



# HOLY CROSS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO HUNGER  
to be nourished by God.

## ***March at a Glance***

Check out what's happening in worship, growth, service, and community at Holy Cross this month.

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## **Welcome Pastor Zillinger and family!**

Pastor Zillinger was installed on **March 3 at 4 p.m.** with an appetizer reception immediately following. All are invited.

Pastor Zillinger's family includes his wife Sara and five children: Josh (23), Noah (21), Jaina (20), Elijah (soon 18), and Keira (16). Please say hello and introduce yourself.

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" for Daylight Savings Time on March 10th, or you will miss Pastor Zillinger's first Sunday!

## **Special Voters' Meeting | March 17 | Noon**

All confirmed members 16 and older are encouraged to come to this meeting to vote on funding to replace our sanctuary lighting.

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## Worship Schedule

We continue to have **ONE blended worship service at 9 a.m.** followed by classes for all ages at 10:30 a.m. Note: We will have **TWO** identical worship services on Palm Sunday and **THREE** worship services on Easter.

**Parking:** For those who are able, please leave handicapped and close spots for those who need them. Parking attendants will be onsite to help you find a spot if you are having any trouble.

## March Worship

### March 3: Third Sunday in Lent

Guest pastor Rev. Mark Moreno

### March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pastor Greg Zillinger; "Bronze Serpent," Numbers 21:4-9

### March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent; First Communion

Pastor Greg Zillinger; "Asking First," Mark 10:32-45

### March 24: Palm Sunday (Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.)

Pastor Greg Zillinger; "Guided to Humility," James 4:7-10

### March 31: Easter (Services at 7, 9, and 10:30 a.m.)

Pastor Greg Zillinger; "Guided to New Life," Romans 6:1-4

*Our nursery is open for children under 4 during Sunday services. Children 3+ and potty trained can attend Sunday School.*

## Prayer Room in Room 223

Our congregational focus this year is on prayer. Come in to our new prayer room anytime during business hours to find a quiet place to pray. Gail Neal would like to invite you to join her on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. **(New Time)** to pray for our call process, our community, country, and others.



## Mid-Week Lenten Services

**3/6, 3/13, 3/20**

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Students from our preschool will join us during the midday service, and this service will be livestreamed

## Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday (3/24)** - Identical Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday (3/28)** - Identical Services at 11:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. with communion at the rail

**Good Friday (3/29)** - Identical Services at 11:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

**Easter (3/31)** - 3 Services (Sunrise at 7 a.m.; Identical Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.)



## First Communion | March 17

A new group of students will receive the Lord's body and blood for the first time. After a period of instruction in the meaning and significance of the Lord's Supper, these students and their families will partake of this sacrament together during worship.

## Altar Flowers

The 2024 sign up sheet is on the copy room door if you'd like to sign up to recognize a special anniversary, birthday, or other event or to remember someone who has passed or just because. Cost is \$25, and you make take the arrangement home after the service

## Lilies for Easter

If you would like to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter, you can sign up/pay \$10 at the Ministry Center to purchase lilies. You will be able to take yours home after Easter services are finished.

## Special Anniversary Recognition (Delayed to) April 7th



If you have celebrated a special anniversary (1,5,10,15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years or more) in **January, February, or March**, we invite you to be recognized during worship on **April 7th**. We usually celebrate on "5th Sundays," but

since our 5th Sunday is Easter, we are celebrating a week later. Please contact Christine at 719-596-0661 or [christineb@holycrosscs.org](mailto:christineb@holycrosscs.org) with your name **by April 4th**.

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## Education

Wednesday Night Classes 6-8 p.m.

- **Youth (6th-12th grade)** - Youth Room (**Meeting from 6-6:40 p.m. during Lent, no class Holy Week; resume 6-8 p.m. schedule on April 3**)

- **Aging With Grace** - Room 102 and Zoom

**Women's Bible Study** - Fireside Room

Sunday Morning Classes for all ages 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**(No classes Palm Sunday March 24 or Easter Sunday March 31)**

- **Nursery** (available for those under 4) - nursery
- **Preschool-Kindergarten** (must be 3 AND potty trained) - Room 213
- **1st-3rd Grade**—Room 202
- **4th-5th Grade**—Room 222

(At 10:30 a.m. **Sunday, March 10**, all kids are invited to gather in the school [across from Hiller Hall] for a special presentation from Lutheran Valley Retreat's staff. We hope that you will be able to consider joining them for a great week of summer camp this year as well.)

- **1st/2nd Year Affirmation Classes**—Room 225
- **3rd year Affirmation Class**—Room 210
- **High School Youth Bible Study**—Youth Room
- **NEW! Guided to the Cross**—Hiller Hall; During Lent, the cross is our central focus. It beckons us to draw closer to Christ. In Him we find forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust, and perseverance.
- **Lutheranism 101**—Room 120; This class is for those new to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod who wish to become members or for those who just want a refresher on the basics of the faith.
- **(Starting April 7) New Members Class** - Room 120; This class is for those who wish to become a member at Holy Cross by transfer or adult confirmation. This class will familiarize you with the people and ministries here.
- **Will You Believe? The Study of Mark**—Room 102 and through Zoom; This class was Pastor Doug's sabbatical project. Studies are relaxed with materials available ahead of time for personal study providing a great opportunity for sharing and conversation as a group.
- **That the World May Know**—Fireside Room; This DVD series by renowned Bible teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan, illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the Bible .



## Education (cont)

### Midweek

- **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room
- **Sarah Circle** - (women's group) 2nd Mondays at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room or Zoom.
- **Deborah Circle** - (women's group) 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room or Zoom.
- **Joy Circle** - (women's group) 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Hiller Hall.

**Theology on Tap** - (men's group) 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various venues. Call Carl Miedich for information about the next meeting. 618 -780-3139. March's meeting will be on 3/25 at Trinity Brewing Company, 4630 Forge Rd



## Holy Cross Lutheran School

### *Growing Together in Jesus!*

The school is buzzing with anticipation for the arrival of Pastor Zillinger. He has been very active with the Shepherd of the Hills Early Learning Center. Having him do the same here at Holy Cross brings so much excitement for us. We are looking forward to the ideas and fresh perspectives he will bring with him.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is still open. To register for next year please go to the website: [holycrosscs.org/school](http://holycrosscs.org/school) and click on the Register Now tab. Thank you for telling others about our Christ-centered program serving children age 2.5, potty-trained, through 5, not in kindergarten. More information can be found out or tours can be set up by contacting the school office at [hcls@holycrosscs.org](mailto:hcls@holycrosscs.org). Please continue to share the school with families in our church and community.

The school is seeking eligible candidates to serve in all positions to work with preschool and elementary students. We offer flexible, part-time hours Monday through Friday, during the hours of 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Interested persons may send a resume to: [hcls@holycrosscs.org](mailto:hcls@holycrosscs.org).

Please continue to keep the school in your prayers and that the Lord would continue to bless us

*Mona Book, School Director*

## Never Alone | March 9, 10 a.m.

Any women looking for Christian fellowship are invited to attend gatherings in the Fireside Room. We will share a devotion followed by fellowship time. Those attending may bring their own food or beverage if desired. If you have any questions please call Lorrie at 719-360-2272.



## Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

**March 31 | 8-11 a.m.**

Help our students get to St. Louis for a mission trip this summer by giving generously during our annual free will Easter breakfast in Hiller Hall.



## Easter Encounter

**March 23 | 10-noon**

Christ is Risen! Bring your friends and family as we celebrate Christ's resurrection! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Bible time, crafts, and games. Contact Lizz at [lizzm@holycrosscs.org](mailto:lizzm@holycrosscs.org) with any questions.

### Candy and Help Needed

Please consider donating individually wrapped candy or your time as we celebrate Christ's resurrection with our community. Donate or sign up at the Ministry Center now through March 17.



### ***Bear One Another's Burdens***

- Mites Sunday is the third Sunday of each month (March 17). All are welcome to drop off donations at the Ministry Center.
- RADA Knives will be available again at the Ministry Center in mid-April. You can also order through the catalog or go to the following website:

**<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4848357.7c0f32>**

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Annual **Mother-Daughter Tea** will be **April 13th** at 2 p.m. with the theme "Teddy Bear's Picnic. Tickets will be on sale March 24th and April 7th at the Ministry Center.
- Beginning in May - the Baby Bottle Boomerang for Life Network
- Fun Fact: 460 pounds of soup were collected for the Superbowl. Thank you all!

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## **Honduras News**

Honduras Mission  
Trip 2024



**The Honduras 2024 Mission Giving Tree.** Planning continues for the June 2024 trip. The travel team has formed work groups and is starting key projects in preparation for our June departure. One project of note involves you – the home team. The ***Honduras Mission Giving Tree*** will be up from ***March 3<sup>rd</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>***. The purpose is to gather needed supplies and funds to support mobile clinics, our VBS carnivals, and the shipment of mission supplies to Honduras. Please stop by the Giving Tree for more information and to contribute. God be praised for your faithful support!

**Honduras 2024 Special Project(s).** Each year we gather donations from our wonderful Holy Cross members to support key needs in Lepaterique and Tegucigalpa. The 2024 special project in Lepaterique will again focus on housing. Pastor Omar currently has six old homes he would like to repair/rebuild following recent damage from rains. Two of these homes are for pastors of the village churches in El Espino and El Naranjo. These homes are very humble

to start so further damage makes daily life that much more difficult. Your donation will go toward the purchase of the materials needed to make these homes more livable.

The first special project in Tegucigalpa will support the "Lead a Child" program at Good Shepherd Lutheran. The program provides Christ-centered education support to neighborhood children. Praise be to God that they have 80 children in the program. We would like to take a donation for much-needed supplies and a small stipend for the teachers. Last year we were able to bring \$1,250. We would like to exceed our previous donation. Can you help? What an encouragement we can be to God's faithful servants at Good Shepherd.

Finally, Compassion Project 223 in Tegucigalpa is considering offering vocational training to neighborhood children. Like Good Shepherd, Project 223 works in a dangerous section of the city where the lure of gangs is ever-present. We would like to bring a donation towards their efforts as well. We will continue to provide updates as we gather more information. We will take donations from ***March 1 - April 30***. Contact Jeff Faunce or Kevin and Cassie Hein if you have further questions.

# HONDURAS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FOR THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

Check in: 1:30 pm  
Play starts: 2:00 pm

**KING PIN LANES**

3410 N Academy Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

SIGN UP HERE



## REGISTRATION PRICE

Through March 31: \$25 per person

April 1-6: \$30 per person

Ticket price includes 3 games, shoe rental and a \$5 voucher to use in the concession stand or bar.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. Up to 5 on a team, but 4 is better. For more information and to register, visit the Ministry Center.



## Book Bank

We are always accepting **donations of good quality books (in English or Spanish), appropriate for children ages 3 to 9.** Books may be dropped off at the front office during the week or at the **Ministry Center on Sunday mornings after worship.** If you wish to make a targeted monetary contribution for this effort we would be quite grateful. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Dan Szarke at [szarke@yahoo.com](mailto:szarke@yahoo.com).

## Honduras Coffee

Coffee from the fields of Betesda Church in Lepaterique is still available. The cost is \$8 per bag and available at the Ministry Center or by contacting Jeff or Lorrie Faunce. Please make payments to Jeff or Lorrie Faunce (not Holy Cross). Thank you for your support! Jeff and Lorrie Faunce, [fauncej@comcast.net](mailto:fauncej@comcast.net), 719-237-0296.



## Food Pantry

We are open Mondays & Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**March needs: corn, canned chicken, cooking oil.** We can also accept **meat, eggs, and dairy products** such as butter, yogurt, and milk if you bring them in during office hours so they can be refrigerated promptly.

If you would like to help in the food pantry, contact Christine in the church office or Gail Youngmeyer at [gailyoungmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:gailyoungmeyer@yahoo.com). There are direct service positions as well as behind-the-scenes roles.

## Now Hiring: Food Pantry Coordinator (part-time)

We are looking for an organized passionate Christ-follower to lead our food pantry ministry. The position includes recruiting and training volunteers, working with food donors, creating work systems, communicating with stakeholders, and general operation of the pantry. We will pay a monthly stipend. If interested in learning more, contact Christine in person or at [christineb@holycrosscs.org](mailto:christineb@holycrosscs.org) or 719-596-0661.

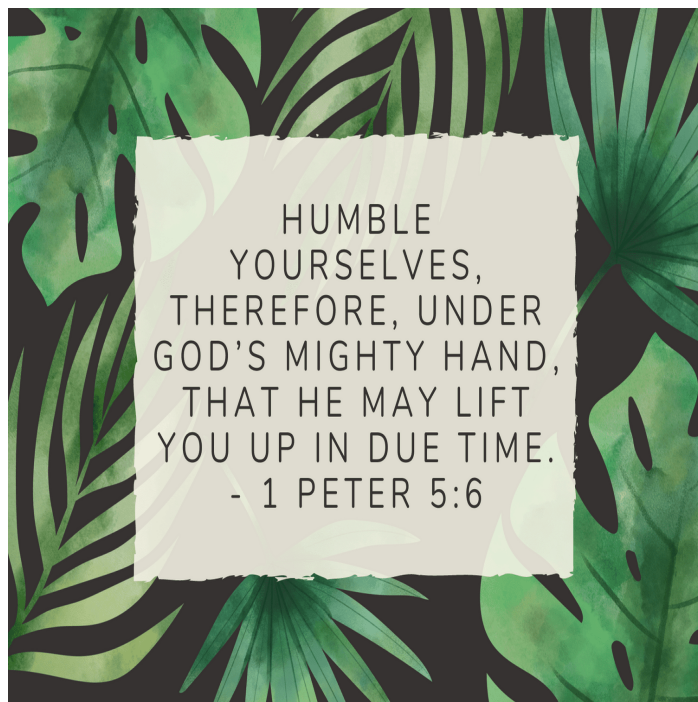




## Stitchin' Servants

**March 16**

This group usually meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. They make baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, and other handmade items for local organizations.



As modeled by Jesus,  
we will build a **WELCOMING** community.

## Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry

### Upcoming Events:

- **Military Women's Coffee Group** – Join other military service members, spouses, and family members for a fun, casual coffee group usually on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Hiller Hall. **This month's coffee is on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Hiller Hall.** Come join the fun and fellowship. Child care is provided and children are always welcome.
- **Armed Forces Potluck** - Our next potluck is scheduled for May 19th in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. An interesting and informative program has been arranged. Look for more details as the date gets closer.



### Roster Updates:

Email us at [holycrossafmc@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossafmc@gmail.com) if your address, email, or phone number has recently changed, or if you would like to be added/removed from the roster.

### Who We Serve:

We are dedicated to those who have served or are currently on active duty and their family members (including Gold Star families). We invite you to experience fellowship, outreach, Bible study, and support services.

### Where to Find Us:

Find us on Facebook at [Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry](#). Be sure to also check out the Armed Forces Ministry bulletin board located outside room 102 for information, highlighted events, and the quarterly spotlighted person or family.



## Young At Heart

**March 4 at 11:30 a.m.**

- **March 4** - Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The program will be presented by Dr. Dwight Johnson on " Martin Luther; Act 2 ." A potluck is planned for the meal. The hosts are Joan Bauer & Roy Strain.
- **April 8** - Immanuel Lutheran Church. Meal by Rodger. Program: "The Buffalo Soldiers" by Willie Breazell



## Scrapbooking Group

**March 16 at 10 a.m.**

Bring your scrapbooking or other projects to work on while we fellowship and create. We usually meet the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. in Fireside Room. Contact Janet Grangruth with any questions: [janetgrangruth@msn.com](mailto:janetgrangruth@msn.com) or 719-638-6874.

## Young Adult Game Night at Immanuel

Join others age 18-39 from the area on the **first Friday of every month** at 6:30 p.m. for a game night at Immanuel Lutheran's fellowship hall (846 E. Pikes Peak Ave.) Bring a favorite game and a snack to share if you'd like. Questions? Contact Becky Fisher at 254-747-0016.

## Online Movie Night

*A new feature on our website*



- A company called Catalyst streams Christian movies every Friday and Sunday night at 7 p.m., and they allow churches such as Holy Cross to put them on their websites.
- The movies are not an "on demand" type of thing where you can watch the movie anytime you want. It plays at exactly 7 p.m. and goes from start to finish.
- There is a link on our website is near the bottom of our website at [holycrosscs.org](http://holycrosscs.org). This is where you need to go to watch the movie at 7 p.m. Friday or Sunday night.

Let us know if you give it a try and tell us what you think.



**Save these dates to have some fun  
with the FUN Committee in 2024!**

June 1 - Parking Lot Community Sale. Host a garage sale or craft sale.

## March National Days to Celebrate

March 3 — National Anthem Day  
Navy Reserve Day  
March 9 — Amerigo Vespucci Day  
March 10 — Salvation Army Day  
March 28 — Maundy Thursday  
March 29 — Good Friday  
March 31 — Easter Sunday

## Other Days to Celebrate in March

March 6 — Oreo Day  
March 12 — Alfred Hitchcock Day  
March 14 — Pi Day  
March 16 — Corndog Day  
March 18 — Lacey Oatmeal Cookie Day  
March 22 — Talk Like Shakespeare Day  
Talk like William Shatner Day  
March 28 — Respect Your Cat Day