

# Newsletter

JULY 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

This July there are several things that the whole church should keep in mind, starting with July 6th and 13th. On these Sundays, during the Education Hour, we will be going over the Mission Statement, the Vision Statement, and the Values of Holy Cross. These were put together by taking input from the congregation through personal visits, a survey, gathering the history of Holy Cross, and leadership in the church working with an outside consulting group. I'm excited to share them with you all and get your reactions. Right now they are about 99% solid. The 6th and 13th will cover the same material so please try to make at least one of those Sundays.

Then, on Sunday July 20th during the Education Hour, there will be a step by step demonstration of our new church communication app. Bring your phones or tablets (also make sure you have any passwords you need to download an app) and we

will make sure you are connected. The app is called Church Center and it is going to help us stay connected and keep everyone in the loop with what is happening with Holy Cross.

The month rounds out with the Garage Sale (which has more information elsewhere in the newsletter) and a Voters Meeting on July 27th during the Education Hour.

Also during July we will roll out a communication card system at worship. I am asking everyone to fill out at least their name every week, this will help us do better at caring for people when something happens and they aren't around for a while. The cards also have space for prayer requests and general input.

*Peace in Christ, Pastor Marc*



## EDUCATION HOUR

This month is full of special meetings. On July 6th and 13th we will go over the updated Mission, Vision, and Values for Holy Cross. On the 20th is a training session on how to get on and use the Church Center app which will help us all stay connected. And on the 27th is a Voter's Meeting.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

As a community of faith, we are called to lift each other up in prayer and support. We invite you to share your prayer requests with us so that we can pray together as a church family. Whether you have personal concerns, joys, or challenges weighing on your heart, we are here to pray with you. Your requests can be submitted confidentially through email or given to Pastor Marc. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference through the power of prayer.

## MISSION VALUES AND VISION

Exciting news!! During the Education Hour after worship on Sundays July 6th and 13th we will be discussing the Mission Statement, Values, and Vision Statement for Holy Cross that the leadership has worked on putting together over the last six months with the coaching and consultation of the Unite Leadership Collective. They are 99% solid and we would like everyone in the congregation to have an opportunity to work through these together so we can solidify them completely and start using them to direct our ministry inside and beyond our doors. An electronic copy of them will be sent out July 6th for all those who are unable to be at the Education Hour.



## Happenings

Please submit all articles for the Happenings by Wednesdays at 10 am.



## 2025 • HUGE MISSIONS GARAGE SALE

Proceeds from the sale will benefit Poble, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach.

### Wednesday, July 23

Early Bird Sale 5:00-7:00 pm

Members - free entry

Non-members - \$10 entry

### Thursday & Friday, July 24-25

9:00am-5:00pm

### Saturday, July 26

9:00am-12:00 Noon

Garage sale items may be brought in and placed in the preschool room now through **Monday, July 21st.**

**All donated items should be clean and in working order. We will not be accepting clothes.** We will accept shoes, boots, jackets and coats in very good condition. **We will not accept electronics** unless new and in the box. Due to government regulations, we cannot accept baby cribs, pack and plays or car/booster seats.

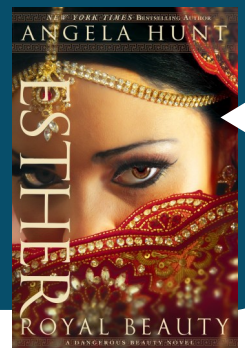
**Volunteer sign-up sheets** are posted in the commons. Questions? Talk with Pam or Sheri B., co-chairs.

## BIBLE BOOKENDERS

**July 29, 2025** - Esther (Royal Beauty) by Angela Hunt

**October 29, 2025** - Broken Bonds by Amy Mantravadi

Questions contact Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.





## Coffee Servers

July 6	Rich & Rostina Vannett
July 13	Charlie & Donna Vig
July 20	James & Joy Anderson
July 27	Steve & Dorene Oak

If you are not able to serve on your assigned day, please find an alternate to fill in, and make the notation on the serving list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

## SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study this summer is on Romans - Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm. July dates



are 2, 9, and 16th. Invite friends and neighbor women to join us. What a blessing to be able to study God's Word together. The schedule of weekly scripture readings in Romans for the Women's Bible Study is available on the count me in bulletin board. There is also a sign up sheet. Come when you can, even if you haven't signed up. Questions, contact Michele Lein.



Mike Hentges .....	July 5
Bonnie Nowak .....	July 5
Meg Batchelder .....	July 7
Shari Schulze .....	July 8
Daniel Vannett .....	July 9
Brad Lein .....	July 12
Norma Jabs .....	July 16
Larry Sasse .....	July 18
Corey Einarson .....	July 20

## HOLY CROSS

### NEW LOGO!

You will notice an updated logo for Holy Cross being used on things. Adult members were asked to vote between three logos: the previous one, an updated one with the previous colors, and an updated one with new colors. The updated one with the previous colors won with 83% of the votes.

# VOTERS MEETING

**JULY 27 at 10:25 AM**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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