**Weekly Announcements**

**Week of January 27, 2019**

**Congregation Finance Meeting | January 27 | 9:45am | Mission Hall**

Worship

**NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | JANUARY 27**

If everything that Solomon has shared about our strivings "under the sun" are true, then we can't expect that life will have clear meaning or reliably bring fulfillment. What then? Accept that all of life is not under our control. Many live with constant "fear of missing out" (FOMO). There's no point to fearing what you're missing out on because you can't control the outcomes. Instead, let JOMO—the joy of missing out--be your constant thought. Attainable joy is found in being content to miss out on what "could be", in favor of embracing what is good about life right now. To prepare for worship, read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 & Luke 16:19-31.

**CONGREGATION FINANCE MEETING | JANUARY 27 | 9:45-10:45AM | MISSION HALL**

Please make plans to attend our Annual Congregation Finance Meeting to learn about how we ended 2018 and our Financial and Ministry plans for 2019.

**NEW—SELAH [A NIGHT OF PRAISE + PRAYER] & POTLUCK | FEBRUARY 10 | 6PM**

Join us at 6pm for our Dinner Potluck at Selah. Following the potluck we will join in a time of praise and prayer at Selah at 7pm. Come a part of it or all of it! 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 – Main Dish, H-M – Side Dish, N-Z – Dessert

**MESSAGE SERIES “STRIVING”**

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.

**Bible Study**

**FAITH & FITNESS | REVELATION WELLNESS | (DUE TO WEATHER) NEW START DATE JANUARY 29**

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 (now beginning January 29) 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 (now through March 9) 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 SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS "ROMANS: THE LETTER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD" | STARTING FEBRUARY 3 | MISSION HALL**

It is said that if you want to grasp the full, staggering power and beauty of our faith, you need to turn to the book of Romans. We will study and experience the incredible meaning and impact of Paul’s letter to the Roman Church, “The Letter that Changed the World”. In this Bible study we will take a journey across the miles and the centuries with Mart DeHaan and Jimmy DeYoung into Paul’s letter to the Romans. We will gain historical insight and background from noted historians like Paul Maier and others on what was taking place in the Roman Empire at the time of Paul’s ministry to the Romans. This class will be led by Jay Fox.

**NEW STEPS CLASSES | FEBRUARY 3 & 10 | 9:45-10:45AM**

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. Each class will meet in Room 209, (Daily Shepherd Classroom at the end of the long hallway.)

- 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MILESTONE | FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 9:45-10:45AM | CONFERENCE ROOM**

The First Communion preparation classes are scheduled during the education hour for Fifth graders and their parents. These classes are also open to other teens and their parents who haven’t yet taken these preparation classes and desire to receive Communion. Students will take their First Communion on March 3 at the 11am service. Contact DCE Jim Hueseman, dcejim@holycrossjenison.org, to register (anyone other than 5th graders) or if you have any questions.
Serve

NEW—2020 HAITI MISSION TEAM FORMING

The Haiti Mission team is so excited to be forming the next team heading to Haiti. Currently the dates are February 4-11, 2020. However, if there is enough interest, the trip will expand to two weeks (February 4-11 and 11-19) and participants can elect to come for either one week or both weeks. Grace Ministries, one of the ministries our missionary, Nora, and her husband Leon lead, is in the process of building a medical center on the island of Ile-à-Vache. On this island, off the south west corner of Haiti, people have little to no access to any medical care. This team will spend the majority of their time providing medical care to these underserved people and sharing Jesus in the process. The team will be seeing as many patients as possible; however, they will not perform any major surgery. The team needs people with medical experience who are willing to travel to Haiti and people with a heart for serving that are interested in supporting this team from home. All physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, first responders, medical technicians, etc. are welcomed to travel to Haiti. If helping here at home with fundraising, obtaining medical equipment, securing shipment to the island, praying for the mission, and other miscellaneous support for the team and trip, is a fit for you, the team needs you too! If this peaks your interest, please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Applications are available in the church office and are due March 4, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Deann Hurn at hurndean@gmail.com.

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MEN’S EVENT | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 6-9:30PM | IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH [2 MICHIGAN ST., GRAND RAPIDS]

Lutheran Men from around Grand Rapids will be joining together to hear a talk led by author and speaker Scott Keith. He will be exploring the countercultural idea of male friendship. Here is a flyer explaining this event in greater detail. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so we can have enough appetizers and beverages. Contact DCE Jim with questions: dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

NEW—FAMILY NIGHT | FEBRUARY 8 | 6-8:30PM

Come and join us for a family night filled with food, fellowship and fun. We will have dinner together and do a family activity. Come reconnect with other families in the same stage of life. This event is FREE and open to all families of Sunday school age kids. Sign up in the Narthex or online at www.holycrossjenison.org/familynight. Contact Heather Pytlowany, Children’s Ministry Coordinator, at heatherp@holycrossjenison.org with questions.

ADDITION SUPPORT: LIFE RECOVERY

Drop-in to check it out any time. This is for people in recovery from addiction and for those supporting someone who is. This conversational bible study is based on the twelve steps of recovery and its principles. It is a safe place for people to share experiences and challenges. Participants find that it helps them daily seek Jesus, trust God’s will for their life, and find power to do that through the Holy Spirit. Expect to receive hope, help and healing in the midst of struggles. “This caring community of recovery is now entering its seventh year of sharing God’s Word with those who have struggled with addictions and are now in recovery. It has been exciting to see the Holy Spirit at work—enriching and expanding our understanding of the God that loves us and sent His Son to die that we might be made whole. We’d love for you to join us at any time.” -Jay Fox ljayfox@hotmail.com (Life Recovery Ministry Leader)

For Your Information

NEW—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 or Facebook page 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.

WELCOME LARRY BARNES | FACILITY CARE LEADER

Larry Barnes is the newest addition to our staff. We are grateful that we have a full-time employee dedicated to the care of our facility.

WEST MI. LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE | JANUARY 30 | 6-8PM

West Michigan Lutheran will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE Please encourage all the families that you know with school age children especially approaching grades 7-12 – to come and take a tour of our school and visit with our teachers and staff. Word of mouth remains the very best marketing tool. Let’s all work together to recruit students to our West Michigan Lutheran school family. Light snacks will be provided. Spread the word! Thank you.

DAILY SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE | OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR SUMMER 2019 & SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

Enrollment is open for Holy Cross members and current Daily Shepherd families for Summer 2019 and School Year 2019-2020. We provide a loving, secure Christian atmosphere where children can develop body, mind, and spirit. For ages 2½ (potty-trained) through age 12. Reserve your spot early before we start our open enrollment. For more information or to set up a tour please stop by, call Molly at (616) 457-1780 or email dscce@holycrossjenison.org.

WHAT IS CHURCH EXTENSION FUND?

Church Extension Fund (CEF) is a unique savings and investment opportunity where Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod members can invest their funds and earn interest. In turn, these funds provide a source of low-cost loans for churches to build or renovate their facilities. Visit with Mike Reed at 460-3933, golfermike@mail.com or call 800-242-3944 and learn how your invested dollar makes a difference! (This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.)

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” CLICK HERE.