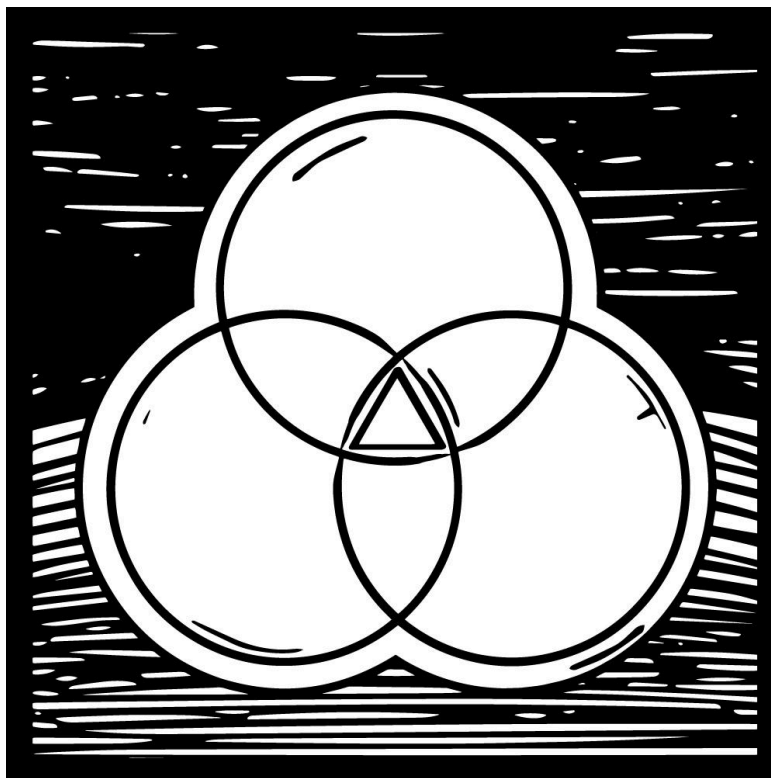


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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September 15, 2024

*"The Cross Makes the Christian"*

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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.

# "The Cross Makes the Christian"

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Opening Hymn** #239 (vs 1, 2)....."Glory Be to God the Father"

1 Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory  
While eternal ages run!

2 Glory be to him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to him who bought us,  
Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory  
To the Lamb that once was slain!

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

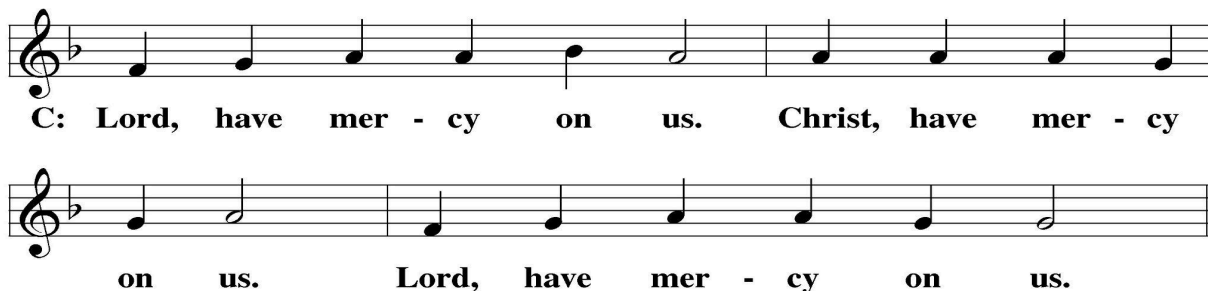


## **Confession of Sins**

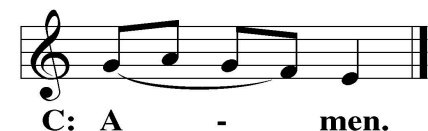
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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**



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.



## 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: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## **First Lesson**.....Isaiah 50:4-10

*The Servant of the LORD willingly suffers for those who walk in darkness.*

4 The Lord God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue, so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning. He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

5 The Lord God opened my ear, and I myself was not rebellious. I did not turn back.

6 I submitted my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

7 The Lord God will help me, so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint. I know that I will not be put to shame.

8 The one who will acquit me is near! Who can accuse me? Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me? Let him approach me.

9 Look, the Lord God will help me. Who then can declare me guilty?

Look, all of them will wear out like a garment. A moth will consume them.

10 Who among you worships the Lord and listens to the voice of his servant?

Anyone who walks in darkness and who has no bright light—

let him trust in the name of the Lord, and let him lean on his God.

## **Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 116 (selected verses)

M: I love the LORD, because he hears my voice.

**C: He hears my cry for mercy.**

M: Because he turned his ear to me,

**C: I will call to him all my days.**

M: The LORD is gracious and righteous,

**C: In my weakness he saves me.**

M: Indeed, you have delivered my soul from death,

**C: my eye from weeping, my foot from stumbling,**

M: How can I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**C: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and I will call on the name of the LORD.**

**Epistle Lesson**.....James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

*A living faith in Christ shows itself by our good works.*

1 My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. 2 For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. 3 If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, "Sit here in this good place," but you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "Sit down here at my feet," 4 have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? 5 Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him?...

8 However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9 But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

10 In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it...

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but has no works? Such "faith" cannot save him, can it? 15 If a brother or sister needs clothes and lacks daily food 16 and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but does not give them what their body needs, what good is it? 17 So also, such "faith," if it is alone and has no works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

43 "That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit."

**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** #453 (vs 1, 4, 5) ..... "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke,  
"All in my way abiding.  
Deny yourselves; the world forsake;  
Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;  
Take my example for your guide.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your souls' salvation,  
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his Word,  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

**Sermon** ..... Pastor Piet Van Kampen..... "The Cross Makes the Christian"

*Mark 8:27-35*

27 Jesus went away with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

28 They told him, "John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say one of the prophets."

29 "But who do you say I am?" he asked them.

Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

30 Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. 32 He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men."

34 He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

## 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

### 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 #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.

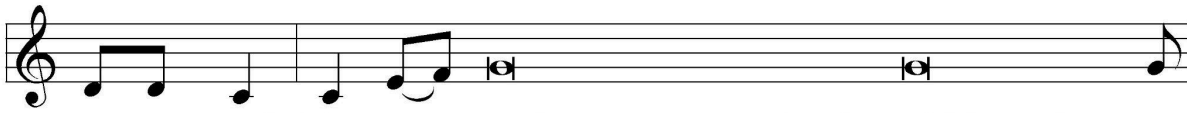
5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
That Christ's body must be boundless  
Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
And that he his blood is giving  
With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
Are by God alone expounded.

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-

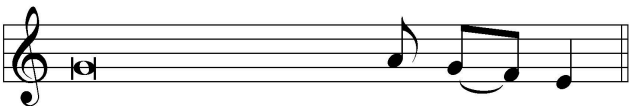


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

September 15, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – September 16 - 22**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Tuesday**

- School Open Forum - 6:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday**

- Food, Fun, Fellowship Connect Group - 5:30 pm

#### **Saturday**

- Walking in Fellowship Connect Group - 7:00 am
- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

#### **Sunday**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Abby Butler with glory to God.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Eric Christenson was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 9/3/24 - 9/9/24**

\$20,646.85

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 9/9/24**

\$139,193.06

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$157,692.30

**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.

9/8/24 - "The Living Word Does Everything Well" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/1007410060>

### **CRUSADERATHON**

Holy Cross PTO is organizing our third Crusader-A-Thon, a school-wide fun walk/run! Help our students meet their \$12,000 goal by donating today! All proceeds go to enhance our school for our students. Donate here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z7K9/campaign/C-152F8>

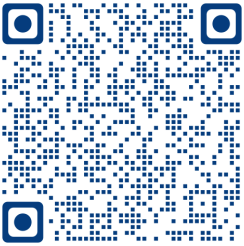
## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF BARB PAPE

We extend our Christian sympathy to Barb Pape's family. Barb went to heaven on Thursday, September 12. We thank God for Barb's saving faith, pray for the Lord to be with Barb's family as they grieve, and look forward to seeing Barb again on the Day of Resurrection. Barb touched many of Jesus' little lambs here at Holy Cross during the 25 years she taught Kindergarten at Holy Cross from 1990-2015. Funeral plans are pending.

## 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](mailto: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 20 at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Mark & Sherri Bartels, [sbbartels.sb@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mccauleyjm87@gmail.com).



### **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."

### **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>

### **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>

### **COOKIE WALK & BOOK FAIR**

The annual Cookie Walk and 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!

### **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.

## BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

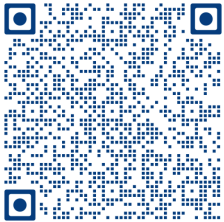
Our next class begins Monday, September 9, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through November 11. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or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

## 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



## 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.