

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



June 4, 2023

Creator of Heaven and Earth

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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 10:30am 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.

"Creator of Heaven and Earth"

***June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday***

CWS Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #195 vs 1 & 4....."Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Glory Be to God



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The God of love and peace be with you.

¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 150

M: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary. Praise him in the expanse that shows his might.

C: Praise him for his acts of power. Praise him according to his abundant greatness.

M: Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn. Praise him with the harp and the lyre.

C: Praise him with hand drums and dancing. Praise him with the strings and the flute.

M: Praise him with the sounding cymbals. Praise him with loud cymbals.

C: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

The Second Lesson Matthew 28:16-20

We are baptized into the name of the Triune God.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

Verse of the Day



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn of the Day #193....."Come, Now, Almighty King"

1 Come, now, almighty King;
Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, now, incarnate Word;
Put on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless,
And give your Word success;
Grant us your righteousness,
Savior and Friend.

3 Come, holy Comforter;
Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Your sev'nfold gifts impart;
Now rule in ev'ry heart;
Never from us depart,
Spirit of Pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore.

The SermonPastor Mark Bartels..... "Creator of Heaven and Earth"

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day. ⁶God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water." ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "sky." There was evening and there was morning—the second day. ⁹God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear," and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathering places of the waters he called "seas." God saw that it was good. ¹¹God said, "Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth," and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear

fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day. ²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²⁶God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.” ²⁷God created the man in his own image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day. ¹The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

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.

Offering

Special prayers and Intercessions

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



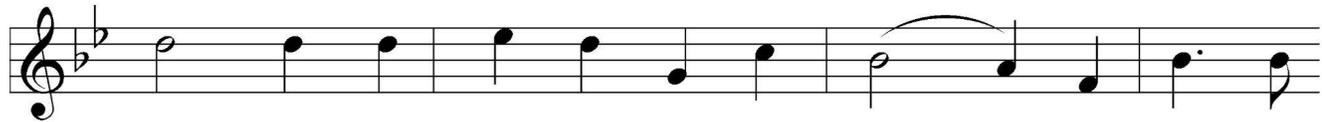
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2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly



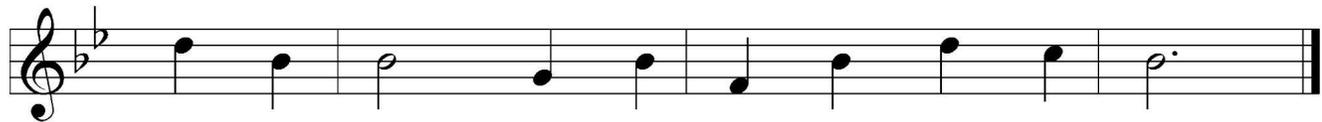
pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.

Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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.

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.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God



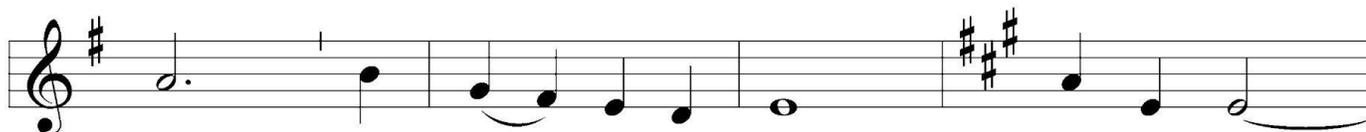
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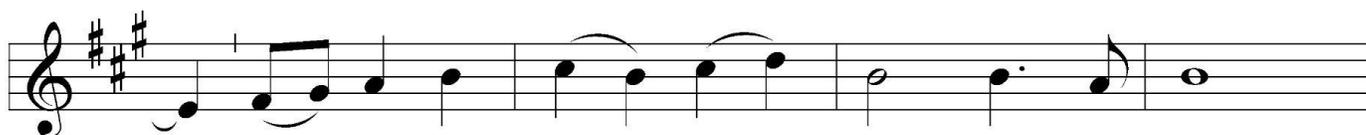
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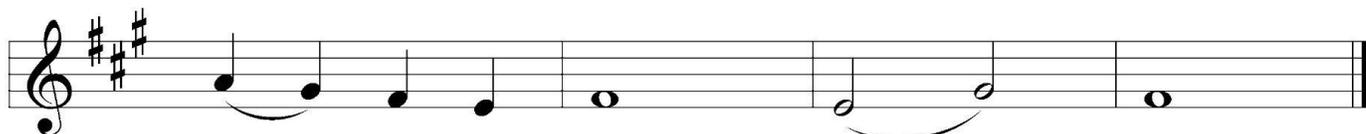
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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymn #310 vs 1-9....."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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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!

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

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: Amen.

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

June 4, 2022

Calendar for the Week - June 5th – June 11th

Monday

- Worship Committee 5:00 pm
- Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK George Cooper and Jackie Sharpee were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Jon and Cindy Natvig in memory of Dennis Natvig.

Annual Voters Meeting

Sunday, June 11 after the 9:00 am Church Service

All voting members are encouraged to attend our annual voters meeting. Agenda items include:

- The 2023-2024 budget will be presented for adoption.
- Elections will be held for Boards and Committees

Usher Announcement

We are looking to expand the number of people helping with the usher program. Thank you to all that have helped usher and look forward to your continuing as we add more to our overall cadre of ushers. Our goal would be to enlist enough people and establish a schedule so people only have to usher once a month. Training and orientation will be provided for new ushers. There are sign up sheets on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Or, you can indicate your interest in ushering by calling Kermit Traska at 608-345-3021 or emailing him at ktraska66@gmail.com.

Summer Worship Schedule Memorial Day - Labor Day

Beginning May 28, we will have one worship service each Sunday, beginning at 9 am. We'll also have Monday Evening Worship at 6:30 pm. There is no Sunday School or Sunday morning Bible Class during our summer schedule. (No Monday Night service on May 29, which is Memorial Day.)

Job Opening at Holy Cross

We are looking for one or two people to run our after-school care program. This position would work 3:00 - 5:30 pm during the school year. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in this position please email Linda Grennan at lgrennan@holycrossmadison.org.

Job Opening at Holy Cross: Administrative Assistant/Communications Assistant

This position will serve primarily as the administrative assistant for the church, and requires strong communication and customer service skills. The position will also serve as communications assistant for the church, school and early learning center, assisting with website communication, social media communication and newsletter communication. 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

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 26th to Thursday, June 29th. This year we will be traveling back in time to Jerusalem! Stop by the front office or email frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org for registration form.

VBS - Make an Impact

Vacation Bible School makes an impact on kids' lives. How about helping make an impact this year! VBS will be June 26-29 (Monday - Thursday). While we've already got most of our teaching staff, our craft leader and our music leader in place, they could use helpers. If you're willing to help with crafts, music, recess or in the classroom, please email Jodi at frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org. Thank you!

VBS Supply List

As we prepare for VBS at the end of June, please consider donating the following:

- Old buttons different sizes and colors
- Clean empty water bottles with lids (100)
- large bag of bird seed
- 6" Gold foil doilies(125)
- Gold ribbon
- Red, yellow and orange construction paper
- Molded heavyweight paper plates
- Two/ three rolls of masking tape
- Dried beans
- 1" wood hearts
- Pony beads white, black, red, green , yellow , clear
- Hemp cord
- black permanent markers
- Multi colored foam sheets 5 x 7
- black craft foam 5x7 sheets
- Hot glue gun
- Gallon glue
- Single hole punch
- Child scissors
- Adult scissors
- Rubber bands
- Birthday candles
- Paper clips
- Q-tips
- Small light bulbs (christmas lights)

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