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Weekly Announcements

Week of February 25, 2018

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

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Selah – an evening of praise + prayer – March 4th @ 7 p.m.

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 25

There's a great desire in our world today to be authentic...to discover who you really are and to live it unapologetically. But how do you know who you are? What is really being "true to yourself"? To prepare for worship, read 1 Peter 1:22-25 and Luke 21:33-22:6.

NEW—THE SEASON OF LENT

During this season of renewal and preparation, we focus on the center of our faith – Jesus. We review the events and conversations of Jesus leading up to His death, in which He absorbed the wrath of God against our sin. Of course, as Christians, we know the outcome. Jesus was raised from death in victory – victory over death, over sin, and the devil. And so, while we prepare and look at our lives of sinfulness with contrite hearts, we know and rejoice that we are forgiven sinners – forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice and glorious resurrection. Rejoice in Jesus, who is really the center of life. He is truly our Rescuer.

NEW—SENIOR PASTOR CALL PROCESS

The Holy Cross Call Committee met several times in January and February and is well prepared to act upon the listing of pastor candidates when it arrives. Last fall, our Michigan District Representative, Pastor Walther explained the call process in a congregational meeting and also stated he estimated we would be receiving a list in January. We now know that the Pastor who served as the District President's assistant in the call process had to step away from the list development due to his wife's passing. Thus, the process has been delayed and we do not have a time frame for receiving the list. We do know that another Pastor now has this list development assignment. Our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Rufner, is checking frequently with the Michigan District Office to be sure they understand our need to receive the listing. He has been excellent in keeping us informed of any development. As we all know, God has the right timing for this call process and knows when it would be best for our new Senior Pastor to first hear from us. In the meantime, we need to offer our prayers for this process and support one another with patience. On behalf of the Call Committee, Frank Novakowski, Chair

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!

LENT RESOURCES – CHILDREN & ADULT DEVOTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

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.

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 at 9:45. We look at a current news story and explore how God's word applies to it. For example, the study on Feb. 25 looks at the Christian expressions of several players and staff of the Super Bowl Champion Eagles. It's an eye-opening lesson about life and living. Join us for Bible study, conversation, food, and fellowship. It's all free.

NEW—NEW STUDY – SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP – "IT IS FINISHED"

This is a six-lesson study is built around the final words of Jesus from the cross and features video teaching from [RightNow Media](#). You can preview the study [here](#).

"Jesus' last words are powerful teaching moments that if unpacked, can radically shape our lives as we learn what it means to be human and the limitless love of God. Each lesson dives into the historical and practical significance surrounding each of Jesus' phrases while the study guide gives the viewer different spiritual practices to participate in throughout Lent."

This group, led by Jay Fox, meets on Sundays 9:45-10:45 in Room 203 (in the Daily Shepherd hallway). Each lesson stands on its own, so feel free to stop by and check it out for a week.

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.

Serve

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.

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!

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—MEETING NOTICE

- Vestry Meeting is Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Foundation Board Meeting is Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room.

NEW—LENTEN WORSHIP MEALS - FEBRUARY 28

Join us Wednesday evening for our Lenten fellowship meals. We will be serving beef stew on February 28. 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—THURSDAY MORNING EXERCISE GROUP

The Thursday morning women's exercise group will not be meeting from now through April 5. This class resumes April 12 at 9:30 to 11 a.m.

NEW—SPRING/SUMMER HOLY CROSS CONSIGNMENT SALE – MARCH 23 & 24

Our spring & summer consignment clothing sale is just around the corner! March 23 from 9 to 3 & March 24 from 9 to 1. Gently used maternity, infant thru teenage clothing, toys, electronics, books and more will be at our sale. Proceeds benefit out Holy Cross High School Ministry. **Interested in being a Consigner? Contact the church office at office@holycrossjenison.org for an application & instruction packet or go to our [website](#).**

NEW—PURCHASING FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate a loved one or occasion by placing flowers on the altar, you can do so by filling out the Altar Flower clipboard on the Ministry Table in the narthex. **The price of an arrangement is \$15.00.** Envelopes & the payment box are available on the table for your payment. Any questions, contact the church office at 457-2420.

HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION – OPEN GRANT CYCLE – GRANTS DUE BY FEBRUARY 28

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.

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!

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."

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.