



## ***This Week At Holy Cross***

**January 14—January 21, 2018**

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### **Sunday, January 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

### **Monday, January 15**

Office Closed—Martin Luther King Day

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. OA Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 16**

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Comm.
- 7:30 p.m. A.A.

### **Wednesday, January 17**

- 2:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Group
- 6:00 p.m. R & R (see schedule)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Worship

### **Thursday, January 18**

- 1:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch
- 5:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 6:30 p.m. Carolan Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon
- 7:00 p.m. Food Co-Op
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Friday, January 19**

- 7:30 p.m. Belles 'N Beaus
- 10:30 p.m. Set up for Pinewood Derby

### **Saturday, January 20**

Cross Currents Due

- 8:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby
- 8:00 a.m. Women of Action Meeting

### **Sunday, January 21**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Bowling at Maplewood Lanes

### **Midweek R&R Schedule**

- 6:00-6:25 p.m. Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 6:00-6:25 p.m. King's Kids Choir (Pre-k-5th grade)
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study (resumes in Jan)
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Worship (All are welcome)
- 7:05-7:30 p.m. Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 7:05-7:30 p.m. Radical Ringers (K-5th grade)
- 7:05-8:00 p.m. Youth Group (9th-12th grade)

**The PrayGround** is on the south side of our Sanctuary and is intended for children pre-school and under to have their own space to enjoy worship. We encourage parents whose children are in the PrayGround to sit on that side of the Sanctuary so they can supervise.

**The Flower Chart** for 2018 is up in the Narthex. Space is available throughout the year, except during Lent. \$30.00 will cover both bouquets for a weekend.

**Mission Jar** The Mission Jar Recipient in January is Together Inc.

**Centering Prayer Group** meets 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Cross Center.

**Bowling** Sunday, January 21st, 3:00 p.m. at Maplewood Lanes. The sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for this event. The cost for two games plus shoes is \$8.50 per person. We hope you will join us for fun and fellowship!

**Annual Reports** If you lead a committee or organization, please get your report for the Annual Report to the church office preferably by email ([office@hclchurch.com](mailto:office@hclchurch.com)) by today, **Sunday, January 14, 2018**

**Adult Forum** Today, we will begin a Congregational Book Study of the book "The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus's Final Week in Jerusalem," by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

The reading and discussion schedule is as follows:

January 14: Introduction to the book, no reading assignment

January 21: Chapter 1, *Palm Sunday*

January 28: Chapter 2, *Monday*

February 4: Chapter 3, *Tuesday*

February 11: Chapter 4, *Wednesday*

February 18: Pancake Man, no Adult Forum

February 25: Chapter 5, *Thursday*

March 4: Blood Drive, no Adult Forum

March 11: Chapter 6, *Friday*

March 18: Chapter 7, *Saturday*

March 25: Chapter 8, *Easter Sunday*

The Adult Forum takes place between worship services, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Active Duty Military** Our weekly Prayer Requests include active duty military members. Help us keep this list up to date. Write additions or changes on the Worship Information Slips. Provide which branch of military they serve in and their name.

**Pastor Jim** is on a Continuing Education trip. He will return for worship on January 21st.

**Kelsey Ellis** is out of the office and will return Wednesday January 17th.

**"A Year in Review in Pictures"** The Publicity Committee needs your help! Did you take any pictures throughout this past year at various church events? If so, then you can help! If you have pictures you have taken, please email them to [office@hclchurch.com](mailto:office@hclchurch.com) and please include a brief description of what event it was taken at. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Men's Book Study** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Cross Center at 7:00 p.m. We are currently reading "The Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox. Soon, we will begin "Dakotas - A Spiritual Geography" by Kathleen Norris. For more information, contact Mike McDonald.

**Project Hope Food Pantry** is Thursday, **January 18th**, 4:45 - 7:00 p.m. Volunteers and coupons from the newspaper are needed! There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Donation Needs: pasta sauce, peanut butter, ketchup, pasta, pork n beans, hot cereal, dried beans, coffee/tea bags, toilet paper, laundry soap, body wash.** Contact Weston Grunke for more information: [wesgrunke@msn.com](mailto:wesgrunke@msn.com).

**VBS, Music & Art Camp Save The Date.** Daycamp is set for July 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Camp is for Pre-schoolers though 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Watch the Narthex and announcement sheet for more details in the coming weeks.

**Valentine Dinner** is Sunday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. The location is Jerico's on 117th and Dodge. Watch the Narthex for a sign-up sheet and more details.

**Lunch Bunch** meets Thursday, January 18th, 1:00 p.m. at Granite City at the Westroads. We hope you will join us!

**Valentine Fundraiser** Beginning on January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Senior High Youth will be selling Valentine packages in the Narthex. Stop by our booth to place an order for your loved ones! Valentine packages will be available for pick-up in the Narthex on Feb. 11. All funds from the Valentine orders will go towards the high school trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

**The Pancake Man** will be here between services Sunday, February 18, . 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. He will be here to delight the taste buds and entertain with flying pancakes. This is a fundraiser for WELCA. Only \$5 a plate, all you can eat! We hope to see you then!

**Chili Cook-Off** is coming up on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>! If you want to be a contestant in the cook off, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Otherwise, make sure you bring your quarters and dollar bills to enjoy lots of delicious chili! A cup of chili is \$.25, and a bowl is \$1.00. All proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off will go to the Holy Cross Food Pantry.

**Wednesday Evening Adult Study** Beginning this Wednesday, Wendy DeBoer will lead four, stand alone sessions focusing on the following theological topics: Jan. 17 - Christology (the study of the person, nature, and role of Christ); Jan. 24 - the Trinity; Jan. 31 - Soteriology (the study of salvation); Feb. 7 - Mysticism (the practice of the experiential knowledge of God). This class meets 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in one of the back Sunday School rooms.

**Annual Meeting** Holy Cross Lutheran Church will meet Sunday, January 28, at 12:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Meeting. The packet of reports will be available in the Narthex Sunday the 21st. A quick lunch will be served before the meeting. We will be taking orders for lunches this Sunday the 14th and next Sunday the 21st. There will be a \$6.00 suggested donation for each lunch. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

**Scholarship Applications** The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Endowment Board is now accepting applications for multiple \$500 college scholarships to be awarded for the Fall 2018 semester. Scholarship application forms detailing eligibility requirements can be obtained electronically at [www.hclchurch.com](http://www.hclchurch.com) under the Endowment Board tab or paper copies are available in the office. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply, and all applications must be received in the office on or before the deadline of Saturday, March 31st. Questions? Please contact Troy Schnack at 402-639-9707.

#### **Becoming a Reconciling In Christ Congregation**

At the Congregational Council meeting in November, the Reconciling in Christ Task Force presented a Welcome Statement and requested that a vote to become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation be included in the agenda of the Congregational Annual Meeting in January 2018. This request was the culmination of nearly a year of planning that included discussions, training sessions, and adult forums in which members of the congregation were invited to consider moving toward becoming an official "RIC" congregation that commits to the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life and work of their ministry. The Council unanimously approved a motion to include this item on the January agenda and worked with the Task Force to finalize a Statement of Welcome. That statement, along with Holy Cross' existing Mission statement (*United by Christ, we reflect God's love through joyful service to all people*) would be featured on Holy Cross's website and in printed materials, as appropriate. The Welcome Statement reads:

***We seek to model Jesus' radical love by embracing all. Created in God's image, you are welcome here at Christ's table regardless of your ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, ability, or life circumstances.***

The RIC Task Force felt it was important to make clear that all marginalized groups are welcome at Holy Cross, including the specific groups originally called out by Reconciling Works (LGBTQ). To be truly welcoming to all is aspirational and ever evolving. A "yes" vote by the Congregation does not mean we will do it perfectly or that we will not face challenges down the road. It means that we, as a community of faith, will continue to grow and seek to model the radical love of Jesus as fully and as often as we can. We ask that the congregation prayerfully consider the statement and how adopting it might open our doors to those who currently feel outside of God's love. If you have any questions or need information, please contact a member of the RIC Task Force (Trevor Fitzgerald, Alicia Glesne, Sue Johnson, Dave Magnuson, Deb Manning or Pastor Jim).



### **Make A Prayer Request**

- 1) Complete the Worship Information Slip
- 2) Call the church office
- 3) For the prayer chain, call Sharon Kelley at 402-496-4461

### **THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR...**

#### **Hospitalized/Immediate Concerns**

Donna Firkins, Dave Kohrs, Emily Weible.

#### **Active Military Duty**

James Bybee, USMC; Ross Gearheart, Air Force; Marco Gutierrez; Tim Pecoraro, Marine; Brandon Fidler; Terrance Golson; Nick Brown; Kyle Gartner, Marine; Jason Kohlenberg; Andrew Govier, USMC; Jeremiah Tuzzio; Christopher Anderson; Joe Maynard; Joshua Robertson; Rodney Williams; Mark Bouvier & the 313th Medical Company; Laura Zietz; Timothy Wilson.

#### **Recovering/On-Going Concerns**

Marie Custard (Heritage Pointe); Ida Ehlers (ComfortCare Homes); Duane Lenser (*Parson's House*); Millie Lutz (*Parson's House*).

### **Friends and Relatives**

†**Andrea Ellis**, sister in law of Kelsey Ellis; **John Pritchett's Daughter**, co-worker of Debbie Risinger; **Patrick Wilkins**, son-in-law of Mike & Paula McDonald; **Sharon Kelley**, sister of Julie Noteman; **Gail Rictens & children**, niece & great niece & nephews of Julie Noteman; †**Patty Herold**, mother of Jill Poole; **Sandra Clarkson**, sister of Barb Kay; **Roger Kay**, brother of Barb Kay; **Mark Herold**, brother of Jill Poole; †**Doug Howard**, nephew of Judy Howard; **Montoya Family**; **Jim Wemmer**, brother of Linda Kohrs; **Elaine Roberts**, niece of Anna Mae Carlson; †**Marilyn Schneider**, mother of Jim Schneider; **Katha Mayland & Glenda Rediger**, friends of Wendy Erickson; **David Ord**, nephew of Anna Mae Carlson; **Jerry Joseph**, husband of Kelli Joseph/father of Kelsey Ellis.

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