Going Deeper
Vibrant Faith at Home
Holy Communion and the New Testament

Join us following worship, Sunday, April 13 to learn some New Testament basics in a hands-on way, learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion and prepare for Holy Week/The Three Days.

This is an inter-generational enrichment opportunity. You are invited to come even if you missed event number one on March 1. Children who have not yet started taking communion will be invited to commune for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 17.

Please call the office or email office1@holycrosslivonia.org by April 7 if you plan to attend.

THE THREE DAYS
One continuous worship experience - the heart of Christian faith, extended over

Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
and the Great Vigil of Easter

April 17, 18 and 19

Gather at 7:30 pm each day
The Vigil begins on the Labyrinth

Worship during the day on Good Friday from 12:30-2 pm
Come when you can, leave when you must.
Since the earliest days of the church the Triduum, the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil have been celebrated. This has formed the heart of both the Church Year, our theology of worship and the center of our life together as a community. We do not recognize this as three distinct worship services but rather as three gathering times of one great worship service which we enter and leave but which continues on whether we are gathered as community or not. This year, we continue to give honor to the passion of our Lord by celebrating the Triduum.

There is part of me which wants to go all nerdy and write about the long history of how these days have been celebrated in various contexts through the ages. But the fact of the matter remains that unless they are experienced no amount of history will prepare us.

If we were to join a Jewish family at the Passover celebration we would find the curious language of the present. Passover is spoken of as an ongoing event. As Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection are intrinsically linked to the Jewish Passover you will note that we too use the curious use of time and language—think of our communion liturgy, “Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.” Each year we come together and remember an event that took place almost 2,000 years ago, the actions of which have sent out a shockwave into the past and the future which we feel in the here and now.

So gather on Thursday to hear our Lord command us, his disciples to love one another. Have your feet washed in an act of humble service. Share the meal that he provides us. Sing of his great acts of service for the creation. Join him in the garden as he agonizes over the cup offered him.

So gather on Friday and watch as the powers of that day and this, put him who knew only divine love on trial. Gather in the courtyards and watch as the crowd, which we are always a part of are whipped into a fury calling for his death. Walk with him the road to Golgotha. Hear him offer forgiveness to us who know not what we do. Hear his last words as the author of life dies on a cross, taking upon himself the alienation and suffering of all of creation.

So gather on Saturday as a strange new, yet familiar light is kindled. Experience that in the midst of darkness, death and despair that there is light, love and life. Walk with the light and sing of its power. Experience the great stories of God’s love for creation, and the lengths God goes to save it. Be overcome with the news of resurrection—that sin, death and the devil have no authority anymore as Christ is indeed Risen!

So gather at one worship, over three days and journey with Jesus, letting him transform your life.

Peace,
PB

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

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

To add a name to this list:
Call or email the office, office1@holycrosslilvonia.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 contacted. Thank you!
Good News Day Camp
June 16-20
9 am – 3 pm at Holy Cross

Registration forms available in the office.
Early Bird Registration closes May 25th!
Registration is $55 for first child in family, $50 for second child, and $45 for third child.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Cindy in the office.

“What could I say? They are her most Easter shoes.”

Karl Gerardi’s Favorite Lenten Joke

Eino, a Finlander from Cook County in northern Minnesota, was an older, single gentleman who was born and raised a Lutheran.

Each Friday night after work, he would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. Now, all of Eino’s neighbors were Catholic and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Fridays. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The priest came to visit Eino, and suggested that Eino convert to Catholicism. After several classes and much study, Eino attended Mass, and as the priest sprinkled Holy Water over Eino, he said, “You were born a Lutheran and raised a Lutheran, but now you are Catholic.”

Eino’s neighbors were greatly relieved until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood.

The priest was called immediately by the neighbors and, as he rushed into Eino’s yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold Eino, he stopped in amazement and watched...

There stood Eino, clutching a small bottle of water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat, and chanted: “You were born a deer, and raised a deer, but now you are a walleye.”

Karl Gerardi’s Favorite Lenten Joke

Holy Cross Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

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Grief Support Program will be repeated this spring
April 25 thru June 13
Fridays evenings at 7pm
No charge
All are welcome
GOD’S PEOPLE DOING GOD’S WORK

This is an occasional column in our newsletter to lift up the work you do in our community – because God’s work is not just work in and for the church. God is very much at work in the world – our call is to figure out what God is doing and join in!

Chuck Childress, when speaking during our midweek Lenten worship March 19, shared with us about his ministry as the volunteer freshman track coach at Catholic Central High School in Novi. The students at CC have endured some horrendous setbacks in the short time Chuck has been on board there, including the brutal murder of a classmate’s father by his son. Another son (who barely escaped being murdered himself) ended his eulogy for his father with the phrase, “Just keep on lovin’ people.” Chuck also shared his own love of running. He runs three miles every day. This is how he is a good steward of his body and one way he manages his diabetes. Thank you, Chuck, for doing God’s work!

If you are engaged in work that serves God’s purposes in the community (even if you get paid to do it ☺️) send Pastor Dana some information about it so we can share and celebrate this important work together! pastordana@holycrosslivonia.org

Coffee and Tea Servers for April

April 6 … … … Debbie Randolph & Janet Hall
April 13 … … … Susan Mormon & Susan Scholz
April 20 … … … … Easter Breakfast
April 27 … … … … W/ECLA: Priscilla Circle

Please sign up for this much-appreciated ministry. Contact Susan Scholz to volunteer.
hearts, hands and voices
Summer Camp August 11-14, 2013
Registration Now Open

The *hearts, hands and voices* worship and fine arts program has opened registration for the 2014 summer camp experiences. Slated for August 11 through August 14, the camp experience is offered in three distinct modules:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Campers entering Grades 2-7 in Fall 2014 will be immersed in hands-on experiences geared to providing lifelong tools for creating, appreciating and sharing music, participating in worship and leading productive lives in society.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - We invite camp alumni entering Grades 8 and above to return to camp as shepherds and assistants during the day followed by a worship and arts experience from 3 to 4 p.m. designed specifically for them.

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday - Choir directors and music educators have the opportunity to participate in a three-session workshop intended to equip these musicians to apply the process developed for the campers and extend it into their own context.

**Tuition:** The fee for day campers is $80 if registered by June 15, $90 thereafter. There is no tuition fee for camp alumni who assist during the day. There is also no fee for directors and educators who have children from their programs participating in camp. Directors/educators with no children participating are asked to pay $20 for the workshop.

**Registration deadline:** July 31 or when we reach 65 campers, whichever comes first. We already have 8 slots filled; encourage campers to register early to avoid disappointment.

**Funding appeal:** Tuition covers approximately half the cost to offer this program. The other half of our funding comes from individual donations, corporate advertising and grants. Additionally, we strive to have scholarships available for any camper requiring assistance. Please consider funding at least one $80 scholarship to help us make this possible.

**Be our ambassadors:** Please share this exciting news with everyone who cares about children and the arts.

For additional information, including registration forms, visit our website [http://heartshandsvoices.org](http://heartshandsvoices.org) or contact Ellen Batkie (248) 497-1451 or email: info@heartshandsvoices.org

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Red Wagon Ministry

This program was developed to provide low-income preschool through 8th grade children in the Nor-Wayne community a reading opportunity through the summer months when school is not in session. From June through August, volunteers will travel the neighborhoods with book-filled “Red Wagons” dispensing them to the eagerly-awaited children. As in years past, the need is greatest for grades 5-8.

Please support this worthy cause by purchasing one or more books, or you may donate one or more gently read books. You may bring your books to Holy Cross throughout the month of May. Collection bins have been provided and will be underneath the member mailboxes.

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Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, May 1, 2014
7 AM

Apollo 16 Astronaut

General Charles Moss Duke, Jr., Apollo 16 Astronaut, is speaking at the Livonia Community Prayer breakfast, Thursday May 1, 7 am, at St. Mary’s Cultural Center. Holy Cross will reserve a table of ten seats. Please pay Marilyn Grable $16/seat, cash or check to Holy Cross, by April 11th. After that date, please call: 248-476-9427 or go to: [http://livoniaprayerbreakfast.wordpress.com](http://livoniaprayerbreakfast.wordpress.com)

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EASTER BREAKFAST: HELP NEEDED!

Easter Breakfast set-up will be on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00. We can use help with preparation and clean-up on Easter morning. To volunteers please call Kathy Weaver at 313-460-0922. Thank you!
An Invitation from Pastor Dana to learn together about Conscious Eating:

DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND NUTRITION?
DO YOU CARE ABOUT GOD’S CREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE? TOGETHER?

I have stumbled into several serendipitous conversations recently, with folks from HC, about conscious eating. By conscious eating I do not necessarily mean being vegetarian (no meat) or vegan (plant based with no dairy or meat). I mean being ethically intentional about what we eat, being aware of the consequences of the food choices we make (in particular, awareness of the health and environmental impact of large-scale, factory-style meat production). Unfortunately, most of the meat available in our grocery stores and restaurants comes to us via this process. Conscious eating is the primary way I practice my Christian faith - because it is one way I can “vote with my wallet,” have the most positive impact on the future, and practice stewardship of my health and our planet. For more on this last point, see http://www.mnn.com/your-home/organic-farminggardening/questions/how-is-eating-meat-bad-for-the-environment

It seems as though a critical mass may be developing among us. Based on conversations with several of you, others seem to be starting to care about this too. I’m wondering if there is interest in developing a supper group around conscious eating? In having consciousness raised? Here’s my vision: we would get together for a “conscious potluck” once a month at someone’s home or at church. We would learn together about this important topic by watching a documentary or TED talk, sharing recipes, books, articles and tips about navigating through the American diet landscape while trying to be a conscious eater, all grounded in the work of being joyful stewards of God’s gifts. If this interests you, let me know and we’ll set a date. Barry and I would love to host the first potluck in our home. Email me at pastordana@holycrosslivonia.org or call my cell phone at 734.765.1141. It’s a stewardship issue!

Lay Caregiver Series
Workshop on Sunday, April 27, 2014

Resources for Caregivers & Care Receivers

Church leaders and Stephen Ministers can be highly effective in supporting those with mental illness. In fact, when faced with mental illness and substance abuse problems, many people consult first with their religious community (pastors, church leaders, Stephen Ministers, and other congregation members). This initial discussion about the problem(s) they face prepares them for their journey of healing. How can we best help those suffering from mental illness to begin their healing journey on the right path and to ensure that they have the support they need?

This workshop is one step in equipping yourself, as a Lay Caregiver, to be an effective support on the road to mental health and wellness. SCC staff members Vanessa Brown, Psy.D., L.L.P., and Freda Lerman, Psy.S., L.L.P., L.P.C., will present case examples and practical information to aid Stephen Ministers in obtaining a better understanding of mental illness. Furthermore, this workshop will assist participants in building skills that help to facilitate the relationship between church leaders (including Stephen ministers) and community mental health supporters.

The workshop will be held:
Sunday, April 27, 2014
At:  Nardin Park UMC
29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336
(On the south side of Eleven Mile just west of Middlebelt)
From:  2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

This workshop is free to members of Holy Cross

You may call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 for more information or to reserve a spot in the April workshop. You must register by April 24th if you plan to attend.

SCC website:  www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com
Email:  skirsten@samaritancounselingmichigan.com

SCC of Southeastern Michigan
Non-Food Pantry Is Looking for Help in Distributing Household Items

The Non-Food Pantry ministry is sponsored by the Men’s Group of Holy Cross. Each month we give out boxes of household items to qualified families. The distribution center is right here at Holy Cross and is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 1:00–3:00 p.m.

The Men’s Group is seeking several volunteers to work in the distribution office greeting guests and giving them a box of pre-packed household items. The time commitment is 2 hours/month on a Thursday or Friday when the office is open. If you’d be interested in seeing how it works, give Harvey Gist (248-344-4023) or Jim Spilos (248-979-5318) a call.

Can’t make a long term, six-month commitment? No problem. We can create flexible schedules. Just give us a call or sign up on the bulletin board.

For more information contact Harvey Gist: harvey.gist@gmail.com

A Taste of Opera
Sunday, April 27th
3 PM

A free special event, here at Holy Cross, featuring Arthur White from the Detroit Opera House giving an opera talk on Turandot, along with performances by opera singers and complimentary buffet appetizers and wine. Reservations are a must. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Marilyn Grable at 734/338-6722.

Movies and Munchies
Saturday, April 26th
2 PM

Join us in the High School Room to watch and discuss Music Within, a Story of Heroism.

Dragonmead Tour
Sunday, June 1

Earl Scherbarth will give a tour of his brewery on Sunday May 4th. Carpool from church at 4 p.m. Pizza will be ordered at the brewery after the tour. Watch for sign-up sheet later this month.

Save Wednesday, May 21st, for a trip to Monroe to tour Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent and Gardens.
# HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - APRIL 2014

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**Community Building Use**

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- T&Th 6:15pm-Dance Fit
- T 6:30pm-DHE
- W&T 7am-AAAA
- W&F 8am-AAAA
- W 8pm-Alanon
- Th 11am-AAAA
- F 10am-AAAA
- Sun 5pm-Over Eaters
- 1st 7pm-Model Airplane
- 1st Th 9:30am-Spinners