

Holy Crossings

Our Mission... to seek, share, and serve our Savior

March 2021



SPRING AHEAD AND ORDER PLANTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



As Minnesota springs ahead on March 14 for Daylight Savings time, Holy Cross members will have an opportunity to begin ordering hanging plants for a fund-raiser for Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. The sale is organized by the mission board under Buffy Mobroten's leadership. Money raised will be given to purchase food for Haitians.

The hanging baskets will feature many favorites for sun and shade, including begonias, petunias, bacopa and mixed baskets as well. Cost will be \$25. One hundred baskets have been ordered and will go on sale to Holy Cross members on March 14. The sale will continue until April 18. Selection is limited so if members desire certain flowers, they should place their orders early. Payment is due at the time members place their orders. The baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross on May 7, the Friday before Mother's Day.

The baskets are being purchased from former member Gene Stark. His company, Glacial Ridge Growers, is located in Glenwood. His greenhouse provides flowers to many area retailers; he has also sold his plants at the St. Paul's Farmers' Market. His plants are sustainably grown and environmentally friendly with no neonicotinoids. His plants are bee and butterfly friendly, and his plant production has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Youth Food Drive kicked off on Youth Sunday January 31st and ran through February 14th. Almost 400 pounds of food was collected. Thank you so much to everyone that donated and also to Thrivent Financial for the seed money to purchase the starter groceries. All the food was donated to the CAP Agency.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Daylight Saving Time

Remember that Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 14**. To make sure you are not late to worship service, fellowship, Bible class, Sunday School etc., it would be paramount to set your clocks ahead one hour before you head off to bed on Saturday, March 13. This is one more sign that spring is just around the corner! Praise the Lord!



Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM

Traditional Worship
At Church &
On Zoom

10:00 AM

Christian Education Hour

10:15-10:45

Drive Up Communion

Wednesday

7:00 PM

Midweek Lenten Service
Dinner @ 6:00 PM



Lent

MIDWEEK SERVICES CONTINUE

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Meal precedes the service at 6:00 PM

March 3

MIDWEEK LENT 3

Theme: "The Spirit Anointed Christ ... to Heal the Broken Hearted."

Text: Matthew 27: 45-50

March 10

MIDWEEK LENT 4

Theme: "The Spirit Anointed Christ ... to Preach Deliverance to Captives."

Text: Luke 22:24-34

March 17

MIDWEEK LENT 5

Theme: "The Spirit Anointed Christ ... to Recover Sight of the Blind"

Text: Matthew 9:27-31

March 24

MIDWEEK LENT 6

Theme: "The Spirit Anointed Christ ... to Free the Bruised"

Text: Matthew 12:9-21

April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Theme: "The Spirit Anointed Christ for Mercy" (Maundy Thursday)

Text: Luke 22:14-20

April 2

GOOD FRIDAY

Theme: The Spirit Anointed Christ ... to Proclaim the Jubilee (Good Friday)

Text: Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Passion Readings: Is. 52:13-53:3; John 19:17-42, Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 14-18; Is. 53:4-12

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Theme: Faith Tested: Worship God Above All Things – The Children of Israel

Text: Exodus 20:1-26

March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Theme: Faith Tested: In the Wilderness – The Children of Israel Lift their Eyes to Salvation

Text: Numbers 21:4-9

March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Theme: Faith Tested: Glory Misunderstood by James and John, all the Disciples

Text: Mark 10: (32-34) 35-45

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Theme: Faith Tested: Peter Denial of Jesus; Disciples all Fall Away

Text: Mark 14:27-31

PRAY AND PLAY EVENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21



The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am. And it can be streamed online too, www.lhm.org. Check-out LHM's daily devotions too.

March 7

"A Place to Belong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ.
(Mark 11: 1-26)

March 14

"Widow's Mite"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look.
(Mark 12: 13-34)



March 21

"But He Is Strong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Mark 14:10-72)

March 28

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Mark)



Stewardship cont.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY-MARCH STEWARDSHIP

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

MORE EXCITING PICTURES FROM PLAY AND PRAY EVENT

