

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

March 2019 Newsletter

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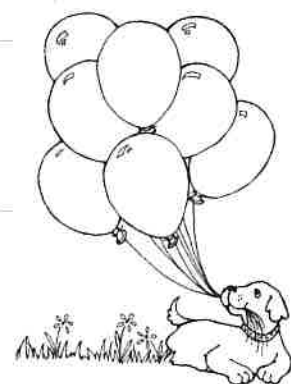
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Happy Birthday!!! - March 2019

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3 Vickie Gluege	4 Kathryn Johnson	5 Dan Rassbach Cole Logghe Marcus Gluege	6 Rob Logghe Debbie Hoitomt	7 Melissa Wold Aubree Logghe	8 Tanya Kuehndorf	9
10	11 Rob Crosby Nick Hill	12	13 Birdie Olson Judi Holmquist Landen Eliason	14 Lori Voeltz	15 Nate Brigham	16 Paula Anderson Blake Wakeling
17	18 Arlene Hill Dean Brunkhorst	19 John Kuehl Addison Wakeling	20 Kevin Johnson Carrie Peterson	21 Derek Utecht	22 Kayla Bonte Magnus Wagner	23 Mary Severson
24 Traci Rassbach	25	26 Dave Bartz Odin Teigen	27 Whynelda Johnson	28 Dave Hoffman	29	30 Christal Wakeling
31 Amaryllis Schreiber						



Pastor's Ponderings



¡Vamos! (Let's go!)

We often speak of the season of Lent as a journey and quite a number of our hymns lift this up as well, including:

- *Bless Now, O God the Journey*, ELW 326
- *As the Deer Runs to the River*, parched and weary from the chase, we have come from hurt and hurry, thirsting for your healing grace, ELW 331
- *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*, ELW 802
- *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*. I want to follow Jesus. ELW 815
- *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*, ELW 818
- *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, ELW 325

I'm sure by now, you get the idea. There is something about a journey that opens us up to new things as we explore new places. If we never leave home, if we never venture out beyond our usual routine, life can become stagnant, boring even. A life with Jesus should never be boring, certainly those who followed him learned that early on! A newer favorite hymn of mine is, *The Summons* and it opens with these questions on the lips of Jesus, "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?" ELW 798

As I think about this season and the idea that I am on a journey with Jesus, I recall something that a good friend said to me a couple of times as I was looking forward to taking a ten-week sabbatical awhile back. He told me, "You need to go somewhere and do something so that when you come back, you will feel as though you have done something." Sounds basic enough, right? But I believe that there's more to his advice than may be immediately apparent. What might be one thing about your own Lenten journey that will make you feel as though you have done something? What will you do that will change you and the world around you so that it will never be the same?

You need not go on an exotic trip for this to happen. But I do encourage you to think about "going where you don't know." Is Jesus calling you to come and follow him into Glenhaven to visit some of the residents there? I heard that there are ten people who are new to the community. Is Jesus calling you to come and follow him to volunteer at the WestCap foodshelf or to volunteer in some other capacity? Is Jesus calling you to come and follow him into worship on Wednesday nights and befriend one of our confirmation students? Is Jesus calling you to follow him to pick up the phone to invite someone to coffee that you had a falling out with or someone you just have not seen in awhile? Is it to read the *City of God* and join the Book Bunch this month or make a commitment to attend Bible Study? Whatever it may be, I encourage you to go somewhere and do something so that when you come back, you will feel as though you have done something. It may take a bit of courage and it may feel you are being stretched but rest assured, Jesus will be there with you. And who knows, you may make a new friend besides.

The opportunities are abundant and I'm certain not a one of those would be boring. It's quite possible that they will change you and that you will never be the same. I hope that in these coming weeks you will join with me as with our lives we sing, "Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be."

Holy Cross Council Minutes

Feb 11th, 2019

After much discussion about proper removal techniques, it was unanimously decided that Dar Waters holds all the trade secrets and would be happy to help those that need any guidance with their driveways and walks. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by President Brian Teigen. Members present: Ben Bartz, Carol Larson, Darlene Waters, David Anderson, Dean Brunkhorst, Dustin Rassbach, Eric DeSmith, and Pastor Jonathan Zielske. Members not present: Gloria Hill

Individual Check In

Introduction of new council member David Anderson

M/S/C Dean/Carol Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C Carol/Ben Approve Secretaries' Report as printed in the newsletter

Ministry team reports and goals for 2019

Building Committee

- Siding project for exterior of building - soffit and fascia needs repair, Rick Kahler to assist
- Concrete pavers on south end – uneven and shifting
- Church Stand - siding to be replaced with steel along the plumbing wall

Faith and Life

- Still looking to plan out committee goals for 2019
- Need to address how to boost leadership participation
- How to increase VBS attendance
- Look at possibly incorporating some service projects into the VBS curriculum

Resources

- 8% increase in budget
- \$9,527.82 in Hiawatha account after paying for furnaces

FUN Committee

- Family Fun Night – March 9th
- Next FUN meeting – March 18th
- Lenten Offering Donations: Turning Point, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response, Missions in Malawi, Grace Place
- Grace Place Meal – April 2nd
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 13th
- Craft Fair – May 4th
- Brewers vs. Twins Game – May 12th @6pm (Memorial Day)
- Patchouli Guitarra Concert – May 15th
- Cherish All Children event with the school – no date yet

M/S/C Dean/Dar 8:28 Adjournment

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted: Ben Bartz



Wednesday Lenten Series: *Jesus Wants to Save Christians: Learning to Read a Dangerous Book*

Though it is an all-time best seller, we do not often think of the Bible as a dangerous book. In truth, many of us do not even open it regularly. Because it is a book made up of 66 books, it can be overwhelming, often confusing, and therefore we tend to leave it on our bookshelf. But like any book, its structure follows a narrative and it is with that approach that authors Rob Bell and Don Golden will help us learn again about this dangerous book we call the Bible, “believing that the story is ultimately about healing, hope, and reconciliation.”

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday March 6th at 6:30pm

We'll open our Lenten series with the first book of the Bible... Exodus(?) and “The Cry of the Oppressed.”

Lenten Meals and Worship

March 13th meal at 5:30pm served by WELCA

Worship at 6:30pm This week the topic will be on exile and return from exile under the title, “Get Down Your Harps.”

March 20th meal at 5:30pm served by Confirmation

Worship at 6:30pm topic will be “David’s Other Son,” focusing on how Jesus came to be in a real sense, the opposite of Solomon.

March 27th meal at 5:30pm served by Council

Worship at 6:30pm The title of week four’s topic is a strange one, “Genital-Free Africans.” As the narrative of Bible moves forward and the Good News of Jesus goes out beyond Jerusalem, is the Good News truly for everyone?

April 3rd meal at 5:30 served by the High School Youth

Worship at 6:30pm The title of week five’s topic is no less strange, “Swollen-bellied Black Babies, Soccer Moms on Prozac, and the Mark of the Beast.” What does the last book of the Bible, *The Revelation to John* have to do with our world as we know it today?

April 10th meal at 5:30pm served by WELCA

Worship at 6:30pm As we come closer to the end of our Lenten journey toward the cross and Easter, our topic is “Blood on the Doorposts of the Universe.” Does the story of the Bible and what God has done in Christ change anything? The even better question to ask is how God’s good gift to the world changes everything!

Maundy Thursday, April 18th worship at 6:30pm During Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, *the night in which he was betrayed*, we will touch on the last topic, “Broken and Poured.”

Good Friday, April 19th worship at 6:30pm

Easter Morning Worship-----April 21st at 6:30am and 9:00am



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Invites you to our 7th Annual

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Saturday, March 9, 2019

Starting at 5:30 pm with a pot luck meal

Followed by Games, Cards & Activities

All ages are invited and encouraged to join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship. Married, single, old and young we are all a part of God's family.

Blood Mobile

Will be in town on March 7th at the high school from 12-6pm.

Book Bunch: *City of God* by Sara Miles

City of God: Faith in the Streets is a powerful account of venturing beyond the borders of religion into the unpredictable territory of faith. From a review on Amazon.com: In this beautifully written personal narrative, author Sara Miles reflects on life in her city over the last two decades, where the people of God suffer and rejoice, building community amid the grit and beauty of this urban landscape. Rich in complex, real-life characters, and full of the "wild, funny, joyful, raucous, reverent" moments of struggle and faith, Miles continues to deliver as one of the most enthralling Christian writers of our time. We will meet to discuss the book on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. - please consider joining the conversation as we hope to continue to expand our Book Bunch!



Easter Egg Hunt

Once again Holy Cross will be hosting the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. Look for more details next month. However if you would like to help at this fun event please let the office or Paula Anderson know.

Confirmation Corner

The January Sliding party on February 17th at the Stack Shack was lots of fun! There was sledding, snowshoeing, a bonfire, hot dogs, cocoa and smores! (Reminder for next year: bring "SLEDS" to the "SLIDING PARTY" Ha!)

And BIG THANK YOUs to...

Tom & Nancy Stack – Hosting

Bob Forrest – Plowing the snow

Terry Kyle – Using his snowmobile to make sledding track

Viv Lindstrom – Coordinating the event

Parents & Mentors – Providing refreshments

Confirmation attendance on Wednesday nights, 5:30 supper/6:00-7:00 Class, has been EXCELLENT. Thank you parents for your support and we encourage you to join us for Lenten Suppers (5:30) followed by worship at 6:30. The schedule for March is as follows:

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| March 4 th | 7 th Grade Students Serve Stout Campus Ministry Meal |
| March 6 th | 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship with worksheet /Mentor Discussion to follow |
| March 13 | 5:30 Lenten Supper hosted by WELCA
6:30 Worship /worksheet and Mentor Discussion to follow |
| March 20 | 5:30 Lenten Supper hosted by 7th Grade Families to help pay for their week at Luther Point Bible Camp
6:30 Worship /worksheet & Mentor Discussion to follow |
| March 27 | 5:30 Lenten Supper hosted by Church Council
6:30 Worship /worksheet & Mentor Discussion to follow |

JAM - Jesus And Music

1st – 6th Grade Youth, 3:30 – 5:00

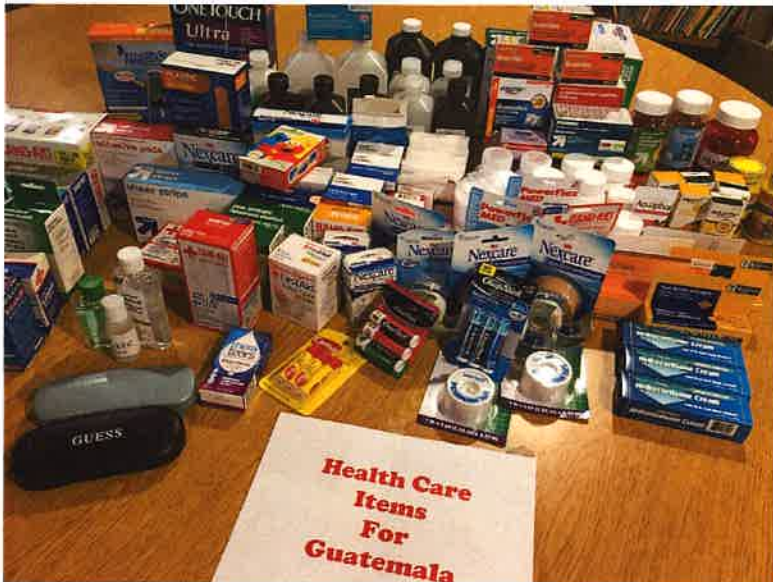
On Valentine's Day our "Jammers" delivered homemade Valentines to the Glenhaven residents. We spent time visiting with them, and shared songs and prayers. It is always a fun walk from Holy Cross to Glenhaven. We are grateful to our extra volunteers that day who came to assist and join in the fun; Alyssa Kelm, Haidyn Walz, Natasha Lagerstrom, Maddie Booth, Aryanna Lee, Blake Wakeling, and Christal Wakeling.

JAM happens every Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00, for youth in 1st -6th Grade. If school is cancelled JAM is cancelled. The afternoon includes a snack, Bible lesson, craft/game and ends with songs and prayer. We encourage children to "bring a friend" ...you do not have to be members of Holy Cross to come! Currently we have eight adult leaders and always welcome more volunteers.



Thank You!!!

- Thank you to our family and friends in Christ at Holy Cross for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls we received after Al's heart attack. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.
Al & Sue Anderson
- Thank you to Birdie Olson for supplying candy treats for Children's Time during worship.
- Thank you to Mike, Blake & Cole Wakeling, Brian Teigen, Tom Stack and the many others who picked up a shovel for shoveling the sidewalks.
- Thank you to all who supplied money or medical supplies for our Guatemala Health Promoters Drive. We received \$230 in cash and collected 121 different items- from bandages to antibiotics as well as vitamins, pain meds and more

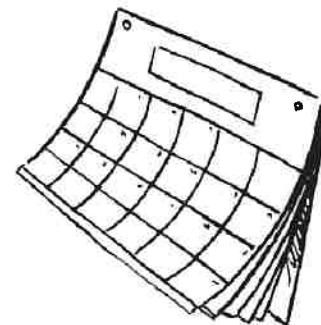


H.S. Youth Upcoming Events

- March 6th – meeting at 7pm
- March 15-16th – 30 hour famine
- April 3rd – host Lenten Supper
- April 10th – practice for Palm Sunday Service
- April 14th – lead Palm Sunday Service
- April 21st – host Easter Breakfast



“Mark-Your-Calendar-For-This” Upcoming Events



April 13th - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21st -- Easter Sunday!

Saturday, May 4th -- Craft Sale Fundraiser for Junior and Senior High Youth

Wednesday, May 15th -- Folk Music Duo Patchouli in Concert

Memorial Day, May 27th -- Brewers vs. Twins at Target Field Group Outing

Sunday, June 2nd -- Congregation Meeting with brunch to follow

Sunday - Saturday, July 7th - July 13th -- Senior High Mission Trip to Leech Lake, MN

Wednesday - Sunday, July 17th - July 21st -- Saint Croix County Fair

Sunday - Friday, July 21st - July 26th -- Confirmation Students to Luther Point Bible Camp

Sunday - Thursday, July 28th - August 1st -- Vacation Bible School

Sunday, September 22nd -- 50th Anniversary Celebration Day

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