

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Love the Straying"

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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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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening Hymn #573....."Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

1 Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I— send me, send me?"

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your off'rings
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I— send me, send me!"

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

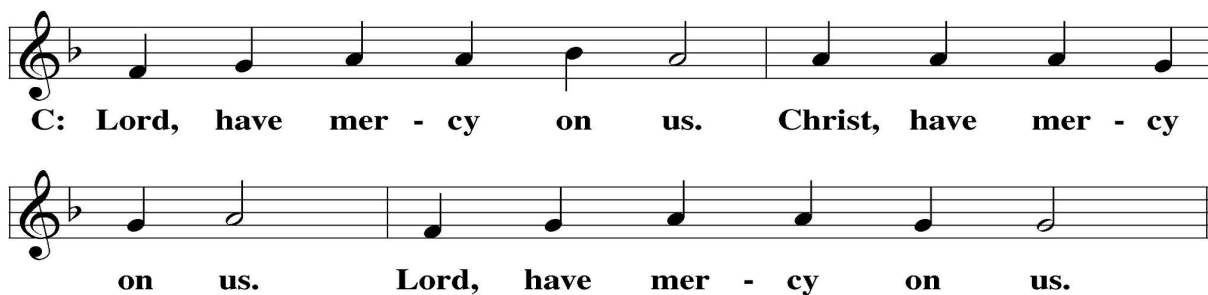


Confession of Sins

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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

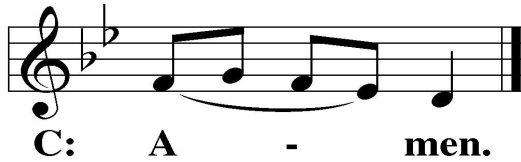
The musical score for 'Salutation' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a short, simple melody of five notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament LessonEzekiel 33:7-11

God holds his watchmen responsible for the souls under their care.

7But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. 8When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. 9But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. 10So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" 11Say to them, "As I live, declares the Lord God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

Psalm of the DayPsalm 51a

M: Be gracious to me, O God, according to your mercy.

C: **Erase my acts of rebellion according to the greatness of your compassion.**

M: For I admit my rebellious acts. My sin is always in front of me.

C: **Against you, you only, have I sinned, and I have done this evil in your eyes.**

M: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born. I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

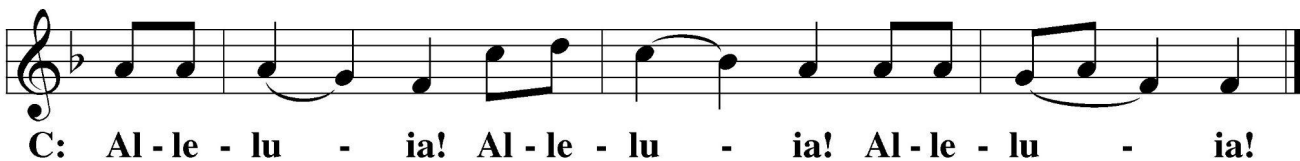
C: **Hide your face from my sins. Erase all my guilty deeds.**

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me.

C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit.**

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)



Epistle Lesson..... Romans 13:1–10
Submit to the government; Love one another.

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. 2 Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, 4 because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. 7 Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed. 8 Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

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 #308, verses 1-4..... "As Surely As I Live, God Said"

1 "As surely as I live," God said,
"I would not have the sinner dead,
But that he turn from error's ways,
Repent, and live through endless days."

2 To us, therefore, Christ gave command:
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all my pard'ning grace
Who will repent of sinful ways.

3 "All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you do retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
Unto my Church the keys are giv'n
To op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

SermonPastor Mark Bartels....."Love the Straying"
Matthew 18:15–20

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. 18 Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20 In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them."

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' on the first staff; 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' on the second staff; 'way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it' on the third staff; 'from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -' on the fourth staff; and 'tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.' on the fifth staff. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

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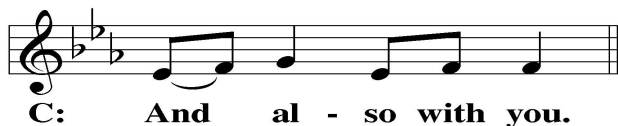
Prayer

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.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



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 you 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 six staves in C major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody of four quarter notes: A4, C5, E5, and A5, followed by 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 #312 verses 1-6....."Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see
Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere
And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

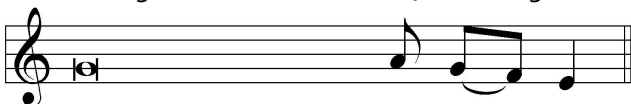
6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

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Calendar for the Week –September 18-22

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry- 9:15 am
- School Open Forum- 6:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- All Boards- 6:00 pm
- Church Council- 7:30 pm

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Jesse and Kristy Jorgensen on the occasion of their 13th wedding anniversary.

Pipe Organ Relocation & Room Acoustics: Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m., Jim Baxter, will present a program about the logistics in procuring and moving an existing pipe organ to a new location and acoustics for worship spaces at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (734 Holy Cross Way, Madison, WI 53704). Jim is an ACM board member and Organist/Choir Director at Holy Cross Lutheran. Holy Cross Lutheran procured a 1994 Holtkamp organ from Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018. Jim will walk us through and explain how this organ was rehomed to Holy Cross' newly built worship space and what acoustical considerations and enhancements were made to allow the organ to effectively speak and make music in the space. Jared Stellmacher, ACM Vice-President and Director of Worship and Music at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison/Verona, will demonstrate the Holtkamp instrument performing hymns and literature including *Piece Heroique* (Cesar Franck), *Now Thank We All Our God* (Sigfrid Karg-Elert), *Variations on American* (Charles Ives), and *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne)*, J.S. Bach.

Mystery Dinner Theater

The Senior Ministry Committee invites you to join us for the Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, November 18 at 6 pm. The Dinner Theater is located near East Town Mall at 4402 East Washington Ave. Cost is \$65 per person, due September 11th. Menu choices are: Garlic chicken, Herb crusted cod, or Vegetarian. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Linda Netzloff with questions: (608) 241-0218.

Bethany National Auxiliary Day

Bethany National Auxiliary Day will be held on the Bethany Campus on Monday, September 25, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Bethany leadership, tour new facilities, and get an update from the ELS and Seminary over lunch. The group will also take part in the annual business meeting where Auxiliary members vote on special projects to support.

WELS & ELS Singles Retreat

November 10-12, 2023, Camp Phillip, W9944 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma WI

For more information: <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/>

Register: <https://forms.gle/5bSBWggg9hyXYsC2K9>

Registration is \$140 through August 1. After August 1 it is \$150. Registration closes October 1.

Adult Handbell Choir

Ring praises to the Lord.....calling all high school youth and older! Please join us for our first handbell practice on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Don't know how to read music? No problem, you don't need to! The music is already marked a certain way for the right and left hands. Please contact Nedra Griffin at ngriffinfab5@gmail.com if you're interested.

Christian Life Resources National Convention

The 40th Anniversary Christian Life Resources National Convention will be held on Saturday, October 14, at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson, WI. Topics of interest: witnessing; abortion; assisted suicide; human trafficking. All presenters will inform and inspire in a concise "TED Talk"-style format. A catered lunch and other refreshments will be included throughout the day. Registration Fee: In person, \$50; Virtual, \$40; Students enjoy a \$10.00 in-person fee; the student virtual fee is \$5.00. For more information and to register, visit <https://christianliferesources.com/resources/events/national-convention>.

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 and we will be having cake and coffee between services on October 8th. There will be a card box in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Please show our Pastors how much we appreciate and love them by joining us October 8th.

Fall Harvest

All Holy Cross Church & School and Kids Crossing Families are invited to the Fall Harvest on Friday, September 29, from 5:30-8:00 pm at Schuster's Playtime Farm (located at 1326 Hwy 12/18, Deerfield). Enjoy an evening with Potluck, Hayride, and Bonfire at the farm (one hayride will take place at 5:30 pm, and supper will be served at 6:00 pm in the round barn). Last names A-M bring a salad, and last names N-Z bring a dessert. BBQ and hot dogs will be provided. Optional activities include petting animals and play on the wooden play structure (free), corn maze (\$10/person), and the haunted forest (\$18.95/person). **Please note that the haunted forest is not recommended for children under 11.** Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAFAD2FA7FF2-fall2>.

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.

Job Opening at Holy Cross: Administrative Assistant

This position will serve primarily as the administrative assistant for the church, and requires strong communication and customer service skills. The position requires strong organizational skills, an orientation to detail, a working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and Google Suite programs with advanced knowledge in Microsoft Word. Database experience is a plus. Experience with managing Facebook and website content is highly desired. For information or to apply, contact Pastor Mark Bartels at mbartels@holycrossmadison.org

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.