

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

## April 2016 Newsletter

### HOLY WEEK

March 24, 7:30 p.m.  
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

March 25, Noon-1:30 p.m.  
GOOD FRIDAY MIDDAY WORSHIP

March 25, 7:30 p.m.  
GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

March 26, 7:30 p.m.  
EASTER VIGIL

March 27, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



### *Easter Breakfast*

March 27, 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Many thanks to Glen Newa and his family and friends who will be up early preparing eggs, sausage, fruit and more. Celebrate between services with your friends and family! A free will offering will be collected at the door.

**We need you...** to help with set-up on Saturday, March 26th at 1 pm and with serving and clean-up on Easter Sunday morning. Volunteers please contact Kathy Weaver at 313-460-0922, [weaverk@cintas.com](mailto:weaverk@cintas.com). Thank you!

### Holy Cross Fine Arts Series

#### Opera Talk:

Reservations required by April 10  
**Macbeth & The Magic Flute**  
Sunday, April 17th at 3 pm



#### *A New Creation*

*presented by*

hearts, hands & voices

Music and Fine Art Program

Sunday, May 1, 4 pm



#### Blowin' in the Wind

*presented by*

Holy Cross Choral and  
Handbell Choirs

Sunday, May 15, 4 pm

### Mark Your Calendar!

**May 19** - Historic Shrine of  
the Little Flower

**May 22** - Annual Ministry Meeting &  
Election Council Members

### SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Krister Ulmanis

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Burkhardt

**Ministers:** The disciples at Holy Cross

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## From Mountain Top to Mountain Top!

If you have ever stood on a mountaintop and looked over to the mountaintop beside you, or at the top of a high building and looked over to the building beside you, you know that you just can't go from top to top, building to building. To get to the "other side" you have to go down into the valley, or to the street level, before there is a chance to climb up again. Sounds logical enough, yes?

Well, the same analogy comes in play during Holy Week in the life of the church. At first glance it seems so easy to go straight from Palm/Passion Sunday to Easter Saturday/Sunday. However, to truly come to the mountaintop at the Easter Saturday Vigil, or on Easter morning, and understand what shouting our Alleluias!! is all about, we need to journey with Christ through the valley of the shadow of death. After all, how can we understand the Resurrection on Easter if we haven't sat at the table on Maundy Thursday, or stood at the cross on Good Friday?? But there is more....

From waving our Palms on Palm/Passion Sunday the week unfolds to when we come to what is called "**The Great Three Days**" – or in Latin, **Triduum** - the sacred days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday/ Sunday. The services of these days commemorate the central events in Christianity and are to be seen as one act of worship. Showing up only on Good Friday and missing out on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday is like arriving 20 minutes late for the movie and leaving 20 minutes before the ending!

On **Maundy Thursday (7:30 pm)** we will hear the commandment from Jesus to love one another as he loves us. We will be at the table as he eats his last meal with the disciples. We will reflect on his command to "love one another" in the acts of foot washing or anointing of hands. The worship ends with the stripping of altar as we prepare our worship space for the next part of the worship service – **Good Friday** - the day we stand at the Cross and witness the crucifixion.

Worship on **Good Friday** at Holy Cross has two components – the **Midday Worship (Noon - ?)** with the Passion according to John and reflections by poet Ann Weems. Nine 10 minute meditations in all where you can come when you can, and leave as needed. Worship on Good Friday also means the traditional **Tenebrae Service (7:30 pm)** with the reading of the *The Passion According to John*.

This service continues with the **Vigil of Easter on Saturday (7:30 pm)**, and is a worship that brings the entire Holy Week to a climax with its imagery of darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom. It is the turning from the darkness of Good Friday and the cross, to the waiting for Easter dawn and the Resurrection. This service contains four elements; **Service of the Light, The Readings, Affirmation of Baptism, and first Eucharist of Easter.**

Having stood at the mountaintop of Palm Sunday and shouted our Alleluias!! as Jesus rode into Jerusalem in triumph and experienced the emotional wringer of the Holy Week – from triumph to despair, from jubilation to betrayal - we are finally ready to arrive at the other mountaintop for this week – the **Easter Resurrection**. The Sunday when we shout with joy - Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen indeed!!!

**Easter Sunday Worship (8:00 am and 10:00 am)** with an **Easter Breakfast (8:45-10:15 am)** for food and fellowship either after the first service or before the second.

It is easy and comfortable to stand on the one mountaintop and look at the other mountaintop. To truly understand what Easter is about we need to make the uncomfortable and ugly journey through the valley. I invite you to join me in this journey through the valley and in the process experience Easter Sunday in a whole new way!!

Pr. Krister



## Call Committee Update

As last reported, the call committee had (14) possible pastoral candidates under consideration. After evaluating the candidate profiles, the committee determined that there were (4) individuals that we were interested in interviewing via Skype and two (2) candidates whose name was brought forward by members of Holy Cross.

Of the two candidates identified by Holy Cross members, both candidates have been contacted but neither has a current profile on file with the synod. As a result, these candidates will need to decide if they have sufficient interest in our inquiry to prepare and submit their profile.

Of the four candidates referred by the synod office, one candidate accepted a call and was no longer under consideration and a second never responded, which Pastor Holland viewed as a possibly lack of interest or already being actively engaged in another call process. Of the two remaining candidates, a Skype interview was conducted with one candidate on March 1 and the second candidate was interviewed via Skype on March 8. The second candidate had a list of questions that we were unable to answer due to time limitations. A follow-up Skype session with our second candidate was scheduled for March 15.

We have requested and expect to receive a second batch of candidate profiles from the synod office by not later than March 21. We will endeavor to keep the congregation informed of our progress. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Jeff Schuman  
Call Committee Chair



## World Labyrinth Day Saturday, May 7

The Holy Cross Labyrinth Ministry will again be sponsoring an event to recognize World Labyrinth Day. Last year we welcomed approximately 30 visitors to our labyrinth and prayer park to "walk as one" and pray for peace. We will again be publicizing the event and have information tables and refreshments available. The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m., "walking as one" at 1:00. Help is needed! Please contact Lunice Clay, [lunice9951@aol.com](mailto:lunice9951@aol.com), if you would like to assist or have any questions.



### Red Wagon Ministry

The Red Wagon program was developed to provide summer reading materials to low income children, pre-school through 8th grade, in an area of Wayne County known as Norwayne.



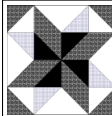
Beginning in June and continuing through the month of August, volunteers will travel the neighborhoods with "Red Wagons" filled with books to the eagerly awaiting children. As in years past the greatest need for books are in grades 5th - 8th.

Please support this ministry by purchasing one or more new soft-covered books. You may bring your books to Holy Cross throughout the month of May. Collection bins will be placed under the member mailboxes.

### The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast...

Thursday, May 5, 7 am, 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.

Please call or email the office if you would like to attend. Tickets have not been ordered as there has not been any interest shown.

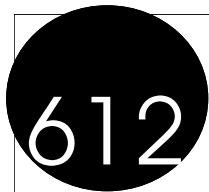


### Lutheran World Relief Quilting Bee III

Thursday, April 8, 10 am - 3 pm

We are on a roll! Join us as we continue to cut, sew, iron and laugh our way through the day while making quilts for others. 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.



## Upcoming Events

- April 3 - Mission Trip Deposit Due
- April 6 - Dinner and Faith Formation
- April 13 - Dinner and Faith Formation
- April 20 - Dinner and Faith Formation
- April 27 - Dinner and Faith Formation
- May 4 - Dinner and Faith Formation
- May 7 - Fundraiser/Tentative Bottle Drive
- May 22 - Fundraiser/Lunch for Congregational Ministry Meeting

As May and June get closer, we will be holding multiple fundraisers. Expect a car wash or two, bottle & can drives and more! All youth will be asked to participate, however it is especially important to the youth attending the mission trip in July.

## Livonia Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Drop-off Day

Saturday, April 30, 8 am - 2 pm.

Ford Field, Lyndon & Farmington Rd. (Enter Stark Rd. northbound from Schoolcraft Rd.)  
Includes items listed below. Entire list can be found on bulletin board.

- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Oil-based paint
- Latex paint
- Paint thinner
- Varnish
- Insecticides
- Computers, monitors & keyboards
- VCR's and televisions
- Pool chemicals
- Brake fluid
- Expired medicines
- Household batteries

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*Lydia Circle wants to thank everyone for the generous response to our request for lip balm donations. We exceeded our goal of collecting 100, with a total of 227! These were well received by Heavenly Hope International for their outreach project. Each balm will be labeled with the hot line number for assistance for victims of human trafficking.*

*Truly this is God's people, doing God's work.  
Mary Foster and Lydia Circle*

*Thank you to all, for your cards, calls and prayers during my recovery.*

*Thank you and God Bless,  
Ann Ransom*

*Thank you for the prayers and cards for Ed. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Gratefully,  
Dolores Ardnt*

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>Community Building Use</b> M 5pm Ellies Weigh T 6:30pm DHE W & Th 7am AA W & F 8pm AA W 8pm Alanon Th 11am AA		Th 7:30pm AIM F 10am AA Sun 5pm Over Eaters 1 <sup>st</sup> T 7pm Model Airplane 4th T 7:30pm MI Treasure Hunters 1 <sup>st</sup> Th 9:30am Spinners 1st & 4th F 6:30pm ACA	Building use by outside groups is shown in gray. <i>Italicized activities are off site.</i>
3 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	4	5	6
8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship & Godly Play 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer	9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  6:30 pm hhav	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 8:30 pm
10 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	11 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	12	13
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	6:30 pm hhav 7:00 pm Ruth Circle	9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am <i>Christian Fellowship</i> <i>Steve's Family Restaurant</i>  6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 8:30 pm
17 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	18	19 NON FOOD PANTRY	20
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24 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	25	26	27
8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Faith Forum 10:00 am Worship & Godly Play 11:30 am Intercessory Prayer 3:00 pm Dragonmead Tour	6:30 pm hhav	9:30 am Bible Study  6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm

# WELCA CHURCH - APRIL 2016

Day	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2
			2:00 pm Private Event
	7 NON FOOD PANTRY	8	9
m Chancel Bells m 6.1.2 m Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am WELCA Board 7:00 pm Grief Support 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:00 am <b>Serv Safe</b>  7:00 pm Guitar Club	6:00 pm Pizza & Game Night
	14	15	16
m Chancel Bells m 6.1.2 m Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am Esther Circle  6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Grief Support 7:00 pm Rachel Circle		2:00 pm Movies & Munchies
	21	22	23
m Chancel Bells m 6.1.2 m Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am Quilting Bee 3:30 pm Book Club 7:00 pm Grief Support		11:00 am WELCA Spring Meeting
	28	29	30
m Chancel Bells m 6.1.2 m Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm Grief Support 7:00 pm Lydia Circle		

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### *Those Ill or Recovering or in need of Special Prayers:*

Mary Ann Asher*	Ron Ferrari*	Gael Ivanec*	Pete Moundros	Evie Willinger
Norma Beckerman*	Judith Fussell*	Marielle Kulling	Barb Myers*	Dave Wheeker*
Mark Branton*	Debbie Gleason	Pat Lindholm	Cara Nims*	Emily Whitmore*
Jack Dahlstrom*	Patty Gorton*	Carolyn MacKenzie*	Ann Ransom*	
Sandy & Phil Dilaha	Maureen Hatteberg*	Kathy Mertins	Ron Stuebber*	
Marge DuFour	Betty Hendrickson*	Mary Kay Moore*	Laura Wetendorf	

### *Those Homebound:*

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

### *The Family & Friends of the Following Persons Who Have Died:*

Ed Ardnt*	Betty Dahlstrom*	Henry Habarek*
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### *Those in Service to Our Country:*

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@holycrosslvonia.org](mailto:office1@holycrosslvonia.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!

## Prayer Shawls



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers each month to create items for those who are ill or suffering in some way. These are offerings of love, comfort and support, made prayerfully by our members. However, they are only a comfort if they are given to those in need. If you are aware of someone who may benefit from one of these shawls, please contact Pastor Krister or the Holy Cross office.


**S**pring is just around the corner and we are excited to announce that Holy Cross will be sponsoring a Flower Sale. We will be working with a local nursery and Holy Cross members (and friends) are invited to order flats of flowers, hanging baskets and planters for their yards, delivered just in time for Mother's Day! If you are not a gardener, but would still like to help spruce up the church, no worries. You can sponsor a flat of flowers to be planted at Holy Cross. Order forms will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, April 3rd - 24th. Proceeds will be used to help beautify the church grounds and labyrinth. Flower delivery dates are Saturday, May 7th and Sunday May 8th. Anyone interested in helping on those dates, please call Lisa Heise, 313 520-7081 or Susan Scholz, 248-974-8899.

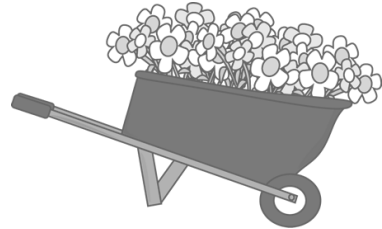


**New Hope  
Grief Support Program**

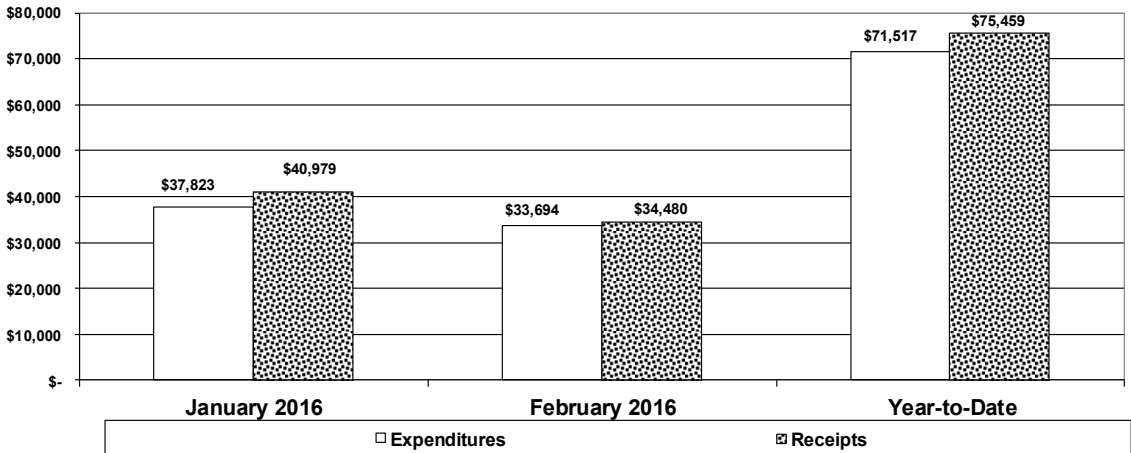
April 7 thru May 26  
Thursday evenings at 7 pm

Contact Chuck Lindquist to register.





**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2015 Comparison of Operating Expenditures and Receipts  
January 1 - February 29, 2016  
Average Worship Attendance Year-to-Date: 201**



## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Friday, April 9, 6:00 pm

### Pizza & Game Night

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April 16, 2:00 pm.

### Movies & Munchies



## Dragonmead tour

Sunday, April 24, 3 pm

Join in food, fellowship and beer, as we tour this growing microbrewery. Carpool from church at 2 p.m. The Dragonmead menu, as well as a sign-up sheet, can be found on the bulletin board.

## 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.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

for  
April

### Lectors 8 am/10 am

April 3	Carol Schrecengost Susan Morman
April 10	Jack Keck Cheryl Pearson
April 17	Tami Klopfer Julia Machnak
April 24	Tami Klopfer Lunice Clay

### Communion Teams

April 3	Team Adams
April 10	Team Berean
April 17	Team WELCA
April 24	Team Asher

### Altar Guild

April 3	Peggy Hefner & Judith Fussell
April 10	Mary Ann Asher
April 17	Kathryn Hall
April 24	Please sign up!

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Friday & Saturday  
May 13 & 14

Start your spring cleaning and pack up those knick-knacks and outdated clothing for the rummage sale! Donations can be brought to Holy Cross beginning on Sunday, May 8th.

**Please NO TVs, computers, large electronics or mattresses.**  
Proceeds to benefit several local organizations. Questions? Contact Susan Scholz.

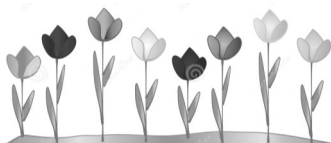
## Altar Flowers for April



Trifolium hybridum L.

April 3 ..... Please Sign Up!  
 April 10 ..... Please Sign Up!  
 April 17 ..... Phil Capion  
 April 24 ..... Please Sign Up!

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



**MAY**  
 NEWSLETTER  
 DEADLINE  
 is set for  
 April 11th.

## Coffee & Tea Servers for April



April 3 Linda Erickson & Susan Morman  
 April 10 Lia & Doug Moore and Nancy & Mark Erickson  
 April 17 DJ Noechel, Donna Herbert & Arelene Fedoroff  
 April 24 Ruth Circle

Contact Susan Scholz to volunteer.

Christian Fellowship will meet  
 Tue., April 12, 11:30 am at  
 Steve's Family Diner.

## Book Club News



Our book this month is  
*Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult.

Join us in The Abbey, April 21  
 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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