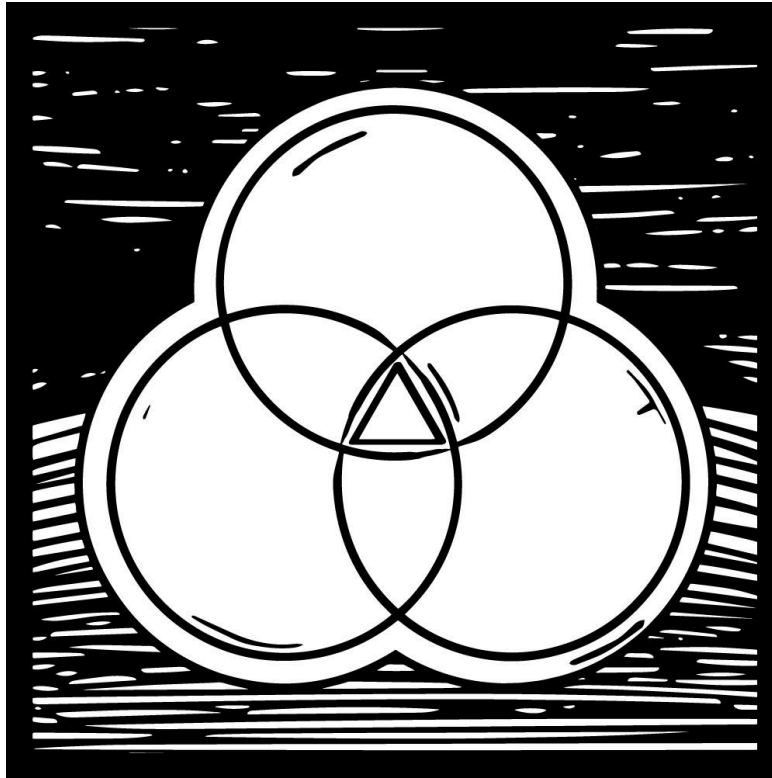


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



August 11, 2024

"Imitators of God"

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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 9:00 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Call any time after 8:40 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, 9:00 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.

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Opening Hymn #491....."O Master of the Loving Heart"

1 O Master of the loving heart,
The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you
In thought and word and deed.

2 Your days were full of kindly acts;
Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord,
None came to you in vain.

3 Your face was warm with sympathy;
Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch
Were comforted and healed.

4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord,
So joyous, free and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere,
Be drawn by us to you.

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.

Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The third line begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The fourth line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The fifth line begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The sixth line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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First Lesson1 Kings 19:3-8

An angel strengthened Elijah with food for his journey

3 Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, Lord. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." 5 Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

6 Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

7 Then the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you."

8 So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 34

M: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

C: The eyes of the Lord watch over the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.

M: The Angel of the Lord camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

C: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears. From all their distress he delivers them.

M: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

C: The Lord redeems the soul of his servants. Anyone who takes refuge in him will not be found guilty.

Second LessonJohn 6:41-51

Jesus is the Bread of Life

41 So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

43 Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. 46 I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. 47 Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

48 "I am the Bread of Life. 49 Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Verse of the Day



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #469....."Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

SermonPastor Mark Bartels..... "Imitators of God"

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. 32 Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one other, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

5:1 Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. 2 And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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.

Offering

Installation of Officers

Prayer of the Church for the Sundays after Pentecost

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Closing Hymn #332....."Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My Children; I will keep you And give you peace.

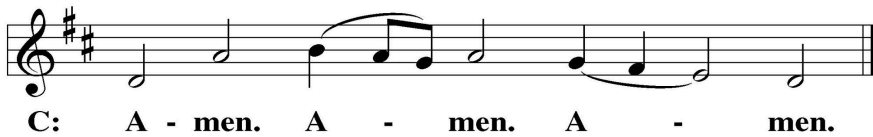
Closing Prayer

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.



Attendance

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.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

August 11, 2024

Calendar for the Week – August 12 - 18

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Breakfast (Perkins on Hayes) - 9:00 am
- PTO - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Back to School Night - 6:00 pm

Thursday

- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 5:30 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by Eric and Rhonda Christenson on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK David Lunde hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

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.

8/4/24 - "The Bread of Life Satisfies" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen <https://vimeo.com/994782648>

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Our Holy Cross Lutheran School families are invited to Back-to-School Night this coming Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. The event will begin with a brief informational meeting in the church, followed by the opportunity for students to take their school supplies to their classrooms, for families to meet with our teachers, and for everyone to enjoy some Christian fellowship! We cannot wait to see you!

PETTING ZOO

Our friends from Havens Petting Zoo will be joining us on August 23, 2024 from 4 - 7PM. They will be bringing lots of sweet animals to pet and feed.

We will be providing a light dinner. Please invite your friends to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!

PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM CLASS

If you have a student in public school who will be entering 7th or 8th grade, please speak with Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen about enrolling them in Catechism class this fall. 608-249-3101. Thank you!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

Our next class begins Monday, September 9, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through November 11. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or teaching; you want to learn how Lutheran doctrine compares to the church you currently attend, or grew up attending; you're interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross; you want to explore what your spouse or fiancé (who may already be a Holy Cross member) believes, and why; and/or you would like to more fully understand the spiritual influence Holy Cross school is having on your children who may be attending here. The class will be informative, and we invite lots of questions. The class will be "team taught" by both of us pastors, so you can get to know us and we can get to know you :-). Please contact Pastor Van Kampen (pvan Kampen@holycrossmadison.org) or Pastor Bartels (mbartels@holycrossmadison.org) if you have any questions or would like to attend.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS FULLY STAFFED!!

As many of you know, the search for a fourth grade teacher for the upcoming 2024-2025 has been ongoing since the end of last school year. That search has now ended, as the Lord has answered our prayers and has provided us with a fourth grade teacher! Mrs. Becky Cleven, who once taught at Holy Cross a few years ago, has agreed to return for the upcoming school year. We are thankful that the Lord led Mrs. Cleven back to Holy Cross, and we are excited to welcome her to our Holy Cross faculty!

NEW TEACHER INSTALLATION

School starts on Monday, August 19! Join us in church on Sunday, August 18 as we install Chloe Kuhlman as our new 8th grade teacher, Becky Cleven as our new 4th grade teacher, and Hannah Weide as our new 1st grade teacher.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES INSTALLATION

Much of the Holy Cross ministry happens through our Church Council, Boards and Committees. During church on Sunday, August 11 our Holy Cross Board and Committee members will be installed into office for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. We thank them for their service and keep them in our prayers:

- Church Council
- Elders
- School Board
- Early Learning Center Board
- Board for Stewardship and Finance
- Membership Development Board
- Trustees
- Endowment Fund Committee
- Worship Committee
- Senior Ministry Committee
- Membership Committee
- Youth and Education Committee
- Evangelism Committee
- Website Committee
- Technology Committee
- Event Planning Committee
- Security Committee
- Lakeside General Board

HIRING - ELC

Have a love for babies? We are looking for caring Christians to be part-time teachers at Kids Crossing. The starting wage is \$15/ hour. The starting wage for a lead teacher is \$16/hour. Email kkrug@holycrossmadison.org for more information.

ADULT HANDBELL REHEARSALS

Don't know how to read music? No problem! Notes are circled for you- you just need to know your right from your left hand! Holy Cross Adult Handbells will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The group generally plays 1x a month. Please talk to Director Nedra Griffin if you'd like to participate or email ngriffinfab5@gmail.com.

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

"Praise the Lord"! Holy Cross Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4 for the 2024-25 season. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7 pm. We invite you to participate - please talk to Jim Baxter, Director so we have a folder prepared for you. baxter4822@gmail.com
Be a part of the Choir for Rally Sunday on September 8. Look forward to seeing you there.

SENIOR MINISTRY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Senior Ministry breakfast will be held at Perkins on Hayes Rd at 9AM on August 13. We hope to see you there!

MADISON AREA BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road in Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, Jake Krier, Bethany's Director of Alumni Relations will give a college update and answer questions guests may have. Come and hear about our college in Mankato, MN. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend!

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE DISSOLVED, BUT...

Due to lack of interest and a limited number of folks participating we are dissolving a formal Landscape Committee. The Trustees are doing the bulk of the work, as well as five people who we personally would like to give a BIG thank you to: Dave Krszjaniek, Cindy and Jon Natvig and Jim and Sherrie Oswald. THANK YOU for giving so much of your time and attention to the Church and School Grounds!

We would also like to thank some of you who have done a great job keeping our trees and shrubs looking great. Some of the following names were on the Landscape Committee and others just showed up and worked hard: Greg Griffin, Jay Taylor, Dave Krszjaniek, Dave Lunde and Jon Natvig. THANK YOU!

We would still like to take the same approach, meaning that anyone who would like to help maintain the Church and School grounds in any way, large or small, can do so on their own time schedule. Wondering how you can help? Here is a list of items that can be done by anyone, at any time. Weed pulling, trash pickup, leaf pickup, and deadheading existing perennials. Or trimming back shrubs that are encroaching on walkways or parking lots. A half hour by several people makes a world of difference! Make it a family plan! Or just pull a few weeds as you walk through the parking lot:) Let's all try to keep our grounds looking good. All helpers are appreciated! No need to sign up. Thank you!

MADISON AREA WELS/ELS BIBLE STUDY

The very word "predestination" brings to mind the mysteries of God. It raises scary questions like "Am I saved by predestination or by faith?" The word "conversion" likewise leads people to wonder if they have done the right things to be a Christian. The books Predestination and Conversion from the NPH People's Bible Teachings series discuss these closely related doctrines. Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a class through these two books and supplemental materials in a 13-week course held in two parallel sessions. One will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie, and the other will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday afternoons beginning September 4 at Lord of Love in DeForest. The sessions will be 60 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the video sessions of the course later. All the necessary information to register for and attend this class series is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website www.interpaxlp.com. Information, class notes, and videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis. The books can be ordered online from the Northwestern Publishing House (NPH).

BETHANY NATIONAL AUXILIARY DAY

Bethany National Auxiliary Day will be held on the Bethany Lutheran College campus in Mankato, Minnesota on Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Bethany leadership, tour new facilities, and get an update from the ELS and Seminary over lunch. The group will also take part in the annual business meeting where Auxiliary members vote on special projects to support.

If you have any questions about Auxiliary Day or how to support it please contact Christopher Kind at 507-344-7862. Please scan QR code for preliminary schedule.

