

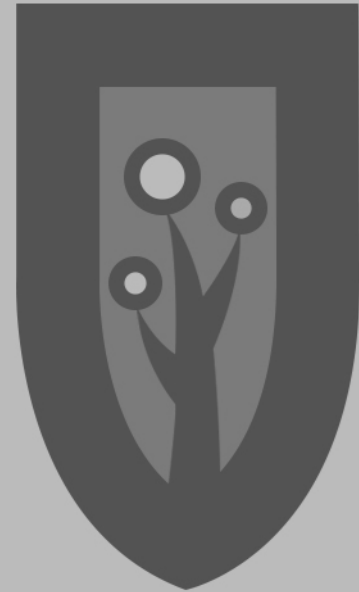
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Weekly Announcements for January 28 at ...



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship each week is at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.: Each week we offer two services—an early more traditional service at 8:30 a.m. and a later more contemporary service at 10:45 a.m. The blessing of this schedule is that it allows for at least 45 minutes of fellowship over coffee and goodies in our Fellowship Hall with all worshipers from both services together. Please plan to join us for fellowship and worship! Fellowship is at 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Offerings: We thank each of you for your continued financial support of Holy Cross. Donations may be made through our website, through your bank, through automatic transfers, by mailing a check into the office, or at one of the in-person services. Donations received from January 15-21, 2024 were \$10,917.50. Questions? Need help? Contact the office at 509-483-4218 or secretary@holycrosslcms.net.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m.: Sunday School teachers will round up kids from the Fellowship Hall at a few minutes before 10 a.m. and take them to their rooms. Sunday School will run until 10:35 a.m. and kids can be picked up from their classrooms. Kids will be divided into preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. Parents of little kids are invited to come help their little ones

Middle & High School Bible Class is in the Youth Room from 10-10:35 a.m. lead by Pastor Mike & Ben Anderson.

New “To Be” Groups Studies are Starting Feb. 4: “To Be” groups are our Sunday morning adult small group studies. See details on back and join one.

Stephens Ministry Leader Training continues on Tuesdays: Please pray for our class of new leaders led by Don Comi.

Prayer List: If you would like prayers for needs going on in your life or if you would like to be on our prayer list praying for others, please email Gwen at prayerlistholycross@gmail.com or call Barbara Ammons at 509-328-0213.

Life Light is studying The Gospel of Mark. Books are in and available for pick up on the round table in the narthex. Study groups started this last week. They meet Mondays at 7pm, Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 7pm.

Mission Community Outreach is in need of clothing and hygiene items. There is a barrel for donations in the narthex. Thank you!

Missing a favorite dish? We have several dishes that have been left in the kitchen or Fellowship Hall over the last few weeks. Stop by and see if any of them look familiar and need to find their way back home. Thanks.

Choir is meeting Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come join us and make a joyful noise.

Winter Retreat for Middle & High School Youth is coming at Lutherhaven on February 2-4. Our group is all signed up. If you are interested in the possibility of still joining in, there might be room. Please contact Pastor Shaun Adams who is coordinating our plans. Please contact him with questions as well at Pastorshaunadams@gmail.com or 509-385-4963

Holy Cross Resource Conservation Update: I want to thank the congregation for your understanding over the past couple of months as I changed some thermostats and made scheduling adjustments. We are now heating spaces when people are using them and idling the systems when spaces are not in use. These system adjustments have yielded savings of >\$1,000 in our Dec 2023 utility bill compared to Dec 2022, and we used less than half of the natural gas. The next step in our conservation efforts is to keep the interior doors closed when the building is not being used. This allows the systems to heat the space without trying to heat the hallways. You can help by closing doors when you see them open. Obviously, on Sunday, the entire church should be open, warm, and inviting. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me—John Gillette 509-990-7959 or email at cmsjrg@gmail.com

Contractor Needed—This summer, Holy Cross will need to make some exterior repairs to the soffits, fascia, and gutters on the original church building. If you know of a reputable contractor you would recommend, please contact John Gillette (see above)

2023 Giving Statements are currently in your box in the narthex. Please look them over and if you notice any discrepancies, please contact Susan in the office at 509-483-4218.

NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate tournament is coming back to Spokane March 18-21. Several Holy Cross youth will be participating this year and last year many of you signed up to help judge. Consider judging this year too. Mark the dates in your calendar and go to <https://ncfca.org/judge-a-tournament>

Glocal Mission: Jesus said "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) Are you ready to accept Jesus' invitation? Glocal Mission Training School is beginning a new class, "How To Be A Disciple Of Jesus"— 10 weeks beginning January 16 to March 19, 2024. The class will be Tuesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in person at Holy Cross and online. The cost is \$200. per person. There will be a cross-cultural mission trip towards the end of the training for those who are able to participate. If you have questions, please reach out to Barb Tanke at 503-367-2771 or bltanke58@gmail.com. To register or for more information visit www.glocalmission.org/GMTS. Looking forward to learning together—Barb. Tanke.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Laughn' Souls): Are meeting Wednesday, February 7th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided this month with a fun Bible study quiz on love in the Bible lead by Mike Littrel. Come take a break and enjoy some company and fun. Questions, Call Staci 509-994-1299.

LWML: Our next meeting is Saturday Feb 10. at 9:00am.(Note the time change!) We will have a Bible Study, then use the second hour for making Valentine cards and finish with a quick business meeting. We need lots of hands to make cards for our shut-ins and other special members, so join us. Also our group will be hosting the first Lenten Soup Supper so watch for the sign up sheet in the narthex and lets get some hot soups lined up. There will be plenty of mouths to feed, so we will need help from the congregation. Thank you.



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

New Sunday Morning “To Be” Groups: Sign up sheets are in the Narthex this morning, for you to sign up for a class. All are welcome!

9 am Loving Jesus, a study on various aspects of the life of faith as found in the Gospels. Written by a Lutheran New Testament scholar, this is a great study for living a meaningful Christ-centered life. The study will be facilitated by Lisa Key. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 036.

10 am 2nd Peter and Jude, a Bible study of the New Testament books of 2nd Peter and Jude. This is a shortened 35 minute study to accommodate parents with kids in Sunday School or Youth Bible Class. These two short letters at the end of the New Testament seek to root every believer’s faith deeply in God’s word as we wait the soon coming return of Jesus. This study is a God’s Word for Today publication of Concordia Publishing House and will be facilitated by Margie Indahl. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 029.

10:30 am Church Year Bible Studies, a Bible study of the readings used in worship for that particular Sunday of the Church year. This will take you deeper into the scriptures for the week giving you more out of every Sunday service. This study is published by Concordia Publishing House and facilitated by David Gannaway. This study is continuing from Fall 2023, but you can jump in anytime. Meets in room 003.

10:30 am 10:30 am The Gift of Empathy, a book study produced by Stephen Ministries, looks at what the Bible has to say about empathy as God’s gift to us and how we share it with others. It’s a great study for learning to live a more caring life in Christ among others. This study will be facilitated by Holy Cross Stephen Ministries Leader Don Comi. Meets in Room 036 & begins Feb. 4.

10:30 am The Spirituality of the Cross, a study of the fundamental themes in Lutheran theology and how these impact the way we live our everyday lives as believers in Jesus. This book is published by Concordia Publishing House and the study will be facilitated by Mike Shannon. This study is starting over fresh for those who did not get to take it in the fall. It starts Feb. 4 and meets in room 030.

GLOW meets on Fridays via Zoom: This is our Friday morning Women’s “To Be” group, currently meeting via Zoom. If you would like more information please contact Mardi Ellwanger 509-868-7354

Men’s Bible Study: This is a small group study on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, currently studying 2 Peter. Participants may join any Thursday by entering through the back doors by the kitchen.