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Weekly Announcements

Week of December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve. Services – 10 a.m. | Candlelight Services at 4 & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day Service – 10 a.m.

December 31 – Sunday morning worship – 10 a.m.

Worship

NEW—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed December 25, 26 and 29, in observance of the Christmas & New Year's holidays. Thank you!

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – DECEMBER 24

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

Christmas is a season where we often strive to be, as the song goes, "home for Christmas". However, that sense of feeling "at home" isn't an automatic result of gathering in person with our loved ones. Life can still get in the way...relationship struggles, health issues, financial hardships. We strive for that "at home" feeling by managing our surroundings, but we'll only find that "at home" feeling through our Savior, the baby born at Christmas. To prepare for worship read Luke 2:1-20.

NEW—CONGREGATION SURVEY REPORT

Thank you to Rev. Galan Walther for sharing the results from our Congregation Survey on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. If you were unable to attend that evening, you can find the report [here](#).

NO EDUCATION HOUR ON DECEMBER 24 & 31

There will be no Education Hour on December 24 & 31. It will resume on January 7, 2018.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SERVICES – TAKE NOTE!!

Take note some are changed from year's past –

December 24 – 10 a.m. – One Service

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

December 25 – 10 a.m. – One Service

December 31 – 10 a.m. – One Service

For Your Information

NEW—PRAISING GOD FOR YOU!

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Compassion Fund with door offerings totaling \$1,379 last Sunday after our Christmas Concert Services. Others will be blessed because of you.

NEW—DAILY SHEPHERD CHILD CARE IS HIRING

Looking for a way to share Jesus in a special way through a special ministry of Holy Cross? Daily Shepherd Preschool with Child Care is looking to hire a part-time assistant. CDA, Associates, or Bachelor education degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education is a plus, but not required. Must be 18 or older, willing to train for CPR/First Aid, and submit to a background check. A flexible schedule is very helpful. Please stop by the Daily Shepherd office or email at dsccc@holycrossjenison.org to submit a resume.

SPECIAL YEAR-END CHRISTMAS GIFT

Please consider a special year-end "Christmas Gift" as an expression of your joy in Christ to further support the Lord's work at Holy Cross. There are special envelopes on the Welcome Desk or in the office or you can give electronically [here](#).

COMMITMENT CARDS

We received a few financial pledges without names on them. If you made a financial pledge, but did not receive confirmation of it in last week's mailing, please contact Karen Petzold, Business Manager at kpetzold@holycrossjenison.org or 616.457.2420.

2017 YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE & OFFICE HOURS

According to IRS guidelines, for financial gifts to be tax-deductible in 2017, they must be received or postmarked on or before December 31. For your information, the week of December 25, our office is open on Wednesday & Thursday, 12/27 & 12/28 from 9 am until 5 pm.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the box and the section of labeled coats in the Narthex coat rack (near the restrooms and nursery) for missing coats and especially travel mugs that have been left behind. Early in January whatever is left, will be donated.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex ready for pick-up. Thank you for your financial support of the mission and ministries of Holy Cross! Many are blessed by using an electronic/online giving program. Enrollment information for these programs may be found on our website under 'Resources' or by picking up a brochure near the offering envelopes.

Bible Study

NEW—MILESTONE MINISTRY – MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR THIRD GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS – JANUARY 14 & 21

Money Management is a great way to teach children the value of money and work. Parents will meet on January 14th in the Conference Room, #302 at 9:45 a.m. They will learn and discuss the importance of Giving, Saving and Spending. On January 21st, parents and their third graders will come together for class time. The worship blessing will be on January 21 at the 11 a.m. service.

NEW—MARRIAGE ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16, 23 & 20

Activities and brief discussions designed to enhance relationships for married or engaged couples. Childcare is available. Three Tuesday evening sessions 6:30-7:45 p.m. on January 16, 23 and 30. This workshop is led by Pastor Eggert and there is no charge. The workshop size is limited to 12 couples. Pre-registration is required. Please call the church office – 616-457-2420 to register.

NEW—MILESTONE MINISTRY - PREPARING FOR COLLEGE CLASS – JANUARY 21

High School Seniors and their Parents are invited to a milestone class on January 21 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 209, at the end of the Daily Shepherd Hallway. During this class Michael Eichberger, admissions counselor at GVSU, will walk you through important topics to prepare you to head off to college. If you have any questions about this class please contact DCE Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

Serve

NEW—SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE

Please pray for and thank the following members for their willingness to serve on our Senior Pastor Call Committee: Frank Novakowski, chair, Pastor Peck, Zac Toth, Mary Ann Church, Becky Ehrnstrom, Kelly Meyer and Chris Hall. This team has already started meeting and should have a list of candidates to begin evaluating in January or February.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED

We are looking for people interested in donating cookies/bars or salads for the luncheon after a funeral. Call or email us and we would be happy to add you to our list. Contact Anne Hickok at 457-1399 | w.hickok@sbcglobal.net or Pat Norton at 662-9170 | coachnorts@gmail.com

FOOD TRUCK & PANCAKE BREAKFAST – COME VOLUNTEER!

Our next Food Truck & Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for those in our community. Volunteers are needed in many areas of service – helping with the truck (i.e. unloading food, unpacking food, greeters, helping our guests etc.); Pancake Breakfast (i.e. cooking and kitchen help), and people who are willing to listen, care and share Jesus! The time commitment for all volunteers is 8:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Kelli McCready at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org or by calling 457-2420. You will not want to miss this day serving with love, in the name of Christ. **Feeding America of West Michigan states that children are not permitted to be used as volunteers to hand out products, therefore we can only accept volunteers of those children entering 6th grade in the Fall and up with parent supervision.**

HAND2HAND MINISTRY – JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are looking for individuals to join our team with our Hand2Hand Ministry. Time commitment is Wednesday evening for approximately 30-60 minutes. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Kelli McCready at 616-457-2420 or kmccready@holycrossjenison.org.

ATTENTION WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS – PLANNING CENTER ONLINE (PCO) NEW INFORMATION

If you are serving as a volunteer for our worship services, please complete your PCO profile with all your current information and block out any dates you are unavailable. We ask you to **please respond promptly** when you are scheduled for a worship service. If you should have questions, or need help setting up your profile, please contact Kelli McCready at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org or by calling the church office at 457-2420.

Connect

NEW—FAMILY NIGHT – JANUARY 12

All Sunday School families are invited to participate in our January 12th Family Night from 6pm-8:30pm. Please join us for fun, fellowship and a family friendly movie. This is a FREE event for families and we will enjoy dinner, activities and a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, please contact Nursery Coordinator, Heather Pytlowanyj at nursery@holycrossjenison.org. Or to sign up go to this link, <http://holycrossjenison.org/familynight>

NEW—HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT – JANUARY 26 – 28

Our High School winter retreat is once again scheduled for a weekend in Cadillac, MI. We will be staying at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a weekend of games, fellowship, bible study, and skiing. Cost is \$20 for the weekend, plus the option of skiing (\$21 lift ticket/\$21 rental/\$3 helmet) Stay tuned for more information, please contact Tyler Osmun for more information. Sign up on the board.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT – JANUARY 26, 2018 – COMPLETE YOU IN JESUS 2.0 – 5:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

“Be still & know that I am God” Psalm 46:10, is the theme of our 2018 Complete You in Jesus Women’s Ministry Event. Women (high school age and up) are invited to come to this fun, uplifting & practical event. This event will include dinner and feature Cindy Bultema, author & speaker of the best-selling bible studies “Red Hot Faith & Live Full, Walk Free.” Also, we welcome Registered Dietitian, Lauren Hanson, RDN and Pure Barre, Grandville will lead us through a fun & low-impact fitness session. They will share how our spiritual and physical life complement each other. Bring a friend and let us inspire you to become more like Jesus designed you to be in mind, body & soul. Register online at holycrossjenison.org/completeyou, contact the church office at 457-2420 & see the display in the narthex.

TOUR OF ISRAEL MEETING – LED BY PASTOR PETER LARSEN – JANUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

Ready to go on a trip to Israel?! Pastor Larsen will be leading a tour of Israel in October 2018. He will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, January 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting, he will present full trip details including possibly visiting Petra too. If you’re interested in going on this tour, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you!