

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



May 12, 2024

"Called to Serve"

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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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Hymn #752....."In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

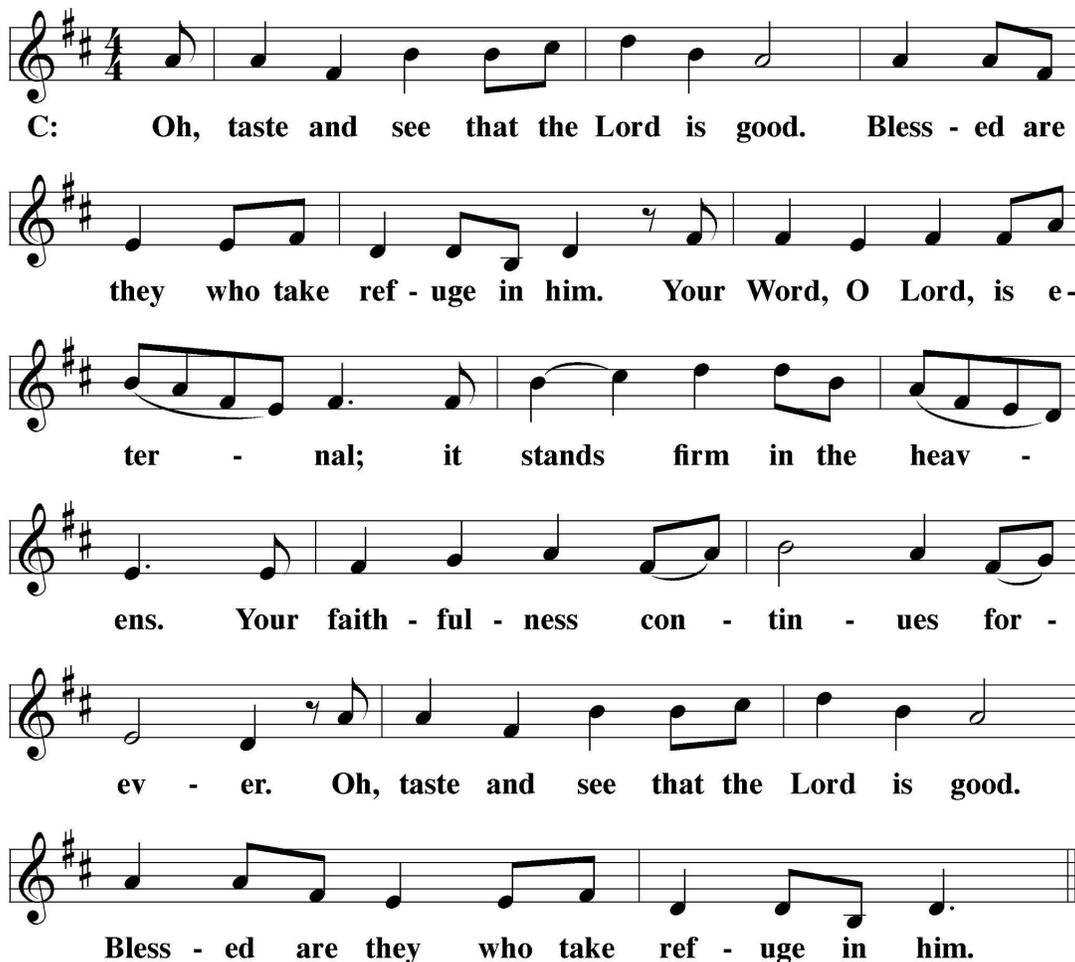
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First Lesson1 John 4:13-21

God's love and ours

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 124

M: Unless it was the Lord who was for us—let Israel say—

C: Unless it was the Lord who was for us when people rose against us,

M: They would have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us.

C: Then the waters would have submerged us. The torrent would have swept our lives away. Then the wild waters would have swept us away.

M: Blessed be the Lord, who has not let us be prey for their teeth.

C: We have escaped with our lives like a bird out of the fowlers' snare.

M: The snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

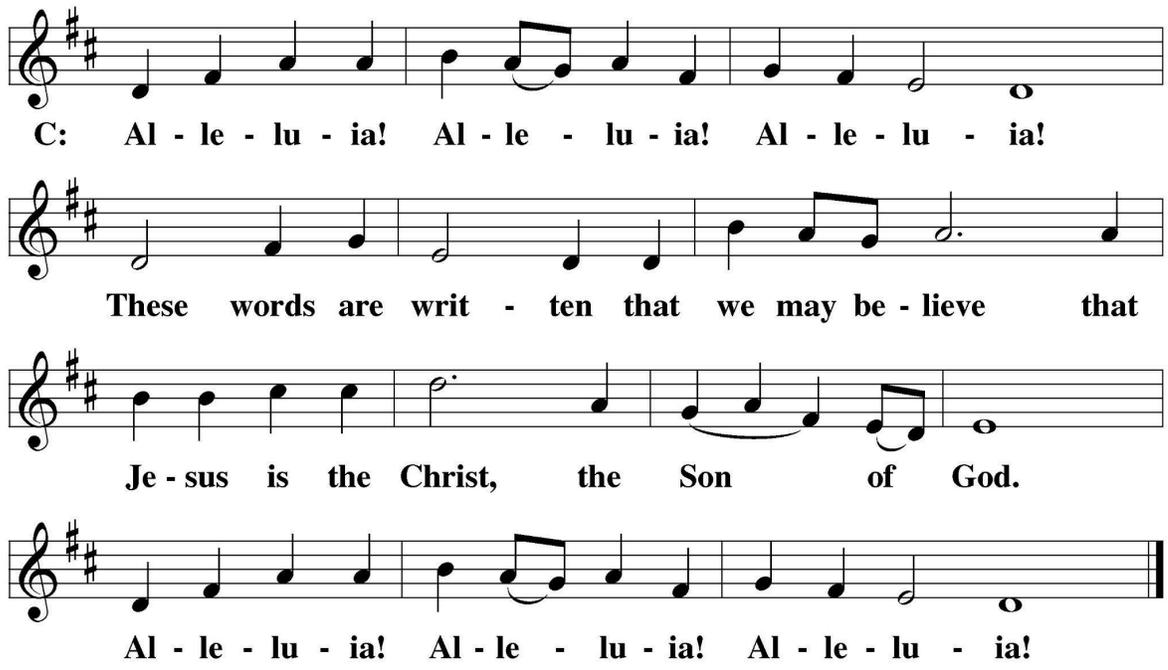
C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Second LessonJohn 17:11b–19

Jesus prays for his disciples

"Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. 14 I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. 19 I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth."

Verse of the Day



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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Grades K-2 Song....."She Will Be Called Blessed"

Children's Sermon (8:30 am)
Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Holy Baptism (10:30 am).....Elena Wren Gavin

Hymn #506....."Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

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| 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his --
How sad and poor and dark it is! | 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost! |
| 2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve him still
And do in all his holy will. | 4 Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless his own. |
| 5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord! | |

Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels..... “Called to Serve”

Acts 1:15-26

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) 16 and said, “Brothers and sisters,[a] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. 17 He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

18 (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. 19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“May his place be deserted;

let there be no one to dwell in it,[b]

and,

“May another take his place of leadership.”[c]

21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, 22 beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering & Offertory.....“On Eagles’ Wings”
Cindy Natvig & Lauren Farquhar

Prayer of the Church for Mother’s Day

M: Blessed Father, You grant us life through our parents and You set children in families.

C: Be pleased to bless our mothers, especially on this Mothers’ Day.

M: Help them recognize the holy office You have entrusted to them, and strengthen them to serve faithfully and well within it.

C: Grant that their motherly service may not be burdensome, but rather joyful and glad.

M: Bless all women who do not have children, those who have lost children, and those whose children are estranged from them, that their hope and confidence may ever remain in You in whom true joy is found.

C: Give us loving hearts that freely give thanks for our mothers, that heartily forgive them where they have failed and fallen short, that willingly obey them, and that gladly honor them. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special Prayers

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.

Closing Hymn #504....."Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father"

1 Bless our loved ones, Holy Father;
Hear our anxious prayer;
By your mercy keep them always
In your care.

2 Jesus, Savior, let your presence
Be their light and guide;
Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness
At your side.

3 When in sorrow, when in danger,
When in loneliness,
In your love look down and comfort
Their distress.

4 May the joy of your salvation
Be their strength and stay!
May they love and may they praise you
Day by day!

5 Holy Spirit, let your teaching
Sanctify their life;
Send your grace that they may conquer
In the strife.

6 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God forever true,
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them
Close to you.

Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through 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, 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.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

May 12, 2024

Calendar for the Week – May 13 - May 19

Monday

- Endowment Fund Committee - 4:30 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Breakfast - 9:00 am
- PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

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

Please pray for our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 4/30/24-5/6/24

\$17,600.29

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 5/6/24

\$685,584.70

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$703,557.90

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

ELS PLANNED GIVING COUNSELOR

Welcome to Paul Manning, our Synod's Planned Giving Counselor, who is with us this morning for a part of our, Get to Know Your Synod series. He'll speak to us briefly after each service, and have a presentation in between services.

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.

5/5/24 - "Facing the World as a Friend of Jesus" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/942978453?share=copy>

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Holy Cross has a Transportation Fund to provide free taxi rides to and from Holy Cross events, for members who have no other way of getting to church. The Holy Cross Senior Ministry Committee administers the Transportation Fund through Union Cab. This service has been a great blessing to a number of our members over the years. If you would like to make use of this service, please call one of the pastors at Holy Cross and we'll explain to you how it works.

Thanks!

SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE

At Holy Cross, thankfully, we have people who work behind-the-scenes to help with necessary aspects of our worship services. One of our important behind-the-scenes teams is a group of people who make sure that the communion bread and wine are prepared and on the altar for the services where we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you would be willing to join this team and help set up for communion several times a year, please contact Rhonda Christenson or one of the Pastors. Thank you!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

Our next class begins Monday, June 3, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through early August. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or teaching; you want to learn how Lutheran doctrine compares to the church you currently attend, or grew up attending; you're interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross; you want to explore what your spouse or fiancé (who may already be a Holy Cross member) believes, and why, and/or you would like to more fully understand the spiritual influence Holy Cross school is having on your children who may be attending here. The class will be informative, and we invite lots of questions. The class will be "team taught" by both of us pastors, so you can get to know us and we can get to know you :-)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, June 2 we will have one Sunday Service at 9 am.

Live-stream and Dial-in participants can join us Sundays at 9 am.

Monday Evening Worship will remain at 6:30 pm

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 at 10:30am

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these your sons and daughters to the knowledge of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess his saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Calvin Braatz

Caroline Braatz

Addyson Brakmanis

Jacob Derouin

Claira Fregien

Parker Griffin

Ethan Leiser

Levi Starkenburg

Declan Vogel

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, June 9 after Church

All voting members are encouraged to attend our annual voters meeting.

Agenda items include:

- The 2024-2025 budget will be presented for adoption.
- Elections will be held for Boards and Committees

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to DIVE IN to God's Word with ocean-themed crafts, songs, bible stories, snacks, and more!

- June 24-27, 2024
- 9:00 am - 11:30 am
- Ages: 3 years old (must be toilet-trained) to completing 6th grade

Visit the welcome center for a registration form.

ADDITIONALLY, if you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at 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.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

All current members and all who have a desire to help, but have limited time. It's hard to believe, that Spring is here! Which means it's time to get our landscape plan in place. We are taking the same approach this year, as last year. Meaning anyone that would like to help maintain the Church and School grounds in any way, large or small, can on their own time schedule. All helpers are appreciated! If you are interested in joining, or if you are already a member and need guidance regarding what needs to be done, you can contact me at: sherrie2450@gmail.com

LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is Saturday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. This immersive study in our Lutheran Musical Heritage is for high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade). Registration is \$225 and open until June 1. For more information and to register, please go to ELS.org/honorchoir

LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The LYA National Youth Convention is Thursday, July 25 - Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, IL. The theme is exploring the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. This convention is for high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade). Early registration is \$300 and open until June 1. Late registration is \$350 and available from June 2-July 1. For more information and to register, please go to ELS.org/LYA

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, 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.

CAMP BASIC

We would like to invite you to experience Camp BASIC as a camper, counselor, or volunteer this summer. Camp BASIC is a camp for the cognitively and developmentally disabled from ages 10 and up. BASIC is an acronym for Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and is a part of WELS Special Ministries. The camp is held in the summer for two weeks at the indoor group camp in Wyalusing State Park near Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. This year week one camp runs from June 10th-15th, with staff and counselors arriving on June 9th. Week two camp runs from June 16th-21st, with staff and counselors arriving on June 15th.

Each week has a different staff. We are looking for a camp nurse for week one, and we are also looking for more campers and counselors for both weeks. There is a camper fee of \$400 for campers, but a scholarship is available for campers who can not afford the entire amount. There is no fee for counselors or staff, but mileage reimbursement is available for counselors and staff. We try to have one counselor per camper, and the counselor helps their camper with any of his/her needs and enjoying the camp. Each morning starts off with breakfast, a devotion, crafts, Bible skits, and outside activities. Then there's lunch, rest, followed by a group outing. It may be bowling, fishing, swimming, or an on the grounds carnival. On the second to last day, it's always a Walmart shopping excursion. After supper, there will be more planned activities, such as Karaoke night, Counselor Talent Night, Camper Talent and Awards Night, Movie Night, Bingo Night, etc.

If interested please visit our website: campbasic.com or contact Anne or Tim Mackey annetimmackey@hotmail.com; Anne (608-445-5008); Tim (608-445-5405)

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