



THE CRUSADER

MAY 12, 2026

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

Calendar of Events

Wed. 5/13	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's ALL IN 6:00 PM Pizza Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 5/14	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 5/15	8:15 AM Moms of Minis Bible Study 8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser
Sun. 5/17	8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30/11:00 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry 4:00 PM Touch A Truck
Mon. 5/18	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Tues. 5/19	K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway 2:00 PM Fine Arts Festival Concert
Wed. 5/20	11:00 AM PS Field Day Dismissal 1:30 PM K-8 Field Day Dismissal NO CROSS CARES AFTER SCHOOL 6:00 PM PS Closing Service
Thurs. 5/21	K-8 Last Day Of School 8:30 AM Closing Chapel 10:15 AM Dismissal 6:30 PM 8th Grade Graduation Service

5TH-8TH GRADE
Mini Jesus Scavenger Hunt

YOUTH MINISTRY
ALL IN - MAY 13th
6:00 pizza - 6:30 games - 7:30 devotion

HIGH SCHOOL
Senior Celebration
S'mores
Games

Children's Ministry
All In- May 13
Family Kickball
6:00- Dinner (Pizza)
6:30- Kickball
7:30- Devotional

★ Join us for our last All In of the Year! ★

*Parents are encouraged to attend. Please contact Caley if a parent is unavailable: ethanepohn@hiscross.org



SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$2,288.96!** 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!

LOST & FOUND

The table is **OVERFLOWING** again. Please stop by the office to see if you are missing items. **Anything that is not grabbed before the last day of school will be donated.**

All families are invited to participate in our CLOSING CHAPEL and MOVE UP service on Thursday, May 21 at 8:45 AM. Please sign in at the OFFICE.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 - PS Field Day
11:00AM Dismissal

K-8 Field Day, 1:30PM Dismissal,
No Cross Cares After School

Thursday, May 21, 2026 - K-8 Last Day of School
10:15AM Dismissal

2026-2027 Cross School Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#)

Have you thought of that **ONE** family who might be looking for a school like Cross?

Please invite them to this fun event!



You are Invited!

CROSS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY EVENT

8609 Route 47 Vorkville, IL

May 17 26

4-6 pm

Touch-a-Truck

Got a special vehicle to bring?
Scan the QR Code to let us know



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FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, May 19, Cross 5-8th Grade choir members and some other musicians will participate in a Fine Arts Festival at Cross. A judge will listen to their selected pieces and offer feedback to help provide continued growth as a musician.

The whole school (and any parents/family) are invited to attend a 2:00 PM Fine Arts Festival Concert held in the church sanctuary featuring some of the musicians from the day and choral selections by the 5-8th Grade Choir. Artwork by students who entered the art judging will also be on display for all to enjoy.

Anyone wishing to attend the concert should enter the sanctuary doors. Doors will be open at 1:30 PM.

K-8TH FIELD DAY

K-8th field day this year will be on Wednesday, May 20th. Please note that there will be a hot dog lunch provided through PTL/donations. If you don't want your child to receive the hot dog lunch, please send a lunch with them that day.

If you would like to volunteer or donate items, please fill out the links below.

1.) Station Sign up (Help from 8:00-12:00)

<https://forms.gle/KvEyNzarokLRjPxx7>

2.) Lunch Items Donation Sign up

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZDsd3CWKIFkwB-WABF5qRi9spPRgY0aU5qrco4hDoHM/edit?usp=sharing>

3.) Donation Sign up - THANK YOU!!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cruv-lcb3895e0U0Kt9csT651WgXecnPgS7RdaR_QQ/edit?usp=sharing

1ST GRADE NEWS - MRS. ROBBINS

Can you believe we only have one week left of school? What an incredible year we've had in first grade!

Our class has been on so many exciting adventures. The students led chapel from start to finish, paraded in their creative short vowel costumes, celebrated Christmas traditions from around the world, and explored nature at Morton Arboretum.

Throughout the year, the first graders worked hard on their writing, most recently writing informational texts. Be sure to stop by our classroom and take a look at their wonderful pieces about farm animals!

I couldn't be more proud to be their teacher. They are beyond ready for second grade, and I can't wait to see where their next adventure takes them.

Middle School Families

This year, Cross will be again implementing summer required reading. We are asking that all future 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders read One Book of Choice. The book choices are organized by grade level along with a book review template that must be completed and turned in for credit in the fall.

A paper copy will be sent home and it can also be found on our website with the link below.

Research shows that reading over the summer helps students maintain and even improve their literacy skills. It also prepares them for a strong start to the following school year. This summer reading encourages students to choose a book that interests them, while also offering structured options to support grade-level growth.

<https://www.hiscross.org/summer-reading/>

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Barkalow, Batt, G'Fellers, Georgopoulos, Hannigan, Holzer, Massey, Neitzer, Raughley, Reinboldt, Russell, Sanchez/Dearth, Sibley, Skarr, Wake/Jacunski, Weibel, Wyss



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PTL would like to THANK all of those who have dedicated time, talents, and energy toward helping our school events and activities happen successfully.

As a small token of appreciation, the following volunteers (randomly selected) are Gift Card WINNERS for April.

- Jennie Collins
- Katy Williams
- Kelli Wilson

Please stop by the office to collect your prize!

SUMMER SCHOOL Tutoring

RIGHT HERE AT CROSS!

Summer school tutoring will be offered this summer **right here at Cross!**

It will be **once a week** for 6 weeks total.

We will be offering the options of **individual** or **small group** tutoring (by grade level).

➤ The teachers that will be providing it:

- Mrs. Bocek
- Miss Hartley
- Miss McGregory
- Mrs. Fisher

Individual sessions= **\$35** Group sessions= **\$25**

★ Full payment is **DUE** prior to the start date.

If you are interested please send an email to chartley@hiscross.net to get on the list.

PTL Board Election Results

Thank you to everyone who took time to vote in our PTL election. Please welcome your new 2026-2027 PTL Board!

- President
- Daniel Rivera
- Vice-President
- Michael Brzoska
- Secretary
- Janelle Brzoska
- Treasurer
- Ron Skarr
- Members-at-Large
- Jamie Reid
 - Lauren Moon
 - Tiffany Becker
 - Erin Amendola

It's only Tuesday and the staff is already feeling all of the Teacher Appreciation love! We are excited for the rest of the week and thank you for all you have done to make us feel special so far!



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Cross WEDNESDAY STREAM Summer Camp 2026

****WHO:** Children going into 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. (This camp is open to all students, even if they don't go to Cross, so pass this on to others who might be interested.)

****WHAT:** We will use STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading & Religion, Engineering, Art, & Math) activities to go over age appropriate skills. Children will be separated into smaller groups with kids in a similar age group. ****NO** peanuts or tree nuts in snacks or lunches. Pack a snack & water for the morning. If your child is staying till 3, they need to bring lunch.

****WHEN:** Wednesdays from 9:00 - noon or option to stay till 3:00.

****DATES:** June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, NO July 15 due to week- long camp, July 22, & July 29

****WHERE:** Cross Lutheran School outside space & inside if weather is bad... Drop-off & pick-up by Preschool entrance doors

****PAYMENT:** How much for 9-noon: \$18 per day for 1 child; \$30 per day for 2 kids; \$40 per day for 3 kids

How much for 9-3: \$36 per day for 1 child; \$60 per day for 2 kids; \$80 per day for 3 kids

****After submitting this google form, a box will pop up with a link that will take you to the way to make payments online for the camp dates you will be attending.**

****Wednesday camp registration form:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfF_7lqkE0GbP2xl_XpdzznOOQs95fvApoQ2wkPvkbL7RQOWQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

****Wednesday camp payment form:** <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GY5Ova1z>

Cross WEEK LONG STREAM Summer Camp July 13-17, 2026

****WHO:** Children going into 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. (This camp is open to all students, even if they don't go to Cross, so pass this on to others who might be interested.)

****WHAT:** We will use STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading and Religion, Engineering, Art, & Math) activities to go over age appropriate skills. Children will be separated into smaller groups with kids in a similar age group. ****NO** peanuts or tree nuts in snacks. Pack a snack & water for the morning.

****WHEN:** July 13-17, 2026 from 9:00 - noon

****WHERE:** Cross Lutheran School outside space & inside if weather is bad... Drop-off & pick-up by Preschool entrance doors

****PAYMENT:** \$90 for 1 child; \$150 for 2 kids; \$200 for 3 kids

****Week-long camp registration form:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAOwHU6AgwAJ3tJgsGcvzZlGWaxha0zCmO9FVXOIPzaOOgVg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

****Week-long camp payment form:** <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/zDEmSeE0>

****Let Mrs. Bocek (abocek@hiscross.net) know if you have any questions!**

CROSS CHEER

SAVE THE DATE!
5TH - 8TH GRADE

2026 CHEER INFORMATION

+ CROSS LUTHERAN SOCCER CAMP!

TRAIN. PLAY. GROW. TOGETHER.

5-8TH GRADE ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

SKILLS DRILLS, GAMES & TEAM BUILDING!

FAITH BUILD CHARACTER, LIVE YOUR FAITH.

FUN MAKE FRIENDS, MAKE MEMORIES.

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 14
9-11 AM | CROSS SOCCER FIELD

TWO WEEKS OF GROWTH, COMPETITION & CAMP FIRE FAITH!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: → **COACH MICHAEL STOWE**
815-546-5063
Michael.stowe2850@gmail.com

ONE TEAM. ONE FAITH. GO CROSS!

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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CROSS BASKETBALL CAMP

14, 16, 21, 23 JUNE

\$75

Coach
Dan Rivera
630.803.4600
coachrivera@hiscross.net

1ST-3RD GRADE
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

4TH - 6TH GRADE
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

5TH - 8TH GRADE
ADVANCED SKILLS
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

CROSS LUTHERAN 8535 IL-47 Yorkville, IL 60560

See the payment link below:
[SIGN UP HERE](#)



CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRESENTS:

AGILITY SUMMER CAMP 2026!

DATES: June 9, 11, 16, 18 (Evenings)

AGES: 4 to 10 Years Old

FOCUS: Building a foundation of **AGILITY & CORE STRENGTH** while **HAVING FUN!**

Also: Weaving **FAITH, CHARACTER, and SPORTSMANSHIP** into every session, building up young believers!

Join us for 4 dynamic sessions of active play, skill-building, teamwork, and agility exercises tailored for young athletes!

LOCATION:
CROSS LUTHERAN SOCCER FIELDS

Cost: \$50 per child

Times will vary: 30-45 minute sessions between (4 pm - 6 pm)

Any questions please contact Dan Rivera @ Coachrivera@hiscross.net

****All proceeds go back to Cross Lutheran School.****

See the payment link below:
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Located just 10 minutes west of Sugar Grove on a beautiful 15-acre property, Crossroads is a fun, high-energy, and spiritually uplifting camp where kids can grow, build friendships, and enjoy an unforgettable week outdoors.

Crossroads Day Camp is for ages 5-14 and runs from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM each day. Our 2026 camp dates are:

- June 1-5
- June 8-12
- June 15-19

Each week is filled with games, team competitions, outdoor activities, and Christ-centered teaching that encourages kids in their faith while making summer incredibly fun.

If you're looking for something meaningful and exciting for your child this summer, we'd love for you to learn more.

You can find all the details here:

<https://www.crossroadscyc.com/day-camps>

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CROSS PARK PLAYDATE!

FRIENDS POPSICLES FUN!

JUNE 5 @ 3PM!

QUESTIONS? CALEY
CTHANEPHON@HISCROSS.ORG

Cross Summer Events and Service Schedule

Worship Service Schedule
Sunday, May 24 - Sunday, September 6
8AM Traditional
10AM Contemporary

Summer Sunday Events
June 14 - Outdoor Worship @ 10am then Foam Party
July 12 - Outdoor Worship @ 10am then Water Fun
August 2 - Kane County Cougars Game @ 1pm
August 23 - Outdoor Worship @ 10am then Family Picnic
Blessing of the Backpacks at both services

More information about these events AND additional events for specific age groups can be found on the Cross Website OR in the weekly E-Newsletter

5th-8th Grade Summer Youth Ministry

June 9th- Nerf Night
June 23rd- Water Games
July 21st- Messy Games
August 4th - Color War Capture the Flag

*Tuesdays 6-8pm
Dinner-Devotion-Fun*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JESSICA: jdvorak@hiscross.org

Join us
Sunday, June 14 @ 10am

Cross Outdoor Worship, Foam Party & Hot Dogs to follow!!

Bring extra clothes, goggles, chairs, and towels!

Questions? Caley cthanepohn@hiscross.org

ADULT PICKLEBALL NIGHT!

June 12 @ 6:30pm

Scan the QR code for more info and to RSVP (deadline June 8)

Questions?
Caley Thanepohn cthanepohn@hiscross.org
Betsy Barkalow eesbetsy87@gmail.com

Cross Children's Ministry Summer Family Events

June Events
June 5- Popsicles & Cross Park Playdate @ 3pm
June 14- Outdoor Worship & Foam Party @ 10am
June 26- Foxy's Meet-up @ 6:30pm

July Events
July 12- Outdoor Worship & Water Fun @ 10am
July 18- Home Plate Hot Dogs Meet-up @ 11:30am
July 24- Popsicles & Cross Park Playdate @ 10am

August Events
August 2- Kane County Cougars Game @ 1pm
August 7- Popsicles & Cross Park Playdate @ 3pm
August 23- Outdoor Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks & Family Picnic @ 10am

Find more information about events in our Cross newsletter OR contact Caley Thanepohn cthanepohn@hiscross.org

GRIEF SHARE

"Grief is a journey that shouldn't be traveled alone."

Every Thursday starting June 4 through August 13
6:30-8:00PM and Location is Disciple Room #50 in Old School Wing

For more information or to sign up:
Contact Jan Kinsel by email at jkinsel@hiscross.org or by phone at 630.234.6190

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
Lutheran Early Response Teams

Book Drive
for Spartanburg, SC Disaster Site
Partnering with Trinity Lutheran in Lisle, IL

Where to drop off: Fellowship Hall (will have a bin marked "LERT Books")
How long to drop off: through Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend)
What books are needed: New or Gently Used Condition for children and young adults ages 2 to 18
Why the need: to distribute to families affected by hurricanes

Questions on books: Contact Kathy Braden 630-551-5323
Questions on LERT and future deployments: Contact Linda Arnold 630-430-8610

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