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Weekly Announcements

Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday worship times are 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP—JANUARY 14

Jesus said] "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." - John 13:34

We live in a world where "love" has many worldly interpretations. However, the basic ingredient in good marriages and Godly marriages is God-like love. Everything about God is love and He desires the same for us in this most intimate form of unity – marriage. To prepare for worship, read Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 5:25-33, 21-24, and John 13:34-35.

NEW—CONGREGATION FINANCE MEETING—JANUARY 28 AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE MISSION HALL

All households are encouraged to join us at the Congregation Meeting, January 28 at 9:45 a.m. in the Mission Hall. At this meeting we will share how we finished our year in 2017 and the income and budget plans for 2018. We will also be getting an update on the Senior Pastor Call Process and upcoming ministry happenings.

MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY – A MESSAGE SERIES (JANUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 4)

What are the core elements of a Godly marriage? Sure, we could say it's common values, or devotion, or common faith, or similar tastes, etc. But what is really the core? We are going to explore God-like love, forgiveness, faithfulness, etc. Of course, God's guidance and empowerment for marriages also apply to other relationships. So, whether you are married or not, this series of messages will touch your life. It's God's love that binds us to Him. And it's God-like love that binds married partners to one another.

Bible Study

NEW—FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MILESTONE

The First Communion preparation classes will be offered beginning on Sunday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25. All four classes are scheduled during the education hour (9:45 a.m.) for Fifth graders and their parents. These classes are also open to other teens and their parents who haven't yet taken these preparation classes and desire to receive Communion. Students will take their First Communion on March 4, 2018 at the 11 a.m. service. Contact DCE Jim Hueseman, dcejim@holycrossjenison.org, to register (anyone other than 5th graders) or if you have any questions.

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 21st at the 11 a.m. service.

MARRIAGE ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16, 23 & 20 – SEE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX!

Engage in activities and brief discussions designed to enhance relationships for married or engaged couples. (You do not have to be in trouble to participate.) Childcare is available for all three Tuesday evening sessions-- 6:30-7:45 p.m. There is no charge for this workshop led by Pastor Eggert. Participation is limited to 12 couples. Pre-registration is required. Please call the church office – 616-457-2420 to register.

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The next New Member Class begins Sunday, January 21, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. and lasts 9 weeks. This is for anyone interested in joining Holy Cross or simply learning more about our church. A signup sheet is on the welcome desk. Nursery is provided. Topics include the Bible, Baptism, Lord's Supper, worship, and others. Members are welcome to take the class as a "refresher." Contact Pastor Peck at pastorpeck@holycrossjenison.org or the church office with any questions.

STRIVING TO BE WHAT GOD DESIGNS – SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AT 9:45 A.M.

This **Sunday morning Bible class** meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. The Bible tells us that we are the "temples of God." God also instructs us: "You shall be holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy." In this class, "It's Time to Clean the Temple," we are striving to be more and more what God wants us to be and do.

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS CLASS – SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 A.M. – HERITAGE ROOM

Parents of students in high school and/or confirmation are invited to a weekly conversation on raising their children to know and follow Jesus. We have a parent team that facilitates our weekly discussions that focus on a current topic and how our faith influences us as Christian parents. Any questions related to this class can be directed to DCE Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP – ROOM 203 (DAILY SHEPHERD CLASSROOM)

Interested in Exploring a "Life Group"? Try Sunday Morning...Jay and Karen Fox are the leaders, and they are ready to help you check it out. They are currently doing a RightNow Media study called Anatomy of a Disciple, which is designed to inspire and equip believers to become authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY – 6:30 – 7:45 A.M.

If you a man and are looking to start a new habit of digging into God's word on a regular basis you are invited to join us every week. We will be studying Psalm 119 where we will look at the times God feels distant, His Word dry, and the vibrant intimacy we knew before seems absent leaving us wondering, "Where is the Lord in this?" In this series we will be using a video curriculum from nationally recognized Pastor Matt Chandler as our launching point. Check out this trailer for our series [here](#). If you plan to attend please contact DCE Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org for the passcode to the security door.

Serve

COLLECTING GLOVES & MITTENS FOR JANUARY FOOD TRUCK

January 14 is the last day to donate gloves and mittens to pair with hats and scarves. We will be distributing these items at the January 20 food truck. These do not need to be fancy or expensive - anything to keep someone's hands warm! Please leave these gloves or mittens on the Christmas trees in the Narthex!

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, contact Kelli McCreedy at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org or call 457-2420. **We now allow children age 5 & up to serve with a parent.** You won't want to miss this day of serving with love, in the name of Christ.

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 McCreedy at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org or by calling the church office at 457-2420.

Connect

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. The deadline for registration is Sunday, January 21.

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.

For Your Information

NEW — MEETING NOTICE

- Daily Shepherd Board Meeting is Monday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Foundation Board Meeting is Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Resource Room.

NEW — FAITH FAMILY REUNION: BEING A PARENT OF A PRODIGAL – JANUARY 27 FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

All of us have someone in our lives who has strayed away from faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigal but to the parents, families and friends of prodigals who struggle to know what to do? Join us for a retreat on these important issues and an introduction to a ministry opportunity that churches everywhere can easily implement. Paula Isakson (Founder of Faith Family Reunion) will share the Faith Family Reunion curriculum that she and her father, Dr. Jakob K. Heckert (Co-Founder and Theological Editor) which they developed together, that addresses the subject matter head on. Additional resources will be presented from the Faith Family Reunion interactive website: www.faithfamilyreunion.com. Help families welcome home family members who have wandered away. Cost is \$10/person, which includes lunch. Register at the Michigan District website: michigandistrict.org. If you need help, please contact our church office - St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5125 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

DAILY SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE CENTER – A CHERISHED MINISTRY OF HOLY CROSS

Enrollment for Holy Cross members and current Daily Shepherd families began Tuesday, January 2 for Summer 2018 and School Year 2018-2019. Enroll by January 31, and we will waive your enrollment fee (a \$45 savings). We provide a loving, secure Christian atmosphere where children can develop body, mind, and spirit. For ages 2 ½ (potty-trained) through 12. For more information or to set up a tour please stop by or call Molly at (616) 457-1780.

THANK YOU FROM RON & ROBERTA TASKER

Ron and I wish to express our humble, grateful thanks for the outpouring of love from our Holy Cross family over the last two months. The many cards, visits, phone calls, messages and wonderful meals have been very touching and made life so much easier. It wouldn't have been the same without them! Ron and Roberta Tasker

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website, www.holycrossjenison.org, our Holy Cross Jenison Facebook page, and your local TV station.

- Evening programs – cancellations will be posted on our website by 4 p.m. and an e-mail will be sent out to our e-communications group. (Please note our decision to cancel evening programming is no longer connected to Jenison Public Schools.)
- Sunday morning worship services – cancellations will be posted on our website by 7:30 a.m.