



# HOLY CROSS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO HUNGER  
to be nourished by God.

## June at a Glance

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

Holy Cross, a community that's transformed through genuine **WORSHIP** so all may follow him.

### Worship Schedule

*The BoLM has decided to continue with one worship service and adult Bible study during the summer at our current times, **9 a.m. worship and 10:30 a.m. education.** As of now, we are keeping one worship service to promote unity, healing, and fellowship together. We will begin rotating worship services with a full Traditional service from the hymnal, a Blended service like we have been doing, and a Contemporary service with just contemporary music. If you have any comments, suggestions, likes or dislikes please talk to your BoLM leader (elder) as they wrestle with future worship decisions.*

### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

#### JUNE 16 | 10am

VBS at Holy Cross is a yearly celebration of our children and our guests learning more about Jesus! We are celebrating our VBS this year by having a special worship service on **Sunday, June 16 at 10 am** (rather than 9 am) with a fellowship meal to follow. Please come see what our youth learned during VBS and get to know some of the guest families that will join us that day. Because of the nature of this service and the many guests, we will not be having Holy Communion that Sunday. - *Pastor Z.*



### June Worship

#### June 2: Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Sabbath - Law or Gospel?" Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-28

#### June 9: Third Sunday after Pentecost; VBS Commissioning

"Kyrie!" Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

#### June 16: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day; Honduras Commissioning (10 am service time)

"Sow, Sow Christians," Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:1-17, Mark 4:26-34

#### June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"God is God and You are NOT!" Job 38:1-11, 2 Cor. 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

#### June 30: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Special Anniversary Recognition; Youth Commissioning

"Excellerated!" Lamentations 3:22-33, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Mark 5:21-43



## Pastor's Page

We have a [new page](#) on our website with information about Pastor Z, his current Bible study, 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.

## 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

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## Special Anniversary

### Recognition | June 30

If you have celebrated a special anniversary (1,5,10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years or more) in **April, May, or June**, we invite you to be recognized during worship on **June 30th**. Please contact Christine at 719-596-0661 or [christineb@holycrosscs.org](mailto:christineb@holycrosscs.org) with your name by June 27th.

## 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.

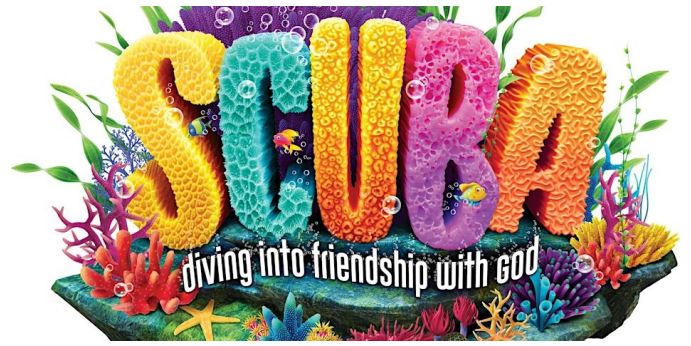
- "Shepherd and Sheep" for a couple more weeks then "The Creeds" in the Sanctuary AND **LIVESTREAMED | 10:30 a.m.**

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



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

- **Mites Sunday** is the third Sunday of each month (June 16). All are welcome to drop off donations at the Ministry Center.
- **Life Network Walk for Life** | June 1st. at Memorial Park More info at [adwire@elifenetwork.com](mailto:adwire@elifenetwork.com) or 719-355-1183.
- **Sarah Circle** will continue to meet this summer. Next meeting Monday, June 17th at 10 a.m.

## **Summer Games for Ladies starts on June 5th.**

Come to the Fireside Room every Wednesday at 1 p.m., except 12 June, for fun and fellowship with other women. Continues through August. Bring your favorite game & a snack to share if you wish .

## **Baby Bottle Boomerang for Life Network 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/)

## **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.

## **VBS is coming**

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

Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/536210> to sign up as a participant or volunteer. You can also sign up to volunteer by the mailboxes.

**VBS Training** will be June 2 from noon-1 p.m. OR June 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Hiller Hall. All volunteers should attend one of these sessions

## **Save the Date: Men's Retreat Sept. 12-Sept. 15**

Dudes! Save the date and get registered for the annual men's retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat. **Contact Doug Karges directly to register at [doug@dougekarges.com](mailto:doug@dougekarges.com) or go to [lvr.org](http://lvr.org) to sign up online.**

Questions? Contact Doug Karges: 719-322-6359 / [doug@dougekarges.com](mailto:doug@dougekarges.com)

**Cost: \$240** (Covers program, food, cabin. Price is same for bringing your own tent or trailer.)

## **Faith Day at the Rockies Outing for Youth & Families August 11**

Youth and their families are invited to attend Faith Day at the Rockies. The game is at 1:10 p.m. followed by a concert featuring Christian artist Zach Williams. Cost is approximately \$30 per person, dependent on number of people and ticket availability. Sign up at the Ministry Center by 6/9.





# Holy Cross Lutheran School

*Growing Together in Jesus!*

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this vibrant ministry touching the lives of children and their families in our community with the love of God, as they 'Grow in Jesus.'



Holy Cross Lutheran School's last day for the 2023-2024 school year was May 24th. We decided to add 4 days of "Camp" after Memorial Day to help our Thomas MacLaren families. We had a fun time doing extra exploring of gardening, LEGOs, engineering and other subjects.

The school will re-open **Monday, August 5th** for our 2024-2025 school year. An Open House will be held in the school on Sunday, **August 4th** after the church service. Come over to the school and look around. We are planning to make some updates to the building over the summer.

We sadly are saying goodbye to a few staff this year. Among them is **Miss Shirley Laird**. She has faithfully been with us for 7 years, expanding and developing the after school elementary program. We will miss her greatly and wish the best of luck to her in her next adventure.

**WE ARE HIRING:** We would love it if you would share the following link to our school hiring page <https://holycrosscs.org/school-hiring/>

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 Szarke at [szarke@yahoo.com](mailto:szarke@yahoo.com).



## Stitchin' Servants

**June 15**

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 | June 19-28

### Honduras Drivers Still Needed June 19 & 28

Help! Help! Help! - We had all of our drivers arranged for transporting the Honduras Team to and from the airport in Denver in June, but some of the volunteers' plans changed, and they can no longer do it. We need drivers TO DENVER for June 19th at 7:30 p.m. and drivers FROM DENVER on June 28th at 11:30 p.m. If you are available, please contact Deanna Waldron ASAP at 719-510-3472 or at [deandjim@juno.com](mailto:deandjim@juno.com).

### Be a Honduras Prayer Partner

Are you looking for a FREE and easy way to help? The 2024 Honduras mission team is looking for **prayer partners**. Simply sign up at the Ministry Center, and we will match you with a missionary, a team event, or Honduran partner/group to pray over.



### 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.

**June needs: sugar, canned pineapple, condiments.** 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.

## Greeters Needed

We need 3, one each for the west, north, and east doors. We would love to have couples greet together. You need to arrive 15 minutes before service. Any questions contact Cheryl Dempsey or Bev Smith.

## Special Thanks!

We want to give a big shout out to one of our faithful greeters, **Edith Schuler**. If you come in the west door you will know her. She gives a big Welcome and handshake to everyone. She has truly been a blessing to Holy Cross greeters. Edith is moving to Montana in June to be near family. She will be greatly missed.

## 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

**MOWER Needed:** We are looking for someone to mow again this year, twice a month. Bribes are available! I will make you a strawberry rhubarb pie, pay you, or give you produce. Please help us keep our garden tidy and looking inviting to our guests and visitors.

We do not have a date for the Eagle Scout project for handicap self-watering beds, but are hopeful that it will happen this month. Keep your ears to the ground for more information if you are willing to help out.

We have **Space Space SPACE!!!!** Only 5 applicants so far this year. Applications are at the Ministry Center.

By growing their own food, home gardeners saved on average \$92 per month and community gardeners saved \$84 per month. Gardens can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety, and economic vitality for a neighborhood and its residents.

Thank you for considering joining us this year!

*Trish Gillette*

# HELPING HANDS

## THE LIFE OF THE BODY

Have you heard of our Helping Hands ministry at Holy Cross? If not, we are excited to offer you the opportunity to show love to your Holy Cross family through our “Helping Hands” ministry. When a member has a short-term need – often due to hospitalization, illness or death in the family – we want to provide food, transportation, or whatever might be needed to help carry them through their difficulties.

We have various groups of which you can be of service. You choose the group that fits your capabilities/knowledge/passion--of course you can be on multiple groups if you'd like. Here are the Helping Hands groups we have right now:

- Car questions
- Casseroles
- Computer or phone help
- Financial guidance/Insurance
- Gift Cards
- Light Housekeeping

- Manual Labor
- Meals
- Quick Foods
- Respite for Caregiver
- Run Errands
- Transportation (to church)
- Transportation (not on Sunday)

It's very simple: When a need arises, I will send an email with details of the need to the specific group in question. If it's a good time for you to be able to help, then you reply in kind; if it's not a good time for you, there is no pressure to respond.

Contact Gloria Jacob ([gloriai@holycrosscs.org](mailto:gloriai@holycrosscs.org)) with the area(s) in which you are willing or able to help. This is a wonderful way for our Holy Cross family to help each other in time of need. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (1 Pet 4:10)

If you're already participating in this ministry, thank you! We've blessed many members with meals, transportation and much more through the years; and in doing so, those doing the serving have been blessed in return!



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

## BINGO Night | June 8th

Join us for Bingo on Saturday June 8th from 5-7, in Hiller Hall! Bingo is free to play with a donation of bagged, individually wrapped, non chocolate candy for Honduras or a monetary donation to the VBS fundraiser. Feel free to bring a friend, a snack to share, or your dinner.

## Columbarium Seeks New Board Members

The **Columbarium** is a separate entity from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, but it is managed by a board of church members. They are now seeking new members to serve on the board. Anyone interested can contact Don Paulus (719) 650-8680 or Roy Howard (719) 216-3561.



# 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, June 4th 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 **Potluck** to help celebrate Armed Forces Day was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. An interesting and very informative program on Honor Flights was presented by Barbara Harris. For an excellent review and summary of Barbara's presentation, see Christine's Thursday Things (5/23/24). Thank you, Christine. Hope to see you at our next function.



## 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:

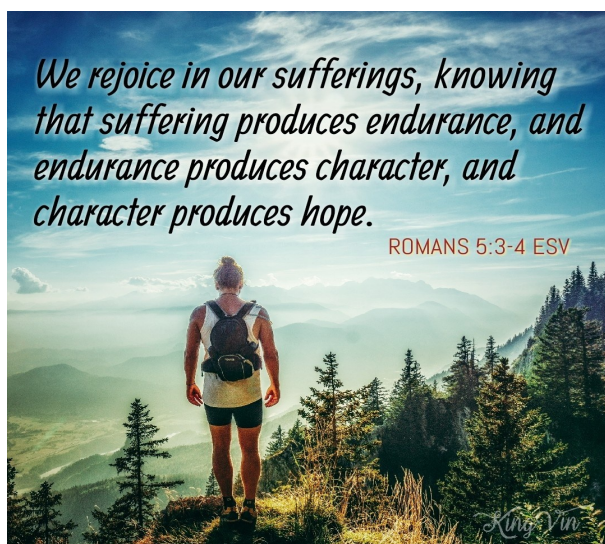
Find us on Facebook at [Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry](#). Be sure to also check out the Armed Forces Ministry bulletin board located outside room 102 for information, highlighted events, and the quarterly spotlighted person or family.



## Young Adult Game Night at Immanuel

*(Date Change This Month)*

Young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month for a game night. For the month of June we will instead be meeting the second Friday, June 14th, but will be back to our normal schedule on July 5th. Feel free to bring your favorite game and a snack to share! Questions? Text or call Becky Fisher at (254) 747-0016



## Young At Heart

May 6 at 11:30 a.m.

- **June 3** — Fargo's Pizza - Join us for lunch and fellowship.
- **July 1** — King Buffet - Join us for lunch and fellowship.

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



## Scrapbooking Group

June 15 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.

## 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: July 27** - Parking Lot Community Sale. Host a garage sale or craft sale. Flyers available with more information at the Ministry Center.

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## June National Days to Celebrate

- June 6 — D-Day
- June 14 — Army Birthday
- June 14 — Flag Day
- June 16 — Father's Day
- June 17 — Bunker Hill Day
- June 20 — American Eagle Day

## Other Days to Celebrate in June

- June 4 — Hug Your Cat Day
- June 9 — Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day
- June 14 — Pop Goes the Weasel Day
- June 17 — Apple Strudel Day
- June 19 — Garfield the Cat Day
- June 22 — Onion Ring Day

