

# Life Beneath the Cross

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT LIGHT

**P**ainters and photographers will tell you that their art is all about light. Study the masters and you will see how they interpreted light. Rembrandt uses light to tell a daunting story of near doom in his work, *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*. The deep contrast in the painting communicates that all is lost until you notice the subtle light on Jesus' face as he is confronted by the disciples.

year of new Bible studies and Sunday School classes. This newsletter lists these growth opportunities. I hope that you will join your brothers and sisters in Christ for one of these studies, if not more of them.

**Remember,  
it's all about the Light.**

Pastor Doug

**Check out Pages 5-7 for  
education opportunities  
at Holy Cross Lutheran.**

We'll offer **FIVE CLASSES**  
on Wednesday night

at 6 pm  
and

**FIVE CLASSES** on Sundays  
at 9:30 am

and

**THREE CLASSES**  
at 11 am.

**A**s I wander around the Garden of the Gods I will often ask myself, "What is the light doing?" Light is active and engaging. It affects our feelings. The presence of light inspires us and its absence discourages us.

**T**he psalmist understood the power of light when he wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

**T**he apostle John called Jesus the Word, and this Word is the light of life. To know Jesus is to know the Word that lights the path for our feet this side of eternity. Our life is all about the light of Christ. As we wander the path of life we ask the question, "What is the light of Christ doing in my life?"

**T**he Word that gives us light is the Word that we come to know in the Scriptures. In September we kickoff another

**Annual  
Voters Meeting  
Sunday, October 22,  
12:30 p.m. ~ Hiller Hall**

All confirmed members  
age 16 and older are  
encouraged to  
attend.

# Worship Ministries

by Pastor Jeffrey Meinz, Director of Worship Ministries

## PREDESTINATION ON ONE PAGE

**The theology** of predestination is one of those land-mine topics that churches often try to avoid. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, however, isn't afraid of the Bible or its content. Below is a simple outline of what Scripture declares about the "Theology of Predestination."

For starters, through faith one must accept that, God's wisdom and knowledge are far beyond our human understanding.

*Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"*

*1 Corinthians 1:25, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-7, "Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory."*

**Got it?** You can ponder the "theology of predestination" starting now until the moment Jesus returns to take us home and yet, you'll barely only scratch the surface.

**Secondly**, the Bible CLEARLY teaches that the Triune God desires that ALL PEOPLE should be saved!

*John 3:17, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."*

*1 Timothy 2:3-4, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

*John 12:47-48, "If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world."*

**Thirdly**, God foreknew before day one of creation that His Son Jesus would be sent as the Savior from sin and who would, by faith, receive that free gift of salvation.

*1 Peter 1:20-21, "[Jesus] was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."*

*Romans 8:29-30, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."*

*Ephesians 1:5-6, "In love he predestined us for adoption to himself*



*as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved."*

*Ephesians 1:11-12, "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."*

**Finally**, it's not enough to simply say that since God foreknew who would and would not eventually believe in him, predestination is only based on man's free will of faith.

*Romans 9:16-18 "So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, 'For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.' So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills."*

## PREDESTINATION

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# Worship Ministries (Continued)

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## PREDESTINATION

(Continued)

**Romans 9** goes on to describe the relationship between the potter and the lump of clay. If the potter, in his wisdom and vision, chooses to shape and mold the lump of clay into something glorified OR into something dishonorable, destined toward destruction, then who is the lump of clay to question the potter? We, as God's lumps of clay, dearly loved by our Creator, are humbled by His perfect wisdom and plan. Whatever God's will, we accept in faith, in hope, and in trust.

**I'd also direct you** to the LCMS position on predestination: <https://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=578> or simply search for "LCMS view on predestination."

## Children Singing

Our children and youth are invited sing in worship on Sept. 10 at 8 and 9:30 am. The congregation is singing "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," and we'd love to hear our children and youth sing the first verse.

Please check out YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXkek4IJTGM>) with the kids to see the video of the entire hymn and help them learn the first verse so they are comfortable singing on Sept. 10. Our hope is that 20 years from now our children will treasure this hymn (and others) because they learned them at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



## History of Hymns

By Jess McDowell

We continue our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation by looking at the hymns of Martin Luther.

### A Mighty Fortress

TLH 262, LW 297, LSB 656/657  
Text & tune: Martin Luther, 1529  
Psalm 46:1, Rev. 19:11-16, Rom. 8:31-39, Eph. 6:10-17

Martin Luther was a musician, having been born in an area of Germany known for its music. He grew up listening to his mother sing and joined a boys' choir that sang for weddings and funerals. He became proficient with the flute (recorder), and he often erupted in song.

With the Protestant reformation, Luther determined to restore worship to the German Church. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians, to be sung in the common language. He helped revive congregational singing and wrote a number of hymns. Sometimes, he even "borrowed" popular secular music melodies.

The weight of evidence points to 1529 as the year of origin for "A Mighty Fortress." It was probably written for the Diet of Spires, which convened on April 20, 1529, when the German princes made their formal "protest" against the revocation of their liberties, and thus received the name "Protestant."

The hymn reflects Luther's awareness of an intense struggle with Satan. In difficulty and in danger, he would often resort to this song. It is often called "The Battle Hymn of The Reformation." The inspiration came from the comforting words of Psalm 46. Many who suffered for their faith and became martyrs for the reformation found solid comfort in its words of faith and praise.

The tune is also Luther's composition, though the more familiar version these days is attributed to JS Bach, and based on Luther's original. Both versions appear in our current hymnal.

This is a difficult song to translate because the original German is so vivid. However, it has been translated into practically every known language, as it is not only used by Lutherans worldwide but is a genuine hymn of all Protestantism. In fact, it is hard to find a Protestant hymnal without it. There are at least 70-80 English versions alone. The translation in the TLH is a composite of several and first appeared in the Pennsylvania Lutheran "Church Book, 1868."



The hymn first appeared in Klug's Gesanbuch, Wittenberg, 1529, entitled "Der XXXVI Psalm, Deus

noster refugium et virtus" The first line is fittingly inscribed on Luther's tomb at Wittenberg.

# Dan's Commentary on Education



## EQUIPPING

In my last article, I outlined a few of the issues that are facing Christian Education. This issue I would like to share with you a vision of what we can do about it. It's called becoming an "Equipping Church," a place where we are truly in this together, not just a few doing everything for the many. **Each of us needs to take an active role.** It starts by you just letting us (the staff of Holy Cross) know how you would like to serve. We don't read minds, and we need your help if there is a ministry or place you are passionate about. Below is a blog post from Group.com about what it means to be an "Equipping Church." *Author unknown*

### How do you define an "Equipping Church"?

In a nutshell, equipping is a return to the biblical model of releasing ministry back to the people. It's not something delegated to an individual to accomplish alone, although one person can serve as the champion. Each leader—staff and volunteer—needs to be on board so the values of an equipping church are seen in each program, ministry, and system of the church. And the benefits are many!

Here are just a few of the benefits the church will experience as we move toward an equipping culture:

#### † People Telling God's Story

When people are connected to places of service that best reflect what they enjoy doing, they're excited about it. When we're excited about what we're doing, we share it with our families, friends, and co-workers. It's that simple. Churches that equip people for ministry also equip them for faith-sharing.

#### † New Ministries Develop

If we're truly committed to finding ministries that fit our people, we just might find opportunities to create new ministries. For example, a church in the Richmond, VA area needed some volunteers to run their Wednesday evening dinners. They contacted three people with a background in the hospitality industry and shared a passion for feeding the hungry. These volunteers took the ministry to the next level by offering free meals to single mothers in the community. It opened the door to a new mom's ministry that started to meet each week after the dinner.

#### † Involve More Sideliners and Avoid Burnout

We all have them—the faithful sideliners. They attend every Sunday and sit in the same pew. For whatever reasons, they haven't found a place to connect in deeper ways. Being intentional about equipping ministry has the potential to involve more of these attendees. When more people are involved, fewer people will be burned out. It's moving toward the goal of a higher percentage of people doing ministry instead of watching ministry from the sidelines.

#### † People Feel Valued

Equipping promotes the value of each individual as a unique child of God. When we're committed to finding ministries to fit our people, we listen to their life journeys to make appropriate connections.

#### † People Are Impacted for Christ

As needs are met by individuals who care passionately for ministry, the kingdom of God is significantly impacted. An equipping church has intentionally planned how to make this happen.

### Are you ready to take an active role? What are you passionate about?

- Teaching children or youth
- Caring for the Altar of God
- Helping with the food pantry
- Preparing holiday food baskets
- Caring for our members
- Caring for our visitors
- Music/Worship Ministries
- Missions
- Prayer
- Other

# Sunday Adult Education

DCE Dan Hampton, Director of Growth Ministries

**CLASSES AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Answers Bible Curriculum**  
Leaders, Pastors; Hiller Hall

## ANSWERS IN GENESIS LESSON FOR ALL AGES

We are relaunching our children, youth, and adults on an epic journey chronologically through the scriptures. **These lessons are synchronized across all age groups with different levels of depth.** Families learn together and have more opportunities to talk about God's Word with an optional midweek devotional. **These are not the same lessons that were taught several years ago.** *Answers in Genesis* has reworked, edited, and added to our studies to make each lesson more age appropriate and interactive. So, gear up as we start this journey **September 10.** Below are the key concepts that will guide us through our studies.

### **The Bible Is Trustworthy**

We can trust all of God's Word, beginning in Genesis. While showing that Scripture is absolutely true, lessons emphasize the importance of carefully and accurately interpreting the Bible.

### **God's Attributes**

God's attributes are displayed throughout the Bible. As students discover the character of God, they are encouraged to grow more conformed to the image of Christ.

### **Chronological/Historical**

The Bible presents true history, not just "stories." Chronological teaching through the whole Bible gives students of all ages a powerful, worldview-shaping overview of God's Word.

### **Apologetics**

We must be ready to give an answer for what we believe. Lessons will equip young and old with facts from culture, history, and science to defend the Bible against common skeptical questions.

### **God's Redemptive Plan**

God's plan of redemption is woven throughout Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, this study traces the "scarlet thread" of the gospel to reveal this unified theme of the Bible.

### **Life Application**

We are to live in light of what the Bible teaches. ABC brings the Bible's teaching to bear on everyday life, impacting all ages with real-life, practical application.

### **Synchronized Learning**

Every age level learns similar content at the same time. Lessons adjust the content for different ages.

**Beth Moore's "Breath,"** Room 102; Leader, Stephanie Schell

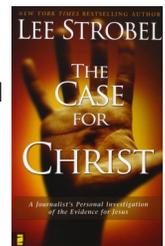
### **Lutheranism 101**

See article on Page 4. *Fireside Room*; Leader, Tim Rader

**The Book of Ezekiel.** Learn how, through all of His dealings with people, God reveals that He is the Lord. Read how the Lord will make a new covenant with His people, fill them with His Spirit, and give them a faithful Shepherd who will lead them with justice. *Room 120*; Leader, Carol Darby

### **Case for Christ**

Based on the book and movie, this study will help you discover the real evidence of Jesus' death and resurrection. Both believers and seekers will be touched by the true story of Lee Strobel, a journalist and avowed atheist, who applies his skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife. *School common area*; Leader, Connie Bond; *Fireside Room*



(The "Case for Christ" movie will be shown on September 8. See the article on Page 10 for details.)

## **A Man Called Martin**

On October 17, 1517 a little known German monk took up his hammer and rocked the world. As we celebrate this important moment in history 500 years later you might wonder who was Martin Luther, what provoked him so much to start a movement that became the



## CLASSES AT 11 A.M.

Reformation? We'll examine the life and impact that the Martin Luther has had on the world today.

Leader, Dan Hampton, *Fireside Room*

## **The Gospel of John**

Dive in and find out how God is speaking to you each day. *Leader, Room 102*; Del Dudden.

## **The Gospel of Mark**

Like small groups? This small group study of the Gospel of Mark is for you. *Room 120*; Leaders, Wayne & Lisa Gayler



# Midweek Adult Education

## DCE Dan Hampton, Director of Growth Ministries

Our TOGETHER program is offered every Wednesday during the school year, **beginning September 6**. If you'd like, you may start with a delicious, home-cooked meal that includes an entrée, complete salad bar, dessert and beverage for a nominal fee from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. Then, from 6 to 7 pm, we offer adult classes, high school youth group, Confirmation for middle schoolers, and Pioneer Clubs for children. **Join us—and bring your friends!**

### Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

**A Man Called Martin**, See Page 5 for full description. *Hiller Hall; Leader, DCE Dan Hampton*

**Beth Moore Study**, *Fireside Room; Leaders, Debbie Jackson & Richelle Hecker*

**The Good Book**, This Deron Spoo/Kyle Idleman video study digs into the Bible's biggest ideas, Room 120; *Leader, Randy Morley*

**The Truth Project**: This Focus on the Family DVD-based small group study will continue to meet every other Wednesday evening. (Food is served.) Room 102; *Leader, Scott Gustad*

### Thursday Breakfast Bible Studies

**Village Inn Bible Breakfast** (for men & women, Austin Bluffs & Academy) 6 am. Discussion of the Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday. *Leader, Pastor Brauner.*

**Women's Bible Breakfast** 6 am. Open Door Café, Rocky Mountain Calvary Church, 4285 N. Academy Blvd. Study: "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young. *Leader, Connie Bond.*

**Wade's Cafe Men's Bible Breakfast** 3504 N. Academy) 6 am. Study: The prophet Jeremiah. *Leader, Matthew Grunenwald.*

**All Bible studies and Bible breakfast studies welcome newcomers.**

### LWML Bible Studies

Circles are women's groups who meet monthly (except Rachel Circle) for Bible study and fellowship. Check out the Circle that is most convenient for you. You are always welcome! Call the office for contact info.

### Evening Studies

**Deborah Circle** - 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm, Fireside Room. Study: **Old Testament Characters** by Chuck Swindoll. Contact Steffanie Hobelman or Jean Rolfs.

**Sarah Circle** - 3rd Monday, 6 pm, Fireside Room. Light meal provided by the members. Study: **Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life**. Contact *Bev Smith or Trish Gillette.*

### Daytime Studies

**Joy Circle** - 3rd Tuesday, 9:15-11:30 am, members' homes. Study: **LWML Quarterly**. Contact Debbie Koster or Pat Howard.

**Rachel Circle** - 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, 9-11 am, Fireside Room. **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**. A new study will be selected for the fall. Contact Kelly Carter for more info.

### Upcoming Films in Lifetree Café

We're having great discussions in Lifetree Café! We gather in Room 120 every **Monday and Tuesday from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm** for a film and interesting conversation. Stop in, have a snack, and enjoy!

Sept. 5—**Getting Past Your Past And Making the Most of Your Future**  
Sept. 11,12—**A Safe Place: Confronting Child Abuse in Your Corner of the World**  
Sept. 18,19 —**Is Church Obsolete. Has God Left the Building?**  
Sept. 25,26—**Forgiving the Unforgivable (A Son cNfronts his Mother's Killer)**

*Spanish Lifetree Café is every Monday in the Fireside Room during English speaking Lifetree.*

**Join us for stimulating conversation to feed your soul.**



**LIFETREE**  
C A F É

"Doing life. Doing good."

# Children's Ministries by Nicki Evelyn



answersingenesis.org  
believing it. defending it. proclaiming it.

Starts September 10, 9:30 am

## FALL INTO EDUCATION

- ❑ **Please register** your preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children for the 2017/2018 school year at the Ministry Center of through our website.
- ❑ **Pioneer Clubs** begin Wednesday, September 6.
- ❑ **Fall Sunday School** begins Sept. 10. We will use the newly updated **Answers in Genesis** Curriculum for all ages. (For a complete description, see Page 5.)

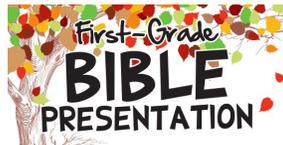
## WE NEED YOU!

We still need teachers and assistants for Sunday morning and Wednesday night. There will be no Pioneer Clubs unless five adults come forward to help. We also still need **co-teachers for 3 year olds and 4 year olds on Sundays**, as well as assistants for most classes. Job descriptions and sign ups are at the Ministry Center or contact Nicki at NickiE@HolyCrossCS.org.



Let them praise his name with dancing.  
Psalm 149:3

The Liturgical Dance group invites you to join us this fall! Adults, youth, and children 5 years and older are welcome to participate. Practices are held in the Sanctuary from 5:15 to 5:45 pm on Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 6. Contact Becky at BeckyAnnMeyer@gmail.com or 719-576-3976 with questions.



Every fall, we distribute Bibles to the new 1st graders. This will take place on September 17th at all three services. During the service, DCE Dan will call up the 1st graders and their parents to receive a blessing and their new Bibles. If you attend the 9:30 service, you may bring your child to Sunday School afterward.

We encourage you and/or your child's Baptism Sponsor to write a special note to your child in the cover of their new Bible. We pray that this Bible will be a great tool for you and a blessing for your child as they grow in their faith.

## YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS

Our **NEW** Youth Choir for 1st—8th graders will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 4:45-5:15 pm in the Choir Loft. You'll notice a new style and new music, as it is now under the direction of Shirley Laird. If you enjoy singing, join us! It's lots of fun, and the choir will sing in worship regularly.



## FALL FESTIVAL

**Celebrating 500 years!**

Saturday, October 28, 5pm-7pm  
Join us for this family-friendly event of food, games, treats and more!

Kids are welcome to dress up (no scary costumes please!)

## SCHOOL NEWS

By Deb Schrank, Director

Holy Cross Lutheran School



We have started

the new school year with **64**

children enrolled and **2** on the wait list. We praise God for the growth of the school. We hope

to open **another** preschool classroom after Labor Day, so please continue to tell others about our program. They can go to HolyCrossCS.org, email hcls@holycrossCS.org or call 719-596-4386.

We welcome **three new staff** to our school: Karen

Stoneburner, who teaches the young 4's age group, Shirley Laird, who teaches the older elementary students from Madison; and Lisa Miedich, who assists in all 4 morning preschool classrooms. We thank God for all of our staff, the new as well as the returning: Lori Clevinger, Nicole Grunenwald, Ana Rogers, Goi Thienprasert, Mona Book and Deb Schrank.

The school will have a rating by Colorado Shines during the month of September. This rating

is a **milestone** along our quality improvement journey. Please pray for us in this endeavor. Please also pray for safety and good health for all students and staff. Thank you. God bless. Deb

# Service Ministries

Pastor Doug Brauner, Director of Service Ministries

## HONDURAS MISSION



We have now raised the funds necessary to cover

our portion of the new (used) bus for Pastor Omar! **Praise God and thank you for your generosity and heart for this mission.**

Our partner churches (Wildwood Chapel and Mt Pleasant Presbyterian in Pennsylvania) have also raised their portions (\$5,500 each) of the total needed. Pastor Rich of Wildwood Chapel will make the purchase in the next month or so, then prep it for transport to Honduras. He will also send us pictures of the bus once purchased and prepped. The tired old current bus being replaced is vintage 1982. What an upgrade this will be to the ministry! **Thank you again and praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

*The Honduras Mission Team*

### Mission Trip Planned

You may sign up now at the Ministry Center for the next Honduras mission trip, scheduled for July 5-14, 2018. The cost will be approximately \$2,000, and there are lots of fundraisers in which you may participate. Your non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due October 1 to save your spot on the trip.

If you'd like to find out more about the Honduras mission, please talk to any member of the Honduras leadership team: Jeff & Lorrie Faunce, Jim & Deanna Waldron, Jerry & Kally Handlon, and Amy Dempsey.



## PERU MISSION

Ready for an adventure? Is the Lord leading you to be his hands and feet in Peru? Our tentative dates for the trip will be July 7 – 14<sup>th</sup> not including travel days. While in Peru we will travel down river as we work with the Quechua Indians, direct descendants from the Incan Empire. There we will join with Pastor Hidalgo as we assist in building and growing churches in this isolated culture. We are also currently exploring the possibility of an excursion to Machu Picchu as well.

This group is intended for our High School



students, but it is also open to any other adults who might want to participate. An information meeting will be held in September. Please watch the church announcements for exact time and place. For more information, please contact Dan Hampton or Doug Karges.

*I am  
the Bread  
of Life*  
John 6:35



## Food Pantry Statistics July

Total Adults (18-59)	696
Total Seniors	168
Total Children	<u>507</u>
Total Recipients	1,371
Average # of families/day	26
Pounds of food distributed	7,563
Avg lbs distributed/day	582
Average lbs per person	5.5

### Food Donations

Holy Cross members	616
Non-members	24
Gold Wings Motorcycle Club	113
Community Garden	73
Schlotzsky's	100
Panera	362
Care & Share	2,294
Less Spoilage/Donations elsewhere (59)	
Total Donations	3,523

### Food Purchases

Care & Share (3,766 lbs)	\$2,351
King Soopers/Others (36)	48
Sam's Club (126)	114
<b>Total food purchased</b>	\$2,512
<b>Total lbs of food received</b>	7,509

The Bread of Life Food Pantry was open 13 days during July.

## LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES INNKEEPER DINNER

October 3  
Marriot Hotel

We are compiling baskets for our silent auction, and we'd love your support. Baskets must be received by September 19. Questions, call Jill Pratt, 314-0232.

# Service Ministries (Continued)



## Community Garden

The garden needs your help. It has been a wonderful blessing for the church to reach out to the community, and now we need a new manager. The following positions are needed. They do not need to be a gardeners.

President	Vice President	Events planner
Fundraiser	Plot filler (someone who fills the plots starting in January/February)	
Publicity		

To find out more about these positions or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Doug at 596-0661 or PastorDougB@HolyCrossCS.org.

## Prayer Ministries

If you'd like us to pray for you, please contact Marcy at 596-0661 or marcys@holycrosscs.org.

**Prayer Chain** If you want prayer for a non-medical situation or would like to be anonymous, this may be an option.

**Sunday Prayers** are usually for medical needs that are not shared with the congregation. We simply pray for the person.

**Staff Prayers** The staff prays every Tuesday for prayers listed on the pew cards.

**Intercessory Prayer**—The team usually meets the third Monday of every month at 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Call Connie Bond if you have questions.

**Prayer Shawls**—If you would like to give someone a visual reminder that we are praying for them, pick up a prayer shawl, square or bear from the Ministry Center and write the name of the person for whom we should pray. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, please contact Rosey Dudden.

## YOUNG AT HEART

All those age 55 and older are invited to join us on Sept. 11 at 11:30 am in Hiller Hall for a concert by Gus Meza, singer and guitar player who performs a mix of Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash, other oldies and Gospel. Bring your own place setting and salad or dessert. Meat will be provided. Please contact Lyman Kaiser.



## Upcoming LWML Events



**Secret Sister Reveal Brunch**—September 9, 9 am, Fireside Room. Looking for a fun way to share your faith with other ladies of Holy Cross? We'll reveal Secret Sisters from this past year and select new Sisters. Forms are available at the Ministry Center. Bring a brunch item to share.

**Fall Kickoff Potluck**—September 12, 6 pm, Hiller Hall. All women of the church are invited. Learn more about LWML, meet new friends, catch up with old friends, enjoy fellowship and good food. Bring a dish to share.

**Southern Zone Fall Rally**—September 23, Redeemer Lutheran Church. Watch for more info.

**LWML Sunday**—October 1, all services

**ARC Buck-a-Bag Fundraiser**—October 8. Fill a bag with your unwanted items and bring them to church. We'll receive \$1/bag. Watch the bulletin and your mailboxes for more info.

**Bible Study Circles**—See Page 6.

## Never Alone Widows Group

Never Alone is changing the location of our monthly breakfast starting September 9. We will now meet at The Egg and I at Citadel Crossing the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 am for breakfast and fellowship. All widows are welcome to join us. You do not need to be a member of Holy Cross. If you have questions, please call Lorrie Faunce at 593-0035.

## **“The Case For Christ” Movie Night**

*The Case for Christ*, the moving story of Lee Strobel, a professed atheist who comes to know Christ, will be shown in Hiller Hall on Friday, **September 8** at 7 pm. We hope to also have child care and a children’s movie available. Immediately after the movie, DCE Dan will lead a short discussion. *Then plan to join Connie Bond for the “Case for Christ” Bible study beginning Sunday, September 10.*

## **Jr. High Night of Joy**

**September 8 | 5pm – 11pm**

Cost: \$5 (covers pizza dinner and movie)

Bring: Snacks & friends, completed medical release

Get ready for an awesome night. With so much fun you might wonder how we can get it all in, but don’t worry we will be playing your favorite night games as well as watching the Case for Christ movie and spending time asking and sharing how it might apply to our life. Please invite your friends for a night that could change their life.

## **Affirmation Orientation**

**September 6 | 6-7pm**

**In the Sanctuary**

Do you have a child in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade this year? Has your family decided that your child is ready to begin the process of Affirmation at Holy Cross? If so, then please make every effort to attend our Affirmation Orientation on Sept. 6 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. There you will learn more about the process and guidelines for affirmation and receive a schedule for the year. Also, all students will be trained on the correct procedure for acolyting (don’t miss this). Save paper, and register your child online at [holycrosscs.org](http://holycrosscs.org) click under youth.

## **Men’s Retreat September 14**

Pick up information for this weekend full of adventuring options (zip line, play close quarters combat, rappel, hike) at the Ministry Center today and sign up online or at the Ministry Center for this annual get away at LVR. You’ll be glad you did!

## **Cub Scout Recruiting**

Have you considered the value of Boy Scouts? Our Cub Scout pack will have a recruiting table set up on Sept. 6 and before Sunday School on the 10th. If you would like more info, contact Gordon Weldon at 351-9513 or by email at [gweldonjr@gmail.com](mailto:gweldonjr@gmail.com).

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### **Sunday Service Times:**

8:00 A.M. - Classic Celebration (Traditional)

9:30 A.M. - Majestic Praise (Blended)

11:00 A.M. - Praise Alive (Contemporary)

Children and Youth Education: 9:30 A.M.—Adult Education 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Childcare for 3 & younger available during Sunday services

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## **New Member Classes**

**September 10, 9:30 am**

You’ve been worshipping with us; are you ready to take the next step? In **Lutheranism 101** we will go over the foundational beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to give you a greater understanding of what we believe. This is required for those who are not confirmed who wish to join Holy Cross. This class lasts 7 weeks.

**New Member Basics** will begin on Sunday, October 29 at 9:30 am for those who are confirmed who wish to join Holy Cross. In addition to a Bible study, you will be introduced to the ministries and leaders of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The class lasts 6 weeks, and you will be taken into membership during 9:30 worship on December 17.

## **Conference at Holy Cross**

Holy Cross will sponsor a Lutheran Educator’s Conference October 4-6 and we need your help. Educators, DCEs, and administrators from all over the Rocky Mountains will be coming to be encouraged in faith at this unique conference. We need a hospitality team to welcome, thank, and serve these individuals. For more info, please contact DCE Dan.

## **FREE Mosaic Breakfast**

Mosaic is a faith-based nonprofit that advocates for people with intellectual disabilities providing opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. Mosaic’s annual fundraiser breakfast will be Oct. 17 from 8 – 9 am at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. Our own Pastor Jeffrey Meinz will MC the FREE event! Pam Pagel is the Holy Cross table host, so please contact her for more info.