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June 3 - Drive-In

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8 & 10 am

Sanctuary & Livestream

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8 am - Sanctuary &

Livestream

10 am - Drive-In

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## Invite - "Come and See!"

by Pastor Chris Neptun

In the May newsletter, I shared a cycle and pattern for making space to grow and follow Jesus. **INVITE, NURTURE, EQUIP, and SERVE.** In the next few months, I will make use of this space to dive deeper into each of these four themes.

When our daughters were little, we would vacation at a cabin of a friend who generously offered us space and time to get away. Those times were quiet and simple. Vacationing with infants and toddlers is about a change of scenery and perhaps finding a sliver of time to do things done in the BC (before children) era.

I enjoy cycling and remember one week in Door County, I found time early in the morning to get out for a ride on the back roads around Gills Rock and Ellison Bay. I was back before breakfast. It was wonderful and I continued this after that vacation finding routes and riding on the weekends. I pushed myself to discover new routes and ride longer distances.

I got to a point where I wanted to explore and ride farther but it didn't feel safe and felt lonely. A friend at work who was an avid cyclist, shared some routes he rode with his buddies and organized rides he had done. As I listened and asked more, my friend sensed I was looking for a riding partner or group and he invited me on a ride. This led me to experience cycling much more deeply and to be part of a new community in so many ways.

Perhaps there are people who feel similarly when it comes to practicing faith. There must be people interested in knowing Jesus more deeply or wondering what it is to be part of a church. Are there people already part of the church who are looking for ways to grow more deeply in any way? The longing to be invited more deeply into learning who God is and who we are in relationship does not go away.

Humans desire community, relationship, purpose, and growth. We desire community in different and life-giving ways. Humans search for this and hunger after it. If we look in our hearts, we find a desire to connect, belong, and be invited to greater experiences of God's creation. I believe we long to be invited to something larger than ourselves.

We remember Jesus' words, "Follow me," from the stories where he calls the disciples. The Gospel of John uses similar words when Jesus invites Andrew and another who are disciples of John the Baptist. He says, "Come and see," when they ask, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" They desperately want to be fully part of God's people. The synagogues and the Temple are more about protecting the Holiness of God. This results in many having little or no part in the faith community. Andrew and the other were waiting to be invited into something more, something different, something life giving. They had been following John the Baptizer who was doing community differently in the wilderness. John proclaimed what many hadn't heard before but had hoped to hear all their lives, "Here is the Lamb of God." Andrew and the other ask Jesus, "Rabbi, where are you staying?", "Where do you hang out?", "Where can we find you?" Jesus invites them, "Come and see." They found the one they had been waiting for. Imagine the excitement. Jesus invites these two to experience the hopes of their people held for generations! More than that, Jesus invites them to actively take part in the inner workings of the Kingdom!

As I share this with you, invitation is not only getting new people to come and see Holy Cross. The invitation to come and see is for every person; first time guests, those who have attended only a few times, those who attend regularly, new members, long time members, volunteer ministry leaders, church staff, and even me your pastor. "Come and see," invites us to what we already experience but also to experience more deeply what gifts God is calling us towards.

What have you been watching and waiting for as you grow in faith? Do you long to experience your faith, this community, the Kingdom, and the relationship we have with God in greater ways? Have you wanted to sing in the choir? I invite you, come and see. Be a worship leader? Come and see. Lead a small group study? Come and see. Take part in Sunday School as a leader or a student? Come and see. Come to Crossroads? Come and see. Join us for worship in person for the first time? Come and see. Wherever you feel curiosity or desire to grow more deeply in faith, I invite you..., Jesus invites you. "Come and see."

Peace to you all,





## The Chosen - Watch Party and Discussion

**Time: 7 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Area**

June 1 - Introduction and Episode 1 *"I Have Called You By Name"*

June 8 - Episode 2 *"Shabbat"*

June 22 - Episode 3 *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

June 29 - Episode 4 *"The Rock On Which It Is Built"*

July 6 - Episode 5 *"The Wedding Gift"*

July 13 - Episode 6 *"Indescribable Compassion"*

August 3 - Episode 7 *"Invitations"*

August 10 - Episode 8 *"I Am He"*

Join Pastor Chris on the following Thursday evenings for a watch party and discussion of season one of "The Chosen" drama television series about the life of Christ, portrayed through the eyes of those who met Jesus.

We'll gather to watch each episode and discuss correlating Bible passages. We will also discuss differences between the Bible and each episode.

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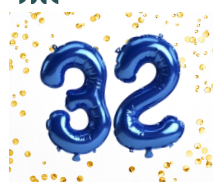
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## Fellowship Events



### CELEBRATING PASTOR BOB

TAILGATE PICNIC  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3

FOLLOWING THE 5:30 PM DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

Pastor Bob will return from his three month sabbatical leave on June 1. To welcome him back and thank him for his 32 years of dedicated ministry at Holy Cross, we will honor him and his family with a celebration including dinner, live music, games for the kids, and special guests. All food will be provided. There is no cost to attend. **To help us plan for the event, please RSVP at: [bit.ly/tailgate6323](http://bit.ly/tailgate6323)**



UPSCALE COFFEE  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4

FOLLOWING THE 8 & 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

To continue our celebration of Pastor Bob's return, please join us for upscale coffee receptions.



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9 AM

Please join us for fellowship, and beverages and refreshments between worship services. All welcome!



SATURDAY  
NIGHT LIVE  
*on the Patio*

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ON THE PATIO  
SATURDAY, JUNE 24

WORSHIP AT 5:30 PM, DINNER AT 6:15 PM

Please join us as for worship on the patio with dinner and live music following. We'll provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You're invited to bring a salad or dessert to share.

## MESSY CHURCH Summer Faith Formation

Following 10 am Drive-In Worship

Sunday, June 25 - *Rooted, Built Up and Overflowing (Colossians)*

Sunday, July 16 - *Do. Love. Walk. (Micah 6:8)*

Sunday, August 20 - *A New Beginning (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

All ages welcome! See more on page 8.

## Summer at Holy Cross

What's happening this summer at Holy Cross? We've got you covered for worship, fellowship, and faith formation!

Hey Kids! Messy Church is returning monthly starting on June 25. Join Deaconess Katie outside for Drive-in Worship which is perfect for Messy Church! See page 8 for more details.

Pastor Chris will be hosting a Watch Party and discussion for Season One of "The Chosen" series. We'll gather on select Thursday evenings. Each session we will watch an episode and discuss correlating Bible passages. We will also discuss differences between the Bible and each episode. See the article on page 2 for more information.

If you're looking for a chance to catch up with friends or make new ones, there will be fellowship events to come together for food, music, and conversation. We'll provide food unless otherwise specified, and the patio will be available for fellowship space as needed on Sundays.

Worship is essential to community life at Holy Cross. During the summer months, worship with Holy Communion will be offered every Saturday evening at 5:30 pm. Sunday Worship will be at 8 and 10 am. Services will primarily take place in the Sanctuary with select services held as drive-ins, and on the patio. Livestream worship will also be available on Sundays when held in the Sanctuary. Past recorded worship services are always available on the church's website at [HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons](http://HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons)

June

**Saturday, June 3**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **DRIVE-IN Celebration of Pastor Bob's 32 years of service at Holy Cross with dinner included. Please see page 2 to for details, and to RSVP.**

**Sunday, June 4**  
8 & 10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream including continuation of celebration for Pastor Bob with upscale coffee hour

**Saturday, June 10**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, June 11**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
9 am Fellowship Coffee Hour  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, June 17**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**

**Sunday, June 18**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, June 24**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**  
6:15 pm **Saturday Night Live on the Patio** (main dish provided)

**Sunday, June 25**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, **DRIVE-IN**  
11 am **Messy Church**

July

**Saturday, July 1**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**

**Sunday, July 2**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, July 8**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**

**Sunday, July 9**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

July

**Saturday, July 15**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**  
6:15 pm **Saturday Night Live on the Patio** (main dish provided)

**Sunday, July 16**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, **DRIVE-IN**  
11 am **Messy Church**

**Saturday, July 22**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, July 23**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, July 29**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, July 30**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

August

**Saturday, August 5**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**

**Sunday, August 6**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, August 12**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, August 13**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

**Saturday, August 19**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, **PATIO**  
6:15 pm **Saturday Night Live on the Patio** (main dish provided)

**Sunday, August 20**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, **DRIVE-IN**  
11 am **Messy Church**

**Saturday, August 26**  
5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, August 27**  
8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream





**Journey** faith, discipleship, generosity

### ***A Mission Bigger Than Ourselves***

*by Steve Oelschlager*

An excerpt from *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity* by Adam Hamilton

“Barbara Glanz is a motivational speaker who conducts workshops for large companies. One day she was speaking at an event for the employees of a grocery store chain. She talked to them about how they saw their life purpose, suggesting that their work was more than stocking shelves or ringing up customers’ food purchases or delivering supplies. She told them that every person they met was an opportunity to bless someone, to live out a higher calling or mission. The employees were inspired by her words, including one nineteen-year-old grocery bagger named Johnny.

Johnny, who has Down syndrome, took her words to heart. He went home and tried to think of ways he could be a blessing to others. Finally, he came up with a plan. Each night he would search the Internet for a positive saying that would encourage people. Then he would print out 300 copies and carefully cut the sayings into individual strips. The next day, he would put one of the sayings in the grocery bag of each of his customers while saying, ‘I put a saying in your bag. I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.’

A month later, the manager noticed that Johnny’s line was much longer than the others. Even when he announced that there was no waiting in lines 2 and 3, no one budged. People wanted Johnny to be their bag boy. He touched them and filled them with hope. Johnny got it. He was pursuing a mission that was bigger than his personal satisfaction.

What about each of us? Are we pursuing a mission that is bigger than our personal satisfaction? Can we articulate this mission and its relationship to our faith? Does the allocation of our time and money reflect that mission?”

Consider joining us for the Global Leadership Summit here at Holy Cross on August 3 - 4 to receive inspiration about your life’s mission and purpose. See page 5 for more information.



### **Lunch and Learn** *Senior Living*

**With Vicky Nicholson,  
Certified Senior Advisor**  
**Sunday, June 11**  
**11:30am - 1pm**



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SENIOR ADVISORS

Are you a senior or have parents that are seniors and considering what the next steps are for senior living. Vicky’s passion is working with the elderly in the effort to help improve quality of life as a passion and a calling. She has observed friends and colleagues go through the stress and emotional trauma faced when suddenly finding themselves as caregivers and decision makers for their parents. Her hope is for seniors and their families to receive the support they need most, without charging for services.

Join Pastor Chris and Vicky after the 10am service on Sunday, June 11 from 11:30am – 1 pm in the Fellowship Area. Lunch from the Picnic Basket will be provided.

Please register at [bit.ly.LLSL23](https://bit.ly/LLSL23)  
to let us know you are coming to  
help us plan for lunch accordingly.



### ***Thank you for being part of Holy Cross.*** ***We wouldn’t be the same without you!***

Please remember that everything that happens at Holy Cross is made possible by people like you who support our ministries through their contributions of leadership, participation, and finances. All the ways our ministries make a difference—from children to seniors, within and beyond—ultimately are a reflection of your generosity and how you see meaning and purpose transcend your self-concern. It is a remarkable thing in our world today. Thank you!

*Thank  
you!*

As we enter the summer months, we ask that you would continue to remember how important your support is. If possible, use our electronic giving system at [HolyCrossChurch.org/giving](https://HolyCrossChurch.org/giving) to automate your giving at the level and frequency of your choosing. We currently have about 100 households at Holy Cross that give in this way. If you haven’t reflected on your giving recently, we encourage you to take a fresh look and thoughtfully consider the spiritual opportunity to grow in your giving.

We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead as we support and care for each other, strive to follow Jesus, and make the world a better place.





## “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”

by Leo Karris

This article reuses and recycles a part of the Care for Creation article that appeared in the October 2020 newsletter. It is a reminder for us to take time to know what is happening in our yards, neighborhoods and common (public) spaces. And asks again, when you think about where you encounter nature, what first comes to mind? Does it feel like it is somewhere else, but not “here”?



“God saw everything that [God] made, and indeed, it was very good.” - Genesis 1:31

Begin by having a close look at and listening to what is happening around you. Listen for bird songs. Can you identify the bird? Make sure you thank the bird for sharing its song with you. What plants are growing? What insects do you see? Are you surprised by any of what you discover? Concerned for what is missing? What creatures (human and nonhuman) does the space feed? Do you see or feel the presence of God and the Spirit?

Peter Bakken<sup>1</sup> talks about experiencing nature and place in this way:

- Get to know place through human and natural history and how it connects to the wider world.
- Say Grace. It is a way of remembering the gifts of Creation.

“Let all things in creation praise the name of the Lord.”  
- Psalm 148:13

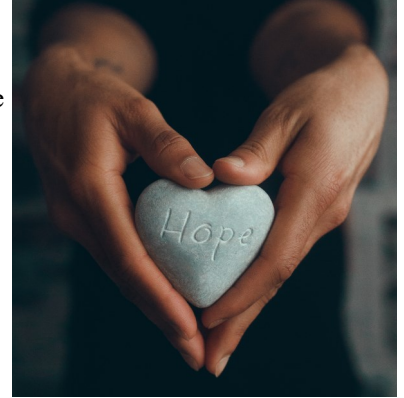
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<sup>1</sup> “Landscape of Grace” *Earth and Word: Classic Sermons on Saving the Planet.*

## May “Moon of Can Wape Towi” “Moon of the Green Leaves”

by Dorothy Peterson, ELCA Lay Minister to Rosebud

Greetings and a blessed time of hope and new life to you at Holy Cross and to our Two Strike families. As we celebrate during this Easter season we are reminded of our wonderful and merciful God who gave us His only Son in order for us to live with love and peace and hope in the challenges of the world we live in. Our beautiful Mother Earth reminds us to look up to the God of our universe and pause with thanksgiving and praise. Thank you to all of you who are helping wherever you are to make this a better world. Jesus’ words to his disciples, “Peace be still,” “Do not be afraid,” are still with us.



The winter season on the Rosebud has been long and severe these past few months. The hardships brought on by blizzards that brought deep snow and power outages have been devastating for some. We lost our dear Shirley Iron Shell in December who left behind her husband Cameron and young daughter Camil. Our sympathy to all who have lost so much.

We have been blessed to have funding from you and others to share food, clothing, and warm blankets with the people. The Two Strike Youth Center has improved its facilities and outreach with a new community chairperson, Donna Hollow Horn Bear. She was one of the Two Strike kids many years ago when we first came to that community. What a joy when I got to connect with her and see her sincerity in sharing the gifts we brought. My church, Trinity Lutheran, has helped in getting these gifts to the community. Our Mission team members, Russ and Dalaina Salamun who drive the ambulance on scheduled weekends, make this a reality. Some of the giftings go to the Rosebud Elementary school where I have been able to work with their Principal in their program for helping those students who need assistance.

We have enjoyed Family Camp in the Black Hills for the past several years. But because of changing circumstances with attendance and funding the Mission Team at Trinity who have managed this great experience have decided to try a new approach. They are planning a Day Camp this summer at Ghost Hawk Park with games, fishing, etc. and a barbecue with families from Two Strike. The Community Chairperson Donna Hollow Horn Bear has offered to help facilitate this experience. It is hoped we can build up our family involvement once again as we share the love of Jesus with these longtime friends.

*Psalm 33:20-22: “We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His Holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, o Lord, even as we put our hope in you.”*

All the prayers that have been said in our homes and at our places of worship are before God’s throne of Grace. He has sent his angels to fight against the evils that seek to destroy us. We live in the victory of Jesus. It has happened. “HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED.”

# #GLS23

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

 THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
Thursday-Friday, August 3-4, 2023

REGISTER NOW & SAVE »

For over 25 years, The Global Leadership Summit has been inspiring, developing, and connecting people from all over the world! Over the course of two days, GLS provides world-class speakers who display grit, innovate opportunities in their industry, and push boundaries and barriers to influence others. Recognized as a transformative experience, the GLS provides immeasurable potential to all those who attend.

The full schedule of events will be available in July.

Register at [bit.ly/GLSatHCLC](http://bit.ly/GLSatHCLC) CODE: 23PHSHOST





### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

TUESDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20 & 27 AT 7 - 8 AM

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

This is a wonderful way to begin the day with coffee, breakfast, fellowship and thought-provoking and stimulating conversation. All men are welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at [pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org)



### SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 & 24 AT 7 - 8:30 AM

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

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

This group is for men of faith to come together throughout the year to share their faith and thoughts about challenging topics. Join us in June as we continue to take in ideas and inspiration from a variety of topics as a way to launch our conversation. All welcome.

Questions? Contact Steve Oelschlager at [steve@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:steve@holycrosschurch.org)

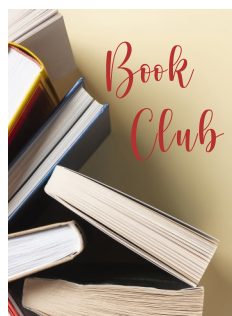


### STRENGTH & CORE (FORMERLY PILATES)

MONDAYS, JUNE 5, 12, 19 & 26 AT 6 PM

LOCATION: CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

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



### BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 AT 7 PM

VIA ZOOM

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

In June we will discuss **A Place Called Home** by David Ambroz, a galvanizing, stirring memoir about growing up homeless and in foster care and rising to become a leading advocate for child welfare, recognized by President Obama as an American Champion of Change. Our discussion host will be Deb Sherrock.

If you have any questions, please email Felicia Brandt at [felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com](mailto:felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com)



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

DAY SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 7 & 21 AT 11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

LOCATION: CENTURY PARK, VERNON HILLS

EVENING SESSION: SATURDAYS, JUNE 10 & 24 AT 9 AM TO 12 PM

LOCATION: SPRING GROVE FISH HATCHERY, 2314 HATCHERY ROAD, SPRING GROVE

COST: \$5.00 PER CAR TO ENTER THE PARK

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



### QUILTING GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 7, 14, 21 & 28 AT 9 AM - 12 PM

LOCATION: ROOM 404

We gather on Wednesdays to sew as a group. Completed quilts are donated to COOL Ministries for families residing in the Family Housing program or to Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to comfort children who are seriously injured, traumatized, or in need. Questions? Contact Deb Sherrock at [debs695@aol.com](mailto:debs695@aol.com) or (630) 267-7802.



### COMMON THREADS

ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11

We will be taking a break from meeting through the summer. You may continue to knit and crochet on your own and we'll meet again on the second Monday of each month starting in September. No prior crafting experience necessary. Each blanket or shawl created is dedicated at a worship service and then presented to the prayer recipient. These pieces offer the healing power of prayer, crafted as an expression of God's love. Request a prayer blanket or shawl for a loved one by contacting the church office at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org). Questions? Contact Judy Luplow at (847) 367-0242.



## Women's Ministry News

The ladies who came together in May to watch and discuss the movie "Wild" really enjoyed our evening together. We had some very meaningful discussions about the movie, the feelings it evoked and what we can take away from it. If you missed this event, we hope you will join us for our next event.



## Volunteer Session



### Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

**Date:** Friday, June 9

**Time:** 6:45pm

**Location:** FMSC, 742 E. Park Avenue, Libertyville

**RSVP required to participate:** [bit.ly/LIFFMSC](http://bit.ly/LIFFMSC)



Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is fun, upbeat and energizing! Please join us as we pack meals at FMSC. We will meet at 6:45 pm to check in and prepare for the event and will pack from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Most volunteer spots require you to stand, but there are also seated volunteer spots available. All able bodied ladies are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend.

FMSC relies on donations from volunteers like you. Donations are not required to participate in this packing event, but FMSC humbly requests and appreciates whatever amount you are able to provide. You may make a donation on the RSVP form if you wish, or they will also accept donations directly at the packing event. Please consider serving in this very important way, while getting to know fellow women in ministry.

## Ravinia Outing

### Kenny Loggins Concert

**Date:** Saturday, August 19

**Ravinia Gates Open:** 5 pm; **Concert Time:** 7 pm

**Location:** Ravinia Festival

201 Ravinia Park Rd, Highland Park

**Cost:** \$50

**RSVP and purchase tickets at:**

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



Ladies, on Saturday, August 19 we will be meeting on the lawn at Ravinia for social time and to enjoy a Kenny Loggins concert. Friends are welcome.

**Update from prior communications:** Tickets through Ravinia are currently sold out. There are a limited number of tickets available for purchase through Holy Cross and they are available on a first come first serve basis. Once the tickets through Holy Cross are sold out, contact Beth Ann to be added to a waitlist. RSVP and purchase tickets at [bit.ly/LIFTravinia](http://bit.ly/LIFTravinia)

Ticket purchases are non-refundable. The show will run rain or shine, so please plan accordingly. Reserve your spot by purchasing your ticket asap!

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact Beth Ann Koenemann at [bethann@holycrosschurcg.org](mailto:bethann@holycrosschurcg.org) or (847) 997-9937.

# MP3

MEN of  
PURPOSE  
PRINCIPLE  
&  
PRAYER

**MP3: Men of Purpose, Principle, & Prayer**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 11 - Session 1

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

**Location:** Fellowship Area

**Cost:** Free. Please RSVP at [bit.ly/MP371123](http://bit.ly/MP371123)



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

The theme for our next MP3 season will be "sacred moments". In Celtic spirituality there is the concept of 'thin places' where the everyday/ordinary moments intersect with the sacred/holy. We will explore this notion and how it actually presents itself in our life and faith journeys. This will be a six-part series held on July 11, September 19, and November 7 with 2024 dates to be announced.

Our plan is to deconstruct the idea of 'sacred' into six components. In 2023 we will focus on three of the components: **S** for sanctuary/refuge/safe place; **A** for ancient philosophies/lessons passed on from previous mentors; and, **C** for ceremony/milestone moments/rites/traditions. In 2024 we will finish with **R** for relational, **E** for emptiness and **D** for deeper.

Men (21+) please mark your calendars and plan to join in the journey.

## 2023 ELCA Metro Chicago Synod Assembly

The 2023 ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly will be taking place on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Q Center in St. Charles. Please keep all Holy Cross delegates and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in prayer as they discern the business matters of the Synod.

In Jesus' Name. Proclaim the Gospel. **Make Disciples.** Do Justice.

1 PETER 4:10-11

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## PASTORAL ACTS

### BAPTISM

**Josephine Lee Wright**  
daughter of James and Abigail Wright  
May 7, 2023

### FUNERAL

**Walter Tyszko**  
May 13, 2023





## "I Love to Tell the Story"

by Judy Frank-Gonwa

Dear friends,

I hope you have noticed the motto of our Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) programs on the literature for CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare. WHERE LOVE AND LEARNING MEET is the perfect choice for our programs! (Thank you, Pastor Bob, for suggesting it when Celebration! Childcare opened!) This phrase highlights exactly what our programs strive to give each child who comes through our doors.

At the heart of the ECM programs is the energy to create positive bonds with students and teachers, teachers and parents, and staff with staff. We strive to develop trust at all levels, knowing that a trusting environment promotes love and learning. We also know that children thrive in an environment where they feel safe, validated, and loved. Learning and interacting positively with others will improve in a safe, trusting environment. Nurturing emotional as well as academic growth in our students is our first priority.

Keeping all aspects of student growth in mind, we offer day to day consistency to our students. Predictable routines and familiar activities help children feel secure and this includes working with the same teachers and staff. As a result, our staff members get to know the children as individual little people who have likes and dislikes and who respond in different ways to the day to day expectations. Affirmation, encouragement and guidance are offered on a daily basis.

Affirmation, encouragement and guidance are also offered to our staff! This takes many forms including positive feedback, encouragement to collaborate among the staff, providing opportunities for continuing education, creating a plan for personal advancement in the field, including staff in decision-making, and recognizing their value to our programs.

When our staff members feel valued and loved, they give their best to their work and can easily support their colleagues. They also can develop a positive relationship with our parents, truly using a team approach with home and school. Communication with parents is encouraged and valued.

Within our ECM programs, we all recognize the strength in the words of our motto. Yes, our mission is to work with the whole child: academically, emotionally, socially, and physically. But when you add the attribute of love, our mission becomes a rich experience for everyone!

WHERE LOVE AND LEARNING MEET—every day, every child, every adult! Happy summer!



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## MESSY CHURCH

### Summer Faith Formation

#### Following 10 am Drive-In Worship

**Sunday, June 25 - Rooted, Built Up and Overflowing (Colossians)**

The writer of Colossians instructs us to "Live your lives in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. Be rooted and built up in the way of Jesus, established in the faith as you are taught, overflowing in thanksgiving."

This Sunday's worship will include a balloon building competition during the children's sermon, we'll have an interactive prayer station, and afterwards you'll have the chance to touch dirt and paint!

**Sunday, July 16 - Do. Love. Walk. (Micah 6:8)**

**Sunday, August 20 - A New Beginning (Isaiah 43:18-19)**

Some of our families might remember our "messy church" series from last summer. This year, it's going to be a little different. Once a month, we're bringing our messy selves into Sunday morning worship service!

The Messy Church movement is out of the UK, and emphasizes hospitality, creativity, and celebration in worship for everyone. It's more than just fun science experiments with kids, but can actually change the way we do a worship service.

This year, we're integrating these principles with our summer Drive-In Worship Sundays, and making an even bigger mess. Built around and following after our 10 am drive in worship service, we'll worship together, share food, and have activities for all ages. In true Holy Cross fashion, all are welcome.



## CONFIRMATION

### Important Confirmation Information

by Deaconess Katie Freund

We've spent the last year intensively reviewing how we structure confirmation classes and are making changes to our program. A letter has been sent to all families with children in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, both by email and post. If you have not received these communications, please contact the church office at [office@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:office@holycrosschurch.org) or (847) 367-4060.

Rather than expecting a commitment of three years from each student, instead, they will be asked to fully commit to six weeks. Families can choose which year (or grade level) is best for their child(ren), and there will be a fall and spring session every year to choose from. Both the students and their parents or guardians will sign a participation contract agreeing that attendance at all six sessions is mandatory. Each session will be at Holy Cross on Sunday evenings, from 5 - 8 pm, with food provided.

Please reach out to [deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org](mailto:deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org) with any questions.

#### 9th Grade Confirmation

This year's 9th graders are finishing their confirmation journey! Confirmation packets are being mailed to families mid-June. The deadline for the included registration forms and the student's "Faith Story" assignment is Monday, July 31. One-on-one faith conversations are being scheduled with Deaconess Katie and Pastor Chris for the week of August 7.

Affirmation of Baptism of 9th grade confirmands will be held on Sunday, October 29 at the 10 am worship service.



## Crossroads High School Youth Group

### Running with Faith 5K

**Date:** Saturday, June 10

**Time:** 9 am Start

**Location:** Independence Grove,  
16400 W. Buckley Road, Libertyville



Hey Crossroads students! Join us for a fundraiser for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Chicago North Suburbs' **Running with Faith 5K** at Independence Grove in Libertyville on June 10. FCA's vision is to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. This is an awesome way to come together as a Christian community to celebrate our faith and love for Jesus Christ, supporting our FCA leaders, coaches, and athletes in the Chicago North Suburbs. Holy Cross will be a sponsor for the race!

Sign up today at: [raceroster.com/events/2023/72495/running-with-faith-5k-runwalk](https://raceroster.com/events/2023/72495/running-with-faith-5k-runwalk)



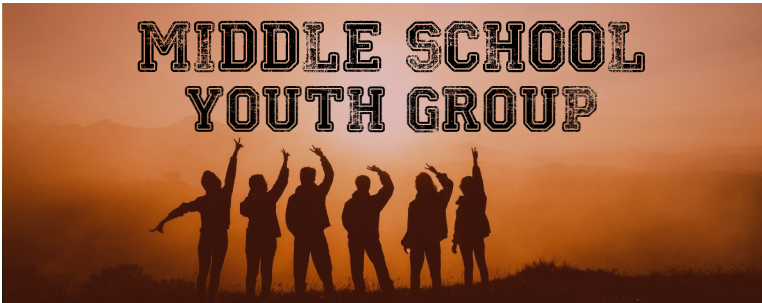
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### New Middle School Youth Group in 2023/24

by Pastor Chris Nepton

Hey rising 6th through 8th graders! You may have heard we're changing the way we do Confirmation. We're also starting a new Middle School Youth Group this coming school year. We're planning to kick things off with a cookout in August and weekly events on Wednesday nights beginning in September.

Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

- INVITE – Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!
- NURTURE – These are faith formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.
- SERVE – We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project (think like Feed My Starving Children).

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar!

- August 23 - Cookout, Brainstorming & Yard Games
- September 20 - Invite Event (Bring a friend for Bowling)
- September 27 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 4 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 11 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 17 or 18 - Serve Event (Service Project)
- October 21 or 22 - Invite Event (Invite a friend for Richardson Corn Maze)

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



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### Crossroads High School Youth Group

by Pastor Chris Nepton

Hey Crossroads students! We had some great events in 2022 and 2023! We're looking to do more this coming school year. We'll take the summer off (Unless you are joining us for the Indy Mission Trip!). We're planning to kick things off again for 9th through 12th graders with a cookout in August, and **weekly events** beginning in September. Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

- INVITE – Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!
- NURTURE – These are faith formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.
- SERVE – We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project (think like Feed My Starving Children).

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar!

- August 20 - Cookout, Brainstorming & Yard Games
- September 17 - Invite Event (Bring a friend for Bowling)
- September 24 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 1 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 8 - Nurture Event (Faith Formation with Bible learning)
- October 14 or 15 - Serve Event (Service Project)
- October 21 or 22 - Invite Event (Invite a friend for Richardson Corn Maze)

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



## Willow House



Willow House provides free grief support groups to families who have lost a spouse/child and are actively parenting children ages 3 - 28. They also offer a Survivors of Suicide loss group (this group includes people with varying relationships to the person they lost to suicide). All family members are required to complete an intake process before attending a group. Willow House is available for consultation, as well as to offer additional resources depending on the individual/family's needs.

For details on specific summer programming, meeting dates and more information about Willow House, visit [willowhouse.org](http://willowhouse.org) or email [info@willowhouse.org](mailto:info@willowhouse.org)

### Volunteer Facilitator Training

Willow House will be holding its bi-annual Volunteer Facilitator Training this August in preparation to help support the monthly family peer support groups from September through May. To apply, please visit: [willowhouse.org/volunteer](http://willowhouse.org/volunteer)



## Save The Date

**Donna Panfil Remembrance Retreat**  
**Saturday, July 15**  
**9 am - 2 pm**

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods  
 21850 Riverwoods Road, Riverwoods

A day for adolescents and adults to find support, comfort, connection and spaces for healing through a day of nature and creativity. This retreat is for those coping with the death of a parent, sibling, spouse/partner, or child.

Register at: [bit.ly/2023griefretreat](http://bit.ly/2023griefretreat)

## Hidden Gems Garden Walk

June 24, 10 am to 3 pm



Tour five exceptional gardens in Libertyville and meet the owners who created these oases. 2023 features natural medium artists showing and selling their work at each site and a tasting table by Libertyville's Chrissoulas Restaurant.

Proceeds from the Walk fund civic plantings, local charities and scholarships for Lake County students studying Horticulture.

See [towncountrygardenclub.com/gardenwalk](http://towncountrygardenclub.com/gardenwalk) or [fb.com/TownCountryGardenClubLibertyville](http://fb.com/TownCountryGardenClubLibertyville) for details.

## COOL Ministries

by Jill McKeon



Help celebrate the 40 year anniversary of COOL Ministries. Let's make this year GRAND! So many opportunities! Mark your calendars!

### Foodstock on The Green

Sunday, June 25

Concert from 4 - 7 pm

29533 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Bluff

Gazebo Area in Downtown Lake Bluff across from Fire Station



Bring a food or monetary donation and listen to live music. Enjoy the free concert.

### 19th Annual COOL Golf Outing

Friday, July 14

Bonnie Brook Golf Course

2800 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan

Calling all golfers! \$175 per golfer or \$600 for a foursome. \$675 for a foursome plus a Tee sign sponsorship. Fee includes green fees with a power cart, lunch and dinner, entry into prize drawings. Tee sign sponsorship is \$125. Dinner only \$40. Dinner starts at 4:30 pm and includes 50/50 raffle prizes and a silent auction. All Thrivent members, we could utilize your Thrivent Choice Dollars for the Golf outing. Registration forms available at: [coolministries.org](http://coolministries.org)

In our 40 years, we have never seen as many people at the pantry as we have this year so far. Each month exceeds the next. We are still collecting food donations such as: peanut butter, mac-n-cheese, pasta, and cereal. All non-perishable food items are accepted. Of course, monetary donations are also accepted.

You may continue to support COOL Ministries by donating online at [donate.holycrosschurch.org](http://donate.holycrosschurch.org)



## PADS Ministry Update

by Peg Chartier



When we talk about PADS at Holy Cross we often refer to and support the adults registered at PADS central with our sack lunches, dinner services and clothing purchases. We have, in the past, delivered a thousand dollars of diapers and pull-ups to support the young children.

I'd like to expound on the numbers of children PADS supports. The numbers might surprise you. Currently, 26% of the people in the shelter are below the age of 18, 7% are under the age of 5. Let's break that down further. In the last 12 months PADS has served 783 people in shelter. 109 were households with children. There were 252 children overall. 80 were under five years old, 118 were between five and 12, and 54 were between 13 and 17.

As we grow the PADS ministry here at Holy Cross, it is my hope to try and include the family aspect of homelessness. Thanks to all of you, what we do now is so generous, but wouldn't it be incredible to start to support these families as well.

Make your donations online to benefit PADS at [donate.holycrosschurch.org](http://donate.holycrosschurch.org)







# June

**Thursday, June 1**

7 pm "The Chosen" watch party & discussion, Fellowship Area

**Saturday, June 3**

5:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion, Drive-In followed by Tailgate Picnic celebrating Pastor Bob

**Sunday, June 4**

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
 9 am Upscale Coffee Reception celebrating Pastor Bob, Fellowship Area  
 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
 11 am Upscale Coffee Reception celebrating Pastor Bob, Fellowship Area

**Monday, June 5**

6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium  
 7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404  
 7 pm Reimagining Team Meeting, via Zoom

**Tuesday, June 6**

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant  
 6:30 pm Red Rose Tour Choir Rehearsal, 402

**Wednesday, June 7**

9 am Quilting Group, 404  
 11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park, Vernon Hills

**Thursday, June 8**

7 pm "The Chosen" watch party & discussion, Fellowship Area

**Friday, June 9**

6:45 pm LIFT Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Session, Libertyville

**Saturday, June 10**

7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208  
 9 am PHW Evening Program, Spring Grove Hatchery  
 5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**Sunday, June 11**

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
 9 am Fellowship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Area  
 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
 11:30 am Lunch and Learn, Fellowship Area

**Monday, June 12**

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

**Tuesday, June 13**

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant

**Wednesday, June 14**

9 am Quilting Group, 404  
 7 pm Church Council, 208

**Saturday, June 17**

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Patio

**Sunday, June 18**

8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream  
 10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

**Monday, June 19**

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

**Tuesday, June 20**

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant  
 7 pm ECM Board Meeting, 208

**Wednesday, June 21**

9 am Quilting Group, 404  
 11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park, Vernon Hills

**Thursday, June 22**

7 pm Book Club, Zoom  
 7 pm "The Chosen" watch party & discussion, Fellowship Area

**Saturday, June 24**

7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208  
 9 am PHW Evening Program, Spring Grove Hatchery  
 5:30 pm Saturday Night Live on the Patio: Worship followed by fellowship with music and food

**Sunday, June 25**

8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream  
 10 am Worship, Drive-In followed by Messy Church with food and activities

**Monday, June 26**

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

**Tuesday, June 27**

7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant

**Wednesday, June 28**

9 am Quilting Group, 404

**Thursday, June 29**

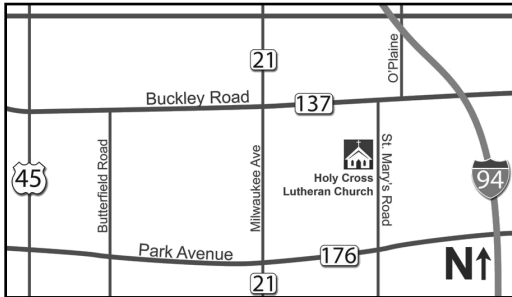
7 pm "The Chosen" watch party & discussion, Fellowship Area



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**MESSY CHURCH**  
Summer Faith Formation

**Following 10 am Drive-In Worship**  
Sundays, June 25, July 16, August 20

All ages welcome! See more on page 8.

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
*on the Patio*

JUNE 24 - JULY 15 - AUGUST 19  
WORSHIP AT 5:30 PM    DINNER AT 6:15 PM

Please join us as for worship on the patio with dinner and live music following. We'll provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You're invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. All welcome! *Details on page 2.*

LIFT Women's Ministry  
*Volunteer Session*

**Date:** Friday, June 9  
**Time:** 6:45 pm  
**Location:** Feed My Starving Children,  
742 E. Park Avenue, Libertyville  
**Cost:** Free  
**All ladies welcome!**



*More info on page 7.*

**CELEBRATING PASTOR BOB**

**TAILGATE PICNIC**  
Saturday, June 3 following the 5:30 pm drive-in worship.

To welcome Pastor Bob back and to thank him for his 32 years of dedicated ministry at Holy Cross, we will honor him and his family with a celebration including dinner, live music, games for the kids, and special guests.



**UPSCALE COFFEE**  
Sunday, June 4 following the 8 & 10 am worship services.

*See page 2.*