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Weekly Announcements

Week of November 18, 2018

Worship services are 8:30 & 11am

Education Hour begins at 9:45am

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 18

Where does the Red Letter Challenge lead you? What's next? How will you get there? Who are you going to welcome on the journey? Let's celebrate where we've been and commit to follow where Jesus is leading us next. To prepare for worship, read Romans 8:1-4, 12-15.

NEW—NEW MEMBER WELCOME & NAMETAG SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 18

Sunday, November 18, we will welcome 6 new households 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—FALL STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS | "IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE" ACTS 20:35

You should have received a **letter** this week encouraging you to prepare your financial stewardship pledge for 2019 in view of the joy we find in doing so. Some of this joy comes even in the midst of our sacrifice. The same was true for Jesus. Please join us in prayer for our church as we follow God's leading.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 18

Each person/household (High School and up) will receive a **pledge card** during worship and will be given time to prayerfully complete it as part of our worship together. This will be a declaration of your partnership in our shared mission & ministry at Holy Cross. Then each person/household will have the opportunity to come forward and place their card before the altar. This is an encouraging sight and a bold act of being like Jesus in our giving.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP | NOV 21, 7PM

Join us as we explore how much we are thankful for and direct our "thanks" to God. That evening we will be collecting Meijer gift cards and/or monetary donations and bringing them forward during the service as we respond in thanks to God's many blessings. These donations will bless our Love INC Food Pantry ministry.

NEW—CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED | NOVEMBER 22 & 23

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Holy Cross church office will be closed November 22 & 23.

NEW—ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOR ALL AGES

Advent starts on December 2nd! Starting today we have devotional resources available for all ages in the narthex. The adult devotionals also can be downloaded electronically at www.lhm.org/advent/.

NEW—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION | DECEMBER 2 | 5:45PM PRE-SERVICE CONCERT | 6PM PROGRAM

Come celebrate Christmas and decorate the sanctuary Christmas trees along with the children of Holy Cross. Children and families will help you get ready for Christmas as they recite memorized scripture that explain the meaning of every ornament (Chrismon) that goes on the tree and sing songs that retell the wonder of Christmas. You'll be blessed by music from our Children's Choir, Sunday School Singers (three years–fifth grade), Youth Praise Teams, soloists, and instrumentalists. Come early and enjoy the musical stylings of our Sunday School-aged kids during our Pre-Service Concert. **Practice will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 9:45-10:45am.**

NEW—SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

Dec. 2: Children's Christmas Celebration - 6pm | Pre-service Concert – 5:45pm

Dec. 9: Christmas Selah {a night of praise + prayer} & Potluck - 6pm

Dec. 16: Christmas Concert Service: 9:15 & 11am

Dec. 23: Sunday Morning Worship: 10am

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services:

4pm - Contemporary | 7pm - Traditional

with candlelight and communion

Dec. 30: Sunday Morning Worship: 10am

Bible Study

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS LED BY PASTOR ADAM | SUNDAY | 9:45-10:45AM

The Red Letter Challenge--Life Group Experiment. Don't go through the Red Letter Challenge on your own. You'll get more out of it and help others do the same by meeting together. If you don't already have a group experiment with our new Sunday Morning Life Groups. We'll meet together in the Mission Hall. It's a great way to connect with some new people and/or to give Life Groups a try. We'll help everyone find a group the first week (and you're free to "table hop" to connect with other groups on other weeks if you'd like). Expect some large group teaching/discussion and lots of at-the-table discussion to help you walk through the Challenge together.

Serve

THANKSGIVING DONATION DRIVE

Help support Love INC and our Food Pantry by donating \$5 & \$10 Meijer Gift Cards. Cards will be collected in the narthex at the Welcome Center from November 11 through Thanksgiving Eve. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your support.

CARD MINISTRY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

This Christmas season, we would like to remember those in our congregation who are unable to join us in worship. There is a bag for each person, and cards can then be placed in the appropriate bag between November 18 and December 9. At that time, they will be delivered to these special people 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.

CONFIRMATION PRAISE TEAM | MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Are you interested in joining the Confirmation Praise Team for the Children's Christmas Celebration service? We will be playing 1-2 songs before and during the service. If you are interested, and confirmation-aged, please contact Johanna Dexter at jdexter@holycrossjenison.org to sign up!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PRE-SERVICE MUSIC | MUSICIANS NEEDED

Our Children's Christmas Celebration is on December 2 at 6pm and we are looking for Sunday school-aged students to help lead our pre-service music. If you are interested in playing or singing a song for pre-service that night, please contact Johanna Dexter at jdexter@holycrossjenison.org!

NEW—THRIVENT COMMUNITY GENEROSITY EVENT | DECEMBER 4 | 7-8PM

Scot Fay, Thrivent professional, and your Thrivent Community would like to invite you to help pack book bags for underprivileged kids at Godfrey Lee Schools. We are teaming with ReadGR to provide books and school supplies for preschool through 2nd grade. Owning a book can make a real difference in a child's life. Join us and bring your favorite children's book to give away, if you would like. RSVP to Scot at 616-364-222. Godfrey Lee address is 960 Joosten St. SW, Wyoming, MI.

NEW—ORCHESTRA MEMBERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERVICE | DECEMBER 16

If you play an instrument and are interested in performing in the orchestra at our Christmas Concert Services on, December 16, please contact Praise Team & Orchestra Director, Matt Reed at malanreed@yahoo.com. Orchestra rehearsals begin December 2. Thank you!

HAND2HAND | JOIN OUR TEAM | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to join our Hand2Hand team. Packers and Deliverers are needed each week to pack bags that are delivered to our schools. Volunteers are placed on a schedule, so you will know when you are scheduled to volunteer. Time commitment is on Wednesday evenings for 30-45 minutes. Contact Kelli McCready at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org and say "Yes! Sign me up!"

Connect

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 part of 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 or Coffee Hospitality. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kelli McCready at 457-2420 or emailing kmccready@holycrossjenison.org.

For Your Information

NEW—VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Vestry is excited to welcome two new board members that were appointed to fill vacancies that recently arose. Kevin Wolma was appointed to fill a 6-month term, and Denny Metz was appointed for an 18-month term. Additionally, Cheri McConomy transitioned from Vestry Secretary to Treasurer, and will serve in that capacity for the next two and a half years. Thank you for your willingness to use your God-given talents to serve Holy Cross in this way! Also, thank you to Brian Behler and Ryan Atkins for your outstanding leadership and service while on Vestry!

NEW—SUPPORT THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY

This Sunday, in addition to making our pledges of financial support for Holy Cross, you will have the opportunity to make a pledge to support the Holy Cross Foundation. The Foundation is an endowed fund that exists solely to give money away to advance the work of Christ in the community, region, and the world. The larger the endowment becomes, the more we can support God's ministries through our granting process. For more information go to holycrossfoundation.com. You can also pay your pledge on the Foundation's website, click on DONATE.

NEW—BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER | FEBRUARY 2, 2019 | THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE | OUR SAVIOR, LANSING

Pray, and receive peace, guidance, understanding, faith, purpose, protection from evil, and a deeper relationship with God. Attend this conference to learn more about the gift of prayer from our heavenly Father. More information and online registration can be found [here](#). Registration Deadline is January 21.

LCMS MICHIGAN IN TOUCH

Catch up on what is happening in our district, read the [November Michigan IN TOUCH here](#).