



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.



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

Doctrine One Shot - 6th Commandment/Adultery

Continuing in the line of teaching Biblical doctrines, there have been many individuals, as well as the Board of Elders request me to teach on the doctrine concerning the 6th Commandment and adultery. If you are a church member who was here during one of our many cyclical traumas concerning adultery, you might realize there is a need for teaching on this subject. Before I took the Call to be your pastor, the Elders even pleaded with me to help change the desensitized culture we have concerning this sin in our congregation. The BoE has even recently requested that we do more concerning this issue, hence this article. As your shepherd and with your spiritual leaders in the BoE, we will strive to be more aware of these issues so that we may wisely deal with future problems with Law and Gospel, wisdom and forgiveness!

Your Shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Zillinger

[Link to Doctrine One Shot – 6th Commandment/Adultery](#)

Note from the President

Nathan Borchers — nathan.borchers@yahoo.com

Lyman Kaiser continues to bless our school. We recently received a generous donation from his estate to be used for the school. We will use a small portion of this gift to fix the school siding while we plan for what's possible with the remaining majority of this gift. Standby for more details.



Giving has been down the last couple months and our current 2026 deficit reflects this. 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 had our initial meeting last Tuesday and made some good progress. We will keep the congregation and staff informed as we move forward.

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

Budget Update (as of April 30)

Monthly Giving	
Budgeted	Actual
76,777.72	60,793.55
Total Giving YTD	
Budgeted	Actual
303,598.80	275,892.72
Total Spending YTD	
Budgeted	Actual
429,115.88	430,405.42

Other General Fund Revenue: 135,333.49

2026 current budget deficit: -\$19,179.21

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Summer Worship Schedule

We are excited to embrace a season of shared worship, learning and fellowship to bring our entire community together.

We will gather for **one service at 9:00 a.m.** with **bible study following at 10:30.** Summer is a unique time in the life of our church. With many families traveling and enjoying outdoor activities, our goal is to foster a stronger sense of connection.

By gathering as one body, we can:

- ✘ **Elevate our Worship:** There is a special energy that comes when every voice is raised together in a space.
- ✘ **Strengthen Community:** This schedule allows members from both of our regular services times to mingle, share coffee and get to know one another better.

- ✘ **Support our Volunteers:** A single service gives our dedicated tech teams, musicians, ushers, and greeters a bit of extra breathing room during this season.

This summer schedule will remain in effect through Labor Day weekend. We look forward to seeing the sanctuary full and vibrant as we celebrate this season of rest and renewal together. Let's make this summer a time of connection!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the elders or Pastor Zillinger.

Sunday Schedule through Labor Day

9 a.m. - Worship

10 a.m. - Food and Fellowship in Hiller Hall (FREEWILL OFFERING)

10:30 a.m. - Christian Education Hour

June Worship

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

June 7: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Zillinger; "Debt and Credit"; Hosea 5:15-6:6, Psalm 119:65-72, **Rom. 4:13-25**, Matt. 9:9-13

June 14: Third Sunday after Pentecost; VBS Commissioning

Pastor Zillinger; "Obedient and Treasured"; **Ex. 19:2-8**, Psalm 100, Rom. 5:6-15, Matt. 9:35-10:8(9-20)

June 21: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day; Mission Trip Commissioning

Pastor Zillinger; "Worth Your Wages"; Jer. 20:7-13, Psalm 91:1-10(11-16), **Rom. 6:12-23**, Matt. 10:5a; 21-33

June 28: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Zillinger; "2 Cents Worth"; Jer. 28:5-9, Psalm 119:153-160, Rom. 7:1-13, **Matt. 10:34-42**

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

Prayer Room in Room 223

Come in to our prayer room anytime during business hours (M-F, 9-3) to find a quiet place to pray. The prayer team would like to invite you to join them on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. to pray for our church, our community, country, and others.

Our nursery is open for children under 4 during 9 a.m. Sunday service and Sunday School. Children 3+ and potty trained can attend Sunday School.

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Wednesday Night

Summer Youth Group | 6-8 p.m. (No class June 17 due to VBS.)

Summer Youth Group is for those finishing 5th grade through those finishing 12th grade. Come for Bible study, games, and fellowship each Wednesday this summer from 6-8 p.m. Contact Lizz at lizzm@holycrosscs.org or Michelle at michellem@holycrosscs.org with any questions.

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

Summer Sunday School has begun. Come upstairs for kids and student classes as we begin learning about the Bible in one year. (There will be no Sunday School on July 5 for the 4th of July Holiday.)

Kid/Youth Classes	Location	Teacher
Under 4	Nursery	Trained Staff
PS— 1st Grade	Room 213	Donna Speer
2nd—5th grade	Room 222	Becky Kuenn
Middle School	Room 210	Jim Waldron
High School	Youth Room	Wickert/Mueller
Adult Classes	Location	Teacher
The Ten Commandments	Hiller Hall	Pastor Z
1 & 2 Peter	Room 120	Nathan & Christi Borchers
Lutheranism starts Aug 2nd	Room 102	Vern Gillette

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 st Corinthians	Mondays	6:30 p.m./Zoom	Wayne & Lisa Gayler
Young at Heart (55+)	1 st Mondays	11:30 a.m./varies	Larry Schumm
Acts	3 rd Mondays	2:00 p.m./Zoom	Gail Neal
Theology on Tap (Women)	3 rd Mondays	6 p.m./ (105 West Brewing Co.)	Kelly Carter
Theology on Tap (Men)	4 th Mondays	6:30 p.m. (105 West Brewing Co.)	Carl Miedich
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
Youth group	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m./youth room	Wickert/Mueller
Matthew	Thursdays	10 a.m./Fireside	Larry Schumm
Genesis	Thursdays	6 a.m./Wades Café	Neil Ridenour
Women's Group	Thursdays	9 a.m./Zoom	Gail Neal
Never Alone	2 nd Saturdays	10 a.m./Fireside	Lorrie Faunce

Holy Cross Lutheran School

Let's Make a Joyful Noise!



The school year came to a close on May 29th, wrapping up an amazing and productive year as we “Made a Joyful Noise” while learning about Jesus together. We are thankful for all the blessings of this past year and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, August 3rd for the 2026–2027 school year.

Please mark your calendars for our School Open House on Sunday, August 2nd following the church service. More information will be shared soon!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Preschool Graduation and Moving Up Ceremony. It was a joyful celebration of our students and their accomplishments. If you were unable to attend, the ceremony can be viewed on the church YouTube channel.

We would also like to sincerely thank the congregation for helping show appreciation to our school staff last month. Your kindness, encouragement, and generosity made us feel truly loved and supported.

Enrollment is continuing for the 2026–2027 school year. Our preschool program serves children ages 2½ through 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten). We also offer after-school care for Kindergarten through 5th grade students attending Evangel Christian Academy and Thomas MacLaren Charter School. Interested families can learn more by visiting our website at holycrosscs.org/school/. Thank you for continuing to share information about our wonderful school with others!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this vibrant ministry that touches the lives of children and families in our community with the love of God .

In Christ,

Mona Book, School Director

VBS Information

Enter into the rainforest as we Explore the Nature of God. VBS is June 15-19. To participate, you need to be 3 AND potty trained through 5th grade. Those 6th grade and older are invited to volunteer.

Registration will close for participants on June 10.

We are still in need of **VBS volunteers**. Please consider signing up by the mailboxes or at the link above

The Giving Tree for VBS is up. Please return any items under the Sign Up Table no later than June 3. Thank you for your support of VBS!

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



Volunteer Training for VBS

Tuesday, June 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you are volunteering for VBS, please plan on attending this training session if you missed the one in May. Contact Lizz at lizzm@holycrosscs.org with any questions.

VBS Decorating Help You Can Do at Home!

As we transform our building into a WILD world, there are a number of props and decorations that can be done from home. Some are as simple as cutting out pictures and others are more complex. There's something everyone can do! Kits will be at the VBS signup table with a "sign up" beginning May 24. Please plan to return completed items by June 7.

Other Important Dates:

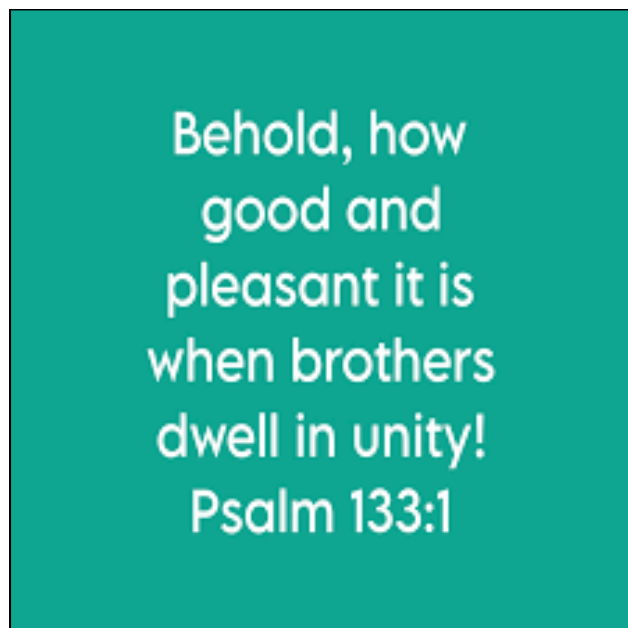
June 13 and 14 - Let's turn Holy Cross into a Rainforest! Come and help decorate for VBS. We will build and decorate as much as we can on Saturday and finish decorating after church on Sunday.

June 21 - Thank you for your support of VBS! After Sunday School, we will tear down from VBS. If you are able to stay and help, that would be much appreciated!



Never Alone June 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.





"Praying, Praising and Serving our Lord"

Upcoming Events

- ✘ **May 10th - June 21st** (Mother's Day to Father's Day) - **Fundraiser for LifeNetwork** (formerly Baby Bottle Boomerang). We will no longer have individual bottles but will have larger banks at the Ministry Center.
- ✘ **June 4, 11, 18, 25** - EVERY Thursday is women's **games and fellowship** time in the Fireside Room. Bring a game and/or a snack to share if you wish.
- ✘ **June 21st** - Mites Sunday is the third Sunday of each month. Drop off donations at the Ministry Center.
- ✘ Money raised by Holy Cross LWML fundraisers were **donated to LVR and Mercy Meals**. Thank you for your support!
- ✘ Register NOW for the **Rocky Mountain LWML District Convention**, June 5-7: Theme: "Faith That Can Move Mountains." You may register for the whole convention or just join us for a single day. For more details and to register go to <https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/>

Ways to Help/Get Involved:

- **Donate items at the Ministry Center** for our annual Ingathering. This year we are blessing three groups with some needed supplies.
 - * Lutheran Valley Retreat - 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)
 - * Orphan Grain Train and Navajo Lutheran - water colors and paint brushes, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, fine tip markers, play doh, molding clay, other school supplies
- **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 bundles with a few thoughtful/fun items to people who may need a reminder of God's love. We are looking for small inexpensive items that are yellow. E.g. Juicy Fruit gum, Butterfingers, lemon drops, pens, stationery, note pads, candles, fuzzy socks, art supplies, fidget toys, joke or puzzle books, lip balm, snacks, etc. Drop in the box at the Ministry Center. *We are especially in need of gifts for men, as well as tissue paper and gift bags.* If you know someone who could use a little "Sonshine", please contact Bev Smith or Cheryl Dempsey.

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Honduras University Students

THANK YOU - to all the bowlers, bakers, helpers, and 'in any way' supporters of the 2026 bowling tournament. YOU raised \$1405 to send to our Honduran University students to offset their costs. What a blessing for them! Congratulations to Team Terrones for their win, and to Team Dole, Bullard, & Sanderson for placing second.

Stitchin' Servants | June 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.

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, mac and cheese, jelly, condiments, small bags of flour/sugar, oil, empty egg cartons. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

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.

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 June 2 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.

Scrapbooking Group | June 20

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.



Faith Day at the Rockies

August 2, 1 p.m.

Cost- \$25 per person. RSVP Deadline- Sunday, July 5. Join your Holy Cross friends and Christians from all over Colorado at Faith Day at the Rockies. The Rockies will be taking on the Kansas City Royals at 1:10 p.m. Following the game, there will be a concert by Crowder. Sign up at the Ministry Center.

Please turn in your money to either the Church office or Ministry Center Box with either a check with the memo "Faith Day at the Rockies" or with cash in an envelope with Faith Day at the Rockies and your family name on the outside of the envelope. Contact Lizz at lizzm@holycrosscs.org with any questions. I hope to see you there!

Young At Heart

June 1 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church

July 6—Eastridge Park for a cookout and potluck

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.

