



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**NEW
BEGINNINGS**

JUNE

THE QUEST

**Rooted in Faith,
Growing in
Service.**



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*May
Crossword Winner!*

**Congratulations
Sylvia Moran**

Sylvia won a \$50 Sprout's gift card for being the first one to submit a correct crossword puzzle from the May Quest! Thank you for all the ways you've served Holy Cross. Sylvia faithfully operates our video equipment each Sunday. Her dedication makes it possible for those who are unable to attend in person to still participate in worship through this ministry, and it is deeply appreciated.

**Don't Miss the June Crossword Puzzle for a
\$50 Gift Card to**

Virginia Kitchen!

A special thank you to Lincoln & Julie Krueger for your support!



**Virginia Kitchen is open seven days a week from
7:30 am to 2:30 pm.**

A Message from the Pastor
Rev. Eric Randolph
Pastor@HolyCrossHerndon.org

Kyrie Eleison: Living Mercy in a Divided World

Each Sunday, as we begin our worship service, we gather to sing, “Kyrie eleison—Lord, have mercy.” As we sing this familiar ancient prayer, I like to close my eyes and just listen to the assembly’s voices all rise together in this plea. It is here that I feel the weight and wonder of mercy. It is a word that means so much more than just pity; it is more about steadfast love, compassion in action, and a love that refuses to let go.

Mercy is deeply woven into our story as God’s people. In Hebrew, the word is hesed meaning a love that is loyal and never gives up. When the Hebrew scriptures were translated into Greek, hesed was translated as eleos.



This is the mercy David cries out for in Psalm 51.1: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.” It is the same mercy Mary sings in Luke 1.50: “His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.” And, it is the same mercy Jesus speaks in the Beatitudes: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” (Matthew 5.7).

Mercy, then, is not just a feeling. It is God's faithfulness--God's compassion in action!

Faith

Mercy is God's willingness to act for our good even when we least deserve it. It is the boundless love that holds us fast and calls us to hold tightly to one another.

Martin Luther understood mercy as the rhythmic beating of God's heart. For Luther, everything focused on sola gratia or grace alone. We do not earn God's favor; we receive it as a gift. God's righteousness is not a standard we fail to meet, but a mercy that meet us where we are at. As Paul wrote to the Romans, "The righteous will live by faith," and "A person is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (1.17, 3.28).

Luther's great realization was that God's mercy is not a reward for the worthy, but a lifeline for the lost. It is the good news that God runs toward us, embraces us, and sets us free. This mercy is not just for some; it is for all, and it changes everything.



Each time we sing Kyrie eleison, we are participating in one of the ancient prayers of the church. Even as the Western church shifted from Greek to Latin, the Kyrie remained as a living link to our Christian roots. Luther's German Mass retained the Kyrie, though simplifying it so everyone could sing, not just the choir. Today, we sing the Kyrie near the start of worship, lifting our voices together boldly, praying "Lord, have mercy."

I want to pause here and say that the Kyrie is not a groveling plea. Again, it is a bold, trusting declaration recognizing that we all stand together as diverse, imperfect, yet beloved children of God. It is a declaration that God's mercy is real, present, and powerful. Not only do we sing it for ourselves, but we also sing it for our neighbors, and for the world. It is here that we trust that mercy is not just something we ask for; it is something we share.

The world is hurting and we continue to find ourselves divided by politics, by race, by culture, and even theology. These divisions are not abstract; they are personal. They show up in our families, our communities, our newsfeeds, and sometimes even in our own hearts. They cause real pain, real fear, and real grief.



FORGIVENESS

Mercy is not a luxury. It is a necessity. We need mercy from God, from one another, and even from ourselves. Together, we need to know that we are loved, not because we are perfect, but because we are God's. And we need to become people who can offer that same mercy to others, especially when it is hard.

Beloveds, this is mercy...

This is where Pentecost comes in. Recall the readings from Pentecost Sunday: Jerusalem is overflowing with people from every nation, every language, every background. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit rushes in, and the disciples begin to speak in many languages. Each person gathered around them hears the good news in their own language. The Holy Spirit does not erase difference; the Holy Spirit speaks through it.

It is Kyrie eleison in action. The Holy Spirit's outpouring is God's way of saying, "No one is left out. My love is for all." As the prophet Joel declared (and Peter repeats in Acts 2), "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." Pentecost is God's mercy breaking down every barrier, reaching across every divide, gathering us into one body.



I think Paul speaks to this beautifully in 1 Corinthians 12: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." The church is not weakened by its diversity; it is strengthened by it. The Holy Spirit gathers us and makes us one. Each person, each culture, each story brings a gift. Our unity is not sameness, but togetherness. Thus, we are Pentecost people.

As a church, we are called to confront the barriers that keep people apart and work towards building communities where everyone belongs. The Gospels are the constant reminder of how Christ breaks down walls of cultural exclusivity. Diversity is not a problem to be solved; it is a Divine gift to be celebrated.

So where does this leave us?

We are people who receive mercy from God. We sing it in worship, we are filled with it at Pentecost, and now we are sent to live it in the world. Luther would remind us that this is not about obligation or guilt.

Mercy

**It is about freedom:
mercy frees us so that we
can be free for mercy.**

FREEDOM

Imagine what it would look like if our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our families, and our churches were shaped by mercy. Imagine if we listened more, forgave more, reached out more. Imagine if we saw every person as a gift from God. This, beloveds, is our calling: to be agents of mercy, bearers of hope, builders of bridges.

The world needs people who know the mercy of God deeply enough to give it away freely.



Every time we sing Kyrie eleison, we are joining a chorus that stretches across time and intersects with the upper room in Jerusalem that first Pentecost. We are part of that story. We are part of a story where mercy is stronger than division, where love is stronger than fear, and where the Spirit is still at work—uniting, healing, and empowering.

So let's go out into the world rooted in mercy. Let's go out singing mercy. Let's go out living mercy! Because in mercy, we find not only God's beating heart, but our own, and in this divided world that is the gift we are called to share.

In the heart of Jesus,
Pastor Eric+



A Message from Director
of Music and Liturgy, Jeremy Shoop
Musicdir@HolyCrossHerndon.org

June at Holy Cross: Showing Up with Joy

June is shaping up to be a wonderfully full month at Holy Cross, with opportunities to worship, serve, celebrate, and share God's love with our neighbors.

As summer begins,

our life together continues to remind us that church is not only something we attend, but something we practice, in prayer, music, welcome, generosity, and the simple act of showing up for one another.

On Sunday, June 14, we will celebrate Music Sunday with the theme "Lists." That might seem like a strange theme, but I am very excited about exploring the idea of lists with you. A dedicated Music Sunday article can be found in this newsletter on page 12 with a more detailed explanation of my thought process.

**All Shall Be
Amen and
Alleluia**

This month, Holy Cross will also have a presence at both Loudoun Pride and Herndon Pride, and we are excited to share our congregation's welcome with the wider community. As an RIC congregation, we believe it matters that people hear clearly and joyfully that they are beloved children of God.

Whether you are staffing a booth, baking cookies, wearing a Holy Cross shirt, or simply cheering on this ministry, you are part of a public witness of grace, inclusion, and love. Thank you to everyone helping us make these events possible.

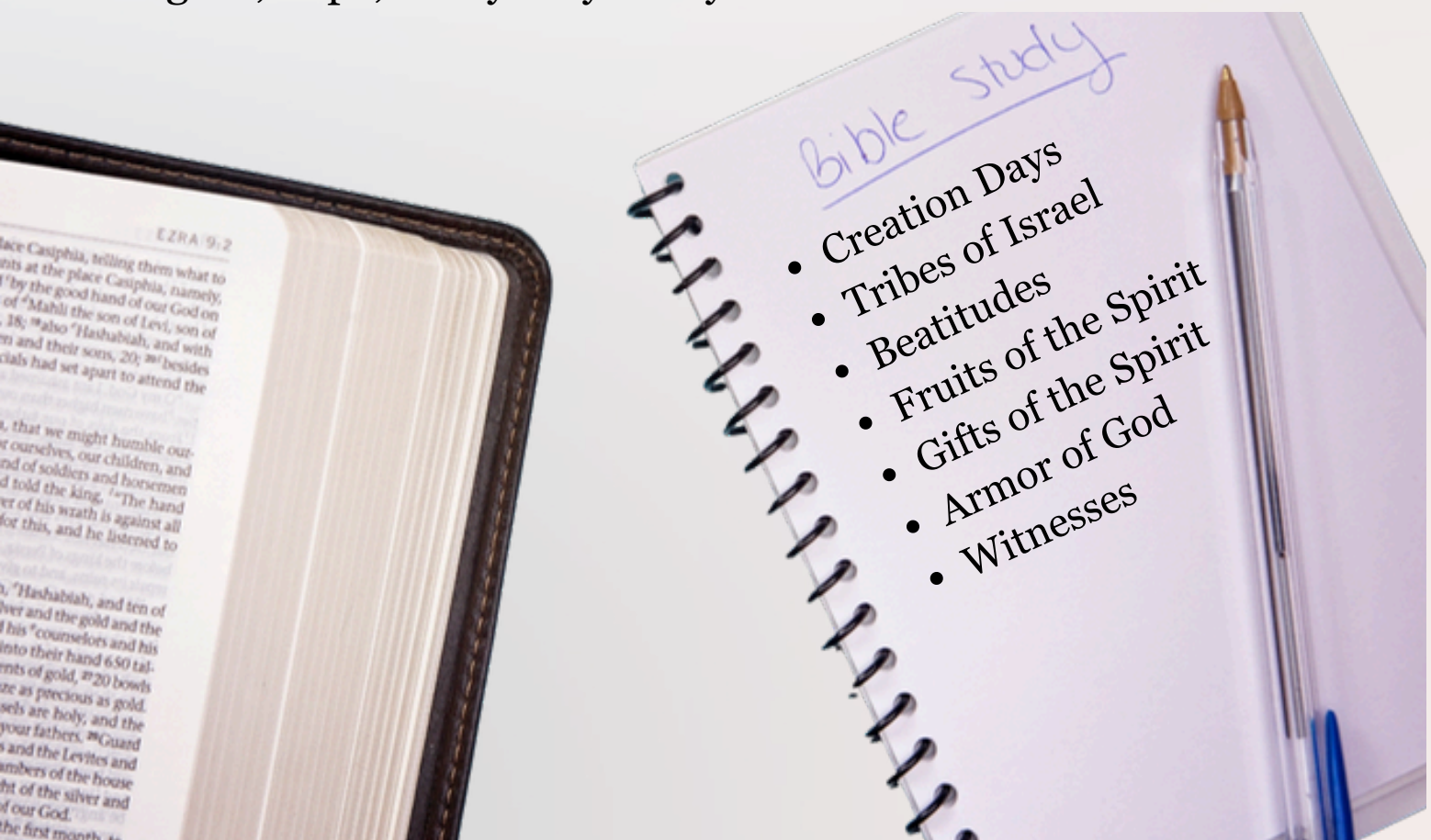


We also continue to prepare with joy for Pastor Eric's arrival in July. This season of anticipation is a gift — a time to give thanks for the faithfulness that has carried Holy Cross through transition, and to look ahead with hope to the next chapter of our shared ministry. In the meantime, we keep doing what the church does: gathering around word and sacrament, singing the faith, feeding our neighbors, caring for creation, welcoming strangers, and trusting that the Spirit is already at work among us.

Music Sunday: “Lists”

On Sunday, June 14, Holy Cross will celebrate Music Sunday, a day set aside to give thanks for the musicians of our congregation and the many ways music helps us pray, proclaim, and participate in worship. This year’s theme is “Lists”— which may sound a little unusual at first, but once you start noticing them, lists are everywhere in scripture, hymnody, and liturgy.

The Bible is full of lists: the days of creation, the tribes of Israel, the Beatitudes, the fruits of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, the armor of God, and the great cloud of witnesses who have carried the faith from generation to generation. Lists help us remember. They help us teach. They help us name what matters. They help us make sense of abundance when there is simply too much goodness, grief, hope, or mystery to say in one sentence.



Hymns do the something.



They pile up images, names, promises, and praises: creation and redemption, saints and angels, mercy and justice, bread and wine, death and resurrection, trumpet and organ and song. Sometimes a hymn's list is careful and orderly; sometimes it feels like holy exuberance, as though the text cannot stop naming all the ways God's love keeps showing up in the world.

Music Sunday will be a joyful celebration of that abundance. Through hymns, anthems, instruments, and the voices of our assembly, we will give thanks for the many gifts that shape worship at Holy Cross: choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, handbell ringers, worship leaders, and everyone who joins the song from the pews. Together, we will remember that church music is never just performance. It is proclamation, prayer, teaching, memory, and shared ministry.



Join us on June 14 as we sing our way through lists of grace, lists of hope, lists of praise, and maybe even a few lists that only a church musician could love.

All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia!

Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music and Liturgy



(P.S. – Did you know that my sign off is the start of a list? Look up St. Augustine’s Resurrection Prayer and get a head start on Music Sunday!)

Celebrate

Pride

with Holy Cross!



LOUDOUN PRIDE

Ida Lee Park
(60 Ida Lee Dr NW)



June 6, 12:00 - 6:00 PM



HERNDON PRIDE

Arts Herndon
(750 Center St.)



June 27, 12:00 - 5:00 PM



HOLY CROSS
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2026 HYMN MADNESS RESULTS!!!

Holy Cross was feelin' the Easter vibes this year, give it up for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!" as our 2026 Hymn Madness Song Champion!


Before we reveal our bracket winner, we have two honorable mentions! Ina Laemmerzahl and Anne Geiger both predicted the correct Hymn Madness Champion song this year!

That said, there's one person whose bracket steamrolled the competition week after week, racking up the most points for a clear victory! Congratulations to *Denise Robinson* for being our 2026 Hymn Madness Bracket Winner! Woohoo! Denise has won the right to select all of the hymns for a worship service this summer!!

A big thank you to everyone who played along this year! Another big thank you to those who donated to the Transition Fund along the way, getting us closer to our goal!

Last thing - we want to hear from you! Kindly let us know your feedback by using the QR code so that we know how to improve this event and make it better. The feedback link is also posted under "Current Links" on our Holy Cross website.





**A Message from
Council President Cara Papenheim
President@HolyCrossHerndon.org**

Dear Holy Cross Fam,

We are officially halfway through 2026, and unlike the previous two Junes that I have shared with you all, some things look very different for the remaining year ahead. Hope has returned to your faithful President, and Music Sunday will sound more joyful than it has in years, we have a Call on our horizon!

Not so dissimilar to the last two Junes however, I do have a plea to bring to this amazing congregation, as we still need your help. There is an open seat on our Church Council, and it's an important one: Evangelism Chair.

Evangelism is responsible for a lot of things- they work closely with Altar Guild, Worship & Music, Fellowship and Outreach. They field potential leads, respond to, and schedule community events, and help move our church forward in the changing world.



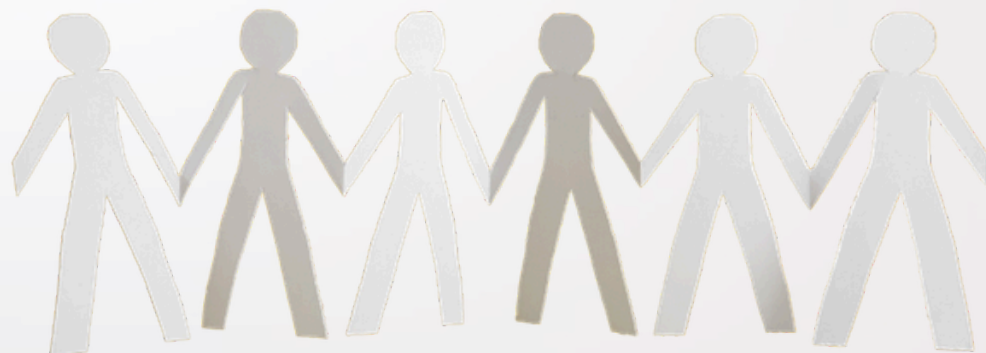


I won't sugar coat this, being a volunteer church leader is challenging in any capacity. I'm sure many of you have noticed my physical absence in the past few weeks (okay, over a month). I have a demanding real-life job, but...

I do what I can on the Council and I prioritize what needs my direct attention and lean on my fellow ExCom for the things they can help with.

The reality is that if we want to continue to grow the church we need to make it more accessible to serve. That has always been my goal. I give myself and the entire Church Council grace around the fact that we have real lives to contend with outside of the walls and needs of Holy Cross. None of us can do it alone, and this Council is more aligned in that way than ever before. If you have considered your ability to serve and are fearful that you will be on an island, let me assure you, you will not. If you think you can't "give it your all," let me tell you, sometimes I can't either. What I can tell you is the rewards outweigh the challenges.


I now know so many of you better than I ever thought possible. I enjoy the banter, jokes, and actual business needs of our Council meetings. I enjoy sharing morning announcements on the Sundays I'm actually able to attend (😊). I enjoy a secondary level of camaraderie in my church life that extends beyond the Sunday service. And I enjoy the accomplishments we share as a church family when new folks visit or join, attendance booms at community events, or the altar front is completely filled with LINK donations just a little bit more than I used to.



With the arrival of Pastor Eric, we will have a leader and vision to help guide our Council. Jeremy and the Admin team have been holding it together for a lot of us and will have the daily support they need to assist all the ministries for the better. I hope you consider this plea generously and openly. Review your capacity and question your potential. You may find you enjoy something you never considered before. For more information or to share your interest please reach out to Jeremy or myself, we look forward to supporting you.

In Peace,

Cara Papenheim



A Message from
Council Vice President Mark Roe
VicePresident@HolyCrossHerndon.org

Holy Cross,

Summer at Holy Cross is shaping up to be an exciting and meaningful season filled with fellowship, worship and outreach opportunities for all ages. We look forward to celebrating together at our annual July 4th celebration, welcoming voices to the Summer Choir, hosting Vacation Bible School and participating in many other activities throughout the coming months.

This summer also marks an especially important new chapter in the life of Holy Cross as we prepare to welcome Pastor Eric, who will begin serving with us in late June. In addition, Holy Cross will participate in the Loudoun and Herndon Pride events as part of our ongoing commitment to sharing Christ's love and welcome with our wider community. We encourage everyone to participate in these events and activities as you are able and help make this a vibrant summer season for our church family.

As summer arrives, we are also mindful that attendance and giving often decrease during vacation months. While Holy Cross remains in a solid financial position, expenses continue throughout the summer, including increasing utilities cost, building maintenance and the beginning of pastoral compensation for Pastor Eric. We ask everyone to continue supporting the ministry of Holy Cross even when away from worship services. Convenient giving options are available through Vanco, Venmo, PayPal, your bank's Bill Pay service or traditional giving through the U.S. mail. You can find more information about the various giving options on our website. Your continued generosity helps ensure that Holy Cross can sustain and grow the ministries that serve both our congregation and the broader community.



As we approach Pastor Eric's arrival, I also want to take a moment to express deep gratitude to the many individuals who have faithfully guided and supported Holy Cross throughout this interim period. We are especially thankful for Pastor Pam, Jeremy, Marie and Sarah for their tremendous dedication and leadership in keeping the church running smoothly during the absence of a full-time pastor. Their hard work, faithfulness and commitment have blessed us with meaningful worship experiences and steady leadership during this transition.

We also extend sincere thanks to Kathy and Suzanne for faithfully providing weekly children's sermons and helping nurture the faith of our youngest members. In addition, there are so many others within the congregation who have stepped forward to fill gaps, volunteer their time and support the ministry of Holy Cross in countless ways. We are truly grateful for everyone who has shared their gifts and talents to help our church continue thriving during this time of transition.

Personally, I am incredibly excited to welcome Pastor Eric to Holy Cross, and look forward to working alongside him as we begin this new chapter together. There is a real sense of renewed energy and excitement throughout the congregation as we anticipate the many opportunities for ministry, outreach, and growth that lie ahead. I am especially encouraged by Pastor Eric's vision and the initiatives he hopes to bring to Holy Cross in the coming months and years. God continues to do wonderful things through this church community, and I believe we have an exciting future ahead as we continue growing together in faith, service, and fellowship.



A Message from
Council Education Chair, Suzanne Baggett
EducationChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org

What a Joyful Finale!



Kingdom Kids (elementary students) and Kingdom Angels (preschoolers) concluded their spring semester with a joint lesson in faith: "Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation." This was inspired by my favorite verse from His Banner over Me Is Love, which we sang during Opening with Mr. Jeremy.

Psalm 18:2

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Inside:

- ♥ Kingdom Kids read the story aloud for Kingdom Angels.
- ♥ Kingdom Angels rang bells and clapped clappers to Jesus Loves Me.

ALL KIDS

- ♥ Made Jesus Rocks! Like these so that each "Kid" could take it home for inspiration
- ♥ Played with slime to understand that as gently we massaged it, God holds and takes care of us



Outside:

ALL KIDS



Celebrated Jesus' Love with exploding volleys of mento-inspired foam!



Thank you to:

Mr. Jeremy (OPENING Leader)

Miss Cecilia (ANGELS Leader)

Miss Kathy (CO-KIDS Leader)


for their joy, their creativity, and their commitment!!

"Praise Ye The Lord!"

Suzanne

A Message from Fellowship
Beverly Siecker
FellowshipChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org

As Mother Nature...



Did Spring
take a break?
It's too soon
for Summer!

continues to play games with the weather, I'm thankful that May was a quiet month for Fellowship. Things will be heating up soon enough with church activities and the welcome of Pastor Eric to our congregation.

On Mother's Day, Fellowship joined with Kathy Makowski (Listening with children's ears), Cecelia (Youth chair) and Suzanne (Christian Ed chair) to honor mothers by giving all the ladies at church a carnation to celebrate the day. As Kathy mentioned, all ladies are "mothers" since they help children in many ways (teachers, family members, nursery attendants, etc.). Extras were handed out after the service for those who wanted to take one along for family members.

Now to figure out what the "fathers" should get. (No, it won't be a tie!) You'll just have to come and find out.





For Your Calendar



June



Sunday, June 14, 2026 Music Sunday Potluck
Since I'll be gone, Anne Geiger will be in charge so watch for any help she might need. Bring your favorite dish!

July

Saturday, July 4, 2026 - Join us for food, fun and festivities. Better yet, join the committee to plan the day. Talk to Jeremy, Beverly, or Tonya if you can help make this a spectacular celebration.



September



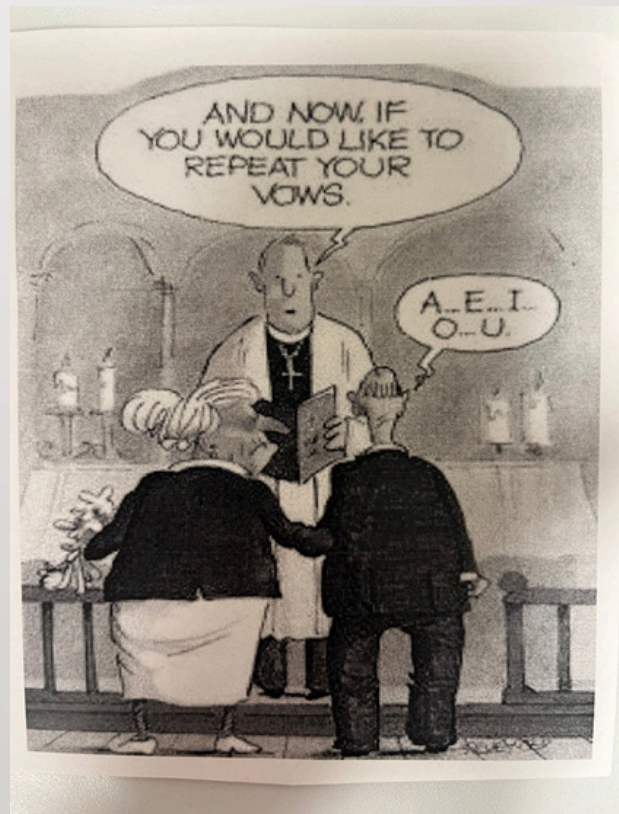
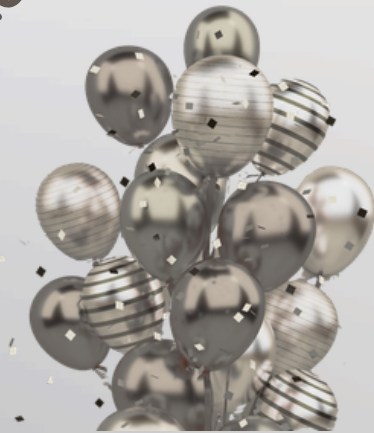
Sunday, September 13, 2026 is Rally Day.
Always a fun time for food and fellowship.

The HUGS group meeting is always well attended and any issues are welcome to be discussed and “lessons learned” shared. If you would like to attend please do so, or if you just need a hug, stop by. They’re free!



As always, every Sunday before and after the 9AM Sunday school and the 10AM service, you are invited to come into the Fellowship Hall for coffee, tea, juice, or water along with fruits and snacks. An LWR quilt is available to work on and complete. No experience? If you can tie a knot, you can work on a quilt.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone



Beverly Siecker
Fellowship Chair

A Message from Outreach
Tonya Elliott
OutreachChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org

Quilting



*"Those who sleep under a quilt,
sleep under a blanket of love."*

Are you a quilter? Would you like to learn to quilt?
Come quilt with Holy Cross's Quilting Ministry which
meets from 10am-1pm on the 3rd Saturday of every
month except December – all skill levels are welcome.
If you want to learn how to quilt, we will teach you.

The ministry makes utility
quilts that are sent around
the world to those in need
through Lutheran World
Relief (www.lwr.org). We
strive for beauty and
warmth in all quilts made.





Donations of washable fabric and gently used sheets are encouraged and welcomed. Thanks to donations by our generous members, the church owns 5 working sewing machines.



There is a quilt in the narthex most weeks to be tied, and ANYONE can do this. Even if you only get a knot or two finished, it helps because this is the slowest part of the quilting-making process. Quilts may be taken home for tying.

Contact Denise Robinson with any questions at drobinson10@cox.net

Boy Scout Troop 12 News

NWF Backyard Habitat Update:



Troop 12 has agreed to take on the responsibility of keeping the birdfeeders on the east side of the church filled each week. The church has feeders for finch food, regular bird seed, and black oil sunflower seed as well as a suet feeder and a hummingbird feeder filled with sugar water.

Keeping the feeders' full helps meet one of the four requirements for being a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified Backyard Habitat, that of providing food for our animal neighbors.

The other requirements are to provide water, cover, and places to raise young alongside using sustainable gardening practices. Holy Cross has been a NWF Certified Backyard Habitat for 3+years now.

For more information about creating a Backyard Habitat at your home or office place, speak with Roy Geiger, Holy Cross's coordinator or email him at gei2@verizon.net.



**Thank you to
Troop 12 for
taking on this
good turn for
the church!**



The Crayon Initiative

Do you have crayons at home that you want to get rid of but just don't want to throw them away?



One of Troop 12's community projects is collecting used crayons that will be processed to make crayons to kids in hospitals. There will be a box in the narthex at Holy Cross for the congregation to donate your old, used crayons to the troop. They will take care of sorting and sending the crayons to the processing facility. For more information on this fun and important project, go to www.TheCrayonInitiative.org. Any help you can give Troop 12 in this endeavor will be appreciated!

About Troop 12

Troop 12 is a special needs troop where the Scout never ages out. Troop 12 meets at Holy Cross most Tuesday nights from 6:45pm-8pm in the Fellowship Hall where they work on various merit badges, rank advancements and getting ready for their campouts. Stop by to see love and scouting in action!

Anne Geiger

Chartered Organization Representative (COR)



Spring Semester Wrap-Up and Summer Plans for Holy Cross ELL

We completed our spring semester on May 18th at Holy Cross with our annual Pizza and Bingo Party. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the food and games, even those who had never played Bingo before. Each winner received a \$10 gift card and enthusiastically called out the next game numbers in English.





This spring semester was a great success, with many registered students from diverse countries. We've had students from Bolivia, El Salvador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Pakistan, Peru, Togo and Vietnam. Interestingly, we had more advanced students than beginners, which is unusual for us. Many students still share that they were initially afraid to come to class, which makes their attendance even more inspiring.

Our summer session will be held on Wednesday evenings, from June 10th through July 22nd. Classes run from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Looking ahead, our fall semester will begin in early September, continuing to offer Beginner, Basic, and Intermediate levels.

Summer ELL Schedule

Wednesdays
June 10 - July 22
7:00 - 8:30 PM

We are in need of additional teachers or assistants to join our team. Suzanne, Lauren, Kristin, Ellen, and I love teaching our students, but we will be losing one of our teachers this year, and extra hands are always welcome. No prior teaching experience is needed – all the materials and support are provided. Feel free to visit and sit in on a class to see if you'd like to join us. It's that simple!



Teaching is deeply rewarding because each student is eager to learn our language and customs. There is nothing quite like the joy of witnessing a student's "aha" moment when they understand a word, sentence, or story with our help.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Suzanne Baggett, Kristin Andersen, Lauren Gist, and Ellen Atwell for their dedication and patience in teaching our immigrant students at Holy Cross.

Your ELL Team,
Chip Edwards

A Message from Property
Craig Reichow
PropertyChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org

Greetings out there in "Loot-Run-Land!"

As the Property Team presses ahead with fixes to our church, please thank those who help to keep things running smoothly so our facility can sustain its many missions.



These projects are not necessarily "exciting," but they all need to be done to keep our facility looking nice. Many hands make light work, so thanks in advance for helping with your time and talents.



Virginia Muller, Sam Carter & Joe Makowski

for noticing the window screen damage in the Education Wing and replacing them, along with strengthening security in this area.



Joe Makowski for diagnosing a heat sensor was stuck open, thereby keeping the light off in the narthex. The light in use was a LED, which is cooler than traditional incandescent bulbs. Joe replaced the sensor and the light works again. Thanks, Joe!



Craig Reichow & Beverly Siecker

for replacing the sagging shelf under the kitchen sink with some of Beverly's leftover OSB and painted it with paint from the property storage room.



Craig also replaced a broken coat hook in the men's bathroom and mounted it in the cinderblock wall.



Mike and Virginia Muller who hid the power cord from the narthex TV behind the wall and patched and painted the wall, along with patching other cracks. All of these are repainted by the time you read this.



Mike & Virginia also revamped the pastor's office by spackling and painting the whole office and sitting room with Pastor Eric's paint choices, cleaning and vacuuming. Please thank them for this impressive and astounding office!

When Appreciation Has No Limits!



Poison Ivy Removal:

Poison Ivy is growing outside the Ed. Wing, with more dead “hairy vines” on the bushes. If you can help remove these poisonous vines, please contact:

Pierre Huggins: Pierre.L.Huggins@gmail.com

or

Gary Wolfe: gwolfe8@verizon.net



*Yours in Christ,
Craig Reichow, Property Lead*

Enlighten Your World Did You Know?



The sanctuary stained glass windows are contemporary in style, using traditional Christian symbols in bold, striking designs. Each window reflects a unique theological theme while contributing to the unity of the overall collection. The artist was member, Donald A. Brobst.



Our Sanctuary can hold up to 220 people! The more the merrier...be sure to invite a few others.



Every year, a mother fox raises her babies beneath our shed. This year, she had three little ones. We've had the joy of watching them grow outside our windows and occasionally spotting them on walks nearby. Absolutely adorable!

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds...all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. *And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:24-25

Plug In



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Fellowship:

Connect with Beverly Siecker, **Fellowship Chair** to serve with:

- Music Sunday Potluck - Sunday, June 14th
- July 4th Fireworks - Saturday, July 4th

FellowshipChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org

Property:

Connect with Pierre Huggins, **Property Chair**, to aid with Property Work Days :

pierre.I.huggins@gmail.com

Worship and Music

Connect with **Jeremy Shoop** to rejoice in Music and Liturgy: **Musicdir@HolyCrossHerndon.org**

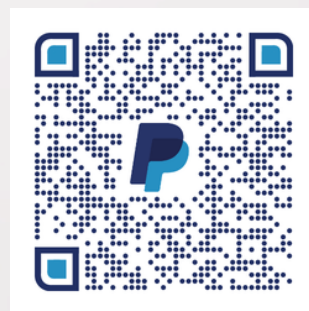
Contributions & Offerings

We aspire to keep Holy Cross Lutheran Church a thriving, serving community of God's people. We each need to make a determined effort to ensure that our offerings sustain us. Your generosity makes all things possible. You can bring your offering with you to worship service at 10 am, or use one of our many alternative giving options:

- Online/Mobile Set up a one-time or recurring donation through Vanco, our secure giving platform. Scan code to access.

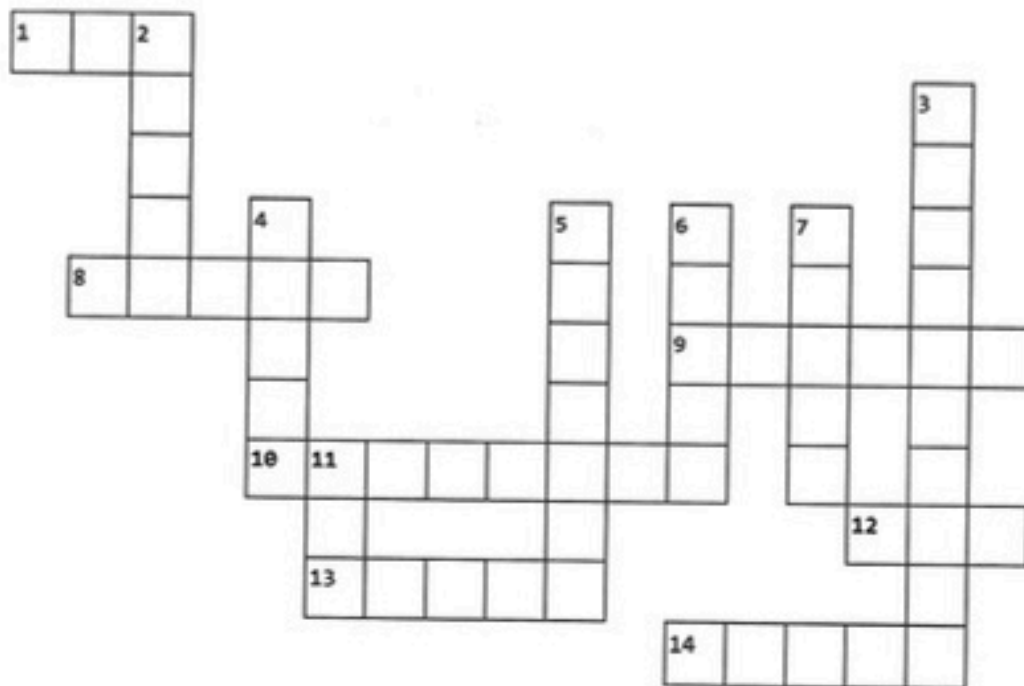


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June Quest Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. What you receive if you go to the H.U.G.S. group meeting.
8. The rock of our salvation.
9. Rally Day is on this day.
10. ELL needs these because each student is eager to learn our language & customs.
12. Animal that lives under the shed.
13. These help us name what matters.
14. These help us pile up images, names, promises and praises.

Down

2. What Cara Papenheim gives to herself and the entire church council.
3. These were given out on Mother's Day.
4. If you sleep under this, you are loved.
5. All ladies are this.
6. This theme will be celebrated on Music Sunday.
7. Played at the ELL spring semester wrap-up.
11. This was completed on May 18th.