

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"How to Recognize the Good Shepherd"

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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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April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Hymn (Choir and Congregation)....."By Faith"

CHOIR: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

CHOIR: By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

ALL: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

CHOIR: By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

ALL: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

CHOIR: By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

ALL: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins

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

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

Lord, Have Mercy



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



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

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



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God

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

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, melodic style with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy; you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men."

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

The musical notation for the salutation consists of a single staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note B4. The staff ends with a double bar line.

C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who laid down Your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of Your life-giving Word that we may abide in Your Father's house forevermore; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson.....Acts 4:23-33

The Good Shepherd protected and provided for His flock, the Church.

23 After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. 24 When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. 25 By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said:

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.

27 "For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen.

29 "Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness 30 as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

31 After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

32 The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. 33 The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd!

M: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

C: He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters.

M: He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

M: You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing.

C: Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Epistle Lesson.....1 John 3:1-2

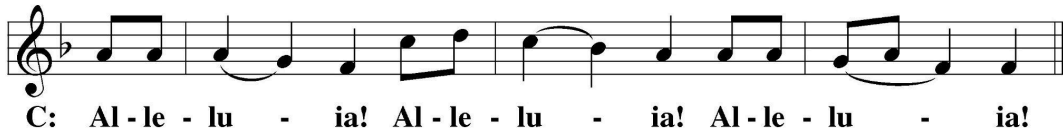
The Good Shepherd makes us children of God in the Father's love.

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.

6 This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)



Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #375....."The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
My Savior gently leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feeds me.

3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

Sermon.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen.....“How to Recognize Your Good Shepherd”
John 10:11-18

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. 14 “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me 15 (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

Create in Me

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

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymn #310 (vs 1-10)....."I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

1 I come, O Savior, to your Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain:

*Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy
May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me,
Look only unto You, O Lord!

Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never
Nor will your faithfulness depart.

Refrain

4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul
That I through willful sinning never
May see your judgment take its toll!

Refrain

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning;
So let me, too, come trustingly.

Refrain

6 Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.

Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.

Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy Table
The testament of your deep love;
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.

Refrain

9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.

Refrain

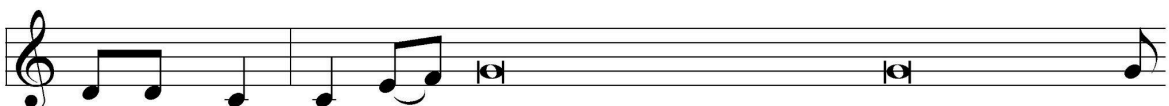
10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones power,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for us in death's dark hour.

Refrain

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-

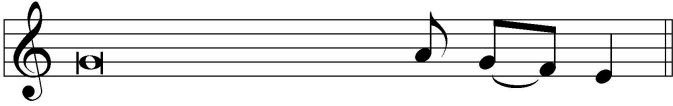


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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, 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 21, 2024

Calendar for the Week – April 22 - April 28

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Hymn Festival - 3:00 pm

Please pray for our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 4/9/24 - 4/15/24

\$12,126.07

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 4/15/24

\$647,259.55

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$656,654.04

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

SUNDAY FORUM - PASTOR BARTELS DIVINE CALL

Pastor Bartels has received a Call to be the pastor at New Life Lutheran Church in Sebring, Florida. Please join us in between services on Sunday, April 21, when Pastor Bartels will discuss his Calls to Sebring and Holy Cross. Please keep him as well as Holy Cross and for New Life in your prayers as he deliberate whether to accept the Call to New Life, or to remain here at Holy Cross.

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.

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.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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

Thanks!

A MESSAGE ABOUT PRAYER FROM THE HOLY CROSS BOARD OF ELDERS

Baseball season is upon us and with it comes the sound of a bat hitting a ball. Most ballplayers dream of hitting a pitched ball fair at least three times out of ten. But what if they could hit it fair ten times out of ten? What if they could bat 1000? Impossible, right?

What if you could positively impact the lives of over 1,000 people over the next year? Family, friends, enemies, total strangers. Even yourself. All this in just a few minutes each day.

By praying for a different person just three times a day – morning, afternoon and evening – you will touch the lives of over 1,000 people in one year. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 5 verses 16-18, Paul encourages us to *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* So where does the power of prayer lie? The First Epistle of John, chapter 5 verses 14-15 tells of God's promise, *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."*

God wants us to pray to Him. He tells us that He is listening. And God is all powerful. For those three reasons, we encourage you to join the Holy Cross Elders in finding (at least) three times each day to pray for each other (and ourselves). And that, friends, is most assuredly batting 1000.

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 and 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