

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Press on Toward the Goal"

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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. 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 1st and 3rd 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.

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening Hymn #441 (vs 1, 2, 6)....."O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home,

2 Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

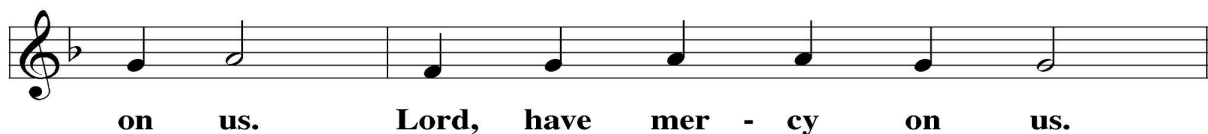
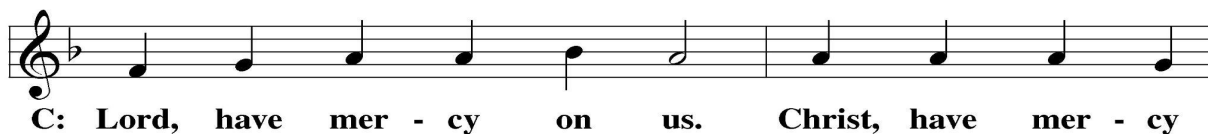


Confession of Sins

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



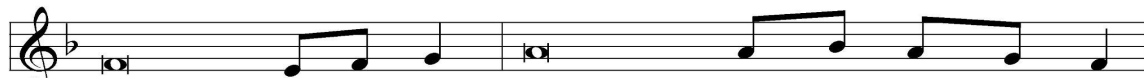
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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



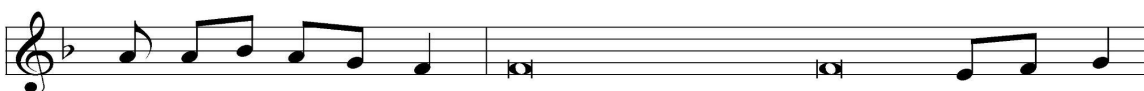
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 5:1-7

God judges those who sin with his blessings

Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.
2He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.
He planted it with the best vines.
He built a tower in the middle of it.
He also cut a winepress into it.
He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
but it produced only sour grapes.
3So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
4What more could have been done for my vineyard
that I have not already done for it?
When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
why did it produce sour grapes?
5Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.
6I will make it a wasteland.
It will not be pruned or hoed.
So briars and thorns will shoot up.
I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it.
7Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Armies is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him.
He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.
He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 118

M: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

M: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia.

(Hebrews 2:12)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 21:33-43

The parable of the tenant farmers



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

33“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. 34When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. 37Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. 38But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ 39They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

41They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

42Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

43“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 (8:30 am)

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn #431 (vs 1, 2, 5, 6) "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

1 I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity
I know not where to flee
When storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way;
His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away
When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
 Await, my soul, the morrow,
 When you farewell can gladly say
 To all your sin and sorrow.
 All worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

SermonPastor Mark Bartels....."Press on Toward The Goal"
 Philippians 3:12-21

12Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. 13Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, 14I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. 16Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained. 17Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. 18To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. 19Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on a single staff in C major, 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bar lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

The musical score for 'Amen' is written on a single staff in C major, 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a simple sequence of quarter notes: A, G, F, E, D, C. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

The Distribution & Hymn #310....."I Come, O Savior, To Your Table"

- 1 I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

7 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

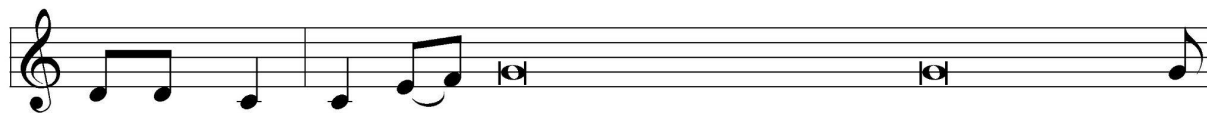
8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

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-

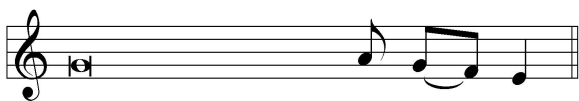


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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.



Announcements If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home.

Holy Cross News & Notes

October 15, 2023

Calendar for the Week – October 16th – October 22nd

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class- 7:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Church Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares Class - 10:00 am
- Trunk or Treat - 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am (September to May)
- Bible Class- 9:45 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Member Mixer - following second service

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Eric Christenson was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Now Hiring! Teacher's Aide/After School Care Supervisor

Holy Cross Lutheran School and Early Learning Center are looking to fill the position of a teacher's aide/After School Care supervisor. Employment would consist of approximately 30 hours of teacher's aide duties and approximately ten hours of After School Care supervision. Hours will be from 9:30 am - 5:30 pm and starting pay rate is \$15.50 per hour. Contact Principal Rick Holz at rholz@holycrossmadison.org or Vice Principal Andrew Schoenfeld at aschoenfeld@holycrossmadison.org.

Holy Cross Youth Group

Yes, Holy Cross is starting a youth group! Tonight, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. youth in grades 7-12 are invited to meet in the Fireside room for an hour of snacks, fellowship, Bible study, and to plan our next few meetings. Possible future excursions include: making cards for homebound or hospitalized people, volunteering at a food bank, game nights, and Christmas caroling. Bring your ideas! It will be a great time! See you there!

Estate Planning Presentation

The Senior Ministry Committee invites you to join us on Thursday, October 26 from 1 pm - 2 pm in the Fireside Room to learn about estate planning and administration. We'll talk about how a good plan can help achieve your goals, what the process looks like and how you and your loved ones can find peace of mind through it all. Topics covered will be: wills, probate, powers of attorney, advanced directives, probate avoidance and more. The presentation will be made by Attorney Johner Allison from Levine Eisberner, LLC. There's no cost for the presentation, but we would encourage you to sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many people to expect. Thanks! Cookies and coffee will be provided.

Trunk or Treat

Holy Cross will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21st from 10:30am – 11:30am. We are asking for candy donations. We have 2 areas where you can place your donations. One tote will be in the narthex of the church near the doors to the cafeteria. The other tote will be located near the front desk. We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy! Please sign up [here](#). Candy to hand out will be provided."

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, November 10th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Lutheran School Children will be hosting our annual Veterans Day program. We would like to honor all Veterans, if you know of a Veteran, please share the name(s) and branch of the military with us to put on the wall of honor! Send information to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org

Member Mixer!

Mark your calendars for October 22 as the membership development board will be hosting another "member mixer" event immediately after second service in the fireside room. This is a casual event meant for all congregants--whether you are new to the church or have been attending for decades--designed to help each other learn about their neighbors and make more personal connections. The main focus will be on conversation and mingling and pizza and chips will be provided so there is no need to bring anything. Childcare will also be provided in the gym (although children are also welcome to join the adults). Please sign up by October 18 to ensure enough pizza is ordered by using the sign up sheets located on the doors or in the welcome center and we hope to see you there.

Cookie Walk - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 9th! Dig out those family favorite recipes and start baking because the cookie walk can't happen without cookies, bars, fudge, jam, etc!

Last year we had an amazing selection, but one thing we could definitely use more of is those Norwegian goodies! Please consider donating to this amazing cause to help support Holy Cross Church & School! Any questions please contact Jodi Hougan at jspeth11@gmail.com.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor appreciation month! There will be a card box on a table in the Narthex during the month of October. Feel free to drop in a note or gift to the Pastors.

Women's Mission Rally

The Women's Mission Rally will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am to 3 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran, Madison, WI. Signup sheet to attend is posted on the Welcome Center counter.

Please sign up by September 25. Donations for Missions can be given to Diane Baxter or Joan Behr and are due by the same date. Reminder that Missions are for women and men. All are encouraged to attend.

Adult Pick-up Basketball

Are you interested in playing pick-up basketball on Wednesday evenings in October through December? If so, please send your email information to Bill Luetzow (bill.luetzow@gmail.com). We are aiming to have 5 v 5 full court basketball Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9/9:30pm. A sign up genius will be sent out to those interested so we can ensure that we have enough people each week.