



# CROSSlink

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**Worship Services:**  
Saturdays 5:30pm (Sanctuary)  
Sundays 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study/Fish Club  
Sundays 10:45 am (LOFT)

**September 2024**

**FROM PASTORS DESK**

**“ Membership at Holy Cross”**

**Pastor Zac Patterson**

As school starts back up, churches start up a lot of their usual programs. It's around this time that churches typically reach out to lapsed members as well, those who haven't been to church in a while, to invite them to come back. As our elders and I are in that process, I wanted to go over what it means to be a communicant member of Holy Cross. Per our constitution, there are seven requirements for being a member. Let's look at these.

First, members “are baptized.” To be a member of this church, you must be a Christian. To be a Christian, you must be baptized. This follows what Jesus says in Mark 16:16, “Whoever believes and is Baptized will be saved...” Pretty straight forward.

Second, members “declare their acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bible as God's Word.” To be a member here, you must believe that the Bible is God's Word; not that it's mostly God's Word or contains God's Word, but that it IS God's Word. All of it. The Bible is inerrant (without error), and members must believe this.

Third, members “are familiar with the Lutheran teachings as set forth in Luther's Small Catechism, and declare their acceptance thereof.” To be a member here, you must know and believe what is taught in the Small Catechism. This includes things like Baptism actually saving you and the Lord's Supper actually being Jesus' body and blood. If you don't know the Small Catechism, you should refresh yourself. An easy way to do this is take one of our New Member Classes.

Fourth, members “do not live in manifest works of the flesh, but lead Christian lives.” Not only must you believe the Bible, but you must live out that belief. This does not mean you need to be perfect, but you need to be striving to live a holy life apart from sin, not joyfully engaging in activities that do not line up with Scripture (for one list, see Galatians 5:19-21).

Fifth, members “attend public worship and partake of the Lord's Supper with due frequency.” To be a member of the church, you need to be worshipping here regularly. That means more than once or twice a year and it means attending here, not spending most of your Sundays at another church. It's certainly fine to attend another Lutheran church every once and a while, but Holy Cross should be your main place of worship. By attending here regularly, you will be regularly receiving God's Word and Sacrament. This requirement is for the benefit of the member, for in hearing the Word and receiving the Sacrament regularly, the member is being strengthened in their faith and prepared to faithfully receive Christ on the Last Day.

Sixth, members “submit to the rules and resolutions of the congregation, provided these are not at variance with the Divine Word, and are willing to accept brotherly admonition and correction when

they have erred.” To be a member of this congregation, you must agree with things like our church’s constitution, bylaws, and policy manual. It’s like the “terms and conditions” of the church. If you wish to change things like the policy manual, you can always run for the Governing Board. You also need to be willing to be confronted and corrected when you are engaging in sinful behavior; not shrugging it off as nothing, but willing to hear that correction and repent when you have sinned.

And Seventh, members “are not a member of a secret society, or any other organization in conflict with the Word of God.” One example of a secret society would be the Freemasons, as they are free to reject things like the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus Christ. “Organization in conflict with the Word of God” can also refer to other denominations that reject parts of Scripture. Being a member here means being united in our confession of faith and doctrine.

These are the things that are required to be a member of Holy Cross. All of these things are pretty common sense: being a Christian, believing the Bible and Lutheran doctrine, not living in sin, attending worship here, being willing to hear and accept correction, and not being part of organizations that oppose what Holy Cross believes. Building a community around these staples of membership will help us build a cohesive community, one that is of one mind and has true biblical fellowship.

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### **WATCH FOR UPDATES- EMAILS:**

We are doing some exciting and needed improvements to Holy Cross. We will be replacing the church roof tentatively the 14-18 of October. Watch your email for building access limitations that week. Our Trustees have been spending a lot of time and working very hard to manage all the repairs and maintenance. Thank You!!!

### **2024 HUMAN CARE MINISTRY BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU**

Human Care Ministry along with Versiti Blood Center wishes to THANK EVERYONE who donated at the Blood Drive on August 12th. In times of Critical Need & Crisis we rely on one another to give HOPE for local patients in need of blood!! Because of your generous donations 10 units were collected & this means 30 waiting patients will receive the gift of hope & life!! You are all “A BEACON OF HOPE”. Continue to be regular donors & Holy Cross’s next drive will be in January 2025. Thanks also to everyone who helped with welcoming donors, serving refreshments, set-up & take down for the drive “THANKS AGAIN”!!!

### **KIDS FOR CHRIST**

Don’t forget to sign up to bring and serve 1 item or more for KFC on Thursday nights. You can sign up online from the Holy Cross website or check the list in the church office. To sign up online; Go into *church*, then *KFC*, then go to *enroll or volunteer* and you will find it. The schedule is for the whole year with easy meals that repeat. An easy small commitment that helps a lot!!!

### **CARILLON**

Thanks to some generous members “Memorial Donations” we have received the funds needed to replace our Carillon! It has arrived and will be installed. Soon we will be hearing beautiful hymns from our rooftop! While this wasn’t top on our needs list, it is a wonderful addition we can all enjoy!!!

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**

This month’s classes are September 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 10am. Join in at any time! All are welcome!

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** Meets Sundays at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Will restart on Rally Day, September 8.

One of the most important things we can do is give children knowledge of the bible and a relationship with Christ that will be with them throughout their lives. YOU have the opportunity to help with this. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with Sunday School. It is held weekly in the lower LOFT from 9:45-10:30am. We hope for 2-3 volunteers a week with a set curriculum which is easy to follow. For info. call the church office.

*Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

**CHURCH PICNIC AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY ON SEPT 8, NOON TO 2 PM**

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy food, fun and games, Kate's Kritters Petting Zoo, Matt's Fantastic Bubbles and fellowship. Picnic on the lawn under the big tent. OWLS will be grilling hot dogs and providing chicken, chips and cold drinks. You may bring a dish to share: side dishes, salads and desserts are suggested. After the meal there will be games and prizes for kids and adults. Bring a lawn chair and visit with friends as we enjoy time together.

In case of rain, we will move everything inside the LOFT and have fun while staying dry.

**OWLS**

OWLS will meet on Thursday, September 5 at Hoffman Park in Cary for a final picnic of the summer season. Bring your lunch and enjoy an afternoon with friends. We will be finalizing plans for the church picnic.

OWLS will be going to Royal Oak Orchard in Hebron on September 19. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Carpools will form at 10:30 a.m. in the rear parking lot.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP IL5140 IS NOW FORMING.** Our next meeting is Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 at Holy Cross. Dues are \$180 for local fees and \$40 for the national fee. All girls who are at least 5 years old by October 31st are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Mrs. Chrissy Heiss.

**TRAIL LIFE FOR BOYS:** Calling all boys looking for fun, friendship, and adventure! Join us for our informational meeting about Trail Life USA. If we form a troop, we'll explore the great outdoors, learn valuable life skills, and build lasting friendships. We will hold an informational meeting on Saturday, September 14 at 4:00. Open to boys ages 5-18 and their parents.

**LWML** meetings are resuming September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is a women's ministry that is a national organization providing active participation in Bible study, projects and support for worldwide missions. All women are welcome to join in and get to know more about this important ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Contact Diane for more information. Hope to hear from you soon! If you have received a summer Women's Quarterly, please bring it with you.

**Changes to Saturday Worship Schedule**

Beginning September 1, Saturday Worship Services will only be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. This was announced and discussed at the August 25 Town Hall meeting. All members with email were also sent a letter recapping the meeting.

## COUNTING TEAMS NEEDED

Hopefully you have seen the insert regarding Counters in last week's bulletin. I wanted to add that the time commitment is approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hrs. once a month and training will be provided!

We are in need of 2 two person counting teams (one for the first Sunday of every month and one for the second Sunday of every month). Each counting team is responsible for counting and balancing the offerings to the envelopes/loose plate offerings (for Sat night, Sunday morning and the previous Sunday's LOFT service) and then depositing it at the Cary Bank and Trust night depository. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact. Thank you so much for considering serving.

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## What's Happening This Month:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Harper Baptism 8:30am Worship 9:45 Bible Study 10:45am Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed No School	3 10am Bible Class	4	5 12:00pm OWLS 4:15-6:30 First KFC	6	7 No Worship
8 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12-3Church Picnic & Rally Day!!	9 6:30pm LWML	10 10am Bible Class  6:30pm Elder's  Raising Cane's School Fundraiser	11 5:00pm Finance	12 10:00am Prayer Shawl  2:30First "TuneUp" Thursday  4:15-6:30 KFC	13	14 2-4pm American Heritage Girls  4:00pm Trail Life Info. Meeting  5:30pm Worship 7:00pm Taize
15 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:45am Worship	16	17 10am Bible Class  6:30pm Gov. Board	18	19 OWLS -Royal Oaks Orchard  4:15-6:30 KFC	20	21 No Worship
22 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:45am Worship	23	24 10am Bible Class  "Crosslink Deadline"	25 6:45pm Trustees	26 10:00am-Prayer Shawl  4:15-6:30 KFC	27	28 2-4pm American Heritage Girls  5:30PM Worship

**ATTENDANCE: August 2024**

8/4/24 Sun. 8:30am -54 10:45am -16  
8/10/24 Sat. 5:30am -32  
8/11/24 Sun. 8:30am -52 10:45am- 16  
8/16/24 Fri. Ice Cream Social - 54  
8/18/24 Sun. 8:30am -52 10:45am- 22

8/25/24 Sun.10:30am- 78  
Town Hall Meeting- 48  
8/31/24 Sat. 5:30pm - 30

**Holy Cross Picnic Reminder:**

**This Sunday, Sept. 8,  
after 10:30 am Worship**

**Kate's Kritters Petting Zoo  
Matt's Amazing Bubbles  
Games & Food & Fellowship  
OWLS are providing Hot dogs,  
Chicken, Chips, and Cold Drinks**

**Generous Food Donations- Thank You!**

Shift our mindset: It's helpful to  
remember that the church is WHO WE ARE,  
not just a place we go.  
Pray about how we can all shift our thinking from  
church-consumers to church-givers who serve  
as the hands and feet of Jesus  
to those are around us.