



THE CRUSADER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

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Calendar of Events

Tues. 9/15 4:00-8:00pm *Chipotle Fundraiser*
Wed. 9/16 K-8 Hot Lunch - Cocina Madre
 6:00pm Nachos/Tacos Dinner Served
 6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 9/17 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 9/18 8:15am-10:00am Moms of Minis Bible Study
8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser
 3:00pm K-8 October Hot Lunch Closes
Sun. 9/20 8:00am Traditional Service
 9:30/11:00am Contemporary Service
1st & 2nd Grade Singing at 11AM
Mon. 9/21 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Tues. 9/22 K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
Wed. 9/23 **See You at the Pole Day**
 6:00pm Chicken Dinner Served
 6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 9/24 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 9/25 **PS-8th Walk-A-Thon**
12pm Dismissal (PS-8th)
PM Cross Cares available until 4:30pm
Sat. 9/26 Cross Cornfield Classic
 5th-8th Soccer & 5/6 Girls Volleyball Tournament

K-8 Hot Lunch Information

K-8 Hot Lunch Ordering is now available online for October through **Friday, September 18th 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.**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Wednesday, October 21st
9:00am - 12:00pm

Looking Ahead

Friday, September 26th - Noon Dismissal

PM CROSS CARES AVAILABLE until 4:30PM

STUDENT HANDBOOK SIGN OFF

If you have not yet reviewed and signed the Student Handbook, please make that a priority! Thank you for your help and cooperation. Here is the [link](#).

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.

CONTACT US

For all school matters, please call:
630-553-7861

or email: schoolinfo@hiscross.net

If you are interested in knowing about upcoming games at Cross, please see the sports calendar screenshot below.

14	15	16	17	18	19
Volleyball at Traugher	Volleyball vs Mooseheart			Millbrook Soccer Tourney	
7/8G at 4:30	5/6 at 4:30	6th Walcamp			
7/8M at 5:30	7/8G at 5:30				CC - Troy Invite
CC practice 3:30-4:30	Soccer vs MP at 4:30	CC practice 2 mile only 3:30-4:30	7/8 Vball pract 3:15-5:00	7/8 Maroon Belvidere Tourney	
5/6 Vball prac 3:15-4:30	CC at Traugher		Soccer at Wallace 4:30 A&B		
21	22	23	24	25	26
Hunter	Hunter		Hunter		Steve Hall Gary Dieter
	Volleyball vs Aur. Christ		Volleyball vs Naperville Christ	WALKATHON	
Volleyball vs Parkview	5/6 at 4:00		5/6 at 4:30		Cornfield Classic
5/6 at 4:00	7/8G at 5:00		7/8G at 5:30		5/6 Volleyball tourney
7/8 at 5:00	7/8M at 6:00		Volleyball vs York Christian		
CC practice 2 mile only	Soccer at Morris at 4:30 A&B	CC practice 3:30-4:30	7/8M at 6:30		CC - Arlington Heights



NATIONAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

Wednesday, September 23rd
Please join us at 2:45pm for prayer at the flag poles.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. SCHMECKPEPER

Greetings from Mrs. Schmeckpeper's Preschool Class!

The beginning of a new school year is a special time in our preschool classroom. Our room is filled with bright smiles, curious questions, new friendships as we settle into our new routines.

Each day we have a chance to learn about God's love and to see His goodness in the world around us. We recently learned about how God created the amazing world around us. We have enjoyed learning new songs such as "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" as well to reinforce our Bible stories.

Our classroom is quickly becoming a place where we can explore, create, ask questions, and grow. During our day, we enjoy building towers, painting pictures, playing in our dramatic play area and listening to stories. We have even explored using fingerpaints, noticing what happens when you mix two colors together. We have not yet decided on a project topic to learn about but that will be coming soon!

We pray that this school year will be filled with wonder, friendship, discovery, and countless reminders of God's love. Here's to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and growing together in faith!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

We are excited to support Gospel on the Go through the LCMS Northern Illinois District. The focus will be projects in Belize include: feeding programs, student scholarships, the Mercy House in Seine Bight, and a new playground for the children of the community where Jesus is the center.

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$288.02!!**

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Carty, Cervantes/Rodriguez, Doubek, Hanahan, Hannigan, Hubrich, Krygier, Latsch, Lechowicz, Leon, Lorange, Marcle, Martinez, Meadows, Mick, Nguyen, Reichert, Rivera, Rovak, Schlueter/McNamara, Skinner, Tremain, Williams

WALK-A-THON Fundraiser

Friday, September 25th

Paperwork was to be picked up at orientation or sent home with your child. **It is due back on Friday, September 25th.**

If you didn't receive a packet, we have extras in the office

- Student Pledge:

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/065hEwLO>

- Snack Donations:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d7rPkI764J5KX5ijXLn7QvwU1x95BfDM2pxcNbVDZal/edit?usp=drivesdk>

Questions? Email walkathon@hiscross.net or schoolinfo@hiscross.net

Hot Lunch Volunteer/PTL Volunteer Opportunities

There are many lunch volunteer opportunities (drivers and servers) please consider signing up for a few. Use the link below to easily sign up.

[HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS](#)

If you want to volunteer in other ways, PTL has more opportunities. Please see the link below:

[PTL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net

Dine & Donate Fundraisers:

Foxy's Ice Cream: Fri. Sept 25th, 12pm-3pm

Chick-fil-A: Tues. Sept 29th, 5pm-7:30pm

Panera Bread: Thurs. Oct 8th, ALL DAY!



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MOMS OF MINIS

WHAT: BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST FOR MOMS OF 4TH GRADERS AND UNDER

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHEN: FRIDAYS 8:15-10:00 **Starting September 11th**

*NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND EVERY FRIDAY DROP IN WHEN YOU CAN

FELLOWSHIP, FAITH DEVELOPMENT, FOOD, AND FRIENDSHIPS

QUESTIONS? CALEY
CTHANEPHORN@HISCROSS.ORG



RaiseRight
Gift Card Program

*Looking for money towards tuition?
A way to earn easy money for Cross?*

We know tuition is a big investment- and that's why we're using RaiseRight- to help make it more manageable!

How it works:

Simply shop through RaiseRight!

Purchase E-gift or physical gift cards

and use them for every day purchases and/or gifts.

Brands share a portion back to Cross Lutheran as earnings—and half of those earnings go to our school and the other half toward your child's tuition to lower your costs.

But where do the earnings come from?

Follow these simple steps to join!

① Scan the URL to join



Enrollment Code:
45LAEC3E7123

②

Create your account

Sign up at RaiseRight.com or in the mobile app using the Enrollment Code, then add a payment method.

③ Start Shopping!

Buy gift cards, shop online, dine at participating restaurants, or book travel through RaiseRight.

④ Earn and Save!

A percentage of every purchase goes back to Cross Lutheran. Those earnings are deducted from your tuition on a quarterly basis, reducing what you pay out of pocket.

✝ Cross Children's Ministry 2026-2027

Sundays @ 9:30 service
Preschool-4th grade



Wednesdays @ 6:30-8:00*
Kindergarten- 4th grade
***Optional Family Dinner at 6:00pm**

Scan QR Code for more info and to Register!

Questions?
Caley Thanepohn
cthanepohn@hiscross.org

Fall Ministry Begins
Wednesday, September 9



5th-12th grade

Ministry begins
Wednesday Sept. 9th!

Sunday School 9:30

5th-8th Grade & High School

Wednesdays

6-6:30 FREE dinner for ALL

6:30-8pm 5th/6th and 7th/8th ministry

6:30-8:15 High School ministry

5-8th



E-mail Jessica for more information:
jdvorak@hiscross.org

Scan QR Code to register

High School



2026-2027 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Due October 19th

Here is the cover contest link with more details:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:af57e5b5-201a-4f50-acc3-cefc3c4f418?>

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Order now through September 16th to save \$10 on next year's yearbook! Yearbooks are \$20 until 9/16 and then the price goes up to \$30.

Click [here](#) to order your yearbook or scan the QR code!



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CHEER camp

KIDS CAMP IS HERE!

Who? 4's and Kindergarten

Includes? Camp shirt, bow, and 2 days of practice with the Cross cheerleaders.

Performance: Thursday, November 19th at halftime of the 6th grade boys basketball game. Game starts @4:00pm



Click on the QR code to register and pay



CHEER camp

KIDS CAMP IS HERE!

Who? 1st -4th grade

Includes? Camp shirt, bow, and 2 days of practice with the Cross cheerleaders.

Performance: Thursday, December 10th at halftime of the 7th grade boys basketball game. Game starts @4:00pm



Click on the QR code to register and pay

Cross Spirit Wear

Check out the items for this school year!



▶ Cross Spiritwear

<https://smm-custom-athletics-and-spiritwear.square.site/cross>

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Fall Worship and Ministry Times

Starting September 13

Service Times

8AM Traditional
9:30AM* Contemporary
11AM Contemporary

*9:30AM Children, Youth, and Adult Discipleship

For more information, stop by the Kiosk OR reach out to the Church Office
(630) 553-7335 | churchinfo@hiscross.org

Get Connected this Fall Ministry Launch!

Interested in Community Groups
or Serving Opportunities here at Cross?

Scan the QR Code and fill out the form
to let us know!



If you have questions, please reach out to the Church Office
(630) 553-7335 | churchinfo@hiscross.org

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION NIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

Sermon Series

Starting September 6th

the Apostles' Creed
I BELIEVE

Opening Service for LWML Convention

September 18 at 7:00PM
at Cross Lutheran Church



All are welcome to join us for the evening service
opening our LWML Convention, which will have Communion

Gathering of baby supplies, anyone interested in donating
may bring disposable diapers - size 1-5

Drop off at the Parlor (on Sundays) or at the Church Office (Weekdays)
by Sunday, Sept. 27

Questions?

Contact Lana Fiala at 630-553-0851

Living N' Active

Sundays Starting September 20 at 9:30AM

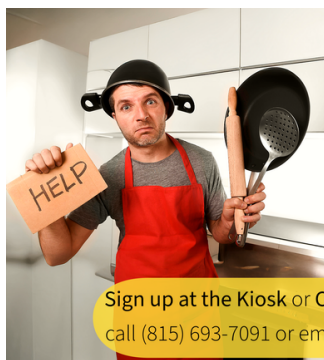
Location: Discipleship Room 50



Join us to learn more about Cross!

To RSVP, contact the Church Office:

Phone (630-553-7335) or Email (churchinfo@hiscross.org)



"We need your help!"

Donations and Servers
for Wednesday Night Meals
Starting Sept. 9

- Serving
- Making desserts
- Donating items
(to help keep costs down)

Sign up at the Kiosk or Contact Beth Thanepohn
call (815) 693-7091 or email batenpin@gmail.com



Saturday, September 19

LERT Basic Training Opportunity

Where: Concordia University Chicago - Krentz Center, Rm. 120

Address: 7400 Augusta St., River Forest, IL 60305

Registration goes from 8:30 am - 9:00 am

Training goes from 9:00 am - 11:30 am



Scan the QR Code for more interested or to register online!

Questions or interested in getting involved?

Contact Linda Arnold by texting 630-430-8610

OR by emailing crosslutheranLERT@gmail.com

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