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# Weekly Announcements

Week of April 1, 2018

Easter Worship Services are 7 – 9 – 11 a.m.

Easter Breakfast is from 8 to 9 a.m.

Church office is closed on Monday, April 2.

# Worship

### NEW—Church Office is Closed Monday April, 2

In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 2.

### **NEW**—Preparing For Worship On Easter – April 1

The followers of Jesus had trouble believing when the angels and other followers told them Jesus was alive. But there was a lot more for them to believe about Jesus, and the same is true for us. Do you believe God's word and what it reveals about Jesus? Let's examine God's word and what it teaches us to believe. To prepare for worship on Easter, read John 20:1-8, Acts 10:34-43 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

# **NEW**—Donations of Easter Flowers

Beautiful flowers remind us of our beautiful risen Savior, JESUS! Thank you to all who donated flowers to beautify our Sanctuary. Click here to see a printable full list of those that donated flowers. Thank you! HE IS RISEN!

#### **NEW**—EASTER – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Jesus came to earth to reveal God and His love to us. Jesus – God and man – took the punishment for the sin of the whole world as He underwent God's wrath against our sin. Jesus was raised from death in victory – victory over death, over sin, and the devil. And so, we know and rejoice that we are forgiven sinners – forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice and glorious resurrection. Easter itself may be one day, but we rejoice daily in Jesus, Who is really the center of life. He is truly our Rescuer. We live in freedom through Jesus; sin and the devil are no longer our masters. And instead of eternal punishment, we have eternal life with our God and Savior. Hallelujah!

### NEW — SELAH (A NIGHT OF PRAISE + PRAYER) APRIL 15 AT 7 PM

Come join us April 15 for a night of prayer, praise, and interactive stations in the Mission Hall at 7pm. This Selah will be focused on the Resurrection. We hope this time, to pause & reflect before you begin another week, will allow you to re-focus on Who it's all about – IESLISI

# **Bible Study**

# NEW—TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3

For those that attend the Tuesday morning Adult Bible Class, we will have class on Tuesday, April 3.

### NEW—Holy Cross Men's Ministry - Faith on Tap

For three Wednesdays in April (4.11, 4.18 & 4.25) 8-9 pm, men from Holy Cross and your friends are invited to gather at White Flame Brewery in Hudsonville to discuss how life and faith come together. Come join a conversation and find support as we seek to be men who follow Jesus. Questions – email Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

# NEW — SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP: NEW STUDY, NEW ROOM – APRIL 8<sup>™</sup>

Join this caring group for "Luke—Gospel of Reassurance" as they meet in the "Resource Room" (just off the narthex between the coat rack and the main worship entrance). Take a fascinating journey through the lands of the New Testament as host Michael Card examines the gospel of Luke and stirs your imagination with insights into the life of Christ. Explore the historical and social context in which this gospel was written. Discover in this 8-lesson interactive study how God used the research skills of Luke, a doctor who lived when Jesus did, to communicate the amazing life and teachings of Jesus.

# SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS — "GOD'S WORD CONFRONTS THE NEWS"

The Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. We look at a current news story and explore how God's word applies to it. Join us for Bible study, conversation, food, and fellowship. It's all free.

# Serve

# **NEW**—FOOD TRUCK & PANCAKE BREAKFAST – COME VOLUNTEER!

Our next Food Truck & Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 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 McCready 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.

# Connect

#### FAMILY NIGHT - APRIL 20

All Sunday School families are invited to participate in our April 20<sup>th</sup> Family Night from 6pm-8:30pm. Please join us for fun & fellowship. This is a FREE event for families and we will enjoy dinner, activities and a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, please contact Children's Ministry Coordinator, Heather Pytlowanyj at heatherp@holycrossjenison.org Or to sign up go to this link, http://holycrossjenison.org/familynight

# For Your Information

# **NEW**—Church Extension Fund News

Planting a seed is all it takes. Each and every seed" invested with the Church Extension Fund (CEF) serves a ministry purpose. These funds help ministries and church workers in the Michigan District while providing financial opportunities for our investors. Learn how you can invest in CEF, contact Mike Reed 460-3933 golfermike@mail.com, call 800.242.3944 or visit www.mi-cef.org.

### **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.

### PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR PASTOR SOMMERFELD & ETHIOPIA MISSION

Friends, I seek your prayers as our team of 6 Family Life Leaders presents 3 church worker training events in 3 different regions of Ethiopia, providing encouragement and skills in promoting Faith Formation in the Christian Home. Five of my teammates depart for Ethiopia on Friday, March 30 and I leave on April 6. We all return on Friday, April 20. Thank you for prayers for safety -- my wife Cindy while I am gone and for God to work in and through us for His good pleasure while in Ethiopia. The Concordia Center for the Family has helped other international churches establish their own self-sustaining Family Life Center for Training Church Workers and we are wondering if this might be another such opportunity. Having your prayer support means so much to Cindy and I. Thank you! --Pastor Scott Sommerfeld (Holy Cross Pastor - 2004-2017)

### HOLY CROSS MENS GOLF LEAGUE - 2018

The League will play on *WEDNESDAY EVENINGS* at *The Meadows Golf Course* located on the campus of Grand Valley State University. The fee is \$340.00 for 16 weeks of golf (includes green fees each week, prizes, and two cook-outs). There is a \$50.00 fee for members of The Meadows. League play will start on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 and continue through August 15, 2018. (No play on July 4.) Our first tee time will be 5:00 p.m. A signup sheet is now available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, call Jack Kelly at 318-6680 jackkelly1@att.net or Mike Reed at 616-460-3933 or email golfermike@mail.com. See you at the first tee!

### MARCH MICHIGAN IN TOUCH SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The LCMS – Michigan In Touch Online Supplement is available to read online. Go to michiganintouch.com to read March's supplement.

### CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION SPRING EVENT & PRIVATE SCREENING

Join us for our Caribbean Children's Foundation Spring fundraiser & private screening of "Paul, Apostle of Christ." Saturday, April 7 beginning at 10 a.m. at Celebration Cinema North, 2121 Celebration Dr. NE, Grand Rapids. Raffle ticket sales & CCF welcome begin at 10. The movie begins at 10:40 a.m. \$22 per ticket which includes the movie and small popcorn/soda. Tickets are on sale now. Can't attend? Help from afar! We are seeking a variety of donations. We are collecting gift card donations to be raffled the day of the event. You can donate online at any time. Thank you for your support of CCF.

### 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.