



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Consequences of the Resurrection

Once again, this year on Easter Sunday Christians all over the world gather in worship to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. And we should, Christ is Risen! Let's take a few moments and review the consequences of the resurrection of Jesus for believers in Him.

Romans 6:4-5 says: *"⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."* God's Word says your Baptism connects you to the death and resurrection of Jesus and that because Jesus rose from the dead, you as a believer in Jesus will rise from the dead!

1 Thessalonians 4:16 says (talking about the return of Jesus) *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."* Just like what the Bible says in Romans, 1 Thess. 4 declares the resurrection of believers in Jesus.

As to the question of what our resurrected bodies will be like, Philippians 3:21 says *"He will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself."* Jesus has conquered sin and death by His death on the cross and promises that our resurrected bodies will be transformed to be glorious - holy - like Jesus. These are just a few of the Bible passages that speak to the consequences of the death and resurrection of Jesus for believers in Him. He is real. He is your Savior from sin and death. Jesus is for you. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Zucker

Make plans to come to the Congregation Gathering on Sunday, April 7 after Late Service! If you're an Early Service attender, please come back at 12:30. We're going to share a pot-luck meal together, so bring a dish/salad/dessert to pass. Our purpose is twofold: one to strengthen relationships between us by sharing a meal together and two to celebrate various things about mission and ministry at Holy Cross. It'll be great!

Agenda:

Eat, Socialize, & Share a meal

Celebrate the Past Year at Holy Cross

How We're Developing the 2024/25 Ministry Spending Plan

How the Recommendations Team is Seeking Servants

What is Holy Cross?

See You Then!

EVENTS



All Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex

Check the table just outside the Sanctuary to sign up for future events at Holy Cross!

Happy Hearts - April 8, 2024
Lennon Café
Downtown Lennon



Ladies Lunchly - April 10
 At Liberty Restaurant at noon
 All Women are invited.

What are Plarn Mats?

They are crocheted bed mats using plastic bags to be given away to the homeless. Denys Zucker is leading a class on Tuesday February 6th at 7pm on how to make them. Bring a #10 crochet hook (some will be available) There are instruction sheets by the office if you want to get started cutting bags before class.



The Planning group will start meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

The next meeting is April 2nd at 7pm



Youth + Family Game Night

Wed. April 10 6-8pm
 For All School Age Youth and their Families & Friends
 Pizza & Pop
 and LOTS of games

Sign Up Outside of Sanctuary

Thank you for all who are bringing in their plastic shopping bags. They are being turned into Plarn (Plastic Yarn) and crocheted into mats for the homeless. Keep bringing in your bags, the box is outside the office.



Thank you for all of the Donations to purchase Pew Hymnals
To Date we have ordered 25 copies

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Outreach Update

This article is part of an on-going effort to keep you informed about what your Holy Cross Outreach Team has been doing. The team meets once per month. Here's what the March Outreach meeting accomplished.

SELF DEFENSE CLASSES: Our Women's Self Defense classes were a huge success with the majority attending being non-members! Many of those attending were visiting Holy Cross for the first time. The Team wants to do more. We'll probably have more Women's classes in the Fall, along with a possible Couple's class. This Spring we will have a Family Self Defense class to be held on Saturday 4/13 from 2pm-4pm. Big thanks to Rhonda Ruterbusch and her daughter Emily for these opportunities!

YOUTH+FUN/FAMILY EVENT: Our February event was a big success, but the Team feels we need to do more of these and have more youth and families attending. The next events scheduled will be Wednesday 4/10 from 6pm-8pm and Wednesday 5/15 from 6pm-8pm. So, kids bring your family. Moms, Dads, Grandparents bring your kids, grandkids, friends and relatives. Lainey Prim and Sam Machado will be inviting friends from Swartz Creek High and Flushing High Schools. Games, food and fun for all!

EASTER EGG HUNT: A big thanks to Michelle and Daisy Taylor for heading up our first Holy Cross Easter Egg hunt. It was a big success for many kids collecting over 700 eggs! Thanks to all the kids who came to Holy Cross to join the hunt. Michelle is already thinking about ways to make it even better next year.

SPRING INTO SUMMER EVENT: If you remember the very successful Fall Back to Holy Cross event held last September, then you will have an idea about this upcoming Spring into Summer event. It will be held on Sunday June 2, immediately following the Worship Service/Voters Meeting. We'll have hot dogs grilled outside, potluck side dishes, bounce house for the kids, tents, tables and chairs. Invite the whole family to attend and as before, we will have signage that invites the surrounding neighborhood.

HOLY CROSS MULTI-CHURCH CONCERT: The team is in the initial phase of discussing the possibility of a free-will offering concert to support a local charity. The concert will hopefully feature the Holy Cross Praise Team band, along with several other Flushing area church bands.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH/FAMILY GAME ROOMS: This is a work in progress and we're making some real progress lately. A big thank you to several Holy Cross members who have donated to help get this project rolling. Linda Coolich donated a pool table, Tom/Debbie Frierson have donated a refrigerator, Greg/Sharon Bois have donated money to cover the purchase of a ping pong table or to be used however needed in outfitting the rooms, Jean Flader has donated her personal air hockey/ping pong table combination table along with stools, carpet runners, pool balls and sound proofing material, Karen Acha will be donating a microwave oven, Debi/Perry Wright donated several barstool type chairs, Lainey Prim will be heading up a team to paint murals on the room's walls, Michelle Taylor and Holly Davis will come up with usage rules, Jim Santala is advising the Team concerning some wall repair that is needed due to water damage. By the way, a big thanks to Jim for making a beautiful cabinet to store our

outside sign letters in the Church office area. The next Outreach Team Meeting will be held on Sunday April 14 at 12:30pm. Please remember to encourage our Team Members: **Michelle Edwards, Jessie Faist-Witt, Rhonda Ruterbusch, Samuel Machado, Tom Frierson, Diana Batema, Lainey Prim, Michelle & Daisy Taylor, Holly Davis and Jean Flader.**

Thank you for your support, donations and prayers,

Perry Wright-Outreach Director

Serve by Reading! (in worship)

Can you read clearly out loud? Would you be willing to serve the Lord and your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday morning as a scripture reader at early or late service?

We're looking for people who would be willing to serve as readers for the Old & New Testament Readings at both early and late service each week. We're looking for both men and women to be readers. The goal is to have enough people for each service willing to be readers such that you read maybe once a month at early service or once every other month at late service or something similar.

The only requirements are that you be willing to speak into a microphone and speak clearly. Are you concerned about words (usually Old Testament names) that you don't know how to pronounce? Not a problem! Pastor Zucker will help you with that before worship when it's your turn to read.

If you are interested in serving as a reader or have a question, please speak with Marcos Machado or Pastor Zucker.