



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE CROSS CONNECTION

Providing Strength for the Faith Journey

July 2018

## The Strength to Love

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**"A Scottish monk from a little religious community outside Edinburgh used to tell the story of the beginnings of his religious community. The three founding members went on retreat together to a neighboring monastery. There they were guided by a wise old monk.**

**On the first day of the retreat the old monk shuffled into the room, sat down and said, 'Now there is just one thing that I am going to tell you today. God loves you. Go away and ponder this.' So they spent the first day reflecting on the mystery that God is love.**

**On the second day the old monk again shuffled into the room, sat down and said, 'Now there is just one thing that I am going to tell you today. You can love God. Go away and ponder this truth.' So they spent the second day reflecting on the mystery that not only does God desire to love us but that deep in our inner beings we have a desire and a capacity to love God. They began to wonder what on earth the old monk could possibly say on the third day.**

**On the third day when the old monk came in and sat down, he said, 'There is just one thing that I am going to tell you before you leave. You can love one another. Now go away and live this mystery together as a community.' "**

**- J. Philip Newell, *Echo of the Soul: The Sacredness of the Human Body***

We are called to live from our deepest strength - the strength to love.

The readings for the Sundays of Pentecost are often about the struggles to love one another. People of faith are not exempt from this struggle and encounter it in their everyday lives. We begin the month of July celebrating "freedom." Over Memorial Day weekend I was afforded the opportunity to visit Monticello, VA, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson wished to be remembered in a particular way: as author of the Declaration of Independence (political freedom), as author of the religious statute for Virginia (religious freedom) and as founder of University of Virginia (intellectual freedom). Jefferson wondered how do we ever discover the substance and stature of freedom if it isn't through our struggle for it.

Spiritual freedom, like political and intellectual freedom, is never sufficient unto itself. Spiritual freedom, like political and intellectual freedom, exists only to allow us the pursuit of what freedom allows: love of God, respect for self, and, concern and love for our neighbor.

During the Sundays of Pentecost, we have the opportunity to discover in our ordinary experiences and in the course of our lives from day to day, the mystery of composing a life that celebrates these basic values of freedom within the deeper context of love. So, what do we take away from this? Never doubt the power of love, but, never assume that love comes easy. If you love, you get hurt. But, if you never love, you never live.

Peace,

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THROUGH  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### SATURDAY EVENINGS

WORSHIP WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION  
5:30 PM

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

WORSHIP  
8 & 10 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
9 AM

A congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America



## 2018 Mission Endowment Fund Scholarship Awards

Please join us on Sunday, August 5  
Scholarships awarded during both 8 am and 10 am worship

All welcome to join us in celebration. Cake and coffee served during the fellowship hour between worship services.

See pages 8 and 9 for list of 2018 scholarship recipients



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## Being Authentic

Fellowship & Conversations for Men

6 to 8:30 pm  
Meal provided by Holy Cross  
BYOB

Monday, July 16 - Authentic Relationships  
Monday, August 20 - Authentic Spirituality

What are the essentials for keeping our relationships healthy and vibrant? How does spirituality give us courage, strength, and resilience in the face of adversity and challenge? Facilitated by Pastor Bob and Phil Kirschbaum. All men are invited to join us for dinner at 6 pm with conversations following after.

Come alone or bring a friend. Registration is optional but it will help us with planning food for each session. Participation in earlier sessions is not a prerequisite for partaking in the latter evenings.

RSVP: [bit.ly/authmen](http://bit.ly/authmen)



Questions? Contact Pastor Bob  
([pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorbob@holycrosschurch.org))

## Saturday Night Live ON THE PATIO

Worship, Holy Communion, and Fellowship Dinner with Live Music.  
Rain or shine! All welcome!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY  
Saturday, July 21 from 5:30 - 8 pm  
Roast Turkey entrée.

Bring your favorite Christmas side dish or dessert to share.

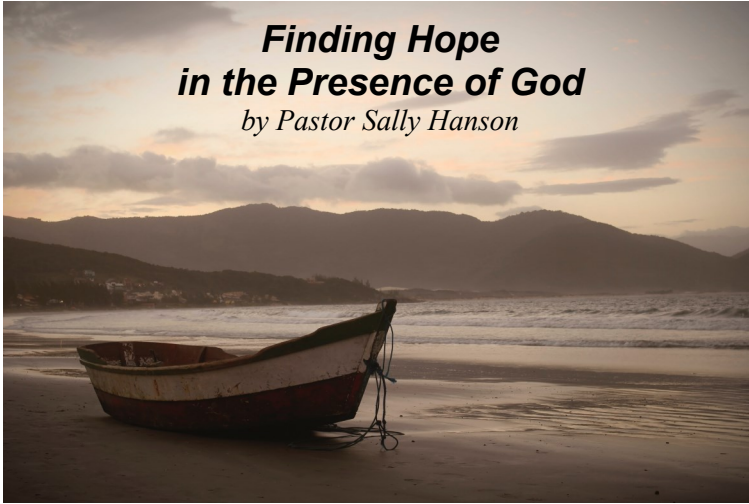
We will provide the entree and water/lemonade. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share to accompany these Italian entrees. BYOB.

In the event of inclement weather, this event will move indoors. Val Maxwell and Manny Flores are our lead volunteers for each evening. If you are able to help set up or clean up, contact Val at [vmaxwell48@aol.com](mailto:vmaxwell48@aol.com)

COMING UP: AUGUST 18 - SOUTHERN COMFORT  
Beef brisket entree.

## Finding Hope in the Presence of God

by Pastor Sally Hanson



Over the last few months, the women's discussion group has been reading the book, ***With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God*** by Skye Jethani. It has inspired fruitful conversation about how we see God active in our lives. What has really stuck with me this time in reading this book, one I come back to over and over again, is the role of hope.

Hope has been a constant idea that is connected with our faith for a very long time. We hear the psalmists cry for hope amidst their laments. We hear Tamar cry for hope in the desert. We

hear the disciples cry of hope to calm the storm while at sea. The sea, a place of chaos, is one that can churn our lives both physically and metaphorically. Hope is a community cry that we do not do in isolation.

In thinking about the boat of disciples with Jesus asleep during the storm, it was never what the people did that gave them hope – no amount of nautical skills were helping them – it was God's presence with them that gave them hope. As Jethani puts it, "Hope does not depend on what's happening around your boat. Hope depends on who is in your boat."

So where, in the heat of summer, do you find hope? Are you able to steal away a few moments from the chaos of the world to reconnect with God's promises of hope? These moments, big or small, are moments where we are reminded of our life and relationship with God, not around or near God, but with. A partnership of love and grace. We are called and claimed as God's children and our hope rests in these promises. Now and forever.

Hopeful Blessings,

Pastor Sally

## Backpack & Supplies Fundraiser for LSSI

Last year, Holy Cross members and friends provided 300 backpacks for student clients served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). Let's do it again!

We found that it was most cost-effective and efficient for the church to shop for bulk prices for the backpacks and their contents.

**\$35** *donor*



Lutheran Social  
Services of Illinois



### How can you participate?

- **Donate \$35** (or more) for backpacks and school supplies. Please make checks out to Holy Cross with "LSSI Backpacks" in the memo line, or give online at [donate.holycrosschurch.org](https://donate.holycrosschurch.org)
- Please contribute by **Sunday, July 15** so we may determine quantity of supplies to purchase.
- **Volunteer** to assist with backpack pre-assembly setup on **Friday, August 3** from 1 to 3:30 pm. Please let the church office know if you're able to assist at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.
- **Help pack backpacks**, assembly line style between worship services on **Sunday, August 5 starting at 9 am**. All ages welcome to assist.



Thank you for helping in these ways!



## MEMBERSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? To learn more about membership, please contact the church office at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.

Individuals and families who are interested in joining Holy Cross Lutheran Church are invited to our next New Member Breakfast and Reception.

### NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 25 at 8:30 am**  
RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 17.

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**Sunday, August 26 during 10 am worship**



## THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone who supported our group of 50 to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in June. Whether you attended an event, made a donation, bought raffle tickets or Youth Stock - Thank you!

We had a transformational experience filled with wonder, excitement, learning and engagement in the Houston community. Watch for quotes from participants regarding their experiences, in the August newsletter.

**Gathering participants**, please email your picture to [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org) by July 15 in order to be included in the slide show for the banquet. Also watch for an email inviting you and your family to sign up to volunteer for the 2018 Youth Stockholders Banquet.

## 2018 Youth Stockholders Banquet

**Sunday, July 29 at 11:30 am**  
*Fellowship Area*

RSVP by Monday, July 23 to  
[office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org)  
or (847) 367-4060

Through your generous donations, we raised \$2,325 in Youth Stock sales towards our trip. Want to hear about our experience in person? All Youth Stockholders are invited to join us along with all of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering participants for our 2018 Youth Stockholders Banquet.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS

**Jill, Lia and Kylee Wechselberger**  
June 30, 2018

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

**William Fleischmann**  
June 2, 2018

**Doris E. Troesch**  
June 30, 2018

## Gather 'n Grill

Raffle Results!



Thank you for participating in our raffle. **The winner of the Traeger Grill was Monique Dierker - Congratulations!**

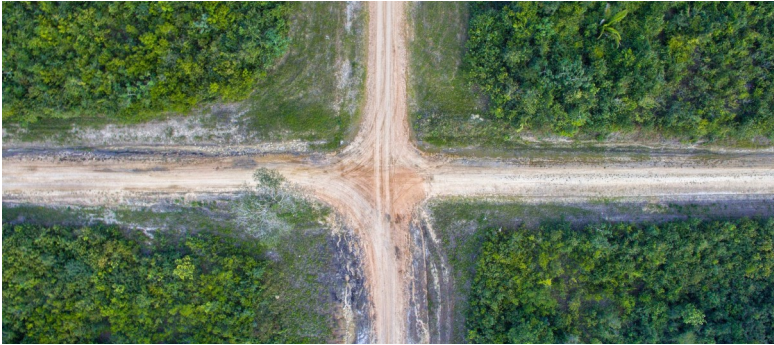
Summer raffle basket winners included: David Brask, Jen Clark, Jim Fehling, Bob Schmidt, Ellen Stelter, Donna Thomey and Karen Yocius.



## Faith on the Go Summer Series

### Faith Walks

by Pastor Sally



As the summer goes on, I see more and more people out for walks, enjoying all that summer has to offer – flowers in bloom, the smell of fresh cut grass, bonfires filled with s'mores and laughter, people on bikes of all kinds, and people enjoying their pets. How are all of these things connected? They are all faith walks. Holy Cross's vision statement is: "Providing Strength for the Faith Journey." A journey is another name for a walk.

So as you are out walking this summer, where can you see God? Are you aware of God as you move your body? How many crosses can you find during your walks – there can be sticks, branches, t's on street signs, crossed shoelaces of runners, things drawn in chalk by neighborhood kids, roads that cross . . . The possibility for these kinds of God sightings are endless.

During our Intergenerational VBS in June, we also took a faith walk using a prayer labyrinth. A labyrinth is a prayer walk or path for one to listen for God and reflect on one's life and faith by walking an ancient path pattern. Watch for future opportunities at church to walk the labyrinth and come on a faith walk with us with our faith on the go!

Did you find a unique cross in creation while you were out walking? Or catch a God sighting? Share your experiences with us on [fb.com/holycrosslibertyville](https://fb.com/holycrosslibertyville) using these hashtags:

#FAITHONTHEGO #FAITHWALKS #GODSIGHTING

## Take the Plunge! Share Your Faith Journey Christian Ed Volunteers Needed

Live out your faith by serving as a teacher and mentor for our young people, and be a blessing in their lives! We are currently seeking volunteers to share their faith with students at Sunday School (as teachers, shepherds and coordinators) and at Confirmation (coordinators, small group leaders).

Please see pages 14 and 15 for more information.

## Blessing

May God give you the grace  
to never sell yourself short,  
The grace to risk something big  
for something good,  
The grace to remember  
that this world is now too dangerous  
for anything but the Truth,  
And too small for anything but Love.  
So may God take your minds  
and think through them;  
May God take your lips  
and speak through them;  
may God take your hands  
and work through them,  
And may God take your hearts  
and set them on fire, Amen.

William Sloane Coffin, *Credo*

Ladies Night Out  
Presents

Everything  
under the  
Harvest  
moon



CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare

**Thursday, October 25**

**6 - 9 pm**

**Holy Cross, Fellowship Area**

**FREE ADMISSION & BABYSITTING**

- 🍁 UNIQUE SHOPPING
- 🍁 APPETIZERS & WINE BY THE GLASS
- 🍁 PERSONALIZED WINE LABELS
- 🍁 HOLIDAY GIFTS
- 🍁 TAFFY APPLES
- 🍁 RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION, INCLUDING CRAFT ITEMS MADE BY CHILDREN FROM CrossWays Preschool AND Celebration! Childcare





**Journey** faith, discipleship, generosity

### **Living Life with Gratitude**

by Steve Oelschlager

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

“Gratitude is not a psychological or political panacea, like a secular prosperity gospel, one that denies pain or overlooks injustice, because being grateful does not ‘fix’ anything. Pain, suffering, and injustice - these things are all real. They do not go away. Gratitude, however, invalidates the false narrative that these things are the sum total of human existence, that despair is the last word. Gratitude gives us a new story. It opens our eyes to see that every life is, in unique and dignified ways, graced: the lives of the poor, the castoffs, the sick, the jailed, the exiles, the abused, the forgotten as well as those in more comfortable physical circumstances. Your life. My life. We all share in the ultimate gift - life itself. Together. Right now.

Gratitude evens the score, none are better than others; instead, we are all beneficiaries and, in turn, we are all benefactors to each other. The first act of being human is receiving the gift of breath, and as we go through life we continually receive. We sit at a table of gifts; we pass gifts on to others. Those gifts should not indenture others to ‘our’ largess, for ultimately we own nothing. Death reminds us of that. But to pass on gifts, to live gratefully, is to liberate ourselves and humanity from the slavery of payback and debt, of entitlement, privilege, and superiority.

Gratitude calls us to sit together, to imagine the world as a table of hospitality. To feed one another. To feast, to dance in the streets. To know and celebrate abundance.

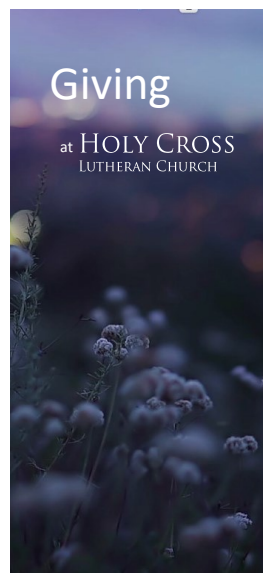
Gifts and gratefulness.

Gratitude empowers us. It makes joy and love possible. It rearranges the way we see and experience what is all around us. Gratitude makes all things new. It transforms how we understand what is broken and gives us the ability to act more joyfully and with hope. That is why gratitude is central to all the world’s religions. As a practice, it embodies the wisdom of humanity’s greatest spiritual teachers: the love of neighbor. Gratitude takes us from abstract belief to living compassion in the world. Gratitude is strongest, clearest, most robust, and radical when things are really hard. Really hard. All-is-lost hard.”

### **Giving at Holy Cross**

Last month you should have received a mailing that included a new brochure about Giving at Holy Cross, as well as a statement summarizing and thanking you for your giving through the end of May. The pamphlet provides a spiritual rationale for living a purpose-filled, generous life, and then outlines different ways each of us can practice that through Holy Cross.

Please contact Steve Oelschlager at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org) or Tom Miller at [FinSec@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:FinSec@holycrosschurch.org) if you have any questions or comments.



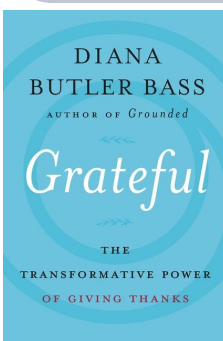
### **Mission Endowment Fund**

The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund was established in 1999. Additional assets were contributed to the Mission Endowment Fund in 2016 and 2017 for housing ministries.

The Mission Endowment Fund provides resources to enhance the Ministry of Holy Cross, apart from the general operations of the congregation. These resources, divided equally three ways, are allocated annually in the following areas: music ministry opportunities within the congregation; ministry opportunities beyond the congregation/pastoral discretionary fund; and in scholarship support for members of Holy Cross.

The assets of the Holy Cross Mission Endowment Fund are invested through the ELCA Foundation. An amount approximately equal to 5% of the market value of the fund will be available annually to allocate to extend the ministry of Holy Cross. The Fund Committee will make announcements in the first quarter of the year regarding applications for scholarship and ministry support. Award decisions will be announced in the second quarter.

Please feel free to speak to Pastor Bob or Steve Oelschlager about making a gift to the fund. See pages 8-9 for the 2018 Mission Endowment Fund Scholarship recipients!



See the Stewardship Lending Library in the gathering space for copies of **Grateful by Diana Butler Bass**.

Also, join the Saturday Men’s Group for related conversation.

Stay tuned for discussion options about this book coming in August or September.



 **THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

EVERYONE HAS  
**influence.**

**You have influence** and the ability to positively impact your community and world. No matter where your influence is—in your family, school, work or church—when you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins!

**The Global Leadership Summit 2018**  
**At Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**Satellite Location**

**Thursday, August 9 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**  
**Friday, August 10 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

\$119 for the two-day summit

**Register Online: [bit.ly/GLS18atHC](http://bit.ly/GLS18atHC)**  
**Promo Code: 18HSFAMILY**

**Learn more about the GLS 2018 Faculty**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5kxBv2Cn2o>



**Craig Groeschel**  
Co-Founder & Senior  
Pastor, Life.Church



**Angela Ahrendts**  
Senior Vice President of  
Retail, Apple



**T.D. Jakes**  
Founder and Senior Pastor,  
The Potter's House



**Simon Sinek**  
New York Times  
Best-selling Author;  
Optimist



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Law School



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**Danny Meyer**  
Restaurateur; TIME  
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Bestselling Author;  
Coach



**Carla Harris**  
Vice Chairman,  
Managing Director and  
Senior Client Advisor  
at Morgan Stanley



**Business Leader Montage**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM8OsB0zowQ>



**CEO Nielson: Try It**

CEO says the Summit is the most impactful leadership experience compared to other conferences  
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**Burl Cain, Warden of Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola**

The culture of the bloodiest prison changed to be a thriving productive prison  
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**Mike Arnoult, Market Vice President of Walgreens**

CEO starts "Give a Shot, Get a Shot" program  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZtowh\\_A1VE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZtowh_A1VE)



**Joseph Grenny on Crucial Conversations**

2014 Global Leadership Summit  
<https://youtu.be/-dKYunkNOBs>

## 2018 Mission Endowment Fund Scholarship Award Winners

At the recognition ceremonies during both worship services on August 5, 2018, twenty seven of our college-bound and currently-enrolled college students will be presented with scholarships. These scholarships were made possible through the Mission Endowment Fund. As a congregation, we should be very proud of them as they are exemplary, having received recognition in many areas - not only here at Holy Cross - but at their schools and within the community. Let us join in congratulating them as they pursue their endeavors.

The Review Committee was very impressed with the responses of these young women and men as they completed the "Faith Statement" portion of the Mission Endowment Scholarship Application. Here are selected thoughts from the Faith Statements to illustrate the sincere and personal responses to this portion of the application:



**Lian Boucek** *Valparaiso University*

"I want to use my faith to better improve the world around me. I want my faith to turn into direct action. By being active through my church and school, I gain different perspectives."



**Jason Edmunds** *Carnegie Mellon University*

"One my most memorable church services I have ever attended was this past summer on our way to our mission trip in Cairo, IL. After the church service ended, the entire congregation stayed in the sanctuary and talked with the pastor about how they had seen God in their own lives throughout the past week. It was a really cool experience and one that I will not soon forget."

**Nicole Casler** *Millikin University*  
"At college I befriended those of all different types of religions and talking to them helped me not only understand their religion better but it also helped me to understand that I am more religions than I initially thought and that comforted me in those times I felt utterly lost."



**Nathan Edmunds** *University of Delaware*  
"I pray more saying thank you, than I do when I need help."



**Mia Clark** *University of Minnesota*

"I have been an assistant Sunday School teacher for 3 year olds and the kindergarten classes for the past six years. I look forward to seeing the kids all week. My faith in God and in people is renewed each week after spending this with the kids. They love to learn and they have faith in God and in their families and friends."

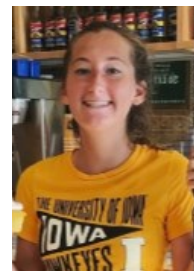


**Christa Eidson** *University of Wisconsin-Madison* "I will continue to rely on my faith to get me through the difficulties of school and guide me in my future plans."

**Sara Clark** *Augustana College*  
"[Rosebud] was a life changing experience not only for me but for all the children and families that we helped. Through this mission trip I really learned about myself and what I want to do in the future."



**Megan Fahey** *The University of Iowa*  
"This trip (Cairo, IL Mission Trip) reminded me that rather than being absent in the dark, seemingly hopeless corners of the world, God is there bringing light and hope."



**Alex Dikelsky** *Luther College*

"It makes me feel good to get to play special music at church because I know I'm adding to the experiences for the congregation, and I like working with the other musicians and leaders."



**Amanda Fischer**, *Augustana College*

"Without Holy Cross and my faith, I never would have met my best friend with whom I have experienced so many of the moments that have really strengthened my faith in God and humanity."

**Jacob Dikelsky** *Lawrence University*  
"I think because of my faith and the service-related experiences I've had at Holy Cross, I especially like doing outreach."



**Kelsey Gaines** *University of Dayton*  
"Not only is religion a component of our education, but it is also seen throughout the community."







**Nicholas Gaines** *Wheaton College*

"We also are constantly asked to incorporate our faith into subjects you would not think to incorporate it. This has helped me see God's work in every aspect of life and has helped round out my faith well."



**Emily Hilldale** *Marquette University*

"I believe that being baptized and growing up in the church has influenced my choices as well as decision making skills."



**Tim Husemoller** *Oberlin College*

"I may not be the most devout Christian, but I still have a lot of respect and appreciation for what the church has done for me and what it does for the community."

**Ana Karris** *University of Illinois at Chicago*

"For me, [faith] has never been about the concrete religious rules or customs that some have grown up to follow, it is more about the relationship I have with God and knowing that he will always love, forgive and support me."



**Christopher Koenemann** *DePaul University*

"The experience of helping with Sunday School helped shape my faith because I got to help others and so God's work spreading his word and helping others on their path."



**Jonathan Koenemann** *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

"God helps me to remember to be less selfish, since we all get caught up in our own lives sometimes, and hopefully hear his guidance on where I am taking my life after college next year."



**John Lubenow** *Indiana University*

"Faith is not a blind hope but rather having an irrefutable trust in God. Faith is the conviction that God's love is endless and that he will be there to pick you up when you've fallen and give you strength when you are weak."



**Isabel Matthei** *Augustana College*

"My struggles didn't break me; they changed me, and I thank God every day for that."



**Charlie McKeon** *Colorado State University*

"My path and future has never been clearer and I contribute this to talking to God much more than I ever have."



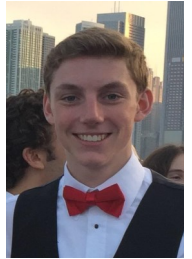
**Leah McKeon** *University of Minnesota*

"It is most certainly challenging to go to a new church completely alone, but knowing that I was going to worship my Lord was enough to overpower the fear."



**Paul McKeon** *Marquette University*

"Whenever I have a troubling decision at hand, I turn to God to help guide me down the right path."



**Hannah Oelschlager** *Northwestern University*

"The congregation at Holy Cross introduced me to worship in the sanctuary, but also taught me that worship extends far beyond our hour together every Sunday."

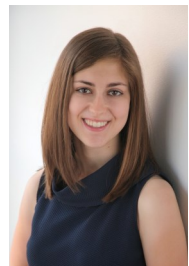


**Emily Partlow** *Wisconsin Lutheran College* "I believe my faith has formed me into the person that I am today, and has allowed me to become a better person in many ways."



**Lauren Petreanu** *University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*

"My faith has played a large role in shaping who I am today, both in terms of service and the relationships I have made with others."



**Matthew Rudolphi** *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* "I learned my actions can really have an impact on other people around me."



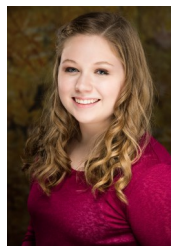
**Allison Southwick** *Ohio State University*

"Being a caring person to me, means giving everyone forgiveness, just as God forgives me and lifting people up in any way I can."



**Morgan Zupkus** *Kent State University*

"I felt like I had to impress all my classmates, but I knew in the back of my mind that God loved me no matter what."



## ***A Random Thought or Two***

*by Randy Casey*

Before too long I will have been at Holy Cross for as long as Johann Sebastian Bach was the chief town musician in Leipzig. My time here, no matter what lies ahead, will not have been as historic or as distinctive as that of the great man himself, but it will have been at times memorable. Bach's tenure ended with his death at age 65 when he was blind and most likely an overweight diabetic. I am already one year past that age and have fought the weight challenge with success. About 18 months ago I lost 47 pounds and have kept the weight off.

A primary way I can control my weight is not frequenting the ubiquitous gelato stands in Germany to which I go seemingly every summer. It also helps that I hardly drink beer at all and heavy food has disappeared from my diet. I do, however, enjoy a glass of red wine, which I have heard can be medicinal.

So, while I do not share dietary habits with J. S. Bach, he did have other characteristics to which I can only aspire. He was a great composer, an outstanding improviser, an authority on acoustics, one familiar with the construction of an organ, a frequent teacher, and a renowned player of whatever instrument, organ, clavichord or harpsichord, at which he happened to be sitting.

A quality I do share with J. S. Bach is that we were/are both dinosaurs. By that I mean we both had/have old-fashioned, traditional tastes, and were/are proud to be that way. Bach was largely self-taught, but was a product of a rich musical tradition passed down from his family. Moreover, he was still writing fugues while his contemporaries were composing works in anticipation of Haydn and Mozart. (By the way, it is interesting to note that Haydn was born in 1732 so was already 18 when Bach died.) Never mind that Miss Perry (my childhood piano teacher and mentor) was profoundly old-fashioned and endowed me with her way of thinking. What is most telling is that two of the three institutions that awarded me degrees in music no longer offer those degree programs because, there is not a sufficient number of interested students around to warrant the continued existence of those course offerings.

Another quality I like to think I share with J. S. Bach is persistence. Bach composed five cycles of cantatas and larger works such as passions early in his time in Leipzig, then recycled and reworked those pieces as the years went on, doubtless supplementing his own music by compositions of people like Telemann, Vivaldi, and Handel. Bach was contemporary with all three of those men, but never met Handel or Vivaldi. Famously, Bach did study scores from all over Europe. This past season at Holy Cross we presented a Vivaldi "Magnificat" in December and a Telemann "Missa brevis" on Pentecost. In between we presented many anthems, including a set of "evening" anthems early in Lent

and another collection of anthems on Good Friday. Next season we will present the Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," a "Missa Jubilate Deo" during Epiphany by a contemporary Austrian named Josef Sulz, six more anthems on Good Friday, and a "Little Jazz Mass" by Bob Chilcott in May. This last piece will be my only claim to being even remotely up with the times.

I am ever uplifted in my work at Holy Cross by the continued commitment of the fine singers who make up the Holy Cross Choir. My only way to thank those saints is by continuing to find the "right" music to be put into their folders. I am also looking forward at the end of the upcoming choral season to taking members, friends, and family of the Holy Cross Choir to Germany in June of 2019.

Praise God my health is good these days. Thus, I may continue to travel to Germany and other places in Europe once my German has improved. I would even move to Germany, but there are several obstacles to that happening, one of which is the German government. It is not welcoming foreign musicians, at least to serve in churches in their country which has no separation of church and state.

I don't think Johann Sebastian Bach had any idea of the overwhelming figure that he would become in music history. My goal is to continue to make a positive musical impression in this postage stamp of a place called Holy Cross Lutheran Church. I sincerely hope you have hopes and dreams of your own.



*by Marge Stueckemann*



**BeeSpotter** "is a partnership between citizen-scientists and the professional science community designed to educate the public about pollinators by engaging them in a data collection effort of importance to the nation. It is a web-based portal at the University of Illinois for learning about honey bees and bumble bees and for contributing data to a nationwide effort to collect baseline information on population status of these insects."

**Rusty Patched Bumblebee** (*Bombus affinis*) Have you seen a bumblebee with a rusty patch of "fur" near its head? These are rusty patched bumblebees, a native species. We are asked to take photos and submit them to the website,

***beespotter.org/beeblitz***

Create an account and add your bee spotting today! The site even offers bee photography hints. By knowing where the bees can be found, environmentalists can try to focus conservation efforts in those places.

*See more Care of Creation news on page 18*



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- Snack



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## How Does Financial Peace Sound to You?

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 **childcare and lunch** 30 minutes before the class starts.

### Sessions held at First Presbyterian 219 W Maple Ave, Libertyville

**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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**September 23, October 7, 21, November 4**

Lunch and childcare begin at 12:15 pm  
12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

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.

Participants need to purchase course materials from Dave Ramsey at an approximate cost of \$120 per household. To watch an overview video, see this link here:  
[bit.ly/FPUvideo](http://bit.ly/FPUvideo)

Let us know your interest using the following link:

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

or email Steve Oelschlager at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org).



**Financial Peace would make a great gift!**

## News from Waukegan to College

by Elyse Danckers

Guadalupe Buenos' path to college started in 5th grade when she joined Waukegan to College (W2C). This path hasn't always been easy; it began with struggles in reading. Through W2C, Guadalupe was matched with dedicated volunteers, John and Elizabeth McDonald, who began their partnership with the family as tutors. Their relationship flourished, and the McDonalds became mentors for Guadalupe, helping her through the challenging college application process. Through these years of working together, the McDonalds have expanded their family - making the Buenos family a part of their own.

Guadalupe graduated from Waukegan High School, Magna Cum Laude, and is ready to start the next chapter. Next fall she will be a freshman at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA where she plans to leverage experiences she had working with Clean Power Lake County and Center for Conservation Leadership to pursue an environmental studies major and possibly environmental law.

At W2C, we are very proud of Guadalupe's and our 12 additional high school graduates' accomplishments. They will be attending University of IL (Champaign, Springfield and Chicago), Lake Forest College, Northwestern University, Denison University, University of Santa Clara, Lewis University and College of Lake County. Together they have earned \$1.6 million in scholarships! This spring we are also celebrating 11 college graduates, bringing the total number of W2C first-generation college graduates to 42. Several of these graduates are coming together to form a W2C Alumni Advisory Board. We look forward to having their guidance for students and energy for the organization! Read more about our programs [waukegantocollege.org](http://waukegantocollege.org)

We hope that you will join us for the 10 Year Anniversary Celebration on October 20, 2018 at Glen Flora Country Club.



### Ten Years of First-Generation Success!

**10 Year Anniversary Celebration**

**Saturday, October 20**

**5 to 8 pm**

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

Tickets may be purchased online at [waukegantocollege.org](http://waukegantocollege.org)



Presenting the 10th Annual

WILLOW HOUSE  
**Walk to Remember**  
 & RUN FOR HOPE 2018

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**  
**Independence Grove Forest Preserve**  
**16400 Buckley Rd, Libertyville**

*Remember and Honor Loved Ones  
 Support Grieving Children and Families*

Register as an individual or create a team! Prizes will be awarded for the largest team and the top three individuals who raise the most on their fundraising page. Can't make it to the event? You can still **create your own fundraising page**, and **donate** to help us reach our goal! visit [willowhouse.org](http://willowhouse.org) for more information.

#### Schedule of Events

8:00 AM	5k Run
9:00 AM	Memorial Walk
10:00 AM	Awards & Post-Race Party
10:30 AM	Closing Memorial Ceremony



USATF Certified & Timed Course

#### Packet Pickup Information

August 25 from 12 - 4pm  
 at **The Runner's Edge**  
 524 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville  
 (847) 549-1108

### **Congratulations** **Northeast Illinois Council** **Boy Scouts of America**

New Headquarters Opens in Vernon Hills

Kasperson Center For Scouting at Morrison Park  
 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills  
 (847) 433-1813  
[neic.org](http://neic.org)

The new building is in a two-acre wooded lot giving it a camp-like setting. The Kasperson Center for Scouting houses district offices, a local scouting history display, conference and meeting space (including patio space for outdoor education and gatherings, and a fire pit with bench seating) and a Scout Shop stocked with BSA National products. Both the Holy Cross congregation and BSA Troop 194 sponsored the completion of the new patio at the Kasperson Center.



- ▶ **Food of the month for July: Peanut Butter**  
 COOL Ministries food pantries also accept fresh produce if your garden bounty overflows. Contact Gayle at (847) 662-1230.
- ▶ **Summer Food Collection** Even though Sunday School doesn't meet until September, we are grateful when the children bring non-perishable food donations to worship services. Thank you!
- ▶ **Help Veterans through COOL Ministries** Food stamp eligible veterans who visit COOL Ministries food pantries receive food, but also each qualified veteran family receives a large box loaded with soaps, paper goods, toiletries and more. Toiletry items for veterans in need may be brought to Holy Cross and placed in the COOL shopping cart outside the church office.

### **15th Annual Golf Outing** **Glen Flora Country Club, Waukegan**

**Monday, July 9 at 11 am**

11 am - Check-in and a light lunch  
 12 pm - Play begins "best-ball scramble"



Prizes awarded for lowest team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, and more! Golf for one includes: greens fees with a power cart, light lunch, dinner, and entry into prize drawings at a cost of \$150 per person.

The proceeds will benefit the COOL Food Pantries and Family Housing Program.

Online registration is available at [coolministries.org](http://coolministries.org)



### **Help Needed at FMSC**

**Wednesday, July 25 from 12 - 2 pm**

**Donations of time and money are needed in anticipation of hurricane season.** 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 [fmssc.org](http://fmssc.org)

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



**Register at: [bit.ly/packFMSC](http://bit.ly/packFMSC)**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Summer Vacation

Sunday School takes a break during the summer months and children are encouraged to attend worship services with their families. The best way children learn about faith is from you!

There are children's bulletins available for coloring on the ushers table for every service. We also offer a staffed nursery for toddlers who can walk through age three for both the 8 and 10 am worship services.

## Christian Education Volunteers

Sunday School teachers are needed! Are you willing to share your faith with the youngest Christians in our congregation? Whether it is as a sub or as a rotation teacher, your service is invaluable. As a community, we are called and we promise in our baptism to raise these children in faith. Help us fulfill this promise through Sunday School!

Interested in serving with our Sunday School Program? Contact [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org) for more information. Opportunities Include:

**Preschool-Kindergarten Sunday School (Core Stories):** Teachers, class helpers, classroom prep people (pulling together materials for the upcoming lessons, etc.

**Grades 1-5 Sunday School (Deep Blue):** Rotation Coordinator(s) of Deep Blue, rotation classroom teachers, guides and helpers. Classroom material prep (pulling together material for the upcoming lessons, etc.), special events leaders.

### Confirmation Volunteers Also Needed

**Grades 6-9 Confirmation:** We are looking for small group leaders, people who wish to teach a session and share the connection between faith and life with our confirmation students, retreat and field trip chaperones and drivers. We also need people to help lead PADS lunch packs, assist with Winchester House worship services, adopt-a-highway and other service projects.

### Sunday School at Holy Cross

September - May during the 9:30 am worship service

Core  
Stories

Ages 3 - 5/Kindergarten



Grades 1 - 5

## Milestone Ministries



*Support for their faith journey...*

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



*- Save the Dates -*

### 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.

### Introduction to Confirmation/Acolyting (Grade 6)

**Friday, September 14 from 7 to 9 pm**

*Incoming sixth graders and new students*

### First Communion Prep Class

**Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 am**

Second grade students (and older students who have not yet received learn about Holy Communion and general "how-to" instructions about receiving Holy Communion.

### 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, shepherds, substitutes, directors and staff in all areas of Christian education at Holy Cross.

### 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.



# CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

## Confirmation Parent Night

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

## Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8

Watch your mailbox for a confirmation registration packet near the end of July for all Confirmation students! This will include a calendar for this year's sessions and Confirmation registration materials. Parent/Student night is Sunday, September 9, at 6:30 pm.

*Welcome Jessica Brown as our volunteer  
2018/19 Confirmation Coordinator!*

## 9th Grade 2018 Confirmands

In June you should have received a 9th grade confirmation registration packet and hopefully by now you have scheduled your Faith Conversation with a pastor. If you have not already done so, please be sure to schedule a time to meet with either pastor as you prepare for your Affirmation of Faith in October.

<b>July 29</b>	All faith statements, forms and fees due <i>* If your faith conversation is scheduled before July 29, your faith statement is due one week prior to your appointment time.</i>
<b>August 25</b>	Back to School Bonfire (grades 9-12)
<b>September 9</b>	Parent/Student night at Confirmation
<b>September 16</b>	9th grade Confirmation meets
<b>September 22 - 23</b>	<b>9th grade Retreat</b> at Lutherdale Bible Camp
<b>October 27</b>	Confirmation dress rehearsal and pictures (8:30 am)
<b>October 28</b>	Confirmation service (11 am)

## Acolyte and Assistant Acolyte Sign up this month for Fall/Winter

Voluntary scheduling for the Fall/Winter Acolyte and Assistant Acolyte schedule is now open, and will close on Friday, August 17 (after which we will schedule your child/children). This open enrollment will cover our worship services in the months of October 2018 to March 2019.

At Holy Cross we schedule students grades 3-5 as Assistant Acolytes (they hold the baskets during communion) and students grades 6-8 as Acolytes. Acolyte training is offered in the fall.

**[bit.ly/Acolyte1819](http://bit.ly/Acolyte1819)**

## Small Group Leaders Needed!

Are you willing to walk with our young people and they explore what it means to be a person of faith today and into the future? Perhaps you could even use a refresher as you explore faith with the youth of Holy Cross. Please consider helping as a Confirmation small group leader, even if you don't have a child in the program. We are seeking people of faith who would be willing to work with a team of 2-3 adults to be team small group leaders for each of our confirmation small group grades 6-8. Confirmation meets for 20 sessions throughout the year, so divided up among the team of small group leaders, you would volunteer 2-3 times. Would you consider giving 15 hours of your time this year school year to guide our youth?

Please contact [pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorsally@holycrosschurch.org) if you are interested in a further conversation or if you have questions.

## Confirmation Small Group Leader Training and Safety Seminar

**Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 pm**  
*fellowship area*

## Summer Service Projects

### Winchester House Sundays July 27 & August 26

Meet in the Winchester House lobby at 2 pm.  
Families are encouraged to volunteer together.

### Worship Participants Sunday mornings

Please watch for emails seeking Acolyte subs. Would you like to read lessons this summer? Contact the church office to schedule [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.

Chair Project Any time you are free! Contact church office. We received a donation of beautiful chairs that need to be wiped down after being in storage. All we need is volunteers to help!

Looking for other service projects on summer break?  
Please contact the church office to inquire.

## Back to School Pool Party

**Sunday, August 26 from 3 to 6 pm**

Holy Cross high school youth (incoming students in grades 9-12) and their families are invited to a back to school pool party on Sunday, August 26, from 3 to 6 pm at the Randall family's home. Main course and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side to share. Watch for more information in emails and the August newsletter.



## Celebration! Childcare



## CrossWays Preschool

### ***Things are Growing at Celebration!***

The children at Celebration! Childcare have been enjoying a great start to summer. They have been playing in the sprinklers, watering the plants growing in our new raised beds in the classroom garden and are being entertained by the various performers we have had visiting.



As we mentioned last month, our old garden beds were torn out and we now have new raised garden beds thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Michael Gadek. Michael and his crew also constructed and installed shelving inside our garden greenhouse. New additions to our children's garden for the 2018 season are a Dinosaur Garden and a Fairy Garden. The children love playing in both gardens. Our plants were put in the garden at the beginning of June and we will harvest the garden produce and deliver it to COOL food pantry in Waukegan. Please visit the west wing to view our garden from the window in the hallway!

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



Pictured is the Libertyville Little League team that CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare sponsored this season. With them coach Dave Pawlowski and outgoing marketing chair of the Early Childhood Ministry Board (ECM), Val Maxwell. Thank you for your time and dedication, Val! The ECM is currently seeking another volunteer chair for the committee. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sally, who is leading the search. *PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org*

### ***"More"***

When I think of the word "more?" My mind tends to drift toward the image of a young child, asking for additional amounts of something they desire. This image is seemingly simple and ordinary, but in reality, lays the foundation for children of a critical skill - math. We use math every day in our lives, all the time, often without thinking about it. We sort clothes when doing laundry, make a schedule for our day, and get out a step stool when something is out of our reach. We couldn't accomplish these mundane everyday tasks without having learned some basic mathematical skills.

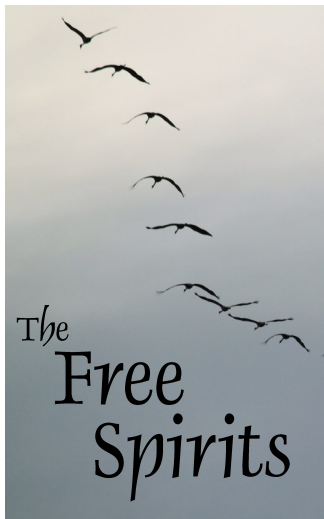
Learning these skills is obviously an important part of any young child's growth and development, and one we take seriously at CrossWays. As Jan Greenberg explains in her article "More, All Gone, Empty, Full: Math Talk Every Day in Every Way" from *Young Children*, May, 2012, "An important role for teachers and other caregivers is to make math that occurs in daily life concrete and visible to children." We can do this by being intentional in how we talk to the young people in our lives about mathematical concepts and exposing them to math related vocabulary. Greenberg calls this "math talk." Taking the time to introduce math concepts throughout daily verbal interactions with young children goes a long way in helping them understand these ideas. In fact, the concept of "more," is one of the first they learn! I encourage you to be thoughtful in how you speak to the young children in your lives, and try to be intentionally speaking in "math talk." You will be serving those children well to help them develop understanding of these concepts from an early age.

At CrossWays, our space is often noisy, filled with echoes of teachers and children talking to each other, often about what you might characterize as mundane or ordinary. Listening closer, you will hear this intentional "math talk" occurring, as we foster and develop our students' mathematical skills, even at the very young age of two! If you are interested in learning more about our programming or have questions about how your child can benefit from an experience at CrossWays, please reach out. I would love to show you around and help you build a program that suits your child's needs.

This month brings our Little Sprouts and Seedlings summer camps to a successful close for the fourth consecutive year. Our students had a blast learning all about trees through songs, games, books, crafts, dramatic play, and exploring Holy Cross' extensive campus. We look ahead to the 2018-2019 school year starting next month!

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





### THE FREE SPIRITS

**LUNCH IN THE PARK, FRIDAY, JULY 20 AT 11 AM, COOK PARK, LIBERTYVILLE**

MEET AT HOLY CROSS AT 10:30 AM IF YOU PREFER TO CARPOOL

THE FREE SPIRITS ARE A GROUP OF RETIREES AND OTHERS AGE 55 AND MORE WHO ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN OUTINGS TOGETHER.

Bring a lawn chair and join us to partake of **MainStreet Libertyville's Lunch in the Park**. Enjoy live music, choose a delicious lunch from among eight food vendors, and visit with your friends in picturesque Cook Park in the heart of downtown Libertyville. *Food Vendors: O'Toole's of Libertyville; Rosati's Pizza; Tacos El Rey de Oro; Mickey Finn's Brewery; Egg Harbor Cafe; Catered Productions; Main Street Social.*

If you prefer to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am with your lawn chair.

If you do not need a ride, meet us at 11 am at the park with your chair!

RSVP with Jeri Powers at [jerilp@ameritech.net](mailto:jerilp@ameritech.net) or (847) 975-3194 cell.



### PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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, JULY 11 AND 25, AT 11:30AM**

Location: Fellowship Area/or Century Park, Vernon Hills if good weather

**EVENING SESSION: WEDNESDAYS, JULY 11 AND 25 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](mailto: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](mailto:PastorSally@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions.



### PILATES

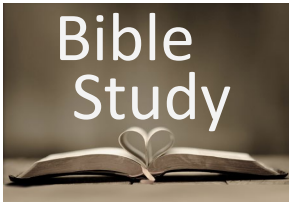
**JULY 9, 16, 23, 30 & AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27 6 - 7 PM, CELEBRATION! ATRIUM (WEST WING)**

Please join us for the July/August session of Pilates. Class is led by a certified instructor. Cost for this session is \$75 for 8 sessions! If you're not sure Pilates is for you, join us for a class for free to check it out. Questions may be directed to the coordinator, Jodi Zombolo at [jzombolo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:jzombolo@chicagobotanic.org) or (224) 595-8573.

**BOOK CLUB****TUESDAY, JULY 24 AT 7 PM**

HOST: FELICIA BRANDT, 1002 MUIR AVE., LAKE BLUFF, IL

All are welcome to join the discussion of *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. Ellis Island nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Then, while caring for a fevered immigrant whose own loss mirrors hers, she becomes intrigued by a name embroidered onto the scarf he carries . . . and finds herself caught in a dilemma that compels her to confront the truth about the assumptions she's made. Will what she learns devastate her or free her?

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY****TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 AND SEPTEMBER 25 AT 11 AM**

**Please note that we are not meeting in June, July or August.** 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 in September! Bring along a copy of the Bible, any edition.

**COMMON THREADS****WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 1 PM**

The Common Threads relational group is made up of volunteers who like to knit and/or crochet. We are taking the summer off from meeting, but please drop off any completed prayer shawls and blankets at the church office. Questions? Please contact Judy Luplow at (847) 367-0242.

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP****TUESDAYS, AUGUST 7 AND 21 AT 9:30 AM**

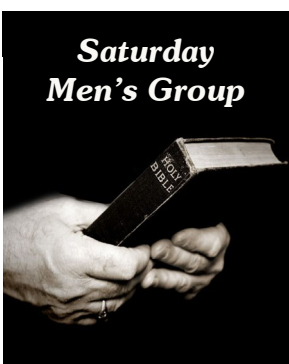
This group will be taking July off and will resume meeting on **Tuesday, August 7 at 9:30 am.** All women are welcome to join us. Led by Pastor Sally, this group typically meets the first and third Tuesdays of most months, from 9:30 to 11 am. In August we will begin reading *The Way of the Heart: Connecting with God through Prayer, Wisdom and Silence* by Henri Nouwen. Copies of the book will be available in the church office for \$12.

**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**

**Katharine von Bora Luther, aka Katie** As part of conservation efforts by the Lake County Forest Preserves, Holy Cross adopted a second endangered Blanding's turtle last August. We recently learned that Katie (named after Martin Luther's wife) had been released into the wild on May 23, 2018. Please visit the Care of Creation kiosk to see pictures of its unique identifying plasteron and to learn more about Blanding's turtles. If you would like to subscribe to our email list please write to [CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:CreationCare@holycrosschurch.org) with "Subscribe" in the subject line. See **page 10** for more Care of Creation news!

**SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP****SATURDAYS - JULY 14 AND JULY 28 AT 7 AM, 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 attending our new group, **Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men** on **Monday, July 16**. See page 2 for more information.





**Sunday, July 1**

**2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston  
August Newsletter Content Due**

8 & 10 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00 am Fellowship Hour  
9:30 pm 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Returns from Houston (estimate)

**Monday, July 2**

7:00 am BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, July 3**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty

**Wednesday, July 4**

**Independence Day - Building Closed**

**Saturday, July 7**

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with  
Holy Communion

**Sunday, July 8**

8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship Hour

**Monday, July 9**

11:00 am 15th Annual COOL Golf Outing  
6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, July 10**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 194 Committee, 207

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
10:00 am Faith Conversations (9th grade)  
11:30 am PHW Day Program, offsite  
7:00 pm PHW Evening Program

**Thursday, July 12**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp

**Saturday, July 14**

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

**Sunday, July 15**

**Donations Due for LSSI Backpacks**

8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship  
with Holy Communion  
9:00 am Fellowship Hour

**Monday, July 16**

6:00 pm Being Authentic: Fellowship  
& Conversations for Men, patio  
6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
6:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, July 17**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp

**Wednesday, July 18**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
9:00 am Quilting & More, 404

**Thursday, July 19**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
7:00 pm Church Council

**Friday, July 20**

11:30 am Free Spirits: Picnic in the Park  
4:00 pm Wedding rehearsal  
6:00 pm Set up for Wood Badge, 402

**Saturday, July 21**

6:00 am NE IL BSA Wood Badge, 402  
4:00 pm Ori/Zucco Wedding  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship  
with Holy Communion and  
Saturday Night Live on the Patio  
*Christmas in July*

**Sunday, July 22**

8 & 10 am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship Hour  
2:30 pm Winchester House Worship

**Monday, July 23**

**RSVP due for Stockholders Banquet**  
6:00 pm Pilates, Celebration! atrium  
7:00 pm BSA Troop #194, 402

**Tuesday, July 24**

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6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
9:30 am Faith Conversations (9th grade)  
7:00 pm Book Club, Felicia Brandt's  
home

**Wednesday, July 25**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
9:00 am Quilting & More, 404  
11:30 am PHW Day Program, offsite  
12:00 pm Feed My Starving Children pack  
1:00 pm Faith Conversations (9th grade)  
6:30 pm Ladies Night Out  
planning meeting (offsite)  
7:00 pm PHW Evening Program

**Thursday, July 26**

8:45 am CrossWays Summer Camp  
9:30 am Newsletter Assembly  
1:30 pm Faith Conversations (9th grade)

**Saturday, July 28**

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

**Sunday, July 29**

8 & 10 am Worship  
9:00 am Fellowship Hour  
11:30 am 2018 Youth Stockholders  
Banquet, fellowship area & patio

**Monday, July 30**

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

**Tuesday, July 31**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Liberty  
4:30 pm Faith Conversations (9th grade)

- Save the Date -

**Sunday, August 5**

**Mission Endowment Fund Scholarships**

awarded during worship  
8 & 10 am

**Pack Backpacks for LSSI**

during Fellowship Hour at 9 am

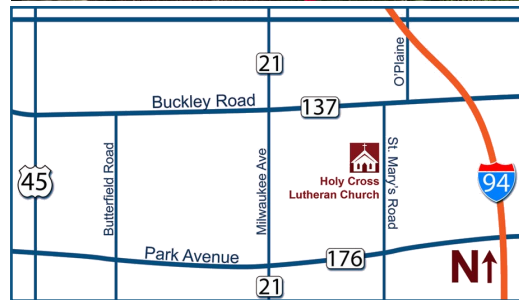


**Newsletter Assembly - Please Join Us!**

Assist with preparing the August newsletter for mailing. Fellowship included. **Thursday, July 26 at 9:30 am.**

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### ***Backpack & Supplies Fundraiser for LSSI***

Monetary contributions in increments of \$35 will help to defray the cost for the backpacks and the required school supplies.

**Donations due by Sunday, July 15.**

**Packing day: Sunday, August 5 at 9 am**

Donate by check or online at  
**[donate.holycrosschurch.org](http://donate.holycrosschurch.org)**

See page 3 for more details.

**\$35**



### **CURRENT EVENTS**

#### **Summer Worship Schedule**

*Memorial Day Weekend through  
Labor Day Weekend, September 1/2*

Every Saturday Evening at 5:30 pm  
Sundays at 8 & 10 am  
Fellowship Hour at 9 am

#### **July 2018**

- 4 Independence Day - Building closed
- 15 LSSI Backpacks donations due
- 25 Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men
- 21 Saturday Night Live on the Patio
- 29 Youth Stockholders Banquet

#### **August 2018**

- 5 LSSI Backpack packing day  
*Mission Endowment Fund*  
Scholarships awarded
- 8-9 The Global Leadership Summit 2018
- 18 Saturday Night Live on the Patio
- 20 Being Authentic: Fellowship & Conversations for Men
- 25 New Member Breakfast
- 26 Reception of New Members



*Being  
Authentic*  
Fellowship & Conversations for Men

**Mondays, July 16 & August 20  
6 - 8:30 pm**

Details on page 2.

**THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

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