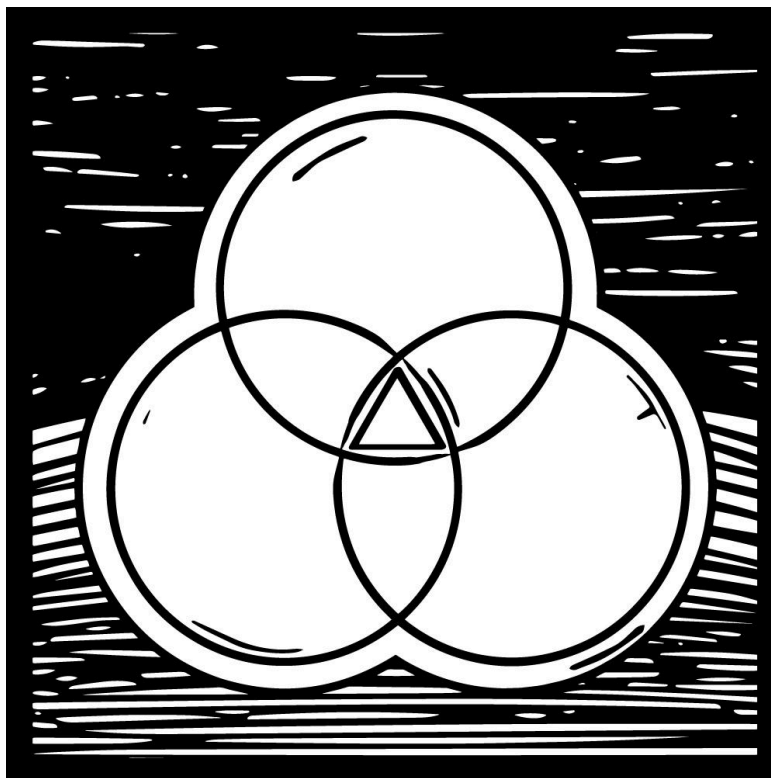


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"We Will Serve the LORD!"

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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 10:30am and Monday, 6:30 pm. (Summer Worship Schedule - Sunday, 9:00 am and Monday, 6:30 pm - Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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.

"We Will Serve the LORD!"
August 25, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

CWS Divine Service of the Word II

Opening Hymn #257 (vs 1, 3)....."My Soul, Now Bless Your Maker"

1 My soul, now bless your Maker!
Let all within me bless his name
Who makes me a partaker
Of mercies more than I dare claim.
Forget him not whose meekness
Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
Renews your life within,
Whose grace and care are endless
And saved you through the past,
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

3 God's grace stands fast, enduring,
And children's children yet shall prove
His strength abides, assuring
The hearts of all who seek his love.
In heav'n is fixed his dwelling;
His rule is over all.
Angels, in might excelling,
Bright hosts, before him fall.
Praise him in song forever,
All you who hear his Word.
He hears our hymns with favor --
My soul, oh, bless the Lord!

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.

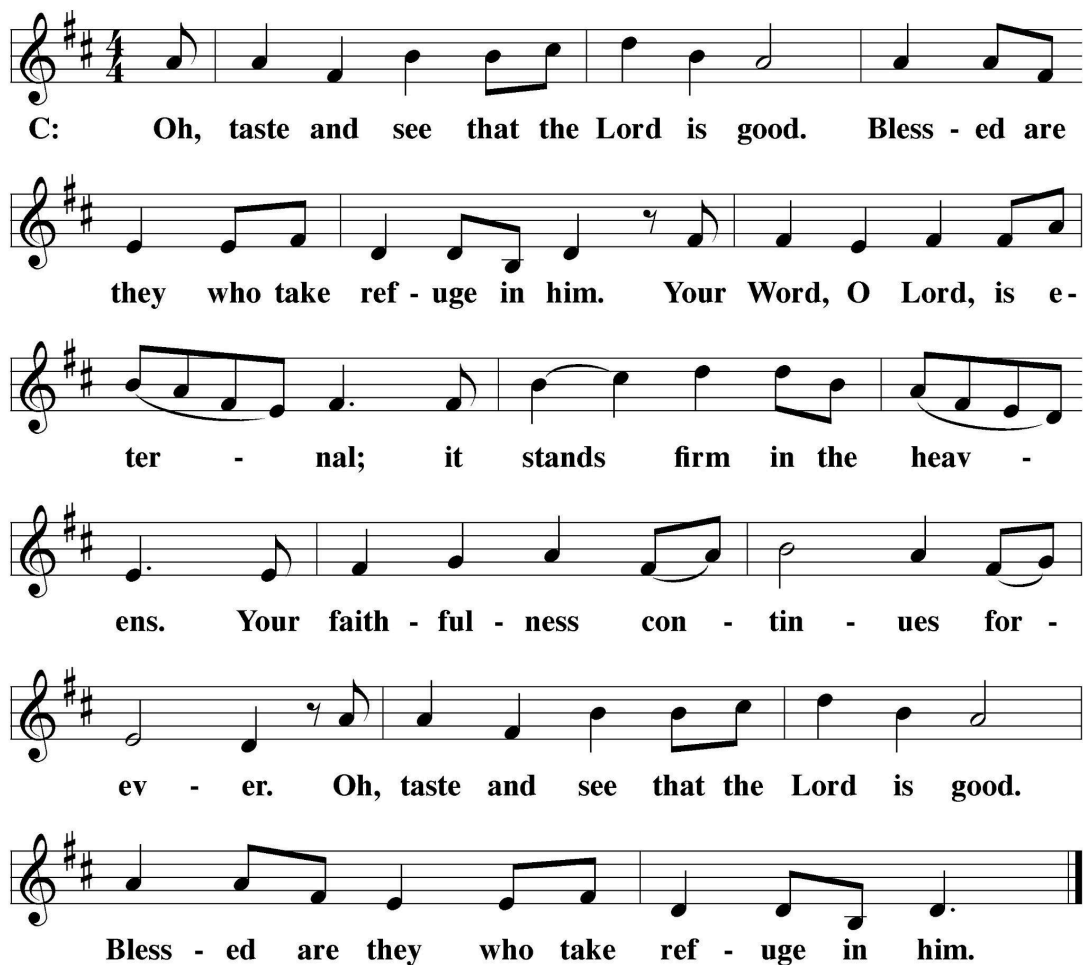
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 71

M: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge. May I not be put to shame forever.

C: In your righteousness rescue me and deliver me. Turn your ear to me and save me.

M: Be my rock and my refuge to which I can always go because you are my high ridge and my stronghold.

C: God, you have taught me since my youth, and even now I still declare your marvelous deeds.

M: Even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,

C: till I declare the strength of your arm to the next generation, your power to all who are to come.

Epistle Lesson.....Ephesians 5:18, 21-31

Husband and wife serve the Lord by imitating the relationship of Christ and the Church.

18 Instead, be filled with the Spirit... 21 by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. 24 Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. 27 He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

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!

Gospel Lesson.....John 6:60-69

Jesus' disciples follow him as the One who has the words of eternal life.

60 When they heard it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, "Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? 62 What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. 65 He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father."

66 After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. 67 So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #752 (CWS)....."In Christ Alone"

1 In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin, on Him, was laid.
Here, in the death of Christ, I live.

3 There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness, slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen..... "We Will Serve the LORD!"

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

2 Then Joshua told all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, has said."...

14 Joshua said, "Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if you see no benefit in serving the Lord, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the Lord!"

16 The people responded by saying, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord in order to serve other gods! 17 For the Lord our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. 18 The Lord drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our 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

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 #320....."On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r to hide your face.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.

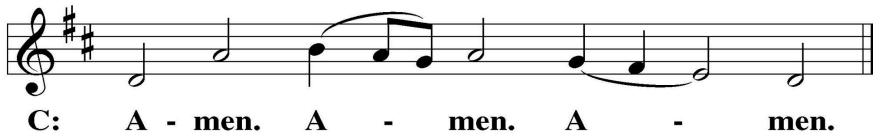
Closing Prayer

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 Ballentine, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

August 25, 2024

Calendar for the Week – August 26 - September 1

Monday

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm

Thursday

- All Circles Meeting - 1:00 pm

Friday

- No School - Labor Day

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by Janet Schumann in memory of her mother.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Greg Griffin and Henry Haugley were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 8/13/24 - 8/19/24

\$15,436.95

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24-8/12/24

\$94,384.01

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$110,384.61

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.

8/18/24 - "I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus, My Heart to Keep and Train" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/1000088859>

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

Mark your calendar! On Rally Sunday, we'll go back to our regular worship schedule:

- 1st service - 8:30am
- 2nd service - 10:30am
- Adult Bible Class/Youth Bible Class/Sunday School - 9:45am - 10:15am

NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH ON LABOR DAY

This is just a reminder that there will be no Monday night church on September 2 since it falls on Labor Day.

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!



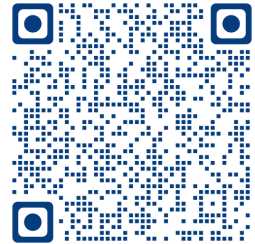
2024 HOLY CROSS ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 8th is both Rally Sunday and the Holy Cross Annual Picnic! At 11:30 the hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and everything in-between will be ready for mass consumption. The picnic will be held in the gymnasium with outdoor games available including volleyball and a bouncy house. Please bring a dish to pass if you're willing and able. Last Names A-O bring a salad and last names P-Z bring a dessert. Invite friends and neighbors – we love to share. Beverages, buns, condiments, chips, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please use the sign up with the QR code below so we have an idea of how much to buy.

MOMS CONNECT GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

Moms Connect in Madison, Wisconsin, encourages and equips moms to thrive in their role as mothers, grow in their relationship with Jesus, pray for their children's class and build authentic friendships with *moms at Holy Cross Church and School. Let's do this season of life together.

*You must be attending Holy Cross Church or have children attending the school (infants to 8th grade) to join.



PRAYERS FOR AN ELECTION YEAR

One of the goals the Holy Cross Board of Elders has set this year is to encourage us as Holy Cross members in our prayer lives. Since this is an election year, the Board of Elders would like to encourage all of us to pray regarding this important matter. When you're at church, please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a little booklet entitled "God Bless Our Native Land: Prayers for an Election Year." Please take one home and make it a part of your prayer life. Thank you! 1 Timothy 2:1-3 says, "I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The Holy Cross 2024 pictorial directories have arrived! If you and your family had your picture taken for the directory, your free copy of the directory--with your family's name on the label--will be available for pickup on Sunday in the Welcome Center. If you did not have a picture taken for the directory, but would still like to purchase a copy, starting on Monday, August 26, you may purchase a directory for \$15 from the church office during business hours while supplies last. Thank you!

ELS FALL TEEN RETREAT

This year's ELS fall teen retreat is set for October 19-20 at Living Waters Bible Camp near Westby, WI. This year's theme is "Known", based on Galatians 4:9. Youth in grades 7-12 will enjoy a deep dive into God's Word, a bonfire with s'mores and singing, group activities including a 50-foot rock tower, a 500-foot zipline, and more! The cost is \$135 and includes everything (email Pastor Nate at pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org to request financial assistance). The bus will leave Saturday morning from Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills at 8 a.m., and then from Abiding Shepherd in Cottage Grove at 8:30. Sunday night, the bus will return to Cottage Grove at 7:15 p.m. and Lakeside Lutheran at 7:45 p.m. Those not taking the bus can arrive at 10:45 a.m. Saturday and depart at 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more info and to register, visit

<https://www.abidingshepherd.org/page/140007974/140050466/Fall-Teen-Retreat>

HIRING - ELC

Have a love for kids? We are looking for caring Christians to be part-time or full time teachers.

The starting wage is \$15/ hour. The starting wage for a lead teacher is \$16/hour. Email kkrug@holycrossmadison.org for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Are you interested in helping teach Sunday School this year? We're having an informational meeting TODAY after church in the Fireside Room. Whether you're interested in teaching regularly or just helping substitute teach on occasion, come and join us! Thanks

HOLY CROSS CONNECT GROUPS

This fall, you have the opportunity to join a Holy Cross Connect Group! Do you enjoy walking and talking with friends old and new? Or perhaps you enjoy sewing or knitting? Are you a mom of young kids looking for people in a similar stage of life? Do you enjoy playing a casual sport once in a while? Do you love to cook and try new recipes? Then we have a group for you! Take a look at the various Connect Groups that will be gathering this fall, and if you see a group that you'd like to join, then sign up in the Welcome Center!

- **Fiber Friends** - Come join Fiber Friends! If you enjoy creating and sharing your fiber makes with others, then this group is for you. We'll meet once a month to share finished objects, work on our current projects (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, etc) and enjoy conversation and fellowship with other creative makers. This group is open to anyone who enjoys fiber arts and is looking to share that interest and creativity with others. All skill levels and fiber interests are welcome! There are no costs associated with this group, other than the cost of supplies for your own project. Our first monthly meeting will be Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross. For more information, please contact Beth Lunde at bethlunde@gmail.com.
- **Food, Fun & Fellowship** - Do you love to cook or bake or try new recipes? Do you want to meet new people? Come join the Food, Fun, and Fellowship group and do both! This group is intended for couples aged 55+ who enjoy sharing a meal together. The only cost involved would be for preparing an entree or dessert for the group. Group size limited to 8 couples (16 people). The first monthly meeting is Friday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Mark & Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com.
- **Holy Cross Pickleballers** - Come and join our group! We will be enjoying some fellowship and learning how to play Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America. It is easy to learn, a blast to play, and can be enjoyed by all ages. This group is open to members and friends from 9th Grade - Adults, and will be capped at 16 participants. We plan on meeting twice a month, with our first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Holy Cross gym. For more information, contact Steve and Beth DePrey at steve@depreyco.com.
- **Moms Connect** - Moms Connect encourages and equips moms to thrive in their role as mothers, grow in their relationship with Jesus, pray for their children's class and build authentic friendships with moms at Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School. The group is open to church and school moms with children from infants through 8th Grade. We meet every other week formally in the evening, with other opportunities for playdates, outings, and a fall "Friendsgiving" dinner. The cost for the season is \$35 per person to cover food, games, childcare as needed, as well as marketing and a moms Christmas dinner. Our first meeting is Thursday, September, 26 at 6:30 p.m. here at church. For more information, please contact Sydney Malain at sydneymalain@gmail.com.
- **Walking in Fellowship** - Come walk with us! Let's start our mornings in a way that'll make our hearts full: God's word, coffee, crisp air of fall and fellowship. One Saturday a month, we will choose a designated place to begin our hour-long walk. The starting location will change, with options of church, coffee shop(s), or maybe even a Kwik Trip! I'll start the hour with a devotion, then we will walk the neighborhood. Conversation will be organic, with no set topics beyond the devotion. Come out, get your steps in for the day, enjoy some coffee, and let's socialize. The only cost involved would be the cost of your coffee and/or donut. Since we do live in Wisconsin and weather can be a factor, we will keep an eye on thunderstorms or extreme cold, and adjust accordingly. NOTE: The group is intended for everyone! So bring your families, friends, and let's put some miles on our shoes. Our first meeting is here at church on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact Josh McCauley at mccauleyjm87@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

The Youth Group has taken a brief hiatus over July and August as Camp Rise, LYA, sports schedules, and family trips took precedence, but we are excited to announce our New School Year Kickoff event! Teens (grades 7-12) and parents are invited to a chili lunch on Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30 service. We'll meet in the cafeteria for lunch, a devotion, and to go over plans for upcoming events. Bring your friends! All we ask is that you sign up to bring sides/desserts and drinks via the following Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAD2CA1F85-50708220-newschool>

ALL CIRCLES MEETING

Our annual All Circles meeting will be held Thursday, August 29 at 1 pm. We'll get organized for the upcoming year. If you're in a Holy Cross Ladies Circle or Altar Guild, please come. If you're not in a Ladies Circle but would like to find out what Circles are all about, you're welcome to come as well!

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.

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

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

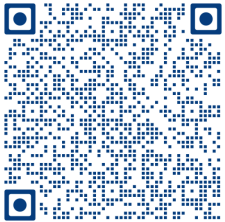
Our next class begins Monday, September 9, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through November 11. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or 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 (pvankampen@holycrossmadison.org) or Pastor Bartels (mbartels@holycrossmadison.org) if you have any questions or would like to attend.

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!

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.interrapaxlp.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.