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Weekly Announcements

Week of December 30, 2018

December 30 | One Worship Service | 10am

Church office is closed | January 1

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | DECEMBER 30

The Christmas story continues on this first Sunday after Christmas. Today, we join the Wise Men in their search for the Savior and share their joy in finding Him. To prepare for worship, read Matthew 2:1-12.

NEW—NO EDUCATION HOUR ON DECEMBER 30

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

NEW—NEW MESSAGE SERIES | BEGINNING JANUARY 6

We're all striving for something and many of us renew those efforts at the beginning of the year. We strive for better health, better organization, more success, more something, less of something else...etc... We hope that all of our striving will land us some place that's better than where we are now. Solomon was one of the wisest and most successful men in the history of all mankind and empowered by the Spirit of God he wrote down wisdom from God that speaks to us about our striving. Come explore Ecclesiastes in this 4-week message series and learn how to get what you're striving for.

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

NEW—NEW BIBLE STUDY | JANUARY 6, 13 & 20 | 9:45-10:45AM | MISSION HALL

Based on the survey at the end of the Red Letter Challenge and the Commitment Cards submitted in November, "Being" with God was one of our congregations biggest weaknesses and a top area where people were committing to grow. Many identified that they'd like support for "being" with God through reading their bible. This class, led by Pastor Adam, is an answer to that feedback. Participants will become familiar with the bible as a whole, learn big picture major concepts to help them avoid mis-interpretations, and gain some tools for actually reading the bible on a daily basis.

NEW—MILESTONE MINISTRY | MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR THIRD GRADERS & PARENTS | JANUARY 13 & 20 | CONFERENCE ROOM | 9:45AM

Money Management is a great way to teach children the value of money and work. Parents only, will attend the first class to learn and discuss the importance of Giving, Saving and Spending. Parents and their third graders will come together for the second class. The worship blessing will be on January 20 at the 11am worship service.

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.

NEW—NEW STEPS CLASSES | FEBRUARY 3, 10 & 17 | 12:30-1:45PM | ROOM 210

Join in the class that will help you take your next step in faith. Whether you're a member looking for how to grow in this season of life, a regular guest looking toward membership, or just want assistance in your walk with Jesus, we have options to meet you where you're at and help you take your next steps. Not sure where to start? Come to "Exploring Holy Cross" and we'll guide you from there. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office. Lunch is included and childcare is available upon request.

- February 3 | Exploring Holy Cross – meet Pastor Adam to learn what this faith community is all about.
- February 10 | Discovering Your Next Steps – explore options and get help selecting your best next step to following Jesus.
- February 17 | Getting Connected – meet ministry leaders and get connected to ways you can grow in faith, care for others, and experience community.

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

NEW — PARENT'S NIGHT OUT | JANUARY 12 | 4-8PM

Attention Holy Cross Young Families: The Nursery will be offering Parent's Night Out. ***For children 2-10 years *Space is limited!** \$10.00 per child. Pre-payment is required. Pizza and snack will be provided along with a bible story, craft, and special activities. For more information & questions please contact Heather Pytlowanyj, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at heatherp@holycrossjenison.org. To register, please visit holycrossjenison.org/parentsnightout

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

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.

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.

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.

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. The church office is open from 9am – 5pm on December 31.

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.

COMPASSION FUND DONATIONS | THANK YOU!

December 16, 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.