

# The Lighted Cross



## ***Lent is Drawing Near!***

The season of Lent begins **Ash Wednesday, February 17.** During Lent we hold special Wednesday services that focus on the depth of our sin and the depth of Jesus' suffering for our sin. Here is the Wednesday Schedule:

- **10:00 am Lenten Service**
- **5:30 pm Lenten Supper**
- **6:30 pm Lenten Service**

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## ***Time, Talent and Treasure!***

As the New Year unfolds many of us make resolutions to change something in our lives, usually focusing on ourselves personally. How wonderful if we could turn our focus to the people around us, using our God-given time, talent and treasure. Christian service to our neighbors, community and most certainly our church and fellow believers gives purpose to our lives and honor to our Savior. It's a joy to be able to serve Christ by serving others. Our Savior has saved us by grace alone, through faith alone. He has given us each our time talents and treasures to serve Him. What a blessing one day, to hear the voice of our Savior

say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

## ***Lenten Exhortation***

*taken from Starck's Prayer Book*

Among the early Christians the holy season of Lent was a season of devotion and prayer, and it was spent in special meditations upon the sufferings of Jesus. This custom is observed among Christians to this day.

1. Christians begin this season with prayer and singing, thus, preparing their hearts for the contemplation of the suffering of Jesus.
2. They place before their eyes the entire passion of Jesus: Jesus in Gethsemane, before the council of the Jews, before the judgment seat of Pilate, upon Calvary and upon the cross, and, while contemplating each detail, they say: "All this was done for me!"
3. While partaking of these sacred meditations at home and at church, they do not rest satisfied with the mere history of these events, nor do they allow their devotion to vanish with the passing of Lent. Since they intend to draw comfort from the wounds of Christ throughout their lifetime, and also in their dying hour, they remember the crucified and risen Jesus as long as they live.
4. This remembrance prompts them to crucify their lusts and desires, causing them to live no longer after the manner of the

world, or to sin purposely, but to die unto sin, and to rise spiritually. God blesses such diligence, zeal and desire for the sanctification of their lives.

## ***Todd Johnson***

### ***Lakeside Scholarship***

All students are eligible to apply for the Todd Johnson Memorial Scholarship for full tuition at Lakeside for the 2010-2011 school year. Priority will be give to students with notable financial needs. Please contact Pastor Bartels for an application form or call Melissa Berg at 920-222-1029 or email [toddjohnsonmemorialfoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:toddjohnsonmemorialfoundation@hotmail.com).

## ***Branson on the Road***

*Thursday, April 15 at 3 pm*

The Senior Ministry Committee is planning a trip to the Stoughton Opera House to see the show, "Branson on the Road." We would love to have you join us! Please sign up on the Senior Ministry bulletin board. The cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" and tickets picked up from Jenny Patten in the school office. We'll carpool from Holy Cross.

## ***Food Pantry***

What we do for the hungry, we do for Christ, Who one day will say, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Please bring non-perishable items and leave them under the coat-racks by

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Monday, February 8. Thank-you!

**Check out**

***holycrossmadison.org for sermons, news, school info, links and more!***

***Kalahari Water Park***

*Sunday, February 14, noon – 9 pm*

Youth and families of Holy Cross... join us at the Kalahari. For Holy Cross **members** the cost of a day pass is only \$18. Friends and relatives are invited to come and will still receive the great price of \$20. Pizza and pop are included and will be served from 2 – 3 pm! Please sign up on the office window. Even if you're not a swimmer you can enjoy the afternoon for the spectator fee of \$10 w/o food or spectator w/food fee for \$15. Children 1 & under are free. No carry-in food and beverage is allowed. Towels will not be provided – bring your own. Lockers are available and can be rented the day of our event along with a deposit that will be returned at the end of the day. **Bring all payments to the church office by February 8!** Thanks!

***Fun and Games***

Have you noticed that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, the church calendar says "Fun & Games" @ 12:30 pm? The Senior Ministry Committee invites all of you to spend an hour or two with us for "Fun and Games." We have lots of fun and fellowship! We play various card games, dominoes, Mexican Train, Scrabble or cribbage. Come anytime! Bring a friend! Plan on some good Christian fellowship!

***Special Gifts-January***

- Numerous gifts to the Relocation Fund

- To the Relocation Fund in memory of Lloyd Miller
- To Holy Cross in memory of Hazel Redman
- Numerous gifts to the Synod's Haitian relief fund
- To renovate the sanctuary sound system

***Bowling, Anyone?***

*Sunday, February 28, 1 – 4 pm*

Come bowling with your Holy Cross friends at the Bowl A Vard Lanes The cost is \$3.25 per game and \$2 for shoes. Please sign up on the office window. Come by yourself, or bring the whole family!

***Scrip News***

Scrip is available between services on Sunday mornings. There is a table with forms in the entryway by the gym. Also, we have some cash and carry (PDQ, Woodmans, and Copps/Pick & Save) you may purchase during the week as long as a secretary is available.

***LYA Convention***

*Wed., July 28 – Mon., August 2*

The LYA (Lutheran Youth Association) Convention this year will be in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The convention is for youth who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or high school. A bus will leave Holy Cross on Wednesday and return on Monday. The cost will be available soon. This is an excellent opportunity for our youth to have a faith building experience and meet ELS youth from around the nation! Please encourage your child to attend!

***Family Fest***

*Saturday, Feb. 20, 9 am - noon*

Come and enjoy the fun and games at Lakeside Lutheran High School's annual Family Fest.

We'll have bowling, a fish pond, crafts, Swing Choir, Jazz Band and more. Enjoy the Lakeside donuts. Open to all PreK – Grade 4 students. Registration is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. For more information, and to register, go to [www.llhs.org](http://www.llhs.org).

***Bethany Women's Auxiliary***

*Tuesday, February 2 at 1 pm*

Holy Cross will host the quarterly Bethany Women's Auxiliary. Come and support our Synod's college, Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. Lunch will be served and a program will follow.

***Moms Group***

*Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9:30–11:30 am*

The Moms Group will meet on February 9 at the home of Marisa Opsahl. Her address is N896 Kranz Road in Columbus. We will meet from 9:30 – 11:30 am. A Valentine's activity is being planned. Please call Pam at 318-0973 or Nedra at 592-3638 if you are able to come or if you have any questions.

***Haitian Relief***

Our synod is currently taking contributions from our members and congregations for the Haiti earthquake disaster. Our synod's Board for Christian Service will also be making a contribution from their synod-wide Mother's Day offerings. We will be funneling the money through the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In this way the money can be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. We know the WELS agency will be good stewards of the money as it distributes the relief

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funds in connection with the WELS  
missionaries in the area.

## ***Special Acts-January***

### **Baptisms**

Adelyn Judith Derksen 1/24

### **Funerals**

Robert Thousand 1/4

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