

Newsletter

AUGUST 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus!

The Garage Sale was quite the first experience for me. The amount of work that went into it was immense, but so were the results. As everyone takes a deep breath after all the work of the Garage Sale we also look forward to what's next in our life together at Holy Cross. There are plans in the works for a church-wide recreational boat ride and we are figuring out what will be our "beyond our doors" event for the Fall quarter.

As we are in planning and in prep mode for our next events, please take the time to add a picture to your profile on Church Center, or get onto Church Center altogether. About half the membership has put info on the directory so far, which is great, but there are only a handful of profile pictures. I know this can be a bit daunting, so I am here to help! Just let me know what the hiccup is and we will figure out a way around it.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Marc

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Holy Cross will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) but we are considering a new approach to how we collect and put together the shoeboxes. Stay tuned for further details!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Starts on
September 7th!**
Watch for more
info to come.

EDUCATION HOUR



In August we will be starting a new series during the Education Hour called the **Elements of Faith**. It is a deep dive into the elements of faith given to us in the Creeds of the Church.

2025 • HUGE MISSIONS GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale was a Success!

What a week; actually make that three weeks! It took a lot of prep work to get ready, which could not have been accomplished without all the hours put in by our faithful volunteers. Thank you so very much! Thank you also to those who donated and... purchased! At this time, our total is \$8,354. (Just for comparison in 2022 we raised \$4407.00 and in 2024 we raised \$5948.00 - there was no sale in 2023.) There are items that will be placed on Facebook Marketplace so the amount will continue to change. We'll keep you updated!

The Lord blessed our efforts which in turn will bless POBLO.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Come get away, relax and rejoice! Join us for, *Christ's Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ* with Rebekah Curtis, co-author of the book *Lady-like, Living Biblically*.

The Fall Women's Retreat is September 12-13, 2025 and will be held at Camp Omega in Waterville. Friday evening is optional and will have fellowship activities as well as taking part in a Mat Makers service project. Saturday registration starts at 8:15 am with the day's activities from 9am to 4pm. The day will include the speaker, worship, bible study, fellowship activities, the Mat Makers project as well as lunch. It's a wonderful time with fellow sisters-in-Christ.

Registration is \$50 and is due by Tuesday, August 26. Information and the registration form is posted on the LWML board in the Commons. For questions, speak to Joy Anderson or Pam Hunter.

TAKING CARE OF THE TWIN CITIES

In partnership with Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina. Go *First!* Ministry Conference Volunteer Day is Sunday, August 24, 2025. Lunch and dinner provided.



Redemption Lutheran Church
927 E Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN

Help prepare for our MNS District *Go First!* Ministry Conference in September.

Join in this one-day event of indoor and outdoor service projects. Open to all ages. Bring your family, youth group, friends, and neighbors. To register go to the MN South District website or click on the QR code.



WEEKEND HANG OUT (W.H.O.)

Weekend Hang Out is a new collaboration between four churches in our circuit to



provide connection and community for people in their 20's and 30's. Organizers rotate every month and schedule something to do. This month Redemption is organizing the hangout, the details are below. Let's get some folks from Holy Cross there!

Savage Tap, 12925 Eagle Creek Pkwy, Savage, MN 55378 on **August 23 from 7-10pm**. Feel free to stop in and leave when you would like. Please let Johnathon know if you are planning on joining. Reach out at henery55423@gmail.com or 612-816-3167.



Coffee Servers

Aug 3	Steve & Dorene Oak
Aug 10	Randy & Nancy Baldwin
Aug 17	Dave & Carol Albrecht
Aug 24	Norma & Evelyn Jabs
Aug 31	Wendy Fitzwater /Joyce

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!



Tess Lerum	August 1
Carol Ham	August 5
Noah Reyes Reints	August 7
Jace Fitzwater	August 11
Alanna Hentges	August 11
Mary Deluhery	August 13
Lance Lerum	August 13
Charlie Vig	August 14
Wendy Fitzwater	August 16
Jace Reyes Reints	August 18
Chloe Oxborough	August 20
Caitlin Oxborough	August 20
Sheri Brunner	August 24
Dave Albrecht	August 31

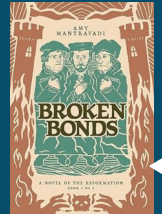
A THREE HOUR CRUISE

Oops, make that a two hour cruise! We are planning a Holy Cross fellowship opportunity of going on a Lady of the Lake cruise on Lake Minnetonka, Excelsior. The date is Saturday, **September 6th at 12:30 pm**; boarding at 12:15. Tickets are \$22 plus tax for adults and \$14 plus tax for 12 & under. We want all who would like to go to be able to join us so scholarships will be available; please speak to pastor. Onboard they offer beverages and light snacks; outside food may be brought on board. **A sign up sheet is on the board in the Commons.** If interested in carpooling from church, please indicate after your name. Tickets will be ordered on Monday, the 11th. Information about the Lady of the Lake cruises can be found at ladyofthelakecruise.com.



BIBLE BOOKENDERS

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Broken Bonds by Amy Mantravadi. Come join us for this historical fiction novel of the Reformation in Book 1 of 2. It is set in 1524 and Europe is in flames. The Church is fracturing, revolution is brewing and society is changing rapidly.



Three authors who shaped this new world with their pens are Martin Luther, Desiderius Erasmus, and Philipp Melancthon. The public stand these authors take are controversial based on their opinions, changes happening in the church and changes happening in the world. They each have strong personalities, and things in their past that threaten their credibility. Their lives are woven together in a unique and interesting way. This is a book about the things that terrify us, the battles we wage, and the hope that give us strength.

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm, Once Upon a Wardrobe by Patti Callahan. Where did Narnia come from? The answer will change everything!!

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