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Weekly Announcements

Week of March 18, 2018

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

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship

NEW—SENIOR PASTOR CALL PROCESS

We heard from the Michigan District-LCMS Office this week and learned that we can expect to receive our list of candidates in early April. Please keep the Michigan District leaders in your prayers as they complete this task in the coming weeks. We appreciate their work and look forward to beginning the interview process in April. We also appreciate the patience our congregation has shown as we continue to trust that God's timing will always be best for us. On behalf of the Call Committee, Frank Novakowski, Chair.

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – MARCH 18

I can't believe in a God Who would... (you fill in the blank). You've heard others say it. Maybe you've thought it yourself. When the tough times come, we're encouraged: look at the evidence, stop trusting God's promises, change what you believe! What is enough evidence to give up that trust? What is enough evidence to keep on trusting? To prepare for worship read Isaiah 43:1-3a, 1 Peter 1:3-12 and Mark 15:22-37.

NEW—EASTER FLOWERS SALE!!

Order Easter lilies, tulips or hyacinths to decorate the sanctuary for our Easter morning celebration! See the display in the narthex for order & payment envelopes. **Cost is \$8 for each.** You may dedicate the flowers in honor of or in memory of someone dear to you. All orders must be received by Monday, March 26.

NEW—MOVING TOWARD THE END OF LENT...TO HOLY WEEK...AND EASTER

We have just one more midweek service on March 21, followed by Palm Sunday, and Holy Week, and Easter. As Christians, we know the stories and the outcome. 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, 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. We do not need to wait for Easter to rejoice. Rejoice daily in Jesus, Who is really the center of life. He is truly our Rescuer. Our worship schedule is this:

- Palm Sunday: March 25, 2018 – 8:30 & 11am
- Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2018 – 7pm
- Good Friday: March 30, 2018 – 7pm
- Easter Morning, April 1, 2018 : 7, 9, 11am
- Easter Breakfast, April 1, 2018: 8-9am

Bible Study

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

The Adult Bible Class meets weekly 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. For example, the study on March 18 continues to look at the message and viewpoints of Evangelist Billy Graham. On March 25 we will be looking at research about how we see ourselves and how that compares with how God sees us as revealed in His word. These are inspiring lessons about life and living. Join us for Bible study, conversation, food, and fellowship. It's all free.

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.

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 a.m. 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.

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.

Connect

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. on March 20 & 27. This fitness class is led by Revelation Wellness instructor & Holy Cross member, Nicole Church. \$3.00 per class. Nursery will be available.

EASTER CARD MINISTRY

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 from now until 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.

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—LENTEN WORSHIP MEALS – MARCH 21

Join us for our last Wednesday evening fellowship meal. We will be serving chicken spaghetti on March 21. 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—LOST & FOUND

Are you missing a pack and play? A pet carrier? One glove or mitten? A travel mug? A coat? Glasses? Please check the lost and found in the Narthex coat rack (near the restrooms). Anything remaining on March 27 will be donated.

NEW—DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT DOLLARS TODAY!

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31** to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Help support Holy Cross and/or Daily Shepherd.. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

NEW—THANK YOU FROM CAMP CONCORDIA

We received a letter of thanksgiving from our ministry partner, Camp Concordia in Gowen, MI thanking us for our support of their ministry they received from our First Fruits Giving. Camp Director, Craig Oldenburg shares, "Your gift of \$1,500 helps us to keep our focus on the main reasons that Camp Concordia exists – Building for Christ – Body and Soul". Your generous offerings given to Holy Cross allows us to support other ministries like Camp Concordia as well.

HIRING – NURSERY ASSISTANT

Attention Teens! The nursery is hiring a Nursery Assistant. If you are 16+ years old and love children this would be a great position for you. You will work between 8 – 10 hours a month. Please pick up a ministry description or application available at the church office, on the ministry table in the narthex, or in the nursery. Please contact Miranda Daniels at mdaniels@holycrossjenison.org with any questions. Must be available weekday evenings and Sunday mornings.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SECURITY DOOR & LENTEN MEAL

Thanks for your patience while we are learning and exploring how best to manage the main office security for Wednesday evenings during Lent. As you know, we have a responsibility to provide a secure building for the Daily Shepherd students from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. , Monday through Friday. So, for anyone arriving before 6 p.m. (Fellowship dinner begins serving at 5:30 p.m.) – needs to enter through the main office door. Someone will be greeting and letting people in for the meal from 5:15 -6 p.m. At 6 p.m. the security door will unlock and we will unlock the Heritage room door and both Narthex doors. Thank you.

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.