

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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March 17, 2024

*"Jesus - Our Perfect High Priest"*

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## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

**OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE!** Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

**PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES** We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

**REGISTRATION CARDS** are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**A HEARING LOOP** is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK3 – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

**PRAYER CONCERNS?** Contact Sherri Bartels, [sbbartels.sb@gmail.com](mailto:sbbartels.sb@gmail.com). Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

**USHERS** are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

**LIVE STREAM WORSHIP** If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

**PHONE-IN WORSHIP** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

**ON DEMAND WORSHIP** View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30 am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

**TRANSPORTATION FUND** If you have no other way to church, taxi rides to and from church are available. Please speak with the Pastor or call the church office at 249-3101.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

**MISSION STATEMENT** The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

**"Jesus - Our Perfect High Priest"**  
**March 17, 2024**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

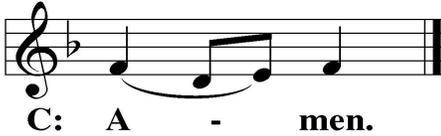
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**Choir**....."Is He Worthy?"

**Invocation**

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

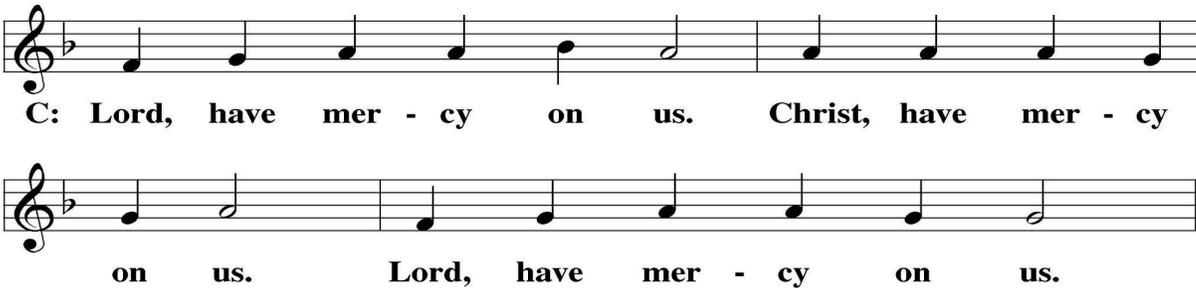


**Confession of Sins**

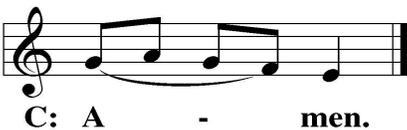
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**Lord, Have Mercy**



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Prayer and Praise**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## Glory Be to God



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## Old Testament Lesson.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

*God promises the new covenant of the Gospel*

31 Yes, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine,  
although I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.

33 But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
declares the Lord.

I will put my law in their minds,  
and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will each one teach his neighbor,  
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the Lord,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord,  
for I will forgive their guilt,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

## Psalms of the Day.....Psalm 143

M: Lord, hear my prayer. Give ear to my cry for mercy.

**C: In your faithfulness, answer me in your righteousness.**

M: Do not bring charges against your servant, because no one living can be righteous before you.

**C: My spirit grows faint inside me. Within me my heart is devastated.**

M: Hurry! Answer me, Lord. Do not hide your face from me,

**C: Let me hear about your mercy in the morning, for I trust in you.**

M: Teach me the way that I should go, for I lift up my soul to you.

**C: May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

## Verse of the Day

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

**Second Lesson**.....John 12:20–33

*Jesus predicts his death*

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

23 Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain.

25 Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

29 The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. 30 Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

31 "Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**Hymn #124**....."Savior, When in Dust to You"

1 Savior, when in dust to you  
Low we bow in homage due,  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
Oh, by all your pains and woe  
Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from your throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!

2 By your helpless infant years,  
By your life of want and tears,  
By your days of deep distress  
In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of th' insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye,  
Hear our penitential cry!

3 By your hour of dire despair,  
By your agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh,  
Hear our penitential cry!

4 By your deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
Oh, from earth to heav'n restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from your throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!

**Sermon**.....Pastor Mark Bartels.....“Jesus - Our Perfect High Priest”

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

7 In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. 9 After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

**Create in Me**



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**Offering**

**Prayer**



**Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

**O Christ, Lamb of God**



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**Distribution & Hymn** #114..... "Christ the Life of All the Living"

1 Christ, the Life of all the living,  
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe --  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

2 Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee,  
O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did thy foes accuse thee --  
Thence I gain security.  
Comfortless thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround thee,  
Treating thee with cruel scorn,  
And with piercing thorns they crowned thee.  
All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne  
That as thine thou mightest own me  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

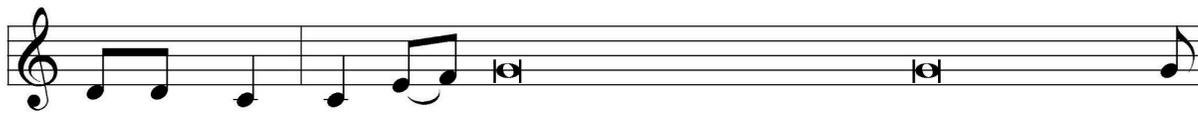
6 Thou has suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me.  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For thine anguish in the garden,  
I will thank thee evermore,  
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,  
For thy bleeding and thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry  
And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

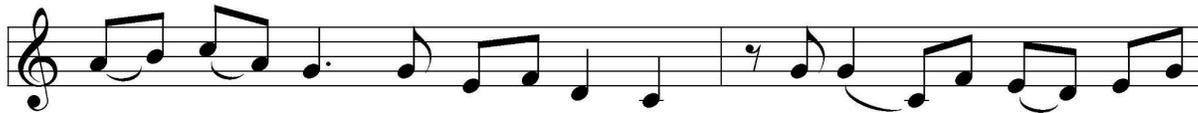
**Song of Simeon**



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

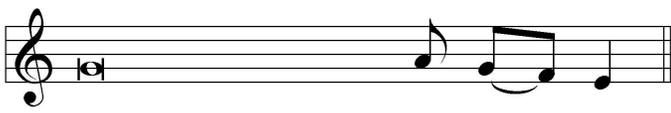


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

### **Prayer After Communion**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Benediction**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



### **Attendance**

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to [frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org), and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

March 17, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – March 18 - March 24**

#### **Monday**

- Evangelism Committee - 5:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am

#### **Wednesday**

- Lenten Worship - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
- Choir - 7:15 pm

#### **Thursday**

- Membership Committee - 9:00 am
- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given this week by the Seim family in memory of Richard Seim.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Pastor Piet Van Kampen, Rachel Sellnow, Mike Bradburn, and Steve Juve were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 3/5/24 - 3/11/24**

\$8,985.71

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 3/11/24**

\$569,544.30

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$578,480.94

**FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**

\$813,000.00

### **NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

No Children's Sunday School today (due to Spring Break) or Easter Sunday. We'll still have Adult Bible Class today... but not on Easter Sunday.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 6:30 pm. This is the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. (includes Individual Absolution and the Lord's Supper)
- Good Friday, March 29 - 1:30 pm. Ponder the day Jesus died for our sins. (includes the Lord's Supper)
- Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection!

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of George Cooper. George fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, March 11. A Christian funeral service will be held at Holy Cross on Monday, March 18 at 11 am, with visitation from 10 am - 11 am. Please keep his wife, Ann, and their family in your prayers.

## **SERMON VIDEO LINKS**

Want an easy way to witness to a friend, relative or neighbor? Share Sunday's sermon link with them. Or watch it devotionally yourself.

03/13/24 - "God on Trial - Misconceptions" - Pastor Eugene Kock

<https://vimeo.com/923163609?share=copy>

## **DANNY NUSBAUM CALL RETURNED**

To the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in the redeeming name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Once again, I want to thank you for considering me to serve at Holy Cross as the school's eighth grade homeroom teacher. This being my first call, I must say it has been a very humbling experience.

During these last few weeks while contemplating this call, I have had the pleasure of getting acquainted with the faculty and staff at Holy Cross. Just in speaking with them, I can tell that this would be a great faculty to work with. I was also very impressed with all of the great things that Holy Cross has to offer its students in the classroom but also in extracurricular activities as well. The support from parents was also very impressive. God has truly blessed Holy Cross!

As I deliberated this Call to Holy Cross with my current Call at Christ Lutheran, it is very clear that my school is missing many of the great things that Holy Cross has to offer. It is for this reason that I have decided to return the Call to Holy Cross as I believe that I can serve the Lord best in helping Christ Lutheran achieve these very things that schools need in order to benefit the education of the students. With our high school growing, I feel there are many things that will need my attention, especially in helping develop curriculum for future classes and establishing our athletics program. This was a difficult decision for me to make. Holy Cross sounds like a wonderful school to be a part of and being able to come home to Wisconsin definitely gave me plenty to think about. But after much prayer and deliberation, I truly believe that staying at Christ Lutheran is where I can serve the Lord best in continuing the educating of His Lambs. I will continue to pray for Holy Cross in the hopes that you can find the teacher that will fill your needs.

God's Blessings to you all.

Daniel Nusbaum

## **MEGAN DEENIK CALL RETURNED**

Dear families, members, and faculty of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

Recently you issued me a call to serve as your first grade teacher as well as help with some coaching. After many prayers and much deliberation, the Holy Spirit has led me to return your call at this time. I believe that God still has work for me to do in Crete. I truly appreciate the opportunity to consider serving the Lord with all of you. Thank you to everyone who reached out and helped answer my questions. Holy Cross is blessed to have such leaders and caring members who have a heart to serve. I pray that God will continue to bless your ministry in Madison. I trust that God will provide the right person to come and serve in your school.

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

May God bless your walk toward the cross and your upcoming Easter celebrations.

In Christ,

Mrs. Megan Deenik

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED**

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! June 24-27, we will be inviting children to "DIVE IN!" to God's Word. (Ocean themed) If you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org). We will need help with decorating, crafts, games, bible stories, leading children from group to group, welcoming families at the registration tables, and donating materials. It takes a community to make Vacation Bible School a success. We hope that God can use you to make a SPLASH in a child's spiritual life.

## LEARN ABOUT HOSPICE OVER LUNCH

Hospice: Provides a person and family (caregivers) the best quality of life - spiritual, emotional, and physical comfort at the end of life.

On April 14, 2024, join us in the Fireside room to hear about hospice and other assistance ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) provides in Dane County for loved ones. Please sign up by Monday, April 8, 2024 on the sheet in the welcome center. Light lunch will be provided.

## SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024

This summer we will welcome kids ages 5 - 12 years old for a fun, daily program! Days will be 6AM - 5:30PM between June 3 - August 15, 2024. Activities will include: picnics in the park, off-site field trips, water days, bike/scooter days, arts and crafts, story time, and more! The rate will be billed weekly and is as follows:

- Monday - Friday (5 days): \$275/week
- 4 days: \$225/week
- 3 days: \$175/week
- 2 days: \$125/week
- 1 day: \$75/week

There is a 10% off multi-child discount for each additional full time child.

Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024.

Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024.

There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee.

Other information to note: Children may be in our care for a maximum of 10 hours per day. Tuition will be charged on a weekly basis through an automatic withdrawal using our Brightwheel App. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack following USDA Food Guidelines. Rate builds in several days OFF: holidays and up to 5 vacation days for the child. Rate is charged weekly even if the child misses his/her scheduled days.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) or call 608-249-3101.

## BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, Don Westphal, Director of The Bethany Fund, will give a college update (there are many things to share!) and answer questions guests may have. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend.

## LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

- June 15-19 (Sat.-Wed.), 2024, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN.
- For high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade)
- Registration open until June 1: \$225

Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is a perfect opportunity for high school aged youth to learn from the best. Prof. Dennis Marzolf created the camp in 1986 and will be serving as choir director this summer. He will be joined by Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux (accompanist) and Prof. David Paulson (handbells). The five day camp is an immersive study and performance in our rich Lutheran Musical Heritage, and high school students will be collaborating with both current and alumni members of the Bethany Concert Choir. The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir plans to sing and ring at several performances during the ELS Synod Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to study great music and learn from the best! Information available at <https://els.org/honorchoir/>

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, you have the option to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to Holy Cross until March 31. If you haven't already done so, don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy (<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

## **CAMP RISE**

Camp Rise 2024 takes place Sunday, July 7 to Friday, July 12 at Camp Luwisomo in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp is open to all youth who will have completed grades 4 through 9! All registration info and forms can be downloaded at [camprise.org](http://camprise.org), or can be obtained at the church office. Registration cost is \$430 if registered by April 15; after that the cost goes up to \$460 with the deadline of May 15. In case the cost is too burdensome for some families, please speak with either Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen. Holy Cross has a fund dedicated to helping kids attend Camp Rise, and families can also apply to the Camp Rise Scholarship Fund by May 1 to help ease the costs of registering children for camp.

## **LYA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION**

- July 25-28 (Thurs.-Sun.), 2024, at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- For high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade)
- Early Registration until June 1: \$300
- Late Registration from June 2-July 1: \$350

The 2024 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will explore the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. The setting of Chicago will form the backdrop to these topics and will allow us the opportunity to explore, and even serve, the city. Keynote speakers will be Rev. David Locklair and Prof. Pete Bloedel. Highlights of the 2024 LYA Youth Convention include:

- A Divine Service where you will get to commune with hundreds of your brothers and sisters in Christ
- Engaging small group sectionals – register early to get the sectionals of your choice!
- Daily offices: Morning and evening chapel services
- Excursion to either downtown Chicago via the L Train or the Museum of Science and Industry
- Recreation time on Concordia University's campus

For more information and to register, go to <https://els.org/LYA/>.