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Weekly Announcements

Week of March 25, 2018

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

Education hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship

NEW—NEW MEMBER WELCOME & NAMETAG SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Sunday, March 25, we will welcome 4 new households & an 8th grade Confirmand to our church family. Our newest members will be wearing bright yellow nametags, so be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to Holy Cross. Thank you for making our church a welcoming and caring place, and may God bless these new members as they get settled into their new church home. This Sunday will be a nametag Sunday, as well. Grab a nametag as you come into worship.

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – MARCH 25

I need...I need...I need... Do you really "need" anything? There are many things that advertisers, friends, bosses, spouses, children, teachers try to convince us that we "need". Do you? What kind of things do you find yourself longing for? What it is that we really need? To prepare for worship, read 1 Peter 4:1-6 and John 19:16-30.

NEW—EASTER FLOWERS SALE!! – LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER IS MARCH 25TH

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

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 – 8:30 & 11am
- Maundy Thursday: March 29 – 7pm
- Good Friday: March 30 – 7pm
- Easter Morning Worship: April 1
 - 7 am Traditional
 - 9 am Traditional
 - 11 am Contemporary
- Easter Breakfast, April 1 - 8-9am

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.

Bible Study

NEW—NO TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS ON MARCH 27

For those that attend the Tuesday morning Adult Bible Class, class is canceled for March 27. Thank you!

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—EASTER BREAKFAST – HELP NEEDED

Youth Ministry would be blessed by your support. There is a great opportunity coming up on Easter Sunday to support our youth and families and their upcoming summer trips. We need folks to help by donating items for the breakfast or setting up, cooking and serving. [Here is a link to our sign up](#) for ways that you can help. Please contact DCE Jim with any questions dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

Connect

NEW—FAMILY NIGHT – APRIL 20

All Sunday School families are invited to participate in our April 20th 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—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 dscce@holycrossjenison.org to submit a resume.

NEW—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)

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing a pack and play? 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.

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.

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.

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.