

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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January 7, 2024

*"Jesus' Baptism and Mine"*

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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 10:30 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 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.

**"Jesus' Baptism and Mine"**  
**January 7, 2024**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**

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**Opening Hymn** #89 (vs 1-4)....."To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His promises fulfill.

3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.

4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."

**Invocation**

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



**Confession of Sins**

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

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

### Lord, Have Mercy

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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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.

The musical notation for 'Amen' is a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a simple melody with a final cadence.

### 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

The musical notation for 'Glory Be to God' consists of six staves. Each staff contains a line of lyrics with corresponding musical notation. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notation includes rests and various note values to accommodate the lyrics.



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.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**Old Testament Lesson**.....Isaiah 49:1-6

*Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah will be for all nations.*

Listen to me, you coastlands.

Pay attention, you faraway peoples!

The Lord called me from the womb.

When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

2He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

He hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me a polished arrow.

He concealed me in his quiver.

3He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,  
in whom I will display my glory."

4But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.

I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.

Yet a just verdict for me rests with the Lord,

and my reward is with my God."

5But now the Lord,

who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to turn Jacob back to him,

so that Israel might be gathered to him,

so that I will be honored in the eyes of the Lord,

because my God has been my strength—

6the Lord said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant

to raise up only the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,

so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,

so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

**Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 2

M: Why do the nations rage? Why do the peoples grumble in vain?

**C: The kings of the earth take a stand, and the rulers join together against**

M: the Lord and against his Anointed One

**C: The one who is seated in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he speaks to them in his anger, and in his wrath he terrifies them.

**C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain."**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the Lord.

**C: He said to me: "You are my Son. Today I have begotten you."**

**Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



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

**Gospel Lesson**.....Mark 1:4-11

*Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River.*



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

4John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
5The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 6John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. 7He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! 8I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."



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

**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** (8:30 am)

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**Hymn** #737 (vs 1-3 CWS)....."God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

**Sermon**.....Pastor Mark Bartels....."Jesus' Baptism and Mine"

Acts 16:25-34

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted with a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself, because we are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. 33 At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. 34 Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God.

**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, who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



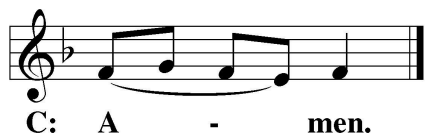
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

**Distribution Hymn #304**..... "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

1 Jesus sinners does receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
Are not by the Lord forsaken;  
Weary souls who lost their way  
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken  
In his arms that they may live--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

4 Come, O sinners, one and all,  
Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call;  
Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

5 I, a sinner, come to you  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Oh, how blest is it to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

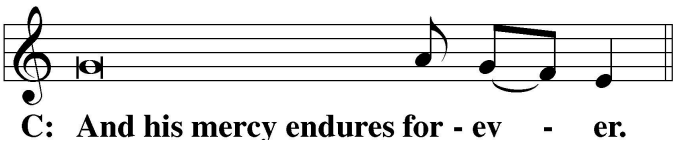
7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

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

## Holy Cross News & Notes

January 7, 2024

### Calendar for the Week – January 8 - January 14

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Coffee (Perkins on Hayes Rd) - 9:00am
- PTO - 6:30pm

#### Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Kindergarten Information Session - 4:30pm
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday

- Lydia Circle - 1:00pm

#### Sunday

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

#### GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

- **WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 12/19/23 - 12/25/23**  
\$36,104.79
- **TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 12/25/23**  
\$408,762.58
- **FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**  
\$406,500.12
- **FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**  
\$813,000.00

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

#### **ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS A CALL TO NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear members of Holy Cross,

On December 21, Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI called me to be Recruitment Director, teach P.E., and work with their Mission Advancement team. I am truly humbled to receive this Divine Call. This is an opportunity to evaluate where my gifts best fit in God's mission field. Over the next several weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Northland Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

## **SERMON VIDEO LINKS**

Holy Cross will begin sharing videos of our most recent sermons with you. Our hope in doing this is twofold. First of all, we hope that, as you watch these videos yourself as a part of your own regular devotional life, the Holy Spirit would strengthen your faith during the week. Secondly, we ask that you share these videos with your friends, relatives, and neighbors as you see fit. You could forward this email on to those you think would be interested, or simply copy and paste the links to your social media feed for all your online friends. For example, if there's a sermon that addresses a particular topic, such as grief, you can pass it on to someone you know is grieving. Our Savior told His disciples to "preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15), and this is just one more we can fulfill His great commission. And we have the promise from God that, as the apostle Paul says, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Ro 10:17). The Holy Spirit will work on human hearts wherever His Word is proclaimed.

12/31/23 - Go Forward - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/898910320?share=copy>

## **2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART**

The 2024 altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, sign up with your name, contact information, and the occasion. You can bring in your own flowers or the Altar Guild will order flowers for you. The usual bouquet is \$40 but you can make it any amount you like. Make checks payable to HOLY CROSS ALTAR GUILD. Drop off or mail your check in an envelope marked ALTAR FLOWERS. You may take the bouquet after the last service and enjoy it at home.

## **ELS/WELS BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITY**

A lot of people believe in "Jesus," but once you start talking about the "Jesus" they believe in, you find that he is nothing like the Jesus you believe in. Phony Jesuses abound and seem almost hip-deep everywhere you look. Now comes the hard question – is the Jesus whom you believe in the one revealed in the Bible, or is he someone you find comforting but who you have patched together from ideas you have heard at various times in your life? In his book entitled *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?*, Rev. Matthew Richard explores this issue. In a 12-session class at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings beginning January 4, Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a class through the book and show how to be sure that you are believing in the biblical Jesus. The live sessions will be held at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie and will be 90 minutes long. The class will be split, with 6 sessions before Lent and 6 after. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the class online or view the recorded sessions later. All the necessary information for registering and attending is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website [www.interrapaxlp.com](http://www.interrapaxlp.com). Necessary information, class notes, and session videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis.

## **24-25 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION MEETING**

Mark your calendar for January 10, 2024 for a presentation on Kindergarten for the 24-25 school year. It will be held in the Fireside room from 4:30-5:30 PM. This event is for parents to hear about our program and meet the teacher and principal. Please use this link to sign up. Spread the word about our great school!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EAFAB2CAAF7-46493473-kindergarten>

## **COOKIE WALK = SUCCESS!**

Thank you all for the overwhelming support, donations & volunteers during the cookie walk! We were able to raise just shy of \$5,500! That means over \$2500.00 will go towards supporting the Church and over \$2000.00 will go towards supporting the School! Holy Cross is definitely blessed with amazing congregation, school, & ELC families!

## **SENIOR MINISTRY: BINGO**

Senior Ministry is sponsoring Bingo for 55+ adults at 1PM, January 15, 2024 in the Fireside Room. *Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center of the church.* Can't wait to see you there!

## **BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT**

On Sunday January 21st, starting after the second service we will gather for our annual Holy Cross Bean Bag Tournament. We plan to play in the school gym and will have pizza beforehand. Adult and kid teams are welcome to compete. Use the Sign Up Genius link to register as individuals or 2 person teams and we will set up brackets. Please let us know if you have an extra board set you are willing to bring.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA92FA5F5C70-47017579-bean>

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS**

Holy Cross has had many significant changes since the year 2019, and this was the last time we had a picture directorial done. The membership development board is working with Harmann Studios to produce a *NEW* directory for the church. The dates for photos will be February 28th through March 2nd and March 5th through March 7th, 2024. Further information and promotional materials, as well as how to schedule your appointment, will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Please keep this important event on your radar!

## **LIVE STREAMING REMINDER**

There are two ways to live stream Holy Cross worship services. The first is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website, scroll down and click the green "Live stream" button, or hover over the "Live Stream/Sermons" drop down menu, click the "Live Streaming" button, and watch from there (or click the "Vimeo" button on the bottom right of the video and watch from there). The second way is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School Facebook page and, on Sunday mornings, it should be the most recent post (right around 8:30AM). Keep in mind, both of these options work for accessing older live streams as well. The best way may be to navigate to the Vimeo website to see a full list of old live streams.

## **SCHOOL & ELC OPEN HOUSE**

Looking for grade school or child care opportunities? You're invited to a free "Summer in the Winter" Open House at Holy Cross Lutheran School and Kids Crossing Early Learning Center. Come and enjoy live music, snacks, bounce house, games and more. Our Principal and Early Learning Center Director will be here to meet you, give tours of our facilities and answer questions. Saturday, January 27 from 9 - 11 am. Free entrance. Bring the family and escape winter:) Current Church, School and ELC families are encouraged to attend! It would be fun for prospective families to meet you.... and, it will be a good opportunity for you to have some fellowship time with your friends here at Holy Cross!

## **"LET GO LET GOD" WINTER TEEN RETREAT**

7th – 12th grade teens are invited to a 24-hour retreat of sports, games, art, faith-building Bible sessions, and an indoor camping experience with tents, "campfire," and campfire songs. Teens who come will be encouraged in their identity as a Christian and surrounded by a community of faith just like them. Our theme for this year is, "Let go. Let God." Pastor Titus Buelow will be leading and guiding the retreat with a team of volunteers to ensure this will be an amazing 24 hours for all! The retreat begins Saturday, February 3th, at 3pm and concludes on Sunday, February 4th, at 3pm. You can find more information and registration forms at

<https://www.stpeterslutheran-helenville.org/page/youth-group>, or you can talk to Pastor Van Kampen. Sign up ASAP! Spots will fill up fast.