

Summer Sacred Moments

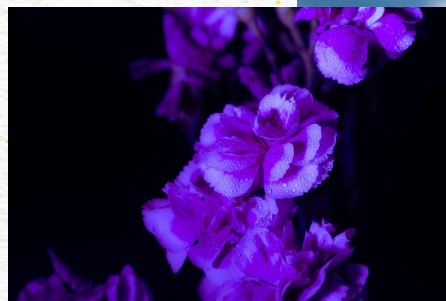
Holy Cross Lutheran Church 2024

Celtic spirituality suggests that there are thin places between the sacred and the everyday. Thin places may be sacred places but they need not be, at least not conventionally. A thin place is not necessarily a tranquil place, or a fun one, or a beautiful one, though it may be all of those things.

Have you ever noticed that nothing gets in the way of a genuine experience more than our expectations? One person's thin place may not be what another person is looking for. But, that is when our curiosity and imagination come into play. It is not a bad thing to lose our bearings occasionally and discover new ones. This is the power of transformation that enables us to see the world, others and ourselves differently.

Do you ever wonder... When do we have those sacred moments to loosen our grip on life and breathe again? How do we experience these sacred moments of thin places? How do we get there? Holy Cross would like to invite you to experience some possible thin places this summer. Who knows, together we might experience the sacred in a new way.

Pastor Bob - Pastor Chris - Pastor Katie



You Are Invited To...

"Moving on Mondays"... Lace up your walking shoes and let's enjoy the wonders of the outdoors at Independence Grove. Meet at the North Bay pavilion at 7:45 a.m. and be ready to walk regardless of weather. Walk at your own pace while enjoying lively conversation with other travelers. This is for all ages and levels of ability. We will begin on Monday, June 10. No formal commitment is required other than your desire to enjoy each other's company and start the week with some relaxed exercise.

"Dads doing Dinner"... How about some homemade gourmet pizza for dinner? This event is for the whole family and individuals. No one will be excluded. The idea is that a group of Dads will rely on their culinary skills to provide hand crafted oven fired pizzas on the church's patio. People will help create their favorite pizza flavor profile. The Dads will use pizza ovens to cook your individual pizzas. All you need to do is enjoy the fellowship and evening activities. The invitation is for everyone to enjoy a Thursday evening during the summer. Here are the dates to get them on your calendar... **June 20, July 11, and August 22.** Cooking will be available between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Weather will not be a factor.

RSVP would be helpful (dadsdoingdinner@holycrosschurch.org) but not required if you are moved to join us on the spur of the moment. There will be a free will offering to cover expenses.



"Concerts in the Plaza"... Who doesn't enjoy music, conversation and food outdoors? The Lake County Forest Preserve District offers on Tuesday evenings at Independence Grove a variety of concerts. The concerts are free but there is a \$10/vehicle fee. The only thing that might make these evenings more enjoyable would be sharing the experience with community. The schedule of concerts begins **Tuesday, June 11 and wraps up on Tuesday, August 6.** The concerts start at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (lcfpd.org for the schedule). Our thought is that everyone will be responsible for their own seating, food & beverages. There will be a "Holy Cross" flag marking space to gather. It will be in front of the visitor center (the BIG rock) on the pavers between the concert stage and the Beer Garden.

Everyone is welcome including friends of Holy Cross. The "Holy Cross flag" will be in place by 6:00 p.m.

Summer Day Trips...

Depending on the size of the group we will manage transportation arrangements. It would be helpful to know the level of interest for these various opportunities. .

Please RSVP to summerdaytrips@holycrosschurch.org

A Day at the Lincoln Park Zoo... The zoo is free but there is a charge for parking. We will meet at the "main gate" at 10:00 a.m. People will be able to stroll and enjoy the park at your own pace and explore the different exhibits that interest you. Seeing the animals through the eyes of individuals of all ages adds another dimension to the experience. Stay as long as you like and bring your own snacks/drinks as needed. Transportation to be determined. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, June 26. Please RSVP by June 19.**

Sacred Places tour by the Chicago Architecture Center of Chicago... This is a two hour walking tour of eight different historical churches and synagogues located in Chicago. It is a guided tour that begins at 10:00 a.m. with a docent. We will need to leave the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. The fee is \$30/person with a maximum number of participants. Following the tour we will plan on stopping for lunch at a location to be determined. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, July 24.** Transportation to be determined depending on the group needs. **Please RSVP by July 1.**

Chicago Botanic Garden... What is there not to enjoy about this amazing place that we are blessed with? Trails to walk. Creation to experience. Gardens to inspire. There is a "wading stream" and "butterfly structure" for the kids in all of us. We have made arrangements for a free entrance for the group. There is a cafeteria available on site or bring your own picnic lunch. Stay as long as you like and leave when you need to. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, July 10.** We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. **Please RSVP by July 1.**

The Chicago Dogs... **Wednesday, July 17** at 6:30 p.m. \$16/person for infield box seats as a group Transportation is on you so you can arrive on your schedule. Tickets will be available in advance of the day. **Please RSVP by July 1.**

Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum (formerly the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago)... Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, August 21.** We will leave the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Lunch at the famous Manny's Cafeteria & Delicatessen in the South Loop will wrap up the trip before we come home. **Please RSVP by August 1.**



JUNE

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Moving on Mondays

June 10 - 17 - 24

Dad's Doing Dinner June 20

Concerts in the Plaza

June 11 - 18 - 25

Lincoln Park Zoo June 26

Saturday Night Live on the Patio...

June - August we offer Saturday evening worship at 5:30 p.m.

There are three opportunities during the summer to extend our worship fellowship with a pot luck meal that immediately follows worship on the church's patio.

The church provides the entrée and folks are encouraged to bring one of the following: salad, side dish, or a dessert to share.

If weather doesn't cooperate, we will move everything inside. Mark the following dates on your calendar...

June 15, July 20, and August 24.

Sabbath Time...

Of course there is always the opportunity to come together on Sunday mornings for worship at 8:00 & 10:00 with fellowship following.

Saturday evening worship is another option at 5:30 pm during June, July & August

JULY

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Moving on Mondays

July 1- 8 - 15 - 22 - 29

Dad's Doing Dinner July 11

Concerts in the Plaza

July 2-9-16-23-30

Botanical Garden July 10

Chicago Dogs Baseball July 17

Architectural Tour July 24

AUGUST

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Moving on Mondays

August 5-12-19-26

Dad's Doing Dinner

August 22

Concerts in the Plaza

August 6

Ancient Cultures Museum Tour

August 21