

Holy Cross School News For You

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“With God All Things Are Possible”

Watch What You Hear

The famous missionary Samuel Zwemer was pleasantly surprised. He noticed that the people of Arabia eagerly read every bit of Christian literature he placed into their hands. But later he discovered that the people were paying not attention to what the literature said. They were only enjoying the beautiful Arabic in which it was written.

Though we receive the Word of God in many ways, we too can miss its message and the salvation it brings. We can enjoy the beautiful music of a hymn without even thinking about the hymn’s message. We can turn our Sunday school lessons into mere interesting stories and challenging activities. We can make our Bible reading and home devotions nothing but practice sessions in reading skills. Yes, it is possible for us to read and hear the Word of God day in and day out without receiving our Savior, Who comes to us through that Word.



Jesus said of some people: “Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand” (Matthew 13:13). This is why Jesus not only told us to hear His Word but added: “Take heed then *how* you hear.” (Luke 8:18).

Simply to have God’s Word register on our eardrums is not enough. Neither is it enough to see His Word with our eyes. We need to see and hear it deep in our hearts. But only God can give us this kind of seeing and hearing. This is why the psalmist prayed: “Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak.”

It’s a good idea to pray such a prayer and to pray it daily. For with God’s help we hear and learn the message of His love deep in our hearts. And by His help we get more out of His Word than just words. We receive the Lord Himself and eternal life!

Upcoming Holy Cross Events

October 19	M			
October 20	T		3:10 – 4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
October 21	W	Chapel & Mission Offering, 8:00 a.m.		Church Management Seminar
October 22	Th			Church Management Seminar
October 23	F		5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Fall Harvest Night, Schuster’s Farm
October 24	S			
October 25	S	Sunday Church Worship	8:15 a.m.	PreK–K5 sings, Grades 1-4 sing
October 26	M			
October 27	T	Retake day for pictures	6:30 p.m	PTO (Dashcund)
October 28	W	Chapel & Mission Offering, 8:00 a.m. Kids’ Connection video		
October 29	Th		6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Roller Skating & Costume party
October 30	F			*Crusader Times articles – K. Tweit
October 31	S	Rake, Work, & Pizza Day	9:00 a.m. - noon	
November 1	S	Reformation Day	3:00 p.m.	Daylight Savings Time Ends Packer – Viking Party

November 2	M	<i>History & Geography Fellowship Hall Display</i> Veterans' Day rehearsal, 10:30 a.m. A.D. meeting, 1:00 p.m., TS Luke's	5:15 p.m.	Worship Committee (Krause)
November 3	T		3:10 – 4:15 p.m.	Boys' volleyball practice
November 4	W	Chapel & Mission Offering, 8:00 a.m.	3:10 – 4:15 p.m.	Boys' volleyball practice
November 5	Th	Veterans' Day rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.	3:00 after school	Parent –T Conferences



November 6	F	No School – Parent / Teacher Conferences	scheduled during	the day
November 7	S			BLAC Boys' Volleyball, Ixonia
November 8	S	Sunday Church Worship		All Saints Day

Quarter Two

Welcome to our second quarter here at Holy Cross. We thank God for His continued blessings upon us. Thank you to parents and students for your continued support and dedication to Christian education. We are here to serve you.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns throughout this year. We consider it a joy and a privilege to be working together with you in teaching your children the saving truths of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and of His wonderful creation.

Teachers' Conference

Last week our staff attended the annual WELS / ELS state teachers' conference. This year it was held at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, under the theme "Stay Wet". We were reminded of the blessing of our baptism in the opening service, and encouraged by the sectionals and presentations to "stay wet" and active in both the Word of God and in our daily teaching and instruction, always striving to further our education both spiritually and professionally. The Lord kept the convention theme alive by blessing us with rain each day we were there.

Fall Harvest Annual Fun Night

Come join us for an evening of fun at Schuster's Playtime Farm on Friday, October 23. All Holy Cross church and school families are invited. Please bring a dish to pass. Refreshments are provided. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex and see the attached sheet with more details regarding costs, directions, times, and activities.

Rake, Work, and Pizza Day

All youth and adults are asked to help out on Saturday, October 31st with raking (here and shut-in homes) and clean-up of the church and school property. Many hands make light work! Please bring rakes and/or cleaning supplies. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and finish up with free pizza at noon.

Packer – Viking Party

The Packer – Viking party has been moved from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st. The NFL has moved the start time of the game from noon to 3:15 p.m. Doors will be open at 2:30 p.m. Please use the courtyard doors by the church office. See the sign-up sheet for more information. Come and cheer your favorite team!

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent / Consultations take place the first week of November, with time slots available on Thursday evening (Nov. 5) and Friday (Nov. 6). We ask that you go to the main calendar board area across from the school library. Find the Parent – Teacher Consultation sheets with your child’s teacher’s name on it, and sign up for the time(s) that fits your schedule. Please also note that there is no school on Friday, November 6. Thank you.

Veterans’ Day Request

For our upcoming Veterans’ Day program on November 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., we will be having a special display table. We are asking that if you have any relatives / family members who have served in the Armed Forces and have pictures, items of interest, or souvenirs, we will be having a table to display such items. They may be brought the day or the evening of the performance. Thank you.

Mission Statement of Holy Cross Lutheran School

Holy Cross Lutheran School exists to assist the parents and members of our congregation in the spiritual training of the children of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Holy Cross Lutheran School exists to provide a high quality Christian education for our students that they may be equipped for a lifetime of service to their Savior, their families, their churches, and their communities.

Holy Cross Lutheran School exists to reach out to children and families in our community with the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

