

Holy Cross **GROW**

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February 4, 2018
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



Lent 2018

The other day I stopped for gas to fill up my nearly empty gas tank. As I stood out in the wind and cold, I mentally ran through the list of errands and the route I would take to accomplish them.

I think that is a good analogy for worship. When I'm running on empty I need to be filled up. That's what happens when I worship, commune and spend time with God. However, I must confess that an ongoing list of errands and my schedule for the coming week will run through my mind every now and then...especially when I'm singing a hymn for the third time that weekend!

But, isn't that the point?

Worship is not the only place we meet God. We encounter God as we go about our daily routines. God calls us in various ways in the midst of the ordinary of our lives. Worship is not only a place where we experience God but it also propels us out to meet and partner with God in everyday life.

This Lenten Season our weekend worship will center on the theme *Listen, God is Calling.* We will welcome five guests, including two Holy Cross members, who will share their story of how God has "called" them in the midst of their daily lives.

Vicar Hans and I will be preaching on Lenten Wednesdays. Our theme is *Where Jesus Walked* as we continue our journey in the Gospel of John.

Pastor Meredith

Save The Date

LARCUM Concert-Feb. 11 at 3:00 pm St. Anthony Catholic Church
Festival Choir begins February 14 at 8:00 pm

Wednesdays In Lent: Where Jesus Walked

Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday <i>Walking in God's Pasture</i> John 10:1-18 The Good Shepherd
Feb. 21	<i>Walking Again</i> John 11:1-44 Jesus Raises Lazarus
Feb. 28	<i>Walking in Service</i> John 13:1-17 Jesus Washes Feet
Mar. 7	<i>Walking Away</i> John 18:12-27 Peter's Denial
Mar. 14	<i>Walking in Truth</i> John 18:28-40 Jesus and Pilate
Mar. 21	<i>Walking Condemned</i> John 19:1-16 Jesus Condemned



Town Hall Meeting held Wednesday, January 24th.

We had an inspiring meeting with Pr. Kristin Nielsen from the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Over 120 people attended including 34 youth and small group leaders. The group talked about the call process, sharing the Holy Cross story with Candidates, the clergy shortage and a few other topics. Most of the time was spent listening to attendees share their thoughts regarding attributes and spiritual gifts needed for this position. This process is on Holy Spirit time so we need to remain steadfast and faith filled.

Annual Meeting, January 28th

We had great participation in this year's annual meeting with 92 people in attendance. There was a great spirit with a wide demographic represented. We finished the year with strong December contributions and an operating deficit of \$8,030. Total contributions were \$1,193,825 for 2017. Phase two of the parking lot capital campaign entitled "Pave It Forward" kicked off in April, 2016, with the goal of raising \$225,000. We raised \$26,576 in 2017. After the Treasurer's report was accepted, the meeting voted on the following: recognition of outgoing team members, actions of Church Council in 2017, introduction and election of Ministry Team candidates, 2018 plan/budget at a 1.9% increase.

Nanette Smith and Arlene Watson volunteered to attend the Synod Assembly held at the Country Springs Hotel, May 31 – June 2. Four more volunteers are welcomed to serve. Full minutes from the Annual Meeting are available in the council book located in the Gathering Place information table.

Lenten Book Study

"Have you ever wondered about how you can better show Christian love to your family, friends and neighbors? While the answer might be simple--care for them--how we practice this can sometimes be challenging. Join Vicar Hans for a five-week book study on the book *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life* on Lenten Wednesdays starting on February 21st. We'll have two sessions--one at 11 am and one at 6 pm, allowing you to attend the Wednesday service of your choice and the study all in one trip!

Sign up for this study in the Gathering Place or by emailing Vicar Hans at hansb@holycrosslutheran.org. Please sign up by Ash Wednesday, February 14th, so we have books ready for our first session. The cost of this study is provided by a grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation."

Food Pantry Dates

For volunteers who want to get the 2018 dates down on their schedule, Holy Cross will be working the pantry on March 13 and 15, June 5 and 7, August 28 and 30, November 20.

~We have committed to working the Piggly Wiggly hot dog sale on April 7 from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. We need 4 people, two for each shift of two hours.

~Boy Scout Food Drive is March 17, help needed from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

~Post Office Food Drive is May 12, help needed from 12:00-5:00 pm.

Questions...call Robin Manke at 255-6196.

Cookie Dough Retreat

We arrived at Fort Wilderness in McNaughton, WI around 9:30 pm, already having eaten a fair amount of cookie dough. We dropped our sleeping bags and backpacks in our cabins and rushed outside into the cold winter air--there was broomball to be played.

We didn't only play outside, however. While keeping our full weekend schedule of activities (including a sleigh ride, a 45-minute snowshoe hike, tubing, a prayer hike by lantern, and lots of broomball), we rooted ourselves in regular prayer, daily worship, and study.

Our theme for the weekend was "Iconic", and we learned about deepening our faith and trust in God by hearing the stories of two truly iconic Christians: Mary Magdalene and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We had good conversations about their life stories.

All agreed that it was worth it to embed ourselves in the snowy northwoods while enjoying the wonderful opportunities for community-building.

Amanda and Vicar Hans

PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org

MEMORIAL CHART

●Coffee hour support was given by George Meyer.

●Coffee hour support was given by Nick & Lori Zimmer in memory of Jerry Zimmer.

●Mission Partner support was given by Phil & Nanette Smith in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

MEMORIALS

●A memorial was received from James Moeller in memory of Linda Kammerer.

NOISY OFFERING

●Crossways Camping Ministry

SERVING on February 10 & 11

Ushers:

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team
7:45 am Ron Jaeger team
9:00 am Walter Blahnik team
10:30 am Mark Rothe team

Lector:

5:00 pm Pete Deubler
7:45 am Cathy Brill
9:00 am Avis Dallman
10:30 am Avis Dallman

Worship Assistant:

Avis Dallman

Altar Guild:

Sandy Earnest, Rosalin McNeir, Wendy Kalland, Lisa Burmeister, Jen Schultz,
Stephanie Truckenmiller

Greeters:

5:00 pm Barb Berg & Mary Ann Holt
7:45 am Patsy Baer, Glenn & Carolyn Schellhaas
9:00 am Donna James Romano, Avis Dallman, Richard & Donna Hoffman
10:30 am Nancy Barelmann, Susan Gartzke

Welcome Center:

4:40 pm Evangelism
8:30 am Evangelism
10:00 am Evangelism

PRACTICE 7 INVITE

What I get from my study of the Bible is that we're all in Christ, that we're all the same in God's eyes.

Ernie Hudson



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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



TODAY

Reading: John 9:1-41

Worship Asst./Lectors: Scott Steinke, Paul Bedker, Carolyn Schellhaas,
Scott Steinke, Miranda Montigo

TODAY-Sunday 4

Scrip Sale, Worship at Hephatha
Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Monday 5

Preschool 9:00 am
Youth Team 6:30 pm

Tuesday 6

Elizabeth Circle 9:00 am
Preschool 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 10:00 am
God Squad 6:00 pm
King's Kids 6:00 pm
Preschool Open House 6:00 pm
Book Club 6:30 pm
Baptism Seminar 7:00 pm
Celebration Band & Choir 7:00 pm

Wednesday 7

Preschool 9:00 am
Quilters 9:00 am
Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm
Student Ministry Night 7:00 pm

Thursday 8

Preschool 9:00 am
To Do Crew 9:00 am
Pr. David Bible Study 11:00 am
New Beginings Handbell Choir 4:30 pm
Internship Meeting 5:30 pm
Preschool Board 6:00 pm
Worship Team 6:00 pm
Council 7:00 pm

Friday 9

Church Office Closes At Noon
Food Pantry Meeting 8:00 am
Preschool 9:00 am

Saturday 10

Blood Pressure Screening
Preschool Registration 9:00 am
Worship 5:00 pm
D.A.F 6:00 pm



Sunday 11

Scrip Sale, Blood Pressure Screening, Mt. Meru Coffee and Divine
Chocolate Sale
College Cookie Drop Off 7:45 am
Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am
Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am
Camp Emphasis Meeting 10:00 & 11:30 am
LARCUM Concert 3:00 pm

JOIN US FOR

Children

●Are you interested in learning about sending your 1st-12th grade kids to camp this summer? How about attending family or grandparent camp for all ages? Holy Cross also offers a weeks worth of church camp right here. Get your questions answered by attending an informational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10:00 and 11:30 am in the chapel. All camp registration forms will be available at that time. Registration is now open at Crossways Camps. Visit crosswayscamps.org to sign up. Through a generous ministry gift, Holy Cross is able to pay \$200 toward your camp fees.

●Following Jesus isn't complicated. It's as simple as ABCD. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he showed us that it is important to have the right **A**ttitude by putting other people first. Join us on Feb.15 from 6:30-7:30 pm for an adventure called Bible Alphabet. Three year old to first grade children, along with a caregiver will learn that they can have a "Good **A**ttitude", not a me first attitude. Two new puppets will help introduce the story before we rotate through several different hands-on activities. Bring your younger and older children, and invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

Adults

●The Youth Ministry Team is preparing to send cookie care packages to our college students for Valentine's Day. We need your help! Please consider making chocolate chip cookies (no nuts or peanut butter) for our students. Place 1 dozen cookies in a plastic bag (like Ziplock) to make our packing process easy. Please drop off your cookies by 10:30 am on Sunday, February 11. Let us know how many dozens you will be baking by signing up on the poster in the Gathering Place, on your Event Sign Up (found in your GROW) or email Amanda at amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org.

●The Kitchen Angels are looking for volunteers to help approximately 2 or 3 times a year with various activities. People are needed in the following areas:

- Make desserts and salads for funerals
- Serve food at funerals and other church events
- Run the dishwasher (industrial size) at funerals and other church events
- Serve Sunday coffee hour after the 7:45 or 9:00 am service

Training is available for all volunteer positions.