

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



May 5, 2024

"Facing the World as a Friend of Jesus"

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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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Choir....."Fairest Lord Jesus"

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins

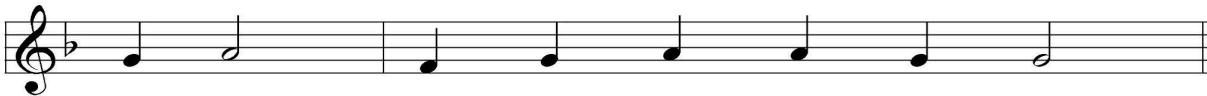
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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 wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



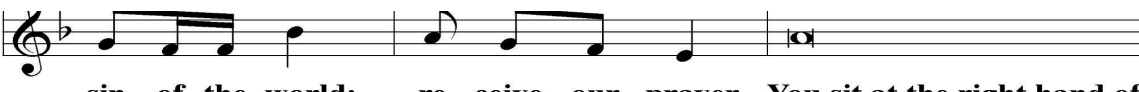
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



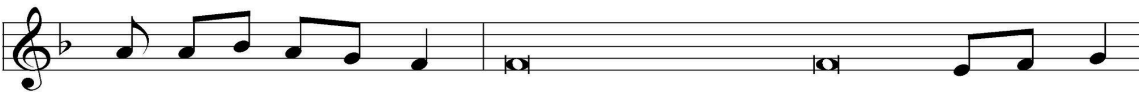
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson.....Acts 11:19-26

In Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that took place at the time of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some men from Cyprus and Cyrene who came to Antioch and also began to speak to the Greeks, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

22 A report about this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go on to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw God's grace, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts. 24 He was a good man who was full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a large number of people were added to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. 26 When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song!

M: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: The Lord has made his salvation known. He has revealed his righteousness to the eyes of the nations.

M: He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Break out in joyful song! Make music!

C: Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of music.

M: With trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn shout for joy before the King, the Lord.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with fairness.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b, cf. NIV)



Gospel Lesson.....John 15:9-17

Followers of Jesus are also friends of Jesus.



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

“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

12 “This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 #497.....“This Is My Will”

1 “This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
As I have shown that I love you.

2 "No greater love can any have
Than that one die to save his friends.
You are my friends if you obey
All I command that you should do.

3 "I call you now no longer slaves;
No slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
My Father say you hear from me.

4 You chose not me, but I chose you,
That you should go and bear much fruit.
I called you out that you in me
Should bear much fruit that will abide.

5 All that you ask my Father dear
For my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell in each, in all.

Sermon.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen....."Facing the World as a Friend of Jesus"

1 John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world.

4 You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. 5 They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. 9 This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. 10 This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

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

Reception of New Members

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.

The musical score is written in C major with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) in the key signature. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

The musical score for 'Amen' is written in C major with two flats in the key signature. It consists of a single staff of music. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics 'A - men.' are placed below the notes, with a hyphen indicating that 'Amen' spans across two notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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



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



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



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



grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymn #311 (vs 1-6)..... "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with you are hidden.

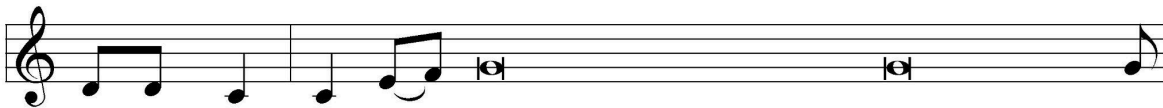
5 Human reason, though it ponders,
 Cannot fathom these great wonders,
 That Christ's body must be boundless
 Since the souls it feeds are countless,
 And that he his blood is giving
 With the wine we are receiving.
 These great mysteries unsounded
 Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You have left your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness
 And to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

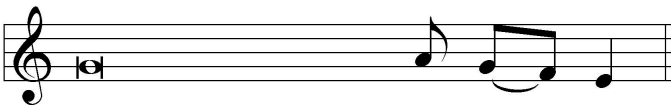


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Prayer After Communion

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Attendance

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, 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

May 5, 2024

Calendar for the Week – May 6 - May 12

Monday

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Lois Blackburn and Gene Fredenburg were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 4/23/24 - 4/29/24

\$9,194.94

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 4/29/24

\$667,984.41

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$687,923.28

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

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.

4/28/24 - "The Vine and the Branches" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/940415064>

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!

SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE

At Holy Cross, thankfully, we have people who work behind-the-scenes to help with necessary aspects of our worship services. One of our important behind-the-scenes teams is a group of people who make sure that the communion bread and wine are prepared and on the altar for the services where we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you would be willing to join this team and help set up for communion several times a year, please contact Rhonda Christenson or one of the Pastors. Thank you!

PASTOR TWEIT'S ANNIVERSARY

King of Grace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN sent us the following announcement: This coming June will be Pastor Tweit's 25th anniversary in the pastoral ministry. If you would like to send congratulations, his contact information is: 3045 Wisconsin Ave NCrystal MN 55427

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

May is mental health month. Did you know that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with some sort of mental health disorder? As compassionate Christians, we have the opportunity to extend support, resources, and access to Christ-centered care. As much as we try to cope with life circumstances, sometimes we need a little extra help. Our pastors are experienced in sharing God's healing Word in every situation. They are willing to offer assistance and/or recommend professional counseling if needed. If you're interested in mental health resources, please contact one of our pastors and also take a look at the brochures in the Welcome Center.

MAY AMMO CAN CAMPAIGN

In the month of May, there are special dates such as Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. May is Military Appreciation Month and also Mental Health Awareness Month. May is also the month when Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) holds a fundraising campaign. Through your gifts to our Ammo Can Campaign (at the Welcome Center), you and Holy Cross are supporting programs like the following:

- One day workshops for Veterans and 1st Responders that address spiritual and mental health issues
- Assistance grants for service members.
- Four-day Spiritual Retreats for Combat Veterans that focus on spiritual and mental health issues in a supportive atmosphere surrounded by fellow Combat Veterans
- Scholarships for Christian Veterans who are interested in pursuing ministry.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

All current members and all who have a desire to help, but have limited time. It's hard to believe, that Spring is here! Which means it's time to get our landscape plan in place. We are taking the same approach this year, as last year. Meaning anyone that would like to help maintain the Church and School grounds in any way, large or small, can on their own time schedule. All helpers are appreciated! If you are interested in joining, or if you are already a member and need guidance regarding what needs to be done, you can contact me at: sherrie2450@gmail.com

GREECE/PAUL TOUR

You are invited to join a 11 day tour of Greece; in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul. The tour, April 22-May 2, 2025 will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock (a well-known friend of Holy Cross), who has been there about 10 times. It includes a 3 day cruise on the Mediterranean Sea as well as an optional 3 day tour to Rome. Some of the Biblical places to be visited: Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus etc. For more information contact pastorkock@yahoo.com

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.

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

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

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)

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.

BETHANY FUND

Our Bethany Lutheran College is wrapping up its fiscal year on June 30, 2024. The College is striving to meet a fundraising goal of \$750,000 for The Bethany Fund, and is still seeking roughly \$200,000 in gifts to meet the goal. Many of our ELS pastors, congregations and individual members make regular contributions to our College with some sort of financial gift; please consider joining them in this effort. Visit blc.edu/bethanyfund or call the Advancement Office at 507-344-7000 to learn more about how you can help support our ELS college. Thank you for your support and prayers for Bethany!