maybe other Evangelicals aren't so bad. Putnam and Campbell actually show strong statistical evidence for this principle - that people's regard for entire religious groups improves through a positive, meaningful relationship with even one member of that group, often formed through a common activity. Putnam and Campbell discovered that their data suggested something else: by becoming friends with Al the beekeeping Evangelical, not only did your attitude toward Evangelicals improve, so did your attitude toward Mormons and Muslims. They conclude, 'We have reasonably firm evidence that as people build more religious bridges they become warmer toward people of many different religions, not just those religions represented within their social network.'"

Join us At the Table on November 13 for dinner fellowship and related conversation about embracing diversity and pluralism. Also, join the Saturday Men's Group for related conversation as we start reading and discussing *Sacred Ground*.

AT THE TABLE

Food, Fellowship & Faith

Please join us and bring a friend. Through conversation we share our thoughts about life and faith. All are welcome. 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!

DATE: Tuesday, November 13

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Tacos El Norte

401 N Riverside Drive #27, Gurnee

RSVP: By Friday, November 9 at bit.ly/ATT1113



November Topic: Embracing Diversity and Pluralism

In the last thirty years, the United States has become the most religiously diverse nation on earth.

- What has your experience been with diversity and pluralism over the course of your life?
- How has meeting people from different faiths informed your thoughts about their religion?
- Jesus said that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, and in the parable of the Good Samaritan, he suggested our neighbors include people from different religions and cultures. How do we do this in our present times?

MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Interested in becoming members? Our next **New Member Breakfast** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 am**.

Individuals and families interested in joining Holy Cross Lutheran Church are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office. We will receive new members during worship on **Sunday, December 9 at the 9:30 am service**.

To learn more about membership at Holy Cross, please contact the church office at (847) 367-4060 or office@holycrosschurch.org

FIRST COMMUNION

The following young people received Holy Communion for the first time in October. We pray that you will forever feel the love and presence of the Lord as you come to the Lord's table.

Evelyn Bemrich, Vanessa Cardenas, Molly Granfeldt, Madelyn Greer, Jack Wells

PASTORAL ACTS

MARRIAGE

Nicole Krampien & Mark Krygeris
October 27, 2018

FUNERAL

Carl C. Hansen, Jr.
October 1, 2018



Carl C. Hansen, Jr.

(October 1, 1949 - September 27, 2018)

by Randy Casey

The passing of our dear friend Carl Hansen is the end of an era at Holy Cross. With Carl's departure his care, love and passion for the fine organ in our sanctuary has ceased, and the rest of us, particularly yours truly, are left to merely do what we can to come close to Carl's stewardship.



The following is not an exaggeration:

- Carl was largely responsible for Holy Cross even having a pipe organ at all.
- Carl was responsible for the placement of the organ console and the pipes in the old sanctuary.
- Carl supervised the movement of the organ pipes from the old sanctuary into the new sanctuary.
- Carl was responsible for the location of the organ chamber in the new sanctuary.
- Carl was responsible for having the organ console we possess.
- Carl was on the committee that arranged for the acquisition of the striking, flaming copper display of organ pipes you see every single time you walk into our sanctuary.
- Carl took upon himself to see that the organ was properly maintained.

With regard to this last item: It was nothing short of theatrical to be around church when the organ was being tuned. Carl would linger all day in the sanctuary to monitor the process and then try out the organ when the tuner thought he was finished. Carl would then play the organ and declare the job totally unsatisfactory. Carl would then have the man return for another day to "spot-tune" for another few hours until Carl was somewhat pleased with his work.

In short, every person who walks into the Holy Cross sanctuary is indirectly effected by Carl's passion for the organ, and in particular the instrument in our midst.

Carl practiced on the organ in our sanctuary usually six days a week in the early morning before anybody else arrived. His choice of literature was varied and he used the many sounds the instrument has to offer. Nobody utilized the "bells and whistles" of the Holy Cross organ more than Carl. The 23 ranks of pipes have been digitally enhanced, something for which Carl can also be given credit, and Carl knew where all the buttons and knobs were to achieve the digitally-enhanced sounds. NOBODY will ever know more about how the Holy Cross organ works, inside and out, than did Carl.

Carl's standard for organ playing was Nathan Laube. Suffice it to say that Nathan skipped his final two years of high school in Gurnee to become an organ student at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and is today on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Nathan has played all over the world and is the closest musical persona to Mozart I have ever met. Nathan was a friend to Carl, and Carl can also be credited for getting Nathan to give a concert on our instrument. Carl listened to CDs of Nathan's playing constantly and was not shy about reminding the rest of us about Nathan's musical stature. I understand that Carl's lovely wife, Beth, played CDs of Nathan's playing during Carl's final hours in the hospital. However, for all of Nathan's accomplishments, Nathan

knows he has lost a big supporter with Carl's passing. Nathan flew into Chicago on very short notice and played for Carl's funeral. Nathan has stated that he will return to Holy Cross and be pleased to play a concert in memory of Carl.

Carl had strong opinions and was outspoken about offering them. But behind his assertiveness was a passion not only for good music, but for Holy Cross in general. Nobody loved Holy Cross more than Carl, something which those of us who saw him during the week could observe. On Sundays Carl would visit other churches, sometimes to play and sometimes just to observe, but would always return on Monday just as opinionated about the proceedings of other churches as he was of Holy Cross. Carl also usually attended our Wednesday evening services during Lent. Carl was a student of liturgy, of hymn playing, and of the composition of the service as a whole. His comments on all of those subjects were sharp and salient. By the way, I have no recollection of Carl ever complimenting me on anything I ever did either as an organist, a pianist, or a choir director. He kept me honest, and if I were wanting platitudes, I could look elsewhere.

I will miss Carl Hansen greatly, and, in fact, I already do. If you did not know Carl and have visited the sanctuary of Holy Cross, you have witnessed Carl's handiwork. If you knew Carl, then you experienced the distinctiveness of his personality. He was one of a kind. He loved his dear wife, Beth, and their two children, Jay (Rebecca) Hansen and Lindsey (Jeff) Miska, and he loved his grandchildren, Connor Hansen and Madison & Johnny Miska. But Carl was also boundlessly passionate about that thing called the organ. May all of us find a cause or a purpose in our own lives toward which we can be as enthusiastic and devoted as was Carl Hansen.

Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage Tour

October 27 - November 8, 2019



This is the place where God became known through Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was born, lived, taught, died and rose here. This trip will provide you with the experiences of standing where the shepherds stood when the angels sang of Christ's birth. You will visit the site where Jesus shared the principles of the Sermon on the Mount with the crowds. We will visit the places where many of the miracles and teaching moments occurred. The Garden of Gethsemane, the West Wall, Via Dolorosa, the Holy Sepulchre, the Dead Sea, and an evening in Aqaba on the Red Sea are a few of the historical places we will visit. In addition, we will spend time in the following cities: Jerusalem, Petra, Nazareth, Jericho, Bethlehem, Amman.

Brochures of the itinerary are available at the church. **An interest meeting to answer questions is scheduled for Sunday, November 4 at 4 pm in the fellowship area.** Further questions may be directed to pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org



Growing Musicians with Jim Gill in Concert



Sunday, January 27
3:45 to 6 pm
Holy Cross, Fellowship Area

Save the date! The 4th annual Family Outreach Series will be back in 2019! This free and family friendly event is sponsored by CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. The evening will hold family activities, a concert from Jim Gill and a light dinner. ALL families in the community are welcome. Space is limited and registration is required.

For any questions related to this event, please email Diane Gaines at pdgaines@sbcglobal.net

Register here: holycrosschurch.org/events



CrossWays
Preschool



Celebration!
Childcare

Poinsettia

Order Form



I/We would like to request a poinsettia placed at the altar on Christmas Eve at Holy Cross.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In celebration / memory
(please circle one)

of the following individual(s) or event:

_____ Poinsettia(s) at **\$11** each

\$ _____ TOTAL

Please make checks payable to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church with
"poinsettias" in the check memo line

Order Due Date: Sunday, Dec 3

Poinsettias will be available for
pick-up after the 11 pm
Christmas Eve Worship Service.

Holiday Shopping through AmazonSmile!

This holiday season, support the youth of Holy Cross by activating smile.amazon.com before you shop. Select Holy Cross as your charitable organization and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your purchase. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon uses money saved on advertising to help fund donations to charitable organizations. Bookmark smile.amazon.com to create a shortcut to quickly return to AmazonSmile from your computer or mobile browser every time you shop at Amazon. Thank you for your support!



Rosebud News

by Dorothy Peterson, Lay Minister to the Two Strike Community at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota



It is with a thankful heart I write to you dear friends at Holy Cross. We now have a Pastor who has committed to come to Two Strike two times a month for worship and fellowship at the Two Strike Youth Center. This is Pastor Harold Marshall, who is originally from the White River area. He pastors a small church near Yankton, SD. The first gathering this past month met at White River on Friday evening, September 14th, with about 70 people present and the next afternoon September 15th, at Two Strike with about 25 people present. Food was furnished by the native people. Pastor Harold is well known by our friends who attend family camp where he leads AA meetings and our two worship services at camp. He has an active worship team who are very skilled musicians.

Two Strike has newly elected officers with Ben Black Bear III as chairman. They have been helpful in allowing us to use the youth center without cost. We are very thankful for their goodwill toward our visits.

Thank you Holy Cross for assisting me with paying a plumbing service for removal of tree roots from the line. That gift of \$229.50 was greatly appreciated.

Now we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas visits and pray for good weather as we travel to Rosebud and share with them the blessings God sends through your love and generosity.

Celebrating our 10th year!

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 am

Kick off the holiday season at our 10th annual Cookie Walk fundraiser to benefit the work we do with our friends in Two Strike on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Sign up to donate 3 dozen (or more) cookies, candies, bars or treats and then bring the whole family to this fun event!

A volunteer table with a fill-in sheet will be available between services on 11/12, 11/19, 11/26 and 12/3 for you to sign-up to bake your favorite cookies and/or candies. Or you may sign up online using this link: bit.ly/cookiewalk18

Please drop off your goodies to the gathering space on Friday, December 7, between 12 pm and 8 pm.

On the morning of the sale, you can start your holiday shopping as there will be dozens of homemade cookies, dog treats and candies from which to choose. They make fabulous gifts for pastors, teachers, family, pets and even yourself. We also feature several fabulous raffles.

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Therese Delli Paoli (847) 362-7502 or dpchitown@yahoo.com

Tree Dedication in Honor of Willow House

by Erin Leyden, Willow House Executive Director



Holy Cross Lutheran Church has generously and graciously hosted Willow House support groups for more than 15 years. This group site has become the most attended of our four sites with an average of more than 50 family members, and growing at each group session. The church's staff and community has also supported Willow House through volunteering, fundraising and hosting special events.

One evening last May, Pastor Bob Davis gathered together on the church grounds with Willow House staff, volunteers and family members prior to group sessions to dedicate a beautiful tree in honor of Willow House. As Pastor Bob noted, the Autumn Blaze Maple Tree will serve as a reminder of loved ones while offering shelter and inspiration for Willow House families for years to come. This lovely gift also serves as a reminder of the friendship and generosity of Pastor Bob and the Holy Cross Church community.

As you can see, this gorgeous tree, in its autumn glory, is truly an inspiring gift. On behalf of our board and staff, thank you for your continued support.

November is ...

**Children's Grief
Awareness Month**

For two decades, Willow House has been committed to educating and supporting grieving children, teens, and families in Lake County and throughout the greater Chicago area. Today 6.3% of children in Illinois are bereaved, that is more than 178,000 children currently grieving the loss of a parent or sibling. This November, Willow House will host several educational opportunities including an Open House on November 27th, Giving Tuesday. All are welcome to attend and learn more about Willow House and the many programs we provide for free to the community. Please visit our website for more information, willowhouse.org We hope to see you.





- **Canned Tuna** is the food of the month for November. We appreciate the Sunday School youth who bring food donations during the children's message each Sunday!
- **Holiday Meal Boxes** Autumn is here. That means that the holidays are not far behind. COOL Food Pantries are getting ready for the thousands of people in Lake County who will come to the pantries seeking food assistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. You may help COOL by picking up a Holiday Meal Box envelope on the Holy Cross Giving Tree in November. Boxes are \$20 each. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross with "COOL Meal Box" in memo line. **Donation deadline: Sunday, November 18.**
- **10th Annual Chili Supper: November 8, 3:30 to 7 pm** St Mark's Lutheran Church will be hosting a Chili Supper to benefit the COOL Food Pantry located in Waukegan. The cost of the event is \$10 per person and carry-out orders will be available. The COOL truck will be stationed in the church parking lot to accept non-perishable food items the day of the event. Please visit coolministries.org where you will find a pantry shopping list. St Mark's Lutheran Church is located at 3350 N. Delany Rd, Waukegan.
- **COOL 5K/10K Run Walk: Saturday, November 24** Takes place at Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter C on Saint Mary's Road in Libertyville. Pre-registration at 8:30 am and chip-timed race starts at 9:30 am. Non-perishable food items for donation accepted at race. \$30 for 5K and \$40 for 10K plus online registration fees. Register online cool5k10k.org



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, November 11.**

Other needed items: new socks, small body powder, lip balm, foot powder, new women's underwear sizes 5-7 and new men's boxer briefs (except white) sizes L and XL.



Volunteer at FMSC

Wednesday, November 28 at 12 pm
742 East Park Avenue (Hwy 176)

Register here: bit.ly/packFMSC



Feed My Starving Children's permanent packing facility in Libertyville offers volunteers a year round, one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to reach the neediest children around the world. Pre-register to pack meals on this particular Wednesday or on other days using the link above. **To volunteer during the 2018 Lake County MobilePack at Pet Factory, see page 2 for registration info.**

Olivewood Project Sales

by Patty Moyer

Shop for Christmas gifts at the Olivewood Project table in the gathering space on the following Sundays: November 4 and December 9. We have nativities, figurines, kitchen utensils, and jewelry from Bethlehem and Jerusalem. All proceeds from the sales are sent to the Zoughbi cooperative in Bethlehem, helping Christian carvers support their families amid difficult times in the West Bank. Assistance is especially important this year as Michael and Carmen Zoughbi, who have previously visited Holy Cross, are both dealing with health problems. If you'd like to help with sales at Holy Cross or know of another church that may want to host a sale, please contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com or 847-502-3196.



Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, November 7

For the past few years, Holy Cross members have been hosting occasional dinners for college students at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, November 7th in Evanston. We will meet at Holy Cross at 4 pm, carpool to Evanston, and serve dinner at 6 pm for Wednesday night supper worship. We will return to Holy Cross around 8 pm. These dinners have been a wonderful time of fellowship for both students and Holy Cross members! If you'd like to participate by providing part of the meal or helping to serve, please contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com or 847-502-3196.



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

Sunday School Students Share Love and Blessings

This month we begin to think about the holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the many gatherings that include family and friends. The Sunday School children will be reaching out to the residents of Winchester House to let them know that Holy Cross includes them in our list of friends!

To share our love with Winchester House, the children will construct a paper "quilt" made with individual squares decorated by the children. We will compete this service project during Sunday School on November 18th. The quilt will be hung on a prominent wall at Winchester House for all to enjoy!

In December, we will devote two Sunday School mornings to learn more about the time of Advent. For these classes, we are now looking for a few adults to help during Sunday School. Materials are ready to go so please consider helping out! Contact Pastor Sally for more information or to volunteer. PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org



Dates to Remember

November 10: Milestone Ministry: Bible Boot Camp

November 18: Sunday School Service Project

November 25: No Sunday School (Thanksgiving break)

December 16: Sunday School Christmas Program

December 23: No Sunday School (Christmas break)

December 30: No Sunday School (Christmas break)

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.

Third Grade (and up*): Bible Boot Camp Saturday, November 10 from 9:30 am - 11 am

Bible Bootcamp is a class for parents and children to gather around the Word, to dive deeper into how to use a Bible, to learn how the Bible is organized and to share one's faith with each other through favorite Bible verses. RSVP by **Monday, November 5** to office@holycrosschurch.org

* and older students who have not yet received a Bible

First Grade: Worship Saturday, November 17 from 9:30 - 11 am

This milestone is a time for parents and children to explore our worship space together, to find meaning behind what we do in worship, and is a time to ask questions about all they see in worship. Come and learn something new! RSVP by **Monday, November 12** to office@holycrosschurch.org

2019 High School Mission Trip to Rosebud

Date: June 22-29, 2019

Cost: \$500/ person

The trip will consist of cultural immersion experiences with the Lakota people, providing community meals to the people of Two Strike, work projects, and children's programming while deepening and reflecting on our own faith. Registrations and \$200 deposit due by December 16. Monthly meetings and fundraising begin in January.



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.

Important Dates

Parent/Student Night

Sunday, November 4 at 6:30 pm (Session 7)

Immigration and the AMMPARO ministry of the ELCA

RSVP: bit.ly/AMMPARO

Confirmation 6 - 8th grades

Sunday, November 11 at 6:30 - 8 pm (Session 8)

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 18 at 4 - 6:30 pm (Session 9)

Held at Advocate Condell Centre Club, Libertyville

Families welcome to attend. *See page 3 for more information.*

Make-up Session*

Participate in one of the 2018 Lake County MobilePack shifts at Pet Factory on November 30, December 1 & December 2.

*Make-up sessions are opportunities to explore faith through service while one is unable to make the 15 of 20 session commitment.



A Migrant Journey Workshop

Sunday, November 4 from 6:30 - 8 pm

RSVP: bit.ly/AMMPARO

Have you wondered about how immigration plays a role in today's world? What does faith and church have to do with it? Come gather as a group to work through the Migrant Journey from AMMPARO. We will meet as our own group to discuss and process. For those who attended the Gathering, how does this experience inform your thinking about what you say or thought in Houston this summer?

Let us know you're coming! Do you have a friend you might be interested in learning more about immigration and the migrant journey? Invite them with you!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 18 at 4 pm

Advocate Condell Centre Club, Libertyville

Muslim, Hindu, Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist... are the religions of the world that have some common themes... peace, gratitude, love and thanksgiving to name a few. Experience what all these different faith traditions have to offer one another as we come together as community to celebrate our joint prayer for peace in the world. *See page 3 for more information.*



Hunger to Hope

**2018 Lake County
MobilePack™**

Youth and Family Packing Shifts

Friday, November 30, 7 - 9 pm

Sunday, December 2, 3 - 5 pm

MobilePack Location: Pet Factory, Inc. 845 E High Street, Mundelein

Register: bit.ly/mobilepack18

Serving alongside one another is a great opportunity to get to know others as well. We are hoping that families will serve together with other families at Holy Cross. We are inviting Confirmation and High school students and their families to sign up to help pack meals on Friday evening from 7 to 9pm or Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5pm. You can do this with friends and neighbors, your small group or even friends from the Gathering. Thinking of going to Rosebud next summer? Come and meet some of the kids you could be spending the week with! Can't make either of the youth packing times? No problem! Find one that works for you! Who knows, you could make a new friend!

- Save the Date! -

Peer Ministry Leadership Training Retreat

Friday, January 11 - Saturday, January 12, 2019

Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Open to all students in grades 9 - 12, Peer Ministry Leadership Training provides leadership and evangelism skills for youth within their already established peer groups. Peer Ministry teaches the art of caring conversation and teaches youth where and how to insert their faith into the conversation where it is appropriate. These leaders continue to be grounded in their faith as they reach out to the community. This group is rooted together with periodic sharing and ongoing training. Look for more information in the December newsletter





CrossWays Preschool

The Value of Friendship

If you think back to your childhood, chances are you will think very fondly about some friendships that you had that made a positive impact on you. These foundational connections with people outside your family helped you become a compassionate, communicative, and empathetic human being. You think of them as just something that was a highlight of your growing up, but those experiences were serious business for your development. Lena Derhally writes "Preschool friendships are helpful in developing social and emotional skills, increasing a sense of belonging and decreasing stress" in her article *The Importance of Childhood Friendships and How to Nurture Them* in the Washington Post. In addition, Paul Schwartz, a professor of psychology and child behavior, explains in the same article that early childhood friendships help build skills in seeing others' point of view, help children learn communication rules and what behaviors are age appropriate. As adults, we can help the young children in our lives cultivate friendships with their peers and give them a model of what good friendship is through our own friendships. At CrossWays Preschool, we use the peer-to-peer interaction between students as teachable moments, and help develop these relationships between our students. We encourage highly complex dramatic play in groups of 2 to 5 children as a way to create and build friendships. We know what the experts are saying is the truth, and how important these foundational connections are to our students, for now and for their future. Stop by in see it in action sometime!

I can scarcely believe we are heading into the busy holiday season already! At CrossWays, we have a lot of exciting activities going on. This month, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving a bit early by hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for lunch! Along with our friends at Celebration! Childcare, we will be sharing in a traditional Thanksgiving meal with our families on November 13. Also that week, we will be holding our first parent/teacher conferences of the year. On Monday, November 12 and Tuesday, November 13 teachers will be available to speak with our parents about their child's progress thus far in the school year. November 21 through November 25 we will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

During this month, tradition dictates that we think about what we are thankful for. At CrossWays, we think about what we are thankful for every single day of the school year! We are thankful to have a great facility, in which we play, explore, sing, craft, read, and learn with old and new friends. We are thankful for the Holy Cross campus, in which we explore all great things in nature. We are thankful to the Holy Cross community of congregation members and staff who are invested in what we do here. And we are thankful for our families and their little ones who we get to share in the joy and wonder of the early years with every single day! It is a blessing to be a part of something so wonderful! In this spirit, we hope that you take some time this month and think about what you are thankful for! Everyone at CrossWays wishes you and your family the very best Thanksgiving holiday this year!

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



Celebration! Childcare

Museum Room Recap

Celebration! Childcare and CrossWays Preschool's Museum Room was a huge hit! There was lots of stocking of shelves, sorting of items, and spending of play money. Children love to pretend and playing store is often a favorite.

Playing store helps the children with:

- writing skills
- math skills
- number recognition
- beginning to understand currency concepts
- social skills
- sorting and grouping skills

Thank you to all who participated in purchasing books at the Scholastic Enchanted Forest Book Fair in October. Your purchase helps us to earn points to stock our classrooms with new books for the coming year. With our connections from a former Holy Cross church member, we were also able to help start up a children's library in Mexico.



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

Our plastic cap collection project continues!

Acceptable Plastic Caps

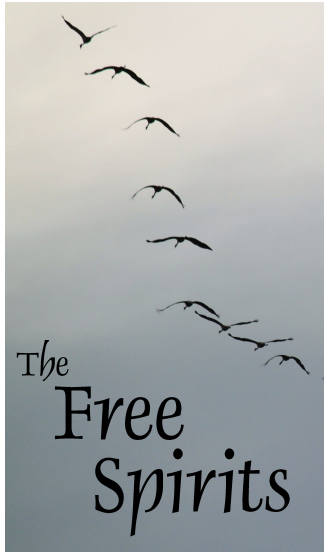
Milk jug caps, detergent caps, hairspray caps, drink bottle caps, toothpaste tube caps, deodorant caps, flip top and spout caps (ketchup, mustard), spray paint caps, ointment tube caps, caps with recycle numbers 2, 4 or 5.

Acceptable Plastic Lids

Cottage cheese, cool whip, cream cheese and yogurt container lids, mayonnaise and peanut butter jar lids, ice cream bucket lids (under 8"), coffee can lids, butter lids, prescription bottles (labels removed).

NOT Acceptable

Metal caps, plastic bags, trigger sprayers, fast food lids, soap pumps, caps or lids with recycle numbers 1, 3, 6 or 7.



**THE FREE SPIRITS
POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 11 AM - 1 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

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

The Free Spirits will take a break during the rest of the year from planned activities. Save the date for our annual potluck lunch and planning meeting on Friday, January 18 at 11am. Bring a dish to share and your ideas for 2019 activities.

Questions? Contact Carol Wasemiller clinnea@yahoo.com (847) 625-0046 home (847) 651-4694 cell



**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 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 (847) 680-3578 or Lisa Dunbar (847) 309-6035.

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



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO

DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 11:30AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 7 PM, 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



**GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 2, FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP AREA**

Join us as we continue to explore **Living the Questions 2.0**, a DVD series. In November, we explore the topic of "Lives of Jesus."

From divergent opinions on Jesus' "program" to the reasons for his having been killed, the many portrayals of Jesus in the gospels, in various traditions, theologies, and the arts, amount to a Jesus who lived many different lives – each of which helps us in teasing out what it means to be a disciple of this mysterious and profoundly significant phenomenon called Jesus of Nazareth.

Bring a friend, your choice of beverage and a snack to pass if you would like! Please contact Pastor Sally with any questions. PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org



**PILATES
MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 & 26
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.

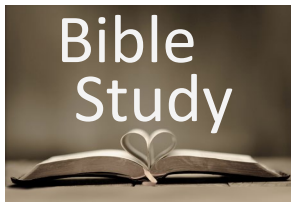


BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: HOME OF FELICIA BRANDT, 1002 MUIR AVE, LAKE BLUFF

This month we will discuss *The Witch Doctor's Wife* by Tamar Myers. A dazzling novel full of authentic African lore. In 1958, Amanda Brown and her fellow passengers suffer only minor injuries when the plane bringing them to the diamond mining community of Belle Vue makes a crash landing. The 23-year-old South Carolina native, has come to Belle Vue to run a missionary guesthouse, where she soon employs one of a local witch doctor's two wives, the delightful, no-nonsense Cripple. The discovery of a huge uncut diamond sets off a chain of unfortunate events leading to Cripple's being charged with murder.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 13 AND 27 FROM 11 AM - 12:30 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.



COMMON THREADS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 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.



WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 6 AND 20 FROM 9:30 - 11 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

Beginning in November we start Dr. Chris Thurman's, *The Lies We Believe about God: Know God for Who He Really Is*. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.

November 6 - Introduction and Chapter 1: How you view God is the most important thing about you.

November 20 - Chapter 2: Shame on you - The Lie: God is a Shamer.



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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

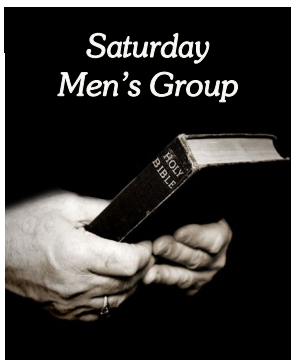
LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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



CARE OF CREATION

Save those natural corks! If you will be enjoying wine over the holidays, please save the natural corks and bring them to church. There will be a special collection box set up by the Care Of Creation kiosk. Natural cork is a sustainable product. The cork tree bark can be harvested and then will regrow, sort of like shearing a sheep. Plastic corks are not even recyclable, so if there is a choice for wine, look for the natural corks. These corks can be used for craft projects, and in some years we have shared them with the early childhood ministries. They also have value to be used commercially. We are also glad to support the plastic cap collection project from CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. *See page 12 for collection details.*

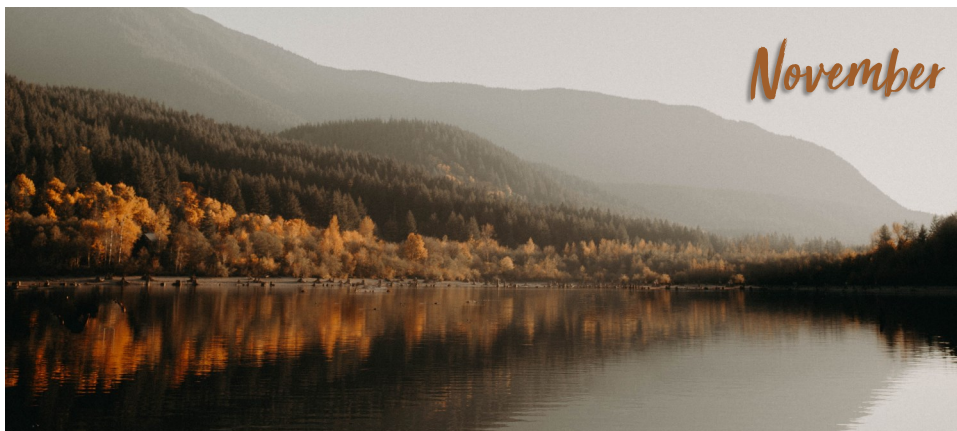


SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS - NOVEMBER 3 AND 17, AT 7 AM, FELLOWSHIP AREA

In November and December, we will discuss the book *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America* by Chicago author Eboo Patel. Mr. Patel is founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, a nonprofit organization that promotes interfaith leadership on college campuses.

Please join us. All men are welcome!



Thursday, November 1

Newsletter content due for December

7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, November 2

6:30 pm Grounded in Grace:
Friday Night Women's Group

Saturday, November 3

7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
5:30 pm First Saturday Worship with
Holy Communion

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends

All Saints Sunday

8, 9:30 & 11 am Worship with
Holy Communion
& special candle lighting
9:45 am Sunday School
12:15 pm Financial Peace Uni./Brunch
12:45 pm Financial Peace/Holy Cross
4:00 pm Holy Land & Jordan Pilgrimage
Tour - Interest Meeting
6:30 pm AMMPARO Workshop
6:30 pm Confirmation (Session 7)

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at The Liberty
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
4:00 pm Red Rose Children's Choir, 402
7:00 pm BSA Troop#194 Committee, 207

Wednesday, November 7

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
3:30 pm Red Rose Children's Choirs
4:00 pm LCMNU-Northwestern Dinner
7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

7:00 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208
7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, November 9

RSVP Deadline for At The Table

Saturday, November 10

9:30 am Milestone Ministry:
Bible Boot Camp
5:00 pm The Trike Project, private event

Sunday, November 11

PADS Donations drop off by noon

8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Contemporary Worship
11:15 am Financial Peace Uni./Brunch
11:45 am Financial Peace Uni., 1st Presb.
6:30 pm Confirmation (Session 8)

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at The Liberty
11:00 am Adult Bible Study, 208
11:15 am CrossWays Preschool &
Celebration! Childcare
Thanksgiving Feast
4:00 pm Red Rose Children's Choirs
6:30 pm At The Table, Tacos El Norte,
Gurnee

Wednesday, November 14

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
9:30 am ECM Marketing Meeting, 208
11:30 am PHW Day Program Session
3:30 pm Red Rose Children's Choir, 402
7:00 pm PHW Evening Program Session
7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15

7:00 pm Church Council
7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, November 17

7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Worship
3:00 pm Bockman/Giacinto Wedding

Sunday, November 18

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
12:00 pm Flexsenhar Baptism (private)
4:00 pm Parents of Children with
Special Needs, 208

4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving
Celebration at Condell
Centre Club, Libertyville
4:00 pm Confirmation (Session 9)
Interfaith Thanksgiving
Celebration at Condell
Centre Club, Libertyville

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at The Liberty
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group
4:00 pm Red Rose Children's Choirs

Wednesday, November 21

CrossWays Preschool Closed

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
8:30 pm Pie Social

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving (Building Closed)

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

8 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 am NO Sunday School
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 pm NO Confirmation

Monday, November 26

6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! Atrium
6:30 pm Green Oaks Holiday Chorus
Rehearsal 1, sanctuary
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194, 402

Tuesday, November 27

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at The Liberty
9:30 am Newsletter Assembly
11:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Red Rose Children's Choirs
6:00 pm Book Club, Brandt home

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children pack
3:30 pm Red Rose Children's Choir, 402
7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

Friday, November 30

1:30 pm FMSC MobilePack at Pet Factory
7:00 pm Youth pack at FMSC MobilePack

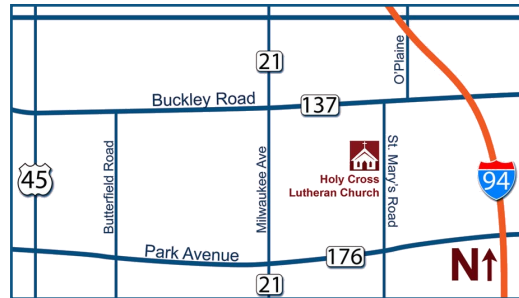


Newsletter Assembly - Please Join Us!

Assist with preparing the November newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. Tuesday, November 27 at 9:30 am.

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CURRENT EVENTS

November 2018

- 3 First Saturday Evening Worship
- 4 All Saints Sunday
AMMPARO Workshop
- 10 *Milestone Ministry*: Bible Boot Camp
- 13 At the Table, Tacos El Norte Gurnee
- 17 *Milestone Ministry*: Worship
- 18 Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
- 21 Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pies
- 30 FMSC Lake County MobilePack
Pet Factory, Mundelein

December 2018

- 1, 2 FMSC Lake County MobilePack
Pet Factory, Mundelein
- 1 First Saturday Evening Worship
- 8 New Member Breakfast 8:30 am
- 9 Reception of New Members 9:30 am
- 9 Around The Cross Choir Concert
- 5, 12, 19 Advent Breathers
- 8 Cookie Walk to benefit Rosebud
- 16 Blue Christmas Worship
- 23 Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship 4, 8, 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Worship 10 am
- 30 First Sunday in Christmas 8 & 10 am



See page 2 for more