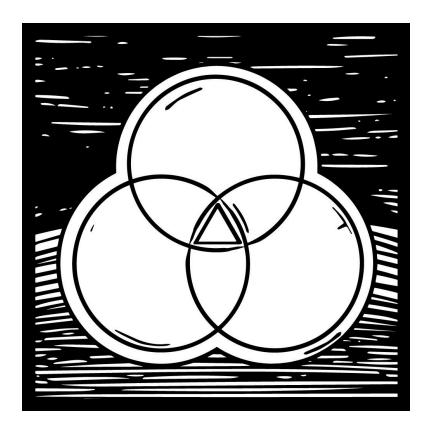
Holy Cross Lutheran Church School and Early Learning Center



October 27, 2024

"Courageous Witnesses for Christ!"

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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

REGISTRATION CARDS are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK₃ – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

PRAYER CONCERNS? Contact Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com. Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

USHERS are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

ON DEMAND WORSHIP View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:30 am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION FUND If you have no other way to church, taxi rides to and from church are available. Please speak with the Pastor or call the church office at 249-3101.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

"Courageous Witnesses for Christ!" October 27, 2024 The Festival of the Reformation

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Opening Hymn #200 (vs 1, 2)		"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (German Melody)
	1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.	(German Meloay)
	2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected. But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected. You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord. And there's no other God; He holds the field forever.	

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

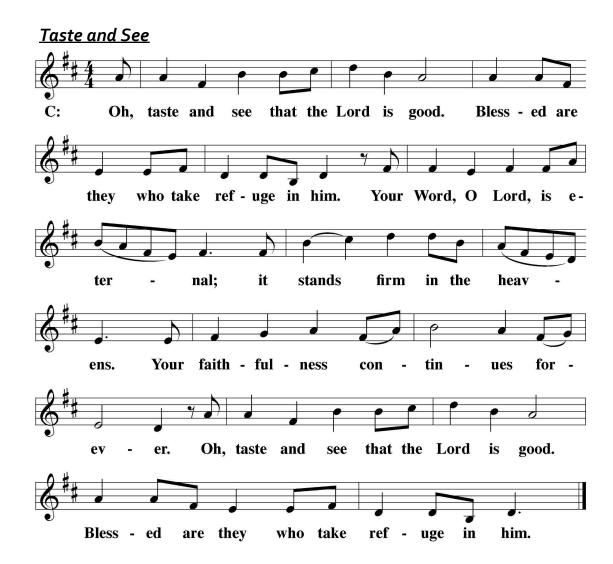
M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **C: Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



<u>First Lesson</u>	 Jeremiah 18:1-11

A faithful prophet clearly and faithfully proclaims the Word of the Lord.

1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 "Get up, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will reveal my words to you."

3 So I went down to the potter's house, and he was making something on the wheel. 4 But the pot he was forming out of the clay was ruined as he shaped it with his hands, so the potter formed it into a different pot, whatever he saw fit to make.

5 Then the word of the Lord came to me.

6 House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? declares the Lord. See, like clay in the potter's hands, that is what you are in my hands, house of Israel. 7 One time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, 8 but if that nation I spoke about repents of its evil, then I will relent and not bring the disaster I had planned to bring against it. 9 Another time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be built and planted, 10 but if they do what is evil in my sight by not listening to my voice, then I will not bring about the good I said I would do for them.

11 Now therefore say this to the men of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. This is what the Lord says. Look! I am forming a disaster against you. I am devising a plan against you. Turn from your evil ways, each of you, and reform your ways and your actions.

Psalm of the Day



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Choir: We will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. Antiphon

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us,

the God of Jacob is our fortress. Antiphon

He makes wars cease

He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire. Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.

The Lord Almighty is with us,

the God of Jacob is our fortress. Antiphon

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

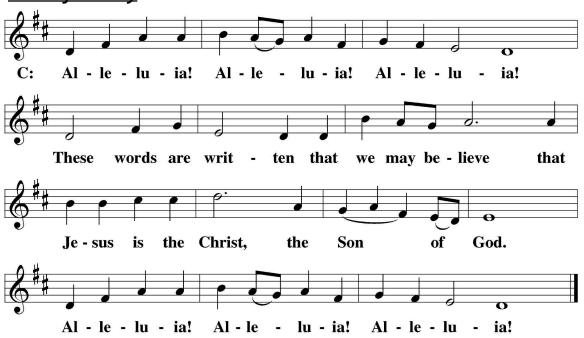
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6 Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7 He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

Verse of the Day



Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

<u>Hymn</u> #201 (vs 3, 4)	
-	(Norwegian Melody)
3 Though devils all the world should fill,	4 The Word they still shall let remain,
All eager to devour us,	Nor any thanks have for it;
We tremble not, we fear no ill;	He's by our side upon the plain
They shall not overpow'r us.	With his good gifts and Spirit.
This world's prince may still	And do what they will
Scowl fierce as he will,	Hate, steal, hurt, or kill
He can harm us none.	Though all may be gone,
He's judged; the deed is done!	Our victory is won;
One little word can fell him.	The kingdom's ours forever!

Mark 13:5-13

5 Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

7 "Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. 9 But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father, his child. Children will rise up against their parents and put them to death. 13 You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Corey Braunschweig Karin Conklin and Courtney David Kass and Aspen and Avalon James and Jamie Role Carissa Schneider

<u>The Prayer of the Church</u>

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

M: God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind [especially _____]. Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Your fatherly will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the gift You have prepared for us and all who wait for His appearing;

C: We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would seek to overthrow your Son And to destroy what he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone; Defend your Christendom that we May sing your praise eternally.

> 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife, And lead us out of death to life.

<u>Closing Prayer</u>

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



<u>Attendance</u>

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Ballentin,, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

October 27, 2024

Calendar for the Week – October 28 - Nov 3

Monday

- Worship 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study 10:00 am
- Public School Confirmation 4:30 pm
- Adult Handbells 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir 7:00 pmo

Sunday

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am

ALTAR FLOWERS were given by Tami Reid for her granddaughter Hailey Sawyer's birthday.

Please pray for our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 10/15/24 - 10/21/24 \$15,519.34 TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 10/21/24 \$223,798.27 FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS \$252,307.68 FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED \$820,000

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Want an easy way to witness to a friend, relative or neighbor? Share Sunday's sermon link with them. Or watch it devotionally yourself. 10/20/24 - "Take My Life and Let It Be...Impressed" - Pastor Dustin Yahnke https://vimeo.com/1021440238

FALL BACK! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Next Sunday, November 3, marks the official end of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Thank you!

CALL NEWS

Rebecca Graumann has received the Call to serve as our 4th grade teacher beginning next school year. Currently, Rebecca serves as the Early Learning Center Director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson. Please keep her, Holy Cross and St. Paul's in your prayers as she deliberates her Call to our school. (We're so thankful that Becky Cleven is temporarily serving a one year Call as our 4th grade teacher while we seek someone to fill that role with a permanent Call.)

DISASTER RELIEF

Donations for disaster relief, including recent hurricanes, can be made online at <u>els.org/donate</u> Choose "World Needs Fund- Disaster Relief."

YOUTH PACKER PARTY

Mark it on your calendars - the Youth Group Packer Party will be November 17th, Packers vs. Bears! We'll meet in the Fireside Room after the second service, around 11:30 a.m. If you'd like to attend, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAD2CA1F85-52623619-youth</u>. Once we have a rough head count of attendees, we will set up a food sign-up as well. Bring a friend, your team's apparel, and we hope to see you there!

DO YOU HAVE A PASTOR?

Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod has produced a series of very well done, brief videos to be used as outreach by local congregations on Facebook. The videos are simple, gentle, thought-provoking invitations for people who don't have a pastor. The videos explain the spiritual care that a pastor can provide and the critical role a pastor can play in their lives. The theme of each of the videos is "Do You Have a Pastor?" If you use Facebook, please watch for these on the Holy Cross Facebook page. We'll be posting a new one every week. If you could share these posts, and spread the word, that would be great! Let's pray more people seek out pastoral care. Thanks!

VETERANS DAY

Our school's Veterans Day program will be on <u>Nov. 8th at 6PM</u> in the school gymnasium. Come join us as we celebrate our veterans! Our theme this year is "My Voice in America's Democracy." We will look at people and places that have shaped our country. Please send in names of veterans, their military branch, and their years of service to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org. Treats will follow the program.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Dear fellow believers, the Holy Cross Church Elders would like to offer a profound THANK YOU to our pastors for all their dedication to our Lord and his flock at Holy Cross. October is Pastor appreciation month, and we are extending this invitation to show your thanks by giving Pastor Bartels and Pastor VanKampen a note of gratitude and/or a small gift if you would like. Our church, school and early learning center are so blessed to have these two faithful servants leading and teaching us all. Our Lord continues to bless Holy Cross with their guidance so please let them know how much they are loved and appreciated. There will be a box marked "Pastor Appreciation" on the Welcome Center in the Narthex this month.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into the maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

Holy Cross Elders

FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELPERS

Holy Cross volunteers provide a wonderful service for families who have lost a loved one. Often, after a funeral service here at Holy Cross, there is a catered luncheon, which serves as a healthy time for the family to fellowship and reminisce. Holy Cross volunteers help set up, serve, and clean up after the luncheons. Judy Meder and Judy Hahn have led and recruited for help with funeral luncheons for years. Judy Meder is now in heaven... so Judy Hahn would invite someone to help her in leading for funeral luncheons. No food preparation is involved... just recruiting from a list of helpers to set up, serve and clean up. Please contact Judy Hahn (608-819-6795) or one of the pastors if you are interested in helping lead or in helping set up and serve, or if you have any questions. Thanks!

SENIOR MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The next senior ministry breakfast will be on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 12</u>, <u>at 9:00 am</u> at Elie's Cafe by Farm & Fleet in Monona. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES ARE BACK!

Holy Cross is once again selling wreaths as a fundraiser for our organization. Click the link, scan the QR code, or find an order form at the front desk or welcome center to place your order. For the first time, you can order your wreaths online and have them shipped directly to you! Please note there is an increased cost for orders placed online. Orders placed via order form will be shipped to Holy Cross and must be picked up. Checks can be made out to "Holy Cross PTO" with order forms. *Please order by November 1st.*



https://giftitforward.com/fundraising-code/holycrwioo1

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, please mark your calendars! Advent by Candlelight will be returning to Holy Cross, to provide an opportunity to pause during the busy Christmas season, for fellowship, seasonal music, and wonderful desserts! Due to the late Thanksgiving date and our cookie walk being held on December 7th, we will be meeting during advent, on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>12/14/24</u>, <u>4-6 pm</u>. Young women that are freshman in high school and older and all Holy Cross ladies are invited. Please feel free to invite your friends!. This is a free event. If you enjoy decorating, please consider hosting a table. Many more details to follow! *Reserve your place at the table by signing up in the welcome center*. Please contact Rhonda Christenson for any questions, call 608-770-2805 or email errh.christ@gmail.com.

COOKIE WALK & BLUE RIBBON BOOK FAIR

The annual Cookie Walk and Blue Ribbon Book Fair date has been set! Please mark your calendars for <u>Dec. 7th</u>. The proceeds will help the church and school. Watch for a sign-up to be posted in early fall. Start planning your treat baking! We will need an abundance of tasty treats!

ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR THIS ELECTION SEASON

As citizens of the United States, we live in a unique time and place in human history. God in his Word commands that "every soul be subject to the governing authorities." (Romans 13:1) Yet in this country God has given us the blessing of a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Through the ballot box we each have a say in choosing our governing authorities from the president of the nation all the way down to our local representatives and officials. What an awesome privilege! In thanks and praise to God for this privilege and blessing, may we freely cast our ballots in the upcoming election, prayerfully considering the candidates for each of the various offices, and entrusting the results to our heavenly Father's good and gracious will. Finally, no matter which candidates the people elect, may we freely submit ourselves once more to the governing authorities, recognizing God as the ultimate authority at work behind every earthly government. "For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Romans 13:1)

FOSTER SUPPORT PROGRAM EVENT

Kingdom Workers Foster Support Program invites you to attend a special event on <u>Sat., Nov 2 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.</u> To celebrate and share the work that is being done to support foster families, you are invited to lunch and a free showing of the movie "Sound of Hope" at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills. We hope you will join us to celebrate and be inspired by this very special ministry! To help us plan, *please sign up by Sun, Oct. 27.* There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

October is Infant Loss Awareness Month. If you or a loved one is grieving, we encourage you to take a look at the Northwestern Lutheran Publishing House blog post "Where Are You, God?" (<u>https://blog.nph.net/where-are-you-god/?utm_campaign=1024-fall-campaign-4&utm_source=Newsletter&utm_me_dium=email</u>) for comforting words from Scripture. Toward the end of that post you'll find suggestions for helpful Christ-centered books and devotionals.

EASTSIDE LUTHERAN ART & CRAFT FAIR

Please join us on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 2nd</u> from 9am-3pm for this year's Eastside Art & Craft Fair. This is a huge fundraiser for our school! We have many craft vendors, gift basket raffle, cookies sold by the pound, a bake sale and yummy concessions. This is a great way to get a jump start on your holiday shopping! Admission is Free!

GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA

The tenth annual Gospel Outreach With Media (GOWM) conference is now open for reading and discussion, entirely online and free, until November 11. This year's conference, hosted by the Christ in Media Institute at Bethany Lutheran College, includes achievements of some Bethany graduates. Join by clicking <u>www.gowm.org</u>.

ELS MILITARY MONUMENT

It has now been over a year that we have dedicated this monument in support of veterans who have served us in the armed forces in the past, present and future. As Christians we want to make it known to these individuals that not only is serving as a warrior a God-pleasing vocation but that their brothers and sisters in Christ appreciate their service on our behalf. Since the dedication we have added two rows of pavers recognizing such veterans and have room for many others. Arranging for your relatives or friends to be so honored not only communicates personally to them your appreciation but includes a portion for ongoing support of this site. Please consider securing such pavers for veterans in your life or simply donate to this ongoing effort. You can find the place to make such donations at - https://els.org/monument/

BLC TEEN GETAWAY WEEKEND

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! YOU are invited to Bethany Lutheran College to join in on a FREE weekend getaway <u>November 7-9, 2024</u>. You will get to tour the campus, experience life as a Bethany student, meet professors, directors, coaches, and new friends. If you are interested, please reserve your spot by clicking the link below. *Reservations are due by October 31, 2024*. Call 507-344-7331 or visit the website if you have questions. <u>https://admissions.blc.edu/register/fallGW</u>

BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on <u>Tuesday, November 5, 2024</u>, at 1:00 pm at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, 2633 Church Street, Cottage Grove, WI. Don Westphal, Director of the Bethany Fund, will attend to give a college update and answer questions guests may have. Desserts and refreshments will be served. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend.