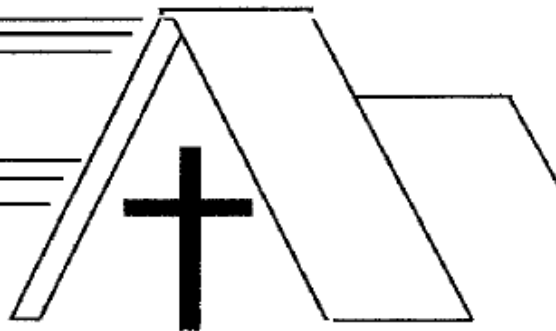


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## March 2016

***Working together to connect people to Jesus***

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!" – the angels to the women at the empty tomb, Luke 24:5b-6a (ESV)*

This year our Lenten and Easter Gospel readings are drawn from Luke's account of our Lord's preaching and His Passion. Each Sunday, Luke takes us to a different place. However, our focus is not on those physical places but rather gazing in wonder on the spiritual work that our Lord Jesus Christ does in those places – in the *lives* of people during His Passion and in *our lives today*.

At times, Jesus challenges us with His Word of truth. We also encounter His truth in Jesus' parables that we hear at our Buffalo-North Circuit Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings.

We encounter His truth in King David's psalms of repentance at Midweek Lenten Devotions at Wednesday noontimes, where our Lord shares with us His strength in our times of weakness.

But always, when Jesus enters a place (and confronts a person), He never leaves the place - or the person - as He found them. The most troubling places in our lives become the most

amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

I pray that, as we approach Easter together, we may enter the places of His Passion, hear His preaching, and discover our Lord . . . waiting for us . . . willing to share with us a love that was set in place before the foundations of the world. And we will find Him on Easter, risen so that we too may be found among the living.

*Pastor Nickel*

### **Gospel Seder Meal in K-Hall and Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary**

A sign-up sheet has placed in the Narthex for the Gospel Seder Meal on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30pm.

Please sign up to bring an item to share. Also please be sure to give us a count so we can be prepared. If you have any questions please see Linda Cummings or one of the other members of the Women's Ministry Group. Thank you

## **March 2016 WORSHIP CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday, March 2**

Noon – Devotions in HCCC conf. room

6:00 pm Soup Supper @ Holy Cross

7:30 pm Lenten Service @ Holy Cross

### **Sunday, March 6**

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am All ages Christian Education

11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

### **Wednesday, March 9**

Noon – Devotions in HCCC conf. room

6:00 pm Soup Supper @ Pilgrim, Kenmore

7:30 pm Lenten Service @ Pilgrim 44 Chapel

Rd., Kenmore

### **Sunday, March 13**

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am All ages Christian Education

11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

### **Wednesday, March 16**

Noon – Devotions in HCCC conf. room

6:00 pm Soup Supper @ Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Buffalo

7:30 pm Lenten Service @ Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd, Buffalo

### **Sunday, March 20**

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am All ages Christian Education

11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

### **Thursday, March 24**

6:30 pm Gospel Seder Meal in K-Hall followed by

Lord's Supper in Sanctuary

### **Good Friday, March 25**

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service, Holy Cross

### **Easter Sunday, March 27**

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

## **He-Brews**

He-Brews is not a drinking club. Don't be misled! True it started as a brewing get together learning to make beer. But we have evolved.

It is intended to be a social and Bible study group for men interested in understanding the word of God. It provides a place for men to discuss understanding of God's Word as well as opportunities for service to church and the community.

There is still an interest in tasting beer, as well as wine; there are those who drink coffee; there are those who drink water. The only spirit I've come across at a He-Brews event is the Spirit of God.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, usually at 7:30 pm; at a member home or at a local restaurant. We do not stay out late as most have to work in the morning. A typical gathering starts with fellowship followed by a Christian video presentation (often from Right-Now Media) and discussion.

All are welcome – including neighbors and friends, to come and see serious support given to fellow members and a willingness to help others and our church.

He-Brews is open to all men, young and old.

## **Choir News**



The Choir meets on Tuesdays @ 7:00pm.

## **Women's Bible Study Group**



The Women's Bible Study Group meets Tuesdays (except for the 2nd Tuesday of the month) in the conference room of HCCC. We like to begin our social time at 9:30am with a study begin time of 9:45- around 11am. We are lay led, as participants volunteer each week to facilitate a particular lesson. We also volunteer to bring "goodies" from our kitchens to go with our coffee.

"We are just about to finish the 10 week study called: Ministry with Heart and Hands by R. Paul Stevens. These studies explore Biblical examples of service in many spheres of life that were motivated by imagination, passion, faith, hope and love. You will discover that whoever you are, you are a full-time servant of Jesus Christ.

Our March 1st lesson is titled: "Helping Friends Find Strength in God: Jonathan." (with texts from 1 Samuel 17, 18, 20 and 23).

The lesson for March 15th is called: "Providing for One's Family: The Entrepreneurial Woman". (with texts from Proverbs 31).

"Building Unity: Paul", is our study for March 22nd. (with texts from Romans 15, 1 Corinthians 16 and 2 Corinthians 8).

We wind down the month of March on the 29th, with the lesson: "Seeking the Welfare of the City: Erastus". (with texts from Jeremiah 29, Romans 16, Acts 19 and 1 Peter 2).

We invite women of all ages to join us for an in-depth study hour with lots of sharing and fellowship. The coffee pot is on and we always have sweet treats to accompany it! So join us anytime you can!

## **Visitation Care**



If you are or will be hospitalized or homebound and desire Christian care from the Holy Cross staff, please phone the church office at 634-2332 and/or

email [holycrossclarence@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossclarence@gmail.com) to let us know. Please do not assume that we know your situation because for many reasons we often don't. We will do our best to visit you, and if homebound, see that you receive communion.

## **Heritage House**

### THE HERITAGE HOUSE

Our monthly visit to Heritage House will not take place this month due to Easter

Sunday falling on the 27th. Please look for information on our visit for next month in the April Criss Cross. If you have any questions or would like information please see Margaret Talboys.

## **Care-Ring Circle**

To all the Care-Ringers who provided those wonderful meals for me in recent weeks, my heartfelt thanks. Until you have experienced the love and generosity from our Holy Cross family, you couldn't know how much it is appreciated. (Call me at 688-8096 if you would like to help in this way, too.) Thank you  
Doreen Borschel

### Dash's Receipts



Since 2012 Holy Cross has been collecting Dash's receipts to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. The Dash's program reimburses

charities \$2.50 for every \$100 in receipts. Since 2012 faithful Holy Cross members have collected over \$110,000 in receipts, which has in turn donated \$2,750 for Habitat for Humanity. Since we began collecting in 2012 Clarence has finished the "Clarence House" and Holy Cross has become more involved with Hearts for the Homeless. Their van they use to deliver meals 4 to 5 nights a week in downtown Buffalo is dying. This van needs to be replaced. This wonderful mission really needs our support. Beginning in March we will be using the funds from the Dash's receipts to help Hearts for the Homeless. Thank you to everyone who faithfully brings in their receipts and to Lorraine Woodman who tallies them up. Keep up the good work! Thank you, Jill Carl

### Praise Band News

The Praise Band meets on Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm.



### April Criss Cross Deadline:



Please submit any items for the April **Criss Cross no later than March 19th**. Items can be left on my desk, in my mailbox, or can

sent via email to [holycrossclarence@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossclarence@gmail.com)

Thank you. Ann

### Lenten Devotions & Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten Devotions continue on Wednesdays at noon in the HCCC conference room through March 16.

Evening Lenten services will be held at Holy Cross on March 2, and will be at our sister LCMS congregations in the area on other Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. The theme for these services is "The Parables of Lent".

### LWML News



Information has been posted for the upcoming LWML convention in Krampitz Hall. Holy Cross does not have a representative from our church. I have been collecting Mites for them, but am unable to attend the meetings. Holy Cross would benefit from having someone attend the meetings and learn how Holy Cross can help in other ways. Please consider getting involved in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

If you fill the mite boxes before I announce a collection date please just drop them in my mailbox.

Thank you, Nancy Herdic

# March Servants

## Elders and Communion Assistants:

Ken Grek & Joe Hughes  
Peter Olsen & Scott Brooks

## Ushers:

Ron Talboys & Ken Roeser  
Russ Ponivas & Dave Hartley

## Lay Readers:

March 6	8:00	Ann Craig
	11:00	Nancy Cote'
March 13	8:00	Jo Corneck
	11:00	Marilyn Cook
March 20	8:00	Ken Handley
	11:00	Brian Humphreys
March 27	8:00	Jill Carl
	11:00	Sue Tichy

## Acolytes:

March 6	8:00	Lindsay Chalmers
	11:00	Lauren Roberts & Maisie Standish
March 13	8:00	Morgan Chalmers
	11:00	Evan Brooks & Sammy Gugliuzza
March 20	8:00	Mason Kelkenberg
	11:00	Anthony Ludwig & Aiden Folck
March 27	8:00	Emma & Erin Roland
	11:00	Madeline Olsen & David Hare

## AV Team:

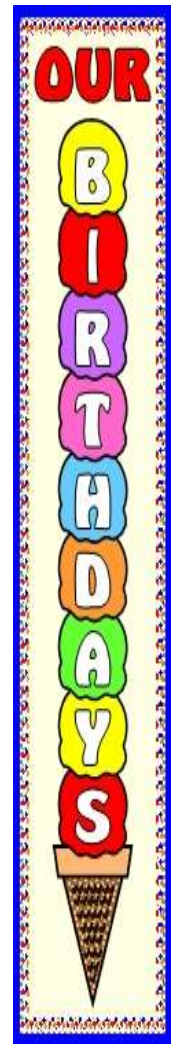
March 6	Matthew Wiepert
March 13	Kenny Handley
March 20	Bill Cook
March 27	Scott Brooks

## Coffee Fellowship:

**Please contact Nancy Cote for information!**  
**Thank you to all who volunteer.**

## Happy March Birthday

Cocco, Mike	3/1
Zachau, Blake	3/1
Ludwig, Catherine	3/3
Myers, Meagan	3/4
Ponivas, Russell	3/6
Grinstead, Kent	3/7
Shelton, David	3/9
Allen, Elizabeth	3/10
Bauer, Christian	3/10
Wood, Christie	3/11
Hare, David	3/14
Pellnat, Dolores	3/17
Roberts, Tom	3/17
Zubrzycki, Diana	3/18
Cook, Cameron	3/19
Standish, Ryan	3/19
Tomaino, Nathan	3/19
Braunscheidel, Tom	3/20
Houghton, James	3/21
Smith, Art	3/21
Garner, Eliot	3/23
Przybylski, Liam	3/23
Bongiovanni, Marsha	3/24
Cook, Marilynn	3/24
Gugliuzza, Sammy	3/25
Pellnat, Nicole	3/26
Diem, Judy	3/27
Olsen, Madeline	3/28
Pax, Sue	3/28
Folck, Kellie	3/29
Andrees, Gary	3/30



Robert & Debby Hamp	3/2
Gordon & Pat Compo	3/5
Robert & Josephine Corneck	3/11