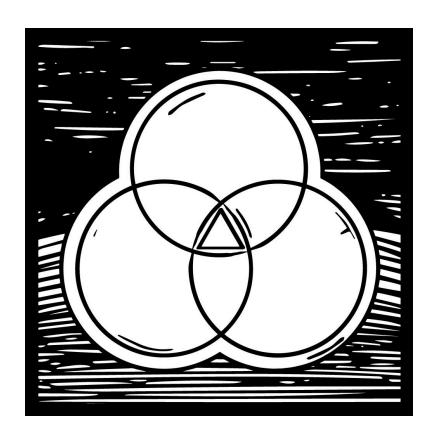
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



September 22, 2024 "Wise Humility"

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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

REGISTRATION CARDS are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK₃ – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

PRAYER CONCERNS? Contact Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com. Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

USHERS are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

ON DEMAND WORSHIP View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:30 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

"Wise Humility" September 22, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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	<u>C</u>	<u>pening H</u>	ymn #484	"Brothers,	Sisters,	Let Us	s Glad	ly
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1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best -Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.

2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us,
What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us,
That his wisdom all controls.

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only
In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us;
Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
Praising you forevermore.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See



<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

M: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson Jeremiah 11:18-20

Jeremiah's townspeople didn't like what he said and plotted against him

18 The Lord revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. 19 I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying:

"Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit.

Let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered."

20 But, Lord of Armies, you judge righteously.

You test the heart and mind.

Let me see your vengeance on them,

for I have presented my case to you.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 31

M: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

C: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

M: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

C: My times are in your hand; save me in your steadfast love!

M: Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you

C: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Second Lesson Mark 9:30–37

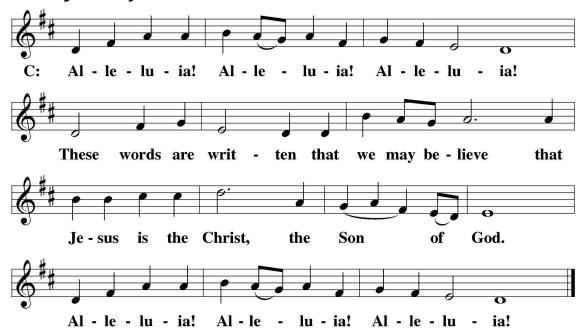
Who is the greatest?

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise."

32 But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." 36 Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me."

Verse of the Day



Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

<u>Hymn</u> ELH #418 (vs 1-4)....."How Fair the Church Of Christ Shall Stand"

1 How fair the Church of Christ shall stand,
A beacon light in all the land,
When love and faith all hearts inspire,
And all unite in one desire
To be a fam'ly and agree
To live in peace and unity.

2 'Tis all in vain that you profess
The doctrines of the Church, unless
You live according to your creed,
And show your faith by word and deed.
Observe the rule: To others do
As you would have them do to you.

3 Resentment, hate, and cruel jest, Must not be harbored in the breast Where love and charity should dwell; Then think and speak of others well, Refrain from all that causes strife And mars a truly Christian life.

4 So let your tongue, your heart, and mind Agree to banish ev'ry kind Of malice, falsehood and disguise, And here on earth a paradise Of peace and harmony maintain, Where concord and good will shall reign.

James 3:13-18

13 Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. 16 In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

<u>Apostles' Creed</u>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

The Prayer of the Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #421 (vs 1, 2, 5)....."We Are Called by One Vocation"

1 We are called by one vocation, Members of one family, Heirs through Christ of one salvation, Let us live in harmony; Nor by strife embitter life, Journeying to eternity.

2 In a land where all are strangers, And our sojourning so short, In the midst of common dangers Concord is our best support; Heart with heart divides the smart, Lightens grief of ev'ry sort. 5 Let it be our chief endeavor
That we may the Lord obey,
Then shall envy cease forever
And all hate be done away;
Free from strife shall be his life
Who serves God both night and day!

Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Attendance

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Ballentin,, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

September 22, 2024

Calendar for the Week – September 23 - 29

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Mom's Connect Group - 6:30 pm

Saturday

Holy Cross Pickleballers (Connect Group) - 9:00 am

Sunday

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

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by Janet Schumann for her granddaughter's and her mother's birthdays.

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: 9/10/24 - 9/16/24

\$13,459.79

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 9/16/24

\$152,652.85

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$173,461.53

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.

9/1/24 - "Strong in the Lord" - Pastor Mark Bartels

https://vimeo.com/1005138938

MARGARET KUEHNI FUNERAL

Margaret was a long-time member of Holy Cross and went to heaven last Sunday, September 15, at the age of 100. Her funeral service will be held at Holy Cross on Monday, September 23 at 1 pm. Visitation begins at noon. Our Christian sympathies to her family.

BARB PAPE FUNERAL

Barb taught Kindergarten at Holy Cross for 25 years, from 1990 - 2015. Barb was taken to heaven on September 12. Her funeral service will be held at Holy Cross on Thursday, September 26 at 1 pm. Visitation begins at 11 am. Our Christian sympathies to Barb's husband, Jim, children, Jeff and Beth, who are fellow Holy Cross members, and to their families.

HOLY CROSS CONNECT GROUPS

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

- **Fiber Friends** Come join Fiber Friends! If you enjoy creating and sharing your fiber makes with others, then this group is for you. We'll meet once a month to share finished objects, work on our current projects (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, etc) and enjoy conversation and fellowship with other creative makers. This group is open to anyone who enjoys fiber arts and is looking to share that interest and creativity with others. All skill levels and fiber interests are welcome! There are no costs associated with this group, other than the cost of supplies for your own project. Our first monthly meeting will be Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross. For more information, please contact Beth Lunde at bethlunde@gmail.com.
- Food, Fun & Fellowship Do you love to cook or bake or try new recipes? Do you want to meet new people? Come join the Food, Fun, and Fellowship group and do both! This group is intended for couples aged 55+ who enjoy sharing a meal together. The only cost involved would be for preparing an entree or dessert for the group. Group size limited to 8 couples (16 people). The first monthly meeting is Friday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Mark & Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com.
- Holy Cross Pickleballers Come and join our group! We will be enjoying some fellowship and learning how to play Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America. It is easy to learn, a blast to play, and can be enjoyed by all ages. This group is open to members and friends from 9th Grade Adults, and will be capped at 16 participants. We plan on meeting twice a month, with our first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Holy Cross gym. For more information, contact Steve and Beth DePrey at steve@depreyco.com.
- Moms Connect Moms Connect encourages and equips moms to thrive in their role as mothers, grow in their relationship with Jesus, pray for their children's class and build authentic friendships with moms at Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School. The group is open to church and school moms with children from infants through 8th Grade. We meet every other week formally in the evening, with other opportunities for playdates, outings, and a fall "Friendsgiving" dinner. The cost for the season is \$35 per person to cover food, games, childcare as needed, as well as marketing and a moms Christmas dinner. Our first meeting is <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhttps://doi
- 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.

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.





CRUSADER-A-THON

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. Scan QR code to donate!

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!

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!

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, which branch and what years of service to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org. Treats will follow the program.

SENIOR OUTING

Holy Cross Seniors are invited to Legacy Dinner Theatre in the Wisconsin Dells for their Christmas Show on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 14</u>, <u>2024 at 1:00 pm</u>. 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."

ELS FALL TEEN RETREAT

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

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

SENIOR MINISTRY & BREAKFAST

The next senior breakfast will be on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 8 at 9:00am</u> at Elie's Cafe on E Broadway by Menards. The next senior ministry meeting will be on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 15 at 9:15 am</u>.

ELS WOMEN'S RALLY

The 53rd Annual ELS Women's Missionary Society fall rally will be held from <u>9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</u>, <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 19</u>, 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.