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Weekly Announcements

Week of February 9, 2020

Worship Services | 8:30 & 11am

Education Hour | 9:45-10:45am

Worship

NEW—PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 9

The first sermon of Jesus is His shortest, but perhaps most important. The King-ing of God is touchable. The reign of God is now accessible to humanity. More than anything else in the gospels, Jesus proclaims that God's kingdom is here. God is present and at work. Do we have eyes to see it and ears to hear it? To prepare for worship, read Mark 1:1-20.

NEW—SERMON SERIES: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM: WHY GOD'S REIGN RULES | BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9

When Jesus first shows up in the public eye, he identifies himself as the long-awaited King of the world and asserts that his active rule and reign has begun. He says "the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). He tells us that we need to notice and adjust our approach to life accordingly. But what does he mean by that? What does that look like in our day to day lives? What is this Kingdom anyway? Let's pray that we'll have eyes to see and ears to hear, so that we don't miss why God's reign rules.

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

Now you can take church with you wherever you go! With our new podcast you can download our Sunday adult bible studies and our weekly sermons. Listen anywhere to the Gospel that will feed your soul without eating up your data. Check it out now at:

<https://holycrossjenison.podbean.com/> or on Spotify.

Bible Study

NEW—ADULT BIBLE CLASS | FEBRUARY 9 | 9:45AM | MISSION HALL

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: come ask the pastor's anything. We'll do our best to answer questions you bring in order to bring clarity to the "hard things." See you then!

FIRST GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE & BLESSING | FEBRUARY 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." 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 is 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—SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY | BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16 | 9:45AM | MISSION HALL

When asked about God's greatest commandment, Jesus responds, "Love God and Love People." Interestingly, Jesus sums up God's 10 Commandments through the lens of love. We'll (re)explore the 10 Commandments, their meanings and how Jesus embodied them through love.

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

PRAY FOR THE HAITI MISSION TEAM

Continue to pray for our Haiti Mission Team: 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 are 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. Check out this blog for the day by day journal and pictures of our Haiti Mission Team. This is written by a member of the medical team we are partnering with on this trip.

Arrival day:

<https://www.projectstarfishhaiti.net/la-traffic-got-nothin-on-this/>

Multiple Days of Trip Journal: (scroll down past all the bio pics)

<https://www.projectstarfishhaiti.net/?slide=blog>

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

NEW—KNITTING FOR OTHERS | FEBRUARY 11 | 6:30PM | CONFERENCE ROOM

Come and be a part of the Holy Cross knitting group. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, this group is the place for you! Any questions, please contact Sue at skerbs47@gmail.com or Bev at jbsecor@att.net.

HOLY CROSS MEN'S MINISTRY FAITH ON TAP | FEBRUARY 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.

NEW—55+ ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

See the display in the Narthex for additional information & sign-ups.

- February 20: Book Club at the home of Jay & Karen Fox, 2031 Pinewood, Jenison, beginning at 10am. Please have read & be prepared to discuss the book "*Still Life*" by Louise Penny.
- March 20: Sign-up to see *Legally Blonde: The Musical* at Hudsonville High School.
- March 27: Sign-up to see *The Sound of Music* at Jenison Center for the Arts.

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.

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.

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.

For Your Information

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.

HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION GRANT CYCLE 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.

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.

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 not connected to Jenison Public Schools.)
- Sunday morning worship services – Cancellations will be posted by 7:30am.

LCMS MICHIGAN IN TOUCH ON-LINE MAGAZINE

Catch up on what is happening in our district. Read the [Michigan In Touch](#), a supplement to The Lutheran Witness magazine.

DAILY SHEPHERD COLLECTING SPARTAN NASH RECEIPTS

Daily Shepherd is currently collecting SpartanNash receipts (Family Fare, D&W, etc.) for a "Direct Your Dollars" fundraiser. Once \$150,000 in receipts are collected, Daily Shepherd will receive \$1,000 from the SpartanNash organization to be used for classroom and educational materials. Please bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the black table under the Daily Shepherd logo in the education wing of the building. Questions? Call the Daily Shepherd office at 457-1780. Thank you for supporting this important and cherished ministry of Holy Cross!