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Weekly Announcements

Week of February 18, 2018

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

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP—FEBRUARY 18

We are tempted to think and believe like our culture: Life's better in my hands. Life's better when I take charge. But is that true? Isn't the real truth that life is not better in my hands. Life can only be better when I entrust my whole being into the hands of the heavenly Father. To prepare for worship, read Luke 4:1-13 and Romans 10:8b-13.

PREPARING FOR THE LENT SEASON

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.)

LENT RESOURCES

You can pick up a print copy or find out how to download an e-version of the Lenten Devotion. See the display in the Narthex for more details. We have resources for all ages.

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

NEW—NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS – “GOD’S WORD CONFRONTS THE NEWS”

Each week the Adult bible class meets in the Fellowship Hall and will take a look at current news story and explores how God's word applies to it. For example, the study on 2/11 examined the impact statement against Dr. Larry Nassar by one of his victims. The victim confronted him with the law of God and told him about the gospel available to him should he acknowledge his guilt and grasp the salvation available through Jesus' sacrifice. Join us for Bible study, conversation, food, and fellowship. It's all free.

NEW—KEYS TO THE FUTURE MILESTONE MINISTRY – SUNDAY, MARCH 18 FOR 9TH GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS

Learning to drive is all about getting the “keys.” This Milestone helps parents and new drivers explore the “keys” to gaining greater freedom and responsibility. Parents and students will meet on March 18th, in the Conference Room, #302, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. The Worship Blessing will also be March 18, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

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

Each week we explore “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 – women and men. We meet 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Serve

NEW—OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Each year the ministry boards at Holy Cross open up new opportunities to serve as previous board members complete their service. If you'd like to serve or know someone who would be blessed such a role, please fill out the “Willingness to Serve” form on the ministry table in the narthex. On that form you'll also find more information about each of the boards, so you can prayerfully consider whether you or another would be a good fit.

NEW—ORCHESTRA MEMBERS NEEDED FOR EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

If you play an instrument and are interested in performing in the orchestra on Easter, please contact Praise Team & Orchestra Director, Matt Reed at malanreed@yahoo.com. Orchestra rehearsals begin March 18. Thank you!

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

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.

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.

For Your Information

NEW—EVENING PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park in the Daily Shepherd drop off and pick up spots before 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. These spots are reserved for the families of the Daily Shepherd students to help them get in and out with their little ones. Thank you for caring for our community!

NEW—YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As we join with families in Florida, saddened and broken by the horrific killing at a school, please pray for the families of the victims, classmates, teachers and others so affected. Please also pray continually that our area schools and students will be protected by God. Please read the [attached article](#) for a Christian perspective and encouragement on this tragedy by Jim Denison in the Denison Forum -- "Football coach 'died a hero' protecting students at Florida shooting."

NEW—LENTEN WORSHIP MEALS - FEBRUARY 21

Join us Wednesday evening for our Lenten fellowship meals. Tacos are 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.

NEW—GET EQUIPPED TO SHARE ABOUT JESUS

Participate in the ["Take Heart, Take Action"](#) one-day conference on February 24, 2018, at Our Savior, Lansing and you'll get biblical insight into our calling as witnesses of the Gospel, as well as practical advice on how to do so. Everywhere we go, we go as a witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to be a witness? How can my witness persuade someone to believe? How can I be a witness to people who really don't seem to care about church or the faith? This conference is for both laypeople and church workers, and features speakers such as [Greg Finke](#). Free live stream is available. Register for live stream [here](#). To attend in person, registration is \$25/general admission and \$20/student. Click here to [register](#).

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.

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.

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.