



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE CROSS CONNECTION

*Providing Strength for the Faith Journey*

November 2023

## ***Embracing the Kingdom; Witnessing Joy as We Care for Children***

*by Pastor Chris Neptun*

As the fall season unfolds, a heartwarming tradition has been gracing the halls of our church. Each Wednesday morning, the children attending CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare embark on a journey to Chapel, an enchanting experience that fills their hearts with joy, laughter, and valuable life lessons.

Deaconess Katie, Edwin, or a dedicated member of our Early Childhood Ministry team, come together to share a Bible story or tales that guide the children in understanding their emotions and the art of Social Emotional Learning. These stories are instrumental in helping the little ones navigate the complex terrain of their feelings and interpersonal relationships.

One individual who has captured the hearts of our students is Mr. Dale, a true celebrity in their eyes. His enchanting songs and the lively motions of the Hippo Song keep the children engaged, active, and enthusiastic. The joy he brings to Chapel is palpable, and it's a time of worship that brings immense life to our community.



Even when I'm not leading Chapel, I try to attend each week, for I recognize the immense joy that permeates the room during this time. It's a joy I wish for everyone to experience.

Occasionally, we receive visitors who are irresistibly drawn to what's happening in Chapel. They describe the atmosphere as magnetic, filled with giggles, laughter, and shouts of pure joy. One council member recently had the pleasure of witnessing this firsthand and shared their experience with the rest of the council.

In another beautiful moment, as our young students were parading back to their classrooms, one of them unexpectedly hugged a ministry partner who was preparing for a Project Healing Waters event. This spontaneous act of love touched their heart so deeply that they couldn't wait to share the heartwarming encounter with others.

These heartwarming moments reflect the essence of a passage from the Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus tells the disciples, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the Kingdom belongs." It says he rebuked those who tried to prevent parents from bringing their children to him for a blessing. Was it a rebuke or a strong reaction to the possibility of missing the experience of innocence, purity, and joy that is the essence of the Kingdom?

Sometimes, as I walk down the hallway and catch a glimpse of the Kingdom at work, I feel selfish. It's a privilege to serve in a community of faith that passionately offers ministry to families and young children. At Holy Cross, we are truly blessed to see the Kingdom of God at work through the ministry that has been entrusted to us.

I pray that each of you can experience the Kingdom in this beautiful way, even if you cannot always be present during our ministry activities. We have numerous opportunities to experience the Kingdom within our community. Events like "Fallin' Into Fun" in late September have successfully brought together many families, teachers, staff, and congregants. These gatherings provide a chance to share the Kingdom's love with young families in Lake County, near and far. I invite you to join us in this effort to bring the Kingdom of God into our lives in the coming days.

May the joy and love experienced in Chapel and our various ministries continue to inspire us, and may we, as a community, embrace the Kingdom and make it a reality in our lives.

In faith and joy,

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November 4 at 5:30 pm

*Sanctuary*

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November 5, 12, 19, 26

8 & 10 am

*Sanctuary & Livestream*

#### THANKSGIVING EVE

Wednesday, November 22

at 7 pm - *Sanctuary*

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7 pm - Sanctuary

Holy Communion is offered on first Saturdays, first and third Sundays and on festival Sundays. Livestream worship options are offered on Sundays with a recorded worship video available within 24 hours to view on demand at [HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons)

### Sunday, November 5: All Saints Sunday

We remember our members who have preceded us in death this past year. We will also give thanks for the community of saints in the present time by lifting up the new saints who were baptized since November 1, 2022.

### Sunday, November 12 at 9 am: Fellowship Coffee Hour

Please join us for fellowship, beverages, and refreshments at 9 am between worship services.

### Sunday, November 12 at 10 am: Presentation of Bibles

*Milestone Ministries: At baptism, parent(s), sponsors and the congregation promise to place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of each baptized person. At Holy Cross, we do this in third grade with a class for parents and children to learn together. We cover how to use a Bible, how it is organized, and share favorite Bible verses. We present bibles to those young people that completed the coursework during the 10 am worship service.*

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## Pie Social

### Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30 pm

Please join us for our annual pie social in the fellowship area following the Thanksgiving eve worship service. **Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and pie providers.**

Sign up at [bit.ly/piesocial2023](http://bit.ly/piesocial2023) or contact the church office at (847) 367-4060 or [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)



## Special Congregational Meeting to Approve Updated Constitution

### Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 am

by Andy Eidson, Church Council President

As announced at the January 2023 annual meeting, Holy Cross embarked on a process to update our current constitution which dates from year 2000 and bring it into compliance with the current ELCA model constitution for congregations.

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 am to seek approval of the updated constitution. A majority of those present must vote in favor to approve the document. At the January 2024 annual meeting, we will be seeking "ratification" of the document, which requires at least a two-thirds majority.

In order to afford members the opportunity to review and comment on the document prior to November 5, the proposed updated constitution is now available on the church website at [holycrosschurch.org/constitution](http://holycrosschurch.org/constitution)



The document consists of 20 chapters and 32 pages. Additional information about the content of the document, including the sections that contain required wording from the ELCA, is available there.

Should you have any questions, you can submit those questions to Harold Sargent at [hsargent2001@yahoo.com](mailto:hsargent2001@yahoo.com)

## Sunday School Food Drive

by Deaconess Katie Freund



Our students aged 3 - 5th grade are collecting food for PADS of Lake County.

During Sunday School on November 5, our kids will learn of the manna God sent to Israel in the wilderness. As part of their lesson, they will be decorating paper grocery bags (provided) to send off our food donations with love for our neighbors here in Lake County.

Can you pick up some of these **shelf-stable items in microwaveable ready bowls** from the PADS food wish list?

**Easy Mac cups**

**Chef Boyardee cups**

**Dinty Moore meals**

**Cup of soup**

**Ramen cups**



**Don't forget to check expiration dates. Bring donations to class by Sunday, November 5 at 9:45 am.** Questions? Contact Deaconess Katie at [deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org)

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



### First Sunday of Advent

December 3

8 & 10 am - Sanctuary & Livestream

### Second Sunday of Advent

December 10

8 & 10 am - Sanctuary & Livestream

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 17

8 & 10 am - Sanctuary & Livestream

### Blue Christmas Worship

5:30 pm - Sanctuary

*A reflective service to ease lament and provide hope.*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24

10 am - Fellowship Area & Prerecorded Message

### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 at 4, 8 & 10 pm with *Candle Lighting & Holy Communion.* Children's Message at 4 pm.

### Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10 am - Sanctuary & Livestream

### First Sunday in Christmas

December 31

10 am - Sanctuary & Livestream

**Let us go now and see - Luke 2:15**

## A Year of Holy Days: Thanksgiving

by Deaconess Katie Freund

But wait, Thanksgiving is a civil holiday, not a religious one... that's correct. Not to mention it's a holiday rooted more in mythology and modern ideals than it is in factual historical records. I'm not bringing up Thanksgiving to dredge our past with problematic realism (at least not this time, but I'm always happy to talk about it).

I'm bringing it up because I believe every day is holy. Not perfect, but holy. Not good, but holy.

This holiday is not perfect. It's profoundly flawed. Our lives are not perfect. Our society, our neighborhoods, our country are not perfect. That doesn't mean we stick our fingers in our ears and ignore it, it doesn't mean we fight to deny it, it doesn't mean we raze it to the ground; but it does mean that "it is what it is"... problematic, beloved, and otherwise.

For me, there are three things that make Thanksgiving Day holy:

1. Most famously, this day is known for the food. But I don't want to fall into the trap of food as a luxurious status symbol. Instead, I'm reminded of the J.R.R. Tolkien quote, "*If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.*" A day of feasting is not defined by how expensive the grocery bill was or how Instagram-worthy the table spread was, but how it filled the hearts of those there. Remember, living your entire life never fearing hunger is exceedingly rare. Our standard of living is the anomaly. Today is a day to rest in a sense of "enough". For us, the more poignant understanding could very well be pushing ourselves to accept that we, ourselves, are enough. We do not need more.

2. Thanksgiving is holy because of the sacredness of family. Somehow, on this day, we collectively agree to stop working, stop hustling, and be with our loved ones. Maybe it's a day to actually enjoy being together as a small nuclear family instead of everyone running in opposite directions. Or is this the one day of the year for far flung extended family to make the pilgrimage "home"; catching up on all the life that has passed in the last year? Perhaps this is the glorious season of Friendsgiving and chosen family, where joy breaks through isolation and love heals broken hearts. God created us for loving relationships and this celebration of family, in all its forms, is (in my humble opinion) so very sacred.

3. In Christianity, we are a covenantal people. In Bible study you might learn about the covenants God made with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. Closer to our own personal faith, we hear Jesus' declaration of a new covenant each time we come to receive holy communion. We are a covenantal people, our faith is sealed and bound by the blood of Christ. Our part of the deal is living in "right relationship" —with ourselves, with each other, with God, and with all of creation. Thanksgiving is when all around us we hear romanticized versions of native American tribes that "lived at one with nature"—the greatest mistake being the assumption that these people are gone and not still here. This day is a poignant setting for our own self reflection, for us to examine our own way of living and how we might hold up our end of the covenant. Have we thought of how our lives affect the rest of God's creation? Who is welcome at our banquet table? This day is sacred as yet another opportunity to become who we claim to be, who we are called to be.



Mark your calendars to save the dates for the following events in the Around the Cross Concert Series for 2023/24. Free admission. View all the concert offerings in the series at [HolyCrossChurch.org/atc](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/atc)

## Mike & Rob of the Mojo Daddies

**Date: Saturday, November 11**

**Time: 7 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Area**

Rob Twardock and Mike Dikelsky with special guests will play an all originals show featuring music from their "A Long Road" album.

## Christmas Party Hop

**Date: Saturday, December 9**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Area**

Dale Tippet, Jr. and musicians from Holy Cross will offer a Christmas music party. Join us for an evening of classic holiday favorites and refreshments!

## Chicagoland Voices

**Date: Saturday, January 27**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Area**

Chicagoland Voices was founded in 2011 by friends who have spent their lives teaching others to perform but rarely get the chance to sing for themselves. An auditioned choir based in Cary, Illinois, many of its singers are school music teachers and voice teachers in the area. They perform a wide variety of music from classical and Broadway to pop and vocal jazz.

## Calling All Elves!

*We need your help to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas*

*by Chuck Allen and Deb Sherrock*



This year's Advent and Christmas decorating will be a bit different. We are going to decorate the sanctuary and the gathering space for Advent as well as Christmas. This means we will have to start during the week after Thanksgiving and decorate over a number of days through December 24. The first increment will be two or three afternoons of tree assembly and lighting between November 28 and 30. There will be several additional brief events during December. Each day will need three to five volunteers.

Since the end of Advent is also Christmas Eve, we will still need a surge of committed decorators to complete work after the 10 am worship service and prior to the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. We are scaling our decorations to meet what we can accomplish in that interval.

Please check worship bulletins closer to the dates mentioned above for more details and a decorating schedule.



## Help Turn Hunger Into Hope

*by Emily Young*



Less than a mile away from Holy Cross is the Libertyville location of Feed My Starving Children. Not only has Feed My Starving Children provided millions of meals to children in 111 countries around the world since the organization's formation in 1987, but it is one of the best volunteer experiences out there. Volunteers aged 5 and over and any ability levels can make a difference, as standing, heavy lifting, and seated jobs are all needed to pack and ship meals.

Holy Cross's partnership with Feed My Starving Children goes back many years, and the congregation was instrumental in helping the organization establish a permanent packing site in Libertyville, creating an enduring impact that continues to feed countless children worldwide. This partnership continues in 2023 with the establishment of a monthly pack for members of the Holy Cross community. Please join me on one or more days ahead to serve together!

- Monday, November 20 from 9 - 10:45 am
- Monday, December 18 from 7 - 8:45 pm
- Wednesday, January 17 from 4:30 - 6:15 pm
- Saturday, February 3 from 11:30 am - 1:15 pm

To sign up for one or more group packing sessions, please contact me at [emily.young@allstate.com](mailto:emily.young@allstate.com)

New to Feed My Starving Children? Learn more about their mission at [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org)



15th Annual  
**Cookie Walk**

Date: Saturday, December 9  
Time: 8:30 - 11 am  
Cost: \$10 per pound

The annual Holy Cross Cookie Walk is just around the corner. We are excited to once again to present our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cookie Walk. Mark your calendars to join us!

Start your holiday shopping as there will be dozens of homemade cookies, bars, cakes and breads from which to choose. They make fabulous gifts for pastors, teachers, family and even yourself. There will be gift basket raffles as well as the charming Christmas Gingerbread House donated by Kris DeGregor. The Cookie Walk is a wonderful way for you and your family to kick off the holiday season, but more importantly, your generous donations immensely benefit those at the Two Strike Indian Reservation.

The proceeds from the Cookie Walk support three Two Strike organizations, which work collaboratively for individuals in need. They include:

 **The Tree of Life:** Linda Garriott and her group of volunteers prepare 300+ meals per day for those in need. Due to the large number of meals, they have requested we provide the organization with disposable food containers to serve their meals.

 **Rosebud Elementary School's Panther's Clothes Closet:** Each child receives winter coats, boots and necessary winter items to keep them warm. Also, additional items are provided such as school supplies, shoes, clothing, sports equipment and meals, if necessary, so that students may be successful and healthy learners.

 **The Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud** mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential and explore new opportunities. They provide after-school care, tutoring, meals, field trips, athletics and more.

We also support Dorothy Peterson, our Holy Cross Missionary Liaison, for her continued involvement providing food gift cards and various other items to those living in Rosebud. Dorothy has been a part of Rosebud for over 20 years bringing much needed prayer and loving care for our Lakota friends.

Unable to attend the Cookie Walk in person? Contribute online at [bit.ly/rosebud23](http://bit.ly/rosebud23)  
Donation deadline: Sunday, December 10



Please contact Therese Delli Paoli at (847) 921-4223 or by email at [dpchitown@yahoo.com](mailto:dpchitown@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Peace and blessings,

The Cookie Walk Team  
*Karla Boucek, Therese Delli Paoli,  
Sue Dittman, Melanie Houser,  
Gail Kelly, Carole Kenney,  
Amanda Komaschka, Joyce Kveton,  
Patty Moyer & Joyce Twardock*



**We need your help by baking** so we can support three important organizations supporting the Two Strike Community at the Rosebud Sioux (which means friend or ally).



So bakers...pull out your family favorite cookie and/or candy recipe(s) and donate 3 dozen or more of your traditional, scrumptious treats to the Cookie Walk.

**Sign up in person starting Sunday, November 12, in the Gathering Space or online now at [bit.ly/bakecookies23](http://bit.ly/bakecookies23)**



**Please drop off your wrapped treats to the Gathering Space on Friday, December 8 between 11 am and 8 pm.**

Bakers will automatically be entered into a basket raffle!

**The Giving Tree**

For Christmas, the Holy Cross congregation will again be reaching out to families and individuals in need in our community through our annual Giving Tree program. Gift items benefit families in the COOL Transitional Housing program in Waukegan. This year the Giving Tree will be back in the gathering space. Gift tags will be available on Sundays in November. Tags will feature specific gift requests and/or sizes. Please return individually wrapped gifts with tags attached to the outside of each package.



**Deadline to return gift donations: Monday, December 4.**

**Holiday Meal Boxes**

COOL Ministries is preparing to provide food assistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to thousands of people in Lake County.



A \$20 donation will provide a turkey meal and fixings for a family of six. Donations toward a meal box may be made by check, made out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church with "Holiday Meal Boxes" in the memo line or online at [bit.ly/mealbox23](http://bit.ly/mealbox23)

**Please donate by Sunday, December 10.**





# Christmas Poinsettias

## 2023 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" red poinsettia(s) at \$12 each

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

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

**Order Due Date: Sunday, Dec 10**

Orders can also be placed online at

[bit.ly/poinsettia2023](http://bit.ly/poinsettia2023)

Poinsettias will be available for pick-up after the 10 pm Christmas Eve worship service or after the Christmas Day worship service on Monday, December 25.



### PASTORAL ACTS

#### BAPTISM

**Enzo Milan Mejia**  
son of Daniel and Alexandra Mejia  
October 15, 2023

#### FUNERAL

**May Sprenger**  
October 14, 2023

#### 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.

Annabelle Grace Moran  
Emma Renee Weber  
Summer Grace Yarc

### New Ministry at Holy Cross

by Pastor Chris Neptun



Holy Cross is beginning a new ministry to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. The ministry is known as Stephen Ministries. They offer a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*.

Tim Ness will be leading this team. In the coming months, Tim will lead a group to become Stephen Leaders and then hold training for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers.

If you want to learn more about Stephen Ministries, becoming a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, please email Tim at [tsness331@gmail.com](mailto:tsness331@gmail.com)

### Essential Housing for Essential Workers

by Pastor Chris Neptun



Essential Housing for Essential Workers is about...

- the cashier who checks you out at the grocery store;
- the x-ray tech who x-rays that ankle you twisted at basketball;
- the server who serves you your favorite meal;
- the school aid who helps your child navigate their IEP;
- the nurse who's so kind to you at the ER;
- or the recent college student who's got their first job but can't quite swing the rent so is living at home with mom and dad;

**Please join us on Sunday, November 19 following the 10 am worship service to share stories about housing and discuss successful attainable housing.**

# #Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 28



**Journey** faith, discipleship, generosity

## Getting Better at Doing Good

by Steve Oelschlager

Giving Tuesday launched in 2012 as an alternative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and each day's focus on frenzied shopping. Instead of letting marketers co-opt one day at a time to prompt people to buy and consume, Giving Tuesday was to remind people of the just celebrated Thanksgiving holiday and how gratitude and gratefulness might inspire generosity and volunteerism. The philanthropists behind Giving Tuesday conceived of this one day at the end of November so that each of us might get better at doing good.

Jesus was also a proponent of us being a force for good and believed all of us could get better at it. He would have appreciated the wisdom of incremental reminders like Giving Tuesday to be thoughtful about our impact and what truly matters. Love was his currency of giving, and most likely, his time horizon was much longer than a single day, something closer to a lifetime.

At Holy Cross, we strive to take Jesus' teachings seriously and put his ideas into practice. We come together to inspire each other to keep working individually and collectively at being about something greater than ourselves, being grateful and generous every day so that somehow we might make the world a better place for everyone.

As we enter the last two months of the year, perhaps Giving Tuesday might be a gentle reminder that everything that happens at Holy Cross is possible because of people like you who support our ministries. As you consider your giving goals for 2023 and any year-end giving, please keep Holy Cross and our remarkable ministries in mind. Like other non-profits, we too rely on the surge of giving that regularly comes at the end of the year.

And please remember that tax-smart giving is a powerful way to give while being a good steward of your finances. Using the link [fwill.link/holycrosschurch3](http://fwill.link/holycrosschurch3) you can learn more about these tax-smart gifts (appreciated stocks, IRA gifts, grants from a Donor-Advised Fund, and cryptocurrency gifts).

Please see our online giving page at [HolyCrossChurch.org/giving](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/giving) for all the ways you can donate to Holy Cross to sustain our ministry efforts while helping you achieve your financial goals.

With gratitude for you and your partnership in ministry,  
Steve Oelschlager.

## Join the Holy Cross AV Club!

by Dale Tippett, Jr.

Hello Church! We've got a great team in the AV Club right now, with Corbin Chartier, Ryan Berger, Justin Smith and me managing our live stream as well as the audio and video feed to the fellowship area and the screen projections in the sanctuary, but that doesn't mean we don't need to expand! The fact of the matter is that these volunteers have been extremely faithful in showing up every Sunday and running our technical arts equipment for the 8 and 10 am livestreams, and they need some occasional Sundays off to be with their families, as well as travel. We've developed some reasonably simple systems to make participating in the AV Club a fun and rewarding way to support the worship experience for our online viewers as well as our in-person congregation.

### Soundboard:

Though it may seem unintuitive, running the soundboard is actually quite easy. It is set up in such a way that there is only one slider that needs to move up or down so the viewers of the livestream can hear the organ and congregational singing or prayers. This adjustment has no impact on what the congregation in the sanctuary hears, but it's integral to the home viewing experience. There is one "on" button and one "off" button, so it's a very low pressure position.

### Screen Projection:

The sanctuary projection is a very easy system to operate, requiring one finger and two ears! All you need to do is listen to what the pastors, readers and musicians are saying and singing, and hit the space bar when it's time to advance to the next slide. There are additional opportunities to adjust the slide text, pick which art asset is projected, and cueing videos for playback in the sanctuary.

### Cameras:

Running the cameras for the livestream is a more involved situation, but it is a great place to volunteer with a friend as a team. This workstation not only points the cameras, but also adds overlays with links to the bulletin and the donation page of [HolyCrossChurch.org](http://HolyCrossChurch.org)

Having one person pointing cameras and another preparing the onscreen displays is a great way to make this position for a two person team. Having said that, my 12 year old has run the cameras and he was able to pick up the controls very easily and can't wait for the opportunity to do it again.

### Directing:

With every team of volunteers, we will have a director. The director makes sure that the screens are switching at a good rhythm for reading along, making suggestions for camera angles and keeping an eye on what is happening next in the church service to make sure that at least one camera is trained in advance. The director also keeps the livestream audio in mind to make sure every viewer, live or online, has the best experience we can provide. Directors need to understand the flow of worship, where focus goes during key moments of the service, and a clear vocabulary to communicate with the entire team. While a director shouldn't ever have to touch any of the equipment, it is definitely the most focus-intensive position.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, please reach out! We will always provide training and supervision so nobody is ever working in alone in the department without ample help and support until they feel comfortable with their station.

I can be reached at [dale@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:dale@holycrosschurch.org). Can't wait to have you on the team!

## Fallin' Into Fun 2023

by Samantha Cooper-Tuttle

Director of CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare

The Fallin' Into Fun 2023 Fundraiser for CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare was a hit! The weather was perfect and our guests had a fabulous time. Children loved the bounce house and self-serve tattoo station. We had several guest singers join Mr. Dale on stage during the Children's Concert. Adults enjoyed mingling over hot dogs and brats while bidding and raffling on some amazing items! Our programs raised \$2,300 from the event. Thank you to everyone who played a part in bringing the event together as well as to those who attended. We are looking forward to starting work on our infant/toddler playground this spring!



## Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

by Samantha Cooper-Tuttle

Help support our Early Childhood Ministry by purchasing a boxed card set through the Cards for a Cause Fundraiser. Choose from five different themed box sets for only \$30 each. CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare will receive 43% back on each set!

Card box sets will be sold from November 5 - November 17. Our goal is to sell at least 25 boxes. Sample boxes and order forms will be available for viewing on Sundays, November 5 and 12 between worship services.



cards for a cause

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers offer cards for all occasions with coordinating envelopes in a keepsake box. Birthdays, Holidays, Celebrations, Thank You's, & More!

- Decorative Envelopes
- Individually Wrapped
- Beautifully Embellished

Save money now and time later... Have cards on hand for every occasion.

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Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

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LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT NORTHWESTERN

## Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, November 1  
Carpool at 4 pm  
Serve dinner at 6 pm

Holy Cross members will be heading back to Evanston on Wednesday, November 1 to host a dinner for the college students who attend the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern. All are welcome to attend or contribute a treat for the students.

We will meet at Holy Cross at 4 pm, carpool (or drive separately) to Evanston, and serve dinner at 6 pm for LCMNU's Wednesday night supper worship. Come and get to know the students! It is fun to talk with them about their activities and join them for a short worship service during the meal.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Moyer at [patty@concertedsystems.com](mailto:patty@concertedsystems.com) or (847)502-3196.



CrossWays Preschool

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[cpreschool.org](http://cpreschool.org)



Celebration! Childcare

[celebration@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:celebration@holycrosschurch.org)  
(847) 367-6208  
[cchildcare.org](http://cchildcare.org)

## Visit the Olivewood Project Table for Christmas Shopping

by Patty Moyer

We will once again be offering items from The Olivewood Project for Christmas gift-giving. Please stop by the table in the gathering space to shop for olive wood carvings and unique gift items from Bethlehem and Jerusalem, including Christmas ornaments, jewelry, figurines, musical nativities, crosses, candlesticks, and kitchen utensils. **Items will be on sale in between worship services in the gathering space on Sunday, November 19 and Sunday, December 17.**

We are also happy to arrange for sales and pick-up at another time. Please contact Patty Moyer at (847) 502-3196 or at [patty@concertedsystems.com](mailto:patty@concertedsystems.com) or if you are interested in purchasing olivewood or helping with sales.

All money from your purchases is sent to a cooperative of Christian carvers in Bethlehem to help them support their families during these difficult times. Michael and Carmen Zoughbi, the founders of the cooperative, have visited Holy Cross several times to speak about life in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive Save the Date

**Date: Sunday, December 10**  
**Time: 9 am - 2 pm**  
**Location: Holy Cross**  
**Basement**



The American Red Cross of Illinois serves over 12.4 million people in 88 counties across Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri through a network of six chapters: Central Illinois, Greater Chicago, Illinois River Valley, Northwest Illinois, Quad Cities and West Central Illinois, and South Central Illinois. We're in our local communities every day, helping people prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

Blood donors of all blood types are urgently needed to ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care.

More details including registration information for the blood drive for The American Red Cross hosted at Holy Cross will be available in the December newsletter.



## Women's Ministry News

by Beth Ann Koenemann



Lutherdale was resplendent in a blaze of autumnal glory for our Women Talking Retreat! We communed with nature and we all had so much fun talking and laughing with each other! We are especially grateful to Deaconess Katie for leading the sessions and to the committee members who helped plan the wonderful retreat: Sarah Accettura, Heidi Dinter, Jeri Powers, Caroline Rawa, and Emily Young. Talk to any of the women in the pictures to find out what they thought of the retreat firsthand.

Our next scheduled LIFT event will be on January 28, right after the 10 am worship service. The LIFT group will be meeting for lunch at 11 am, which will be provided, and then we will watch the movie "Women Talking", followed by a discussion. This movie is rated PG-13, but some scenes may be triggering for some. I encourage you to review the movie trailer at [bit.ly/WTmovie](http://bit.ly/WTmovie) to get a better idea if it will be right for you.

The women of LIFT, in conjunction with the Holy Cross Feed My Starving Children Group, will be packing meals at FMSC in Libertyville on February 3 at 11:30 am. More info to come. We hope you can join us!





**Men's  
Breakfast  
Group**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21 & 28 AT 7 - 8 AM

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

Begin the day with coffee, breakfast, fellowship, and thought-provoking and stimulating conversation. All men are welcome to join us.

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org)



**Saturday  
Men's Group**

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**

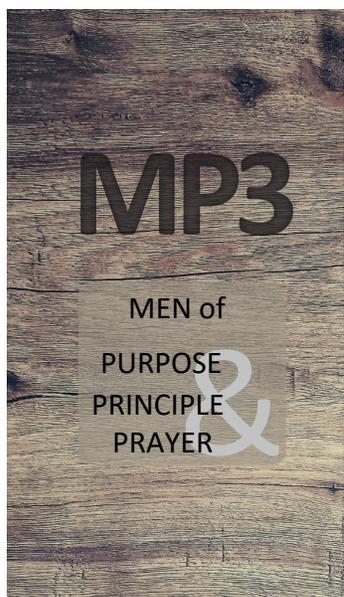
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 & 25 AT 7 - 8:30 AM

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

 [holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517](https://holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517)

In November, we will begin discussion of *'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet*, by Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). This new book brings winsome insight to an array of characters and stories in the Bible—some celebrated and some overlooked. Copies are available on the welcome center in the Fellowship Area. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org)



**MP3: MEN OF PURPOSE, PRINCIPLE, & PRAYER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6 - 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON, FELLOWSHIP AREA

THEME: SACRED MOMENTS

COST: FREE

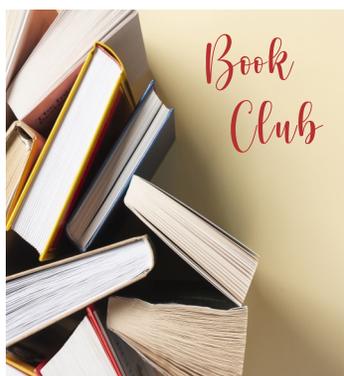
To help us plan for food, please RSVP at [bit.ly/MP311723](https://bit.ly/MP311723)



**Men of Purpose, Principle & Prayer** is one of our men's ministries at Holy Cross. We meet on select Tuesday evenings for fellowship, food and conversation. The evenings begin with fellowship at 6 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm.

The theme for this MP3 season is "*sacred moments*". In Celtic spirituality there is the concept of 'thin places' where the everyday/ordinary moments intersect with the sacred/holy. We will explore this notion and how it actually presents itself in our life and faith journeys. The third session of the series is being held in November where we will cover "C" for ceremony/milestone moments/rites/traditions. 2024 dates for the continuation of this series finishing with **R** for relational, **E** for emptiness and **D** for deeper will be announced later.

Men (21+) are invited to attend for an evening of fellowship, food, music, and conversation. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org)



**Book  
Club**

**BOOK CLUB**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7 PM

VIA ZOOM

 [holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417](https://holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417)

In November we will discuss *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain. Riley MacPherson has spent her entire life believing that her older sister Lisa committed suicide as a teenager. It shaped her view of her family and their dynamics. Now, more than twenty years later, her father has passed away and she's in North Carolina cleaning out his house when she finds evidence that what she has always believed is not the truth. Lisa is alive. Alive and living under a new identity. But why, exactly, was she on the run all those years ago? What secrets are being kept now, and what will happen if those secrets are revealed? As Riley works to uncover the truth, her discoveries will put into question everything she thought she knew about her family. Our discussion host will be Susan Williamson. If you have any questions, please email Felicia Brandt at [felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com](mailto:felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com)



**STRENGTH & CORE**

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

LOCATION: CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

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



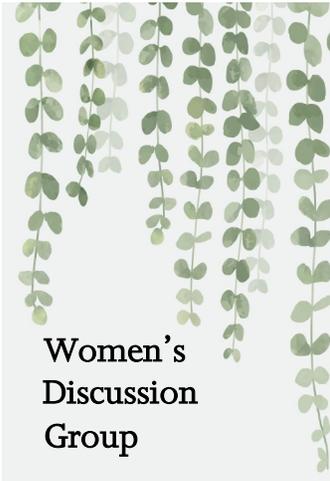
**HOLY CROSS CHOIR**

REHEARSALS: TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21 & 28 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: SANCTUARY

SING DURING WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 AT 8 AM, NOVEMBER 12 AT 10 AM AND NOVEMBER 19 AT 8 & 10 AM.

We welcome singers of all ages to join the choir. For more information about joining, and to be added to the choir email list, contact Choir Director, Darrin Rose at [darrin@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:darrin@holycrosschurch.org)



**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**  
TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 14 & 28 AT 9:30 AM  
LOCATION: ROOM 208

*The Women's Discussion Group at Holy Cross meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.*

The discussion topics for 2023 will be taken from two books by Anna Carter Florence, *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community*, and her current book project, *'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet*. Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Dr. Florence served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.

Copies of the books are available on the welcome center in the Fellowship Area. All women welcome.

Contact Pastor Chris at [pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions.



**GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:30 - 9:30 PM  
LOCATION: PERFECT BREWING SUPPLY, 619 PARK AVENUE, LIBERTYVILLE

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

Grounded in Grace will be learning to make cheese at Perfect Brewing Supply. Business owner Andy Denton will walk us through the steps of making soft cheese! RSVP is a must as space is limited. Reach out to Terry Berger at [terryberger.08@gmail.com](mailto:terryberger.08@gmail.com) to reserve a spot and get more details. \$30 includes the class, snacks and a lot of laughs. Contact Terry Berger at [terryberger.08@gmail.com](mailto:terryberger.08@gmail.com) with questions or to be added to the Grounded in Grace Messenger group.



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

DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7 PM TO 9 PM

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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)



**QUILTING GROUP**  
WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 AT 9 AM - 12 PM  
LOCATION: ROOM 404

We gather on Wednesdays to sew as a group. Completed quilts are donated to COOL Ministries for families residing in the Family Housing program or to Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to comfort children who are seriously injured, traumatized, or in need.

Questions? Contact Deb Sherrock at [debs695@aol.com](mailto:debs695@aol.com) or (630) 267-7802.



**COMMON THREADS**  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 1 PM

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



**HANDBELL CHOIR**  
REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 2, 9 & 16 AT 7 PM  
LOCATION: BASEMENT  
PERFORM DURING WORSHIP: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 8 & 10 AM

We welcome all to join the Holy Cross Handbell Choir. If you can read music, you are in! Rehearsals are in the church basement on the first three Thursdays of each month.

Questions? Contact Beth Fashimpaur at [elizabeth.malecha@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.malecha@gmail.com)

# Sunday School

## The JOURNEY Continues!

by Deaconess Katie Freund

We're on our journey through the history of God's people. This month we're also learning our music for the childrens' Christmas program on December 10.

Don't forget to drop off your kids for Sunday School by 9:45 am so they have ample time to learn the songs with their friends!



### November 5: Manna, Quail, and Water

Our youngest kids will play a game of "catch the quail" while our older kids are putting together food donations to share our abundance.

### November 12: Deborah

We'll use a game of "Deborah says" and a palm tree craft to learn about this Old Testament judge.

### November 19: David is Chosen

A crown making craft and a game of "Duck, Duck, Goose" will set the stage to learn what it means to be chosen and anointed as king of Israel.

### November 26: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

If you haven't registered your child(ren) aged 3 - 5th grade for Sunday School, please use this link: [bit.ly/sundayschool2324](https://bit.ly/sundayschool2324)



Adults are still needed to Shepherd. We have added January through May dates. Sign up at this link: [bit.ly/shepherdsF23](https://bit.ly/shepherdsF23)



## Sunday School Christmas Pageant

by Deaconess Katie Freund

This year's Sunday school Christmas pageant theme will be... "Glory to God in the Highest"



Throughout the month of November we're looking for kids who are interested in having a speaking part in the play! Reach out to Deaconess Katie at [deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org) for more details.

All Sunday School students will be learning music during Sunday School. There will be a full rehearsal on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 10 during the 10 am worship service. We will need kids to arrive promptly at their normal Sunday school time of 9:45 am that day so we have enough time to help them get ready!



## CONFIRMATION

by Deaconess Katie Freund

Thank you to all of our families for all the hard work in kicking off our new confirmation program! Our first fall session was full and went even better than we could have hoped for.

If your student didn't participate in the fall, no worries. Each session is a self-contained series of six classes from start to finish. Details below for our next session this spring.

### Spring 2024 Session Dates:

**Registration & Orientation:** Sunday, February 4, 5 - 6 pm.

Parents and students attend.

**Sessions 1 - 6:** Sundays, February 11, 18 & 25, March 3, 10 & 17 from 5 - 8 pm, dinner provided.

**Affirmation of Baptism:** Sunday, March 24 at 10 am worship

The spring session schedule and more details can be viewed online at [HolyCrossChurch.org/confirmation](https://HolyCrossChurch.org/confirmation)

Questions? Contact Deaconess Katie at [deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org)

## Milestone Ministries

*Our faith journey occurs from birth through life eternal. Along the way, there are important events, rituals and milestones that mark the passage of time through our lives. Through Milestone Ministries we celebrate and mark these important events and times in the lives of youth and adults. Each milestone becomes an opportunity to proclaim that God is with us.*

### Bible Basics and Presentation of Bibles: Third Grade & up

**Workshop: Saturday, November 11 at 9 am**

**Presentation of Bibles: Sunday, November 12 at 10 am worship**

At baptism, parent(s), sponsors and the congregation promise to place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of each baptized person. At Holy Cross, we do this in third grade with a class for parents and children to learn together. We cover how to use a Bible, how it is organized, and share favorite Bible verses.

Contact Deaconess Katie at [deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions. Learn more about Milestone Ministries at [HolyCrossChurch.org/milestoneministries](https://HolyCrossChurch.org/milestoneministries)



Fueling Curiosity, Nurturing Faith

Middle School Youth Group

by Edwin Andrade

Here's what's coming up for our **weekly events** in November. Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

**INVITE:** Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!

**NURTURE:** These are faith-formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.

**SERVE:** We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project.

- Sunday, November 5, 10 - 10:45 am - **Nurture Event**  
Faith Formation (Room 208)
- Saturday, November 11, 10 am - 12 pm - **Serve Event**  
Feed My Starving Children (Libertyville)
- Sunday, November 19, 10 - 10:45 am - **Nurture Event**  
Faith Formation (Room 208)

As always, we'll share some snacks, check in with each other and with God! Friends are always welcome at any event!

Questions? Email Edwin at [edwin@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:edwin@holycrosschurch.org)  
View more information at [HolyCrossChurch.org/emerge](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/emerge)



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

by Edwin Andrade

Hey Crossroads! Here's what's coming up for our **weekly events** in November. Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

**INVITE:** Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!

**NURTURE:** These are faith formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.

**SERVE:** We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- Sunday, November 5, 4 - 5:30 pm - **Nurture Event**  
Faith Formation (Room 208)
- Saturday, November 18, 7 - 8:45 pm - **Serve Event**  
Feed My Starving Children (Libertyville)
- Sunday, November 19, 4 - 5:30 pm - **Nurture Event**  
Faith Formation (Room 208)

As always, we'll share some snacks, check in with each other and with God! Friends are always welcome at any event!

Questions? Email Edwin at [edwin@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:edwin@holycrosschurch.org)  
For more information about the Crossroads High School Youth Group, visit [HolyCrossChurch.org/crossroads](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/crossroads)



In September, both the Emerge Middle School Youth Group and the Crossroads High School Youth Group participated in "Serve" packing events at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville.



Join us at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Next Summer!

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming Youth Gathering next summer in 2024 and we invite you to join us for a second interest meeting on November 12 to learn more about this exciting event! Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana for youth currently in grades 8 - 12. A timeless city with a unique way of life, New Orleans is a journey and a celebration. Steeped in European traditions and Caribbean influences, the Big Easy calls curious minds to sweet sounds and savory aromas fueled by three hundred years of history. As the birthplace of jazz, the home to Creole cuisine and its unmatched southern hospitality.

If you have any immediate questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to Edwin Andrade at [edwin@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:edwin@holycrosschurch.org) or (520) 370-9572. We genuinely look forward to your participation and the opportunity to connect with you during our next interest meeting.

Interest Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, November 12  
**Time:** 11 am  
(following worship)  
**Location:** Room 208

## Serving in a New Way

by Peg Chartier

To address homelessness, PADS of Lake County continues to move forward with the new hotel based model. This approach meets the clients where they are. It removes the uncertainty of the lottery system and having a warm place to sleep. It enables PADS to better provide case management, reduces barriers to resources and provides better mental health assistance, with the ultimate goal of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. This will also be a year-round program as homelessness has no season.

This is an ever-evolving process to determine the recurring needs and how the faith community can support their efforts. I am in weekly contact with PADS central and the former host site coordinators. We are working closely together to address the specific need for food and what that support should look like.

PADS is also looking for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator. If you or anyone you know might be interested here is the information directly from PADS:

### Volunteer Coordinator Description

PADS is embarking on a new and exciting journey that will effectively position PADS for greater sustainability. As we work to better cultivate and support our volunteer community, we have available a part-time Volunteer Coordinator position that will rest inside of our Development team but will have direct communication and coordination with our Programs team.

The coordinator will be responsible for interviewing, hiring, and training volunteers and placing them in different roles based on their qualification and interests. They will maintain accurate records of volunteer engagement and serve as a critical and strategic position inside of the agency. They will support operations that involve volunteers and communicate volunteer needs and recommendations to the Leadership team.

If you all know anyone that may be interested in this opportunity, please have them reach out to Allen at [aswilley@padslakecounty.org](mailto:aswilley@padslakecounty.org)

The Holy Cross PADS Ministry Team remains grateful for your financial support and willingness to donate requested items. Please use the QR code to help out this important ministry.



Please also see the article on page 3 for information regarding the Sunday School Food Drive for PADS taking place on Sunday, November 5 at 9:45 am.



## COOL Ministries

by Jill McKeon



Though COOL Ministries collects items all year for the veterans, we make an extra effort to acknowledge them in November. There will be a collection box in the gathering space until mid-November. The items especially in need are: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and razors.

As the year comes to a close and end of the year donations may be considered, please think of COOL Ministries. The high inflation this year has contributed to the continual increase of customers at the pantry. Each month continues to exceed the month before.

Please also see page 5 for information on how to support The Giving Tree holiday programs.

You may donate online by visiting [donate.holycrosschurch.org](http://donate.holycrosschurch.org) or by scanning the code to the right. Thank you for your support.



Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Jill McKeon at [jill.mckeon@att.net](mailto:jill.mckeon@att.net) or (847) 331-7908.

## A Reason to Give

### Thanks

by Megan Andriano  
Program Director



As we embark upon the Thanksgiving season, the team at Willow House would like to express our gratitude to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and its parishioners for your continued commitment to our mission. For nearly two decades, Holy Cross has donated space for our children and families grieving the death of a parent (spouse), sibling or child to gather for free monthly Peer Support Groups. Our Peer Support Groups are one of our core bereavement programs and provide a place where the challenges and feelings of grief can be expressed and normalized, where loved ones are remembered and honored, and where stories can be shared in a safe and nonjudgmental place.

Willow House is where hope lives and healing begins for those in our communities grieving the death of a loved one. We've also been blessed with volunteers and other support from the Holy Cross community, and we thank you for your gracious gifts of time, talents, and resources.

To learn more about Willow House and how you may help further our mission, please visit [willowhouse.org](http://willowhouse.org)



# November

## Wednesday, November 1

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

## Thursday, November 2

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

## Saturday, November 4

- 5:30 pm First Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 5

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

### All Saints Sunday

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
9:30 am Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary  
9:45 am Sunday School, Celebration! Childcare Atrium  
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Emerge Middle School Youth Group, 208  
4 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group, 208

## Monday, November 6

- 6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium  
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

## Tuesday, November 7

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant  
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402  
6 pm MP3, Fellowship Area  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, November 8

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404  
11:30 am PHW Day Session, Fellowship Area  
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402  
7 pm Church Council, 208  
7 pm PHW Evening Session, Fellowship Area

## Thursday, November 9

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

## Saturday, November 11

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208  
9 am Milestone Ministries - Bible Basics Workshop  
10 am Emerge Middle School Youth Group Serve Event, Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville  
7 pm Around The Cross Concert Series: Mike & Rob of the Mojo Daddies, Fellowship Area

## Sunday, November 12

### Quilt Dedication Sunday

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
9 am Fellowship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Area  
9:45 am Sunday School, Celebration! Childcare Atrium  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
Milestone Ministries - Bible Presentation  
11 am Youth Gathering Interest Meeting, 208

## Monday, November 13

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

## Tuesday, November 14

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

## Wednesday, November 15

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

## Thursday, November 16

- 6 pm Willow House Remembrance Gathering, Sanctuary & Fellowship Area  
7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402  
7 pm Book Club, Zoom

## Saturday, November 18

- 7 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group Serve Event, Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville

## Sunday, November 19

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
9:45 am Sunday School, Celebration! Childcare Atrium  
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Emerge Middle School Youth Group, 208  
11 am Lake County United Essential Housing Discussion  
4 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group, 208

## Monday, November 20

- 6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium

## Tuesday, November 21

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

## Wednesday, November 22

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404  
4 pm Red Rose Choirs, 402  
7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Pie Social, Fellowship Area

## Saturday, November 25

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208

## Sunday, November 26

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

## Monday, November 27

- 6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium  
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

## Tuesday, November 28

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

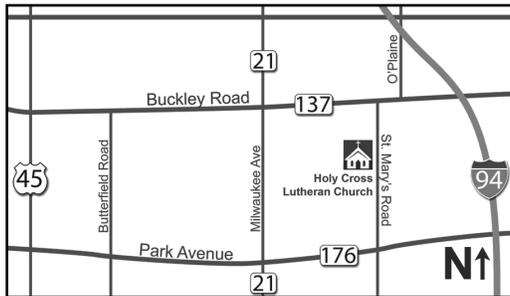
## Wednesday, November 29

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

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### Mike & Rob of the Mojo Daddies

Date: Saturday, November 11

Time: 7 pm

Location: Fellowship Area

Rob Twardock and Mike Dikelsky with special guests will play an all originals show featuring music from their "A Long Road" album. *Free admission. No reservations required.*

*See page 4 for additional concert dates.*

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5

We remember our members who have preceded us in death this past year. We will also give thanks for the community of saints in the present time by lifting up the new saints who were baptized since November 1, 2022.



### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 22  
at 7 pm



### Pie Social

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30 pm

*Please join us for our annual pie social in the fellowship area following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service.*

*Details on page 2.*