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Weekly Announcements

Week of January 6, 2019

Worship times are 8:30 & 11am

Education Hour is from 9:45-10:45am

Senior Pastor Call Meeting | January 6 | 4pm in the Sanctuary.

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | JANUARY 6

At the beginning of the year, many begin or renew their efforts to strive for a better life. What are you aiming for? Where do you hope that your striving will lead? Ever wonder if your striving is really worth it? This is the first message in a new series, exploring the time-tested Wisdom of Solomon, recorded in Ecclesiastes. You'll find that despite its' age, this wisdom meets us right where we are in our current pursuits. It will help us not only adjust our aim but also find the "better life" we long to enjoy. To find what to aim for, first you need to discover what's not worthy aiming at. To prepare for worship, read Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 & Matthew 16: 21-27.

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 5-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.

NEW—SELAH {A NIGHT OF PRAISE + PRAYER} & POTLUCK | JANUARY 13 | 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. 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 – Side Dish, H-M – Dessert, N-Z – Main Dish

Bible Study

NEW—OVERVIEW OF CURRENT SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR OPTIONS:

- **Bible Reading—Getting Started** (Mission Hall) Led by Pastor Adam. 3-week series, starting January 6th
- **The Gospel of Luke** (Room 209) Led by Jay Fox. Continuing Video Bible Study through Luke
- **The Book of Titus** (Resource Room) Led by Kelly Meyer. 7-week series, starting January 6th
- **Parent Connect** (Heritage Room) Led by Parents. Parents with kids of all ages are welcome, new current parenting topic each week
- **Narthex Conversation Cards** (Narthex) Casual opportunity to connect with and care for others; cards related to weekly message available on narthex tables to help conversations get started

NEW—BOOK OF TITUS BIBLE STUDY | STARTING JANUARY 6 | 9:45-10:45AM

In this *Book of the Bible* series, we'll enjoy Chip Ingram unpacking the book of Titus. He challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor. When the gospel has truly taken root in our lives, it produces the fruit of Godliness. As we pass these things on to future generations, the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world. Led by Kelly Meyer in the Resource Room.

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.

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 | 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 203, a Daily Shepherd Classroom.

- 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.

Serve

NEW—HATS, SCARVES & MITTENS COLLECTION | BEGINNING JANUARY 6 THROUGH JANUARY 20

Our Knitting Group is making hats, scarves and mittens to gift to our visitors at our Food Truck on Saturday, January 26. Donations of NEW or HOMEMADE hats, scarves or mittens are needed. Please see the display in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Kelli McCready at 616-457-2420 or kmccready@holycrossjenison.org.

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.

NEW—FOOD TRUCK & PANCAKE BREAKFAST | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | JANUARY 26 | 10AM-12PM

Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Food Truck & Pancake Breakfast. Areas of service include: helping with the truck (i.e. unloading food, unpacking food, greeters, helping our guests etc.), the Pancake Breakfast (i.e. cooking and kitchen help), and people who are willing to listen, care and share Jesus! The time commitment for all volunteers is 8:30am - 1:00pm. For more information or to volunteer your time, contact Kelli McCready at kmccready@holycrossjenison.org or call 457-2420. **We now allow children age 5 and up to serve with a parent.** You will not want to miss this day serving with love, in the name of Christ.

Connect

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

NEW—CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL EVENT | WINTER JAM CONCERT | FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 | 5:30-10:30PM

Confirmation and high school students are invited to join with the Grand Rapids Youth Ministry for the concert taking place downtown at the Van Andel Arena. The cost for the ticket is \$15 (pay at the door). **Here is a link** to who will be performing at the concert. We will be meeting at Holy Cross at 5:30pm to drive down to Immanuel Lutheran Church, where we will then walk to the arena for the concert. Students, friends, and parents are invited also! Sign up on the youth board and contact Jim with any questions: dcejim@holycrossjenison.org.

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—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 2 ½ (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.

NEW—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' or by picking up a brochure near the offering envelopes.