

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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May 19, 2024

*"God Will Put His Spirit in You"*

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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# "God Will Put His Spirit in You"

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## The Day of Pentecost

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### Opening Hymn #184 (vs 1, 3)....."O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in  
And in our hearts your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we May be Truly living,  
To you giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From you true wisdom learning.  
Your grace And peace On us shower;  
By your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

### Invocation

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

### Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### Lord, Have Mercy



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## Prayer and Praise

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

## Glory Be to God

C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,**

**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**

**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**

**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**

**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**

**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**

**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**

**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And al - so with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



## Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 51

*Create in me a pure heart, O God.*

M: Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C: For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

M: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me.

**C: Do not cast me from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit.

**C: I will teach rebels your ways, and sinners will turn to you.**

## Duet....."On the Day of Pentecost" *Mark Marozick, Pastor Van Kampen*

## First Lesson.....Acts 2:1-21

*God pours out his Holy Spirit.*

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. 5 Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." 12 They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. 16 On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.  
(From the antiphon: "Come, Holy Spirit")



## Gospel Lesson.....John 14:25-27

*The Holy Spirit comes as the promised Counselor.*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

25 "I have told you these things while staying with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Children's Sermon

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.*

**Hymn** #181 (vs 1, 2, 5)....."Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit,  
God from all eternity!  
May your power never fail us;  
Dwell within us constantly.  
Then shall truth and life and light  
Banish all the gloom of night.

2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;  
When we trespass on our way,  
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you  
And be with us day by day.  
Should we stray, O Lord, recall;  
Work repentance when we fall.

5 Grant our hearts in fullest measure  
Wisdom, counsel, purity,  
That we always strive to please you,  
Working for you willingly.  
Let the gospel spread and grow,  
Bringing Satan's overthrow.

**Sermon**.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen....."God Will Put His Spirit in You"

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

1 The hand of the Lord was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. 2 He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.'"

5 This is what the Lord God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. 6 I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. 8 As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the Lord God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

11 Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' 12 Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the Lord God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. 13 Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."

## Create in Me

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

### Prayer

#### 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.

#### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

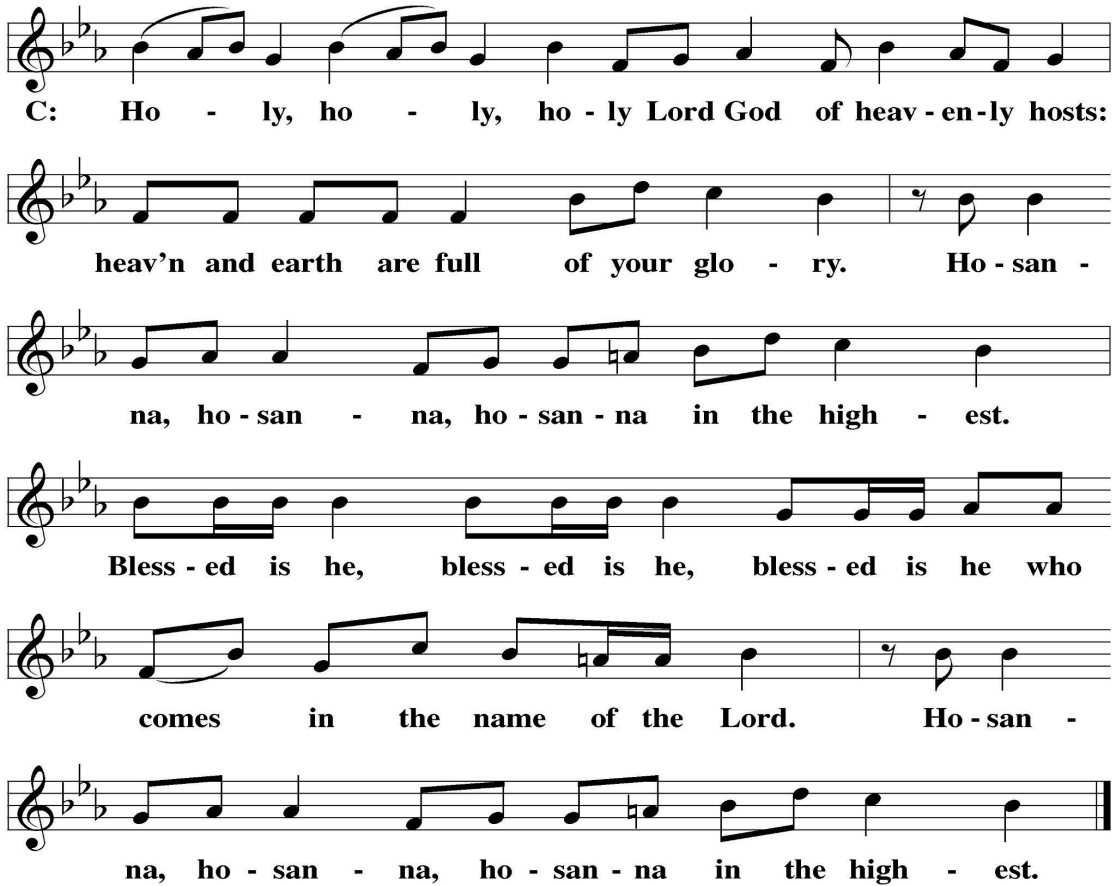
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

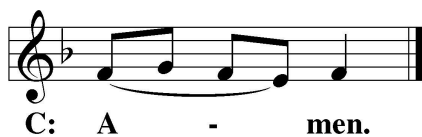


C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymn #311 (vs 1-6)..... "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
There with joy your praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded  
Has this wondrous supper founded.  
Though he reigns above most holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet him,  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before him,  
Saying, as you there adore him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,  
That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,  
Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder  
On your mighty work I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded,  
Depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden  
Secrets that with you are hidden.

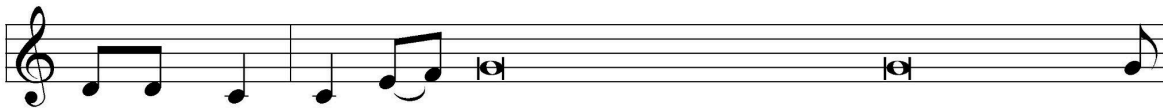
5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
 Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
 That Christ's body must be boundless  
 Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
 And that he his blood is giving  
 With the wine we are receiving.  
 These great mysteries unsounded  
 Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You have left your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forgo all joy and gladness  
 And to shed your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

**Song of Simeon**



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

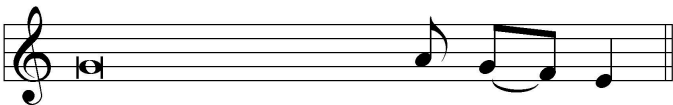


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**Prayer After Communion**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## **Benediction**

M: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## **Attendance**

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to [frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org](mailto: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 Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line.

Thanks.

## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

May 19, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – May 20 - 26**

#### **Monday**

- Worship - 6:30 pm

#### **Tuesday**

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am

#### **Wednesday**

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Judy Meder and Kay Milleur were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 5/7/24 - 5/13/24**

\$14,498.82

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 5/13/24**

\$700,083.52

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$719,192.52

**FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**

\$813,000.00

### **NO EVENING WORSHIP MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, May 27, 2024 is Memorial Day. There will not be Monday evening worship.

### **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.

5/12/24 - "Called to Serve" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/945511128?share=copy>

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Holy Cross member, Rachel Sellnow, fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, May 13. Her funeral service will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday, May 18. Visitation will be from 10 - 11 am. The Christian Funeral Service will begin at 11 am. Our Christian sympathy to her family. May the Lord comfort them with the promise of the resurrection!

### **NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?**

Holy Cross has a Transportation Fund to provide free taxi rides to and from Holy Cross events, for members who have no other way of getting to church. The Holy Cross Senior Ministry Committee administers the Transportation Fund through Union Cab. This service has been a great blessing to a number of our members over the years. If you would like to make use of this service, please call one of the pastors at Holy Cross and we'll explain to you how it works.

Thanks!

## **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

May is mental health month. Did you know that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with some sort of mental health disorder? As compassionate Christians, we have the opportunity to extend support, resources, and access to Christ-centered care. As much as we try to cope with life circumstances, sometimes we need a little extra help. Our pastors are experienced in sharing God's healing Word in every situation. They are willing to offer assistance and/or recommend professional counseling if needed. If you're interested in mental health resources, please contact one of our pastors and also take a look at the brochures in the Welcome Center.

## **MAY AMMO CAN CAMPAIGN**

In the month of May, there are special dates such as Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. May is Military Appreciation Month and also Mental Health Awareness Month. May is also the month when Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) holds a fundraising campaign. Through your gifts to our Ammo Can Campaign (at the Welcome Center), you and Holy Cross are supporting programs like the following:

- One day workshops for Veterans and 1st Responders that address spiritual and mental health issues
- Assistance grants for service members.
- Four-day Spiritual Retreats for Combat Veterans that focus on spiritual and mental health issues in a supportive atmosphere surrounded by fellow Combat Veterans
- Scholarships for Christian Veterans who are interested in pursuing ministry.

## **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

All current members and all who have a desire to help, but have limited time. It's hard to believe, that Spring is here! Which means it's time to get our landscape plan in place. We are taking the same approach this year, as last year. Meaning anyone that would like to help maintain the Church and School grounds in any way, large or small, can on their own time schedule. All helpers are appreciated! If you are interested in joining, or if you are already a member and need guidance regarding what needs to be done, you can contact me at: [sherrie2450@gmail.com](mailto:sherrie2450@gmail.com)

## **GREECE/PAUL TOUR**

You are invited to join a 11 day tour of Greece; in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul. The tour, April 22-May 2, 2025 will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock (a well-known friend of Holy Cross), who has been there about 10 times. It includes a 3 day cruise on the Mediterranean Sea as well as an optional 3 day tour to Rome. Some of the Biblical places to be visited: Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus etc. For more information contact [pastorkock@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorkock@yahoo.com)

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You are invited to DIVE IN to God's Word with ocean-themed crafts, songs, bible stories, snacks, and more!

- June 24-27, 2024
- 9:00 am - 11:30 am
- Ages: 3 years old (must be toilet-trained) to completing 6th grade

*Visit the welcome center for a registration form.*

ADDITIONALLY, if you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org). We will need help with decorating, crafts, games, bible stories, leading children from group to group, welcoming families at the registration tables, and donating materials. It takes a community to make Vacation Bible School a success. We hope that God can use you to make a SPLASH in a child's spiritual life.

## **SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024**

This summer we will welcome kids ages 5 - 12 years old for a fun, daily program! Days will be 6AM - 5:30PM between June 3 - August 15, 2024. Activities will include: picnics in the park, off-site field trips, water days, bike/scooter days, arts and crafts, story time, and more! The rate will be billed weekly and is as follows:

- Monday - Friday (5 days): \$275/week
- 4 days: \$225/week
- 3 days: \$175/week
- 2 days: \$125/week
- 1 day: \$75/week

There is a 10% off multi-child discount for each additional full time child. Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024. Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024. There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee. Other information to note: Children may be in our care for a maximum of 10 hours per day. Tuition will be charged on a weekly basis through an automatic withdrawal using our Brightwheel App. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack following USDA Food Guidelines. Rate builds in several days OFF: holidays and up to 5 vacation days for the child. Rate is charged weekly even if the child misses his/her scheduled days. If you have any questions, contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) or call 608-249-3101.

## **LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR**

The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is Saturday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. This immersive study in our Lutheran Musical Heritage is for high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade). Registration is \$225 and open until June 1. For more information and to register, please go to [ELS.org/honorchoir](https://ELS.org/honorchoir)

## **LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

The LYA National Youth Convention is Thursday, July 25 - Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, IL. The theme is exploring the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. This convention is for high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade). Early registration is \$300 and open until June 1. Late registration is \$350 and available from June 2-July 1. For more information and to register, please go to [ELS.org/LYA](https://ELS.org/LYA)

## **BETHANY FUND**

Our Bethany Lutheran College is wrapping up its fiscal year on June 30, 2024. The College is striving to meet a fundraising goal of \$750,000 for The Bethany Fund, and is still seeking roughly \$200,000 in gifts to meet the goal. Many of our ELS pastors, congregations and individual members make regular contributions to our College with some sort of financial gift; please consider joining them in this effort. Visit [blc.edu/bethanyfund](https://blc.edu/bethanyfund) or call the Advancement Office at 507-344-7000 to learn more about how you can help support our ELS college. Thank you for your support and prayers for Bethany!