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Weekly Announcements

Week of November 25, 2018

Worship services are 8:30 & 11am

Education Hour begins at 9:45am

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 25

There are so many pessimists these days. Yet we belong to Christ: the King of the Universe! Our lives must be seen as an adventure walking with our Lord who is the Victor. To prepare for worship read, Revelation 1:4b-8 & John 18:33-37.

NEW—WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY CROSS?

Begin praying about who you'll hand your Outreach Postcard to. On December 2nd, you'll be equipped with a postcard highlighting Christmas opportunities at Holy Cross on every weekend leading up to Christmas Eve. We're equipping you to go and invite others. Studies have shown that a personal invitation is the most effective way to get someone to church. Who has God put along your path? Pray for the courage to invite. Welcome someone to the service you're going to attend.

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/advert/.

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—CHRISTMAS SELAH {A NIGHT OF PRAISE + PRAYER} & POTLUCK | DECEMBER 9 | 6PM

Join us at 6pm for our Dinner Potluck at Selah. Following the potluck we will join in classic Christmas songs at Selah at 7pm. Bring your dish, your appetites, and a friend or two as well!

Bring the following type of dish based on your last name:

- A-G – Dessert
- H-M – Main Dish
- N-Z – Side Dish

NEW—CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERVICES – A "BRING A FRIEND" WORSHIP SERVICE WITH A CONCERT FEEL | DECEMBER 16 | 9:15 & 11AM

WHY the change from our normal schedule? To make the most of this season and the talents God has given us. This is the time of year when your friends that are curious about following Jesus are more likely to say "yes" to your "come to church with me" invitations. Plus, we've designed a service that you can be especially proud to welcome them into. This "worship service with a concert feel" features Christmas offerings from the full variety of the best of our fine arts groups: orchestra, children's choir, adult choir, handbells, praise teams, sticks, organ, and puppets. Who will you bless by asking "will you come to church to with me"? There is no Education Hour or Holy Communion offered that Sunday.

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

Both with candlelight and communion

Dec. 30: Sunday Morning Worship: 10am

Bible Study

NEW—NO EDUCATION HOUR | NOVEMBER 25

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, we will have no education hour.

NEW—ADULT BIBLE CLASS LED BY PASTOR ADAM | DECEMBER 2 | 9:45AM

"Unpacking Advent" Embrace some time-honored Christmas preparation that will help you focus on Jesus. Be intentional now so that Christ doesn't get lost in the busyness of the Christmas season. Come get equipped to use your advent wreath, understand the symbols of Christmas, and get introduced to a variety of resources that you can fit into your daily preparation for Christmas. Come get familiar with and set up with resources in print, video, audio, email, and smartphone apps.

NEW—PARENTS OF 0-4 YEAR OLDS | DECEMBER 2 & 9 | 9:45AM

First 15 minutes: meet in Nursery for age-appropriate parent-child faith development. Last 45 minutes: leave children in the Nursery while parents do Life Group Bible Study together in the Resource Room or join the Adult Bible Class in the Mission Hall.

NEW—ADULT BIBLE CLASS LED BY PASTOR ADAM | DECEMBER 9 | 9:45AM

Spirit-Led Brainstorming: 2019 Teaching Topics—help influence what is taught in worship and in bible class in the year ahead. Pastor Adam wants your help. How is the spirit leading you? What are you thirsting for? How would you like to grow? What would you like to know? What would help you be on mission?

NEW—SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP LED BY JAY FOX | DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16 | 9:45AM

Meet with others for a video-based bible study on the Gospel of Luke (RightNow Media Resource). This life group meets in the Conference Room.

Serve

NEW—CHRISTMAS IS FOR SHARING | NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 16

Please see the beautiful Christmas is for Sharing display in the narthex where you can choose your ornament card(s) to provide Christmas gifts for individuals in need right here in our own congregation/community. All gifts must be dropped off by Sunday, December 16 as they will be packed delivered to the families on December 17. Any questions, please call Kelli McCready at 457-2420.

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.

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

NEW—ADULT FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | DECEMBER 18 | 12PM

Mark your calendars for a delicious Christmas Luncheon at Main Street Pub in Allendale. This luncheon will be immediately following Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Registration is required and can be found at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Cost: \$10/person. You will choose your entrée and pay at the restaurant. Invite your friends, everyone is welcome.

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—HELP US COMPLETE OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2019

Commitment Cards are available on the Welcome Desk if you were unable to be here for Commitment Sunday on November 18. Thank you!

NEW—DAILY SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | DECEMBER 3 | 7PM

Please join us for the Daily Shepherd Preschool with Child Care's annual Christmas program. It is a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

NEW—DONATE TO THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION USING AMAZON SMILE

Cyber Monday is coming - work on your Christmas shopping and support the Foundation at the same time! Go to smile.amazon.com and select Holy Cross Foundation as the charity you'd like to support and Amazon will give back a portion of your purchases to the Holy Cross Foundation.

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!

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.

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.