



**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Reading:** Isaiah 1:1-5, 10-11, 16-17

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Meredith Bedker  
Musaus, Pastor Drew Yoos, Pastor Sara Yoos

**Worship Asst. & Lector:** Deni Naumann, Bill Shadid,  
Carolyn Schellhaas, Sue Haberman, Nanette Smith



## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Summary of ELCA National Assembly

From August 5-10 the ELCA gathered for our national churchwide assembly in downtown Milwaukee. It was a week filled with worship, prayer, and important conversations about what it means to be the church. Here is a brief summary of a few of the actions taken:

- The ELCA re-elected Elizabeth Eaton to another 6-year term as Presiding Bishop and elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer as ELCA secretary.
- The ELCA celebrated the 50th anniversary of women's' ordination with a procession of hundreds of female pastors and held a special banquet. The 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color and the 10th anniversary of the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons was also celebrated.
- The ELCA passed a resolution declaring itself to be a "sanctuary" denomination, reaffirming our longstanding commitment to walking alongside immigrants and refugees. This declaration does not advocate for any illegal activity by churches but instead calls on congregations and synods to use their faith and resources to welcome and support immigrants and refugees.
- The ELCA adopted the social statement, "Faith, Sexism, and Justice" which seeks to affirm the role of our faith in eliminating sexism both in churches and in the world.
- The ELCA adopted a resolution to change the ordination status of Deacons. These rostered ministers of word and service will now be ordained instead of commissioned.

### Scrip Program

After eight years, we have decided to discontinue the Scrip program at Holy Cross. The profits have decreased significantly over the past few years, so we have decided to put our efforts elsewhere. Thanks to the many people who supported this program. We will continue to sell on Sunday mornings and from the office during the week until our card inventory is depleted. Even if you haven't purchased in the past, please consider helping us with this process.

### Block Party Service Project

We will again be decorating and filling snack bags for the children at the **Milwaukee Rescue Mission Joy House** (a shelter for women and children) during the Block Party. The snack bags are given to the children when they return to the shelter after school. We will be collecting items to fill the bags in the next few weeks. We will need paper lunch bags, snack-size bags of Goldfish or other crackers,



cookies, granola bars, fruit snacks, and juice boxes (no peanut/peanut butter please). We are hoping to fill 350 bags! Please sign up to bring items at the display in the Gathering Place, and stop by at the service project tent any time during the Block Party to fill and decorate.

To volunteer for the Block Party, please click on this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABAC2CAAF49-block>

## **Sign Up For Coffee Hour**

The September dates for coffee hour volunteers are on the bulletin board near the Gathering Place kitchen. At least one person is needed after the 7:45 am service and at least two after 9:00 am as it's very busy, especially when the children come from Faith Development. If you haven't done this before or have questions, please see one of the Kitchen Angels (we'll be in the kitchen on Sundays for rest of the summer) or call Avis Dallman at 262-246-3828. Training is provided beforehand.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

### **Young At Heart**

This group of seniors (60+) returns from summer break on Wednesday, August 28, with a picnic potluck luncheon. Fellowship starts at 11:30 am with lunch served at noon. After lunch, Pastor Sara will share information about intergenerational ministries at Holy Cross, followed by social time and Bingo. Please bring the following food based off of your last name: A-H salad/ side dish, I-Z dessert. All are invited to join us.

### **High School Bible Study...FLASH MOB**

Starting on Sunday, September 15 and continuing on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, Pr. Drew will hold a Bible study from 7:00-8:00 pm. Each week around 6:00 pm, you will receive a text with the location of that week's study. It will be a community gathering place or home. Text "FLASH MOB" and your name to Pr. Drew at 803-767-6989 to let him know you are interested. If any parents or church members have space to hold 10-15 youth in their home, yard, or basement, please let Pastor Drew know.

### **Chair Yoga Extended**

We will be offering a new session of our chair yoga class beginning August 28 and running through October 2. The class is led by Lyn Geboy and will run from **1:00-2:00 pm**. The time change is due to the start of Preschool. The class includes gentle stretching and strengthening poses while seated. No experience or flexibility required. Wear comfortable clothing that you can move in and plan to practice in bare feet, socks, or shoes that are easily removed. Please arrive ten minutes early so the class can begin promptly at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

### **Grandparent's Day at Holy Cross..."God has brought me laughter!"**

Grandparents and grandkids of all ages are invited to grow in faith together through laughter,

songs, stories, and crafts on Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Place. Please call Pastor Sara at 251-2740 or [sara@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:sara@holycrosslutheran.org) with questions.

## **Music Makes Your Heart Sing And Dance**

Contact Mike at 251-2740 or [mikej@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:mikej@holycrosslutheran.org)

Music opportunities include:

Chancel Choir-Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm

Adult Handbells-Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm

Celebration Band-Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm

A cappella Singers-Sunday mornings by audition (contact Mike) 7:45 am

Children's Choir (King's Kids) ages 4 years-3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Tuesday nights from 6:00-6:30 pm

Children's Choir (God Squad) 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up-Tuesday nights from 6:00-6:30 pm

Children's Handbells (New Beginnings) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up-Tuesday nights from 5:15-6:00 pm

Flute Ensemble (2 years experience)-Wednesdays (contact Mike)

Recorder Consort (2 years experience)-Tuesdays (contact Mike)

Orchestra (all instruments 2 years experience)-To be scheduled (contact Mike)

Festival Choir (Christmas Concert/Christmas Eve)-Wednesdays starting in October.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

### **Christian Sympathy**

~To the Boehler and Rasmussen families in the passing of Harold Boehler.

### **Memorials**

~Were given by Wisconsin Kitchen Mart, Tim Wagar & Patty Dirksmeyer, Jack & Eleonore Kamoske, Joan Tourdot, Vanda Pralle, Beth & Pat Dorsey, Dorothy Riesch, Karl & Marianne Hornung, Tom & Robyn Zinda, Paula Fiorvento, Bob & Ellie Schmidtke, Janet & Don Neubert, Dick & Doris Bibler, Susan Bellehumeur, Don Schwamb and Darren Letner in memory of Don Moffett.

### **Noisy Offering**

~Lutheran Campus Ministry

### **Memorial Chart**

~Coffee hour support is given by Roger & Faith Buck in honor of Lutheran coffee drinkers.

### **Practice 7-Encourage**

~The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

### **~Serving Next Weekend-August 24 & 25**

~Ushers & Greeters-Normal monthly schedule

~Worship Asst.-Scott Steinke

~Lector-Angela Hexom, Jill Konicek, Keri Duce, Dorie Palmer

~Altar Guild-Jodie Winkler, Barb Berg

~Welcome Center-Pam Oliverson, Jill Konicek, JoAnn Hegarty

## Holy Cross Elm Tree

Did you know we have an elm tree? The large tree on the east side of the sanctuary next to Pilgrim Road is indeed an elm tree. Dutch elm disease hit the Midwest in the 1960's and 1970's, and these beautiful, majestic trees that lined many city streets in Milwaukee and surrounding areas had to be cut down. Of the estimated 77 million elm trees in North America in 1930, over 75% had been lost by 1989. Our tree has been estimated to be over 150 years old!

The canopy of our elm has not filled out this year. The leaves look smaller, and there are fewer of them. We worked with the arborists of Tree Care Science and Hoppe Tree Service to evaluate the tree and they recommend a course of action. The good news is that the tree does not appear to have Dutch elm disease, but it is stressed. They believe this is due to the very wet and cooler than normal spring and summer. Stressed trees are much more susceptible to contracting diseases. We have had the base of the tree treated with a fungicide trunk injection which will protect the tree from the fungus that causes the disease. This treatment provides protection for three years.

### **TODAY Sunday 18**

Scrip,  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Celebration Band 9:00 am  
Preschool Board 4:00 pm

### **Monday 19**

### **Tuesday 20**

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

### **Wednesday 21**

Chair Yoga 12:00 pm  
Worship 6:00 pm  
Celebration Band 7:00 pm

### **Thursday 22**

To Do Crew 9:00 am  
Women's Luncheon 11:30 am  
Community Banquet 5:30 pm

### **Friday 23**

Church Office Closes At Noon

### **Saturday 24**

Worship 5:00 pm

### **Sunday 25**

Scrip  
Worship 7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Celebration Band 9:00 am

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA**

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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am, Wednesday-6:00 pm



## EVENT SIGN UP SHEET

Please use this form to sign up for activities/events at Holy Cross. Fill out the form, and include the fee or amount of deposit, if any. Return the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Use a generic envelope if you are adding the fee in church. If the event or activity you are interested in is not listed, write it in the space at the bottom of this sheet and someone will contact you.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Cross Block Party**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Cross Block Party will be held Saturday, September 7. This is our biggest congregational event of the year and many hands are needed to make it a success. Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available in the Gathering Place. You can also help in the following ways:

In the games area we would like to include bean bag toss games and ladder golf games.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a bean bag toss game I can provide and bring in to church by Sept. 6

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a ladder golf game I can provide and bring to church by Sept. 6

We are looking for some small shade tents for some of our activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a tent I can provide. Please call me with details.

The food menu will again feature home-made cupcakes. They are a Block Party tradition! We will need at least 25 people to donate 2 dozen cupcakes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can make 2 dozen cupcakes and bring them to the Gathering Place kitchen on Friday, September 6 or early on the 7th.

***Please fill out contact information on the reverse side of this sheet.***

### **Coffee Hour**

The Coffee Hour Schedule for the month of September is now posted in the Gathering Place on the bulletin board near the kitchen. We need your help in serving after the 7:45 and 9:00 am services. I can help serve after the:

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:45 service      \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 service

If this is your first time volunteering, training is provided. Please call me with more information.

### **Ushers Needed**

- I would be interested in being an usher at the 5:00 pm service on the \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month.  
Please call me with more information.
- I would be interested in being an usher at the 7:45 am service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Please call me with more information.

### **Welcome Center**

- I would like to help staff the Welcome Center desk. I understand my responsibilities would primarily be to welcome newcomers and provide information about Holy Cross as requested. I am interested in the following time slot:

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday between 4:40-5:00 & 6:00-6:15

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday between 8:30-9:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday between 10:00-10:30

Time commitment would be 30 minutes every month or two. Please call me with more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_