

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

September 2018

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8, 9:30 & 11 AM

FIRST SATURDAY
EVENINGS

WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION
OCTOBER 6 AT 5:30 PM

A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America

“Virtues are not the stuff of saints and heroes. They are tools for the art of living: what we practice, we become. Virtues are spiritual technologies.” – Krista Tippett

Krista Tippett has a wonderful radio and online presence called “The On Being Project” (onbeing.org) that I enjoy. She has a gift of framing conversations that we need to have in these amazing times. I appreciate the clarity and freshness that she brings to articulating certain grounding virtues that are essential but often times forgotten. I believe they are worth integrating into our relationships and may help us to elevate our conversations with one another. Enjoy them as they challenge our perceptions and assumptions.

Peace,


Six Grounding Virtues

Words That Matter We are starved for fresh language to approach each other. We need what Elizabeth Alexander calls “words that shimmer” - words with power that convey real truth, which cannot be captured in mere fact. Words have the force of action and become virtues in and of themselves. The words we use shape how we understand ourselves, how we interpret the world, how we treat others. Words are one of our primary ways to reach across the mystery of each other. As technology reframes the meaning of basic human acts like making and leading and belonging, the world needs the most vivid and transformative universe of words we can muster.

Generous Listening Listening is an everyday art and virtue, but it’s an art we have lost and must learn anew. Listening is more than being quiet while others have their say. It is about presence as much as receiving; it is about connection more than observing. Real listening is powered by curiosity. It involves vulnerability - a willingness to be surprised, to let go of assumptions and take in ambiguity. It is never in “gotcha” mode. The generous listener wants to understand the humanity behind the words of the other, and patiently summons one’s own best self and one’s own most generous words and questions.

Adventurous Civility The adventure of civility for our time can’t be a mere matter of politeness or niceness. Adventurous civility honors the difficulty of what we face and the complexity of what it means to be human. It doesn’t celebrate diversity by putting it up on a pedestal and ignoring its messiness and its depths. The intimate and civilizational questions that perplex and divide us will not be resolved quickly. Civility, in our world of change, is about creating new possibilities for living forward while being different and even continuing to hold profound disagreement.

Humility Humility is a companion to curiosity, surprise, and delight. Spiritual humility is not about getting small. It is about encouraging others to be big. It is not about debasing oneself, but about approaching everything and everyone with a readiness to be surprised and delighted. This is the humility of the child. It is the humility in the spirituality of the scientist and the mystic - to be planted in what you know, while living expectantly for discoveries yet to come. The wisest people we’ve interviewed carry a humility that manifests as tenderness in a creative interplay with power.

Patience Like humility, patience is not to be mistaken for meekness and ineffectuality. It can be the fruit of a full-on reckoning with reality - a commitment to move through the world as it is, not as we wish it to be. A spiritual view of time is a long view of time - seasonal and cyclical, resistant to the illusion of time as a bully, time as a matter of deadlines. Human transformation takes time - longer than we want it to - but it is what is necessary for social transformation. A long, patient view of time will replenish our sense of our capacities and our hope for the world.

Hospitality Hospitality is a bridge to all the great virtues, but it is immediately accessible. You don’t have to love or forgive or feel compassion to extend hospitality. But it’s more than an invitation. It is the creation of an inviting, trustworthy space - an atmosphere as much as a place. It shapes the experience to follow. It creates the intention, the spirit, and the boundaries for what is possible. As creatures, it seems, we imagine a homogeneity in other groups that we know not to be there in our own. But new social realities are brought into being over time by a quality of relationship between unlikely combinations of people. When in doubt, practice hospitality.



Fall Worship Schedule

Resumes Sunday, September 9

- 8 am - Classical worship
- 9:30 am - Blended worship with children's message
- 11 am - Blended worship

Classical worship uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* liturgy.
Blended worship uses *Now the Feast & Celebration* liturgy.
Sunday School following the children's message.
Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and festival Sundays.

First Saturday of Every Month - Evening Worship

Saturday, October 6 at 5:30 pm

Blended worship with Holy Communion



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Sunday School Coordinators:
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Volunteers Requested, *grades 1 - 5 (Deep Blue)*
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AT THE TABLE

Food, Fellowship & Faith

Back after a summer hiatus! Through informal 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.

As we gather *At The Table*:

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



DATE: Tuesday, September 11

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Pizzeria DeVile

404 N. Milwaukee Ave. Libertyville

RSVP: By Friday, September 7 at: bit.ly/ATT911

September ATT Topic: *Seeing Life as a Gift*

There is a difference between assuming life is the default and realizing each breath allows for the continuation of life for only a few more moments. As we recognize that life is a gift that is dependent on lots of things out of our control, our deepest gratitude can be incited.

- *How important is gratitude in your life and why?*
- *What are you grateful for and how has that changed over time?*
- *Is it easy to sense that life is a gift? Why or why not?*
- *How do you practice gratitude?*

Can't attend September's *At The Table* event or want to join additional online conversation about author Diana Butler Bass' *Gratitude*?

Thursday, September 13 from 9 - 10 pm

Register at: bit.ly/GratitudeOnline

See p. 6 for more information.



Hey kids!
Welcome back!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 am

2018/19 Sunday School resumes

- Bring your school backpack to worship for a special blessing.
- Returning students are already enrolled.
- 3 year olds (by September 1) and those new to Sunday School at Holy Cross, see page 10 for registration information.

Confirmation education resumes with Parent/Student Night on Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 pm

See full Youth Ministry details on pages 10 & 11.





**CrossWays
Preschool**



**Celebration!
Childcare**

Proudly Presents Updated Brochures

In this newsletter we have enclosed information about our two wonderful Early Childhood programs here at Holy Cross. As a member or friend of the congregation, the brochures will help you understand how this ministry of Holy Cross reaches families from our congregation as well as from the community by providing rich, child centered schools for young children.

Take a moment to see how our programs nurture positive development in all facets of the child's life. You will learn about The Creative Curriculum™ and other published materials used to teach and guide, descriptions of the classes offered, the extended activities available to our students, and how we work with families who place their children with us. These programs are ministries of Holy Cross - it sets them apart from other childcare and preschool options.

After reading the brochures, please contact the directors if you have any questions or want to see the programs in action! Consider sharing the brochures with friends, neighbors or other non-members who have children we could serve.

You are invited to meet the directors between services on Sunday, September 30 at the CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare information table in the gathering space. Stop by to see more information about our programs!

We are very proud of what we offer our students within our two programs and want you to share in that pride! Please turn to page 12 for this month's news from our directors.

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Quilt Dedication Sunday



September 23
8, 9:30 & 11 am

Just, Breathe.

by Pastor Sally Hanson



The days of summer, when we woke up to the birds and not an alarm clock for a season, are now behind us and for many of us, September brings a new rhythm of life. Whether it is the academic year, engaging in a new activity, the fall sport season or the return of your favorite television series, this month things are different. For some of us, we are thrilled to return to the predictability of a routine while others long for a summer filled with less routine (not as many plans, dinner when you feel like it and maybe one last dip in the pool before bed). The thing that summer offers many of us is a chance to slow down. Even if it doesn't feel slow, the change from the usual routine is refreshing.

But what about now? Are you excited for the new school year? Or are you longing for the deep breaths of summer?

In the last few weeks at church, we have been hearing about Jesus from the book of John as Jesus travels along the Sea of Galilee. Remember the story where he fed 5,000 people and then walked on water... after he had time to breathe? After dinner, Jesus took time to regroup and breathe by himself so that he had "charged batteries" for the next part of his journey. Jesus was able to "plug into his power source" by simply breathing and taking a break. Guess what? We can too!

Take time to breathe! Take five minutes to breathe in the car while you're waiting for practice to end or sitting at a red light. Introduce a *breath prayer* with a two syllable focal word to breathe in and out to... Take the word, "Jesus". Breathe in "Jes-" and breathe out "-us." This can be a great way to center and calm ourselves. Some other examples of two syllable words often used are "Yahweh," "thankful" and "mercy."

If you are interested in something a little more focused, consider trying *Alternate Nostril Breathing* (see link below) to clear your mind, reduce anxiety and stress and be present with God. A two syllable focal word can still be added, or simply just breathe. With or without a focal word, this kind of breathing can be used as prayer time to listen for the voice of God in our lives. No matter how you choose to breathe, the breath of God was given to you and is a gift. Connecting to this gift of breath helps connect us to God and focus on the love of God in our lives with every breath we take – no matter how busy we become in the change of the seasons.

Just breathe,

Pastor Sally

bit.ly/AlternateNostrilBreathing

MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

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

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 20 at 8:30 am
RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 12.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, October 21 during 9:30 am worship



WE RECEIVED NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

Carol Greenhut
Tracy Mulqueen
Sonny & Lori Randall
Sam, Anna & Adam

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Mckenzi Lynn Little
Daughter of Jason & Jenna Little
August 19, 2018

James Nicholas Riemer
Son of Mark Riemer
August 19, 2018

MARRIAGE

Gabrielle Weil & Timothy Baker
August 25, 2018

MEMORIAL

Deborah E. Kacmarcik
August 18, 2018



Backpack & Supplies Fundraiser for LSSI



You donated \$5,400 plus we received a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant through a Holy Cross member. Thank you!

Over 100 volunteers were involved with shopping, packing, organizing, quality control and loading backpacks onto LSSI's truck.



312 backpacks were packed in less than 90 minutes!

Additional pencil sharpeners, scissors and pocket folders were also donated to the Waukegan Public Schools' Supply Drive.



Thank you for your donations and for helping in these ways!



**Holy Cross
Book Club
Wants You!**

by Felicia Brandt & Jeri Powers

We would like to invite all readers to be part of our book club. Held most often on the fourth Tuesday every month, usually in a member's home. (No meeting in December.) The host will lead the discussion and serve a dessert and drinks. Some people prefer to host at church instead (contact the church office to reserve the fellowship area). When hosts live a distance from Holy Cross, many of us meet at church to carpool together.

See page 14 for this month's book selection. Our discussions are usually very lively! We read a variety of books over the course of a year. Genres include fiction, non-fiction, biographies, autobiographies, mysteries, and classics.

At our gathering in November, we will choose the books to be read in 2019. Please join us and be included in the selection process. Stimulate your mind and be a part of this great group. If you have any questions please contact:

Felicia Brandt felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com
 Jeri Powers jerilp@ameritech.net



Roadside Cleanup

*Please join us on
 Saturday, September 8
 9 - 11 am*



The local *Order of the Arrow* Boy Scouts that meet at Holy Cross (part of the Boy Scouts National Honor Society) and members of BSA Troop 194 have partnered with Holy Cross to help lead our bi-annual Adopt-a-Highway Roadside Cleanup session.

Congregation members and youth (ages 10+) are encouraged to attend to live out our faith and make a difference in our community. Participation in Adopt-a-Highway may be considered as a make up for service projects toward Confirmation expectations.

We recommend you wear long pants, shoes that can get wet and you should consider wearing sunscreen and insect repellent. Work gloves, safety vests and other tools provided. Please meet in the fellowship area.

Ladies Night Out Presents



*Everything
 under the
 Harvest
 MOON*

Thursday, October 25
 6 - 9 pm
 Holy Cross, Fellowship Area
 Free Admission

ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET & COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING IS INCLUDED WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION
holycrosschurch.org/events

RAFFLES

- Sara Glas Photography Mini Family Session
- Singalila Gift Certificate
- Glamtique Gift Certificate
- BarreCode 5 Class Pack with socks & bag
- Purely Pilates Private Session
- DVD Movie Basket
- Nail Basket
- Maggiano's Gift Certificate with Italian Wine
- Picnic Basket Gift Certificate
- Dos Amigos Gift Certificate
- Main Street Libertyville Gift Certificate
- Toy Basket and more!

SILENT AUCTION

Including art items made by children from **CrossWays Preschool** and **Celebration! Childcare**

UNIQUE SHOPPING

- Jewelry
- Personalized ceramic pieces
- Pottery
- Essential oils
- Decorative trays
- Children's accessories (hats, onesies etc.)
- Home & holiday decor
- Whimsical candles
- Religious wooden carvings
- Handmade artwork
- Children's books
- Children's clothing
- Women's clothing
- Ornaments
- Pillows, plaques, signs
- Wooden decorations
- Personalized items
- Fabric purses
- Whimsical artwork
- Candles in bottles/cans
- Dog bones/toys
- Cookies, treats
- And many more!

APPETIZERS & WINE BY THE GLASS

PERSONALIZED WINE LABELS (preorder deadline 10/15)
 Order forms available on holycrosschurch.org/events

HOLIDAY GIFTS

TAFFY APPLES



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity

Being Grateful for All of Our Lives

by Steve Oelschlager

Excerpt from *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass,

“It is not easy to live with the mysteries of pain, injustice, illness, and violence. We humans rightly rage against these indignities, those things that work against joy, love, and peace. For decades, I wrestled with shame and hatred regarding my uncle. Those emotions were exacerbated by other incidents where I was rejected, hurt, or felt violated. The negative feelings were powerful, sometimes driving the train to what felt like the edge of an emotional cliff. Gratitude does not take that away. Gratefulness is no panacea against violence and injustice. Yet my soul suspected there might be a path beyond rage - a way for gratitude to enfold the pain in a greater good. These words from the Catholic spiritual writer Henri Nouwen spoke to me:

‘To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives - the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections - that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only truly grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for.’

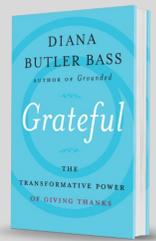
Along the way, a friend, a person who herself had known suffering, said to me, “Your life is like a garden, and it is not well tended. You need to grow your garden.” Until then, I had never really thought of the emotional life as a garden - an organic metaphor - but that is much closer to reality. Our emotional lives are like gardens. Experiences are akin to soil, the rich terroir in which our feelings grow. Left untended, certain emotions can choke out others, like the wild grasses that threaten my lettuces every spring. There is nothing inherently wrong with weeds - it is just that they get in the way of dinner! So I pay attention. I know the difference between the seedlings I plant and the invasive ones, cultivating the greens and pulling out what would make my family sick. So it is with our emotional lives. The same soil allows both weeds and desirable plants to grow, and it takes a watchful Gardener - and more than a little practice - to ensure the health and productivity of the whole. I learned to work the garden and discovered that it was the spiritual work of gratitude.”

Please see the Stewardship Lending Library for copies of *Grateful*. Also, join us **At The Table on September 11** for dinner, fellowship and related conversation about gratitude, and/or online for a **one hour conversation on September 13 from 9 - 10 pm**. (See more information in the next column.)

Online Book Discussion

Thursday, September 13
9 -10 pm

Register: bit.ly/GratitudeOnline



Join us as we contemplate ideas about gratitude inspired by the book *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* (see Stewardship Lending Library in the gathering space). Questions? Contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org

2018 Global Leadership Summit

Recap and photos



In August, Holy Cross hosted 150 people from over 45 organizations, connecting each participant with stories, ideas, skills, and inspiration to multiply their impact in the world. Registration for the 2019 Global Leadership Summit is open - see registration link at the bottom of the page.

Missed the 2018 GLS? View a full recap video and session notes located here: bit.ly/18GLSNotes



(Left) Holy Cross member, Nick Gaines, led a conversation during Friday's GLS lunch break about the ELCA's strategy Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO). elca.org/ammparo Nick was an intern with AMMPARO this past summer.

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 2019

Register for the
2019 Summit

Register by October 24 for \$79 bit.ly/GLS19atHC Code: GLS19TEAM



The money class that will
CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Financial Peace University

First Presbyterian, Grace and Holy Cross Lutheran Churches

Are you ever anxious about money? Or are impending or recent life changes (such as graduating from college, getting married, having a baby, getting divorced, going back to work or being close to retirement) causing you to worry about money? What if you had financial peace?

This fall, Holy Cross will be partnering with Libertyville congregations Grace Lutheran and First Presbyterian to offer Dave Ramsey's 9-week course, *Financial Peace University*. Classes will be held weekly on Sundays from September 16 through November 11 at alternating locations.

Both sites will offer **complimentary childcare and lunch** 30 minutes before the class starts.

Each session includes a DVD lesson presented by Dave Ramsey followed by small group conversation facilitated by leaders from each congregation. Topics include budgeting, saving, getting out of debt, money and relationships, insurance, investments, and more.

Join us for this nine-week course at alternating faith community locations

September 16, 30, October 14, 28, November 11

Lunch and childcare begin at 11:15 am

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Sessions held at First Presbyterian

219 W Maple Ave, Libertyville

September 23, October 7, 21, November 4

Lunch and childcare begin at 12:15 pm

12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

Sessions held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Participants will receive information about purchasing course materials from Dave Ramsey at the first session (at an approximate cost of \$120 per household.)

To watch an overview video, see this link here:
bit.ly/FPUvideo

Register here: bit.ly/FPU18atHC

For questions, contact Steve Oelschlager at (847) 502-3195 or
steve@holycrosschurch.org

Financial Peace would make a great gift!

"Collecting" Myself

by Randy Casey

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Even as I am writing these words, I am sitting at the Starbucks in the train station in Freiburg, Germany, appearing to be writing on my iPad and drinking iced tea. Yes, that is how it seems. What I am really doing is "collecting" myself. By this I mean that as calmly as possible, I am thinking about anything that has recently happened and pondering what may lie ahead. I do this often back home, but deem it particularly important while traveling abroad. While I regard Americans and Germans as a lot alike, in a foreign country one never knows what is around the corner.

I came to the train station today to get routes and times for three different trips. This Friday I am traveling to Schwabisch Hall in order to play a service in the village of Westheim next door to Schwabisch Hall on Sunday morning. Going to Schwabisch Hall is a bit like going to a small town in the middle of Wisconsin from Chicago. There is a route, but it is not direct. My second trip will be to Strasbourg, France from Freiburg, up and back in one day. The trip is short and I am told that skipping one day of class is worth the journey. My third trip will be to the Frankfurt airport on August 3 in order to return to Chicago on August 4.

One reason my time here has been so pleasant is that I made plans before I left home, making sure as Miss Perry would have said that I was getting "all my ducks in a row." And I will not be overwhelmed with tasks upon my return because I ordered all of the music for the Holy Cross Choir before I left, and done other things, too. The primary thing I have not done in Germany is practice piano, having only played for a little while three times. There is nothing I do in my everyday life that is more cathartic and/or therapeutic than playing the piano. Rarely do I play that I do not feel better than I did when I sat down in the first place. Particularly satisfying is playing a piece from memory like I did last November with my Poulenc program. So perhaps the next question is, "What's next?" Right now I do not know, but the answer will come.

We are in need of God providing a tenor or two for our choir, particularly since the departure of Chris Johnson. (We will not turn away singers for the other sections either.) We certainly wish Chris and Rebecca well as they begin a new adventure, but the discovery of a tenor to take Chris's place before they left would have been nice. Miss Perry had a saying that is somewhat relevant in spirit, if not in fact, to our situation. Every once in a while she would declare that "Tenors are extinct." This is one time when I would welcome proof that one of her adages is not approaching veracity.

One benefit of being a lifelong Church goer is that some Bible verses are always near at hand. For the moment one which seems most relevant is, "Be still and know that I am God" from the psalms. The people at the table next to me here in the Starbucks have no clue that I am sitting here collecting myself. And yet, my hope for them and for you is that the peace which passes understanding will be with us all.



Update from North Carolina

by Wayne Luplow



You may recall that in the spring of both 2017 and 2018, Holy Cross participated in *Adult Service Trips* to help launch a new charter school near Asheville, North Carolina. FernLeaf was initiated by our son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Molly Luplow, to provide an alternate schooling opportunity for that area.

FernLeaf (fernleafccs.org) opened its doors in August of 2016 with grades K-3, adding a higher grade each year. The school has just begun its third year, now with grades K-5. The current enrollment is 272, supported by 30 staff members. A key component of the FernLeaf model is the commitment to community and building a strong school culture. Family and community events including schoolwide potlucks, the annual FernLeaf Frond Festival, and schoolwide hike to mountaintops are a regular occurrence.

Holy Cross' support efforts in 2016 and 2017 set the stage for this fantastic start-up at a time when local family support had not yet congealed and was, and still is, most appreciated.

With much gratitude,
Michael Luplow and Wayne Luplow

FernLeaf's Mission

To foster a rich learning environment that embodies the essence of community, understanding, and the human spirit. Grounded in humble respect for our surroundings, the individual, and the world as a whole, we seek to engage the unique passions and aptitudes of our school community so that in addition to achieving academic fluency, students become thoughtful, compassionate, and engaged.

Thank You, Holy Cross Community

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



Thank you Holy Cross for the 50 NIV large print Bibles you sent to be used for our Bible studies and worship services at Two Strike. This is a great gift. Also thank you for assistance with my plumbing bill at the doublewide. I am so thankful to have the doublewide at Bishop Hare Episcopal Mission Center. This is where we meet for our Bible studies in the Mission area and for church services at the St. James Chapel located here.

We held a Family Camp July 20, 21, and 22 at Outlaw Ranch in the Black Hills of South Dakota. It brought our Lakota friends from Rosebud and Rapid City SD together for another great experience. We enjoyed wonderful meals and fellowship. Crafts and AA meetings. Pastor Wilbur Holz and Penny Steinekin Associate minister from Trinity Lutheran in Rapid City led our worship services on Friday and Saturday evening. Russ and Dalaina Salamun from TLC led the music ministry and administrated the camp activities as well as transportation to and from camp. Other members from Trinity helped with activities and made it all happen along with 35 Lakota friends from Two Strike.

Two Strike Youth Center provided a meeting place for families there the third weekend in August. Pastor Harold Marshall, the Lakota Pastor who comes to us with his family and church members from eastern SD offered to come once monthly to lead us in worship at Two Strike. We planned a meal together and a clothing give-away from Pastor Marshall's Church.

We want to thank Holy Cross for their generous support of the Lakota Family Camp at Trinity. And also thank you for the generous gift to the Tree of Life Ministry at Rosebud. Thank you Holy Cross for your prayers and support these past many years. You are loved and appreciated.

- Save the Date! -



Holy Cross' 10th annual **Cookie Walk** to benefit mission work in the Two Strike Community on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in SD.

Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 am



Building Bridges to Understanding: Active Faith in the Public Square

Friday, September 28 at 7 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
2245 Walters Ave., Northbrook (847) 498-3060

Join us as we strive to open a dialogue to consider how people of faith can better relate to one another and the community at large in addressing the issues of society, poverty, and the environment. We invite you to this community conversation with guest speakers/facilitators: Stephen Bouman, John Bouman and Mark Bouman.

See fliers at HCLC or call Grace Lutheran Northbrook directly.



coolministries.org

- ▶ **Food of the month for September: Canned Fruit**
The COOL Ministry food pantry also accepts fresh produce if your garden bounty overflows. Contact Gayle at (847) 662-1230 to arrange a drop off!
- ▶ **COOL Pantry West is Closing** It is with heavy hearts that COOL must announce the closing of one of our two pantry locations, Pantry West in Ingleside. Effective August 1, 2018, COOL West will no longer be in operation. COOL Pantry East will continue to operate as usual Monday through Friday from 10 am to 1:45 pm and one Saturday per month.



Lutheran Campus Ministries

Many young adults are beginning their preparations to start a new academic year at colleges and universities across the country. This is the perfect time to point them and their families to the Lutheran Campus Ministry Student Referral Site. A simple referral will give us an opportunity to welcome them to our student faith communities during this important time in their lives. The referral site is located at:
lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals

For questions regarding the student referrals or about Lutheran Campus Ministry, please contact Don Romsa at don.romsa@elca.org



Ten Years of First-Generation Success!

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 20
5 - 8 pm

Event Location: Glen Flora Country Club
2200 Sheridan Road, Waukegan

All-Inclusive dinner, drink and dessert price per person:
\$70 until September 1 (Early Bird Pricing)
\$80 after September 1

Purchase tickets by Oct 12: waukegantocollege.org/events

Celebration! Childcare Provides Spanish-Language Books to Children in Mexico

by Wayne Luplow

Former Holy Cross members Anna and Don Sime now make their home near a very poor community in Mexico. They are very active in aiding the disenfranchised community of San Juan Cosala (in the Mexican state of Jalisco about an hour away from Guadalajara). Basic needs such as food, clothing and education are lacking in San Juan. Recently a one-room building was renovated, a bathroom added and shelves built to form a library. Never have any of these children ever seen a library nor a bookstore. Some of the local women have volunteered to read to the children, but they have precious few books to read.

Hearing of this, Celebration! Childcare Director, Kathy Pfister, used credits that accrued as the result of books purchased from the Scholastic Book Fairs they host. She was able to obtain forty Spanish-language children's books for this new San Juan library. Before arranging for transportation to Mexico, many of the Celebration! Childcare children wrote notes to the children of San Juan Cosala, telling them about what they are doing in our Early Childhood Ministries here at Holy Cross and inquiring about the activities in their community in Mexico. It will be interesting to see what responses might come back!

This activity is but one of the many community outreach projects undertaken by Celebration! Childcare and CrossWays Preschool programs.

Pack Meals Now!

Wednesday, September 26
from 12 - 2 pm



Pre-register to pack meals with other Holy Cross members and friends at the Libertyville FMSC location. Volunteers may also use the link to sign up for other days to pack meals. Minimum age to volunteer is 5 years. Student/adult ratio applies. For more dates and times, visit fmsc.org

Feed My Starving Children
742 East Park Avenue (Hwy 176)
Libertyville



Register at: bit.ly/packFMSC



MOBILEPACK

Last year we packed 544,320 meals! Let's pack three quarters of a million meals in 2018! Stay tuned for more information.

Friday, Nov 30
Saturday, Dec 1
Sunday, Dec 2

Pet Factory
845 E High Street
Mundelein

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**2018/19 Sunday School at Holy Cross
Begins on Rally Day, September 9 at 9:30 am**

Children attend the beginning of worship with parents and dismiss to classrooms for Sunday School following the children's message.

**Core
Stories**

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

Bring your school backpacks on Rally Day to be blessed!

Core Stories - Ages 3-5/Kindergarten (by 9/1/2018)

Young students will learn about core Bible stories through listening and participating in fun activities.

Deep Blue - Grades 1-5

Students go through five rotations throughout the year, focusing on learning different lessons in a variety of ways exploring topics such as art, drama, games, spiritual practices, science and service.

Sunday School Registration

If your child was enrolled in Sunday School last year, you are all set. But if there are address, email or phone changes you need to make, or if you need to register a new student, fill out a Sunday School registration form and bring along on Rally Day or submit to office@holycrosschurch.org

Registration form available at holycrosschurch.org/resources

Sunday School Year at a Glance

- September 8 *Milestone Ministry:* Welcome to Sunday School For 3 year olds and those new to Sunday School
- September 9 Rally Day and bring your school backpack to church for a blessing.
- September 30 *Milestone Ministry:* Commissioning & Blessing of the Teachers
- November 18 Sunday School Service Project
- November 25 No Sunday School (Thanksgiving weekend)
- December 2&9 Advent activities
- December 16 Sunday School Christmas Program
- December 23 - January 6 No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
- February 17 No Sunday School (President's Day weekend)
- March 24/31 No Sunday School (Spring Break)
- April 21 No Sunday School (Easter)
- May 5 Sunday School Spring Sing
- May 12 Field Day - Last day of Sunday School

Lord, Teach Us To Pray!

Raising up children in faith is one of the callings we have as Christians. A key component to faith development is also the development of a prayer life. As you think back to your own childhood, who taught you to pray? Who modeled it for you?

The first rotation of Sunday school this year will focus on the heartfelt request the disciples ask, "Lord, teach us to pray!" as we explore **The Lord's Prayer** and the idea of prayer. Students will even have an opportunity to try the Holy Cross prayer labyrinth as a part of the Spiritual Practices rotation.

At this writing we are still in need of teachers and youth helpers for Sunday School. Teachers in grades 1 - 5 teach a single lesson for 4 - 5 consecutive sessions, once to each age group. This is a great chance to serve with a shorter time commitment. Youth helpers get to know the kids in each grade level, assist in the classroom activity, and help the teacher as needed. This is an ideal area of service for those 6th grade and older. Youth helpers are needed for ages 3 - 5th grade.

If teaching or helping is something you are interested in, please sign up using this case-sensitive link bit.ly/SSvolunteer18 or contact Pastor Sally at pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org



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.

Welcome to Sunday School

(3 year olds and new students)

Saturday, September 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 am

We welcome our three year olds (By September 1) and other new students to offer an introduction of what mornings at Sunday School will look like. RSVP to office staff by email office@holycrosschurch.org by **Wednesday, September 5.**

Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 9 during 9:30 am worship

First day of 2018/19 Sunday School

The Sunday School year begins with a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship and a welcome of students beginning the Sunday School year. This milestone marks the beginning of each new learning year. Remember to bring your school backpack!

Milestone Ministries

Introduction to Confirmation/Acolyting (Grade 6)

Friday, September 14 from 7 - 9 pm *Incoming 6th graders*
Starting a new year with all new faces can make anyone nervous. This night is just for 6th graders to get to know one another through activities and games, sharing pizza and snacks as well as covering acolyte orientation. Small group leaders are encouraged to attend to get to know the group. A few parents to help out are also appreciated.

To assist with food planning, RSVP to the office at office@holycrosschurch.org by **Tuesday, September 11**.

First Communion Prep Class (Grade 2)

Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 am
Welcoming young people to the Lord's Table is a wonderful milestone in a young person's life. The tradition at Holy Cross is to offer First Communion classes to those in 2nd grade and older as a part of our milestone ministry. Join us for a chance to learn about the history of the Passover and the last supper, participate in baking your own communion bread, learning about the Jewish Seder plate and an introduction to being an acolyte assistant.

First Communion will take place **Sunday, October 7** which is World Communion Sunday.

To register for this class, email office@holycrosschurch.org by **Friday, September 14**.

First Communion (on World Communion Sunday)

Sunday, October 7 during 9:30 am worship
Students who attended the prep class on September 22 will receive their first Holy Communion during worship.

Timing for the First Communion Prep Class and celebrating First Communion doesn't work this time around? Alternatively, the prep class and First Communion is also offered in the following spring.

Spring First Communion Prep Class
Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 to 11:30am

Spring First Communion
Maudy Thursday, April 18 at 7:30pm worship.

Please notify the church office if your child intends to attend the prep class and First Communion in the spring at office@holycrosschurch.org

Blessing and Commissioning of Teachers

Sunday, September 30 during 9:30 am worship
We honor, lift up and ask for God's blessing upon the service of teachers, coordinators, helpers, substitutes, directors and staff in all areas of Christian education at HCLC.

CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

2018/19 Confirmation Year Begins with Parent/Student Night

Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 pm
6th - 9th grade students and parents

All 6 - 8th grade students should have received a confirmation registration packet at the end of July. If you did not, please let the office know and we will get one out to you.

6th - 8th Grade Confirmation Sessions * 6:30 - 8pm

Meets in sanctuary

September 16	Session 1
September 23	Session 2
September 30	Session 3
October 7	No Confirmation (Columbus Day weekend)

* Confirmation Band begins at 6pm!

9th Grade Confirmands

September 9	Parent/Student night at Confirmation
September 16	9th grade Confirmation meets
September 22 - 23	9th grade Retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp (Depart at 8:30 am, return 3 pm)
October 27	Confirmation dress rehearsal and pictures (8:30 am)
October 28	Confirmation service (11 am)

High School Youth: Serving Changes Everything!

After a summer of learning and growing, here is a chance to gather with your friends to get reacquainted after the school year start by serving your neighbor and community. All high schoolers are invited and encouraged to help with **Adopt-a-Highway Roadside Cleanup** on **Saturday, September 8**, meeting in the gathering space by 9 am sharp. See page 5 for more information.

**Richardson
Adventure Farm
Corn Maze & Hayride!**
**Saturday, October 13
5 - 9 pm**



Reservations at Richardson Adventure Farm are from 5 - 9 pm with a hayride at 7 pm. Final cost and transportation details to come! Friends are welcome. RSVP by Sunday, October 7 to the office or Pastor Sally. Adult chaperones needed.
pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org



Celebration! Childcare



CrossWays Preschool

Why Have a Children's Garden?

We have had so much fun this summer in our outdoor classroom garden. We have taken several bundles of green onions to the COOL food pantry and are eager for tomatoes to turn red so they can also be brought over. You may view our children's garden from inside through the windows in the west wing. Stop by!

We are very thankful to have such a great space to enjoy on a daily basis and create lasting memories with the children. We appreciate that while in the garden, children are obtaining skills to help with their development, while enjoying every stage of the process.

Studies show that children practice a lot of developmental skills when working in a garden:

Locomotor skills (running, skipping, hopping)

Body management skills

Object control skills

Fine motor skills such as whole-hand grasping and the pincer grasp (necessary skills for writing)

Literacy skills can be part of gardening, too. Learning the names of different plants as well as map reading.

Cognitive development

We are helping them to think through the processes of preparing soils, planting, watering and weeding.

Together time Children and teachers build bonds and create memories from our experiences in the garden. While the children are learning a lifelong love of growing things they experience the concept of where food comes from.

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

Join us at MOD PIZZA for a restaurant fundraiser in supporting CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare



Wednesday, September 5
 10:30 am - 10 pm

701 N. Milwaukee Ave.,
 Vernon Hills



Download the flier at holycrosschurch.org/events or pick one up at church and MOD Pizza will donate 20% of your bill to support our playground upkeep project.

Back to School

After getting acclimated to the routines of school over the last few days of August, the children who attend CrossWays Preschool are jumping in and enjoying all the school has to offer them. They have already had so much fun making new friends and seeing old ones, singing songs and making crafts, playing games and reading books, and exploring the wonderful Holy Cross campus. Even though our school year has started, a few classes have room for another friend or two. If you have a child who is preschool age, and you have been thinking about enrolling them at CrossWays, now is a great time to get them started!

To kick off the school year, CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare are holding a restaurant fundraising day on Wednesday, September 5th at MOD Pizza in Vernon Hills. This fundraiser is being held all day! Please join us for food and fellowship, and feel good knowing that a portion of your sale comes back to us. We use these funds to help maintain our playground in tip top shape! Don't miss this popular event!

We are also kicking off the year with a service project. During the entire month of September, we will be collecting diapers. You may not be aware, but diapers cost an average of \$900 per year, per child. No federal assistance is given for items such as diapers and with 1 in 3 children living under the poverty line, the need is great. There will be collection bins outside CrossWays, Celebration!, and the church sanctuary for you to drop off diapers. We will collect any size, any brand, and will even take open packages! The diapers we collect will go directly to families in Lake County through the Diaper Depot. Thank you in advance for helping your neighbors in need!

If you have any questions about our MOD Pizza event, our diaper drive, or about programming at CrossWays, please contact me! I would love to talk with you and show you around our great school!

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

Diaper Drive

Donate from September 1 - September 30

CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare families invite you to join their service project as they collect diapers for the month of September.

You are welcome to drop off full or partial packages of diapers, sizes 1-5, in the collection bins set up at church.

The diapers will be donated to the **Diaper Depot**, a diaper bank project of Catholic Charities Lake County.

Thank you for your support!





THE FREE SPIRITS

THE FREE SPIRITS ARE A GROUP OF RETIREES AND OTHER WOMEN & MEN AGE 55 AND MORE WHO ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN OUTINGS TOGETHER.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK, ZION, IL

Pastor Sally will lead a joint discussion on *Silence & Solitude*, with the Free Spirits and the Women's Discussion Group, with a time of reflection at the beach. Meet at Holy Cross parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool. Bring along a portable chair if you want to sit by the water! Lunch in the lodge will follow at 11:30 am. Men and women are welcome for the entire event or you may choose to join the group for lunch only. Please let Carol Wasemiller know your plans for that day. clinnea@yahoo.com or (847) 625-0046.

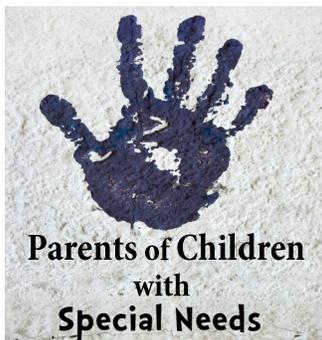
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - ROYAL OAK FARM ORCHARD, HARVARD, IL

Meet at Holy Cross at 9:30 am to carpool, or let Carol Wasemiller know if you are meeting the group at the orchard. Lunch will be onsite at the farm. Carol Wasemiller can be reached at clinnea@yahoo.com or (847) 625-0046.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WILL RESUME MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 4 PM

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. When in session, snacks are furnished by the Lexi Kazian Foundation for the members who attend.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO

DAY SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12 & 26, AT 11:30 AM

Location: Century Park, Vernon Hills if good weather, otherwise Holy Cross fellowship area

EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12 & 16 AT 7 PM, LOCATION TBD

We will meet twice for our Day and Evening Sessions this month, enjoying meals and hopefully getting out to the water if weather cooperates. We extend an open invitation for veterans and volunteers to participate. Please contact office@holycrosschurch.org with questions.



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM

"...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." - Ephesians 3:17-19

Are you interested in connecting with other Christian women who want to learn, support and love one another? Missed out on the fun this past year and wanted to come but just never made it? Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 7** as we start up again for the year. We will launch a new DVD discussion series! Contact Pastor Sally at pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.



PILATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30, OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 & 28 6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING) Adults are welcome to join us for the September/October session of Pilates which will begin the Monday following Labor Day. Class is led by a certified instructor. Join us for a free class to check it out. Class fee is approximately \$80, and is finalized after everyone signs up. Contact coordinator, Jodi Zombolo with questions at jzombolo@chicagobotanic.org or (224) 595-8573.





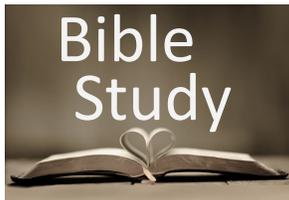
BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7 PM

HOST: KAREN PHILLIPS, 2263 N. ESSEX, ROUND LAKE BEACH, IL

War Paint by Lindy Woodhead. This riveting biography of Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden brings these two celebrated women to life, revealing the ruthless drive and innovative business strategies that took each to the top. Along the way, it offers an intriguing look at their personal idiosyncrasies (Rubinstein collected art, Arden racehorses), their checkered marriages, and the rarefied social milieu in which they both traveled.

Please consider joining this group! See page 7 of this newsletter for more information.



Bible Study

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 AND SEPTEMBER 25 AT 11 AM

Happy Fall! On **Tuesday, September 11**, we will begin our study of the Gospel of Mark with Pastor Bob. If you have been thinking about attending, please join us this month! Bring along a copy of the Bible, any edition.



Common Threads

COMMON THREADS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 1 PM

The Common Threads relational group is made up of volunteers who like to knit and/or crochet. We get together once a month to work on personal projects as well as prayer shawls and blankets for the prayer ministry. All are welcome to join us! If you are seeking a prayer shawl that share's God's love with anyone in need, please contact the church office staff to request one.



WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 4 AND 18 AT 9:30 AM

On **Tuesday, September 4** we will join the Free Spirits group at Illinois Beach State Park. Meet to carpool by **9:30 am**. On **Tuesday, September 18**, all women are welcome to attend to discuss **The Way of the Heart: Connecting with God through Prayer, Wisdom and Silence** by Henri Nouwen. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$12. On September 18, we will discuss the chapter called *Silence* (pp. 35-60).



Men's Breakfast Group

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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

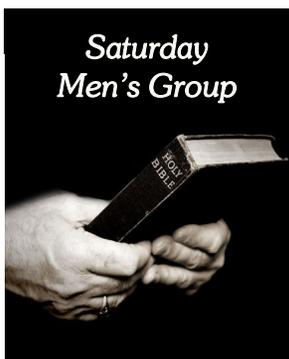
LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

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

Focused on caring for God's wonderful creation, our goal is to inspire our congregation by providing information about environmental issues. We share pertinent articles on the 3-sided kiosk in the gathering space. **Look for an article about cicadas this month on the kiosk!** We are members of Lake County Green Congregations, and many of our members help with the Adopt-a-Highway program at Holy Cross. Through our email list we share environmental news with each other. If you would like to subscribe to our email list please write to creationcare@holycrosschurch.org with "Subscribe" in the subject line.



Saturday Men's Group

SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS - SEPTEMBER 8 AND 22 AT 7 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness.

Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In her book **Grateful**, Diana Butler Bass takes on this "gratitude gap" and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to practice gratitude.

Join us as we discuss **Grateful**. All men are welcome to join us! Please also consider joining the online discussion of this book on Thursday, September 13 at 9 pm. See page 6 for more information.



September

Saturday, September 1

Newsletter content due for October

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 2

8 & 10 am Worship w/Holy Communion
 9:00 am Fellowship Hour
 10:00 am Kasprzyk Baptism

Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Building Closed

Tuesday, September 4

CrossWays PS Enrichment Classes Begin RSVP for 3 year Milestone Ministry due

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
 9:30 am Free Spirits/Women's Discussion Group, IL Beach State Park
 5:00 pm Red Rose Choir Parent Meetings
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 194 Committee, 207

Wednesday, September 5

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
 10:30 am Mod Pizza Fundraiser (to 10 pm)
 4:30 pm Red Rose Choir Parent Meetings
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 6

1:00 pm Liturgy Booklet Project
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Friday, September 7

RSVP for At the Table 9/11 due today

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

Saturday, September 8

7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
 9:00 am Adopt-a-Highway/St. Mary's Rd
 9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Welcome to Sunday School 3 y/o +
 11:00 am O'Connell Baptism (private)
 6:00 pm Red Rose Choirs Rehearsal, 402 and Bonfire, patio

Sunday, September 9

Fall Worship Schedule Starts

Rally Day - Christian Ed Resumes

8:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
 9:30 am Contemporary Worship
Milestone Ministry:
 Blessing of the Backpacks
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
 6:30 pm Parent/Student Night at Confirmation (6th-9th grades)

Monday, September 10

1:00 pm Common Threads
 5:30 pm Willow House Meeting
 6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! Atrium

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @The Liberty
 11:00 am Adult Bible Study
 6:00 pm BSA Roundtable
 6:30 pm At the Table, Pizzeria DeVille

Wednesday, September 12

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
 9:30 am ECM Marketing, 208
 11:30 am PHW Day Session
 7:00 pm PHW Evening Session
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13

7:00 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402
 9:00 pm Online Conversation/Gratitude

Friday, September 14

7:00 pm Milestone Ministry: Intro to Confirmation/Acolyte Training (6th grade +)

Sunday, September 16

8, 9:30 & 11am Worship w/Holy Communion
 W2C Temple Talk
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Financial Peace Uni./Brunch
 11:45 am Financial Peace Uni., 1st Presb.
 4:00 pm Parents of Children with Special Needs, 208
 6:30 pm 9th grade Confirmation, 402
 6:30 pm Confirmation (Session 1)

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
 9:30 am Women's Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 19

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
 6:30 pm Ladies Night Out Planning Mtg.
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

9:30 am Free Spirits/Apple Orchard

7:00 pm Church Council 15
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, September 22

7:00 am Saturday Men's Group
 8:30 am Departure 9th grade Retreat
 9:30 am Milestone Ministry: First Communion Prep (2nd gr. +)

Sunday, September 23

Quilt Dedication Sunday

8:00 am Worship
 9:30 & 11 am Contemporary Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 12:15 pm Financial Peace Uni./Brunch
 12:45 pm Financial Peace/Holy Cross, 208
 2:30 pm Winchester House Worship
 3:00 pm Estimated Return 9th gr. Retreat
 6:30 pm Confirmation (Session 2)

Monday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 25

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty
 11:00 am Adult Bible Study
 7:00 pm Book Club @ Karen Phillips

Wednesday, September 26

9:00 am Quilting & More, 404
 11:30 am PHW Day Session
 12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children pack
 7:00 pm PHW Evening Session
 7:30 pm Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27

9:30 am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, September 28

7:00 pm Building Bridges to Understanding, Grace Lutheran Northbrook, IL

Sunday, September 30

8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Meet CP and CC Directors
 9:30 & 11 am Contemporary Worship
 9:30 am Milestone Ministry: Commissioning & Blessing of the Teachers
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Financial Peace Uni./Brunch
 11:45 am Financial Peace Uni., 1st Presb.
 2:00 pm Troop 194 Court of Honor
 6:30 pm Confirmation (Session 3)

- Save the Date -

Newsletter Assembly - Please Join Us!

Assist with preparing the October newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. **Thursday, September 27 at 9:30 am.**

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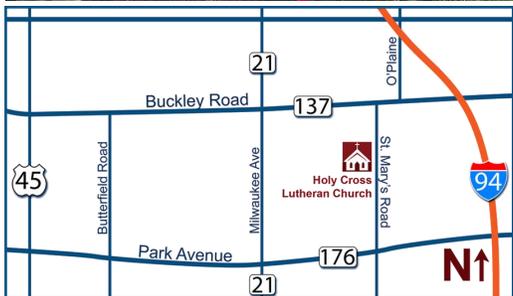


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Phone: (847) 367-4060

Email: OFFICE@HOLYCROSSCHURCH.ORG

You may also view the current newsletter online at:
HOLYCROSSCHURCH.ORG



Fall Worship Schedule
 Resumes Sunday, September 9
 Sundays at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
 First Saturday of Each Month
 at 5:30 pm

AT THE TABLE
 Tuesday, September 11 *Details on page 2*

CURRENT EVENTS

September 2018

- 1 Saturday Evening Worship, 5:30 pm
- 2 Worship at 8 & 10 am
- 5 MOD Pizza Fundraiser
- 8 Milestone Ministry: Welcome to SS
- 9 **Fall Worship Schedule Resumes**
Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 am
- Rally Day** Blessing of Backpacks
- 11 At The Table, *Pizzeria DeVille*
- 16 Financial Peace University begins
- 22 Milestone Ministry: 1st Communion Prep Class
- 22-23 9th grade Confirmation Retreat
- 23 Quilt Dedication Sunday

October 2018

- 6 First Saturday Worship, 5:30 pm
- 7 World Communion Sunday/
Milestone Ministry: 1st Communion
- 9 At The Table
- 13 Culver's Fundraiser
- 20 New Member Breakfast
W2C 10th Anniversary Celebration
- 21 Reception of New Members
- 25 Ladies Night Out Presents Everything
Under the Harvest Moon (6 pm)
- 28 Reformation Sunday
Free Flu Shot Clinic

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day is Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 am

Hey kids! Bring your school backpack to worship for a special blessing!

Sunday School kicks off after the children's message.

Milestone Ministries

WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

For 3 year olds (by September 1) and those new to Sunday School at Holy Cross.
 Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 am

See page 10 for more information.



Confirmation

The 2018/19 Confirmation education year for students in 6th - 9th grade begins with Parent/Student Night held on

Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 pm

See page 11 for more information.