



# HOLY CROSS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO HUNGER  
to be nourished by God.

## May at a Glance

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

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### Why Genesis Matters

**Genesis 2:1-3** *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.*



I recently attended the Rocky Mountain District's Spring Pastor's Conference in Estes Park. Our presenter was Dr. Andrew Steinmann who has written extensively for our Synod in commentaries, history articles, and a book about the chronology present in the Bible. He is one of a small handful of expert scholars who know the original languages of the Bible, the cultural languages of the times, and archaeological history. He is a world-renowned scholar who was instrumental in moving the death date of King Herod the Great acknowledging that Jesus was most likely born in the fall of 3 B.C. or the spring of 2 B.C. corroborating all the Biblical evidence we have of Jesus' life in the Scriptures. He knows his Bible, his history, and his theology very well.

Our topic was the theology and chronology of the book of Genesis. So often, non-Biblical churches want to mix evolutionary old earth theories with Scripture to harmonize the Bible and contemporary science. They reason to misinterpret words and context from Scripture or spiritualize historic contexts to make God the God of evolution rather than creation.

Ultimately, if you believe, like we do, that the Scriptures are correct and the words mean what they say, then the whole book of Genesis, and even the Pentateuch, really describes a very young earth, from 6000 years old to at the very largest outset, 20,000 years old!

**But why does this matter?** The Word of God is at stake! If you interpret Genesis loosely, with no clear grammatical or historical background, you will have to also apply those same rubrics (which are not scholarly at all) to the rest of Scripture. And if Scripture doesn't mean what it says, then the Gospel is at stake with Jesus' death and resurrection not being true!

But if Genesis is true, and the Gospels are true by the same Scripture, then **we have a solid and certain**

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**hope in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!** I hope that in the next few years, Holy Cross will be able to invite the Denver Creation Society to have special speakers who show us the marvels of God's creation in science and how science always points to the veracity of Scripture, and the hope we have in Christ. More to come about this after summer.

Your Shepherd in Christ,  
Pastor Zillinger

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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.

## May Worship

### May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The King's Friend," Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8, John 15:9-17

### May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Walking, Standing, Sitting," Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8, John 15:9-17

### May 19: The Day of Pentecost

"Salvation Season of the Spirit" Ezek. 37:1-14, Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

### May 26: The Holy Trinity

"Cold Feet, Hot Lips," Isaiah 6:1-13, Acts 2:14a;22-36, John 3:1-17

## Altar Flowers

The 2024 sign up sheet is now 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 may take the arrangement home after the service.

## Pastor's Page

We have a [new page](#) on our website with information about Pastor Z, the new Bible study beginning this month, and a link to a daily devotion video he creates, Monday through Friday.

- Mondays - A recap of Sundays sermon
- Tuesdays - Dig deeper into the Psalms
- Wednesdays - A look at *Luther's Small Catechism*
- Thursdays - Open Topics
- Fridays - A preview of Sundays texts

## 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.



**Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.** Col. 4:2

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## Education

### Wednesday Night Classes 6-8 p.m.

- Youth (6th-12th grade) - Youth Room
- 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.

- (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
- 1st/2nd Year Affirmation Classes—Room 225
- 3rd year Affirmation Class—Room 210
- High School Youth Bible Study—Youth Room
- “Shepherd and Sheep” | April 7—May 26 in the Sanctuary AND LIVESTREAMED | 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Zillinger is leading an adult Bible study in place of all the current adult Bible studies.

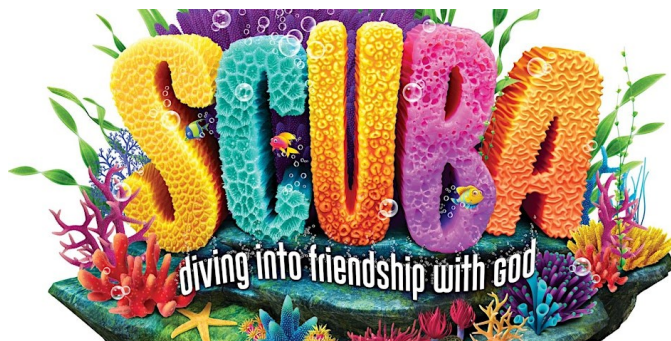
**Class Description:** *The Lord relates with people through the Scriptural picture of Shepherd and Sheep. Jesus points to Himself as our Good Shepherd and pastors are considered “under shepherds.” Come learn more in Pastor Z’s class about this Shepherd and Sheep analogy.*

**Update: Pastor Z. will be starting a new study on the creeds in June.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** New Members’ Class was supposed to begin after Easter. If you would like to join/transfer to Holy Cross, please reach out to Christine for new information. [christineb@holycrosscs.org](mailto:christineb@holycrosscs.org) or 719-596-0661.

## 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. May’s meeting will be on 5/20 (due to Memorial Day Holiday on 5/27) at Trinity Brewing Company, 4630 Forge Rd. Jerry Handlon will be leading this month and can be reached at 719-322-6427 with any questions.



## VBS is coming

### June 10-14 | 9:30-noon

VBS Registration opens April 1. Click on the link to sign up as a participant or volunteer. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/536210> You can also sign up to volunteer by the mailboxes. We hope to see you there!

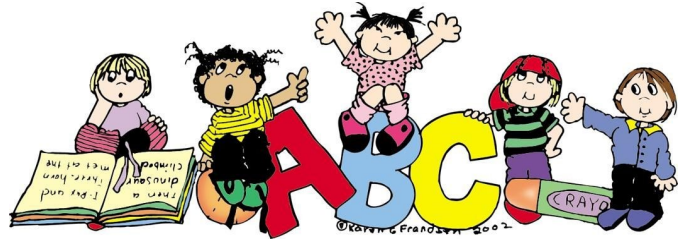
## Never Alone | June 8, 10 a.m.

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.

# Holy Cross Lutheran School

## *Growing Together in Jesus!*

It is hard to believe the year has gone by so quickly. It has been a wonderful year of 'Growing in Jesus,' and we look forward to next school year filled with learning, growing, and sharing Christ's love.



The preschool held a fun trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. They not only helped other children with life threatening illnesses, but also learned some bike/trike safety in the process. They would also like to invite you all to the preschool **Graduation and Moving Up ceremony on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** in the church sanctuary. The preschoolers are excited to recite the Bible verses and songs they've learned throughout the past year!

We are still accepting children for our preschool program next year. Our elementary after school program is full for now with children on a waitlist. Please share with others about our program. Registration is up on the website.

Do you have any experience with children age 5-13? Would you like some experience with children age 5-13? Are you a retired teacher? Are you available 1, 2, 3, or 5 days a week from 2:30-5:45 pm? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the school needs you! We need help with our after school elementary program. We are looking at the possibility of 'job-sharing' in order to accommodate the growing want and need for after school care.

Thank you to all of you for the support this school year. Whether it was through prayer, monetary donations, time commitments, or any other capacity, know it was all greatly appreciated

*Mona Book, School Director*

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## 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



## Stitchin' Servants

**May 18**

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.

# Honduras News

## Honduras Mission Trip 2024

We praise God for all the support we have received as we prepare for the 2024 trip. You have graciously helped supply the trip through the Giving Tree. You have contributed to the special projects. You participate in the Bowl-a-Thon. You gather gifts for your Compassion children. You pray. You volunteer to drive us to and from the airport. So many blessings! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Also, watch the Holy Cross Lutheran Missions Facebook page for profiles of the 2024 travel team.

**Honduras Coffee:** The 2023 supply of coffee is gone. Thank you for your support of this ministry! Given that our 2024 trip is in June rather than March, we will have to “fast” from our favorite coffee until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Look for it then!

**Honduras 2024 Special Project(s):** Our collection for the special project has ended. God be praised for your generous support! We look forward to bringing you news of housing, urban children ministry, and the progress made at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Feel free to ask questions of the Honduras team about any of these projects. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

## Honduras Sponsors!

Ziploc bags have been placed in your mailboxes ready for you to fill for the 2024 Honduras mission team to take to your sponsor kids. Filled bags may be turned in to the Ministry Center **until May 26th**. If you did not receive a bag or have any questions/concerns please see Kelly Carter or email:

[hondurassponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:hondurassponsorship@gmail.com)



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

- **Mites Sunday** is the third Sunday of each month (May 19). All are welcome to drop off donations at the Ministry Center.
- **RADA Knives** will be available again at the Ministry Center April 14-May 19. You can also order through the catalog. Think Mothers' Day or wedding gifts. These knives are great. Use one & believe it. Be sure to click the Holy Cross Women's Ministry. Sales support missions. <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4848357.7c0f32>
- **LWML Annual Gathering Potluck | Tuesday May 7th, 6 p.m. in Hiller Hall.** Bring an appetizer or salad. Looking for officers. The board is a fun group.
- **Life Network Walk for Life | June 1st at Memorial Park.** More info at [adwire@elifenetwork.com](mailto:adwire@elifenetwork.com) or 719-355-1183.

## **Baby Bottle Boomerang for Life Network Pick Up on Mother's Day, Return on Father's Day**

Partner with us for this annual fundraiser to support Life Network. Pick up a Baby Bottle Bank at church on Mother's Day (May 12), fill it with bills or checks (coins okay), and return to church with your donation on Father's Day (June 16). Please RETURN ALL Banks by the deadline whether they are full or not. (These get reused for future donations.)

\*If you aren't here to pick up a bottle or donate in person, you can always visit the Life Network website directly to make a donation. [www.elifenetwork.com/donate/](http://www.elifenetwork.com/donate/)

## **Help Life Network**

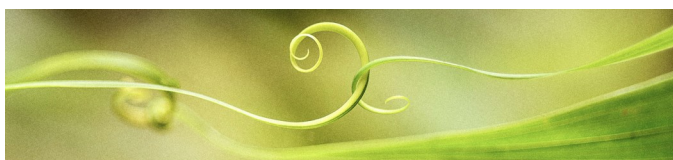
They are in need of baby veggies, lotions, and shampoos if you'd like to help. Drop off donations at the Ministry Center, and a member will deliver them.



## Community Garden

Welcome to the 2024 year of Gardening!

1. **Garden Cleanup Day | May 4th | 9:30 to noon:** This will include trash clean up, bringing up tarps and stakes, checking the fence and posts, setting out hoses, cleaning up around the barn, and renumbering of the beds.
2. The code to the garden is the same, and if you are keeping your beds, please stop by the Church to fill out the usual **paperwork and pay fees**. 1 bed = \$15; 2 beds (1/2 plot)= \$30; whole plot ( 4 beds)= \$60. Please use the west entrance if you want to clean out your beds. The school is still in session, and for the safety of the children during the day we use that side.
3. **Water** has been scheduled to be turned on around the **15th of May**. (This will depend on any repairs that might be needed.)
4. I have not requested free plants this year. I did get a request in for seeds but have not heard back about them yet. There are still bags of fertilizer in the barn. We will try to purchase more in a few weeks.
5. There is a project for an Eagle Scout planned this year. The dates are not set yet. He is going to build us some self-watering beds for disabled members. If this design works well, we may look into building more self-watering beds in the future. This will allow gardeners to not water every day once plants are established. It will also save on our watering bill for the Church.



## Food Pantry

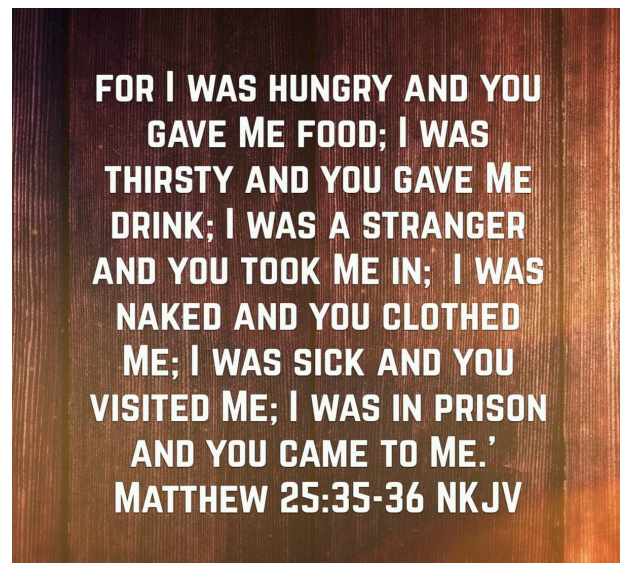
Welcome to our new food pantry coordinator, Kelly Carter!

Kelly has been an active volunteer for the food pantry the past couple of years. Her leadership and organization skills will be a great asset as we work on better serving our neighbors and our community.

Open Mondays & Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**May needs: eggs, sugar, small bottles of cooking oil, boxed cereal.** 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 role.



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 Tuesday, May 7th 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 on Honor Flights has been arranged. The main course is chicken tenders and a cake will be provided as well. Sign up at the Ministry Center and bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Check for additional details on the Armed Forces bulletin board, church bulletins and pre and post service announcements as the date approaches



### 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.



## Endowment Fund Grants Awarded

Funds were granted to the following ministries:

**Stitchin' Servants**

**Worship**

**Armed Forces Ministry**

**Holy Cross Community Garden**

Please consider applying next time for financial assistance for your ministry.

## 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.

## Young At Heart

May 6 at 11:30 a.m.

- **May 6** - Holy Cross Lutheran. Potluck lunch. Program is Springs Rescue Mission presented by CEO Jack Briggs.

- **June 3** - Fargo's Pizza

For more information regarding Young at Heart please call, text or leave a message on Larry Schumm's phone, 567-259-9559



## Scrapbooking Group

May 18 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 or 719-638-6874.

## 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!**

**UPDATE:** A date later in the summer is to be determined - Parking Lot Community Sale. Host a garage sale or craft sale. Flyers available with more information at the Ministry Center.

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## May National Days to Celebrate

May 9 — Ascension Day

May 12 — Mother's Day

May 13 — Children of Fallen Patriots Day

May 14 — Stars and Stripes Forever Day

May 18 — Armed Forces Day

May 19 — Pentecost

May 26 — Trinity Sunday

May 27 — Memorial Day

## Other Days to Celebrate in May

May 1 — May Day

May 4 — Star Wars Day

May 5 — Revenge of the 5th Day

May 12 — Limerick Day

May 16 — Sea Monkey Day

May 22 — Sherlock Holmes Day

May 25 — Italian Beef Day

May 30 — Hole in My Bucket Day

