

September 2018 Newsletter

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Celebration Sunday

August 19

Our "Celebration Sunday" worship was the "kick-off" for the Fall Programs, FaTHoM Studies, and the School. We all joined together in one service followed by our annual Community Picnic. We are grateful that so many were able to join us as we committed ourselves to being **"All In!"** To watch online, find us on Facebook or go to our YouTube Channel www.hclc.info.youtube



The Mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church is to make disciples by Connecting people to Jesus Christ and each other, Nurturing faith, and Serving in Christian love.

Hymn of the Month

September's HOM, "How Firm A Foundation" #728, is one that should be familiar to most people in our congregation, but the version in our hymnal is linked to a tune that we have not used at Holy Cross. In spite of the fact that the lyrics have been around for decades, a change to using the tune more familiar to the Christian world in general has been published in most Lutheran hymnals for quite some time. Authored by missionaries, George Keith and Robert Keen, this hymn first appeared in a 1787 collection entitled, "Genuine Church Music." The text is usable in many worship settings and will be an aid to our worship on a more regular basis.

Music at Holy Cross

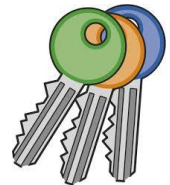
- ✿ On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center, the **Adult Choir**, a mixed-voiced singing group which provides musical leadership and supplemental worship music for our 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services, gathers for its weekly rehearsals—the first of which this fall is Wednesday evening, September 5. Any male or female, high school age and older, with singing ability, is more than welcome to participate.
 - ✿ On Sunday, September 9, the Holy Cross **Bell Choir** will resume its weekly rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. This group also welcomes those males or females, high school age and older, who may be interested in playing handbells and handchimes.
 - ✿ In addition, our Holy Cross **Orchestra** is always ready to welcome additional participants. Any experienced instrumentalist, high school age or older, is invited to join.
 - ✿ Our **Praise Band**, which performs at our Saturday evening 5:30 p.m. service, and our **Creative Praise Band**, which performs at our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service, would gladly welcome additional instrumentalists and singers.
 - ✿ And, coming this fall, an opportunity for our **high school youth** to be involved as a separate stand-alone instrumental group will begin rehearsals. Details regarding this musical opportunity will be coming in the weeks ahead. Apart from these groups, musicians of various experiences, vocally and instrumentally, soloists or ensemble players, are always welcome to enhance our worship with their abilities. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Paul Groth at pgroth@hclc.info for more details on any or all of these groups or opportunities.
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We Need Your Help!

The church is in the process of updating their data base. Do you have a church door key? If so, please let Jan Tomes (jtomes@hclc.info) know the following:

- Do you or any of your family members have a Holy Cross door key?
- How many?
- What letter is imprinted on your key(s)?

Thank you!



Lutheran Disaster Response Mission Trip to Texas October 7-13

Holy Cross will be sending a Missions Team to Port Arthur, Texas, to help with the recovery process for victims of Hurricane Harvey. In order to coordinate housing and travel arrangements, please email Pastor McClean (dmclean@hclc.info) if you are planning to go, and please indicate if you will be driving or are thinking of flying. Housing and most meals are being provided by Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur. Questions? Contact Pastor McClean at dmclean@hclc.info or 317-823-5801 ext. 224.

It's Never Too Late to Dive into FaTHoM!

Sunday and Wednesday classes kicked-off in August, but you can still take the plunge and join in on any ongoing study of God's Word! Jump in to any of the following classes.



Sundays – 9:45 a.m.

Children

Sunday School (Ages 3 – 8th Grade)

Intergenerational (High School through Adult)

-**All In** led by Brandon Grelle

Adults

-**King David: A Man After God's Own Heart**, led by Pastor McClean

-**The Art of Parenting**, led by Pastor Sattler

Sunday School News and Notes

We are excited to be underway with Sunday School, learning about God's great creation from Genesis 1! We invite all 3 year old – 8th grade kids to join us from 9:45-10:30 a.m., starting in the Worship Center. Our first "Sprinkle Sunday" will be September 30.

Sunday School Family Picnic

Mark your calendar on September 30 to come join other Sunday School families for a picnic in the park. Details will be available soon.

Wednesdays – 6:00 p.m.

Ages 3 through 4th Grade

5th & 6th Grade SPARK (NEW! – see below)

7th & 8th Grade – Confirmation Class

9th through 12th Grade - Anchorsaway

Adults

-**Christianity 101** (New Member Series), led by Pastor Sattler

-**Love & Respect** (Marriage Seminar), led by Paulette Carson

-**James-Mercy Triumphs** (Beth Moore Women's Study), led by Michelle Searcy

-**Understanding Other Beliefs**, led by Gary St. Clair

Pizza (\$3) or Chick-Fil-A (\$5) is available for pre-order (hclc.info/meal)

www.hclc.info/register

Parents of 4th-6th Graders!

SPARK will be our 5th & 6th grade version of youth group, including games, snacks, devotions, service, and fellowship. Adding SPARK will give our middle grade children the bridge they need from the elementary FaTHoM scene to confirmation and the junior high & high school youth groups a couple years down the road. Keeping that ongoing faith development is so *critical* for our preteens and tweens- they *need* us to guide them and keep them in a strong relationship with Jesus now more than ever! The more parents we get involved in the leadership team the better. Here is the plan...

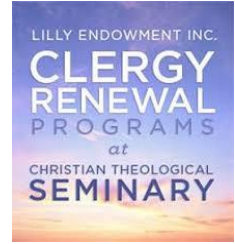
- **Who:** 4th-6th graders' parents leading, 5th & 6th grade students attending
- **What:** SPARK FaTHoM class (like a junior youth group; curriculum is provided)
- **When:** Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. plus a few fun events throughout the year
- **Where:** Holy Cross (meet in the Crossing to pick up dinner, move to the Faith Life Center for fun & fellowship, pick up in the Crossing)
- **Why:** 5th & 6th graders NEED strong faith support as they enter middle school!
- **How:** YOU! With a strong parent-leadership team, we can rotate teaching responsibilities to serve once a month

Sarah Derringer and Michelle Vandergrift are working with Pastor McClean and Mr. Grelle to reach out to you and your children-please join us! Contact bgrelle@hclc.info if you feel led to serve in this ministry!



Holy Cross Awarded Grant

Holy Cross has been awarded a grant for the “2018 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program.” This grant provides a Sabbatical for Pastor McClean and funding to provide programming and support to Holy Cross during his time away. Pastor McClean submitted a grant proposal entitled, “Revitalizing the Roots of a Man After God’s Own Heart” that took inspiration from King David. His Sabbatical will start on Easter Sunday, 2019, and run through the end of June. It includes planting some gardens, a 14-day trip to Israel and Rome to dig in to the roots of the Christian faith, spending some “root-building time” with family, and concludes with him and JoAnne visiting the Duart Castle (Ancestral home of the MacLean Clan) in Scotland and then taking a river cruise on the Rhine to explore the German roots of their families. During that time Pastor McClean will be reading about Celtic Spirituality with the plan to lead us to develop a deeper prayer life, as well as reading and thinking about how to strengthen our Ministry to Families. The grant provides for several guest preachers from the Seminary in St. Louis as well as a part time person to help with visitation. The grant provides for an end of the year appreciation lunch for our staff. And finally, the grant provides for a Family Ministry Development Event that will be led by people who are part of the Family Life Ministry degree program that is offered at Concordia College, Ann Arbor. We are thankful to the Clergy Renewal Program for selecting us as the recipient of this grant.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues! In the past shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. The ministry's message of caring is simple, universal and enduring. Prayers are given for the recipients of each shawl. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone, please contact Carol Fiess, 317-336-2289 or cardeaf@hotmail.com. Many thanks to all who have donated shawls. There is a tote in The Crossing for donated shawls to be collected. Please include your name with each shawl. Keep them coming!



Up-Coming Events!

5K Run/Walk

Join us for our annual Holy Cross 5K Run/Walk ,in support of *The Sharing Place* food pantry, on Saturday, October 24, 2018. \$10 registration. For info go to www.hclc.info/5k

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Weekend Retreat – October 5-7, 2018

Sponsored by Holy Cross at Comfort Suites, Indianapolis.

Cost per couple \$100 (includes all expenses: room, program & all meals)

Register SOON! Limited space available. www.hclc.info/encounter



The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran School is to provide a Christ-centered, nurturing ministry for children and their families, with an emphasis on academic excellence.

The 2018-2019 school year is underway! Our students are learning how they can **IMPACT** others! Each year we start out the first day of school with a convocation. This year we had a very special guest speaker come share a message with our students. Dr. Michael Goodman is a pediatric doctor from Riley Children's Hospital who has Treacher Collins syndrome. (This is the same syndrome the star of the movie/book "Wonder" suffers from.) Dr. Goodman travels the state to talk to children about empathy and how their actions and words can affect others. It was a wonderful message and a great reminder of what God expects from us. We also enjoyed a concert by our very own Holy Cross Creative Praise Band! This is always a favorite event for the students! A big thank you to all the musicians, singers and other members of the team that took off work to come and perform for us.



September is a busy month for us! Our volleyball, cross-country and (new this year) soccer teams are busy with games and practices. Our fall Book Fair begins September 14 and our annual Generations Week is September 17-21. We are excited for a new year and look forward to watching our students **IMPACT** each other and the world!

First Annual 3x3 Basketball Tournament

Join us on September 15 for our **1st Annual 3x3 Basketball Tournament!** Grab two friends and put together a team; we have brackets for kids and adults. But wait, you don't play basketball? No problem! You can still come out and support the school. We have other activities just for you, including:

- Games for the kids!
- A Ping-Pong Tournament
- Food
- Three-Point/Half-Court/Free-Throw Contests
- Music and More!



This is an event for the whole family, so grab some friends, you won't want to miss it! For more information, or to register a team, visit www.hclc.info/pto or contact Angela Dant at adant@hclc.info.

FamJam Parenting Workshop

Saturday, November 3, 2018, 9:00am-1:00pm - \$5/person

"FamJam" is a morning of professional development for families and parents to provide a pocketful of new ideas to reenergize your family, strengthen your bond with God, and encourage your role as Christian parents. Fourteen speakers will gather at Holy Cross to provide insight on things like anxiety, sibling relationships, sleep issues, and even picky eaters. There's something for everyone! This will be helpful for grandparents, aunts & uncles, nannies & babysitters, and anyone who cares for children. Amazing childcare provided!

Register online: www.hclc.info/famjam



Youth Ministry

Youth Director, Brandon Grelle



Senior High Events

September 7-8
September 16
September 23
September 30

Ignite Lock-In
Ignite Community
Ignite Community
Ignite Community

Time TBA
5:00-7:30 p.m.
5:00-7:30 p.m.
5:00-7:30 p.m.



Junior High Events

September 5
September 12
September 19
September 26
October 26-28

Confirmation Class (Parents Too)
Confirmation Class
Confirmation Class
Confirmation Class
Sizzle Retreat

6:00-7:30 p.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m.
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6:00-7:30 p.m.
Camp Lakeview

Ignite Lock-In

Experience an unforgettable night at the annual Ignite Lock-In. Connect with friends, learn about Jesus' love for you, and join in the crazy antics and games. The lock-in will be held on September 7-8 on the HCLC Campus. More details and registration coming soon.

Comfort Dog Ministry

Life from Naomi's Perspective

Hello Friends:

Is it just me or did June and July go by in a big hurry this year? It seems like summer vacation just started, and now the kids are already back in school. That's okay because I find Holy Cross Lutheran School a friendly joyful place to be. It's the truth, summer is ending; unfortunately, the truth has a way of hitting you on the head.

I had a busy July. On the 8th, Kathy Megazzi, My Top Dog, and I went to Calvary Lutheran Church in Southport for a Sunday School presentation. Calvary is a nice place, a place where the millstone is weighing lightly on the congregation.

I went to Kokomo on July 11 for the Mission Possible event. The 13th found me with the Dairy Association in downtown Indy to help them with their sponsorship of the Boys and Girls club. From July 9th until the 14th, my team and I helped out at Awestruck. We did daily devotions and went to the concert afterwards. Jordan Feliz, the headliner, and I hung out backstage. That man gives good hugs.

Do you like parties? I do. We had a Team Naomi Party to celebrate my two years at Holy Cross. We said prayers, ate food, and I got to spend a few special Naomi minutes with everybody present. With a thankful heart, I applaud the generosity of Marcie Short who has graciously provided her vet skills to me. Thanks, Marcie. I love you.



Your Comfort Dog, Naomi

SERVING IN WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Weekend Worship	Sept. 1-2	Sept. 8-9	Sept. 15-16	Sept. 22-23	Sept. 29-30
5:30					
Acolyte	Molly Reece				
Reader	Kim Reece	Kim Reece	Garth Johnson	Katie Hines	Susan Vitolins
Greeters					
Lay Minister	Paul Elling	Paul Elling	Paul Elling	Paul Elling	Paul Elling
Communion Assist.		Glenn Rauscher		Glenn Rauscher	Glenn Rauscher
Usher	Glenn Rauscher				
8:30					
Acolytes					
Reader	Mark Bradley	Rachel Engler	Tim Grese	Paul Kerns	Bill Broecker
Greeters		Ken Cowper			
Lay Minister	Jack Querfeld, Jim Handley	Chris Kupiainen	Andrew Stachel, Roger Tomes	Chris Kupiainen	Mark Kopetsky
Communion Assist.	Alan Taber, Gary Wilkie		Jim Boerger, Gary Wilkie		
Children's Church					
Worship Nursery	Matt & Mandy Williford		Anna Stachel	Andy & Andrea McMullen	
Ushers	George Zeltner, Chris Kupiainen, Don Jungst, Mason Kupiainen, Bill Broecker				
10:45					
Acolyte					
Reader	Alan DeLaunay	Kim Chmielewski	Sherri Leiner	David Combs	Bobbi DeLaunay
Greeters					
Lay Minister	Paul Jefferson	Jeff Kyle	Kirk Hunter	Bob Meister	Roger Tomes
Communion Assist.	Rob Christensen		Rick Harrison		
Children's Church					
Worship Nursery	Nancy Wetzel				
Ushers	Greg Lyon, Ben Spedding, David Herron, Jim Burkett, Ted Ochs				
11:00					
Greeter	Kathy Acton	Kelly Hubbard	Kelsey True	Sally Zabel	Kelly Hubbard
Reader		Matt Hubbard	Steve Goeglein	Kirk Hunter	Matt Hubbard
Worship Leader		Matt Hubbard	Steve Goeglein	Kirk Hunter	Matt Hubbard
Communion Assist.		Jim Muhl		Tom Zabel	Jim Muhl
Ushers	Newkirk Family	Stacy Family	Graham Family	Hanania Family	Chuck & Dianna Butler
Altar Guild	Carolyn Rauscher, Betty Collins, Ruch Erickson, Kim Reece				
Volunteer Groups					
Leader	Phone	Email	Signup Online		
Acolytes	Church Office	823-5801	jsattler@hclc.info	www.hclc.info/acolyte	
Readers	Marya Kopetsky	823-8556	kopetskys@comcast.net	www.hclc.info/readers	
Greeters	Gary Wilkie	445-7707	GSwilkie@aol.com	www.hclc.info/greeters	
Lay Ministers	Glenn Rauscher	336-9448	Glenn2Carolyn@comcast.net	www.hclc.info/layministers	
Communion Assist.	Glenn Rauscher	336-9448	Glenn2Carolyn@comcast.net	www.hclc.info/layministers	
Worship Nursery	Andrea McMullen	574-202-2386	andreamcmullen1027@gmail.com	www.hclc.info/nursery	
Children's Church	Paul Groth	823-5801	pgroth@hclc.info	www.hclc.info/childrenschurch	
Ushers	Bob Meister	823-7097	rgmeister@comcast.net		
Altar Guild	Sherry Brown	841-9791	sherrybrown@comcast.net		
Creative Praise	Jaquia Stacy	506-8068	jtsky2000@yahoo.com	Holy Cross Planning Center	



September 2018 Calendar

9/1	8:00 am Men's/Women's Bible Breakfast 5:30 pm New Song Worship	9/17	5:00 pm School Basketball Games
9/2	8:30 am Classic Praise Worship 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:45 am FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship 10:45 am Classic Praise Worship 11:00 am Creative Praise Contemp. Worship	9/18	11:00 am Dorcas Group 6:30 pm High School Night 7:00 pm Kairos Council Meeting
9/3	Labor Day	9/19	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm FaTHoM Wednesday Discipleship 6:30 pm Creative Praise Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
9/4	5:15 pm School Volleyball Games	9/20	7:00 pm VRB Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Basketball
9/5	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm FaTHoM Wednesday Discipleship 6:30 pm Creative Praise Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	9/22	5:30 pm New Song Worship
9/6	7:00 pm Men's Basketball	9/23	8:30 am Classic Praise Worship 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:45 am FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship 10:45 am Classic Praise Worship 11:00 am Creative Praise Contemp. Worship 5:00 pm Ignite (Sr. High) Youth Group 7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
9/8	5:30 pm New Song Worship	9/24	3:45 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
9/9	8:30 am Classic Praise Worship 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:45 am FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship 10:45 am Classic Praise Worship 11:00 am Creative Praise Contemp. Worship 7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	9/25	6:30 pm Rauscher Small Group
9/10	3:45 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	9/26	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm FaTHoM Wednesday Discipleship 6:30 pm Creative Praise Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
9/11	6:15 pm Ministry Team Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm PTO Meeting	9/27	7:00 pm Men's Basketball
9/12	9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm FaTHoM Wednesday Discipleship 6:30 pm Creative Praise Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	9/29	5:30 pm New Song Worship
9/13	5:00 pm School Volleyball Games 7:45 pm Men's Basketball	9/30	8:30 am Classic Praise Worship 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:45 am FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship 10:45 am Classic Praise Worship 11:00 am Creative Praise Contemp. Worship 5:00 pm Ignite (Sr. High) Youth Group 7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
9/14	6:00 pm School Movie Night		
9/15	8:00 am Men's/Women's Bible Breakfast 9:00 am 3x3 Basketball Tournament 5:30 pm New Song Worship		
9/16	8:30 am Classic Praise Worship 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 9:45 am FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship 10:45 am Classic Praise Worship 11:00 am Creative Praise Contemp. Worship 5:00 pm Ignite (Sr. High) Youth Group 6:00 pm Lundberg Small Group 7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal		

New Song Informal Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Classic Praise Traditional Worship: Sunday 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Creative Praise Contemporary Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m.
FaTHoM Sunday Discipleship: 9:45 a.m.
FaTHoM Wednesday Discipleship: 6:00 p.m.

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 A Stephen Ministry caring congregation
 A Comfort Dog congregation*

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