



---

April 22, 2018

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

---

If you wondered where I was on the Second Sunday of Easter, I have some great news to share with you all: our work together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America continues to spread the Gospel throughout the United States and the whole world!

No, I didn't have this realization on vacation--I was in Chicago for the spring meeting of the ELCA's Church Council. The Council is the highest executive authority of the ELCA between our triennial Churchwide Assemblies, and I had the pleasure of serving our church as one of its 30-or-so leaders since 2013. We do a lot of work with the ELCA's budget and finances--but I want to share some of the more exciting news that you might not yet have heard.

There's a lot to tell about: we're preparing for a Youth Gathering this summer, which is the biggest event that the ELCA puts on! (Can you imagine planning an event for 35,000 people?) It's good that someone is willing to take on the work--lots of people at the ELCA's offices work to make sure that our youth and adult leaders have the best possible experience.

We're also preparing for our next Churchwide Assembly--in 2019. This is always a wonderful opportunity to come together to do business, worship, pray, and serve Christ's Church. You might want to put August 5-10 on your calendars, since the Churchwide Assembly is coming to us! Trust me, you'll want to head down to the Wisconsin Center at least once--maybe to volunteer, to hear our Presiding Bishop preach, or to watch the elections of Churchwide officers.

As our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton says, we are a church together. That's why Holy Cross is a tithing church, giving more than 10% of our net offerings to other partners throughout the ELCA and the world, primarily through benevolence to the Greater Milwaukee Synod which then gets sent on to the national church.

This money doesn't just go into a black hole--it combines with the offerings of millions of Lutherans in more than 9,000 ELCA congregations to develop new leaders, build churches, schools, hospitals, and orphanages; feed millions of people, and administer the church.

Although administration isn't always the most exciting thing, it is crucial. Imagine Holy Cross looking for its new associate pastor all on our own! It'd be chaos! We need a process of formation by which the church decides who is intellectually, psychologically, and socially fit for ministry. We need seminaries to train these good candidates to be good pastors who know Lutheran teachings. And we need synod staff to help sort through the paperwork to find who we're looking for.

We can all be proud to be a part of a church that is active in proclaiming God's grace to all the world. Vicar Hans

### Holy Cross Member Directory

Our annual member directory will be published this June. The directory is being provided at no cost to Holy Cross by Liturgical Publications, Inc. and will be mailed directly to each member's home. If there have been any changes in your address, phone number, or in your household members, please contact the church office by phone at 251-2740 or email at [eleonorek@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:eleonorek@holycrosslutheran.org). If you do not want any of your contact information published, please advise and we will leave it out of the directory. Also, we do not publish email addresses, but we would still appreciate having current emails in our records. This directory will be subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office.

### Food Pantry Help

The Post Office Food Drive is being held on Saturday, May 12. Thousands of items collected will come into the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry (N85 W15382 Menomonee River Pkwy). Lots of help is needed that day between 1:30-5:30 pm to check dates and sort food. You do not need to commit to the whole time. Children under 13 should have an adult with them while they work. There is no need to sign-up in advance. If you have any questions, please call the pantry at 251-6848 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

### Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Community Memorial Hospital. This "drive-thru" drug collection will take prescription and over the counter medication, ointments, sprays, inhalers, vials, herbal and pet medications.

### Advance Care Planning

Learn about the importance of advance care planning, advance directives, DNR/code status, palliative care and hospice care at an informational meeting on Thursday, May 3 from 6:00-7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Treiber Conference Center - Community Memorial Hospital Campus (W180 N8085 Town Hall Road) in Menomonee Falls. To register for this free event, call 262-637-6011, ext. 1441, or e-mail [jennifer.costa@universitylake.org](mailto:jennifer.costa@universitylake.org).

### Worship and Lunch with Hephatha

Join us Sunday, April 29, for worship at Hephatha Lutheran Church and share a taco lunch afterwards. The bus departs at 8:00 am and returns around 12:45 pm. Families are encouraged to join us; we'd love to fill the bus and bring a large crew to worship with our brothers and sisters at Hephatha. Retired Pastor Joe Ellwanger and his wife Joyce, lead a bible study after worship and we are invited to attend.

We serve 175 to 200 tacos and are also looking for help acquiring the "taco fixin's" including tortillas, cheese, sour cream, salsa and dessert bars. Donated items can be dropped off in the Trinity Center kitchen by noon on Thursday, April 26. A sign up board is located in the narthex if you are able to participate. Please contact Amanda Juedes with questions.

### PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing [prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org)

#### BIRTHS

●To Amanda & Matthew Laubusch, a son named Gavin Matthew.

#### MEMORIALS

●Were received from Kay Eilertson and Mary & Lowell Carl in memory of John Eilertson.

●Were received from Dick & Donna Hoffman and Beth Dorsey in memory of Garry Kasten.

#### MEMORIAL CHART

●Menomonee Falls Community Dinner support is given by Christine Zarlring in honor of her mother and father-in-law.

●Coffee Hour support is given in honor of Adam Butschli's 29th birthday.

#### THANKS

●Were received from Lutheran Campus Ministry for the financial gifts given by Holy Cross. Our support allows for LCM to stand among young adults at UWM and Marquette and be the church to them at a critical time in their lives.

#### NOISY OFFERING

●El Salvador

## SERVING on April 29

### Ushers:

5:00 pm Bob & Lynda Ferguson team  
7:45 am George & Nanette Hegerty team  
9:00 am Don & Sandy Earnest team  
10:30 am Jeff & Kim Young team

### Lector:

5:00 pm Wendy Kalland  
7:45 am Joan Timmerman  
9:00 am Mike Naumann  
10:30 am Anne Lindemann

### Worship Asst.

Deni Naumann

### Altar Guild:

Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell, Candice Ekstrom, Jodie Winkler

### Greeters:

5:00 pm Mary Ann Holt, Arlene Watson  
7:45 am Eileen Corbeille  
9:00 am Kelly & Steve Stapelman, Howard Westfahl  
10:30 am Bob & Lisa Burmeister, Kim & Scott Rasmussen, Betty Redding

### Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Charlotte & Mason Draeger  
8:30 am Kitchen Angels  
10:00 am Stan & Mary Ann Winarski

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Phone: 262-251-2740~Email: [holycross1@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:holycross1@holycrosslutheran.org)

Web Site: [www.holycrosslutheran.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran.org)

Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



## TODAY

Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Worship Asst./Lectors: Avis Dallman, Lowell Carl, Jill Konicek, Steve Tretheway, Phil Smith

### TODAY-Sunday 22

Scrip Sale  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am  
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am  
New Members Class 9:00 am  
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

### Monday 23

Preschool 9:00 am  
Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm  
Christian Ed. 6:30 pm

### Tuesday 24

Preschool 9:00 am  
Staff Meeting 10:00 am  
Evangelism 6:00 pm  
God Squad 6:00 pm  
King's Kids 6:00 pm  
Celebration Band 7:00 pm  
Grief Group (offsite) 7:00 pm

### Wednesday 25

Preschool 9:00 am  
Care & Community 5:30 pm  
Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

### Thursday 26

Preschool 9:00 am  
To Do Crew 9:00 am  
Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am  
New Beginnings Handbell Choir 4:30 pm

### Friday 27

Church Office Closes At Noon  
Preschool 9:00 am

### Saturday 28

Property Team 9:00 am  
Worship 5:00 pm



## Sunday 29

Scrip Sale, New Members Received  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am  
Bus To Hephatha 8:00 am  
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am  
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Young At Heart 4:00 pm

## JOIN US FOR

### Children

- Crossway's Overnight Camp...Are you interested in learning about sending your 1st-12th grade kids to overnight camp this summer? How about attending family or grandparent camp for all ages? Crossway's Camps offer a full week, partial week, and weekend camp Christian camp experience. Visit [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org) to find out more and to sign up. Through a generous ministry gift left to us by Char and Norm Peterson, Holy Cross is able to pay \$200 per child for a full week, \$100 for a half week and half off your child's cost for a weekend camp. Contact Sue Christiaansen at 262-251-2740 if you have camp questions.
- More Than A Movie Night...Second to sixth grade kids and their friends are invited to this month's movie night on Friday, May 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Gathering Place. Our film this month is *Monsters at Large*. Snacks will be served and we'll take a break and play a couple of group games. Here's a review of the movie: Alex Parker can't get any sleep. His little brother Gavin is having bad dreams about monsters and keeps Alex up every night. Lucky for Alex, he and two friends come up with the perfect solution. They'll become "Monster Busters," a team of "experts" who will rid the Parker house of Gavin's monsters. They're also hired by neighborhood families to rid scary monsters from other little kids' rooms. What the Monster Busters didn't count on...was meeting up with a bright-blue creature who just might be the real thing.

## PRACTICE 7 GIVE



Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.

*Proverbs 3:9*