

Holy Crossings

Newsletter

MARCH 2025



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus!

There are a few things to keep you all in the loop on at Holy Cross. The first is that I have met with most of the households from Holy Cross that scheduled a date and time with me. There are a few of you who haven't scheduled anything with me yet, and I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you so let's make that happen.

The purpose of the meetings is to learn how I can be the best pastor for you, and to learn where we should be headed as a church. I have learned a lot so far and I have some ideas! Those ideas are going to be combined with consulting from the United Leadership Coalition (ULC). The ULC will coach us through refining a vision and mission that fits our gifts and our goals in our context. As part of that, we also have some leadership going through some training with the ULC. It's a large investment of time but it should be well worth it in the end. Hopefully, by around mid summer we will have a vision and mission to bring to you all that the whole church can be excited about.

As we get our "house" ready for visitors, you may notice some changes between the front doors and the sanctuary. The goal is to communicate in the best ways we can what we want the people of Holy Cross to know, as well as what we want visitors to know about Holy Cross.

All of that is big picture stuff. We have some important details right in front of us with Ash Wednesday kicking off our midweek services March 5th. Please join us for a midweek respite to focus on what God has done, is doing, and will do through the cross of Christ. With the soup suppers beforehand these are great events to invite someone new or perhaps hasn't been around for a while. One more thing to note is that Pastor Parrish and I will be swapping services during Lent with him being at Holy Cross and me being at Immanuel March 12th, 26th, and April 9th.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Marc

PRAYER REQUESTS

As a community of faith, we are called to lift each other up in prayer and support. We invite you to share your prayer requests with us so that we can pray together as a church family. Whether you have personal concerns, joys, or challenges weighing on your heart, we are here to pray with you. Your requests can be submitted confidentially through email or given to Pastor Marc. Let us join in prayer, knowing that together, we can make a difference through the power of prayer.



- Vicki Case March 6
- Michele Lein March 6
- Faith Sumpter March 17
- Cora Lein March 23
- Daniel Lein March 29



March 14 – Fish Fry

4:30-6:30pm. \$15 a plate. Baked cod, beer battered pollack, pan fried perch, choice of potato, coleslaw, baked beans and beverages. Homemade pie for dessert.

July – El Camino Summer Camp

Monday-Friday at Immanuel. This is a Spanish/English bilingual summer camp. Visit the link for more information. <https://www.elcaminocamp.com>

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.

March 2 "It's Best to Be with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. (Luke 9:28-36)

March 9 "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

March 16 "Light of the World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

March 23 "Even Me, Even You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

March 30 "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35)

Happenings

Please submit all articles for the Happenings by Wednesdays at 10 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next Church Council meeting will be **Monday night, March 10 at 7:00 pm.** All members of the boards are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 am after the service for Bible Study. And we also have a Tuesday morning Bible Study from 8:00-9:00 am. All are welcome!



NAME TAGS

New name tags have been printed for everyone, so please get in the habit of wearing them again! This will help Pastor Marc and his family get to know all of us. Wearing your name tag will also assist those who are great with faces but not with names. The name tag rack is next to the coat room. If your name was missed with the new name tags, Megan our church admin can print you one.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Our Lenten Potluck Suppers begin this Wednesday, March 5, at 6:00 pm, continuing through April 9th. The sign-up sheets are posted. This year we will have a Chili Cook Off on Wednesday, April 2. Details concerning the Chili Cook Off will be posted on the board.



COFFEE SERVERS



March 2

Joy & James Anderson

March 16

Jason & Kelly Kruse

March 9

Pam Hunter

March 23

Charlie & Donna Vig

If you are not able to serve on your assigned day, please find an alternate to fill in, and make the notation on the serving list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

ATTENTION BIBLE BOOKENDERS

Thank you all for a lovely discussion on Jan Karon's book "Shepherd's Abiding". We were also able to discuss and pick our books for the rest of the 2025.

April 29, 2025 - Season of My Enemy by Naomi Musch

July 29, 2025 - Esther (Royal Beauty) by Angela Hunt

October 29, 2025 - Broken Bonds by Amy Mantravadi



The April 29th book is "Season of My Enemy" by Naomi Musch. Fannie O'Brien is an unsung hero living on a farm in Barron County Wisconsin in June of 1944. The war in Europe is raging and Fannie's brothers are soldiers. Her father has recently died, which leaves the farm to be run by Fannie, her mother and her two younger siblings. Read about the realities of World War II through the eyes of a Wisconsin farm girl.

A limited number of copies of this book will be available soon to borrow. Questions contact Michele Lein or Bonnie Nowak.

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