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Weekly Announcements

Week of February 3, 2019

Worship times are 8:30 & 11am
Education Hour is from 9:45-10:45am

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 3

What are we striving for? Is life really meaningless? In the conclusion of our series on Ecclesiastes, the Teacher urges us to remember our Creator while we are still young and to fear God and keep His commandments. To prepare for worship read, Ecclesiastes 12:1-2, 6-8, 13-14 & Romans 8:18-21, 31-39.

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 for 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

NEW—MESSAGE SERIES “ONE SMALL STEP” | STARTING FEBRUARY 10

This series is intended to help people grow in “going” on Jesus’ mission—to be everyday missionaries. It’s not as complicated as one might think. It’s not an extra commitment for the calendar; each of the small steps fits into life where God has already located you. You’re already in position for these small steps. Take them one at a time and you’ll see how God can “go” on mission through you.

Bible Study

NEW—HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | NEW MEETING TIME 12:30-2PM | BEGINNING FEBRUARY 3

During the month of February we are going to try something new for our weekly high school youth group – we will be meeting right after the late service, where we will enjoy a lunch together and discuss life and faith. Students are asked to bring a few dollars to help with the meal.

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”. We will take a journey across the miles and the centuries with Mart DeHaan and Jimmy DeYoung into Paul’s letter to the Romans and 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.

FAITH & FITNESS | REVELATION WELLNESS | (DUE TO WEATHER) NEW START DATE FEBRUARY 5

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 February 5) 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. 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

NEW—HIGH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY | FEBRUARY 17 | 12:30-4PM

Join other Lutheran students from around Grand Rapids as we will be packing kits for Kids Food Basket which helps families in times of need. We will be eating lunch together (students are asked to bring \$3 to help with the cost) and individual pudding cups for the kits. Sign up on the youth board if you and friends plan to participate. Contact Jim with any questions dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

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 Île-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 hurndeann@gmail.com.

Connect

MEN'S EVENT | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 8-9:30PM | 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

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 Pytlowanyj, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at heatherp@holycrossjenison.org with questions.

NEW—HOLY CROSS MEN'S MINISTRY | FAITH ON TAP | FEBRUARY 13, 20 & 27 | 8-9PM

Men from Holy Cross & their friends are invited to gather at Trail Point Brewing in Allendale to discuss how life and faith come together. Come join a conversation and find support as we seek to be men who follow Jesus. Questions – email Jim at dcejim@holycrossjenison.org

ADDICTION 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—HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION GRANT CYCLE NOW OPEN | APPLY NOW!

Grant requests can be submitted in the categories of: Community Outreach, Missions and Christian Education, New Ministries, Church Worker Scholarships and other areas that support and spread the good news of Jesus Christ! Grants must be submitted on or before February 20, 2019. See www.holycrossfoundation.com to apply.

NEW—FEBRUARY CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS

God's house is abuzz with workers! One way to become a worker in God's house and have a part in building His Church is investing in Church Extension Fund. Consider making an investment today. For more information, contact Mike Reed 460-3933 golfermike@mail.com or call 800-242-3944. (This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.)

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.

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](#).