



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO HUNGER
to be nourished by God.

September at a Glance

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

Healing, Unity, and Worship

"What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up... But all things should be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:26, 40

Thank you to all who participated in our Worship Survey and our small group listening posts. The data we received from the Survey was very good and many made good comments about our worship services.

Your Elders, the BoLM, first decided to move to one service last Advent because Holy Cross was divided, unhealthy, fractured, and having strife. They decided then that having 3 back-to-back services further divided the congregation and attributed much to the disunity and the strife. Worship moved to one united service with the sheep coming together to worship in united liturgy, song, preaching, and especially Communion especially Communion. When you interviewed me, even before I accepted the Call, I was very straightforward in communicating that I would not return Holy Cross to 3 back-to-back services and I would implement a dedicated Education/Fellowship time for all the congregation to participate.

After I accepted the Call, it became very evident to your Elders that having one service, one Bible study and one pastor garnered unity and health. Those who have participated in our worship, my Bible study, and especially the Sacrament of the Altar at these times have found refreshment and a renewed sense of health and unity. Your Elders then began the first deliberation to see if summer was a good time to move to a two-service format. They found that there was still some disharmony, and the congregation wasn't quite ready yet.

The Worship Survey was specifically crafted to get data on key factors of moving to two worship services. There were 300 participants with many of them also adding additional comments. Your Elders and I sifted through all the data and comments to find trends of health or hurt. In some ways, Holy Cross is not quite ready to move to two services right now. There are some sheep in our congregation that are a little myopic in looking to their wants rather than their needs or to the love of their neighbor. There are, though, many sheep who are on the right track of healing and unity. I, as your pastor, want to reiterate that in worship services here at Holy Cross, Word and Sacrament ministry is essential with good liturgy, sound music, and solid preaching/teaching all centered on the forgiveness we now have in Jesus' death and resurrection. When moving to two services we will be highlighting that every sheep at Holy Cross, whether you like early or late services, should come to fellowship and Bible study together. So often congregation member sheep set their worship standards based on time and style. I would like you to consider worshiping, learning, and fellowshiping regularly with each other as a new standard of health and unity.

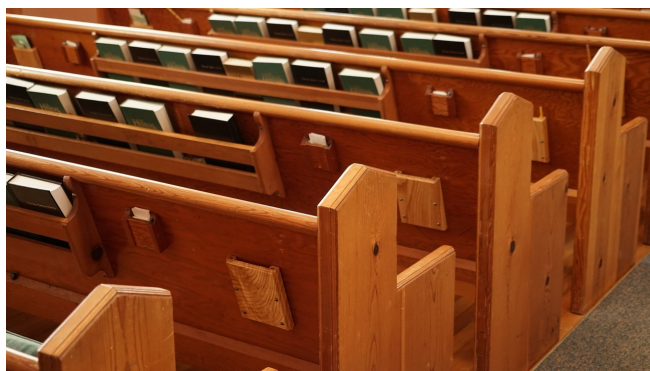
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The good news I would like to share with you is that the BoLM, your Elders, have decided that **Sunday, Nov. 3, All Saints Day Observed** will be the day we move to two worship services. At **8 a.m.** there will be an early service with hymnal liturgy and hymns. At **11 a.m.** there will be a service with Creative Worship liturgy and the Praise Team. Between those services, we will have a dedicated fellowship and education time that is *still being finalized* to best serve the congregation and servant volunteers. More will be announced on this later. We will also be planning one joint worship service throughout the year to continue to build unity and fellowship here at Holy Cross.

Please prioritize coming to worship before the switch to better connect with your fellow sheep here at Holy Cross who might be moving to a different worship time than you in the future. Please also prioritize fellowship and adult Bible study together here at Holy Cross so we may all be traveling in the direction of Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd.

Your Undershepherd in Christ,
Pastor Zillinger

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Worship Schedule

*The BoLM has decided to continue with one worship service and adult Bible study **through October 27** at our current times, **9 a.m. worship and 10:30 a.m. education.** We will continue rotating worship styles with a full Traditional service from the hymnal, a Blended service, and a Contemporary service with just contemporary music. **Beginning November 3** (All Saints Day Observed), we will offer two services with education time in between:*

8 a.m. - Traditional hymnal liturgy and hymns

11 a.m. - Creative Worship liturgy and contemporary songs and hymns led by praise team

September 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.

September 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost [Outdoor Worship at 10 a.m.]

Pastor Zillinger; "Full Armor of God"

September 8: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost [Traditional service]

Pastor Zillinger; "Frozen Chosen"

September 15: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost [Blended service]

Pastor Zillinger; "Your Salvation Story"

September 22: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; St. Louis Mission Sharing [Contemporary service]

Pastor Zillinger; "Destruction of the Tree and its Fruit"

September 29: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Confirmation Sunday [Traditional service]

Pastor Zillinger; "Angels and Saints"

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

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

Special Anniversary Recognition

October 6

If you have celebrated a special anniversary (1,5,10, 15,20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years or more) in **July, August, or September**, we invite you to be recognized during worship on **October 6th**. We usually do this on 5th Sundays of the month, but because of the celebration of Confirmation on September 29th, we are doing our anniversary recognition one week later. Please contact Christine at 719-596-0661 or christineb@holycrosscs.org with your name **by October 3**.

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. We ask that the flower container be returned to the office when the flowers are done.

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.



Confirmation

Sunday September 29

Questioning & Statements of Faith September 27

This year, 13 students have gone through Affirmation class and are ready to Confirm their faith. Join them on Friday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary as they do questioning and Statements of Faith. On Sunday, September 29 at 9 a.m., they will be confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Keep the following students in your prayers as they begin this next step in their faith walk:

**Tyler Abatelli | Antonio Bartling |
Angelina Berglund | Luke Diekelman | Calah Fischer
| Cameron Fisher | Nathaniel Foster | Oliver Gohl |
Kaylee Hein | Carson Laib | Annabelle Meyer |
Garrett Sartor | Alexander Wingert**

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Never Alone | Sept 14, 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.

“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.” Titus 2:1

Wednesday Night—Starting 9/4

- 5—5:45 p.m. Meal and salad bar, free will offering; 9/4 Menu: **Taco Bar**
- 6—7 p.m. Classes for all ages

<u>Class Title/Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Leaning on Jesus (adult, co-ed)	Room 102	Richelle Hecker
The Chosen (adult, co-ed video study)	Fireside Room	Rick Waters
6th grade affirmation	Room 210	Carl Miedich
7th/8th grade affirmation	Hiller Hall	Pastor Zillinger
High School	Youth Room	David Wickert/Michelle Mueller
Children	Rooms 213 and 225	DCE Lizz
Nursery (under 4)	Nursery	Trained nursery workers

Sunday Morning Classes for all ages 10:30-11:30 a.m.—Starting 9/8

<u>Class Title/Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
The Creeds (adult)	Sanctuary	Pastor Zillinger
Lutheranism 101 (adult)	Fireside Room	Vern Gillette
High School	Youth Room	Chris and Heather Abatelli
Middle School	Room 210	Jim Waldron
Preschool/Kindergarten	Room 213	
1st/ 2nd Grade	Room 222	
3rd-5th Grade	Room 225	
Nursery (under 4)	Nursery	Trained nursery workers

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. christineb@holycrosscs.org or 719-596-0661.

Kids and Youth Activity and Medical Release Form

It's that time of the year to fill out the 2024-2025 Activity and Medical Release Form. This form must be filled out once per year and serves as your activity and medical release for all classes and activities at Holy Cross. Thank you for taking the time to fill it out!

Student Fall Retreat | Sept. 6-8

Please pray for our 6th-12th graders to have an awesome weekend in the mountains experiencing the love of God for each of them.

Midweek Adult Classes

- **The Study of Mark** (co-ed) meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Led by Wayne & Lisa Gayler.
- **Hebrews** (women's study) meets on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Led by Gail Neal.
- **Hebrews** (men's study) meets on Thursdays at 6 a.m. at Wade's Café. Led by Neil Ridenour.
- **Max Lucado books** (women's study) meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Led by Connie Bond.
- **Bible Study-Acts** (co-ed) meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- **Theology on Tap** (men's study) meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Brewing (4630 Forge Rd.) Please call Carl Miedich (618) 780-3139 for more information.

Lutheran Valley Retreat Upcoming Retreats

Men's Retreat | Sept. 12-Sept. 15

Dudes! Get registered for the annual men's retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat. Get outside to enjoy a wide variety of activities including rock climbing, rappelling, zip-lining, hiking, fishing, shooting and so much more! Take time away to recommit your relationship with Christ and reconnect with friends, or get to know new friends. Flyers are at the Ministry Center. Go to lvr.org to sign up online or contact Doug Karges to register or with questions at doug@dougekarges.com or 719-322-6359.

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

Women's Retreat | September 26-29

Women, you'll love this fun-filled weekend at LVR! Almost any activity you can think of is offered, including rock climbing, rappelling, shooting, fly fishing, crafts, worship, napping, hiking, zip-lining, and so much more! Reconnect with Jesus and other women, all while enjoying God's beautiful creation! Visit LVR.org.



Holy Cross Lutheran School

Run to Jesus!

We hope you were able to attend our Open House on August 4th to look around the school and meet some of the staff. The 2024-2025 school year at Holy Cross Lutheran School is off to a great start with 60 children now enrolled between the ages of 2.5 and 13. We continue to provide support and minister to our neighborhood area. Several of our children and their families are unchurched. These children are hearing about Jesus for the first time and are excited to share what they hear with their families. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

A couple weeks ago we had a fun Family Event where our preschool students and their families came for an hour of Olympic themed games. Our House volunteers put together activities for the children and their families to enjoy. These monthly events provide an hour of quality time with our community.

Open Position

There is a need for a **midday aide** at the school, for our **10:30am-2:15 p.m.** shift Monday-Friday. Must be 16 or older, no experience needed. Please share this opportunity with someone you know and have them send a resume to hcls@holycrosscs.org.

Volunteer Need

Another need we have is for volunteers daily. We need some volunteers to help walk elementary students from Thomas MacLaren to Holy Cross and others to help with preschool recess. This would be from **2:45-3:30**. Would you be able to make a one-day weekly commitment to help the school for less than an hour? Contact the church office at 719-596-0661 or the school at hcls@holycrosscs.org.

Thank you all for continued prayers and support given to the school ministry.

Mona Book, School Director

Bear One Another's Burdens



Upcoming Events

- **Mites Sunday** is the third Sunday of each month (September 15). All are welcome to drop off donations at the Ministry Center.
- **LWML Kickoff** on September 10th at 6 p.m. (more info. below)
- **Unsung Heroes Movie Showing** on September 20th at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **LWML Sunday:** Oct 13 (Installation of officers)

Join us for our Annual LWML Kickoff

September 10 at 6 p.m. | Hiller Hall

"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"

Come for fellowship and to learn about this year's theme and events. Bring your favorite "comfort food" and a friend.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

We'd Love to Have You Join an LWML Circle

- **Sarah Circle** - 2nd Mondays at 10 a.m. in Fireside Room/Zoom. Study: *The Baptismal River: Studying the Sacrament throughout Scripture* by Richard Davenport
- **Joy Circle** - 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Hiller Hall. Study: From the LWML Quarterly
- **Deborah Circle**-3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Fireside Room/Zoom. Study: *God's Relentless Love - A Study of Hosea* by Sharma Fritz
- **Esther Circle** - Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. **ON HIATUS UNTIL MID-OCTOBER**



Movie Showing Sponsored by LWML:

Unsung Hero

Friday September 20

1:30 p.m. in Fireside or **7 p.m.** in Hiller Hall

Purchase tickets for **\$1** at the Ministry Center on 9/8 and 9/15. Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring your own soda or other snacks.

Childcare will be provided

Movie Synopsis: *When David Smallbone's music company collapses, he moves his family from Australia to the United States to search for a brighter future. Struggling to make ends meet, the couple soon realize the talents of their children, who go on to become two of the most successful acts in contemporary Christian music - For King and Country and Rebecca St. James.*



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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.

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@holycrossscs.org

Stitchin' Servants

September 21

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.



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.

Food Pantry

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

September needs: boxed cereal, canned chicken, and 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 Kelly Carter at foodpantryhc@gmail.com or Gail Youngmeyer at gailyoungmeyer@yahoo.com. There are direct service positions as well as behind-the-scenes role.

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.



Be a Sockstar! Knock Our Socks Off!

For this year's Thanksgiving Basket giveaway, we are going to give out socks in addition to holiday food. Please help by donating **new clean socks.** All sizes, colors, and varieties will be accepted. Look for a drop-off at the Ministry Center.

Honduras Mission News

Honduras 2025 Sign Up is Happening Now

If you feel called to be part of the 2025 Mission to Honduras, sign up now through September 15 at the Ministry Center. Trip dates: March 20-28, 2025. Reach out to Kevin or Cassandra Hein, Leadership Team, with questions.

New Trip Leaders

We are pleased to announce that we have new leaders for the annual trip to Honduras. God be praised that **Kevin and Cassie Hein** have agreed to lead this wonderful event. They are indeed an answer to our prayers that the mission would continue into the next generation. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the 2025 trip.

Honduras Coffee

We are excited to announce that coffee grown by Betesda church in Lepaterique is back! Bags of both ground and whole beans are available at the Ministry Center. \$8 per bag not only gives you a great tasting medium blend coffee, but you are also supporting the employment of 40 fellow Christians in the mountains of Honduras. You can also contact Jeff or Lorrie Faunce at fauncej@comcast.net for purchase or further details



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

Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry

Upcoming Events:

- **Military Women's Coffee Group** – Military Moms'/Women's Coffee Group is resuming their monthly meetings. The coffee is normally held on the first Tuesday of the month. However, the next coffee will be on **September 10th**, the second Tuesday, to avoid any potential conflict with Labor Day. We will meet in Hiller Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- **Armed Forces Activities** – We are planning our next potluck in conjunction with Veterans Day, so stay tuned for the details. More to come in the next Newsletter!



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

September 6

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

September 9 at 11:30 a.m.

- September 9 - Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, box lunch. Program by Keith Franzen "Songs of America"
- October 7—Lunch at Olive Garden

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



Scrapbooking Group

September 21 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.

September National Days to Celebrate

September 2 — Labor Day

VJ Day

September 11 — Patriot Day

September 17 — Constitution Day

September 18 — US Air Force Day

Other Days to Celebrate

September 3 — Welsh Rarebit Day

September 8 — Star Trek Day

September 9 — Wiener Schnitzel Day

September 15 — Butterscotch Cinnamon Pie or Cheese Toast or Double Cheeseburger Day

September 18 — Cheeseburger Day

September 22 — Hobbit Day

September 23 — Redhead Appreciation Day

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 THE DATE

Annual Voters' Meeting

October 20

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

- BUNCO 9/14
- BINGO 10/10
- MARKETPLACE 11/24

I am not saying this because I am in need,
for I have learned to be content
whatever the circumstances.

Philippians 4:11



MISSION MARKETPLACE

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 24, 2024

The Mission Marketplace's purpose is to help Holy Cross members fund their mission trips.
(local, abroad, LVR or NYG)

WE NEED VENDORS!

NEW THIS YEAR- WE WILL FUND YOU TO HOST YOUR OWN TABLE

Vendor sign up forms will be at the Ministry Center for completion. Start work now on your crafts or idea for a table. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

NEW THIS YEAR- SILENT AUCTION

Although Mission Marketplace is NOT for profit and is only mission funding, we love to showcase member talent. We are looking for a few items to host a silent auction table. A donation sheet will be located at the Ministry Center.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Cassie Hein- mzmusical@hotmail.com