



March 25, 2018  
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

### "Almost, but not yet"

Blessings and peace to all this Palm Sunday! Today we remember that we are nearing the end of our Lenten Journey. As a kid, I can remember that I uttered the all too familiar question heard by many parents on a car ride, "Are we there yet?" My parents would reassure, "Almost, but not yet."

Today we are "almost" to Easter, "but not yet." On this Palm/Passion Sunday, we mark the beginning of the most Holy Week in the calendar year for a Christian.

It is like a familiar mystery movie that we enjoy watching over and over again. Although we know the ending, we still need to go through all the suspense and intrigue.

The Holy Week story is familiar and we know the ending! Before the Alleluias of Easter we must journey the painful path that Jesus walks on our behalf. Jesus walks a path of betrayal, suffering and death.

Today the Hosannas of praise will turn to the cries of "Crucify Him". I encourage you to walk this journey with Jesus by attending the Holy Week services offered this week. Maundy/Holy Thursday and Good Friday will prepare our hearts for the glory of Easter!

Are we there yet? Almost, but not yet! Blessings to you all on this Holy Week journey!

Pastor Meredith



If you will be traveling this week, I wish you safe travel and Sabbath time of rest and renewal. Check out an ELCA church in the area to attend Holy Week services. Go to <http://www.elca.org/tools/FindACongregation>. You can search by zip code, state or name of congregation.



### Shipwrecked~Vacation Bible School

Join us on June 18-22 from 9:00 am to noon for Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School. This week of fun is for three year old through sixth grade kids. Shipwrecked VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Imagination Station, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Registration forms will be sent home with your kids today or you can pick one up at the table outside the church office. You may drop your registration form off in the office or simply mail it in. If you need an additional form, go to our website, look under the "what's happening" tab and then click on the "Forms" tab. Scroll down until you find the 2018 Vacation Bible School Registration Form. The cost is \$28.00 per child or a maximum of \$84.00 per family. This includes a t-shirt, take home activities, and one CD per family. Friends and neighbors are invited too, just let them know how to sign-up. If you have questions or would like to join our team of middle/high school students and adult volunteers, please contact Sue Christiaansen at [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org) or 251-2740.

### Preschool Thank You

The Holy Cross Preschool Rummage/Bake Sale was a huge success again this year. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale, baked goodies and/or shopped. The preschool children will greatly benefit from this event in the areas of additional programming, playground enhancements, and classroom and educational equipment.

### Preschool Registration

Just a reminder Holy Cross Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. There is a 2, 3 or 5 day a week option for 3K & 4K from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Preschoolers learn best through play and exploration. Academic readiness skills are strengthened through developmentally appropriate activities. Call Pam Kraus at 502-4104 for more information.

### Grief Group

Have you lost a loved one? A grief group will be held on Tuesdays-April 17 & 24, May 1 & 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm at Unity-Cross of Life Campus (20700 W. North Ave, Brookfield). Deacon Ellie will be facilitating along with Debbie Riederer.

Losing someone we love leaves a big emptiness in our hearts and in our everyday lives. However, grief and loss are a part of life. Our group will explore how to get through the difficult times. We will hear one another's experiences and discuss how to get through the tough times. Please register by contacting Debbie Riederer at 262-781-7600 or via email at [debbie@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:debbie@unitybrookfield.org).

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

All 2017 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct. If you are a Thrivent member, we encourage you to direct now. All 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018. To register or for more information, please visit their website: <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or call 1/800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice."

### PRAYER CONNECTION

Join the Prayer Chain or submit a request by emailing [prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:prayerchain@holycrosslutheran.org)

#### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- To Jill Roben and her family in the passing of her father.
- To the family and friends of Bob Hohensee in his passing.
- To the family and friends of John Eilertson in his passing.
- To Mark Hoynacki and his family in the passing of his mother.
- To the family and friends of Garry Kasten in his passing.

#### BIRTHS

- Congratulations to Angie & Erich Roush on the birth of their daughter Josephine Sue.

#### PASCHAL CANDLE

- The Paschal Candle is given by Bruce & Marlene Lammi in honor of their children Gregg and Robin, and in memory of their children Brad and Susan.

#### NOISY OFFERING

- Hephatha Lutheran

#### THANKS

- Were received from the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry for our generous donation.
- Were received from James Holmberg for our partnership with Lutheran Social Services.
- Were received from ERAs Senior Network for our generous donation.
- Were received from Crossways Camping Ministry for our generous donation.
- Were received from Rev. Daniel Rift for our generous donation to Lutheran Disaster Response.
- Were received from the family of Kristen Grall for our gift of a prayer shawl.

## April 2018 Connection

### **Ushers**

#### **April 7 & 8**

5:00 pm Marvin Jacobson team  
Team

7:45 am Ron Jaeger team

9:00 am Walter Blahnik team

10:30 am Mark Rothe team

#### **April 14 & 15**

5:00 pm Pat Hansen team

7:45 am Randy Kressin team

9:00 am Bill Marohl team

10:30 am Oliver Olsen team

#### **April 21 & 22**

5:00 pm Dave & Janet Blank  
Team

7:45 am Bev Green team

9:00 am Glenn & Carolyn

Schellhaas team

10:30 am Mark Hacker team

#### **April 28 & 29**

5:00 pm Bob & Lynda Ferguson  
team

7:45 am George & Nanette  
Hegerty team

9:00 am Don & Sandy Earnest  
team

10:30 am Jeff & Kim Young team

### **Greeters**

#### **April 7 & 8**

5:00 pm Lowell & Mary Carl,  
Wendy Kalland

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

#### **April 14 & 15**

5:00 pm Barb Berg & Mary Ann  
Holt

7:30 am Don & Sandy Earnest,  
Marilyn Heyde, Sandy & Bob  
Schlag

9:00 am Bob & Coleen Reshel,

Betty Redding

10:30 am George & Donita

Bruder, Darlene Kullmann, Nick &  
Vicki Montijo

#### **April 21 & 22**

5:00 pm Paul & Anne Lindemann,  
Kaeley Gensler, Stephanie

Truckenmiller

7:45 am Pete Gullickson, Stan &

Carole Grove, George & Betty  
Klaus

9:00 am Donna Kennedy, Jill  
Konicek, Janelle Beckman & Gary  
Rudolph

10:30 am Eleonore & Jack

Kamoske, Stan & Mary Kay

Winarski, Bobbi, Todd & Arabella  
Fochs

#### **April 28 & 29**

5:00 pm Mary Ann Holt, Arlene  
Watson

7:45 am Eileen Corbeille

9:00 am Kelly & Steve Stapelman,  
Howard Westfahl

10:30 am Bob & Lisa Burmeister,  
Kim & Scott Rasmussen, Betty  
Redding

### **Worship Assistants**

#### **April 8**

Scott Steinke

#### **April 15**

Mark Christiaansen

#### **April 22**

Avis Dallman

#### **April 29**

Deni Naumann

### **Lectors**

#### **April 7 & 8**

5:00 pm Robyn Zinda

7:45 am Jill Konicek

9:00 am Brian Espinosa

10:30 am Michael Burnham

#### **April 14 & 15**

5:00 pm Sue Haberman

7:45 am Cathy Brill

9:00 am Keri Duce

10:30 am Miranda Montijo

#### **April 21 & 22**

5:00 pm Lowell Carl

7:45 am Jill Konicek

9:00 am Steve Tretheway

10:30 am Phil Smith

#### **April 28 & 29**

5:00 pm Wendy Kalland

7:45 am Joan Timmerman

9:00 am Mike Naumann

10:30 am Anne Lindemann

### **Altar Guild**

Donita Bruder, Dianne Donnell,  
Candice Ekstrom, Jodi Winkler

### **Welcome Center**

#### **April 7 & 8**

4:40 pm Patti Fetzer

8:30 am Evangelism

10:00 am Evangelism

#### **April 14 & 15**

4:40 pm Evangelism

8:30 am Sandy Earnest

10:00 am Angie Nelson

#### **April 21 & 22**

4:40 pm Mary Ann Holt

8:30 am Jill Konicek

10:00 am Carol Miller

#### **April 28 & 29**

4:40 pm Charlotte & Mason  
Draeger

8:30 am Kitchen Angels

10:00 am Stan & Mary Ann

Winarski

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Church Office Closed Easter Sunday 7:30am - Easter 7:30am - Worship @ 9am - No Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - No Faith 10:30am - Worship @	2 Church Office Closed	3 Spring Election @ 9am - Elizabeth Circle @ 6:30pm - Book Club @ 7pm - Baptism Seminar	4 9am - Quilters @	5 9am - To Do Crew @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 6:30pm - Youth Team @	6 Church Office Closes At	7 10am - Food Pantry 12pm - Food Pantry 5pm - Worship/Dreyfus
8 7:45am - Worship @ 8:30am - Blood 8:30am - Mt. Meru 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @	9 9am - Preschool @ 6pm - Stephen Ministry	10 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6pm - Kid's Choir 6pm - Kid's Choir @ 6pm - MEB @ 7pm - Celebration Band 7pm - Glocal @ 102/103 7:15pm - Finance @	11 9am - Preschool @ 1pm - Martha Circle @ 6pm - Adult Handbells 7pm - Chancel Choir @ 7pm - Student Ministry	12 9am - Preschool @ 9am - To Do Crew @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 4:30pm - Kid's 5:30pm - Internship 6pm - Preschool Board 6pm - Worship Team @ 7pm - Council @	13 Church Office Closes At 8am - Food Pantry 9am - Preschool @	14 5pm - Blood Pressure 5pm - Worship @ 6pm - D.A.F @
15 7:45am - Worship @ 8:30am - Mt. Meru 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @ 6:30pm - Mary Circle @	16 9am - Preschool @	17 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 1pm - Property/Admin/F 6pm - Kid's Choir 6pm - Kid's Choir @ 6pm - Stewardship @ 7pm - Celebration Band	18 9am - Preschool @ 9am - Quilters @ 6pm - Adult Handbells 7pm - Chancel Choir @ 7pm - Student Ministry	19 9am - Preschool 9am - To Do Crew @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 4:30pm - Kid's 6:30pm - Bible Alphabet	20 Church Office Closes At 9am - Preschool 6:30pm - Tween Night	21 7:30am - Men In 5pm - Worship @
22 7:45am - Worship @ 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - New Members 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @	23 9am - Preschool @ 6pm - Stephen Ministry 6:30pm - Christian Ed @	24 9am - Preschool @ 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6pm - Evangelism @ 6pm - Kid's Choir 6pm - Kid's Choir @ 104 7pm - Celebration Band	25 9am - Preschool @ 12pm - Young At Heart 5:30pm - Care & 6pm - Adult Handbells 7pm - Chancel Choir @ 7pm - Student Ministry	26 9am - Preschool @ 9am - To Do Crew @ 11am - Pr. David Bible 4:30pm - Kid's	27 Church Office Closes At 9am - Preschool @	28 9am - Property @ 109 5pm - Worship @
29 7:45am - Worship @ 8am - Bus for Hephatha 8am - Tacos At 8:30am - Scrip Sale @ 9am - Celebration Band 9am - Faith 9am - Worship @ 10:30am - Faith 10:30am - Worship @ 4pm - Young at Heart	30 9am - Preschool @	1	2	3	4	5



## HOLY CROSS STAFF

Senior Pastor Pastor  
Visitation Pastor Pastor  
Minister of Care and Community  
Intern  
Parish Administrator  
Minister of Children's Faith Formation  
Minister of Partnerships and Mission  
Minister of Music  
Facilities Manager  
\*Assistant Minister of Music  
\*Chancel Choir Accompanist  
\*A/V Coordinator  
\*Minister of Evangelism  
\*Admin. Assistant of Worship  
\*Admin. Assistant of Communication  
\*Finance Administrator  
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Meredith Bedker Musaus  
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Worship Schedule: Saturday-5:00 pm, Sunday-7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am



## TODAY

**Reading:** John 12:20-26

**Lectors:** Anne Lindemann, Mary Fieldhack, John Ganoung, Judy Haeberle

### TODAY-Sunday 25

Scrip Sale

Worship 7:45, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Celebration Band & Choir 9:00 am

Faith Development 9:00 & 10:30 am

Seder Meal 4:00 pm

### Monday 26

Preschool 9:00 am

Stephen Ministry 6:00 pm

Christian Ed. 6:30 pm

### Tuesday 27

Preschool 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

Evangelism 6:00 pm

### Wednesday 28

Preschool 9:00 am

Young At Heart 12:00 pm

Care & Community 5:30 pm

Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir 6:00 pm

Festival Choir 7:45 pm

### Maundy Thursday 29

To Do Crew 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Festival Choir 8:15 pm

### Good Friday 30

Church Office Closes At Noon

Worship 10:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Festival Choir 8:15 pm

### Easter Saturday 31

Worship 5:00 pm

### Easter Sunday 1

Worship 7:30, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am



## PRACTICE 7 PRAY

Prayer is not a monologue, but a dialogue. God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part.

A. Murray



## JOIN US FOR

### Children

●Tweens...On April 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm. You are invited to a "Whodunit Mystery Party" where you will play a character in a mysterious crime. You will be cast in a role and receive a character card. You can reserve your spot (there are only 26) by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on a table near the church office, emailing Sue at [suec@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:suec@holycrosslutheran.org), calling 251-2740 or by filling out the event sign-up form in the GROW. You will then receive your character's information. Everyone will dress as their character to make it more fun. Prizes will be given for Most Dramatic, Best Costume, and Super Sleuth! Your friends are also welcome to attend. Help us catch the criminal, unless of course, it is you!

●Join us this summer for Crossway's Day Camp ~ Campers had an amazing time last year during this week long day camp held at Holy Cross. Kids, along with their camp counselors and junior counselors, traveled to different stations where they learned more about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Camp began each day with an opening worship that was filled with songs and hilarious skits to introduce the day's lesson. Everyday was filled with Bible discoveries, outdoor games, art and nature activities that helped to reinforce the lesson. Plus...we had a different activity every afternoon. Many new friendships were formed and old one's grew stronger. Please join us the week of August 6-10. Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am-noon. The cost is \$60 per student. Invite your friends! You can pick up a registration form on a table outside the church office or visit by visiting our website.

### Adults

●Join us on Maundy Thursday, March 29, from 7:00 am-noon for a Holy Week Celebration. We will be bringing the ancient custom of foot washing to the free neighborhood breakfast at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Milwaukee. All individuals who are 16 and over can meet at 7:00 am at Holy Cross and drive to St. John's (located near the VA hospital) for breakfast and foot washing. Sign up is available in the Narthex. Contact Amanda, Minister of Partnership and Mission, with questions [amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:amandaj@holycrosslutheran.org)

### Seniors

●Young At Heart will meet in the Gathering Place at noon on March 28. Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring the following: A-F a dessert, G-L a hot dish, M-Z a salad. If you would like to hostess for this meeting, please call Mary Ann at 502-1905.

The group will be attending Patio Player's performance "Anything Goes" on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 pm. This performance is held at North Middle School in Menomonee Falls. Tickets are \$15.00 each. After the play, we plan on returning to Holy Cross for a dinner of pizza, pasta and salad. The cost of the dinner will be covered by a Ministry Gift that supports senior programming. The last chance to sign up for this event is on Wednesday, March 28.