



THE CRUSADER

MARCH 17, 2026

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Calendar of Events

- Wed. 3/18** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
6:00 PM Sloppy Joes Dinner Served
6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
7:30 PM Lenten Devotional
- Thurs. 3/19** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
- Fri. 3/20** 5th - 8th Winterim
K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
- Sun. 3 /22** 8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:30 /11:00 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
- Mon. 3/23** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
- Tues. 3/24** K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
- Wed. 3/25** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
6:00 PM Potato Bar/Chicken Strips Served
6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
7:30 PM Lenten Devotional

Looking Ahead

Friday, March 27th PS-8th NOON DISMISSAL
PM CROSS CARES AVAILABLE UNTIL 4:30PM
Monday, March 31st - Monday, April 6th - NO SCHOOL

WATCH OUT!

We have track practice taking place after school. Please be aware of our track student athletes when you enter the parking lots.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Kdg - 8th Grade Week of March 23

Schedules vary slightly by teacher.
These are OPTIONAL conference for third quarter.

SIGN UP HERE

Sign up will close @ Noon on Friday, March 20th.

2026-2027 Cross School Year

- W, Aug 19 - First Day of School
- F, Dec 18 - ½ Day of School (Christmas Break Begins)
- T, Jan 5 - School Resumes
- F, Mar 26 - Spring/Easter Break begins
- T, Apr 6 - School Resumes
- TH, May 27 - Last Day of School

K-8 Hot Lunch Information

K-8 Hot Lunch Ordering is now available online for April through **Friday, March 20th until 3PM** for each student in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Please login to the FACTS Family Portal to complete the ordering process.

Lunch Program and Absence

If your child is absent on a day that you have purchased a lunch for them at school, you are welcome to come pick it up after 12:30pm. This gives our volunteers time to organize the multiple deliveries received.

Please note: You must call the office by 10:30AM to say that you will be getting it.
THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed - 3/19 - one more!!

We are still in need of some volunteers for the rest of the year! Please look at the spreadsheet below and contact the office to sign up.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION NIGHT
TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00-8:00PM in Discipleship Room #49
Open to anyone that wants to learn more about our teaching on communion.

5-8th Graders need a parent or adult spiritual mentor to attend with them.

Questions? Contact Pastor Matt mconrad@hiscross.org

K-4 Lunches on Friday, 3/20/26 PEANUT/TREE NUT FREE

Because our 5th-8th graders are participating in Winterim and utilizing the food court and fellowship hall/lunch room for their classes on Friday, March 20th, the K-4 students will need to eat in their classrooms.

All classrooms are PEANUT and TREE NUT FREE.

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SAVE THE DATE - Muffins with Mom

April 16th & 17th

Details coming soon.

8th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser - April

The 8th graders will provide pizza on Fridays in April as a part of their class trip fundraiser. This is available for all extended/full day preschoolers, as well as K-8th students.

Parents can order and pay through the link:

[April Pizza Link](#)

Orders must be placed by **Friday, March 27th at 11:45pm.**

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$2,142.57!** We are excited to support Called to Care, a local Christian organization, helping to support children and their foster families in the name of Jesus!

K-8 Volleyball Camp Newark High School June 1st - 5th

<https://2026-champion-volleyball-camp.cheddarup.com/>



7TH GRADE NEWS - MRS. STONE

We had an amazing week of celebrating our Lutheran Schools. We are truly blessed to be able to Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord as we learn new lessons everyday in school.

Thanks from 7th graders for supporting our Pancake Breakfast.

The fourth quarter is just starting, and we look forward to new electives and Spring Break.

As the end of the school year approaches, the 7th graders prepare to be the new leaders of the school.

Cross Family Easter Service & Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4
10:00am

RSVP Here

Join us for our Cross Family Easter Service and Egg Hunt to follow. Invite friends & family!
RSVP preferred, but not required

Questions? Calev cthaneponh@hiscross.org

HEALTH REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten through 8th grade parents ... Plan now to meet state health requirements and save yourself some time and extra running next fall!

Physicals are required for students entering **kindergarten** and **6th** grade.

Dental exams are required for students entering **kindergarten, 2nd** grade and **6th** grade.

Vision exams are required for children entering **kindergarten.**

If your insurance requires a date after the first day of school, please get an appointment card, so the date can be entered in our records.

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The following families were lifted up in prayer last week by the school faculty:

Bakka, Bocek, Broderick, Collins/von Schwedler, Conrad, Laskowski, Lechowicz, Madsen, Misenko, Murray, Pasholk, Pavlik, Reid, Schobert/Anderson-Schobert, Spangler, Weaver, Weibel, Wissmiller



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Cross Lutheran School
presents:
7th/8th Grade Dance
NEON LIGHTS,
Dance all Night

Saturday, April 11th
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
CROSS LUTHERAN CAFETERIA

\$15 PER STUDENT
Purchase tickets by April 1st

* Click on the link to register and pay *
Any questions contact Kasey Edwards- 650-330-8636

We kindly ask for you to bring a snack
Last names: A-G H-R S-Z
Savory/main Snacks/sides Drinks/desserts

2026

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Kentucky Derby

Derby-inspired elegance encouraged!
Dresses & hats/fascinators recommended!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

6PM-830PM ~ CROSS LUTHERAN GYM

WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOU TO BRING A SNACK
LAST NAMES A-G SALTY * H-R SWEET * S-Z HEALTHY

OPENED TO ANY FATHER-FIGURE OR VIP
IN YOUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE!

RSVP BY APRIL 10TH!

Cross Lutheran School
MOM & SON EVENT

Saturday, April 25th 2026
5:45 PM - 7:45 PM
Go For It Sports Dome

DODGEBALL!
OBSTACLE COURSE!
GAMES & FUN!

More Details to Follow!

PTL BOARD ELECTIONS

Are you looking for a way to be more involved at Cross? Come join the PTL!

Upcoming open positions include Vice-President, Treasurer, and 3 Members-at-Large.

OPENED PTL POSITIONS!

Please email crossptl@hiscross.net with any questions and/or indicate which office you are interested in. Names must be submitted by **April 19th, 2026**.

Our next open meeting for all parents at Cross is: Wednesday, April 15th at 7PM in the office conference room.

PTL Minutes 3/12/26

For more details, see the payment link below:
[Mother Son Payment Link](#)

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Fundraising Event for Cross Lutheran Youth

Egg My Yard

Extended Deadline

Pre-filled Eggs to be delivered and hidden in your yard for Easter Morning OR picked up at Family Easter Service

Delivery date: Sat NIGHT April 4th or Pick-up at Family Easter Service and Egg Hunt

Order Deadline: Sun. March 22nd *Extended!*

Delivery Radius: 15 miles around Yorkville, IL

Questions: Contact Jessica Dvorak at jdvorak@hiscross.org

Available Packages

25 EGGS \$20	50 EGGS \$40	75 EGGS \$60	100 EGGS \$75
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Order HERE! 



Preschool & Playdate

Kindergarten

March 31
10am-12pm
Cross Lunch Room & Large Motor Room



Let us know you're coming! Questions? Call or email cthanepohn@hiscross.org

Join the fun with Cross Children's Ministry for a Spring Break Playdate! Easter Crafts, Snacks, and Large Motor Activities will be available! Feel free to pack and bring your lunch. (*Parent/Adult must attend!)

Lenten Worship and Ministry Schedule

Wednesdays starting February 25

- 10AM Traditional Lenten Service
Livestream Available
- 6:00PM Dinner
- 6:30-7:30PM Discipleship Ministries for Children, Youth, and Adults
- 7:30 Lenten Devotional

BOOK OF JOB SERMON SERIES: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!



SUMMER CAMP 2026

HISTORY

Early Bird Discount Register and pay deposit by 7/16/26 and save \$25



www.WALCAMP.ORG



Holy Week Service Schedule

March 29 - April 5

- Palm Sunday**
8AM Traditional, 9:30AM and 11AM Contemporary
- Maundy Thursday**
7PM Traditional
- Good Friday**
2PM and 7PM Traditional Tenebrae
- Easter Saturday**
10AM Family Service (followed by Egg Hunt)
- Easter Sunday**
8AM and 9:30AM Traditional, 11AM Contemporary

*No Children or Youth Ministries Wednesday, April 1 and Easter Sunday, April 5

School Absence Procedures

We would greatly appreciate your help in contacting the office when your child will be absent for illness, appointments, or vacations as soon as possible. Please either call the office at 630-553-7861 or email the office secretaries at

attendance@hiscross.net

This also helps us to be on the same page as a staff when finalizing our daily attendance.



The School Office is in need of empty plastic 1 gallon ice cream buckets with a handle in case one of our precious little ones gets sick during the school day. Send donations to the office.

Cross Lutheran Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

8:30-11:00am Food Court
Pancakes, sausage, fruits, and baked goods



Free will offering or donate with QR code 

Proceeds will help support Richard Lutze (Sonya Lutze's husband & Beth Thanepohn's brother) with medical bills & expenses after recent surgeries and amputation.