

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



April 14, 2024

"The Fingerprint of God"

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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.

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Hymn #719 (vs 1-2)....."Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo.
And in its conquest his might did show.

Refrain

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

Confession of Sins

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

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

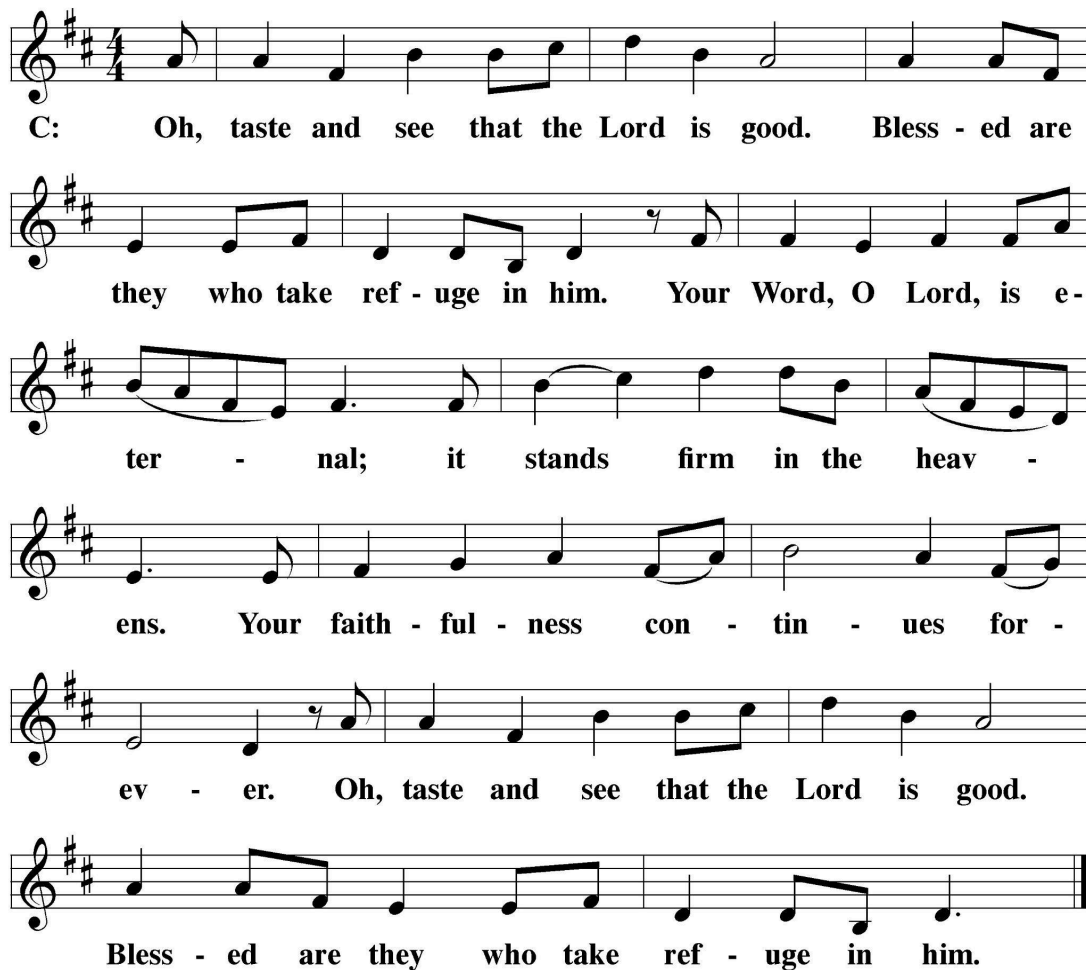
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First LessonActs 4:8-12

Salvation is found only in Jesus

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, 9 if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 118

M: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: I will give you thanks, for you answered me: you have become my salvation.

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson.....1 John 1:1-10; 2:1-2

Walking in the light of Christ

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— 2 the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. 7 But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

2:1 My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

Verse of the Day



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn of the Day #719 (vs 3-5)....."Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave cloths are lying there."

Refrain

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; he sets us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Refrain

Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels..... "The Fingerprint of God"

Luke 24:36-49

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

37 But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 He took it and ate in front of them. 44 He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Offering

Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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 #291....."We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"

1 We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord,
And, though assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

3 Whate'er the Word in times of old
Of future days and deeds foretold
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,
As traced on the prophetic scroll.

2 By pow'rs of empire banned and burned,
By pagan pride rejected, spurned,
The Word still stands, the Christian's trust,
While haughty empires lie in dust.

4 Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure,
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest all who trust this steadfast Word;
Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Closing Prayer

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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, 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

April 14, 2024

Calendar for the Week – April 15 - April 21

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Endowment Fund Committee - 4:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

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

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Steve Juve was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 4/2/24 - 4/8/24

\$15,991.06

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 4/8/24

\$635,133.48

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$641,019.42

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

PASTOR BARTELS DIVINE CALL

Dear Members of Holy Cross,

I'm writing to let you know that I have received a Call to be the pastor at New Life Lutheran Church in Sebring, Florida. I certainly ask for your prayers for me, for Holy Cross and for New Life as I deliberate whether to accept the Call to New Life, or to remain in my Call here at Holy Cross. I invite any counsel you may have for me to consider. I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead me in the way I should go, and that his will will prevail in the way that is best for all of us. *Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him, and he will act."*

In Christ,

Pastor Bartels

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.

4/7/24 - "Easter Peace Unlocks Our Joy" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/931748301?share=copy>

HANNAH WEIDE DIVINE CALL

Dear members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you for extending a call to me. I greatly appreciated all the prayers and kind words of encouragement. After careful consideration and prayer, I am happy to announce that I will be accepting the call and will serve as the first grade teacher next year. I look forward to meeting you all in person, to building each other up in God's Word, and to share in the joys God has placed before us.

In Christ,

Hannah Weide

JOHN GUNDERSON DIVINE CALL

Dear Holy Cross,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I have received the Divine Call extended to me by Holy Cross Lutheran School. I deeply appreciate your confidence in me, expressed through the Divine Call, to serve as a teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School. Rest assured that I will be giving the Call much prayerful consideration over the next weeks. I pray that the Lord will lead me to a decision that will be best for Holy Cross Lutheran School and Bethany Lutheran College, where I am presently serving. Please pray for me and both schools during this time of deliberation. I am confident that the Lord will lead me to a decision that will benefit His kingdom.

In His service,

John C. Gunderson

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. 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.

BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING (NEW DATE)

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, Don Westphal, Director of the Bethany Fund, will give a college update (there are many things to share!) and answer questions guests may have. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact Joan Behr at (608) 669-3182; joanbehr@aol.com.

LEARN ABOUT HOSPICE OVER LUNCH

Hospice: Provides a person and family (caregivers) the best quality of life - spiritual, emotional, and physical comfort at the end of life. On April 14, 2024, join us in the Fireside room to hear about hospice and other assistance ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) provides in Dane County for loved ones. Please sign up by Monday, April 8, 2024 on the sheet in the welcome center. Light lunch will be provided.

COMING SOON: BIG EVENT!

Look out! Holy Cross Lutheran School's "Big Event" is approaching soon! We will have performances from all grades, including a musical from our littles, a ukulele concert from grades 3 & 4, and Fine Arts Fair/band & handbell pieces from our big kids! We will have two opportunities for you to see our students' God given talents shine! The first will be our dress rehearsal at 10AM and the second will be our final performance at 6PM. All festivities will be in the gym on Friday, May 3. We hope you will join us!

HYMN FESTIVAL

You are invited to a hymn festival. Holy Cross will host an afternoon of music on April 28, 2024 beginning at 3:00 pm. This Madison area Association of Church Musicians program will present five organists, local choirs and nine hymns from our Christian Worship Hymnal for you to add your voice. Hymns programmed include: "I Know My Redeemer Lives," "This Joyful Eastertide," "The Day of Resurrection," "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" and more. There is no fee for this event and you are welcome to invite family and friends to join us in singing praises to our Lord. Please contact Jim Baxter (baxter4822@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

THANK YOU HOLY CROSS SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS:

Your musical contributions to our Worship Services have been outstanding this Lenten Season and Holy Week. In seven weeks of services you offered fifteen choral selections and attended the regular weekly rehearsals necessary to prepare these pieces. Thank you for "Is He Worthy," "By Faith," "The Tree of Life," "Come Let Us Worship the King," "My Worth Is Not in What I Own," "Come, Let Us Worship The King," "Beneath The Cross of Jesus," "It Is Finished" and Beethoven's Easter "Hallelujah." A special note of appreciation to our accompanist, Cindy Natvig, for her piano skills in rehearsals and performances.

To God Alone Be The Glory!!

Jim Baxter, Director

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 or call 608-249-3101.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: ELC/SUMMER ADVENTURES

Do you or someone you know have a love for children and a passion for creativity? Kids Crossing Early Learning Center is looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team in either teaching in the ELC or leading 5-12 year olds in an enjoyable summer.

Job Description

- Maintain safety of all children.
- Lead or assist in the implementation of activities.
- Actively engage with children
- Maintain cleanliness
- Maintain communication and relationships with families
- Assists in keeping records and attendance

Qualifications

- Must be 16 years or older to work in Summer Adventures, and 18 or older to work in the ELC.
- Enjoys being in the company of children
- Great teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills
- Is alert, patient, and caring
- First Aid and CPR certified, or willing to complete certification

For more information or interest, contact *Katie Krug* at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org

CAMP RISE

Camp Rise 2024 takes place Sunday, July 7 to Friday, July 12 at Camp Luwisomo in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp is open to all youth who will have completed grades 4 through 9! All registration info and forms can be downloaded at camprise.org, or can be obtained at the church office. Registration cost is \$430 if registered by April 15; after that the cost goes up to \$460 with the deadline of May 15. In case the cost is too burdensome for some families, please speak with either Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen. Holy Cross has a fund dedicated to helping kids attend Camp Rise, and families can also apply to the Camp Rise Scholarship Fund by May 1 to help ease the costs of registering children for camp.

CAMP BASIC

We would like to invite you to experience Camp BASIC as a camper, counselor, or volunteer this summer. Camp BASIC is a camp for the cognitively and developmentally disabled from ages 10 and up. BASIC is an acronym for Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and is a part of WELS Special Ministries. The camp is held in the summer for two weeks at the indoor group camp in Wyalusing State Park near Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. This year week one camp runs from June 10th-15th, with staff and counselors arriving on June 9th. Week two camp runs from June 16th-21st, with staff and counselors arriving on June 15th.

Each week has a different staff. We are looking for a camp nurse for week one, and we are also looking for more campers and counselors for both weeks. There is a camper fee of \$400 for campers, but a scholarship is available for campers who can not afford the entire amount. There is no fee for counselors or staff, but mileage reimbursement is available for counselors and staff. We try to have one counselor per camper, and the counselor helps their camper with any of his/her needs and enjoying the camp. Each morning starts off with breakfast, a devotion, crafts, Bible skits, and outside activities. Then there's lunch, rest, followed by a group outing. It may be bowling, fishing, swimming, or an on the grounds carnival. On the second to last day, it's always a Walmart shopping excursion. After supper, there will be more planned activities, such as Karaoke night, Counselor Talent Night, Camper Talent and Awards Night, Movie Night, Bingo Night, etc.

If interested please visit our website: campbasic.com or contact Anne or Tim Mackey
annetimmackey@hotmail.com

Anne (608-445-5008)

Tim (608-445-5405)

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.

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.