



THE CRUSADER

MARCH 25, 2026

Ephesians 4:32 ESV - "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Calendar of Events

- 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
- Thurs. 3/26** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
3:30 PM K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri. 3/27** **PS-8th Noon Dismissal**
PM Cross Cares until 4:30PM
12:30 PM K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sun. 3 /28** 8:00 AM Traditional Service
9:30/11:00 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
- Mon. 3/30 - Mon. 4/6 NO SCHOOL**
- Tues. 3/31** 10:00 AM PS/K Spring Break Playdate
- Thurs. 4/1** 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri. 4/3** 2:00/7:00 PM Good Friday Service
- Sat. 4/4** 10:00 AM Easter Family Service/Egg Hunt
- Sun. 4/5** 8:00/9:30 AM Traditional Easter Service
11:00 AM Contemporary Easter Service
NO Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
8:30-11:00 AM Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

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

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!)

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

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

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

RSVP Here

Questions? Call or email cthanepon@hiscross.org

Looking Ahead

Friday, March 27th PS-8th NOON DISMISSAL
Afternoon 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. Cross Cares families, please remember to park to pick up to stay out of the running lanes. Thanks!!

GOOD LUCK!

7/8 Girls basketball heading to Nationals in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 27th!! Go Crusaders!!

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

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.**

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

Some students will have their vision and hearing screened on either Tuesday, April 7th or Wednesday, April 8th.

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.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. HILL

Mrs. Hill's class have been diving deep into the land down under... AUSTRALIA! The sheilas and blokes have been learning all about platypuses, koalas and a whole bunch of other marsupials native to Australia. We even learned that penguins exist in Australia! Outside, we play Joeys and Dingoes where the joeys run away before the dingoes catch them.

The students are also learning more about how special Easter is and have even made a mural of the cross on our classroom window symbolizing Jesus' resurrection. We look forward to coming back after spring break as we will welcome baby chicks to our class!



Vote Daily!
Cross Lutheran School
Professional Services
Best Daycare/Preschool
Let's make it 7 years in a row!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$2,151.58!** 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!



SAVE THE DATE - Muffins with Mom
April 16th & 17th
Details coming soon.

K-8 Volleyball Camp

Newark High School
June 1st - 5th

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



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK DONATIONS

One way to celebrate Teacher Appreciation week is to donate to a fund to support surprises for the teachers each day!

If you wish to contribute to this school-wide effort, please add to the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Fund by **Friday April 10th**. If you prefer to donate cash or check, please put it in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation" and give it to the office. **Any amount given to make this a special week is greatly appreciated!**

If you prefer to donate an item instead of cash donation, please sign up here & we will email a link of needed items and you can sign up!

If you would like to know more about what we are thinking, want to give input, or have any questions please contact Erica at erica.pavlik@gmail.com.

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Bukhres, Elliott, Fuller, Funnell, Ganesan, Ihrig, Johnson, Kalamaras, Kerley, Lobdell, Miller, Morel, Mouis, Slack, Sluder, Stone, Wagner, Weiss, Wikstrom, Willman





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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.

OPEN 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 from 3/12/26



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.

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

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Holy Week Service Schedule

March 29 - April 5

Palm Sunday
SAM 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
SAM and 9:30AM Traditional, 11AM Contemporary

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

Cross Lutheran Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

8:30-11:00am Pancakes, sausage,
Food Court 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.

Easter Missions Offering

Easter donations, cash collected, and gifts marked "Mission" support the mission partner in the U.S. and around the world.

LINC Chicago
U.S. MISSION SUPPORT

Chuck & Karen Tessaro
NIGERIA

Deaconess Caitlin
LCMS LATIN AMERICA

Lutheran Church of Norway
NORWAY

Jonathan & Anita Clausing
TANZANIA

Mission India
INDIA

Our Mission Partners

Christ at the center.
Partners sent outward in mission.

Your Easter offering helps carry the mercy of Christ to leaders, churches, Bible translation, and compassionate outreach.

Children's Ministry All In- April 8

Parent vs. Kids Dodgeball

Join the fun!!

6:00pm- Free Meal (Pizza)

6:30pm- Dodgeball

7:30pm- Lenten Devotional

Questions?
Contact Caley cthanepohn@hiscross.org

APRIL 8TH ALL IN GAME NIGHT

CAPTURE THE FLAG

GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD

PEEPS TASTE TEST

6:00: FREE PIZZA

6:30: GAME TIME

7:30: EVENING DEVOTION

Contact Jessica with questions:
jdvorak@hiscross.org



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Tuesday, April 7
Fellowship Hall
6:30-8:00PM
Service Project

All are welcome!

We will be wrapping bandages for Global Health ministries, who help provide health supplies at mission hospitals and clinics all around the world.

For more information: Contact Lana Fiala (630-553-0851)

WILLS/TRUSTS/ESTATE PLANNING FOR AGES 20 TO 100

When is the right time to plan?

Presentation by Attorney John Wyeth

Presentation will address estate planning recommendations for various stages of life, including:

- The Young Single Person
- The Young Family
- Building Wealth
- Growing Older
- Golden Years

Sunday, April 12, 2026
12:00

Food Court
Delicious Lunch
provided!

RSVP at Kiosk
or
Call Church Office by 4/6

For ages 20 - 100
All are invited to attend!

Sponsored by:
Cross Lutheran
FOUNDATION



Kankakee Tornado Relief Work

Large Plastic Storage Bins with lids NEEDED

Where to drop off: Fellowship Hall (will have a table with signs)

When: up till April 2nd (may extend if needed)

If LERT Certified: use QR code to sign up for future deployments

If NOT LERT Certified: contact the Cross Office at churchinfo@hiscross.org OR call 630-553-7335 for other ways to help

Questions on bins: Contact LERT Team Member Kim Aiken 630-862-8240



Looking for your next step, or how to get more connected?
Want to meet our leadership?

Join us for Pasta with the Pastors April 19

12:00pm in the Food Court

RSVP with QR code,
Preferred, not required



Questions?
630-553-7335
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