



crosstalk

Rev. Lando Anderson, Pastor
Jennifer Bakken, SMCO Coordinator
Tyler Egge, Ministry Associate
Mark Ferri, Music Director
Tricia Murphy, Preschool Director
Diana Potter, Finance Director

SPRING 2024

- 1 A Note From Pastor Lando
- 2 Spring Schedule of Events
- 3 Upcoming Events
- 4 Ministry Moments
- 5 Ministry Partners Updates

A Note From Pastor Lando

I absolutely love spring! The warmer weather, the melting away of snow and ice (and the certainty that if more comes, it won't stay long), the pitter patter of cool rains, the return of birds...the list can go on and on. Most of all, I love the hope, promise, and expectation that is present in all of creation unlike any other time of the year.

There's a quote from Martin Luther that regularly crosses my mind in the springtime, especially when I slow down long enough to look closely at the buds on a tree or fresh shoots making their way out of the earth: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

A favorite Easter hymn also comes to mind: "Now the Green Blade Rises." As it is with most hymns I enjoy, while the tune draws me in first, it's the imagery and proclamation that keeps me engaged:

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green. (v. 1)

From the start, the hymn draws on the same metaphor Luther refers to in the quote above, as well as Jesus' own words from John 12, that "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Unlike springtime, which only happens once a year, Jesus speaks of the hour that has come and the hymn highlights the moment at hand now—reminding us that unlike something we anxiously wait for that is fleeting, that all too quickly fades away like a passing season, the good news of Easter resurrection is evergreen. It is true, when all is smooth sailing and faith is certain, and it is just as true (as we hear in the fourth verse):
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

This spring and Easter season, may you be filled with faith knowing that Christ's Easter promises are for you. May you witness the newness and fullness of resurrection in the world around you, in your relationships, and in your heart...now...and always.

Spring Events



Wednesday Worship

Wednesday worship will continue through April 24th. You are invited to join our youth in our Adopt-A-Highway project (near Wall Lake Oil on Hwy 42) on May 1st.

Pine Ridge Mission Trip

It's not too late to join in on our middle school through adult Pine Ridge Cultural Immersion experience June 23-28! Interested? Talk to Pastor Lando or Tyler ASAP.

Synod Assembly Voting Members

Consider representing Holy Cross at the South Dakota Synod Assembly May 31st-June 1st at Our Savior's Lutheran, SF. Any confirmed member can serve in this way. Talk to Pastor Lando if interested!

Community Outreach Opportunities

Necessities for Neighbors

Holy Cross has committed to provide **1,500 rolls of toilet paper** for the May 5th Necessities for Neighbors distribution at Peace Lutheran, SF. The Community Outreach Team is asking each family to contribute a large package (or two) of jumbo or double toilet paper during the month of April.

Necessities for Neighbors is a program of Charis Ministry Partners, a collaboration of all SF ELCA Lutheran Churches, that provides help with household items not covered by SNAP.

These are items that many take for granted but are necessities for healthy living. The following items are handed out to those who are in need: laundry detergent, diapers, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products.

Thank you, Holy Cross, for helping our Sioux Falls community!

Attention Graduates!



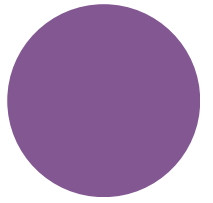
If you or someone you know are graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the HC office by Sunday, April 21st. We are making plans for Senior Recognition Sunday on May 12th. High school graduates who participate in this milestone will receive a quilt made by the Holy Cross Quilters!

- **Sunday, May 5th** is the last day of CrossKids!
- **Sunday, May 12th** we will celebrate our CrossKids teachers and helpers!

Upcoming Dates to remember!

Questions? Contact the Holy Cross office:
M-Th 9:00-2:00
605-362-1947
info@holycrosslutheranchurch.org

Upcoming Events!



FAMILY FUN DAY

CRIBbage AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!

APRIL 14TH

11:00 AM

GAMES!

CHILI COOK-OFF!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS

Enjoy a variety of games, chili, and fellowship!!

Save the Date :

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School 2024

Diving Into Friendship with God

June 17th-20th

More information coming soon.....



TOWN HALL MEETING

Come join us for the town hall meeting after 9:45 am worship on Apr 28th. Our church council will share some exciting things that are happening at Holy Cross.

28 APRIL 2024
11:00AM - 11:30 AM

For More Information
info@holycrosslutheranchurch.org

HOLY CROSS ANNUAL

SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS!!

APRIL 27TH AND MAY 4TH

- Outside Clean up
- Inside Clean up

Cleaning Tools Provided





Ministry Moments

Project Warm-Up

This spring, many individuals from preschoolers to adults have worked on blankets for Project Warm-Up. This organization gives blankets to people in the area who need extra warmth. Thank you to everyone who donated fleece, money, or time to serve our community!



Holy Cross Winter Retreat

We held our annual Winter Retreat at Inspiration Hills in March. Over 40 gathered together for this time spent away to connect with others and with God!

Communion Milestone

On Maundy Thursday, these young people celebrated the communion milestone. In February, they gathered with their families to explore communion by baking bread, making their own patens and chalices out of clay, and more!



MINISTRY PARTNERS NEWS

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS & RETREATS

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota



NESODAK

Spring Work Day - May 4th, 9:00-3:00

ADULT TRAVEL EVENTS

Spring Break - Twin Cities: April 23-25 | Includes Theatre, Zoos & Gardens, the Twins, and more! Go to <https://www.losd.org/adult-travel> for more information.

Holy Cross Prayer List

We invite you to pray for all those included in the ongoing prayer requests of this community, including: Eunice Schultz, Jenna Miller, Dean Jones, Alta Gaarder, Linda Jackson, Bud and Bev Lewison, and High School and College graduates



SHETEK
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

SHETEK WISH LIST

- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Extension Cords
- Volunteers
- Minivans
- Summer Staff - <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

- **APRIL 22ND-25TH QUILT & CRAFT RETREAT**
- **MAY 4TH SPRING CLEANUP**
- **MAY 11TH SPRING CLEANUP**
- **REGISTER AT SHETEK.ORG OR CALL 507-763-3567 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

WELCA Crossroads Conference Spring Gathering-All Women Welcome!

April 20th, 8:30-2:30

Registration opens at 8:30.
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
2208 W LaQuinta St - Sioux Falls SD
Theme: "Let's Get Connected"

Featured Speakers:

Pastor Kari Webb, SD ELCA Synod Staff
Janet Kittams, Help Line Center
Pastor Chris Matson, Church on the Street & Eat Well Mobile Market
Pastor Sawyer Vanden Heuvel, Shepherd's Table
Todd Smith, Charis Ministry Partners