

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

March 2016 Newsletter

HOLY WEEK

March 20, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

*Christ humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.*

March 24, 7:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.
Foot Washing, Anointing of Hands, and Holy Communion

March 25, Noon-1:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY MIDDAY WORSHIP

The Passion According to John and Reflections by Ann Weems
Nine 10-minute Meditations: *Come when you can, leave as needed.*

March 25, 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

*The church gathers to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and
to find strength and hope in the Tree of Life.*
The Passion According to John

March 26, 7:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

*The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign
as the church gathers around a pillar of fire, hears ancient stories of faith,
affirms its baptismal identity and
shares the food and drink of the promised land.*

March 27, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Dear friends,

During the season of Lent, when we are on a journey both spiritually and time wise, I tend to do some extra devotions – and often around the Old Testament. The day I am writing this the reading was from the Book of Ruth. Specifically it was this text (1:6 – 18)

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The words that jumped at me was from verse 12: “Turn back,...go your way,...” A short devotional on those words may be something like this:

I may well be in the minority, but I like Mondays. One of the reasons I like Mondays is the fact that it is the beginning of something new. A new week! Monday is a day to get caught up with others about what happened over the weekend.

Mondays is the beginning of something that I don’t know what is to come. Much like the road ahead for Naomi and her two daughter-in-laws. For some people the facing of the unknown creates great fears and apprehension. For others, like myself, it is the challenge we need to get the motor going again. We are much like Naomi’s daughters-in-law. We can look back or look forward in our journey in faith and life.

But more than all that, Mondays are a day to look for a sign of what is to come in the week ahead. A time to look for an opportunity to witness to the Gospel. Or a time to look to see how God may touch us in the days ahead. This is the glory and the thrill that makes me take a great liking to Mondays. How about you?

Lord of the future, how will you show yourself in my life this coming week? How will you allow me to be your witness this coming week? Please tell me. Amen.



The Chancel is always beautiful when decorated with Easter lilies. We are again offering the opportunity to order lily plants, but have decided to add some color with tulips and hyacinths. Each plant will cost \$8. Ordering envelopes will be available in the Narthex beginning March 5th. We will accept payments of cash or checks made out to "Holy Cross".

Deadline for ordering tulips or hyacinths is March 17th and lilies is Sunday, March 20th.



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PIPES AND BELLS

**Handbell Invitational Festival
with area handbell choirs,
hearts, hands and voices musicians,
and the
Detroit Handbell Ensemble**

Michael Burkhardt

Artistic Director

Saturday, March 5, 2016

7:30 p.m.

**Pease Auditorium
Eastern Michigan University**

Free Admission

Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, March 27,
beginning at 8:45 am**

Join us for breakfast and fellowship between services, on Easter morning! Glenn Newa and family have graciously agreed to prepare breakfast, but your **help is needed!** Donations of sweet rolls and pastries are needed as well as set-up on Saturday, March 26th at 1 pm. Volunteers please call Kathy Weaver at 313-460-0922. Thank you!

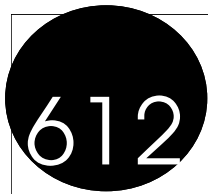
DON'T FORGET!

Spring

Forward

MARCH 13 AT 2 AM





Upcoming Events

March 9, 6 pm - Prepare Lenten Supper.

Looking for parents to bring soup, rolls and salad.

Coming in July, the high school youth will be heading to the Adirondack Mountains in NY for a Youth Works mission trip. The youth will be assisting in the community by working on homes that need painting, yard-work and cleaning or helping to plan and lead a children's day camp, which include bible lessons, games and crafts. Overall it will give our youth an opportunity to grow in faith while helping others. Watch for details and fundraising information soon!



Rummage Sale Friday & Saturday May 13 & 14

Start sorting and gathering all those items you no longer need. Donations can be brought to Holy Cross on Sunday, May 8th.

**Please NO TVs, computers,
large electronics or mattresses.**

Questions? Contact Joan Onkka.



Holy Cross will again be hosting *The New Hope Grief Support Program* this

spring. The eight-week course runs April 7 - May 26, 2016. All sessions are at Holy Cross on Thursday evenings from 7-8:45 pm. If you or a friend have lost loved ones, please register and plan to attend. All are invited! The program is presented free of cost. Brochures and registration forms are located on the bulletin board and in the office. Contact Chuck Lindquist with questions.

Good Hope Lutheran Church Spring Giveaway

One of the ministries that Faith Lutheran actively participated in is the Good Hope Lutheran Spring Giveaway. Similar to the Christmas Giveaway, seasonal items are collected and those in need from the community come in on March 19th, and are able to take things that will help them out. Plan to bring your gently used spring and summer clothing in on Sundays, March 6th and 13th. Look for the brown box across from the office to drop your items. Contact Walt Smith, (734) 266-9337, with questions. Monetary donations for the Good Hope food pantry are also welcome and should be given to Walt Smith.



The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast...

is Thursday, May 5, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia. This year's theme is "Living Generously," and will feature Brad Hewitt of Thrivent Financial and the Russ Taff, contemporary Christian recording artist.

Brad Hewitt is a CEO with a unique perspective. Since 2010, Brad has served as president and CEO of Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit Fortune 500 organization. In this role, he has made it his work to help Americans rediscover a healthy relationship with money. The idea that being wise with money, and generosity, go hand in hand lies at the heart of this relationship.

Contemporary Christian recording artist, **Russ Taff**, will provide the special music for the breakfast. Russ first gained recognition as lead vocalist for The Imperials (1977–81). One of his best-known performances is the song "Praise The Lord". He has also been a member of the Gaither Vocal Band, and occasionally tours with Bill Gaither in the Gaither Homecoming concerts. As a solo artist and songwriter, Taff is known for the 1980s anthem "We Will Stand".

The breakfast begins at 7:00 am. Holy Cross will purchase a table of ten. Cost is \$17 per person and includes a full breakfast. To reserve your place, please contact the Holy Cross office.



THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to my church family for your prayers and get-well cards, texts, calls and support following my two surgeries in January.

Recovery is progressing, but I save up my energy for the things that are close to my heart: family and church (and music)!

Gratefully, Barb Myers

FAITH FORUM

Our Sunday morning adult bible study, known as "Faith Forum" is beginning a new 8-week study on March 6th titled, "My Neighbor is Muslim".

Please join us for this session.

All are welcome to join us at 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | We |
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| | | 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study | 5:30 p 6:00 p 6:30 p 7:30 p 8:15 p 8:30 p |
| 6 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 9:15 am Usher Meeting 10:00 am Worship & Godly Play 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer 11:30 am Come to the Table #2 11:45 am GPS | 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm hhav | 9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am <i>Christian Fellowship</i> <i>Leo's Coney Island</i> 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study | 5:30 p 6:00 p 6:30 p 7:30 p 8:15 p 8:30 p |
| 13 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | 14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 15 NON FOOD PANTRY | 16 |
| 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 9:00 am Fair Trade Sales 10:00 am Worship & Godly Play 11:00 am Fair Trade Sales 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer 11:45 am GPS | 6:30 pm hhav 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Ruth Circle | 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study | 5:30 p 6:00 p 6:30 p 7:30 p 8:15 p 8:30 p |
| 20 PALM SUNDAY | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship & NO Godly Play 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer 11:30 am Come to the Table #3 11:45 am GPS | 6:30 pm hhav | 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study | 6:00 p 6:00 p 7:30 p |
| 27 EASTER SUNDAY | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Worship & NO Godly Play | OFFICE CLOSED NO hhav | 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study | NO C NO 6 NO C |

WELCA CHURCH - MARCH 2016

| Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 3 NON FOOD PANTRY | 4 | 5 |
| 6:00 am Chancel Bells 6:12 am 6:30 am Lenten Supper 7:00 am Lenten Worship 7:30 am GPS 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal | 10:00 am WELCA Board 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry | 9:00 am Spinners Seminar./MR | |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 6:00 am Chancel Bells 6:12 am 6:30 am Lenten Supper 7:00 am Lenten Worship 7:30 am GPS 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal | 9:30 am Esther Circle 10:00 am Quilting Bee 7:30 pm Rachel Circle | | 6:00 pm Pizza & Game Night |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 6:00 am Chancel Bells 6:12 am 6:30 am Lenten Supper 7:00 am Lenten Worship 7:30 am GPS 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal | 3:30 pm Book Club | 5:00 pm AA Anniversary Mtg. | Ford Astronomy Club 2:00 pm Movies & Munchies |
| | 24 MAUNDY THURSDAY | 25 GOOD FRIDAY | 26 EASTER VIGIL |
| 6:00 am Chancel Bells 6:12 am 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 pm Worship | Noon Worship 7:30 pm Worship | 7:30 pm Worship |
| | 31 | | Building use by outside groups is shown in red. <i>Italicized activities are off site.</i> |
| 6:00 am Chancel Bells 6:12 am 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal | 11:00 am Fox Theater Tour 7:00 pm Lydia Circle | | |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those Ill or Recovering or in need of Special Prayers:

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|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Ann Asher* | Ron Ferrari* | John Hobart*(HO) | Kathy Mertins | Ron Stuebber* |
| Norma Beckerman* | Judith Fussell* | Gael Ivanec* | Mary Kay Moore* | Pstr. Krister Ulmanis |
| Mark Branton* | Debbie Gleason | Larue Kriner (HO) | Pete Moundros | Laura Wetendorf |
| Pearl Bur* | Patty Gorton* | Marielle Kulling | Barb Myers* | Evie Willinger |
| Sandy & Phil Dilaha | Maureen Hatteberg* | Pat Lindholm | Cara Nims* | Dave Wheeler* |
| Marge DuFour | Betty Hendrickson* | Carolyn MacKenzie* | Ann Ransom* | |

Those Homebound:

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| Jayne Beyers* | Mildred Duby* | Arlayne Lewis* | Werner Oellerich* |
| Jo-Andrea Brandt* | Edna Duffy* | Ruth Lindke* | Lee Onkka* |
| Lois Cavanaugh* | Art Grostick*(HO) | Marilyn May* | Bob Stone* |
| Betty Connell* | Muriel Harper* | Bob Noechel* | Trudy Stone* |
| Betty Dahlstrom*(HO) | Ann Holliday* | Amy Oellerich* | Jack Thom* |

The Family & Friends of Those Who Have Died:

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| Ed Ardnt* | Rose Hart | Carol Nims | Frank Swanson* |
| Betty Dahlstrom* | Doris Knapp* | Charles Parsley | Robert Turino |
| Henry Habarek* | James Lempke* | Royce Subject* | |

Those in Service to Our Country:

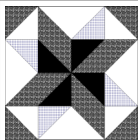
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| Joseph Comeau | Taylor Furda* | Seth Hooper | Jennifer Smith |
| Matthew Conrad | Ryan Hall* | Michael Rasler | Dr. Erin & Paul Tracy |
| Stephen Cruickshank | Tina Hiller | | |

(H) - Known to be Hospitalized **(HO)** - Hospice **(R)** -Rehab **(*)** - Member

To add a name to this list:

Call or email the office, office1@holycrosslivonia.org, put "Prayer Request" in the subject line: include only the request information and a general reason for the request.

Names will be removed after 3 months unless we are updated. Thank you!



Lutheran World Relief - Quilting Bee II

Thursday, March 10, 10 am - 3 pm

Our first LWR Quilting Bee was a huge success! Fifteen ladies with six sewing machines, several ironing boards, pins, needles, rotary trimmers and lots of energy, worked on putting together seventeen donated kits. Two quilts were assembled and will be available to tie in the Fellowship Hall. Fun, food and fellowship was had by all!

You can join us in March when we pin, iron and sew our way through the day. All skill levels are needed! If you have a portable sewing machine please bring it. If you have an ironing board & iron to share that would be great.

We are also looking for some additional cotton fabric. Please contact Cheryl Pearson, 248-444-4003 with questions.

Prayer List Changes

Our prayer list has been undergoing a transformation. With direction from Pastor Krister, we are attempting to create a more manageable and user-friendly list.

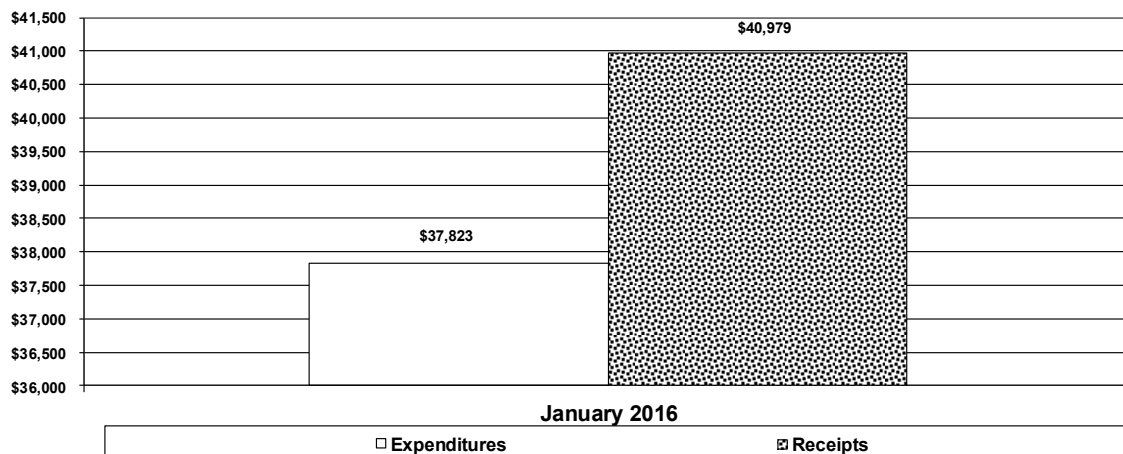
Beginning in April, you will see the following changes:

- The newsletter prayer list will contain only member names, with the exception of “Those in Service...” and “...Those Who Have Died”.
- The weekly bulletin insert will contain both members and those friends and family names from outside the congregation that are given to us. In order for this list to fit in the insert, it will need to be refreshed each week.
- The names read aloud during the “Prayers of Intercession” will be those Holy Cross members with the most urgent need. In that petition there will be appropriate time to lift up aloud, or silently, those not listed in our prayers.

Please be patient as we make these changes. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office or Pastor Krister. Thank you!



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
2016 Comparison of Operating Expenditures and Receipts
January 1 - 31, 2016
Average Worship Attendance Year-to-Date: 2016



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Friday, March 13, 6:00 pm

Pizza & Game Night

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March 19, 2:00 pm.

Movies & Munchies

featuring

Arranged



Holy Cross Fine Arts Series - Opera Talk

Sunday, April 17th at 3 pm

in the Holy Cross Sanctuary



Featuring performers from
The Michigan Opera Theater

Wine & Appetizers to follow
Reservations **required by April 10**,
for this FREE event.
Sign up on bulletin board.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**for
March**

Lectors 8 am/10 am

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| March 6 | Carol Schrecengost |
| | Jan Wheeler |
| March 13 | Jack Keck |
| | Lia Moore |
| March 20 | Michael Murphy |
| | Karen Berean |
| March 27 | Mary Foster |
| | Kathryn Hall |

Communion Teams

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| March 6 | Team Berean |
| March 13 | Team WELCA |
| March 20 | Team Dudek |
| February 28 | Team Adams |

Altar Guild

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| March 6 | Mary Ann Asher |
| March 13 | Kathryn Hall |
| March 20 | Please sign up! |
| March 27 | Please sign up! |

FOX THEATER BACKSTAGE TOUR



Thursday, March 31

Carpool from Holy Cross at 10 am.
Lunch to follow at Hockeytown Café.

Tour cost is \$10/person.
Reservations are required.

(10 person minimum)
Sign up on bulletin board.

Altar Flowers for March



March 6 - 20 It is traditional to not decorate the altar during the somber season of Lent.

March 27 Lilies, Tulips & Hyacinth

Please consider providing flowers for the altar. Sign up on the board hanging across from the office.

Coffee & Tea Servers for March



March 6 Cheryl & Rich Pearson

March 13 Tami & Greg Klopfer

March 20 Esther Circle

March 27 Easter Breakfast/
The Newa Family

Contact Susan Scholz to volunteer.

Christian Fellowship will meet
Tue., March 8, 11:30 am at
Leo's Coney Island.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 23 - WELCA Spring Meeting

May 13 & 14 - WELCA Rummage Sale

April 24 - Dragonmead Tour

May 22 - Annual Ministry Meeting



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NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
set for
March 14th.

Book Club News



Our book this month is *ROOM*
by Emma Donoghue. Join us in
The Abbey, March 17 at
3:30 pm to discuss.

Holy Cross Statement of Welcome

Holy Cross is a Christ-centered community in the Lutheran tradition (ELCA).

We believe *all* people are created in God's image.

We are passionate about the radical hospitality that Jesus showed all people.

We are committed to being a community of that same kind of hospitality.

We welcome *all* people to our life and ministry together...

...in worship, at the font, at the table and in fellowship,

regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age

or any other category society uses to distinguish between people.

We are Holy Cross and you are welcome here.

*There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28*



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Our mission:
Claimed, Met, Called and Sent to be
God's People Doing God's Work

Our vision:
To be a community of faith
where people are inspired and equipped
for a journey of living lives
centered in Christ

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