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September 2 at 5:30 pm
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8 & 10 am
Sanctuary & Livestream

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Serve "...not to be served but to serve..."

by Pastor Chris Neptun

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." – Matthew 20:25-28

For the last few months, I have shared an aspect of a pattern for the life of faith: INVITE, NURTURE, EQUIP, and SERVE. This month, I'll share about the part of SERVE.

To review:

- We are called to **INVITE** others to the community of believers who follow Jesus. We long to be invited to something larger than ourselves.
- We **NURTURE** one another in community, being cared for and caring for others with God's help and guidance.
- We **EQUIP** one another to grow into individuals and a community of greater faith and love. Our focus must remain grounded in love and devotion to Jesus.

To SERVE is part of the Christian life. We do so at church for worship and through PADS, COOL Ministries Food Pantry, Project Healing Waters, youth mission trips, church council, etc. Service is for all aspects of our lives, in our homes, at work, everywhere, and always.

This was counter-cultural in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry. It is today as well. Power and success are often measured by how many people we have working "for" us. It may not be as literal as having people on our payroll, but rather how many friends, resources, and acquaintances are available to achieve what we want. Our culture values being served rather than serving others.

In Mark and Matthew, Jesus clarifies what being "the greatest" means in the Kingdom of Heaven. The disciples misunderstand what Jesus has come to do. They are thinking the way the world does. When Jesus is asked if two disciples (James and John) could receive seats of honor in the Kingdom, he explains what it is to be "the greatest." It is the opposite of what they, and we, expect. The greatest are the ones who serve others, not the other way around.

The Kingdom is fulfilled by serving others without considering any gain for oneself. This standard is distinctive because it cannot be definitively measured. Jesus says in response to this request, "... this is not mine to grant, but it is for those whom it has been prepared by my Father." – Mt 20:23. We can never know what indeed is in another person's heart. Only God knows what is in the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." These words are to God's servant Samuel when he is sent to Jesse's house to anoint a new King for Israel. Samuel assumes the tallest, brightest, and best-looking firstborn son Eliab is the one, but God decides based on something else.

If we serve to be the best servant or most outstanding servant, our motives are selfish. When we act in ways that only benefit others, some may think we are doing it to help ourselves. There is no meaningful competition when it comes to serving in the Kingdom. We can't measure or calculate who is giving more selflessly or less selflessly.

Service happens in many ways and forms. No act is too large or small. The spirit of serving as Jesus does involves no personal gain. The heart of serving as Jesus does is to free others to live life more fully and freely. We serve others, trusting that Jesus has done this for us.

The Kingdom is about love, God's love. We invite others to know what we have experienced. We nurture one another to live and trust more fully in that love. We equip and are equipped to love more completely. We serve with love that trusts God's love has already met our needs abundantly so that we can freely help others for a better life.

The relationship with Jesus is the focus of INVITE, NURTURE, EQUIP, and SERVE. Everything done in the heart and spirit of Jesus draws us together to God.

In Christ's love,

Fall Worship Schedule

Our fall worship schedule resumes on Saturday, September 2 with worship on the first Saturday evening of every month and on Sundays at 8 and 10 am. Holy Communion is offered on first Saturdays, first and third Sundays and on festival Sundays.

Livestream worship options are offered on Sundays with a recorded worship video available within 24 hours to view on demand at HolyCrossChurch.org/sermons

September

Saturday, September 2

5:30 pm First Saturday Evening Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 3

8 & 10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

Sunday, September 10

8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

9 am Fellowship Coffee Hour

9:45 am Rally Day Sunday School Kickoff

10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

Sunday, September 17

8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

9:45 am Sunday School

10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

Sunday, September 24

8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream

9:45 am Sunday School

10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream



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FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9 AM

Please join us for fellowship, beverages, and refreshments between worship services.



Give now for wildfire relief

The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors and how Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires and will work to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction.

Give online at community.elca.org/uswildfires

Give by check or money order. Mail to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
 PO Box 1809
 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Newsletter Helpers Welcome

by Janet Carr



Around the first day of every month, *The Cross Connection* newsletter arrives at your home in the U.S. Mail. Have you ever stopped to wonder how that happens? Many hours of time are devoted by the church staff each month to gathering details from across the congregation on worship and fellowship opportunities, relational ministry, early childhood ministry, youth ministry, activities and special events, as well as information on the organizations we support beyond our congregation. Hopefully you read the newsletter each month to see not only what’s been happening, but also to find opportunities to participate in what’s coming up in the future.

Once all of the newsletter content is gathered and formatted for printing, we process almost 1,000 copies of each issue by folding, tabbing and labeling them for mailing. This is no small undertaking, and we thank the volunteers who have stepped up to help us with these preparations. While at this time we don’t have a set date and time for this process each month, it typically falls within the last three to four days of the month during daytime office hours. We maintain a list of individuals who have offered to assist with the newsletter mailing process and send out a request for assistance by email as soon as we know what the processing date will be each month. There is no obligation to participate every month, but we appreciate it whenever our volunteers can spare a few hours to help us. As with most tasks, more hands make the work more pleasant and efficient.

If you would like to be added to the list of potential newsletter volunteers going forward or have any questions about the process, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or by calling us at (847) 367-4060.

Coffee Hosting Is Back!

We are grateful for everyone who volunteers to participate during worship services at Holy Cross. We have once again added the role of coffee hosting to our worship volunteer team.



If you were a host in the past and would like to continue OR if you have never hosted before but would like to learn more or participate in this fellowship ministry, please contact the church office at (847) 367-4060 or office@holycrosschurch.org to connect to the worship volunteer team.

A Year of Holy Days: Michaelmas

by Deaconess Katie Freund

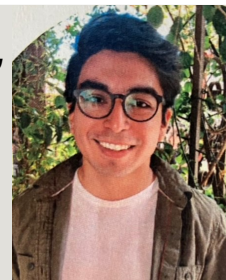


This month, for our year of Holy Days I want to lift up another one that you’ve probably never celebrated before. Since the fifth century, September 29 has been marked as All Angels Day or Michaelmas in Western Europe. This Feast of Saint Michael is named after the mighty archangel, but indeed commemorates all of those divine messengers of God. In the same fashion that the name Christ-mas derives from the Catholic mass dedicated to Christ, this is named after a Catholic mass dedicated to Michael.

Some communities in the British Isles have this day as a deadline to settle financial accounts by. Aside from business, this is also the deadline to collect blackberries, since folklore has this as the day the archangel Michael threw the devil out of heaven into a blackberry bush, thereby cursing it.

By and large, this isn’t a big essential holiday, but a lovely reminder to remember that God’s word is still brought to us today by messengers both mortal and spiritual. So give your blackberries an extra rinse and ask yourself—who God has sent into your path recently?

Introducing Edwin Andrade, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



Hello, my name is Edwin Andrade and I am the new Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A bit about me: I am a recent seminary graduate from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. I received a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Bexley-Seabury. I am also recently engaged as of this summer. We are coming to you all the way from the Southwest desert in Tucson, Arizona. This summer was a roller coaster that only kept going up!

My aim as the new Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Holy Cross is intergenerational community. “Disciples who make disciples, who make disciples...” Our faith is an invitation. Young and old. Believer and skeptic. Everyone is invited. There is room at the table for all. Speaking of tables, I know that Holy Cross likes to enjoy a good meal (I know from my visit this summer.) I can’t think of a better way to describe our faith and Holy Cross, right? Holy Cross is like a party and at this party, everyone is invited.

I am looking forward to connecting and growing with our youth and families. You may contact me at edwin@holycrosschurch.org and (520) 370-9572.



Backpack Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Backpack & School Supply Drive.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide almost 100 backpacks for students in need in Chicago for the 2023/24 school year. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped pack school supplies for the backpacks between services on Sunday, July 30.



On Sunday, August 6, a blessing of the backpacks was held during worship for both the LSSI backpacks and for the backpacks of Holy Cross students as well.



Columbarium Ministry

To the right of the main entrance to the sanctuary is the Holy Cross Resurrection Garden. It is an important ministry of ours that often goes below the radar.

Why does Holy Cross have a Resurrection Garden? As people of faith, the promise of the resurrection brings comfort at the time of death. Just as each individual constructs their life in a unique way, our attitudes towards death are also unique. Our Garden consists of a Columbarium, Remembrance Wall, and Meditation Garden. The Columbarium is a dedicated structure containing niches for interment, while the adjacent Remembrance Wall contains plaques to memorialize those who are interred elsewhere. The Garden provides a quiet courtyard for prayer, reflection, and meditation.

Our Columbarium currently houses 144 niches, with room to expand to up to 400. Current and former members of Holy Cross and their families may be interred, while others may also be interred upon request.

For more information about the Columbarium, the Remembrance Wall, or the Meditation Garden, contact the church office or visit holycrosschurch.org/resurrectiongarden

The church office also has a publication available entitled "Five Wishes" that is a thought-starter for communicating with your family, friends and doctors about things like your wishes for medical care if you can't make those decisions for yourself, choosing the right person to be your health care agent, and sharing your end of life wishes. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org



MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? To learn more about membership, please contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 16 at 9 am

RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 11

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, September 17 during 10 am Worship

PASTORAL ACTS

WEDDING

James Tuttle & Samantha Cooper

August 25, 2023



Journey faith, discipleship, generosity



Finding Happiness in an Age of Affluence by Steve Oelschlager

I think all of us feel something isn't right with the world as we know it. The late Jonathan Sacks, who served as the Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, shared his ideas about what has gone wrong in his book *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times*. Sacks writes:

“Ours is the most affluent age in history. Standards of living have risen consistently over the past fifty years. We can travel around the world, be in touch with friends, buy almost anything we like, see our favorite films, read our favorite books, find out the answer to almost any question, instantly and without friction. Even a generation ago, the access to information and freedom of communication we enjoy today, courtesy of smartphones, apps, and the internet, would have been absolutely inconceivable. Life expectancy in the UK in 1900 was forty-seven years for men and fifty for women, and in 2017, seventy-nine years for men and eighty-three for women, an increase of between two and three extra years in every decade. We are, quite simply, better off, better informed, healthier, and freer than any previous generation.

Yet to take one symptom of contemporary dysphoria, in the course of the past decade, the life satisfaction of teenagers has plummeted. Drug taking, from marijuana to opioids to heroin and crystal meth, has rocketed. We noted in the chapter on social media that rates of depression, stress-related illness, and attempted and actual suicide have risen sharply among today's teenagers. More people than ever say that they are lonely. Some of the most affluent societies in the world are way down the list of happiest populations, Britain at fifteenth, the United States at eighteenth. To quote Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett in *The Spirit Level*, their book on market economics, "It is a remarkable paradox that, at the pinnacle of human material and technical achievement, we find ourselves anxiety-ridden, prone to depression, worried about how others see us, unsure of our friendships, driven to consume and with little or no community life." How could this have happened?

...

The deeper point is that by constantly inflaming our discontents, an advertising-driven, consumer society that ostensibly aims at happiness becomes in the end a system for the production and distribution of unhappiness. As a former director of General Motors Research Lab once put it, advertising is the ‘organized creation of dissatisfaction.’ Happiness is good for us, but it is bad for business. Hence we have to be induced to see it as always

lying just around the corner, immediately after the next product we buy.

A consumer society, in short, encourages us to spend money we don't have, on products we don't need, for a happiness that won't last. The reason such happiness does not last lies in the fundamental difference between hedonic happiness, a momentary feeling of pleasurable sensation, and eudaemonic happiness, which is the lasting feeling brought by having lived a good, meaningful, and worthy life. Hedonic happiness requires constant stimulation. Hence the idea of the ‘hedonic treadmill’: getting what we want only temporarily satisfies desire. We almost immediately find new things to desire, so that though we may find ourselves better off materially, we do not become happier psychologically.”

As people of faith, Jesus shares parables, asks questions, and invites us to contemplate what really matters and makes life worth living. I hope Holy Cross is the kind of community that helps you to practice this kind of discernment leading to hopeful ways forward.



THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

30TH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 8-9, 2024

NEVER STOP
LEARNING.

The Global Leadership Summit

Holy Cross hosted the Global Leadership Summit last month, bringing together about 25 people, including Holy Cross members and local leaders, to focus on improving leadership. The event provided fresh perspectives, inspiring stories, and innovative insights to help individuals and their teams thrive. Speakers included former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the CEO of Intel Corporation, the creator, director, and co-writer of *The Chosen*, and other notable church and industry leaders, authors, and academics. To learn more about the speakers and their work, see: globalleadership.org/guide

Holy Cross is committed to hosting the event again on August 8-9, 2024. You can register at this link for \$139, using the code HOSTGLS24

bit.ly/GLS24

Please get in touch with Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org if you have any questions.



New Training Opportunity

by Pastor Chris Neptun

We invite you to “Fostering Healthy Christian Relationships” a transformative one-day training that offers essential tools and insights necessary to nurture and strengthen our community.

Date: Saturday, September 9

Time: 9 am – 4 pm (snacks and lunch will be provided)

Venue: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

RSVP: bit.ly/relaterSVP



We have curated a diverse range of sessions to delve into and practice core elements that contribute to fostering healthy Christian relationships. Some of the key topics that will be covered include:

- Biblical Foundations for Healthy Relationships Within Our Christian Communities.
- Developing Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills
- Understanding Healthy Boundaries and Accountability
- Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Authentic Community Building

This training is for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of Christian relationships.

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to secure your spot.



MP3

MEN of
PURPOSE
PRINCIPLE
PRAYER

MP3: Men of Purpose, Principle, & Prayer

Date: Tuesday, September 19 - Session 2

Time: 6 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Area

Cost: Free. Please RSVP at bit.ly/MP391923



Men of Purpose, Principle & Prayer is one of our men's ministries at Holy Cross. We meet on select Tuesday evenings for fellowship, food and conversation. The evenings begin with fellowship at 6 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm.

The theme for this MP3 season is “*sacred moments*”. In Celtic spirituality there is the concept of ‘thin places’ where the everyday/ordinary moments intersect with the sacred/holy. We will explore this notion and how it actually presents itself in our life and faith journeys. This will be a six-part series. Our third session will be held on November 7 with 2024 dates to be announced.

Our plan is to deconstruct the idea of ‘sacred’ into six components. In 2023 we will focus on three of the components: **S** for sanctuary/refuge/safe place; **A** for ancient philosophies/lessons passed on from previous mentors; and, **C** for ceremony/milestone moments/rites/traditions. In 2024 we will finish with **R** for relational, **E** for emptiness and **D** for deeper.

Men (21+) please mark your calendars and plan to join in the journey.

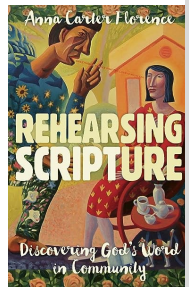
Women's Discussion Group

by Pastor Chris Neptun

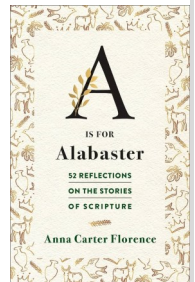
The Women's Discussion Group at Holy Cross will begin meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month beginning September 12 from 9:30 am – 11 am in room 208. (If requested, a Zoom option can be arranged.) For the 2023/24 program year, we will be reading works by Anna Carter Florence. Copies will be available in the church office.

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and Ph.D.). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Dr. Florence served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. This year we will be reading from two of her books, *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community*, and her current book project, *'A' is for Alabaster: A Preacher's Alphabet*, being released on October 3.

SCRIPTURE. We can study it carefully. We can listen to sermons on it and read what the experts say about it. But in the end, says Anna Carter Florence, Scripture needs to be rehearsed and encountered—and we can do that best in community with others. In this book Florence offers concrete, practical tools for reading and rehearsing Scripture in groups. Suitable for new and seasoned Bible readers alike, Florence's *Rehearsing Scripture* invites solitary readers to become community readers, gather around a shared text, and encounter God anew together.



Beloved preacher and writer Anna Carter Florence brings winsome insight to an array of characters and stories in the Bible—some celebrated and some overlooked. From courageous Abigail to Zelophehad's daughters, and from an alabaster jar of ointment to Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, Florence takes readers on an enchanting tour of the Old and New Testaments with reflections that reveal ancient wisdom and spark imagination anew.



Handbell Choir

by Beth Fashimpauer



We welcome all to join the Holy Cross Handbell Choir. If you can read music, you are in! Rehearsals are in the church basement on the first three Thursdays of each month at 7 pm.

We are looking to get started just after Labor Day, so please contact Beth Fashimpauer at elizabeth.malecha@gmail.com for more details.



Women's Ministry News

by Beth Ann Koenemann

A rocking time was had by all that came to Ravinia to listen to and to say goodbye to Kenny Loggins at his farewell concert. It was a wonderful event, listening to great music, laughing and socializing with each other. Thank you to Carol and Mike Dikelsky and Deb Sherrock for procuring the tickets for us, your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Women's Retreat 2023

Dates: Friday, October 20 at 4 pm to Saturday, October 21 at 4 pm

Location: Hope Conference Center

Lutherdale, N7891 N US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI

Cost: \$125 per participant. *Scholarships are available. Contact Beth Ann for details.*

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 25

Register online: HolyCrossChurch.org/lift



Our biggest LIFT event of the year is almost here and you won't want to miss it!

On October 20-21 we will be surrounded by the tranquil, picturesque setting of Lutherdale, in Elkhorn, WI, in the beautiful new Hope Conference Center. Lutherdale is a place for rejuvenation, learning, and fellowship—we will be doing all three in our time together. In order to have an uplifting, enjoyable and positive retreat experience, we have shifted our focus slightly to include a different film and have delayed the viewing of “Women Talking” to a later date. We will keep the theme of women talking because we will examine what makes relationships between women so special and how finding our place in a loving community can also help us find our own voice. If you have never been to Lutherdale, it has 52 wooded acres with magnificent views of Lauderdale Lake which will be absolutely gorgeous with all of the fall colors! Just being there will bring a calm that is hard to duplicate anywhere else. If you would like a sneak peak of Lutherdale, check out these pictures of our accommodations on their website: lutherdale.org/facilities. We hope you will join us and we invite you to retreat from life's hectic pace and enjoy time with fellow women of faith.

All room accommodations will be with at least one other person or more (there are only 20 rooms with varying configurations available, so the number of actual participants will dictate how many people will be in a room). So please indicate at least one (or more) roommate preference(s) on your registration form and have your friends list you on their form. Not sure who to room with? Never fear—we are happy to match you up with another participant. Don't let this stop you from coming! There are ADA compliant rooms available, so please indicate on the registration form if you need this type of accommodation. All linens and towels will be provided. The conference center houses all of the rooms, so we will be in one location except for when we take a short walk to the dining hall for our meals. Our evening and morning devotion will be on the deck of the conference center (weather permitting).

If you prefer to register and pay via a paper copy and check, a brochure with the registration form can be found in the gathering space or download a printable brochure at HolyCrossChurch.org/lift Return completed paper registration forms and checks to Beth Ann or they can be turned in to the church office.

We are so excited about the retreat we have planned for you! Don't miss this great opportunity to talk, connect and to relax. Contact Beth Ann Koenemann at bethann@holycrosschurch.org or by calling (847) 997-9937 with any questions and/or concerns. Please join us! We look forward to our experience together!



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19 & 26 AT 7 - 8 AM

LOCATION: THE LIBERTY RESTAURANT, 419 S. MILWAUKEE AVE, LIBERTYVILLE

Begin the day with coffee, breakfast, fellowship, and thought-provoking and stimulating conversation. All men are welcome to join us.

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org



WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 12 & 26 AT 9:30 AM

LOCATION: ROOM 208

The discussion topics for 2023 will be taken from two books by Anna Carter Florence. Please see page 6 for additional information and dates. All women welcome.

Contact Pastor Chris at pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org with any questions.



SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

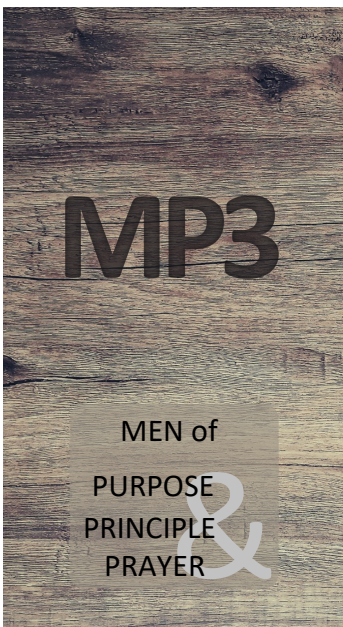
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 16 & 30 AT 7 - 8:30 AM

LOCATION: IN-PERSON (ROOM 208) OR VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/301891517

The Saturday Men's Group will continue discussion of *Faith After Doubt* by Brian McLaren. If you have not yet done so, please pick up a copy from the church office. In this book, McLaren proposes a four-stage model of faith development in which questions and doubt are not the enemy of faith, but rather a portal to a more mature and fruitful kind of faith. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Steve Oelschlager at steve@holycrosschurch.org



MP3: MEN OF PURPOSE, PRINCIPLE, & PRAYER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6 - 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON, FELLOWSHIP AREA

THEME: SACRED MOMENTS

COST: FREE



To help us plan for food, please RSVP at bit.ly/MP391923

The second session of our six-part series on "sacred moments" is being held in September. In this session we will cover "A" for ancient philosophies/lessons passed on from previous mentors.

Men (21+) are invited to attend for an evening of fellowship, food, music, and conversation.

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris at pastorchrish@holycrosschurch.org

See page 6 for additional details.

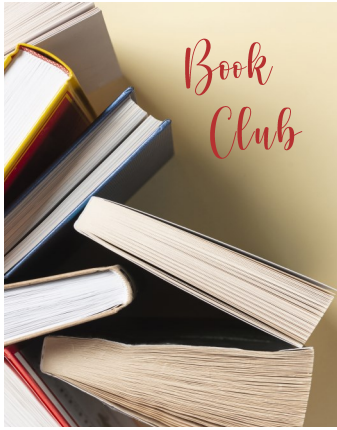
STRENGTH & CORE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5; MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11, 18 & 25 AT 6 PM

LOCATION: CELEBRATION! CHILDCARE ATRIUM

To join this exercise group, please contact Jodi Zombolo at (224) 595-8573.





BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7 PM
VIA ZOOM

 holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

In September we will discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices... Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? Our discussion host will be Heidi Dinter.

If you have any questions, please email Felicia Brandt at felicia.s.brandt@gmail.com



GROUNDING IN GRACE: FRIDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 6:30 - 8 PM
LOCATION: NORTH SHORE DISTILLERY, 13990 W. ROCKLAND ROAD, GREEN OAKS
Grounded in Grace is a social opportunity for women of faith to connect together in fellowship.

Please feel free to bring a snack to share. We will plan the rest of the year on this evening.

Contact Terry Berger at terryberger.08@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the Grounded in Grace Messenger group.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS (PHW) FLY FISHING NORTH CHICAGO
DAY SESSION: WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13 & 27 AT 11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
LOCATION: CENTURY PARK, VERNON HILLS

EVENING SESSION: SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9 & 23 AT 9 AM TO 12 PM
LOCATION: SPRING GROVE FISH HATCHERY, 2314 HATCHERY ROAD, SPRING GROVE
COST: \$5 PER CAR TO ENTER THE PARK

We always welcome more volunteers to help with hospitality. If you would like to help in this way, please contact office@holycrosschurch.org



QUILTING GROUP
WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27 AT 9 AM - 12 PM
LOCATION: ROOM 404

We gather on Wednesdays to sew as a group. Completed quilts are donated to COOL Ministries for families residing in the Family Housing program or to Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to comfort children who are seriously injured, traumatized, or in need.

Questions? Contact Deb Sherrock at debs695@aol.com or (630) 267-7802.



COMMON THREADS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 1 PM

Beginning again in September, we will meet on the second Monday of each month in the Fellowship Area to knit, crochet and visit. No prior crafting experience necessary. Each blanket or shawl created is dedicated at a worship service and then presented to the prayer recipient. These pieces offer the healing power of prayer, crafted as an expression of God's love. Request a prayer blanket or shawl for a loved one by contacting the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org

Questions? Contact Judy Luplow at (847) 367-0242.

Project Playground

by *Samantha Cooper-Tuttle*
Director, Early Childhood Ministry

As the years go by, the needs we have change from one moment to the next. For over five years, our beautiful child-led garden has served us well. It started as a small idea and was shaped into a special place for children to engage with the outdoors in a safe and natural space. Our garden has given us ample fruits and vegetables to share with the community, has provided teachable moments, and has taught us valuable life lessons. Children have had the opportunity to explore the life cycle of plants and have watched baby birds hatch from eggs. Although our children's garden has been a joyful adventure, it is time to begin a new chapter at CrossWays Preschool and Celebration! Childcare.

Over the past few months, our staff has been engaging in conversations regarding a safe space for our infants and toddlers to play outdoors. The discussion began with how to make our existing playground more suitable for our younger students. As our brainstorming sessions continued, we thought of a new idea. Instead of reconstructing our current playground, why not create a unique space specifically designed for infants and toddlers? Similarly to how the concept of beginning a child-led garden took off, the idea for an infant/toddler outdoor play space did as well. After exploring different areas outdoors that could be used, we found that our current garden space would make a perfect fit. Indeed, our garden has been beloved and well-used. However, a closed-in area that could be fenced would be highly beneficial for our families and staff.

After a visit from our DCFS Licensing Representative, we got the green light to start planning for an infant/toddler play space in our current garden area. The initial phase is to clean up the space by removing the garden accessories, such as the greenhouse and raised beds. We will use the dirt from the raised beds to level the ground and plant new grass. Keeping grass for ground coverage instead of wood chips will be ideal for our infants, who have limited mobility. The grass will be a sensory benefit that the students can explore. Over the next year, we will continue to remodel the space, install a fence, and purchase infant/toddler outdoor equipment. Our hope is to have the outdoor space completed by the summer of 2024 for our students to enjoy when the warm weather returns.

To finance this project, we have saved funds from our WISHES campaign. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we had money left over after purchasing all the wish items. We can now put the remaining amount toward this fantastic project! In addition, we will be using the proceeds from our 2023 Fallin' Into Fun Fundraiser. Last year, the fundraiser brought in \$4,000 for our early childhood programs. We are hoping for an even more successful event this year! Individuals can help support this project by attending our fall fundraiser on Saturday, September 30, from 2 - 6 pm (see our flyer!) or by contributing a monetary donation through Holy Cross.

These photos are from when our garden was actively used for planting flowers and vegetables!



These photos show the current state of our garden! As you can see, the garden beds have been removed and we are getting ready to plant grass seed.



CrossWays Preschool & Celebration! Childcare presents...

Fallin' Into Fun 2023

Food | Music | Entertainment | Vendors | Raffles

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30
Sept 2023

1151 N. Saint Mary's Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

2 pm
to
6 pm



**CrossWays
Preschool**

crossways@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-4367
cpreschool.org



**Celebration!
Childcare**

celebration@holycrosschurch.org
(847) 367-6208
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Sunday School

by Deaconess Katie Freund

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10 at 9:45 am

We're kicking off on our Journey!

We're starting this year's Sunday School with a yard party (indoors or out) for the kids! While the adults attend 10 am worship, our kids will have games, songs, and learn the story of the parting of the Red Sea in a live Bible story. Kids will be brought in to join families at the passing of the peace during the worship service. Yard games start at 9:45! Fun snacks for the whole family to follow after worship!

Would you like to help host a game for Rally Day? Contact Deaconess Katie at deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org



Come JOURNEY with us!

This year we're streamlining your Sunday morning experience:

- Sunday School check-in will be at 9:45 am in the Celebration! Childcare atrium. (Enter at the Celebration! Childcare doorway or follow the rainbow footprints from the gathering space!)
- With Sunday School happening simultaneously alongside the 10 am worship service, we'll open with Carrie Mack leading music and Deaconess Katie teaching the day's lesson. Then our kids will break into small groups based on their age (3 - 5 year olds, Kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade) for crafts and games.
- Kids will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary during the worship service at the sharing of the peace, enabling families to be together for Holy Communion.

Register your kids ages 3 - 5th grade (on September 10) for Sunday School at this link: bit.ly/sundayschool2324



Here's a sneak peak at the lessons for Sunday School this fall. We're going "old school" with lessons from the Hebrew Bible, AKA the Old Testament.

September 10: We're kicking off with Rally Day, where we'll act out the *Parting of the Red Sea* and have fun outside with yard games.

September 17: We'll start back at the beginning by hearing about *The First Sin*, and have fun bowling and crafting.

September 24: Next in our timeline is the *Tower of Babel*, where we'll reach for the sky with giant jenga.

October 1: The next month opens with *Abram's Call*; there'll be new games and old, all to help us learn about following God's call.

Sunday School Helpers

We need shepherds for the journey!

No one makes the journey of faith alone, help us walk with our youngest church members. Sunday school will start at 9:45 am in the Atrium, take place during the 10 am worship service, and kids will be returned to their families during the passing of the peace (after the sermon and before holy communion).

Carrie Mack will lead us in music and Deaconess Katie will lead the lesson of the day... Can you lead a craft or game? Available to man our check-in table?

We have three age groups in need of shepherding: 3 - 5 year olds, Kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade. Complete instructions and all supplies will be provided each week.

We're excited for our Holy Cross community to share their time with God's little ones. Come join us for a Sunday, or a few, or join us for the whole season!

View and sign up for this fall year's schedule and shepherding opportunities online at bit.ly/shepherdsF23



by Deaconess Katie Freund

The Fall Session for the 2023/24 program year will begin with orientation on Sunday, September 10.

Below is the fall session. Confirmation students in grades 6 - 8 should choose one 6-week session, either in the fall or in the spring.

Registration & Orientation: Sunday, September 10, 5 - 6 pm
Parents and students are required to attend.

Sessions 1 - 6: Sundays, September 17 & 24, October 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 5 - 8 pm, dinner provided.

Confirmation Worship Service: Sunday, October 29 at 10 am

Confirmands who have successfully completed instruction will affirm their baptism on Reformation Sunday, October 29, at the 10 am worship service.

Details on our new program schedule have been sent to families over the summer via email and post. If you have not received them, please contact the church office office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060.



Blessing of Teachers
Sunday, September 17 at 10 am worship
We honor and lift up the service of teachers, coordinators, helpers, shepherds, and staff in our Sunday School, Confirmation, and Early Childhood Ministry programs.



Baptism

By appointment with a pastor

For most of us the formal beginning of our faith journey occurred at the baptismal font. Through the waters of baptism, we are publicly claimed as a Child of God and become a part of God's family. The congregation, parent(s) and sponsors of the individual promise to support this person on their faith journey as they grow in age and wisdom through God's love.

First Communion: Second Grade and up

Workshop: Saturday, September 23 9:30 - 11 am

Celebration: Sunday, October 1, 2023 (World Communion Sunday) at 10 am worship. RSVP by September 18 to Deaconess Katie at deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org

Or Workshop: Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:30 - 11 am

Celebration: Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7 pm

In this milestone, we learn about the mystery and gift that is Holy Communion. Class includes making bread, learning about the Passover, the events surrounding Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper, what happens in Holy Communion and the general "how-tos" of receiving Holy Communion. Two sessions are offered each year with the fall class celebrating First Communion on World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) and the spring class celebrating First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Bible Basics and Presentation of Bibles: Third Grade & up

Workshop: Saturday, November 11 at 9 am

Presentation of Bibles: Sunday, November 12 during 10 am worship

At baptism, parent(s), sponsors and the congregation promise to place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of each baptized person. At Holy Cross, we do this in third grade with a class for parents and children to learn together. We cover how to use a Bible, how it is organized, and share favorite Bible verses.

Confirmation: Affirmation of Baptism

Fall Session Rehearsal: Saturday, October 28 at 8:30 am

Fall Affirmation of Baptism: Sunday, October 29 at 10 am

Spring Session Rehearsal: Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 8:30 am

Spring Affirmation of Baptism: Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10 am

Details about our new program schedule can be viewed online at HolyCrossChurch.org/confirmation Questions? Contact Deaconess Katie at deaconesskatie@holycrosschurch.org

High School Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 9, 2024 (tentative)

Graduation from high school is an important milestone and time of transition for students and families. We celebrate this milestone in worship with a prayer and blessing of those who graduated and their families.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



by Pastor Chris Neptun

Hey, Middle Schoolers! Here's what's coming up for our **weekly events** beginning in September. Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

INVITE: Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!

NURTURE: These are faith-formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.

SERVE: We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project (think like Feed My Starving Children).

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar!

- **Wednesday, September 13, 5 - 6:30 pm: Invite Event**
Bring a friend to SkyZone in Vernon Hills
- 1.5 hours of jump time (SkyZone socks required.)
- Free event. **REQUIRED:** Must fill out a SkyZone waiver prior to attending at bit.ly/MSYGsky
- **Wednesday, September 20, 4 - 5:30 pm: Nurture Event**
- Faith Formation with Bible learning, Fellowship Area
- **Friday, September 29, 7 - 8:45pm: Serve Event**
- Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville
Sign up at: fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=L37231

As always, we'll share some snacks, and check in with each other and with God! Friends are always welcome at any event!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

by Pastor Chris Neptun

Hey Crossroads! Here's what's coming up for our **weekly events** beginning in September. Each week will be focused on one of the following types of events:

INVITE: Join us for a fun event or outing and *INVITE* a friend!

NURTURE: These are faith formation events. We'll check in, explore a Bible story and pray.

SERVE: We'll roll up our sleeves for a service project (think like Feed My Starving Children).

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar!

- **Sunday, September 10, 4 - 6 pm: Invite Event**
- Bring a friend to bowl at Bowlero in Vernon Hills
- 2 hours of bowling (shoe rental included)
- Pizza, snacks and soft drinks (also included)
- **Sunday, September 17, 4 - 5:30 pm: Nurture Event**
- Faith Formation, Fellowship Area
- **Saturday, September 23, 4:15 - 6:15 pm: Serve Event**
- Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville
Sign up at: fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=89NEKP

As always, we'll share some snacks, check in with each other and with God! Friends are always welcome at any event!



Crossroads Week of Hope Mission Trip

by Pastor Chris Neptun

Thank you for praying for the students and leaders who attended the Week of Hope Mission Trip in Indianapolis, Indiana in July. Five Holy Cross youth, Deaconess Katie and Pastor Chris traveled with the pastor and youth from Joy! Lutheran Church in Gurnee. We connected, served, and stayed with youth from all over the country. The Week of Hope staff connected 12 crews that worked across the Indianapolis area with several organizations such as Boys & Girls Club camps, food pantries, food banks, clothes closets, and senior centers. Below are a few reflections from some of the students who took part.



“When I first started out on my mission trip, I thought it would be boring, but it turned out to be really exciting. Just sorting bread was miraculous. There was one moment that I knew God was sending me a message. When I was helping a lady get her groceries into her car, I noticed she dropped her groceries, so I went up to her, but I heard her crying while saying, “Thank you, God.” So I gave her the groceries and left. It was really cool to get to help people in need, it really showed me the power that God distributes.” - Bella

“My experience with the Forged mission trip to Indiana was full of fun with friends, and important work. I liked my work at the Midwest food bank where I got to help organize and distribute food so that people in need could have access to meals that they might not get otherwise.” - Charles

“The mission trip was a lot of fun I was so glad to spend time getting to know Pastor Chris and Deaconess Katie. Meeting new kids and spending time together was awesome too. I think that connecting with other people is a great way to experience God. I worked at a warehouse organizing food and clothing donations. The organization was The Good Samaritan Network. After working there all week, I think I would like to work in a warehouse.” - Addison

“My week in Indianapolis was amazing! I met so many new friends and made closer relationships with my friends who were there with me. I was assigned to work at a food bank in the area and I loved it. The staff members there were so friendly and helpful, and they made sure we always had something to do. Most of the time we spent there my group packed boxes of food onto pallets and then later helped load the food into trucks to be taken by local food pantries and churches. When the week ended I had to say goodbye to all my new friends, but overall I had a great experience on the trip.” - Pierce

“When I was in Indiana, I worked at a boys and girls club which is similar to a summer school, but with more recess. Working there consisted of playing with the kids and making friendships with them. I saw God through Anthony. When I got to the boys and girls club, a 5 year old named Anthony wanted to play with me right away. After the first couple days of me finding him... he found me. On the last day of the trip, one of the counselors said that he had never been as open to anyone there as he was to me.” - Connor





NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.



September is Hunger Action Month! This is a national recognition of the shared work of ensuring neighbors have the food they need to thrive. While the Northern Illinois Food Bank needs support all year, there are a few special opportunities to get involved during the month of September:

Volunteer: Join them at their Lake Forest center or a grocery distribution throughout the month or attend special volunteer shifts on Monday, September 11, for National Day of Service. View all of the opportunities on the volunteer calendar at volunteer-northernillfoodbank.org/calendar

Go Orange: Friday, September 15 is Go Orange Day. By wearing orange you can raise awareness about access to nutritious groceries in our communities.

Donate: Consider a gift as part of your organizational benevolence.

Learn more about these opportunities at SolveHungerToday.org/action



COOL Ministries by Jill McKeon

THANK YOU for making our golf outing and Food Stock a success! The numbers are still out but I will share next month.

We appreciate the Holy Cross golfers who attended the golf outing! Special shoutout to: Pastor Chris, Ryan Young, Darin Chartier, Bob Nordland and Tom Miller.

This year has been such a challenge. The food pantry continues to see a growing need each month and the numbers continue to climb. Thank you for all the continued support. **As always, any monetary or food donations (such as mac and cheese, peanut butter, canned meat, beans, veggies, fruit or pasta) are always welcome.** The COOL Ministries food and toiletry donation carts are located next to the Holy Cross office, near the entrance to the Holy Cross kitchen.

You may donate online by visiting donate.holycrosschurch.org or by scanning the code to the right.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Jill McKeon, (847) 331-7909, jill.mckeon@att.net



Willow House



Willow House's free monthly Family Peer Grief Support Groups will resume in September. These groups serve 3 - 28 year olds [and their guardian(s)] who have lost a parent or sibling. **An intake is required before attending a group.** Willow House is available for consultation, as well as to offer additional resources depending on the individual/family's needs. For more information about Willow House, visit willowhouse.org, email info@willowhouse.org or call (847) 236-9300.

15th Annual Walk & 5K Run to Remember

**Sunday, September 10
7:30 am - 12 pm**

Independence Grove
Forest Preserve
16400 West Buckley Rd,
Libertyville



You and your family are invited to participate in the 15th Annual Willow House Walk & 5k Run to Remember at the beautiful picturesque Independence Grove in Libertyville, Illinois. Walk or Run in memory of a loved one. Create a team and make a special day of it. This event was designed to allow family members to dedicate a morning to memorialize their loved one(s), share stories, and meet others that truly understand the emotions and challenges that one may face after the death of a loved one. For more information and to register, go to: willowhouse.org/walk2023

Are You Ready? by Peg Chartier

We are one month away from the beginning of the PADS host site season. Are you ready to help out?

You don't have to commit any time! You can share your culinary talents! You can financially support us in our efforts! OR! You can reap the rewards of personally serving this community in need of our help. We would LOVE to have you on our team in any way that works for you.

We look forward to packing lunches with confirmands and serving delicious home cooked meals monthly at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Grayslake from October 1 until April 30.

Will you join us? Contact the church office, go online or scan the QR Code to put your hat in the ring and start making a difference for the homeless in Lake County. Can't wait to hear from you.

If you'd like to join the PADS team, contact the church office at office@holycrosschurch.org or (847) 367-4060. You may also donate to this important ministry by visiting donate.holycrosschurch.org or by scanning the code. Thank you!



September

Saturday, September 2

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
5:30 pm First Saturday Evening Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 3

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream

Monday, September 4

Labor Day
Church Office & Celebration! Childcare closed

Tuesday, September 5

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium

Wednesday, September 6

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404

Thursday, September 7

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, September 9

- 9 am Fostering Healthy Christian Relationships, Fellowship Area
9 am PHW Evening Program, Spring Grove Hatchery

Sunday, September 10

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
9 am Fellowship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Area
9:45 am **Rally Day Kickoff & Yard Party**
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
4 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group, Bowl at Bowlero, Vernon Hills
5 pm Confirmation Orientation (Fall Session), Fellowship Area

Monday, September 11

- 1 pm Common Threads, Fellowship Area
5:30 pm Willow House, Fellowship Area
6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium

Tuesday, September 12

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, 208

Wednesday, September 13

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park, Vernon Hills
5 pm High School Youth Group, SkyZone, Vernon Hills
7 pm Church Council, 208

Thursday, September 14

- 7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, September 16

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
9 am New Member Breakfast, Fellowship Area

Sunday, September 17

- 8 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
9:45 am Sunday School, Celebration! Childcare Atrium
10 am Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary & livestream
New Member Reception and Blessing of the Teachers
4 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group, Nurture Event
Faith Formation
5 pm Confirmation, Fellowship Area

Monday, September 18

- 6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, September 19

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
6 pm MP3, Fellowship Area

Wednesday, September 20

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
4 pm High School Youth Group, Nurture Event, Faith Formation, Fellowship Area

Thursday, September 21

- 6 pm BSA Council Event, Fellowship Area
7 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 402

Saturday, September 23

- 9 am PHW Evening Program, Spring Grove Hatchery
4:15 pm Crossroads High School Youth Group, Serve Event, Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville

Sunday, September 24

- 8 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
9:45 am Sunday School, Celebration! Childcare Atrium
10 am Worship, Sanctuary & livestream
5 pm Confirmation, Fellowship Area

Monday, September 25

- Women's Retreat Registration Deadline**
6 pm Strength & Core, Celebration! Childcare atrium
7 pm BSA Troop 194 meeting, 404

Tuesday, September 26

- 7 am Men's Breakfast Group, The Liberty Restaurant
9:30 am Women's Discussion Group, 208

Wednesday, September 27

- 9 am Quilting Group, 404
11:30 am PHW Day Program, Century Park, Vernon Hills

Thursday, September 28

- 7 pm Book Club, Zoom

Friday, September 29

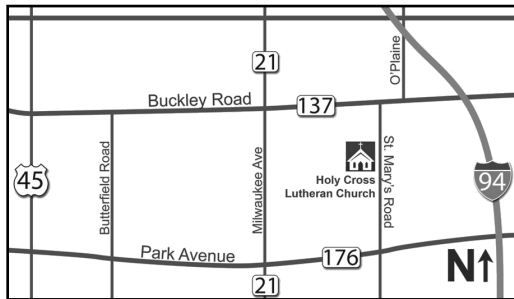
- 7 pm Middle School Youth Group, Serve Event, Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville

Saturday, September 30

- 7 am Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
2 pm Fallin' Into Fun, ECM Fundraiser

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Women's Retreat

Dates: Friday, Oct 20 at 4 pm to
Saturday, Oct 21 at 4 pm
Location: Hope Conference Center, Lutherdale, WI
Details on page 7.



Rally Day

Sunday, September 10 at 9:45 am

**We're kicking off on our
Sunday School Journey!**

We're starting this year's Sunday School with a yard party (indoors or out) for kids ages 3 through 5th grade! While the adults attend 10 am worship, our kids will have games, songs, and learn the story of the parting of the Red Sea in a live Bible story. Fun snacks for the whole family to follow after worship!

More information on page 11.

Fostering Healthy Christian Relationships

Date: Saturday, September 9
Time: 9 am - 4 pm (snacks and lunch provided)
Venue: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Details on page 6.



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9 AM

Please join us for fellowship, and beverages and refreshments between worship services. All welcome!

See page 2.



BLESSING OF TEACHERS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
DURING 10 AM WORSHIP

More details on page 11.