



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO HUNGER
to be nourished by God.

July at a Glance

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

Worship Services

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:1-5

I and the Elders (BoLM) have been diligently listening to members' opinions about eventually going to two worship services. We have been wrestling with the when and how of this decision. I want you all to know that your Elders have taken this discussion seriously and want to give you plenty of lead time for when we do make the next permanent time change for worship. This July there will be an **electronic congregational questionnaire** to help gather more information from you all. Also, I am scheduling on **Sunday, August 4th**, during the adult Bible study time, a cottage meeting opportunity for people to voice their thoughts to various members of the BoLM.

Please be aware that some things will not change and will continue because of good Christian discipleship as well as our Lutheran practice. Worship will always be centered around Word and Sacrament ministry. We will always have liturgy and its important parts in all worship services. Music, whether it be more contemporary or traditional, will always be of high theological caliber. There will be a dedicated education hour between the two of our worship services on Sunday so that all, adults and children, may study God's Word together, with no conflict with worship. There will not be a move back to three worship services on a Sunday morning as this was one of the discovered reasons why Holy Cross had such disunity. We have other options if God blesses us with these two worship services being full.

Hopefully, you listened to my video newsletter last month. I also hope that you joined my adult Bible study about Shepherd and Sheep. My goal with the Bible study was first to look at our relationship as God's flock with Jesus Christ as our Good Shepherd and then see how God leads His flock through leaders, pastors, other sheep, and His congregational church. We are a family together at Holy Cross and we travel together as a flock going in one direction and caring for one another in the Body of Christ. Please reread the Bible passage above. We are called to present ourselves as living sacrifices, especially when it comes to worship. Sacrifice

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means that we don't always get exactly what we want. Sometimes it is a compromise when all parties are willing to give a little. But usually, a sacrifice is selfless giving for the ultimate betterment of your neighbor or your family. Sacrifice has no strings attached. Sacrifice has no ultimatums. Sacrifice usually is given to those you love but often we are called to sacrifice for those we don't even know. Sacrifice reflects God our Father and Jesus Christ with His death on the cross. Members of Holy Cross might be called to sacrifice a little of our own individual wants for the sake of the flock and the healing unity we so desire. Paul then continues in our Scripture passage with some practical ways of how to achieve these sacrificial attitudes, like renewing our minds in Christ and His Word, that we want our wills to conform to God's Will, and that we are all important members in the Body of Christ at Holy Cross

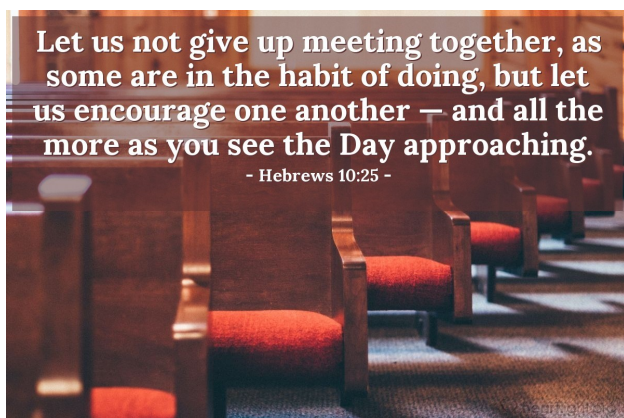
In listening to the loving sheep here at Holy Cross, I don't think this will be that big of an issue and many of the sheep are already moving in the same direction. I ask that if you know someone who is struggling with this upcoming decision that you encourage them to speak to a church leader and sacrificially love them as well. As the flock of God at Holy Cross let us move together following our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ.

Your under shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Zillinger

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. In July we will continue 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.*



July Worship

Sundays

Join us in person or online on YouTube or Facebook to worship Jesus at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Communion is offered at all services.

July 7: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Zillinger; "Leader of the Band"; Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 14: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

TBD

July 21: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest pastor Rev. Rick Johnson

July 28: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Honduras Sunday

Guest pastor Rev. Rick Johnson



Pastor's Page

There is a 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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Education

Wednesday Night Classes 6-8 p.m.

- **Youth (6th-12th grade)** - Youth Room [Meeting at Lost Island, 1825 Dominion Way, on **July 3**; no class July 10 due to mission trip]

Women's Bible Study - Fireside Room (Topic: Drive Through History-the Gospels.)

Pastor Z Needs to Hear From You

Fall Wednesday Night Plans

*We are trying to reinvigorate Wednesday evening education and fellowship this fall here at Holy Cross. We want **at least 20 kids** who are in grades K-5th to attend weekly so that we can coordinate volunteers and activities well. Parents of youth in that age range who are planning to be regularly involved in our Wednesday evenings, **please contact me directly** with the names/ages/grades of your youth you would like to register. This is a soft registration to see if we can get our prerequisite number. More information on upcoming Wednesday evenings will be forthcoming. -*

Pastor Zillinger, pastorz@holycrosscs.org

Sunday Morning

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

[No class for kids and youth on July 7 because of holiday and youth mission trip.]

- **Nursery** (available for those under 4) - nursery
- Prek-1st Grade- Room 213
- 2nd-5th Grade- Room 222
- 6th-8th Grade- Room 210
- 9th-12th Grade- Youth Room
- Attend the grade you are entering. Classes may be consolidated depending on volunteer and participant availability.

• **"The Creeds" | in the Sanctuary AND LIVESTREAMED**

Class Description: "The Creeds," will look at what we believe, teach, confess, and practice as Christians and as Lutherans. We will also compare/contrast how others believe, teach, confess, and practice.

**Pastor Zillinger will be on vacation July 8-28. His Creeds class will meet on July 7. Guest pastor Rev. Rick Johnson is planning to hold Bible study on a topic to be determined on July 21 and 28.

Lutheranism 101 (adult confirmation) and New Member Class

Lutheranism 101 is set to begin in September for people who wish to join Holy Cross from a non-LCMS background or for people who just want a refresher. Our new member class for people who wish to join by transfer or who have completed Lutheranism 101, will take place in January. Please reach out to Christine if you need more information. 719-596-0661 or christineb@holycrosscs.org

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 (July 21). 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 or 719-355-1183.
- **Sarah Circle** will continue to meet this summer. Next meeting Monday, July 15 at 10 a.m.

Summer Games for Ladies

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 .

Thank You!

Many thanks to the congregation for over \$2000 raised in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Life Network.

Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis

July 6-13

Our youth and chaperones will be traveling to St. Louis **July 6-13** to work with Christian Friends of New Americans which is an LCMS organization that serves the refugee community in St. Louis. Our group will be partnering with them to run a soccer camp and other community engagement activities for recent refugees.

Please keep us and the CFNA ministry in your prayers:

Youth: Angelina Berglund; Eliot, Luke, and Tate Diekelman; Claire Fenicle; Annabelle Meyer; and Kennedy Worrix

Chaperones: Lizz Massey, Christine Berglund, and Terry Watts.

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 or go to lvr.org to sign up online. Questions? Contact Doug Karges: 719-322-6359 / doug@dougekarges.com

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

Back to School Blessing

August 4

Another school year will soon begin. Teachers, coaches, counselors, and anyone serving in other areas of education professionally or in a volunteer role, please join us for worship on August 4th as we celebrate and dedicate the work the Lord is doing and will do through you this year.

All school aged children, please bring your backpacks to worship on August 4th as we bless you in this new year of learning and growth. We will also have a special gift that you can attach to your backpack as a constant reminder of God's love.

Never Alone | July 13, 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!

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



The school is blessed to currently have 23 preschoolers and 32 elementary after school students registered for the 2024-2025 school year. Inquiries and tours are still taking place. We are in desperate need of staff. Sadly, we were not able to get a 4th preschool classroom this year and now need a morning preschool teacher for one of our classrooms. We also need an afternoon preschool teacher, a middle-of-the-day aide, and elementary program leads. Please share this opportunity with someone you know who loves children and Jesus, who is looking to get back into the work force, a retired teacher, a high school or college student, etc. Please have them send a resume to hcls@holycrosscs.org. The school is open 7:15 am – 5:45 pm, Monday-Friday from August-May, with varied part-time shifts available.

Remember to join us for a School Open House on Sunday, August 4th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Many updates, including carpet and plumbing, are set to happen this month and we are looking forward to showing them off during the Open House. We would also love for you to get to know the staff and programs.

We are extremely grateful for the committed school staff that will be returning next year. Please continue to keep the school staff in your prayers, especially as we search for positions to be filled.

Mona Book, School Director

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Food Pantry

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

July needs: cooking oil, canned chicken, 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 Kelly Carter at foodpantryhc@gmail.com in the church office or Gail Youngmeyer at gailyoungmeyer@yahoo.com. There are direct service positions as well as behind-the-scenes role.

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.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more help with **coffee fellowship.** We have a coordinator, but we need more hands to help with set up and clean up on Sundays on a rotational basis. Please let Christine know if you can help. Christineb@holycrosscs.org



Stitchin' Servants

July 20

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.

Be A Greeter!



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.



Honduras News

Order Peaches Now Through July 28

The Honduras Mission Team is selling peaches. More information at the Ministry Center or by reaching out to a team member. Peaches arrive in mid-late August and are the freestone variety with yellow flesh. Contact Amy for more info. gryneves24@aol.com or 719-641-2388.

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.

As modeled by Jesus,

we will build a **WELCOMING** community.

Alissa Bernabei Music and DCE Scholarship

Alissa Bernabei, a member of Holy Cross and the Celebration Choir for over 50 years, started singing in the choir in 1968 right after her confirmation. Her love of music and the Lord inspired her to leave something to support this scholarship bearing her name to help others with their music degree and their passion to do the Lord's work.

To see all the requirements, please review this information on our website, holycrosscs.org under the "About" tab. It is open for church members in the Pikes Peak Circuit working on their music or DCE degree.



Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:2

Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry

Upcoming Events:

- **Military Women's Coffee Group** – At the June Coffee, it was decided to **suspend the Coffees until September** to allow everyone to fully enjoy their summer. So please enjoy your summer, vacations, and trips and we'll see everyone in September. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Coffees successful.
- **Armed Forces Activities** – We are planning to meet with Pastor Z in the fall after he and his family have settled in the Springs. We are hoping to expand our activities and incorporate more active duty and veterans in our congregation. Stay tuned for updates as they become available.



Roster Updates:

Email us at 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.

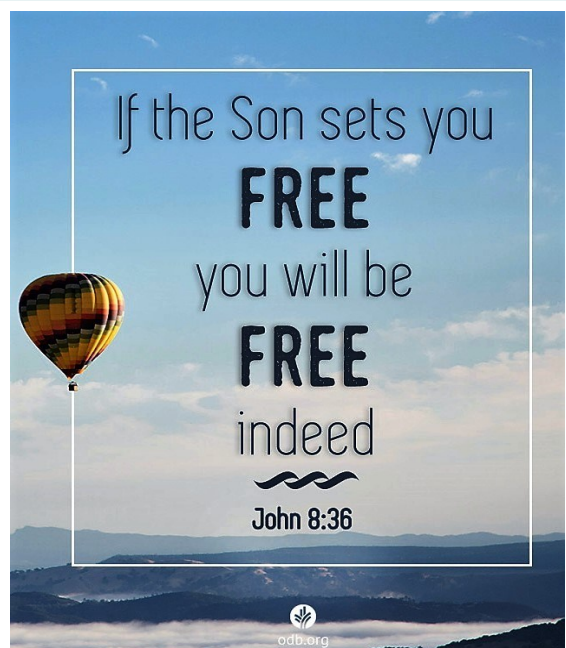
Where to Find Us:

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

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. Feel free to bring your favorite game and a snack to share! Text or call Becky Fisher at (254) 747-0016.



Young At Heart

July 1 at 11:30 a.m.

- **July 1** —King Buffet - Join us for lunch and fellowship.
 - **August 5** - at Holy Cross Lutheran Church; potluck meal with meat provided.
- For more information regarding Young at Heart please call, text or leave a message on Larry Schumm's phone, 567-259-9559.



Scrapbooking Group

July 20 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. 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.

July National Days to Celebrate

- July 1 — Creative Ice Cream Flavor Day
- July 4 — Independence Day
- July 8 — Blueberry Day
- July 10 — Don't Step on a Bee Day
- July 11—Free Slurpee Day
- July 15 — Gummi Worm Day
- July 22 — Casual Pi Day or Pi Approximation Day
- July 26 — Chili Dog Day
- July 28—Buffalo Soldiers Day

