

# Today is March 26, 2017

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**We love seeing you all here this morning. If this is your first time being here at Holy Cross, please sign the guest book located on the shelf in the narthex so that we may correspond with you this week.**

**As We Gather:** From the start of His public ministry to its conclusion, Jesus performed many miracles. In bringing sight to the blind, He gave them a new vision of the world and opened new possibilities for them. As the One who brings the light of salvation to His people, Jesus opens new possibilities for our lives. As our perfect substitute, He takes the weight of sin from us and lightens the burdens we bear. Both lightened and enlightened, we rejoice in the miracles we experience each day by His grace.

**We continue to pray for:** Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer (Home), Tom Walters, Angela Smeal, Martha Meier, Phil Woike, Rick Forrester, Reba Reinke, Kathy Brown, Guenther Frank, Andrew Curtis, Frank Duesing, Terri Loomis, Tom Krall, Goldie Rybar, Evelyn Dukles, Kevin Brown, Aida Burgos, Joanne Blum, Dorothy Himmelein (Manor Care), Jean Johnson, Kirk Mueller, Doug Rambert, Kyle Atwell, Joan Geil, Joan Schulte, Kieara Smith.

**DEACON FOR TODAY**  
Tim Simko

**THIS MORNING'S GREETERS**  
Alan & Diane Apelt /  
Arline Atwell, Debbie Piazza

**SECURITY FOR TODAY**  
Mark Forrester

## Attendance & Offerings

**Attendance:** Sunday, March 19, 2017  
9:00 a.m. Service - 72

**Offerings for:** 3-19-17 were \$2,208.26  
(2017 budget requirement per week \$4,662)

**Mite Offering** There are offering plates in the narthex labeled "Mite Offering". Money placed in this offering plate will go towards the Deacons Fund which helps people in need.  
**So your *Change CAN Change* people's lives!!!!**

**Capital Campaign Update** (As of Jan. 15)  
Pledges to Date 38  
Dollar Amount Pledged \$ 75,430  
Money Received to Date \$ 63,108.36

We ask that you continue to pray for this project. If you have pledged, we thank you and ask that you faithfully complete your pledge. If you have not pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge so that we can maintain our facilities here in West Park. If you have any questions on this campaign, please contact any of the members of the committee.

## Altar Flowers

*In Celebration of Tim Simka's  
70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 28<sup>th</sup>!*

In the months of April and May, only the dates of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> are still available.

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**2017 LENTEN DEVOTIONS ARE NOW ON  
THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. PICK ONE  
UP ON YOUR WAY OUT!**

## **2017 FLOWER AND CANDLE CHART**

The 2017 Flower and Candle Chart is posted in the narthex. If you would like to place the flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one on the occasion of a special event or to the glory of God, just sign your name clearly (how you would like it to appear in the bulletin) opposite the date, and we will make sure that it is noted in the *Holy Crossings*. Then place your donation for the flowers in the collection plate on or before the date making a note on the envelope that it is for "Altar Flowers and Candles." This is a free-will donation, but for the sake of information, the cost of the flowers and candles is approximately \$25 per week. Our thanks to Kathy Nehrenz for making the chart.

**PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR. EVEN THOUGH THE CALENDAR IS FILLING UP, THERE ARE STILL DATES AVAILABLE.**

### **March Altar Guild:**

**Carol Forrester and Charline Mueller**

### **April Altar Guild:**

**Jim & Ruth Carlson and Norma Stuart**

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### **NEXT WEEK:**

#### **Deacon – April 2, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Dan Kenney

#### **Security – April 2, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Tim Simko

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## **THE AMAZING GRAYS**

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (Jan. – Oct.) at 12 p.m. (noon) in the E.F. hall to enjoy lunch. In Nov. we meet the 3rd Tuesday and Dec. is our Christmas Party (No meeting). Bring your own lunch! Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Dessert is provided. Our meeting is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. We have an informative speaker come to talk to us at 1:15 p.m. Sometimes we just have a speaker that sings or plays or does skits for fun. We always enjoy the company and fellowship of each other. Come join us for Christian Fellowship.

## **Remaining Amazing Grays Programs for the first half of 2017**

**March 28, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m.** – Tom Strong – Vitamins and Supplements

**April 25, 2017 @ 12 p.m.** – Pot Luck Luncheon - Bring your favorite dish of food to share and join us. Always lots of fun and lots of food. At 1:15 p.m. we will have Darrell Miller – Pathways Hospice (Getting your end of life affairs in order)

**May 13, 2017** - We will have our Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

**May 23, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m.** – Pastor Bob Tauscher (Concordia Lutheran Church, Akron) – Racing Pigeons

**June 27, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m.** – Mike Olszewski – Cleveland TV History.

**July 25, 2017 @ 12 p.m. to ?**– Picnic in the Park (Cottonwood) Join us down in the Metro Parks for some great food and lots of fun & games! Bring a white elephant gift for the games! Bring a lawn chair if you want and relax and spend the day in the park! If you have a game you wish to play please feel free to bring it along.

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### **HEAVENLY HARVEST FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry of Holy Cross is currently in its second year. We thank God for His blessing on this ministry and thanks to the many who have donated and volunteered. Information & Drop-offs are located in the Narthex. Please help support this most needed ministry. If you go to the church website and look under the menu selection "Outreach" you will see the mission statement for the Food Pantry.

#### **Food Pantry-Update**

The food pantry was blessed with serving many families. We will need to continue to keep the pantry stocked. If you are able, please help us with our current needs.

## Heavenly Harvest Food Pantry Needs

### ITEM

Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Oatmeal  
Spaghetti O's  
Canned Beef Ravioli  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Box Potatoes  
White Rice  
Canned Spinach  
Canned Corn  
Kidney Beans  
Diced Tomatoes  
Stewed Tomatoes  
Tea Bags  
Coffee  
Dishwashing Liquid  
All Purpose Cleaners  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Deodorant  
Cream Of Chicken Soup  
Cream Of Mushroom Soup  
Ramen Noodles  
Crackers  
Canned Fruit Cocktail  
Canned Pears  
Canned Peaches  
Tuna  
Hamburger Helper  
Tuna Helper  
Mac N Cheese

### Best Deal

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations were given by Joan & Jim Schulte in memory of Judy Kirchenbauer, Dorothy Naugle and Ted Specht.

There will be a brief meeting to discuss the Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 2nd.**

**Please remember all members of Holy Cross are Booster's.** If you have any questions, please contact Joan or Jim Schulte.

## ON EAGLE'S WINGS

"On Eagle's Wings" is being performed with sign language during today's service by WPLS' very own Charity Lehman, Maddie McCormick, Alondra Melendez, Jada Nicholson and Rashawna Scott. We thank them for sharing their talents with us today!

## Lutheran West's Spring Musical - "Mary Poppins"

The Lutheran West High School Drama Department is soaring to new heights this spring with *Disney and Cameron Macintosh's Mary Poppins* on March 31-April 1, April 7-8 at 7:30 PM and on April 9th at 2 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students/children. Before the matinee on Sunday April 9th children 10 years old and under are invited to our Jolly Holiday Party with the cast of the show. Tickets for the party are \$10 per child. If you are interested in how we created the magic in the show, join us for a Backstage Tour following each performance! Tickets for all of these events are available at [www.lutheranwest.com/tickets](http://www.lutheranwest.com/tickets). You will not want to miss this *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* musical!

## Lutheran West's April

### 7th Walking Tour Open House (4:30 – 6:30 pm) – 6th, 7th and 8th Graders Welcome!

Please join us for our upcoming Walking Tour Open House on Friday, April 7th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Register online at [www.LutheranWest.com](http://www.LutheranWest.com). Once registered, we will contact you for selection of a tour time. Come for the tour, stay for our Spring Musical, "Mary Poppins" immediately following. Complimentary tickets provided! Bring your questions to the event, along with any paperwork you may be working on. We will be glad to help you!

## Lutherans For Life

**March 26** – "The trap of a human philosophy and society shaped by merely utilitarian aims will always (and I mean 'always') lead to horror and hatred. Always. No matter how smart we get, how advanced our technical skills, how 'scientific' we

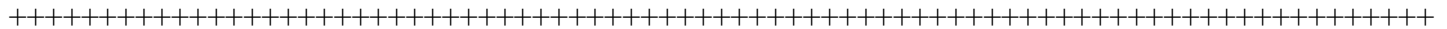
think we are, the human person is more than what we can see. If we weren't more than that, there would be no art, no beauty, no poetry. We are more than what we see!" *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**March 26 – 4th Sunday of Lent - Stewardship Sentences** – *“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

**Gospel lesson for next week:**

John 11:1-45 (Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead)



**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM - \$7.00 EACH**

It is that time of the year to place Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary to celebrate our Risen Lord. It is a tradition here at Holy Cross to place the lilies in a cross on the altar. (36 lilies are needed to fill one cross) These will be available for you to take home after the service. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 9, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ Plants. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate my Easter plant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after service. \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

# **EASTER BREAKFAST APRIL 16TH** **(FOLLOWING THE 9 AM SERVICE IN THE EF HALL)**

The Boosters of Holy Cross will once again be hosting the Easter Breakfast. *They are asking for donations of Eggs and Bakery only.* Donations of Eggs should be brought into the school kitchen by Maundy Thursday, April 13th and no later than Good Friday April 14th. Bakery needs to be brought to kitchen on Saturday Morning, April 15th between 9 AM & 11 AM or Sunday Morning before 9 AM Easter Service.

Reservations should be made now so Boosters can get a count on how many people to prepare breakfast for.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults Attending                      \_\_\_\_\_ Children Attending

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will be donating Eggs \_\_\_\_\_

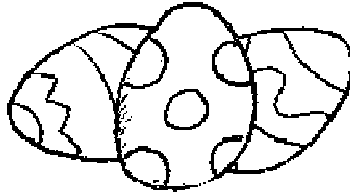
I will be donating Bakery \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 AM Saturday, April 15th - Morning Set Up (table & chairs)

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 AM Saturday, April 15th - Morning Preparation of Food

\_\_\_\_\_ After Breakfast, April 16th clean-up (take down table & chairs)



## **EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We are looking for donations of candy and prizes/money for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Please consider a donation. Any questions, speak to Susan Taylor.



## **West Park Lutheran School Update**

As has been mentioned in the Holy Crossings these past few weeks, there are many ways to help West Park Lutheran School. YES, the school does need the help of all of us. We have a couple more ways for you to help. Please consider them.

1). Save your **Box Tops for Education** and bring them to church and place them in the container in the narthex.

2). Participate in Heinen's **Tasteful Rewards Program**. If you are a Heinen's Shopper and have their Preferred Card you need to select or reselect (if you participated last year) our school.

Please continue to keep our school in your prayers.

If you have some time to volunteer at the School please speak to Pastor Taylor.