



## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Keep Reading the New Testament

Are you reading the New Testament with us at Holy Cross? You are? Fantastic! You aren't? Now's a great time to start! If you're struggling, set a habit. Making this a habit is the best way to accomplish this goal. It's good for you and it's God pleasing.

If you look at the reading schedule for March, you'll see that we're scheduled to finish reading the book of Romans and then read Galatians, Ephesians, 1 John, and 1 Peter. At the end of the month the schedule calls for us to start reading the Gospel of Luke. Of course, don't forget a few chapters of Proverbs and some Psalms.

I think it may help a bit if I give you some highlights or topics to look for in the various books we're reading this month.

**Proverbs:** People often think of Proverbs as just a collection of useful sayings. This isn't quite right and falls short of the blessing of reading Proverbs. The central theme of Proverbs is summed up in Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." In other words, wisdom is an attribute of God and His people because they know His Word and live according to it.

**Romans** is a letter from Paul to Christians in Rome. It is the longest of Paul's letters and it systematically lays out how the gospel is the power of God for salvation and then explains the need for justification through faith because of sin. He explains the results of justification by faith and describes how the gospel should affect one's everyday life.

**Galatians** is another letter of Paul addressed to a group of churches in Galatia which was a region of present-day Turkey. Paul knew these people due to a prior visit. He corrects some false teaching and emphasizes God's grace. A key verse is Galatians 2:16, "we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ."

**Ephesians** is a letter of Paul written to the church in the city of Ephesus. Today this is in western Turkey. The first three chapters focus on what Christians should believe, unfolding the glorious riches of God's grace in Jesus. The last three chapters explain the implications of God's grace for the church, for individuals, and for families. A key verse is Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

**1 John** is a letter written by the apostle John to churches throughout Asia Minor (now Turkey). It affirms the truth of the incarnation of Jesus and encourages doubting readers to reject false teachers. It speaks the basics of the faith - confession, forgiveness, fleeing false teachers, loving one another and the truth of Jesus. 1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

**1 Peter** is a letter written by...you guessed it, Peter and it was firstly meant for people who were confused and discouraged by persecution they were encountering because of their faith. Peter reminds them of the example of Jesus and encourages them to stand firm in their faith. 1 Peter 2:9-10 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people..."

Keep reading the New Testament! It is God's Word and it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)

See you on Sunday!

-Pastor Zucker

### Tithes and Offerings

Year To Date : Offerings~ \$153,438 Expenses~ \$157,161

Month To Date Offerings \$35,227 Expenses~\$24,384

This year to date has a shortfall of - \$3,723

## OUTREACH UPDATE/MINISTRY TEAM MEETING 2/15/26

The Outreach Team last met on Sunday 2/8/26. Next Outreach Team meeting will be Sunday 3/1, earlier in month than normal due to other conflicts.

Discussion included:

1. GAME/FUN NIGHTS: There won't be a game/fun night in March due to Wednesday night Lent/soup/services. The next Game/Fun nights will be Wednesday 4/15 @ 6-8pm, Wednesday 5/13 @ 6-8pm, then breaking for Summer.
2. Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will happen on Sunday 3/29 between services. Please bring your children, grandchildren, neighbor kids, etc.
3. Outreach team is trying to bring back regular "FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY" events where the congregation is encouraged to bring a friend, relative, co-worker or neighbor to Church. The tentative date set for our next Friendship Sunday will be Sunday 4/12/2026.
4. A hybrid pot-luck/meat provided congregation dinner to go with our next voters/congregational meeting was discussed briefly. This discussion per Pastor was to be taken up at the Ministry Team meeting.

Perry Wright/Outreach Director

### **DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING**

Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))

Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"

Enter your church code **mi2112**—Enter your church password **HolyCross2026**

Click on the Enter button. Click on the desired **photography** date

Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time

Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)

Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name

If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)

Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment

**Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment**

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Services:

March 4—March 25 Wednesdays Soup Supper at 6pm followed by Lenten Service at 7

March 29 Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt 10

April 2 Maundy Thursday at 7

April 3 Good Friday at 7

April 5 Easter Sunday



**Happy Hearts**  
March 9, 2026 noon  
Pot Luck & Bingo

**Ladies Lunchly -**  
March 11, 2026  
Liberty Restaurant @ noon  
All Ladies are invited

**Next Family Fun Night**  
April 15th

Join the fun in Plarn Mat production!  
The next meetings are  
March 3rd & 17th at 2:00pm

March 4<sup>th</sup> Soup - Loaded Baked Potato  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Soup - Stuffed Pepper Soup  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Soup - Clam Chowder  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Soup - Vegetable Beef



## Bible Studies At Holy Cross

Sunday Morning 10am

Monday Evening—Men's Group &  
Women's Group @ 7pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study—All  
invited 10am



Easter Egg Hunt  
Palm Sunday—March 29th  
Promptly @ 10:15am  
All kids are invited  
and bring a friend

**Lenten Soup Suppers**  
Sign up to bring  
salad or vegetable,  
Bread  
Or a Dessert  
Sign up sheet on the table in the  
narthex



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