



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.



2026 Holy Cross Mission Statement

*Gathered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments,
we live in the Father's forgiveness, show mercy, proclaim
the Gospel, and grow disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Holy Cross Milestone Statement

United in our Mission at Holy Cross, we walk together in community

Priesthood of All Believers and Office of Pastoral Ministry

[Click here](#) for the pdf of this month's teaching.

This is the second "one-shot" of Biblical, doctrinal, and confessional teachings that I will try to sum up and simplify in one page. After talking with the Elders and the District President, it was well-advised that we, as a congregation, as families and individuals, dig deeply into these truths from Scripture and our practice of them. In some respects, it might be like "drinking from a fire hose" if you have been unaware of why we do what we do as Christians and Lutherans. Hopefully, you will also see the Gospel, the Good News in Christ, and what God gives to us through these very important and yet distinct categories. Because this topic has been written about throughout our Scripture, Confessions, and by our Synod, I will be using more references for you to look up instead of my printing them. Along that line, I highly recommend a new FREE resource our Synod's publishing house, CPH, has given to all of us. It is the Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord (www.bookofconcord.cph.org). This is a more readable edition that some of you might already have as a book, but now it is open to the public for use and sharing. Please utilize this as a resource to look up the Confessional citations and continue to read the Book of Concord throughout.

May we rejoice in God's Word and its practice,
Pastor Zillinger

Note from the President

Nathan Borchers — nathan.borchers@yahoo.com

We know 2026 looks to be a challenging year financially, but we were blessed this year already with an approximately \$38,000 estate gift. We will continue to watch the finances closely. Giving an extra \$10 a week for those who are able would do a lot to relieve the financial stress we expect in 2026. Did you know you can give online automatically? If you have questions about this process or how to sign up, please see me or your Board of Elders representative.



In other news:

- ⇒ As discussed at the Voter’s meeting, the BOD will be leading a staff composition review this year to try and determine the ideal staff composition as we move forward. We look to start this study next week. We will keep the congregation and staff informed as we move forward.
- ⇒ There was a small section of the roof that was not replaced when the majority of the roof was a few years ago. It now needs replacement. This is an unplanned \$17,000 expense authorized by the BOD to be taken from the Facility Renewal Fund.

As always, if you have questions, please let me know.

Budget Update (as of January 31)

Monthly Giving	
Budgeted	Actual
53,144.67	52,822.36

Total Giving YTD	
Budgeted	Actual
53,144.67	52,822.36

Total Spending YTD	
Budgeted	Actual
111,457.33	112,405.67

Other General Fund Revenue: 58,489.40
 2026 End of Year budget deficit: \$-1,093.91

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Altar Flowers—change in price

The **2026** 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. Our vendor recently raised the price to \$35. You may take the arrangement home after the service, but we ask that the flower container be returned to the



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 Sunday’s texts



Regular Worship Schedule

8 a.m. – Hymnal liturgy and hymns with the organ
9:15 a.m. – Short "grab and go" refreshments in Hiller Hall (*freewill offering*)
9:30 a.m. – Christian Education Hour (Sunday School/Adult Bible Study)
10:30 a.m. – Food and Fellowship in Hiller Hall (*freewill offering*)
11 a.m. – Creative Worship liturgy and songs and hymns led by the worship team

March Worship

Join us in person or online on YouTube to worship Jesus at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Sundays. Communion is offered every week.

March 1: Second Sunday in Lent

Pastor Zillinger; "Born Again"; Gen. 12:1-9, Rom. 4:1-8; 13-17, John 3:1-17

March 8: Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor Zillinger; "Rejoice in Sufferings"; Ex. 17:1-7, Rom. 5:1-11, John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

March 15: Fourth Sunday in Lent; Honduras Commissioning

Pastor Zillinger; "Blind Spots"; Isaiah 42:14-21, Eph. 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

March 22: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Guest Pastor Rick Johnson; "Kyrie"; Ezek. 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Rom. 8:1-11, John 11:17-27; 38-53

March 29: Palm Sunday

Pastor Zillinger; "Attitude Adjustment"; Isaiah 50:4-9a, Phil. 2:5-11, John 12:20-43

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday April 2 - Services at 11:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Good Friday April 3 - Services at 11:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 5 - Services at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Lenten Worship Services

11:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays

Lent 2026: Holy Interruptions - The Parables of Jesus Reorient Our Hearts

Series Description: Few people like to be interrupted. Typically, we appreciate routine, structure, and order in our lives. We orient our lives around that which we value most. But "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) Sometimes normalcy and comfort orient our hearts away from God's kingdom and toward the less valuable things of this world. We need these habits and patterns of our hearts interrupted, so that we might have a greater treasure that lasts.

Series Practice: The Pike's Peak Circuit of the Rocky Mountain District, your local LC-MS churches and pastors are circulating pastors for preaching in Lent. Throughout Lent, different pastors will preach and lead Lenten services at Holy Cross. Each pastor will preach select texts, and there will be a rotation of preaching and texts all throughout our Circuit. A schedule will be available so that if you miss one Parable of Holy Interruptions, you may join in worship with a sister congregation that is hearing that specific text that evening.

Wed. Feb. 18 Ash Wed. - Pastor Zillinger - God's Gracious Interruption: A Season of Repentance

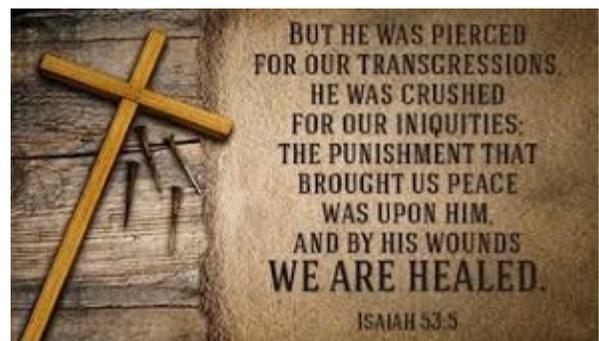
Wed. Feb. 26 Lent 1 - RMD Pres. Maxwell (from Rock of Ages)- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Wed. Mar. 04 Lent 2 - Pastor Moon (from Family of Christ) - The Banquet Invitation

Wed. Mar. 11 Lent 3 - Pastor Kern (from Immanuel)- The Builder and the King

Wed. Mar. 18 Lent 4 - Pastor Schuschke (from Faith Woodland Park)- The Wicked Tenants

Wed. Mar. 25 Lent 5 - Pastor Zillinger- The Rich Man and Lazarus



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Wednesday Night

5-5:45 p.m. - Free-will meal for everyone

6-7 p.m.—Classes for all ages

Kid/Youth Classes	Location	Teacher
PK-1 st	Room 213	Linda Baker
2 nd —5 th	Room 225	Susan Smith
1st year confirmation	Room 210	Gail Neal
2nd/3rd year confirmation	Hiller Hall	Pastor Z
High School Youth	Youth Room	David W/Michelle M
Adult Classes	Location	Teacher
James	Room 120	Lee Guthrie
The Chosen	Fireside Room	Rick Waters
Women's Bible Study	Room 102	Richelle Hecker

Sunday Morning Classes for all ages 9:30– 10:30 a.m.

Kid/Youth Classes	Location	Teacher
Under 4	Nursery	Trained Staff
PK-K	Room 213	Donna Speer
1st-2nd grade	Room 222	Becky Kuenn
3rd-5th grade	Room 225	Nicole Berry
Middle School	Room 210	Jim Waldron
High School	Youth Room	Chris & Heather Abatelli
Adult Classes	Location	Teacher
Stewardship	Hiller Hall	Pastor Z
Lutheranism 101	Room 102	Vern Gillette
1 & 2 Peter	Room 120	Nathan & Christi Borchers

New Member Class | Starts March 22 in Room 102

This is a class for those wishing to transfer to Holy Cross from another LCMS church or for those who have completed Lutheranism 101 and wish to join or are joining by profession of faith. The class is a great opportunity to meet other new people and learn about the specific mission, ministries, and leaders of Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Lutheran School

Let's Make a Joyful Noise!

Holy Cross School – Now Enrolling!

Registration for the 2026–2027 school year is officially open! We are excited to welcome new and returning families to our Christ-centered learning community.

Holy Cross serves children ages 2.5 (potty-trained) through age 5 (not yet in kindergarten), as well as providing elementary after-school care for students attending Evangel Christian Academy and Thomas MacLaren

To register for next year, please visit holycrosscs.org/school and click on the School tab for enrollment information. The 2026–2027 school year begins August 3, 2026.

Thank you for sharing the blessing of our Christ-centered program with friends, neighbors, and family. Word of mouth is one of the greatest gifts you can give our school!

If you have any questions, please contact us at hcls@holycrosscs.org — we would love to connect with you

Help Wanted – Join Our Ministry Team!

With growing enrollment comes the opportunity to grow our staff! If you know someone who has a heart for sharing Jesus with children, please send them our way.

We are seeking caring, dependable individuals to serve preschool and elementary students during the 2026–2027 school year. Positions offer flexible, part-time hours Monday–Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Our greatest need is in the afternoon hours as we welcome additional ECA students to our after-school program.

Interested candidates may submit a resume hcls@holycrosscs.org.

Blessings,

Mona Book

School Director

Midweek Studies

There are lots of other learning and fellowship opportunities during the week on and off-site. Please call the church office at 719-596-0661 for contact information or to join a Zoom class.

Topic/Group	Day	Time/location	Teacher
1 Corinthians	Mondays	6:30 p.m./Zoom	Wayne & Lisa Gayler
Young at Heart (55+)	1 st Mondays	11:30 a.m./varies	Larry Schumm
*NEW: Acts of the Apostles (women)	Mondays	2:15 p.m./Zoom *Book info. below	Gail Neal
Theology on Tap (Men)	NEW DAY: 4 th Wednesdays	6:30 p.m./105 West Brewing (Garden of the Gods Rd.)	Carl Miedich
Theology on Tap (Women)	3 rd Mondays	6 p.m./105 West Brewing (Garden of Gods Rd.)	Kelly Carter
Military Women's Coffee	1 st Tuesdays	9:30 a.m./Hiller Hall	Rosey Dudden
Women's Group	Wednesdays	10 a.m./home group	Cheryl D/Karen G
2nd Corinthians	Thursdays	10 a.m./Fireside	Larry Schumm
Revelation	Thursdays	6 a.m./Wades Café	Neil Ridenour
Women's Group	Thursdays	9 a.m./Zoom	Gail Neal
Never Alone (women)	2 nd Saturdays	10 a.m./Fireside	Lorrie Faunce



'Praying, Praising and Serving our Lord'

Upcoming Events

March 15th - Mites Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. All are welcome to drop off donations at the Ministry Center.

March 19th - (3rd Thursday) Fellowship and games in Fireside at 1:30 p.m. We plan to play every third Thursday of the month through May.

SAVE the DATE April 25th for the Spring Tea "Be the Clay in God's Hands."
2 p.m. in Hiller Hall; sign up on 4/12 and 4/19

SAVE the DATE June 4-7 for the Rocky Mountain LWML District Convention [no women's retreat this year as we want you to go to the convention as your retreat]

All women of the church are invited to attend LWML Circles:

Ways to Help/Get Involved:

- ✧ **Donate items at the Ministry Center for our annual Ingathering.** This year we are blessing **Lutheran Valley Retreat** with some needed supplies. Items can be new or gently used as appropriate: Tarps (16x20 or larger), reams of paper, masking tape, gallon or sandwich size Ziploc type bags, board/card games with all pieces for rainy days, climbing shoes of all sizes, sleeping bags (preferably 20 degrees or colder)
- ✧ **Donate items for our NEW "Sonshine Box Ministry"** to brighten someone's day by sharing God's love and a little encouragement. We will give boxes/bags/baskets with a few thoughtful and fun items to people who may be going through a difficult time or need a reminder of God's love. We are looking for small inexpensive items along with items that are specifically yellow. Examples: Juicy Fruit gum, Butterfingers, small bags of Lays potato chips, lemon drops, pens, stationery, note pads, candles, fuzzy socks, art supplies, fidget toys, joke or puzzle books, lip balm, lotion, snacks, books, etc. Drop in the box at the Ministry Center.

Thank You!

Thank you for participating in our Souper Bowl drive for the Bread of Life food pantry and our Ash Wednesday Luncheon which raised \$366 for missions

Circle	Day	Time/Location	Topic
Sarah	2 nd Mondays	10 a.m./Fireside/Zoom	Women of the Bible based on books by John MacArthur and Max Lucado
Joy	3 rd Tuesdays	9:30 a.m./Hiller Hall.	LWML Women's Quarterly
Deborah	3 rd Tuesdays	7 p.m./Fireside Room	"Joy" a study of Philippians by Deb Burma

Never Alone

March 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.

Student Ministry

- **Butter Braid Fundraiser | March 1-15**
- **Middle School Escape Room Event | 3/15**
- **Easter Breakfast | April 5**
 - ✧ The annual Easter breakfast on April 5. We could use help with donations of eggs. Please label them and leave them in the kitchen refrigerator beginning March 15.

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Honduras Mission Update

Honduras Mission 2026

The team is getting ready to travel in less than three weeks! The team will be commissioned during worship on March 15th. The trip is March 18-27. Please keep our team as well as those we encounter in your prayers. This year's travel team:

Kevin, Cassie, Kaylee, and Lucas Hein
Christine, Joe, and Angelina Berglund
Becky and Luke Diekelman
Jim and Deanna Waldron
Chris and Kelly Carter
Aaron, Courtney, Aslan, and Grace Tisdale
Phil and Kathy Nix
Kendall Worley

Thank You!

Thank you for your support of all the things... special project, giving tree, sponsor kids, prayers, drivers, and pancakes! We truly could not do this mission without all of you here at home. Gracias!



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION AT

Easter Encounter

Come shape Holy Week with Play-Doh and hunt Easter eggs in a hands-on family event.

MARCH 28 • 10 AM - 12 PM

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Meet in Hiller Hall at 10 am.
Enter through the West doors. Follow the signs to get to Hiller Hall.

Contact Lizz Massey at lizzm@holycrosscs.org with any questions.

Bowling Tournament

to support our
Honduran University Students

- Teams of 4
- \$15 per player- includes 2 games and shoes
- Door Prizes
- Raffle Prizes
- Bake Sale
- Fellowship
- ALL proceeds will benefit youth trying to further their education



All are welcome to bowl or just come for the fun!

Saturday, May 23rd @ 2:00

King Pin

3410 N Academy Blvd



Prayer Shawls

WHAT IS A PRAYER SHAWL OR SQUARE?

A way of reaching out to others who are hurting- physically, emotionally, or spiritually. It's a way to let them know our congregation is praying for them in their time of need. We now have **small prayer squares** available to put in your purse or pocket as well as quilts. Please visit us the first Sundays of each month next to the blood pressure clinic outside Hiller Hall.

Stitchin' Servants | Mar 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.



Food Pantry

HOURS: Open Mondays & Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Current needs: *VOLUNTEERS, macaroni and cheese, jelly, condiments, small bags of flour/sugar, oil.* Monetary donations are always appreciated also.

Volunteer Meeting: March 22 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Fireside Room

All current volunteers and those interested in becoming pantry volunteers are asked to attend this meeting to meet the new Food Pantry Coordinator and make plans for the future of this ministry.

Welcome to Our New Food Pantry Coordinator

Kaella Monaghan is our new Food Pantry Coordinator. Please make her feel welcome and give her a hand as she learns all the processes of the food pantry.



Kaella, her husband Christain, and her son Jaxson

A little about her:

Aside from the food pantry, Kaella serves justice-involved youth through trauma-informed counseling and case management, seeking to reflect Christ's love through empathy, encouragement, and practical support. She is excited to work with the church and community as the Food Pantry Coordinator, helping ensure families feel supported, valued, and cared for through this ministry.

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

Holy Cross Armed Forces Ministry

Upcoming Events:

- **Military Women's Coffee Group** – Military Women/Spouses/Moms, join us March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Hiller Hall for this fun casual coffee group that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Childcare available. Children are always welcome. Contact Rosey with questions. 719-651-3084

You Can Help:

Armed Forces Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in helping with this important ministry. The Committee is refocusing on fewer activities that are higher impact for our Active and Retired military/families at Holy Cross. If interested, please contact Rosey dr651@live.

Young At Heart

March 2 at 11:30 a.m.

- **March 2** - Meet for lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse
 - **April 13**—Meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church
- For more information regarding Young at Heart, a group for those 55+, please call, text or leave a message on Larry Schumm's phone, 567-259-9559.

Scrapbooking Group

March 21

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 719-638-6874 or janetgrangruth@msn.com.

