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Weekly Announcements

Week of February 11, 2018

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

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 11

It's Life Sunday. God has given life to you and to your neighbors. No single life is more valuable than another. As people affirm this truth when they call out #metoo, we rightly reply in support #themtoo. But our affirmation of life's value includes not only those who have faced past abuse, but also those who can't say "me too" for themselves. To prepare for worship, read Romans 5:18-21 & Luke 10:25-37.

NEW—PREPARING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & THE LENT SEASON

This week, Christians begin Lent. This Season of the Church Year is a time of renewal and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It has become a very meaningful time for many of us. Use these 40 days to focus on the center of your faith – Jesus and His death and resurrection for you. And then reflect on your relationship to Jesus and His plan for your life. It is so easy to get sidetracked by what is happening all around us in our personal lives that we forget Jesus, who is really the center of life. He is what is really important.

The name Lent is probably derived from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring...the time when days lengthen. The early Christians remembered with special devotions the 40 hours during which the Savior lay in the tomb. The period of commemoration was later extended to two weeks (Passion-tide), and eventually, in recognition of the 40 days of Jesus' temptation, to 40 days. Since Sundays were never fast days, being in Lent but not of Lent, four weekdays were added to the six weeks and this (probably during the time of Gregory the Great) finally fixed the Season of Lent as 40 fasting days. (This historical information is from The Lutheran Liturgy by Dr. Luther Reed.)

NEW—LENT RESOURCES

Starting today, you can pick up a print copy or find out how to download an e-version of the Lenten Devotion. The devotion starts on February 14th, Ash Wednesday, and continues through the season of Lent. See the display in the Narthex for more details. We have resources for all ages.

LENTEN WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP MEALS BEGIN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

We will begin our celebration of Ash Wednesday with a free MEAL in the Fellowship Hall – 5:30-6:30 pm. As we worship at 7 pm, we will learn some lessons from Jesus' interactions on the night before His death, when He ate the Passover meal with His disciples. As a day for repentance & grace, worshipers will have the opportunity to receive ashes of repentance & participate in the Lord's Supper of grace.

SELAH {A NIGHT OF PRAISE + PRAYER} – MARCH 4 AT 7 P.M.

Come join us March 4 for a night of prayer & praise in the Mission Hall at 7pm. This Selah will be focused on the season of Lent. We hope this time, to pause & reflect before you begin another week, will allow you to re-focus on Who it's all about – JESUS!

Bible Study

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – 10:30 A.M.

We are just starting work on Lessons from the Gospel of Luke. Join us for an hour of fellowship, engaging study, and food. While many of our participants are seniors, the class is open to all. We could use some younger blood. We meet 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

Serve

GET CONNECTED – FIND WHERE YOU FIT

Did you know it takes approximately 40 volunteers for our Worship Service each Sunday?! Please join us in being a part of our Sunday Worship Team by joining our team as an Usher, a Door Greeter, Altar Guild, a friendly face at our Welcome Desk, joining our Church Security Team or being part of our Audio/Visual or Hospitality Team. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kelli McCready at 457-2420 or emailing 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—ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – MARCH 20

Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and delicious food on Tuesday, March 20th at 12:00 pm at Pizza Ranch in Hudsonville. This luncheon will be immediately following Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Registration is required and can be found at the ministry table in the narthex or you may sign up during Bible study. Cost: \$10/person. Invite your friends, everyone is welcome.

LENTEN WORSHIP MEALS BEGIN FEBRUARY 14

Lenten fellowship meals begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Pulled pork and hash brown casserole is on the menu. All meals will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. They are FREE, but for those who are able to chip-in, a free will offering will be taken.

EASTER CARD MINISTRY BEGINS FEBRUARY 25

This Easter season, we would like to remember those in our congregation who are unable to join us in worship. There will be a bag for each person, and cards can be placed in the appropriate bag between February 25 - March 18. At that time, they will be delivered as a gift of love from our congregation. Please see the display in the narthex for a list of names and/or to leave your cards.

FAITH & FITNESS – TUESDAYS IN MARCH

Women of all ages (14 and up) & fitness levels are welcome to attend Faith & Fitness from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 6. This fitness class goes for 4 weeks and is led by Revelation Wellness instructor & Holy Cross member, Nicole Church. \$3.00 per class or \$10 up front for all 4 weeks. Sign up in the narthex or online at holycrossjenison.org/faithandfitness and nursery will be available.

For Your Information

NEW—MEETING NOTICE

- Deacon Meeting is Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room.

E – GIVING

Electronic Giving is a blessing to many who are trying to stay on top of their church offerings. If you would be blessed by this, consider using the e-giving options provided **here** on our website. If you connect your e-giving directly through your bank account, there are no fees charged to the church. You should know, however, if you use a debit or credit card, the church is charged a \$.45 per transaction fee and 2.75% of the donation. For example, if you make a \$100 contribution through e-giving using a debit or credit card, the church receives \$96.80.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES AT WELCOME DESK

2018 Offering Envelopes may now be picked up at the Welcome Desk.

FAMILY LIFE TEAM STAFFING UPDATES:

Heather Pytlowanyj is now serving as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Heather leads our Children's Ministry & VBS and also Family Night, Parents' Night Out, & Kids' Time ministries. You can contact Heather at heatherp@holycrossjenison.org.

Miranda Daniels (former Nursery Leader) is now serving as the Nursery Coordinator – supervising and leading our team of Nursery Leaders and Assistants. Please welcome her to this new role.

MICHIGAN IN TOUCH

Michigan in Touch is a monthly publication of the Michigan District. You can click [here](#) to read this month's edition or you can also subscribe and have it delivered to your email each month. Check out the article about New Hope in Hudsonville, to learn more about how they are growing.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND – WHAT IS EXTENSIONPLUS?

The CEF ExtensionPlus is an easy-access savings vehicle from Church Extension Fund. Continue to support the ministry of CEF in providing space and place for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and be able to access your investments via your own checkbook or VISA®/ATM Card or withdraw your investment at an ATM. To learn how you can invest in CEF, contact Mike Reed at 460-3933 or golfermike@mail.com, call 800.242.3944, or visit www.mi-cef.org.

HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION – OPEN GRANT CYCLE

We are so blessed for this opportunity to serve Christ's Kingdom. [Click here](#) to apply for a Grant supporting Community Outreach, Missions and Christian Education, or scholarship for future professional church workers attending an LCMS College or Seminary. Up to \$8,000 available. Grant applications are due February 28, 2018.

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.