

October 2026 Newsletter



Special points of interest:

- Sunday School Started
- Call Committee Update
- Mike Main preaching Sunday October 18
- Feed My Starving Children - Community service opportunity
- Trunk or Treet new location
- Annual Fall Supper October 21 4:30-7 pm

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Pastor's Ponderings By Pastor Carl Billings

I preached on Matthew 18 at the beginning of September. If you were not here, I would encourage you to listen to the Facebook feed. This is also the second newsletter article I am writing about the Matthew 18 principle. The reason is twofold. First, open and honest relationships are vital for a healthy congregation. Second, as I said in that sermon, this is simple but hard, and we, as followers of Christ, must be willing to take that hard road. You might be thinking, "Wow, something must have happened at church. Pastor is really pushing this. Nothing has happened that I'm aware of. It's just that this is vitally important for the future health of the congregation.

Let me recap what Jesus says. If you have a problem with someone, go directly to them. If that does not work, bring a leader of the congregation with you and see if you can settle the issue. If not, then bring it to council. What we are not supposed to do is go to others stirring up the issue.

When we deal with a difficult issue, there are three attitudes that we need to keep in mind, and that help us to get to forgiveness: Honesty, we need to express our viewpoint and our feelings honestly; Openness, remember we might be wrong; and finally Compassion for the person with whom we disagree.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector

Matthew 18:15-17

Remember we serve a loving Lord who cares for us and for those with whom we disagree. Ask the Lord's help in showing his love with those with whom you disagree, both inside and outside the Church.

Be Hope-filled, Stay Strong,
God's Got This

Pastor Carl



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Sunday School By April Goodwin

Sunday School Is Underway!

As the days grow shorter and summer has moved on, we are excited to welcome children and families to Sunday School. A new year brings new opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, and learn more about God's love. We started Sunday School on September 20th. If you want your children involved in Sunday School they can start at any time.



Whether your family has been attending for years or you're considering Sunday School for the very first time, we invite you to join us. There is a place for everyone! Children are not just the future of the church-They are an important part of the church today. Every Bible story, every song, every craft, every prayer, and every smile is another opportunity to plant seeds of faith that God will continue to nurture throughout their lives. We encourage parents, grandparents, and friends to help us spread the word and invite a child to come along. Sometimes a simple invitation is all it takes to help a child discover a church family where they are welcomed and pointed to Christ.

Sunday School is a reminder of Jesus' words:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

At the time of this writing we just completed the first Sunday School class lead by Jeanne Jeske and Megan Talbert assisted. Their were 13 students present from ages 4 to 11!

Sunday School starts with Pastor Carl doing a children's sermon, then the children move to the Sunday School class. This last week's lesson was on creation, "God Made Everything".



Each week, our children will hear

different Bible stories, participate in hands-on activities, and discover how God's Word applies to their everyday lives. Our prayer is that every child who walks through our doors knows they are loved by God and by their church family.

Please join us in praying for our students and volunteer teachers. May God bless them, strengthen our faith, and continue to build His kingdom through the children of Holy Cross.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers each week to make Sunday School possible. We appreciate YOU!

If you would like to help with this, the sign up sheet is on the Sunday School Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2026

Council Meeting minutes Holy Cross Lutheran Church September 14th 2026

Pastor Carl Billings

Chair April Goodwin

Present at the meeting: April, Wes, Joan, Anna, Melanie, Barb

The Mission of Holy Cross is:

“Called by the Holy Spirit to come, to grow, to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.”

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President April Goodwin

- Adoption of Agenda with additions Anna made motion, Barb 2nd, all in favor
- Approval of Secretary's Report -August Anna made motion, Joan 2nd, all in favor
- Approval of Pastor's Report

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Call Committee:

- Meeting with potential pastor on Thursday evening 9/17.

Faith and Fun:

- Rally Sunday for Sunday school will be on 9/20. Still looking for teachers to fill in gaps.
- Confirmation starts 9/23. 6-6:45 class, service for all 6:45-7:15.
- Potential plan to attend Feed My Starving Children on 10/14.
- 9th grade confirmation on Sunday 10/25.
- Veterans Dinner 11/8.
- Would love to have more participants to promote ideas at the monthly meeting, which is usually the first Monday of the month at 6 pm.

Resources:

- Reviewed financials
- Anna made motion to move 9802.80 from fair fund to the general fund, Barb 2nd.
- Anna made motion to accept financial report, Barb 2nd.
- Considering moving CDs to a money market, which has a higher interest rate and could be accessed easier.

Property Management:

- Estimates for plowing, sidewalks, shed obtained. Need to figure out priorities of what is most important. Next meeting TBD.
- AV: waiting on installation

April will serve coffee on October 4th.

Next meeting is Monday October 12th at 7pm.

Anna motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, Barb seconded; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Barb

“These minutes have not been approved by the council so not yet official minutes”

Confirmation Corner By Jill Logghe

CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN!

Please join us as the following 9th GRADE CONFIRMANDS seek to AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, at the 9:00 Worship Service.

Asher Hoffman

Charles Hoffman

Reezye Jeske

George Lorenz

Xavier Mosing

Connor Ohman

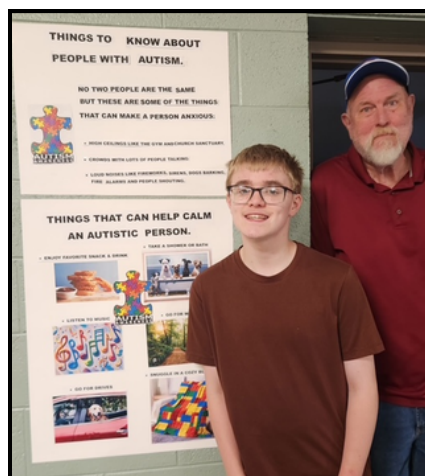
Carson Thayer

Hats off to Reece Jeske and Xavier Mosing for completing their community service projects.

Reezye organized a "Blue Light Fundraiser"

and Xavier created posters for "Autism Awareness".

to support our local police



"I chose to do autism awareness posters for my confirmation project. I think people should know what autistic people feel like and what can make them feel better."

Xavier Mosing

We have booked a community service opportunity for ALL Confirmands to volunteer at

Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, on

Wednesday, October 14th - This is an early release school date.

We will leave Holy Cross at **3:00 pm**, serve **5:00-6:30 pm**, stop at pizza/fast food for dinner, and return to Holy Cross **8:30-9:00 pm**.

Parents, mentors and ALL congregation members are welcome to volunteer.

Sign up on kiosk in narthex or contact church office/Jill Logghe 715-977-2092.

Rehearsal for Confirmation is Sunday, October 11th, following worship. Students are fitted for gowns, bake communion bread and create bookmarks for the Confirmation Banner.



GREAT NEWS!!!

Fresh Harvest Pantry has stepped up and offered to continue monthly drive through food distributions previously done by St Croix Valley Food Bank in Glenwood City here at Holy Cross.

They will continue with the same schedule,

the 3rd Thursday of the month from 11-Noon

Next distribution will be

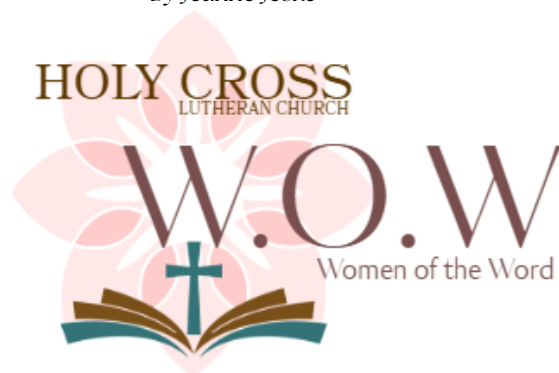
Thursday October 15th

11:00 am - Noon

Back parking lot of Holy Cross



WOW By Jeanne Jeske



WOW GATHERING

Come join the ladies of the church on Thursday September 24 for a quilt making gathering. Mary Ann Ross has been leading this project for many years and what a worthy cause it is. No experience necessary. Nine till 12, or come when you can, followed by a potluck lunch and socializing. Hope you can make it.

Our annual Fall Supper will be a working gathering held on October 21. (See information on back page)

Watch for upcoming ways in which you can help.

God's blessings to all.

Quilters

August work day found us finishing 8 more quilts bringing our total so far to 61 quilts. Our group has been smaller, but lots of work gets done.

Thank you to Jill Logghe, who drove to help deliver the quilts to the warehouse. We were able to visit with the vice-president there and he told us, as for now, St. Paul is the only one accepting the quilts. He also said they have only 4 workers in the warehouse and managed to send 1.2 million quilts over a short time. That's amazing. Also, thank you to John Logghe, Ned Hahn, and Melanie Hill for helping load them.

I know there have been more donations recently and I do want to thank you and also to all who donated throughout the year and continue to do so. We will be able to keep going for some time.

It is fast approaching the time when we will be meeting earlier in the month because of the holidays. Hard to believe summer is almost over and fall is coming.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped our group.

We hope to see more of you join us in the coming months.



Call Committee Update By Joan Bartz

The Call Committee wants to thank everyone for the continued prayers and support as we discern God's will for Holy Cross as it relates to our next permanent pastor. We did hear back after Labor Day from Pastor John Hoyum. He is feeling that he is still called to do good works at his church in Washington.

We are currently having conversations with Pastor Mike Main as he seeks God's will about getting back into full-time ministry. We are planning to have him preach on **Sunday, October 18th** and we hope you will plan to be with us for that.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and for our future pastor, whomever they may be.

We will continue to give updates in church as we have them.



Resources Financial Update By Joan Bartz

We had another solid month of giving as we wrap up the summer and begin to get back into our fall routine. We were up by \$651 for the month, and we are ahead of our original budgeted income by a little over \$32,000. To put this in perspective, if you remember, we did increase the budget with two separate votes – one to rent a house for pastor and the second to purchase the AV equipment.

Even with this, we are still over our original budget by about \$24,600. We are also over our original budget on expenses as we would expect with these increases. As I am being transparent in this, I realize we should probably update the budget numbers on the right hand column of this report and we will discuss this at our next Resource meeting. Overall, the message is we are very pleased with the financials and thankful for all of you.

For those with a watchful eye, you may notice that our restricted checking amount is higher than usual. The fair stand income is still showing in there. The council voted to have that moved to the unrestricted fund, so it will look back to normal next month. Again, thank you to the entire congregation for your continued faithfulness in the stewardship of your resources – both time and treasures! We appreciate you all!



HOLY CROSS FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of August 31st, 2026

	Monthly	2026 YTD Actual	2025 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget
Regular Giving	\$ 9,834	\$ 82,545	\$ 74,150	\$ 76,664
Simply Giving	\$ 1,930	\$ 15,677	\$ 16,183	\$ 13,336
Misc Giving/Income	\$ 2,361	\$ 37,370	\$ 31,107	\$ 13,368
Total Income	\$ 14,125	\$ 135,592	\$ 121,440	\$ 103,368
Total Expenses	\$ 13,474	\$ 123,927	\$ 76,461	\$ 102,520
Net Income	\$ 651	\$ 11,665	\$ 44,979	
Unrestricted Checking			\$ 53,108.02	
Restricted Checking			\$ 21,065.35	
TOTAL CHECKING BALANCE			\$ 74,173.37	



Feed My Starving Children

A Community Service Opportunity



3:00 pm - leave Holy Cross

5:00-6:30 pm serve ,

stop at pizza/fast food for dinner on way home
return to Holy Cross **8:30-9:00 pm**.

**This is open to anyone
who would like to join us.**

Sign up on kiosk in narthex or contact church
office/Jill Logghe 715-977-2092.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
11:00AM - 12:30PM

MAIN STREET, GLENWOOD CITY
BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND STREET
New Location!

KIDS COME IN COSTUME!
LIGHT SNACKS AND CANDY PROVIDED!

WANT TO SIGN UP AS A "TRUNK"?
Contact:
ELLEN @ 715-781-5000
ALEX @ 715-781-7814

WANT TO DONATE CANDY?
CONTACT ELLEN OR ALEX!

HOSTED BY THE
GLENWOOD CITY AREA COMMUNITY CLUB

October Birthdays

10/1 Reeyce Jeske	10/17 Hunter Bonte	10/25 Greg Olson
John Moe	Travis Teigen	10/26 Scott Hoffman
10/2 Kinsley Schug	10/18 Aiden Thompson	Henry Bartz
10/7 Ronald Johnson	10/19 Lisa Krueger	10/27 Lori Luepke
Asher Hoffman	Dennis Flick	10/28 Riley Krueger
10/8 Craig Lindstrom	Bennett Kerr	10/29 Lisa Logghe
10/10 Matthew Schutz	10/21 Roger Ludtke	10/30 Vickie Grant
10/11 Cam Unruh	10/22 Jack Lindelof	
10/15 Thomas Best	10/23 John Mastbergen	
10/16 Kyra Dahl	10/24 Carol Kelm	
Gerald Maske	Bennett Brahmer	



October



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* <i>Holy Communion</i>				1	2	3
4 9am – Worship Sunday School 10:10 – Fellowship	* 5 11:00am Bible Study at Havenwood 6:00pm Fath & Life/FUN	6	7 5:30-Confirmaitn Meal 5:55-Confirmation Class 6:45 Mid-week Worship	* 8 10:30 am Glenhaven Worship	9	10 7:30-4:30 Building Rental Marigold Quilt Class
----- LCMC Annual Gathering ---						
11 9am – Worship Sunday School 10:10 – Fellowship 10:10 – Confirmaiton Rehersal	12 11:00am Bible Study at Havenwood 12-6 Bloodmobile at HC St John's Sponsoring 6:00 pm Resources Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 6:00 pm Threads of God's Love	14 3:00-Confirmaitn Class to Feed My Starving Children 6:45 Mid-week Worship	15	16	17
18 9am – Worship Mike Main Sunday School 10:10 – Fellowship	* 19 11:00am Bible Study at Havenwood	20	21 10:00 am WOW Bingo at Glenhaven 4:30-7:00 pm Fall Supper 6:45 Mid-week Worship NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	* 22 8:00 am Quilting 12:00 Potluck Lunch	23	24
25 Confirmation Sunday 9am – Worship Sunday School 10:10 – Fellowship	26 11:00am Bible Study at Havenwood	27	28 5:30-Confirmaitn Meal 5:55-Confirmation Class 6:45 Mid-week Worship	29	30	31

Assisting with Worship

Month	Altar Guild	Ushers	3 rd Sunday Fellowship	Sundays
October	April Goodwin	Mastbergen Family	Needed	4 Sundays
November	Gloria Hill	Wes Booth & Family	Booth Family	5 Sundays

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Called by the Holy Spirit
to come,
to grow,
to live
as disciples of Jesus Christ

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Annual Fall Supper

Wednesday October 21, 2026
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Dine-in at the Fellowship Hall or Carry Out Available

 Proceeds will go to
West Cap Food Pantry
and other WOW ministries.

Menu:
Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Squash, Green Beans, Wild Rice Stuffing,
Dinner Roll, and Pumpkin Bar

\$15.00 a Meal
\$7.00 6-10 years old
5 years and younger free

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