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April 2019

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 am, with
Fellowship afterward
Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:45
am**

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 am

**Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers 5:45
pm 4/3 and 4/10**

**Wednesday Lenten Worship Services 7:00
pm 4/3 and 4/10**

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 8:15 pm

Bev Shingledecker Memorial Svc. 1:00 4/13

Palm Sunday Service 9:30 am April 14

Trish Meyer Luncheon 11:00 4/14

**Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm April
18**

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm April 19

**Easter Worship 9:30 am April 21,
with Easter Brunch following**



SAVED BY GRACE

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, “Here’s how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you’ve done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.”

“Okay,” the man says, “I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart.”

“That’s wonderful,” says St. Peter, “that’s worth three points!”

“Three points?” he says. “Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service.”

“Terrific!” says St. Peter, “that’s certainly worth a point.”

“One point? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans.”

“Fantastic, that’s good for two more points,” he says.

“Two points!” the man cries, “At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!”

“Come on in!”

“...by the grace of God!” That’s what Easter is all about.

Have a blessed Easter celebration.

Pastor Don



April is often the Easter month, and it's also the month when spring begins to appear for real here in Minnesota. Our snowbirds come back home and we are happily re-

united with our lucky friends who, if we must be honest, may have had it just a bit too easy this winter when compared to us real Minnesotans! This April also may see the revitalization of our beloved Holy Cross congregation. It's been difficult dealing with the loss of Pastor Meyer, but having some very fine pastors fill the gap during the last nine months has shown God's love for us. We all have fond memories of Pastor Laabs' wonderful five weeks with us, and Pastor Mulfinger has revived us with his friendly, optimistic, energetic personality and his inspired sermons. God has indeed blessed us.

April will also see our dear friend Trish Meyer moving on. She will be going home to Missouri to live near friends and family. Her move date is set for April 18th, the week before Easter. To celebrate our time with her and to wish her well as she makes this change, we are having a dinner for her after the service on Palm Sunday. I encourage you to attend if it's at all possible

April may very well be the month when we extend a call for our next pastor! The Call Committee has put forth a grand effort during our deliberations. As of this writing, we have four candidates with whom we'll be talking by phone during the next couple of weeks, and the Committee will present a final candidate to the congregation based on these conversations. We'll all meet following a Sunday morning worship to vote, and

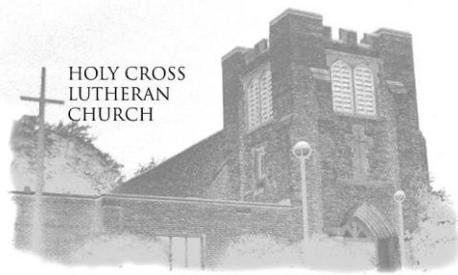
if the congregation approves, a formal call will be extended. If the call is accepted we will begin planning the installation.

Some members of the congregation have asked if we can publish the questions we intend to ask, but the Committee feels this would be unwise. First, some of the questions are drawn from the confidential profile information we received for each candidate and that information must remain confidential. Second, we don't believe the questions should be available to the general public since this is a private process, involving the hand of God working among His people here at Holy Cross. Third, the phone conversations are not intended to be an interview, nor should they be. Publishing a list of questions indicates that this is an interview, but it's not. The questions will be used to guide the dialog and will be woven into a conversation. Our objectives are to share information about who we are and where we hope to go as a congregation, as well as gaining information about who the candidate is and where he wishes to take us. It is possible that based on the flow of dialog we may not need to ask all of the questions. Remember, we are not hiring a pastor, we are calling a pastor. This may seem like a distinction without a difference but there is one very important difference - God is and must be firmly in the center of everything that happens. We believe this and we believe that all of our candidates believe this.

If you are concerned that we will not be addressing issues that are important to you, please contact me or a member of the committee.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee.

Thank you, *Steve Blomberg*



Holy Cross will celebrate Easter with a single worship service this year at 9:30 am on April 21st, with our Easter Brunch afterward.

We'll be making Easter cards at Donna Bristol's at 11:00 am on Thursday April 11, everybody is welcome to come!

Please join us after church on Palm Sunday, April 14, for a farewell luncheon for Trish Meyer, who is moving out of town Easter week. We're serving Trish's favorites, including broasted chicken, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, mixed greens, and angel food cake. Please contact Linda McConley (linda.mcconley@gmail.com or 612-202-2084) if you can help with food prep or set up.

“Dear Holy Cross Members, On March 17th I celebrated my 10th year free of cancer! I want to thank you all for praying for me regarding my breast cancer and ensuing heart problem. You faithfully prayed and I thank you for that and for your support! Pastor Holland sat by my hospital bed when I awoke from surgery. Pastor Meyer prayed often for me. At one of my appointments, the doctor reported that there were no more cancer cells. I said, “That’s pretty much a miracle then, right?” He said yes. In times of uncertainty I have asked for prayers from the pastors and members and Milly and Mothers and Others. Thank you for your steadfastness. God is good!”
Becky Swenson-Dennis

We're taking orders for plants again as a fund raiser this spring. The plants will be available in May.

Hanging baskets Vegetables and herbs
 Bedding plants

Perennials Tubs Novelty items
If you'd rather buy a plant gift card than choose plants now, you can do that. Thank you, call Darcy Tatham with questions.
651-552-1625

The Holy Cross Hands in Ministry group has been especially busy this past winter season. Due to the extreme cold temperatures, our “Pillar of Warmth and Love” has

provided approximately 160 items (gloves, hats and scarves) to those in need. That is a 50 % increase over last year. In addition to our church members who have contributed to this effort, we would also like to thank Metro Transit, our newest supplier of gently used gloves, and Linda Scanlon who delivers these unclaimed lost and found items to us. As you can imagine, gloves were a very popular item this winter.

As you may recall, the Hands in Ministry group also provides handmade baby caps, “angel” blankets and oversized mittens to HCMC. As a result of information posted on HCMC's Facebook page, we were contacted by Paul Folger at KSTP who was working on a story about “Frostbite” and the need for these oversized mittens. Paul came to Holy Cross and did a quick interview with part of our group. To check it out, go to the Holy Cross website. Also, as a result of the story, we received a beautiful pair of oversized mittens from a woman living in Southampton, Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in joining the Hands in Ministry group, we meet at church the second Thursday of each month.



“Dear Hands in Ministry, thank you for the gift of hats for newborns,

oversize mittens for burn units, tiny baby blankets and surgery dolls to Hennepin Healthcare. Your gift strengthens our efforts to partner with the community and our patients and their families to ensure access to outstanding medical care for all. We are grateful for the support of friends like you, whose ongoing generosity makes this important work possible. Thank you again for your contribution.” *Jesse Hicks, Sr Dir. Of Dev.*

Vicky Dean has moved to Sunrise of Edina, 7128 France Ave S, Apt. #329, Edina, MN 55435.

Do you need household items? Trish has a wide variety of useful things that she needs to downsize for her move. Everything in her garage is for sale or to give away, check with her if there’s anything you need.

Your donation of 439 pounds of food in February is appreciated and important to the work of CES. Wow! In gratitude,” *Chris Nelson*

You are invited to attend the LWML Spring Rally hosted by the SW Suburban Zone on Saturday April 13th at 9:30 am at Redemption Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Guest Speaker will be Monica Groves from The Dwelling Place. Our hands-on mission project will be decorating and accessorizing 50 LWML bears for the children of The Dwelling Place. Please bring any decorative items: hats, caps, scarves, clothes, flowers, jewelry, etc. Beany Bears are 9” high, 7 1/2” arm length,

3” body, 3” inseam and 7 1/2” head. Gifts from the Heart donations are \$10 and \$25 Walmart or Target gift cards for the National Convention. Tickets are \$10. Please call Michelle Borchardt at 952 884-9719 if you would like to have a ticket held for you. Please call by April 7th.

“Our lives are hectic, but **we need to remember the Brooks family.** If you can keep Steve company so Roberta can go out, that helps. If you are cooking, Steve loves comfort foods, casseroles and veggies; Roberta likes lighter salads, fruits and veggies. Homes always need work— snow shoveling, leaves out of the gutters, general maintenance and cleaning. I have a more specific needs list, please check with me if you are wondering how you can help. Thank you!” *Shelley*

“We thank Jim Likely for his work removing snow from the church roof and for getting the back parking lot draining, and thank you to everyone who helped deal with the flood in early March. The water was cleaned up in the basement and pastor's office, ice and water were cleared from the flat office roof and the ice dams were removed from the east side of the building. Already Monday morning almost everything was back to normal. It was a great reminder of how much can be accomplished in a short period of time when everyone works together.” *The Trustees*

“We are looking for help for my aunt who broke her hip a few months ago. She is at home in south Minneapolis, and we’d like someone to care for her a few hours a week. We are happy to pay for this help; her building has an elevator so there are no stairs involved. Thank you,” *Darcy Tatham 651 552-1625*

Our We Care Fund provides a way of helping the families and friends of Holy Cross with financial assistance when they need it. Please contact Pastor Don if you need assistance, all requests are confidential. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please put your gift in the offering plate and mark it " We Care Fund".

Errol and Judy Sorenson picked up \$1417.12 of baked goods from Cub as of March 24, sharing them with CES. Thank you both for your dedication and hard work!

Come join us for Adult Bible Study after worship on Sundays, as we continue our walk through the Gospel of Mark, reading about a chapter each Sunday. We will start at 10:45 in the Family Room and go on our merry ways at 11:30. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the time with us.

“Thank you for supporting Community Involvement Programs with your gift of \$150.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Our goal of helping people with disabilities live their greatest lives through a variety of programs and supports couldn’t be accomplished without passionate individuals like you. Your generosity will go on to strengthen and innovate programming for people in our community with disabilities and mental health. Thank you for making a difference!” *John Stanton*

“On behalf of Community Emergency Service, thank you for partnering with us to transform lives through serving neighbors, sharing resources and becoming community. Your donation of food is greatly appreciated and important to the work of CES. Monthly, we welcome over 1,300 client visits, serving individuals and families with our Food Shelf, Home Delivery Program, East African Food Distribution and our Bonus Friday Distribution that gives away fresh

produce and other foods. Thank you for your partnership, it is through gifts like yours that CES continues to be “a place where people come hungry and leave hopeful.” *Chris Nelson*

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Remembering Pastor Meyer!

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE EASTER

By Gary Brice

Each Who down in Whoville liked Easter a
lot,
But the Grinch, north of Whoville, most
surely did not!
The Grinch hated Easter, the whole Lenten
Season,
And (just be patient), I'll tell you the reason.
It could be his head wasn't screwed on just
right,
It could be, perhaps, his shoes were too
tight.
But that's not the reason he loathed with
such might.
The Grinch hated Easter, alone in his cave,
'Cause his heart was as dead and as dark as
the grave.
He stood on Good Friday, and pictured the
scene,
Of Easter in Whoville and all it would mean.
They'd sing out "He's Risen" on each pair of
lips,
They'd dress for church service and after,
church trips.
"They're rehearsing cantatas and pageants
and prayers,
They're ironing clothes and they're curling
their hair."
Then he growled, and his fingers were
nervously drumming,
"I MUST find some way to stop Easter from
coming!"
On Easter he knew, all the Who boys and
girls,
Would have much more to think of than
fashions and curls.
They would think of their Savior, and all
girls and boys,
Would open their mouths and make joyful
noise,

And that's what he hated, the Noise, Noise,
Noise, NOISE!
The Whos, young and old, would fold hands
and bow heads,
While prayers of thanksgiving and worship
were said.
They'd sing about Jesus, who died, who
now lives,
And someone would talk on the hope that
He gives.
And then they'd do something he liked least
of all,
Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and
the small,
Would stand close together, with Easter
bells ringing,
Hold hands in a circle, and pass Easter
Greeting!
"Go under His mercy", they'd say to their
brother,
"The Lord bless and keep you", they'd say to
each other.
The thought galled the Grinch from his hat
to his shoelace,
A frown darkened and furrowed the folds of
his Grinch-face.
"For 53 years I've put up with it now!
I must stop this Easter from coming... But
how?"
Then he got an idea, an awful idea!
The Grinch got a wonderful, awful idea!
"I know what to do," the Grinch said with a
hoot,
And quickly made big Bunny ears and a
suit.
He chuckled and clucked, "What a great
Grinchy trick!
With the ears and my suit I can steal
Easter...slick!"
He dyed baskets pink and he filled them
with grass,
He set one aside for each Who-lad and Lass.
He went to the WalMart, charged his card to

the max,
Spending thousands on chocolates, not
counting the tax.
He bought fancy bonnets and gaudy bow
ties,
And grinned as he pictured Who giggles and
sighs.
"This will keep them from praying and
singing those songs,
This will please and distract them for all the
day long."
He loaded the goodies and baskets and
clothes,
The bonnets and dresses and ties that make
bows,
He packed up the car 'till it threatened to
pop,
And he grinned as he mumbled, "This Easter
must stop!"
Long after midnight, each Who was in bed
And thoughts of Sweet Jesus filled every
Who head.
The Grinch left for each as they finished
their nap,
A sweet basket of candy, a distraction, a
trap.
He smiled a smile as he tiptoed away,
Visualizing the mess he would cause the
next day.
He pictured them rising and finding their
stash,
Forgetting about Jesus, in less than a flash.
They would fight over chocolates, over
bonnets and toys,
They'd forget about praying and making
glad noise.
"We can't get them dressed" would shout
dads and moms,
"They're covered with chocolate from noses
to arms.
From their heart to their heads they're
absorbed with themselves,
We'll have to put Easter and such on the

shelves!"
The Grinch hardly slept as he waited the
dawn,
Just hearing the row that would happen
anon.
"Pooh-pooh to the Whos" he was
Grinchishly humming,
"They are finding out now that no Easter is
coming.
They are just waking up. I know how they'll
be!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or
three,
And then they will shout, "Easter's all about
ME,"
Forgetting the Carpenter of Old Galilee!
The Grinch cocked his head, put his hand to
his ear,
"That's a noise," grinned the Grinch, "That I
simply must hear!"
He did hear a noise rising over the meadow,
It started out low, but soon rose like a glow.
The sound wasn't selfish or angry or sad,
It couldn't be so, but the sound sounded
glad!
He stared down at Whoville and popped his
Grinch eyes!
Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking
surprise!
Every Who boy and girl had their chocolates
and bonnets,
But every Who face had a glad smile on it!
They had on their bow ties and held their
treat baskets,
The Grinch had a question, he just had to
ask it.
"Why aren't they distracted and selfish and
rude,
Why aren't they absorbed with their dresses
and food?
Could it be that they'll sing whether
chocolate or not;

Could it be I don't understand Easter one
jot?"

What happened then, down in Whoville they
say,

The Spirit got hold of a Grinch heart that
day.

The heart that was empty, and gloomy, and
cold,

Was warm and alive, filled with promise
untold.

And Jesus, who'd been to the Grinch such a
bother,

Became Savior and Master, Redeemer and
Brother!

"Easter is more than just trappings," all
Whoville agreed,
"It's a Savior who lives to meet every man's
need."

They made their Who circle in First Church
that day,

And after their singing, they started to pray.
"Go under His mercy," said one to his
brother,

"God bless you and keep you," said one to
the other.

"He is Risen," cried one in the midst of the
blessed;

"He is Risen indeed," said the Grinch with
the rest.

It's passed down as fact, or so the Whos say,
That singing was louder by threefold that
day.

And the circle seemed fuller, more warm
and more sweet -

Two green, hairy Grinch hands had made it
complete.



BIRTHDAYS

Kaitie Beiersdorf Derosier	4/1
Roberta Brooks	4/2
Nicholas Katasonov	4/6
Sheila Platt	4/9
Matt Derosier	4/10
Lynn Oolman	4/12
Bill Christ	4/13
James Scanlon	4/18
Katherine McConley	4/26
Matthew McConley	4/26
Sally Gorski	4/27
Aryanne Macht	4/28

DEACONS

Jim Likely and Steve McConley

ALTAR GUILD

Jean Anderson and Donna Bristol

USHERS

7	L Oolman and A Tatham
14	T Phelon and K Lange
21	L Oolman and A Horrmann
28	E Copeland and M Blomberg

COUNTERS

7	L Oolman and R Woodraska
14	M and K Lange
21	L Oolman and A Horrmann
28	M Blomberg and G Klatt

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Good day, Friends,

During the challenging cold and snowy days, CES struggled to meet our service demands. We found it necessary to suspend service for three days in three and a half weeks due to inclement weather and inability for our volunteers to get here to help us run our programs. On one of the days we were closed, I manned the phone lines. I was reminded how badly our service is needed for those who receive food through our Meals on Wheels and Food Shelf programs. I received calls from people who were inquiring about whether or not they would receive their hot meals. This is why we do what we do each day. The elderly, homebound and the hungry in our community need our help. At CES, we see this as our responsibility, to do all we can to be there in times of need.

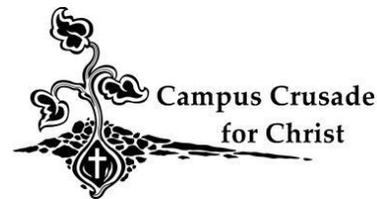
When one of our volunteer drivers was delivering meals, he heard "Help me" when he knocked on the door. He located a maintenance worker who opened the door – Mildred had fallen on the floor and couldn't get up. After the incident, Mildred shared that she was recently diagnosed with ALS, and falls sometimes. "I wasn't afraid, because it was after 10:00 and I knew Meals on Wheels would be coming any minute to deliver my meal." She knew help was on the way.

We could not exist without the donated food received from our supporters, funds are valuable in our fight to eliminate hunger. Donated food allows to offer clients a variety to items, while cash donations allow us to purchase items with our impressive buying power. Your cash donation of one dollar purchases nearly the equivalent of

three dollars' worth of food at a local grocery store through our various suppliers, like Second Harvest Heartland and The Food Group.

With your help, we can address the hunger needs of some of the poorest in Minnesota, the "least of these".

In His service, *Mike Lloyd, Executive Director*



"God already knows we are not enough, but He isn't asking us to be. That's why

He sent Jesus." This was the truth that Mallory, one of our first-year interns, laid down at the first week of Women's Month. After her talk, we gathered in discussion groups to dive in deeper, and get to know each other. Courtney sat with four freshmen and a couple junior girls as they each poured out the anxiety they've been carrying, and where they just weren't trusting the Lord. Will you continue to pray for students as they release their burdens to God, and turn to Him for strength, and not themselves?

Every year we host our annual Man Month and women's Month events. It is an opportunity for all the men and women to gather together to learn more about what it means to be an authentic Biblical man or woman. It's often our favorite time of the year (though extra busy!) because the Lord always always always uniquely meets students with truth they so desperately need to hear, and community they deeply need to sit across the table from.

During an afternoon of promoting Man Month, Erick talked to a random guy about coming to Man Month that night to learn more about what God has to say about being a real man. The guy took the flyer and ended up coming (honestly, this doesn't happen often so it's exciting when guys we don't know enter in so quickly!) He seemed engaged in content, and guys in his discussion group got to know him, tell him about Cru, and invite him into community with them.

The world has much to say about what it is to be a man and a woman, but most of the time it isn't at all preaching who God made each gender to uniquely be. It's a battleground and it's easy to lose hope sometimes. But God is moving and we're seeing chains fall. On Wednesday mornings, for example, the junior and senior women leaders gather in our living room for coffee and Bible study. And every Wednesday Court has the privilege of hearing them confess their anxiety, envy, jealousy, etc. to each other and to the Lord. We're raising up the next generation of husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, friends, and church volunteers. We don't take it lightly and we're humbled by the opportunity. Thank you for praying with us!

Please pray for men to get involved and pursue their relationship with Jesus in community via our Epic (Asian American ministry) Movement – pray for their hearts to recognize their need for community.

Jackie Hill-Perry is coming to our campus to speak on her book “Gay Girl, Good God.” Pray that she would be well received and that the Gospel would be heard through her

story and her ministry, both on campus and in our community.

Eddie's been doing well, we can't believe how fast he's growing up! Pray for us as we continue to learn how to balance work and family, going well so far!

Erick and Courtney Horrmann

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:30 am Bible Study 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	4 7 pm Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	5 7:00 Al Anon Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	6 8:30 am AA Meeting 3-5 pm GA Intergroup
7 Mite Offering 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Bible Study and Sunday School 7:00 pm GA	8 10:30 Prayer Group 6:30 ICAN	9 7:00 Trustees Meeting	10 10:30 am Bible Study 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship 8:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 2-4 pm Hands in Ministry BOD Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	12 7:00 Al Anon Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting Set up tables for funeral and party	13 8:30 am AA Meeting BEV SHINGLE-DECKER'S FUNERAL Svc. 1:00 PM
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21 9:30 am EASTER Worship Easter Brunch 10:30 7:00 pm GA	22 Shelley's office hours will now be 1-4 pm until November	23	24 10:30 am Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 7:00 pm AA Meeting	26 7:00 Al Anon Meeting 7:00 pm AA Meeting	27 8:30 am AA Meeting Special GA Intergroup Meeting in afternoon
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