

Weekly Announcements

Week of February 2, 2020

Worship Services | 8:30 & 11am Education Hour | 9:45-10:45am

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 2

Written into the rhythms of Israel's life with God was a year of Jubilee; the year when things returned to what they were supposed to be. Every 50 years was an opportunity to think backward to the garden and forward to the new creation. While we no longer celebrate a year of Jubilee, we do have opportunity to look both ways - backward and forward as we long for REST. To prepare for worship, read Leviticus 25:8-10 & Revelation 22:1-5.

SELAH {AN EVENING OF PRAISE + PRAYER} | FEBRUARY 9 | 6PM POTLUCK (RED OR HEART SHAPED DISHES) | 7PM SELAH | MISSION HALL

Get creative! Bring a dish that is either red in color (spaghetti, enchiladas, red velvet cake, chili, pizza, etc.) or heart shaped (cookies, cake, did we mention pizza?) and then join us as we sing songs about God's love for us! Come for a part of it or all of it! We will see you then!

HOLY CROSS SERMONS & BIBLE CLASS PODCASTS

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Bible Study

FIRST GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE & BLESSING | FEBRUARY 2 & 9

Parents fulfill the baptismal promise to "place the Holy Scriptures" into their child's hands. Each first grader will receive a Bible in which their parents highlight and add "special notes" during the parent class on February 2. On February 9, all first graders will join their parents for a time of sharing and Bible exploration. This class will take place in the Choir Room located in the Kids Zone basement. The Worship Blessing will be on February 9 during the 11am worship.

NEW MEMBER CLASS/NEXT STEPS CLASS | BEGINS FEBRUARY 9 | 9:45-10:45AM | 9 WEEKS

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? Please sign up at the welcome center or email Pastor Adam at pastoradam@holycrossjenison.org.

NEW — FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MILESTONE | FEBRUARY 16 & 23 AND MARCH 1 & 8 | 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 15 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—Pray For The Haiti Mission Team

The Haiti Mission Team will be traveling February 2-11. Those going are Adam Sarbin MD, Anna Uitvlugt MD, Neal Uitvlugt MD, Chelsea LaBree RN, Deann Hurn PharmD, Pam Eggers RPh, Megan Kwantes, Jason Parsons, and Seth Parsons. They will be spending all their time on the island of Ile-a-Vache running medical clinics. The island currently has about 20,000 residents with no health care facilities. They estimate seeing some 600 patients because the last medical team to go was in March 2019. Please pray for the team's safety, for traveling, and for mountains to be moved in the name of Jesus. Thank you!

NEW—BOARD SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each year the ministry boards at Holy Cross open up new opportunities to serve as previous board members complete their service. If you'd like to learn more about the boards, serve on a board or know someone who would be blessed to serve in such a role, please see the "Willingness to Serve" form on the ministry table in the Narthex. Thank you for prayerfully considering whether you or another would be a good fit.

Connect

HOLY CROSS MEN'S MINISTRY FAITH ON TAP | FEBRUARY 5, 12 & 19 | 8PM

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.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT | FEBRUARY 8 | 4-8PM | NURSERY ROOM

*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, see the display in the Narthex or call the church office.

NEW—AA MEETINGS | MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS | 7PM | MISSION HALL

The main purpose and **mission of Alcoholics Anonymous** members is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. So that even when someone has overcome their addiction, they stay within the fellowship and help others overcome their addiction. This also keeps them from relapsing. Everything is kept confidential.

NEW—AL-ANON MEETINGS | MONDAYS & THURSDAYS | 7PM | HERITAGE ROOM

Have you ever wanted to help someone suffering from alcohol addiction and did not know what to do? Have you tried to help someone and ended up making things worse? An **Al-Anon Family Group** can help. "Life Recovery & AA" supports those addicted. Al-Anon cares for the family and friends of those struggling with addiction. See https://al-anon.org/ for more details.

NEW—LIFE RECOVERY | THURSDAYS | 7PM | CONFERENCE ROOM

Life Recovery will encourage you to daily seek God's will for your life & expand your understanding of the God who loves you & sent His Son to die that you might be made whole. This meeting is led by those who have been in a season of recovery. Come hear stories where Jesus and the Holy Spirit have rescued people from doubt and fear. Personal crisis' have been replaced with faith, hope, and peace. Everything is kept confidential.

FAITH & FITNESS CLASSES | TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH 14 | KIDS ZONE BASEMENT

Women of all ages & fitness levels join in the next Faith & Fitness opportunities:

- Tuesday classes | 7-8pm | Full length fitness class | Free childcare available | \$5 drop in cost
- Saturday classes | 8:45-9:45am | Full-length fitness class | No childcare available | \$5 drop in cost

Join what fits for you. 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. You'll need a mat, water & weights if you have them. Enter the building through the Narthex doors.

For Your Information

NEW—Your Things Miss You

Did you misplace a coffee mug? A coat? One glove or mitten? Please check the lost and found in the Narthex coat rack (near the restrooms). Anything remaining on February 16 will be donated.

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

The Lord has blessed our investments and we are looking to support truly difference-making projects – so think big! Grant categories are: Community Outreach, Missions and Christian Education, New Ministries, Church Worker Scholarships and other areas that support and spread the good news of Jesus Christ! Grant requests must be submitted by March 15. Go to holycrossfoundation.com to apply.

NEW—CAMP ARCADIA LOOKING FOR SUMMER STAFF

Explore. Challenge Yourself. Make a Difference. Find Community. Camp Arcadia is hiring for their summer staff. Joining the summer staff means diving into something that's real, that immerses you in what it means to love Jesus and love like Jesus. It's kingdom ministry that's intense, deep, and life changing. For questions or more information on how to apply to one of our summer staff positions, contact Jess McCallum at jess@camp-arcadia.com.

BROWN PAPER BAGS NEEDED

Our Love Inc. food pantry is in need of brown paper bags for packing groceries for the Love Inc. clients. If you have some to spare, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you for your donation!

LIFE SUNDAY OFFERING

You generously gave \$570 last week in our Life Sunday envelope. Thank you for these donations which will be added to our Adoption Grant Fund.

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 emails
- will be sent out to our e-communications group. (Please note our decision to cancel evening programming is <u>not</u> connected to Jenison Public Schools.)
- Sunday morning worship services Cancellations will be posted by 7:30am.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelope booklets may be picked up in the Narthex. Envelopes may be used even if you utilize various forms of e-giving. Also, there are opportunities to support specific ministries through the envelopes that aren't available electronically. May you be blessed through the spiritual discipline of giving! Thank you for your financial support of our mission.

DAILY SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE CENTER | A CHERISHED MINISTRY OF HOLY CROSS

Enrollment has begun for Holy Cross members and current Daily Shepherd families for Summer 2020 and School Year 2020 - 2021. Come check out the Christian preschool/day care right within the walls of Holy Cross! We provide a loving, secure Christian atmosphere where children can develop body, mind, and spirit. For ages 2 ½ (potty-trained) through 12. Secure your spot now before open enrollment begins. Discounts offered for Holy Cross members. For more information or to set up a tour, please stop by or call Molly at (616) 457-1780.

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