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Weekly Announcements

Week of December 23, 2018

December 23 | One Worship Service | 10am
Church office is closed | December 24, 25 & 26

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | DECEMBER 23

Although we are taught to love everyone, we aren't even sure what that means, let alone the fact that we can't do it. So Jesus makes it clear with two thoughts: "Give your life for each other." and "Be a friend." To prepare for worship, read 1 John 3:1-3 & John 15:9-14.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING | DECEMBER 23 | 10AM

Join us for worship at ONE service for a Christmas hymn sing. You'll get a chance to pick the hymns we sing in the worship service.

NEW—NO EDUCATION HOUR ON DECEMBER 23 & 30

There will be no Education Hour on December 23 & 30. It will resume on January 6, 2019.

DECEMBER MESSAGE SERIES: "AWAITING"

What are you "Awaiting" as Christmas approaches? While you're shopping, planning, traveling, visiting, and whatever else you squeeze into December, let the candles of the Advent wreath guide each week of your preparations. Each Sunday in December, we'll explore one of the candles (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love) and how they highlight who Jesus is and what life as a follower of Jesus gets to be filled with. It will help you make better use of your advent wreath at home and keep you focused on Jesus, who came at the first Christmas and will come again.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

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

SENIOR PASTOR CALL PROCESS UPDATE | CALL MEETING SCHEDULED | JANUARY 6 | 4PM

Please mark your calendar for our Call Meeting which will be held in the sanctuary. Many thanks to the call committee for their diligent work. Please remain steadfast in prayer over this process and the next shepherd God is preparing for Holy Cross.

Bible Study

FAITH & FITNESS | REVELATION WELLNESS | BEGINNING JANUARY 15

Women (age 14+) join in the next Faith & Fitness opportunity. This 8-week journey to physical and spiritual fitness, guided by *Revelation Wellness* fitness instructors & resources, includes two opportunities:

- On Tuesdays (beginning January 15) from 6:30-8:30pm is a light fitness class and working through the book "The Wellness Revelation". The 8-week session costs \$25 and includes the book, the classes, and additional support resources. Free Childcare available upon request.
- On Saturdays (beginning January 19) from 8:45-9:45am is a full-length fitness class. \$5 per class, no registration needed.

Join what fits for you. See narthex display or holycrossjenison.org/faithandfitness for more info. Ladies, THIS IS SUCH A GET TO! We will reestablish the truth of what it looks like to lose what weighs us down so that you can love God, yourself, and others.

Serve

CHURCH SECURITY TEAM UPDATE & MEETING | JANUARY 8 | 7PM

Holy Cross' Church Security Team needs additional members. Should you choose to serve in this role, training and mentoring will be provided. You don't need to have a security background to serve in this important role. Most services are provided during our Sunday worship and education hour. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Dressler or the church office. The CST meeting will be a great orientation to the role and an opportunity to meet the other CST team members.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & LUNCH | DECEMBER 23 | 11:30AM

High School students, Confirmation students and their families are invited to join in caroling at American House following worship. After caroling we will head to Culver's for lunch. Sign up on the Youth Board if you plan to participate. Questions? Contact Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

NEW—HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT | JANUARY 25-27

High school youth, you're invited to our annual winter retreat. The weekend will include games, food, bible study, winter activities, and of course, skiing and snowboarding at Caberfae Peaks in Cadillac. If you are not a skier or snowboarder, no worries! You will not be required to participate, and there will be plenty going on in the lodge while we are at the slopes. The cost for the weekend is \$25, which includes our housing, meals, and travel each way. If you choose to ski/board, there is a \$21 lift ticket and \$21 rental package for whatever you need. Sign up forms and information packets are available outside Jim and Tyler's offices. Any questions, contact Tyler at Tosmun@holycrossjenison.com.

For Your Information

NEW—2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2019 Offering Envelopes will be in the narthex. Thank you for your financial support of the mission and ministries of Holy Cross! Many are blessed by using an electronic/online giving program. Enrollment information for these programs may be found on our website under 'Resources' or by picking up a brochure near the offering envelopes.

NEW—YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are seeking opportunities to express your thanks to God through a year-end gift to Holy Cross – there are envelopes on the Welcome Desk. You may direct your gift to: 1) Building Care 2) Mortgage reduction 3) Preferred Gifts List or 4) General Offering. (You also, received this special envelope in a mailing.) Thank you for your generosity.

NEW—2019 COMMITMENT CARDS

If you would still like to be a part of pledging your gifts in support of ministry for 2019, it's not too late. Commitment cards can be found on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Your written pledges help greatly in our budgeting process. Thanks for joining in our mission.

NEW—YEAR END GIVING & OFFICE SCHEDULE

Thank you for your generous support of mission and ministry! According to IRS regulations, for a donation to be acknowledged in 2018, it must be received or postmarked no later than Monday, December 31. During the holidays, the church office will be closed, Mon. Dec. 24 – Wed. Dec. 26. We will be open, Thurs. Dec. 27, Fri. Dec. 28, and Mon. Dec. 31, 9am – 5pm.

NEW—THANK YOU FROM PAT & LARRY WHITFIELD

Dear Holy Cross family, we would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and support during my chemo treatments. We are very appreciative and very blessed. I am done with my treatments and doing well. Thank you so much, Pat & Larry Whitfield.

NEW—COMPASSION FUND DONATIONS | THANK YOU!

This past Sunday we received \$1,916.45 from our door offerings. This money is used to help with one time financial hardships of those in need within our church family and community. Thank you for your generous contributions!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

For cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website, holycrossjenison.org, our Holy Cross Jenison Facebook page, and your local TV station.

- Evening programs – cancellations will be posted on our website by 4pm and an e-mail will be sent out to our e-communications group. (Please note our decision to cancel evening programming is not connected to Jenison Public Schools.)
- Sunday morning worship services – cancellations will be posted by 7:30am.