

Weekly Announcements for February 25 at ...



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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 February 12-18, 2024 were \$12,905.00. 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. led by Pastor Mike & Ben Anderson.
- **New "To Be" Groups:** "To Be" groups are our Sunday morning adult small group studies. See details on back and join one.
- **Stephens Ministry:** Your Stephen Minster trainees are progressing through the course. There has been great conversation and a few surprises as we see what God is doing in our midst. This week we have a break, so we are making up some missed classes. We will jump back in on March 5th. Please pray for diligence in study and for strength and focus.
- **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.
- **Contractor Needed**—This summer, Holy Cross will need to make some exterior repairs to the soffits, facia, and gutters on the original church building. If you know of a reputable contractor you would recommend, please contact John Gillette 509-990-7959 or email at <u>cmsjrg@gmail.com</u>
- **Choir** is meeting Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come join us and make a joyful noise.
- **Lent Devotionals** are on the round oak table for you. This year our devotionals follow our Lenten them of "Humbled" and began on Monday, February 19.
- **CYT presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** This musical is at the Bing Crosby Theater on Feb. 23-24; and Mar 1-3. For tickets or more information go to www.cytspokane.org.

- **Congregational Meeting TODAY—Sunday, February 25.** Our Semi-Annual meeting is at 2:30 p.m. There will be a light lunch provided and we will be discussing plans for future pastoral care along with a review of 2023.
- **Lenten Soup Suppers** are at 5:30 p.m. (this week hosted by "To Be" Groups) and service is at 7 p.m. Come join us for dinner and worship this Wednesday. Soup Supper sign ups are on the round table in the narthex if you would like to help a group out. March 6 is hosted by The Board of Directors, March 13 by Crossroads25 and March 20 is hosted by the congregation in general.
- **NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate tournament** is coming back to Post Falls on March 18-21. Once again, several Holy Cross youth will be participating and they need your help! Would you please consider signing up to judge? Mark the dates on your calendar and go to *https://ncfca.org/judge-a-tournament*. If you have questions, please contact Rochell Salina at 509-919-9535.Thank you for supporting our children!
- Attention all Crafters! We would like to invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm in room 30 at Holy Cross. Bring your crafts (needlepoint, embroidery, paper crafts, etc.) and join us to socialize and hopefully share our talents with each other. Our first meeting will be on March 7th and again on March 21st. Please join us!
- OWLS (Older, Wiser, Laughn' Souls) are meeting every first Wednesday of the month. Come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and a fun group of people. Our next
 OWLS day is March 6, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will play ladder golf and corn hole. It's potluck this month so bring something to share with the group. Come take a break and enjoy some company and fun. Questions? Call Staci 509-994-1299.
- **LWML is collecting items** for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, for shipment in May. The detailed list of items is available on our bulletin board. Please take one and give as you are able. The bin for donations will be underneath our Mite Box table in the narthex. May God's LOVE move us to share our blessings with others! Thank you.
- **Easter is just a hop away!** We are collecting small Easter egg candy, stickers and small items that will fit into Easter eggs. We will have a bin out in the narthex on March 3rd through March 24th. Thank you for your donations.
- **Handbells are starting up again at Holy Cross!** If you have ever played an instrument and/or read music, you could be a bell ringer! There will be an "Introduction to Handbells" workshop on Tuesday evening, March 5th from 7-8:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will cover all the basics to prepare you to ring glorious bell music in upcoming worship services. Interested people can contact Cathy Fink at 509-279-4839. If you have been a ringer at Holy Cross in the past and have not yet been contacted by Cathy, please let her know so she can hold a place for you. Regular weekly rehearsals will begin on Thursday, March 7th from 5:45-6:45 pm in the sanctuary.



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 a.m. 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 a.m. 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 a.m. 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 a.m. 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.

