



# CROSSlink

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Sundays 8:30am (Sanctuary)  
Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study/Fish Club  
Sundays 10:45 am (LOFT)

September 2023

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

"The Holy Cross"

Pastor Zac Patterson

As we enter September, we come again to the Church festival for our church's name's sake, Holy Cross Day (September 14<sup>th</sup>). It's a day that we focus on Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for us sinners and praise Him for His great sacrifice on our behalf. But this day also got me thinking of something else related to the cross, namely all of the different variants of crosses that we see across Christendom. Some people have very strong opinions about what crosses are good and which aren't, so let's talk about them.

First, there's the Empty Cross. Even these can have many different variants, such as the Jerusalem Cross, the Celtic Cross, the Tau Cross, Anchored Cross, etc. Most common of these, in American circles, is the Latin Cross. You can Google these and others and you can see all of the different styles. Because they are empty, they are often simple, which makes it easier and cheaper to replicate. The one downside of these crosses is that if someone who's not a Christian looks at a blank cross, they may not immediately connect it with Jesus. This is why I actually prefer the next 3 styles of crosses.

Second, there's the Crucifix. This cross is usually a Latin cross, but instead of being empty, the body of Jesus is nailed to it. It depicts His death on Good Friday. There are many people who don't like these types of crosses. One reason often given is something along the lines of, "Jesus isn't still on the cross. He's alive and risen, so why have Him on the cross?" If people had crucifixes because they thought Jesus was still dead on the cross then, yes, they would be bad crosses. However, that's not at all what is being confessed with the crucifix. It's not the cross itself that makes Good Friday special, but rather the One who died on that cross. The crucifix shows the moment of salvation. It shows Jesus dead on the cross, paying the price for your sins, and that your salvation, as Jesus said, "it is finished". This is the sacrifice that gives you life everlasting.

Third, there's the Resurrected Jesus Cross. This cross has Jesus on the cross, but instead of being nailed to it, He is alive and has His hands raised up. This cross emphasizes that Jesus is indeed alive and raised from the dead, yet still connects His resurrection to the cross.

Fourth, there's the Christus Rex (Christ the King) Cross. This cross is similar to the crucifix. Jesus' hands and feet are nailed to the cross. However, instead of him being dead and dressed in only a loincloth, He is fully clothed in royal garb and is fully awake. His position is also one of having life and strength, not hanging there in death. This cross emphasizes that Jesus did die, but He did so as King of kings, ruler over all, even death itself, and that He would not remain dead, but live as King for eternity.

We, at Holy Cross, have two of these kinds of crosses. We have many empty crosses around the property, including them being prominently placed in the Sanctuary and the LOFT. We also have a crucifix on the Sanctuary altar. All of these crosses are meant to point to Christ, with the crucifix specifically placed on the altar to remind you of His sacrifice and shedding of His blood, the blood which you receive in the Lord's Supper.

The cross is a central image for Christians around the globe. However, it's not about the cross alone, but rather about the One who died on the cross. When you look at crosses, regardless of style, may you always be reminded of Jesus, who suffered, died, and rose for you, that you may be forgiven of your sins and receive life everlasting.

### **CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10**

Please plan to join us at our Annual Church Picnic which will start at noon, rain or shine.

- + Enjoy fellowship under a big tent or on our shady lawn.
- + Enjoy a wonderful lunch with chicken, hot dogs and cold drinks provided by OWLS.
- + Enjoy KATE'S KRITTERS PETTING ZOO with children of all ages.
- + Enjoy BINGO and children's games and prizes!
- + Meet new members, school families and our neighbors who are all invited.
- + Wear your favorite football team "Swag" for a group picture!

☺ Bring a lawn chair and a dish or dessert to share. Sign up sheets in Narthex and LOFT .

☺ We are collecting "White Elephant" prizes for the BINGO games in a box in the narthex and LOFT foyer.

Thrivent Financial is also providing some funds for this event for all of us to enjoy.

### **Sunday School starts September 10, 9:15am - Rally Day!!**

Some of our Elders have agreed to teach Sunday School this year. The Sunday School classes for this fall will follow a book (The Story Bible) that has a bible story allowing discussions and an activity suggestion, followed by a prayer. By teaching our children to have a relationship with God, they can be forever reminded of His love. If you are interested in joining the Elders and serving as Sunday School teachers or assistants, please contact Pastor. **Sunday School normally meets Sundays at 9:45am in the lower LOFT for children ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade**, allowing parents to attend Adult Bible Class.

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR KIDS FOR CHRIST! "KFC"**

We meet with our students in grades Preschool-8 every week in a fun and engaging way. The groups are broken down as follows: Christian Playgroup-- Preschool/Kindergarten Crosstown-- Grades 1-3, Jesus Company--Grades 4-6, and Confirmation--Grades 7-8. Our desire is for our students to use this time to make friends and learn more about the Lutheran Christian faith. We will have blast playing games, making crafts, eating dinner (YES! dinner each week at 5:00), and growing in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please come and bring a friend! **New this year--chime choir for grades 1-8 at 4:15.**

Class is each Thursday from 4:15-6:30, ***starting on Sept. 7th***. (School breaks and holidays =no class). A detailed calendar is available at the church on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and LOFT foyer.

There is a \$35 fee per child for the entire school year. Please pay by check or cash by September 7. Volunteers are needed as well. Please see Chrissy Heiss for more information.

### **"KFC" NEEDS HELP FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

**Kids For Christ** will begin again on *September 7* and continue Thursdays throughout the school year. The activities are expanding, but supper is a big part of the program. See Chrissy Heiss to get information about **providing supper** (Meals or Money for meals) for the kids and staff. We usually provide for about 30-40 people.

## **OWLS HAPPENINGS**

OWLS will meet at noon on September 7 in the lower LOFT to share lunch and an afternoon with friends. Elaine will be the host and provide dessert and a devotion. You may bring books and magazines to trade or donate to Ablelight Thrift Shop. OWLS is open to everyone who enjoys games, puzzles, conversation and fellowship. Bring your own lunch and a favorite game you enjoy

OWLS plan a trip to Royal Oak Orchard in Hebron, IL on Thursday, September 21. Meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to form carpools. You may bring your lunch or enjoy purchasing food offered onsite. Royal Oak offers 'pick-your-own' or bagged and ready apples to take home. Please sign up on the OWLS bulletin board so we can plan for drivers and riders.

## **JULIET'S BOOK CLUB- Special Note:**

JULIET'S Book Club will meet at Panera Bread in Fox River Grove at 6:00pm on SEPTEMBER 11, due to the holiday. Currently reading a new book titled " Love Stories of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Brehm. Please contact Kathy (224-623-4026) for more information.

## **Help Holy Cross Lutheran School with snacks!**

Fill a box for us (or put something in the kitchen refrigerator) with some of the following ideas:

Craisins	Go-Go Fruit	Ranch Dressing
Raisins	Crackers	String Cheese
Cheerios	Animal Crackers	Pretzel Sticks
Go-Gurt	Vanilla Wafers	Clementines
Skinny Pop	Small Round Tortilla Chips	Kix Cereal
Apples	Salsa	Graham Crackers
Bananas	Carrots	Sliced Cheese

There are lists by the boxes if you want one to take with you shopping! *Thank you for helping!*

## **AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS**

at Walcamp is a wonderful way to celebrate another wonderful summer in God's creation. Early arrival activities begin at 4 p.m. on **Saturday, September 16**, with activities around the lake and lawn. Music and food begin at dusk. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a selection of foods and beverages. You may also choose to bring your own picnic supper. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and join in the fun and fellowship. Visit <http://www.WALCAMP.org/STARS> for information and tickets. Walcamp is located in Kingston, Illinois at 32653 Five Points Road.

## **VENDOR FAIR – November 17 & 18**

Vendor Fair organizers need help with putting out signs around our community, staffing the Bake Sale and NEW2You booths. Sign up on the posters near the entrance. Pick up some flyers in the LOFT or narthex and share with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers!

## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**

The class is from 10-11:00am in the conference room by the offices. Everyone is welcome! Join in any time!

## **LOOKING FOR A GOOD AUTUMN READ?**

Our Holy Cross Library is filled with great books and videos. Find something you like, read or watch and return it for the next person. It's FREE!! Thank you to Diane Perrone for organizing the library!

## DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Then you should come to choir, of course! September is the ideal time to start up with us. Come try it out, we know you will like it.

*Did you know that singing in a choir is as good for you as exercise?*

- reduces stress
- improves breathing and circulation
- enhances your immune system
- releases those 'feel-good' hormones

God is gracious to provide physical and mental benefits to singing to him as he commands. By participating you are leading a witness to the great things our God has done. Why not enhance your spiritual and physical life in choir? **Starting Sept. 6, we meet every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the balcony.**

### **\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE ON STAINED GLASS WINDOWS\*\*\*\*\***

**The Stained-Glass windows have been PAID OFF!!!!** A huge thank you to all who contributed to our commitment and made it possible to pay this off in a timely manner! Watch for information about a "Celebration of Thankfulness" in the near future. **We are very blessed!!! Thank you for your generosity !!**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**September 7 – Kids For Christ starts!**

**September 9- NO 5:30 or Taize service**

**September 10 – 9:15 Bible Study and Only service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary  
(No 8:30 or 10:45 services)**

Followed by our **Church Picnic & Rally Day at noon !!!**

**Food, Fellowship, & FUN and GAMES!!**

**November 17 & 18- Vendor Fair !!!** Sign up as a vendor, volunteer, or come to shop!! Contact Kathy (224-623-4026) or Diane (847-658-6794) for more information.

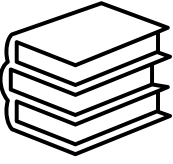

**Pray without Ceasing....** 

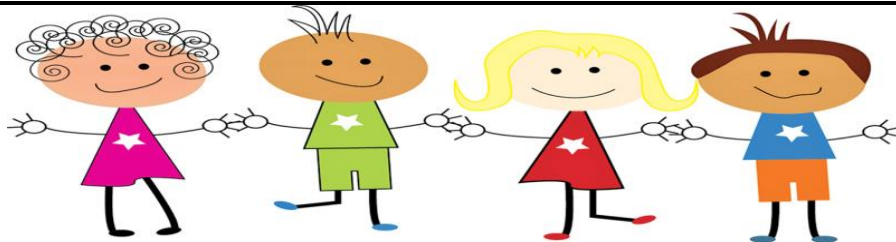
**Pray for our School!! Pray for our Church!!!**

**Pray for our Community and Government!!**

**Pray for our Pastor, Ministries and Volunteers!!!**

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Pat Bailey	4	5	6	7	8 Kathy Lazzerini	9 Joyce Hurley
10 Jim Urbates	11 Ed Curtis	12	13 Katie Shaykin	14	15 Hannah Kosiba	16 Chrissy Heiss
17	18	19 Chris Matthaei	20 Mark Walke	21 Melody Stanko	22 Frank Harnisch Dave LaBuda	23 Barbara Buytendorp Adam Glaysner Kurt Lazzerini Amy Wagner
24 Cora Sample- Janssen	25 Karth Barr Hannah Brown Ted Wagner	26	27 Doug Olson Michael Sanford	28	29 Jane Karsten Ellen Gezella	30



**BACK TO SCHOOL TIME**

# What's Happening This Month:

NOTE CHANGES						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 2023</b>					1	2
3 8:30am Worship (Sanct) 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship (LOFT)	4 Labor Day Office Closed  No School	5 10-11:00am Bible Study	6 7:00pm Choir	7 12:00pm OWLS  KFC starts! 4:15-6:30	8	9 <b>NO Worship Service or Taize</b>
10 9:15am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanct) Church Picnic and Rally Day starting at noon!	11 6:00pm Juliet's at FRG Panera	12 10-11am Bible Study  5:30pm Elder's  7:00 Dartball	13 7:00pm Choir	14 10:00am Prayer Shawl  4:15-6:30 KFC  5:30 Finance	15	16 5:30pm Worship  Walcamp Event
17 8:30am Worship (Sanct) 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship (LOFT)	18	19 10-11am Bible Study  6:30pm Gov. Board	20 7:00pm Choir	21 OWLS trip to Royal Oaks  4:15-6:30 KFC	22	23 Janice Dranka Memorial Service 11:00am  5:30pm Worship
24 8:30am Worship (Sanct) 9:45am Bible Study 10:45am Worship (LOFT)	25  (Crosslink Deadline)	26 10-11am Bible Study  7:00 Dartball	27 7:00pm Choir	28 10:00am Prayer Shawl 4:15-6:30 KFC 6:45pm Trustees	29	30

*Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us..*

Psalm 90:17