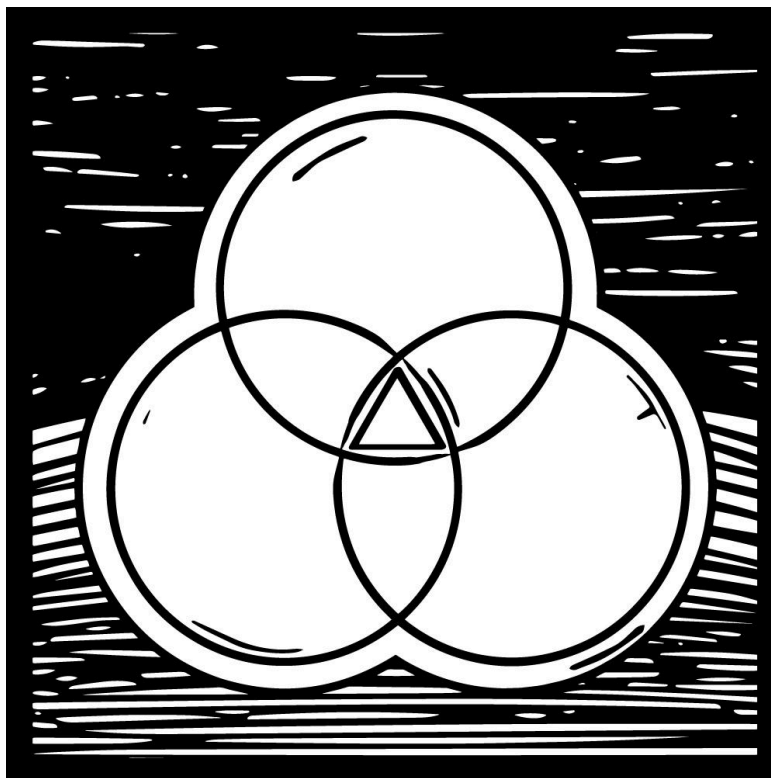


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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October 6, 2024

*"God's Gift of Marriage"*

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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 10:30am 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 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's Gift of Marriage"

October 6, 2024  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Opening Hymn** #506 (vs 1, 2, 5)....."Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly his --  
How sad and poor and dark it is!

2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find  
And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve him still  
And do in all his holy will.

5 Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake his Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!

## **Invocation**

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

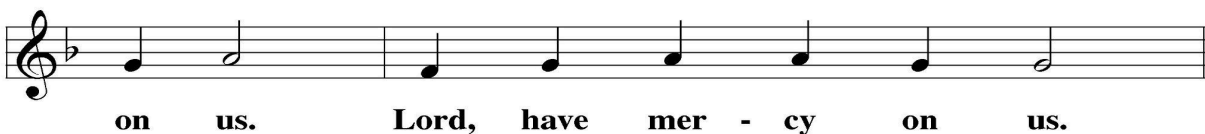
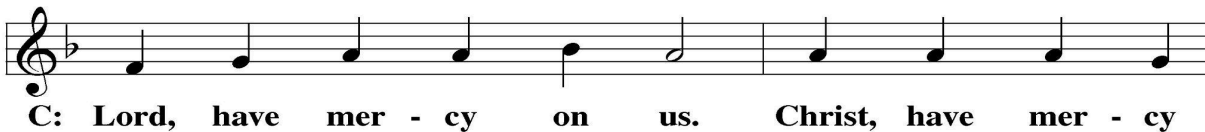


## **Confession of Sins**

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**



## **Absolution**

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 wor-ship 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.

**C: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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.**

## **Epistle Lesson** .....Hebrews 2:9–11

*By enduring suffering, Jesus reached his goal of saving us*

9 But we look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he suffered death.

10 Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers.

## **Psalms of the Day** .....Psalm 139 (selected verses)

M: O Lord, you created my inner being. You wove me together in my mother's womb.

**C: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows that very well.**

M: My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. Your eyes saw my unfinished body.

**C: All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

M: Your thoughts to me are so precious, O God!

**C: How great is the sum of them! If I would count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.**

**Gospel Lesson**.....Mark 10:2-16

*God wants marriage to be a lifetime commitment.*



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

2 Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

3 He replied, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

5 But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. 6 But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. 7 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

10 In the house his disciples asked him about this again. 11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

13 Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia.

(Hebrews 2:12)



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

**Nicene Creed**

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** #505 (vs 1, 3, 4, 5) ..... "Love is the Gracious Gift"

1 Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;  
Love is the patient fruit of your care;  
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit,  
Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.

3 Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness;  
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.  
Love endures all things, bearing, believing;  
Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.

4 Love in a marriage, love freely given,  
Love of a husband, love of a wife—  
Made to continue, blossom, and flourish,  
Grow ever deeper throughout this life.

5 Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,  
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,  
Love and submission one to another  
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.

**Sermon** ..... Pastor Mark Bartels ..... "God's Gift of Marriage"

*Genesis 2:18–24*

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." 19 Out of the soil the Lord God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. 20 The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. 21 The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the Lord God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. 22 The Lord God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

23 The man said,  
Now this one is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh.  
She will be called "woman,"  
because she was taken out of man.

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother  
and will remain united with his wife,  
and they will become one flesh.

**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**

**7th Grade Handbells** (8:30am)....."My Spirit's Gonna Shine"

**Special Prayers & Intercessions**

**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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in 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 1** #387....."Drawn to the Cross"

1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in you my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing through your cross and pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.

2 How well you know my griefs and fears,  
Your grace abused, my misspent years;  
So now to you with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.

4 To pledge my labor willingly,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

**Distribution Hymn 2** #372....."I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in him.  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

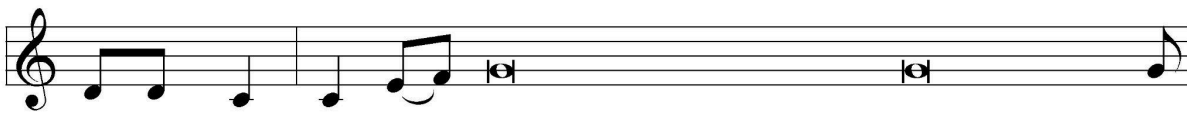
3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
 This weary soul of mine.  
 His right hand me embraces;  
 I in his arms recline.  
 I love the name of Jesus,  
 Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
 Like fragrance on the breezes  
 His name abroad is poured.

4 I long to be like Jesus:  
 Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
 I long to be like Jesus,  
 The Father's holy child.  
 I long to be with Jesus  
 Amid the heav'nly throng  
 To sing with saints his praises,  
 To learn the angels' song.

**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-

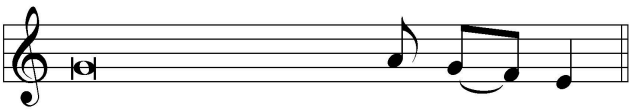


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

October 6, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – October 7 - 13**

#### **Monday**

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

#### **Tuesday**

- Coffee at Elie's - 9:00 am

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

- Membership Committee - 10:15 am
- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given this week by Max and Ashley John for their thirteenth wedding anniversary.

**Please pray for 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.

9/29/24 - "Rejoice on the Spiritual Battlefield" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/1014033807>

### **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!



### **HOLY CROSS SPIRIT SHIRT**

Want to show your faith while promoting Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School? Purchase a Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School t-shirt! The store will close on Sunday, October 20th.

### **VETERANS DAY**

Our school's Veterans Day program will be on Nov. 8th at 6PM 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](mailto: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. We will have a gathering between services with cake and coffee October 13 th . Please join us to show our love and appreciation then.

*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

## **OUTDOOR LEARNING STRUCTURE UPDATE**

While progress towards the completion of the Outdoor Learning Structure has been seen, there has been an unfortunate setback. Despite the extensive planning and approval process, the structure did not receive final approval from the City of Madison Building Inspector due to an error made by one of the contractors. To ensure the safety of all students and staff who hope to use the structure in the future, the structure must be disassembled to allow for the concrete base to be removed and re-poured properly. This work will commence in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we ask God for patience while we eagerly await the completion of the structure, and that it may be a blessing to Holy Cross Lutheran School.

## **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 OUTING**

Holy Cross Seniors are invited to Legacy Dinner Theatre in the Wisconsin Dells for their Christmas Show on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$75 per person, please make checks out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church". It includes a 4 course meal. It will begin with dinner at 1:00 pm and the show begins at 2:30 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center by October 20, 2024. Please indicate if you are willing to drive for the car pool.

## **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."

## **SENIOR MINISTRY & BREAKFAST**

The next senior breakfast will be on Tuesday, October 8 at 9:00am at Elie's Cafe on E Broadway by Menards.

The next senior ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:15 am.

### PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL GAME

Please join us for a fun pick up game of volleyball in the gym on Friday, October 18th at 5:30 pm. This is intended to be a casual and non-competitive event but please only high school youth or older for safety. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, October 13th so we know how much food to bring and please include your email so future correspondence can be sent about this event as we get closer. Due to the nature of the game space is limited so it will be first-come, first served so please sign up early and we hope to see you there!

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Holy Cross is hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 19th from 10:30am – 11:30am. We are asking for candy donations. We have 2 areas where you can place your donations. One tote will be in the narthex of the church near the doors to the cafeteria. The other tote will be located near the front desk. We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy! Scan the QR to Sign-up!



### CHILI COOK OFF

Join us after the second service on Sunday, October 20th for a Chili Cook Off and to cheer on the Packers as they take on the Texans! Whether you've got a secret chili recipe or just love to eat, we want YOU there! Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming and if you are interested in making your signature chili recipe, desserts, or your favorite game day snack! Hotdogs and lemonade available for the kiddos, plus an open gym to keep them busy if needed! We hope you will come for a fun afternoon of food, fellowships and root for the Pack together! Go Pack Go!

### COOKIE WALK & BLUE RIBBON BOOK FAIR

The annual Cookie Walk and Blue Ribbon Book Fair date has been set! Please mark your calendars for Dec. 7th. 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!

### EASTSIDE LUTHERAN ART & CRAFT FAIR

Please join us on Saturday, November 2nd 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!

### BLC GETAWAY WEEKEND

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! YOU are invited to Bethany Lutheran College to join in on a FREE weekend getaway November 7-9, 2024. 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.

<https://admissions.blc.edu/register/fallGW>

### 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](mailto: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>

## ELS WOMEN'S MISSION RALLY

The 53rd Annual ELS Women's Missionary Society fall rally will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 19, at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. The attached flier (scan QR code to view) provides all the details about speakers, cost, RSVP deadline and when donations are due to the Society's Treasurer Shelly Thompson.

*Reminder to sign up in the narthex if you will be attending.* Sign-up ends on Sunday, October 6. Donations for Missions need to be given or sent to Diane Baxter by September 29. Those wishing to mail their contribution may use the address: 771 Timber Ridge Dr. Oregon, WI 53575

