



From the Pastor



Happy... Easter? Passover? Pascha?

When he was visiting with us during Lent, Rabbi Mark Shulman made some comments that I would... dispute. Mark is a friend, and I was grateful for him taking the time to come to our congregation, but there were a number of things he said that were disputable, and put plainly, just historically wrong.

One of these is that the word Easter comes from the word Ishtar, who was an ancient Mesopotamian goddess of love, fertility, sex, and war. She held an important place in the worship of the Akkadian, Babylonian, and Assyrian cultures that surrounded Israel in the Old Testament and whose gods and goddesses were the idols against which the prophets railed regularly. The idea that the modern word "Easter" has Ishtar as its base came from 19th century atheists who thought that the resurrection of Jesus was an invention of the early Church, who they believed used pagan myths as their inspiration.

Unfortunately for their theory, it is completely historically wrong. Philology, the science of how languages develop, demonstrates conclusively that the origin of the word Easter is the ancient Anglo-Saxon word *Oestre*. Early Christian historian the Venerable Bede mentions this word as originally referring to a pagan goddess of the British Isles (not Mesopotamia) for festivals were held in April and whose worshipers Christians had to evangelize. Because of Christian evangelization, those celebrations and the name *Oestre* with whom they were associated came simply to designate the season of Spring, when the celebration of Jesus's resurrection always happens. In other words, naming the resurrection of Jesus "Easter" is a way of proclaiming the triumph of YHWH over the pagan gods and goddesses that had lured His people toward death for centuries.

A related mistake Rabbi Shulman made is when he claimed that the Council of Nicaea (who gave us the Nicene Creed) established the celebration of Easter in order to replace the Jewish celebration of ...

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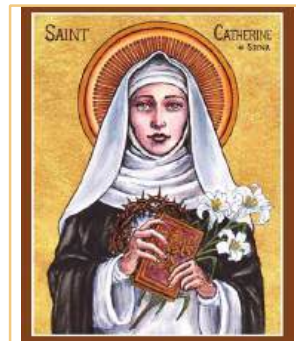
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Saint of the Month: St. Catherine of Siena

Like St. Paul, Lutherans refer to all those in Christ as “saints,” and we look to the great ones as role

This month we are remembering St. Catherine of Siena on Wednesday, April 29th. She was born on March 25, 1347 to wool dyers, and was child number twenty-five, though many died in infancy. She was a mystic and had her first vision at age six. Her parents wanted her to marry, but she refused, dedicating her life to God. She began fasting and became a tertiary in the Third Order of St. Dominic at age sixteen, later giving her family’s food and clothing to the poor and needy, though they opposed her. St. Catherine also went to hospitals and homes to care for the sick. Moreover, she wanted to reform in the church, she was a “peacemaker” in the land, she helped start a crusade, and returned the papacy to Rome. St. Catherine wrote hundreds of letters, her *Dialogue*, which recorded her mystic experiences and her prayers. She died, age thirty-three, on April 29th of a paralytic stroke in 1380.



By Melissa Misiti

As we read this, let us remember *Romans 12:1-2*, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

A few quotes by Saint Catherine of Siena include:

“Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world ablaze.”

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.”

“All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, ‘I am the way.’”

“Hope comes from love, because people always trust in those they love.”

Life-to-Life Evangelism with Matt Kay - Final Session

“Staying With People Through Their Objections”

If you attended the Life-to-Life Evangelism sessions during Lent, you were privileged to have some great conversations and hear some great teaching, but what happens when people *don’t* welcome your witness? When they come back at you with objections to the Christian faith or even anger that you would share the gospel with them?

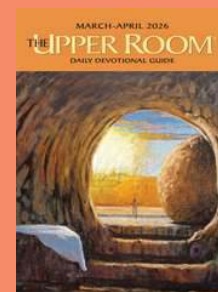


This is when it becomes crucial to listen and love well... not just as Jesus would, but in the power of Christ Himself. Join us for the final presentation in this series, a “deep dive” into loving well through tense moments with those for whom the gospel is not “good news” but rather, is felt as an attack on their own self-understanding, relationships, or worldview. *Date is TBA.*

April Lessons

- April 2, 2026 ~ Maundy Thursday
Exodus 24:3-11; Psalm 116:12-19; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30
- April 3, 2026 ~ Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Psalm 31; Hebrews 4:14-16, 15:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
- April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10
- April 12, 2026 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 19, 2026 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35
- April 26, 2026 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Upper Room



- Copies of the March - April Upper Room daily devotional are available in the Narthex.

Church Family News

SUNDAY
Social Hour
Hosts

- April 5** Easter Morning Breakfast
- April 12** Social Ministry
- April 19** Potluck Sunday
- April 26** Choir/Worship Arts



We are always looking for Social Hour Hosts!
If YOU, your FAMILY or GROUP would like to host Social Hour,
please contact the church office to schedule a date!

Many thanks for hosting!

April

Birthdays

Gerald Knauss, Sr.; Owen Roth; Payton Keblish; Carolyn Metzgar; Kimberly Kryman; Kristi Yotter; Deborah Durnin; Evan Werkheiser; Jessica Deifer; Dahlia Grube; Keith Greene; Mirella Bulawa; Timothy Misiti; John Moll; James Misiti;

Andrew Korpan; James Craig; Cindy Denker; Julia Bulawa; Diana Diefenderfer; Erika Rowohlt; Thomas Johnson; Bill Misiti; Tim Bryan; Lori Ravitsky; Bode Schoeneberger; Jane Altemose; Colleen Greene; Shannon Godiska; Dianne Halteman; Tiffany Blosser; Olivia Norrell-Ingenito; Steve Bauman; John Abbott; Kevin Martin, Sr.; Bill Hoy; & Alicia Minnich!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anniversaries

Dale & Sandra Trach; Monica & Franklin Stein; Ronald & Diane Short; Terry & Susan Ellis; Cheryl & Gary Shafer; Shawn & Jacqueline Fernsler; Dellie & Lois Iasiello;



Holy Cross Baseball Night

Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs VS. Syracuse Mets

Friday, June 26, 2026 ~ 6:45PM

at Coca-Cola Park in the First Commonwealth Credit Union Picnic Patio

\$30.00 per ticket which includes:

~ 2.5 hour all-you-can-eat buffet ~ Unlimited soft drinks through the middle of the 8th inning ~ Post-game Fireworks!

Sign up in the Social Hall (or contact the church office) to reserve your tickets! (Only 7 tickets left!)

Payment is due April 26 and can be placed in a Designated Gift Envelope marked "Iron Pigs Tickets. Be sure to include your **Name** and the **# of tickets** you're paying for.

Please see David or Diane Breinig with any questions.



Council Meeting Highlights

- Easter Morning Breakfast | 9:15-10:15AM
- Pictorial Directory
- Security - First stage of cameras have been installed

Ask the Pastor; A New Learning Opportunity?



We are incredibly blessed to have a congregation characterized by strong teaching ministries. Whether it be the Bible or the Lutheran Catechisms, we have strong offerings to help fortify you in your Christian walk.

Over the last few months, however, multiple congregation members have come to me with questions relating to other areas of the Christian life; **apologetics, Church history, theology, spirituality, liturgy, prayer...** as the Spirit is growing our faith, He seems to be sparking a hunger for new and more varied aspects of the Christian life.

Unfortunately, mind reading is not a gift they give you upon ordination, so **this month we are running a survey** to find out where the Spirit is drawing us as a community, when would be a good time to offer such a class, and what format would work best for us to meet this apparently growing need. If you have an interest in a class like this and think you would participate, please fill out and turn in a copy of the survey. You can fill in a paper copy of the survey at the sign-in station in the social hall or by printing the survey on page 10 and turning it into the wall baskets at the sign-up station, the church office, the library, or the pastor's office. Or if you are tech-savvy, you can fill in the survey on our church website at <https://holycrossnazareth.org/pastor-class-survey/> or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Thanks in advance for helping us better meet your needs!

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Passover. This is nonsense, and in the language of Greek—the language in which the New Testament is written and the Council of Nicaea was conducted—it is quite literally a *ridiculous* thought. This is because the word for Easter and the word for Passover are the same word, *Pascha*, which is merely a transliteration of the Hebrew word for Passover, *Pesach*. In other words, to those who heard first the decrees of the Council, *Pascha* was being replaced by... *Pascha*?

You see, Christians (including Jewish Christians) were already referring to the celebration of Christ's resurrection as *Pascha* because, since Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, His resurrection was the fulfillment of what God had done as a *type of Christ* (Romans 5:14) in the original Passover meal. Whereas the original Passover was performed so that the angel of death would pass over the homes of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt so that they might be set free from slavery under Pharaoh, Christ's resurrection (and our being united to it through Baptism) made the angel of death pass over Christians *forever*, setting them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

The Council did establish the way for setting the date for Christians to celebrate Pascha, but that is because Christians were already debating this among themselves, and Emperor Constantine called the Council in order to get Christians to stop arguing among themselves on *several* issues now that he had made Christianity legal. In fact, the time to celebrate Easter was far less important than how Christians understood Jesus as both divine and human... which is why the Nicene Creed describes both Jesus's divinity and humanity at such length.

On Sunday, April 12th, the Sunday after Easter, I will explore these and other issues related to Rabbi Shulman's presentation, but for now, have confidence when I or another Christian greets you with the phrase, "Happy Easter!" knowing that the history of this phrase is Biblically faithful, and is a valid development of the more ancient Christian proclamation, "Christ is risen... He is risen, indeed!"



Pr. Brett

Cool Rise Overnight Challah

Last month, our first Sunday Communion bread was made by young member Delilah Cohen. Several members noticed that this traditional style Challah tasted similar to the breads they remember having in their Easter baskets as children. Since this is the season we have our Easter baskets blessed, Delilah is sharing this recipe with us!

Ingredients (for one large loaf or two medium-small, round loaves)

- 3-3.5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/4 teaspoon active dry yeast (1 package)
- 1/4 cup sugar (or 1/8 cup sugar 1/8 honey, or all honey! It's up to you!)
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cups hot tap water
- 4 tablespoons, half a stick, unsalted butter, softened
- 2 eggs at room temperature, plus one more for baking
- Splash of vanilla (optional)
- Oil for the bowl



Delilah Cohen

Directions:

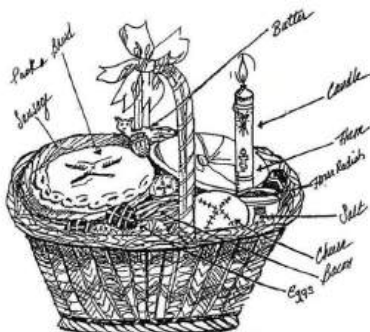
- 1) Combine 2 cups (or 1 cup if halving it) of flour with the yeast, sugar, and salt in large bowl and stir well. Add softened butter and stir again. It will not look at all combined – just a shaggy mess.
- 2) Add the hot tap water and beat with the paddle attachment of an electric mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes until well mixed and elastic.
- 3) Add the eggs and 1 1/2 cups (or 3/4 cups if halving) more flour. Beat on medium-high speed for 1 minute or until thick and elastic.
- 4) If you are using a stand mixer, switch to a dough hook on low speed and gradually stir in enough of remaining flour with a to make a soft dough that leaves the sides of bowl. Alternatively, stir in the last bit of flour with a wooden spoon and turn the dough out onto a floured board.
- 5) Knead 5 to 10 minutes, adding additional flour as needed, until it is smooth, elastic, and passes the windowpane test. Place the dough in a large, lightly oiled bowl, turning it over once to fully coat with oil. Cover with a damp tea towel and let rise for 20 minutes on the counter or a slightly warmer spot like on top of the fridge or in a slightly warmed microwave.

For 1 Large Loaf

- 6) After 20 minutes, gently roll the first piece into a fat log and divide again into as many pieces as you want to braid (I favor a traditional six-part braid, but three or four pieces also work well). Roll each small piece into a snake, aiming for equal length and thickness. Pinch the ends of the snakes together and braid until you reach the other ends. (It is pretty futile to try to explain how to do the braid in writing, so it really helps to watch a quick video: <https://youtu.be/RP6j7esQyik?si=0rWkGAN7Tv2OL5Uh> Tuck both ends securely under the loaf. Repeat with the other half of the dough and set both loaves on a parchment-lined baking sheet.

For 2 Med-Small Round Loaves

- 6) After 20 minutes, keep the dough as is or divide the dough into two even pieces. Set one piece aside and cover with the dish towel. Gently roll the first piece into a fat log and divide again into as many pieces as you want to braid. Roll each small piece into a snake, aiming for equal length and thickness. For one large loaf, do as you did for two large loaves, just with one! And for the round loaves, you can use the round loaf braiding method: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/WM7fQMY7EUQ> Pinch the ends of the snakes together and braid until you reach the other ends. Tuck both ends securely under the loaf. Repeat with the other half of the dough, if applicable, and set both loaves on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 7) Cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2-24 hours. When you are ready to bake, remove the loaves from the refrigerator and let them mostly come to room temperature for about 30-45min. Heat the oven to 365 degrees F.



- 8) Beat an egg in a small dish with a splash of milk (you can add a splash of vanilla extract in here too if you'd like) and gently brush over the loaves. At this point, you can add a topping to your preference- stuff like sesame seeds, poppy seeds, a little bit of cinnamon or something more fancy; there's a lot of options out there! Bake for 35-40 minutes until the loaves are a rich golden brown and sound hollow when thumped on the bottom. Cool on racks and tear to serve.

Challah is best fresh, pretty good on day two, and okay on day three. It tends to dry out quickly, but that works really well for french toast! It is also good sliced and toasted, but can get pretty crumbly when toasted so I would advise against it unless you have a toaster oven or don't mind getting your toaster all crummy!

Church News

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd ~ Maundy Thursday

5:30pm ~ Seder Meal (reservations only)

7:00PM ~ Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

April 3rd ~ Good Friday

12:00PM ~ Remembrance of Our Lord's Suffering

7:00PM ~ Service of Darkness (Tenebrae)

April 4th ~ Holy Saturday

Basket Blessing

7:00PM ~ Easter Vigil

April 5th ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00AM ~ Holy Communion Service

9:15-10:15AM ~ Easter Morning Breakfast

10:30AM ~ Holy Communion Service



On March 25, 2026, Holy Cross hosted "Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience." This powerful, interactive experience, led by Samuel Rood of Jews for Jesus, illustrated the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples.

If you were unable to join us for this event, you can view a video of the Jews for Jesus presentation on the symbols of Passover and how they point to Christ here: <https://youtu.be/c72-se67Q6M>

Samuel Rood weaved the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The words "do this in remembrance of me" takes on an even deeper meaning to Christians when we learn the significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and gives us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led.





Coming this July!

Vacation Bible School 2026

For ALL ages

July 20-24, 2026

6-8 PM (Dinner at 5:00 PM)

“Small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life” – Matthew 7:14

ASKING FOR PRAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Please pray:

- that we may answer God’s call and serve Him wherever we are needed.
- that all helpers will be a blessing to the children who will attend VBS by helping to bring them closer to a life in Christ.
- for the children who will attend VBS this summer. Jesus said, in Matthew 19:13, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Needed: Advertising, Craft preparation, Set-up, Registration, Leaders and helpers (for Storytelling, Music, Crafts, and Games stations), Guides (to take children to stations), Computer Tech helper, Nurse, Nursery Attendant, Dinner preparation and serving

We pray that the people whom God is calling to participate in VBS will enthusiastically say “Yes, I choose...” to follow Him and serve!

If you are willing to help and serve in the preparation, set-up, and/or running of the VBS program, please sign up at the Volunteer Station in the Social Hall!



FELLOWSHIP IN APRIL

Saturday, April 11: 2-3:00PM

Community Connect: Serve

Craft at Gracedale Nursing Home
Bring smiles & connection while we create a fun craft with 15-30 residents

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Sign-up: tinyurl.com/HCFgracedale

Sunday, April 19: 12:00PM

Monthly Social Hour Potluck

Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Sign-up: tinyurl.com/HCFpotluck

HCFpotluck



Friday, April 24: 6-9:00PM

Community Connect: Fellowship

Reserve your Ping Pong, Air Hockey, or Foosball match and then join us for an ice cream bar afterwards!

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Sign-up: tinyurl.com/HCFtournament

Interest Survey

We want to know what events YOU are interested in, what motivates you to be involved, and if you need any accommodations to participate! Please complete the survey at the link below. For a printed copy, contact Amy Riger at 973-479-8532 or HolyCrossNazarethFellowship@gmail.com

Sign-up: tinyurl.com/HCFinterestsurvey

News to Use

Sunday Life



Giving Service to the Lord

April 2, 2026 ~ Maundy Thursday
7:00PM

Musician
Usher/Greeters (2)

Melissa Misiti

Jodi Kneisly

Lay Reader

Fred Bechtoldt

Tech Ministry

Andy Zaso

Communion Assistants

Jamie Hahn

(Intinction - 2 people)

Anita Zaso

April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday
8am Service
10:30am Service
Musician

Karl & Ben

Karl & Ben

Usher/Greeters (2)

The Drosnock Family

Tom Kneisly

Jodi Kneisly

Lay Reader

Colleen Greene

Jamie Hahn

Tech Ministry

Annalisa Misiti

Server Needed
Communion Assistants

Colleen Greene

Diane Dickison

(Around the Altar - 3 people)

Lynne Auger

Jamie Hahn

Rich Siegfried

Easter Morning Breakfast 9:15 - 10:15am
Flowers Donated by

Debbie & Bob Beckowski

The Longley Family


April 12, 2026 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter
8am Service
10:30am Service
Musician

Karl

Karl

Usher/Greeters (2)

Vicky Gaugler

Roseann Mohn

Alice Sterner

Mike Mohn

Lay Reader

Barbara Lynn-Sarley

Kate Grube

Tech Ministry

Jennifer Vandegrift

Alyssa Young

Communion Assistants

Pam Berlew

Timothy Misiti

(Intinction - 2 people)

Barbara-Lynn Sarley

Jesse Way

Social Hour Host

Social Ministry

Flowers Donated by

Debbie & Randy Letterhouse

Sponsorship Available


April 19, 2026 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter
8am Service
10:30am Service
Musician

Ben

Ben

Usher/Greeters (2)

Eileen Rohn

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth

Warren Rohn

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth

Lay Reader

Eileen Rohn

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth

Tech Ministry

Cindy Denker

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth

Communion Assistants

Lois Iasiello

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth

(Intinction - 2 people)

Colleen Greene

Social Hour Host
POTLUCK SUNDAY
Flowers Donated by

The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth The Classical Christian Co-op of Nazareth


April 26, 2026 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter
8am Service
10:30am Service
Musician

Karl

Karl

Usher/Greeters (2)

DJ Drosnock

Tom Kneisly

Mary Ann Drosnock

Jodi Kneisly

Lay Reader

Mary Ann Drosnock

Jodi Kneisly

Tech Ministry

Emily Drosnock

Mathew Pinguelo

Communion Assistants

John Abbott

Violet McCandless

(Intinction - 2 people)

Paul Grube

Joyce MacDonald

Social Hour Host

Choir/Worship Arts

Flowers Donated by

Terry, Deb, & Josh Johnson

Sponsorship Available



Church Council Minutes

COMPLETE Church Council Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Attachments are filed in the church office with the originals.

The meeting minutes summarized here are pending Council approval at next month's meeting.

Meeting HIGHLIGHTS for March 12, 2026 (Thursday)

Nine members present. (Tim Kryman via phone)

Absent: Lynne Auger & AJ Arfanella

GUESTS: Pastor Jenkins

Review of Reports:

Secretary's Report - BSA Troop 74 has requested use of our facility for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held on Sunday, April 19 from 1-8pm and to setup on Saturday, April 18. Application emailed to President and Vice President of Council for their approval due to timing. Facility use request submitted by Laura Longley for use of room 2B to hold her women's small group bible study every other Tuesday evening beginning 3/17 and ending on 5/26. Application included in President's folder. Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Category Overview provided, month by month. Some explanation given by Lois about why general online giving is different between Category Overview and Income Statement. Lois explained that the amounts take longer to go into the Income Statement, so the numbers are not the same.

Pastor's Report - Response to the Lenten sermon series has been good so far. 32 people attended Matt Kay's workshop. 35 attended the second week. Lenten suppers have averaged 25-30 people. Jews for Jesus will be hosting March 25 Lenten supper. The workshop includes the elements of the Passover meal and will cost \$150 for travel and a freewill offering. We are keeping the website where it is. No hosting change. Sanctuary computer came back in five days and is set up. African Children's Choir contacted us about doing another concert. A date of 10/3 has been selected with a meal, and they will come to Sunday worship and stay for a potluck. It was suggested by Rich that we get Thrivent cards and cater the event.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: See hard copy of minutes.

Fellowship Committee: See hard copy of minutes.

Hospitality/Funeral Servers: See hard copy of report.

Social Ministry: See hard copy of report.

Spiritual Care Team: "We continue to send get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. cards to those who need a kind word letting them know that their friends in

Christ of thinking of them. Barbara continues to visit with our homebound members.

Women of Abundance: See hard copy of minutes.

Other Committee Reports: See hard copy of the Quarterly Committee Heads meeting notes/minutes.

Old Business: Church Directory- discussion about low turnout and possibly making more announcements. Andy said some are still asking him questions and may want photos at different times. He said he would take care of it for them. Security cameras - Andy explained four solar cameras have been installed with three wired camberas remaining. Andy gave an overview of how cameras work with AI and tracking.

New Business: Rabbi Shulman visit on March 15.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Financial Stewardship

Offerings received during the month of March as of 3/25/2026 totaled **\$31,495.35**

**Thank you for your generous
support of Holy Cross!**



**ARE YOU A
THRIVENT
MEMBER?**

If you are a Thrivent member, please let Church Council know.



Capital Campaign Update

As of March 25th, we have received donations totaling
\$118,601.25

toward our goal of \$500,000.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDER: When making donations to the church, a **separate check is needed for the Capital Campaign**, made out to: Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **Thank you!**

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC) is to respond to the Love of God shown most fully to us in the great gift of his Son Jesus Christ. We engage in five ministry areas – **WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARNING, SERVICE,** and **SUPPORT** – to boldly confess Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. Brett Jenkins, STS

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Office Hours by appointment

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Director of Worship Arts: Karl DeBoeser

Traditional Music Worship Leader: Ben Watson

Sexton: Kerry Livermore

Treasurer: Lois Iasiello

Church Secretary: Laura Longley

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Office Hours: M/T/F ~ 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Th ~ 1-6 p.m.

OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

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2026 Congregational Officers

President ~ Jerry Lewis

Vice President ~ Andy Zaso

Secretary ~ AJ Arfanella

Treasurer ~ Lois Iasiello

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays with Holy Communion:

8:00 am Traditional Liturgy

10:30 am ~ Relaxed Worship

9:15-10:15am ~ Sunday School all ages

Tuesdays at 12:15pm

Lunchtime Prayer with Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with Holy Communion

Pastor Class Survey

Thank you for taking a few moments to fill in this survey.

Doing so helps us know how we can best meet the spiritual needs of our congregation!

Areas of Interest

- Apologetics (Defending the Faith)
- Theology (What we believe and why)
- Spirituality (Experiencing life the most Christian way)
- Prayer (Connecting more deeply, consistently, and personally with God)
- Liturgy (Why we worship the way we do)
- Church History (Our family history; the good, the bad, and the ugly)

Other areas of Interest

Please list any other areas you are interested in or particular questions you would like to see addressed:

Preferred Class Format (Please check all that would interest you)

- In-Person
- Online
- Blended (In-Person with online participation)

Preferred Class Time

- Midweek early evening (6-7pm)
- Midweek later evening (8pm)
- Sunday school hour
- Sunday after church
- Sunday evening

Name: _____

Email: _____