

# Holy Cross

Monthly Newsletter of  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

March 2018

## Disciple

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3.4  
Food Pantry Sunday

3.7, 14, 21  
LENTEN WORSHIP

3.11  
Daylight Savings Time

3.13  
Community Meal

3.17  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
Dinner Club

3.18  
Newsletter Articles Due

3.19-20  
SELC Western Circuit Pastoral  
Conference

3.24  
EASTER EGG HUNT

3.25  
PALM SUNDAY

3.29  
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP  
PRAYER VIGIL

3.30  
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

### “Holy Week and More!”

In the midst of Holy Week, 2018, we mark the final steps in our spiritual Lenten walk.

On Maundy Thursday our Lord invites us to kneel at His Table to receive His gift of grace in Holy Communion. “Maundy” is a strange name given to this “Thursday of Holy Week.” The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word “maundatum” which means “mandate” or “command.” It embodies the “new command” or “new mandate” given to the disciples by Jesus. The new “maundatum” involved loving one another as He had loved them. The new “maundatum” embraced the “new covenant” He gave by changing the “old covenant” into something “new.” In the “new covenant” He goes beyond simply remembering the past and, instead, changes it into a sacred action wherein He gives His true body and true blood veiled in earthly elements of bread and wine. In receiving His body and blood anew, we are reaffirmed that our sins are forgiven and we are given strength for living out our faith.

We are invited to come back to church from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. that night and participate in a Prayer Vigil- reminding us of the time Jesus feverishly prayed to the Father with His disciples. We will sign up for an hour to be with our Lord Jesus in devotion and prayer, personally confessing our sins and receiving His Word of pardon and peace with God through His suffering and death.

From Maundy Thursday we walk into Good Friday. Our spiritual steps become heavier as we focus on Calvary’s cross and the cost of our redemption through the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. We realize that this day is called “Good” only because of what we received through all the “bad” experienced by our Lord Jesus. The evening Tenebrae Service of Shadows gives us a crisper focus on

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our Lord's agony in rejection. As that service ends, we leave a darkened sanctuary impressing on us the fact that Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Church Year.

And on Sunday morning it becomes apparent that the Lenten Season is officially ended and the Easter Season has begun! Easter Morning begins for us at the 9:15 a.m. SON-rise Easter Festival Service of Holy Communion, followed by an Easter Breakfast. This is a time for us to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ! His victory over sin, death, the grave and Satan's power has been given to us! His Easter victory empowers us to live as His joy-filled Easter people!

As we solemnly conclude the Lenten Season, may we be filled with the Holy Spirit's joy as we celebrate and live out our Easter assurance!

With Easter Joy in Jesus,

Pastor Chris Ongstad

## Let's Celebrate



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Terry Vrshek (2)
- Jennifer Wedster (4)
- Christopher Vrshek Sr. (6)
- Doris Kracht (10)
- Stephen Meilahn (21)
- Kevin Hablewicz (24)
- Joseph Bradley (25)
- Dorothy Lux (29)

### MARCH BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- Pauline Griffin (7)
- Bill Love (13)
- Megan Love (13)
- Hunter Damm (14)
- Martha Stevens (21)



### DISCIPLE NEWSLETTER

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**Pastor Chris D. Ongstad**

Worship-8:00am & 10:30am Sundays

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:15am

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Alisa Bahr
- James Boltz
- NancyFehser
- John Knoska
- Doris Kracht
- Robert Long
- Marilyn Long
- Kathy Ridder
- Robert Schulz
- Julie Wedster



**DON'T FORGET  
SUNDAY MARCH  
11 SET YOUR  
CLOCKS 1 HOUR  
AHEAD!!**



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES HIGHLITES**

The January 15, 2018 Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council meeting opened at 7:35pm with prayer. The following attended: Pastor Chris Ongstad, Joan Opyd via Skype, Liz Wilczynski, Josh Weiser, Tom & Pauline Griffin, and Jim& Sue Boltz.

A motion was made to approve the December minutes.

- ◇ **PASTOR'S REPORT** - Mid-week church services in Advent were level throughout the three weeks. Christmas Eve church service had a lower than average attendance, but Christmas Day was higher than usual.

Pastor Chris led prayer at the December 27, funeral Pastor Bajus' sister Jean.

On January 3, 2018 adult confirmation started for Kari O'Neill and Kevin Habrelewicz is attending as Well.

January 7, 2018 the Southwest Chorus held an Epiphany Concert at Holy Cross. There were 68 people attended the concert.

- ◇ **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Expenses were higher than revenue.
- ◇ **INTERN'S REPORT** - Josh will be preaching on January 21, 2018 he will also be leading the teaching of the Sunday School for the month of January. The Coffee for Commuters event was successful. Josh and Pastor Chris met with the mayor and found out that there may be a need in the community with the elderly. Joining Jesus will start meeting in January every other Thursday night.
- ◇ **ELDER'S REPORT** - Ron Wedster and Jim Bahr went to visit shut-ins from our congregation.
- ◇ **EVANGELISM REPORT** - Coffee for Commuters gave away approximately 130 cups of coffee.
- ◇ **EDUCATION REPORT** - There were 13 children at the Sunday School Christmas party on December 16. Carole Vrshek and Josh Weiser will be coordinators for VBS.

- ◇ **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE REPORT** - Stewardship and Finance had a follow up conference call with Pastor Soltis about Consecration Sunday. Letters of thanks were sent to people that returned commitment cards.
  - ◇ **SOCIAL MINISTRIES REPORT** - We had a Community Meal on January 9, with a movie afterwards.
  - ◇ **CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION REPORT** - Thanks to Donna Meilahn, Pauline Griffin, Martha Stevens and Barb Piekosz for their help with the Epiphany Concert.
- The next Voters' meeting will be on March 18, 2018
- The next council meeting is February 19, 2018.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:45am with prayer.
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We served Beef Stroganoff for Feb. Community Meal. We had a good turnout and great conversations. It was great to see some new faces from the articles posted in local newspapers.

I want to Thank all the volunteers who cook every month and the volunteers who set up, clean up and socialize during the dinners. Thank you so much for showing God's love and doing His work.

Joan Opyd



Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS



Over Lent we want to take some special moments to share testimonies from some of our very own members here at Holy Cross. Here are some very special stories, and some very special witnesses, about God's grace working in the lives of His children.

"There isn't a day goes by that I can't see God working in and with me. Many times I feel so alone and unneeded, but after praying and reading scripture, I'm ashamed to say those same things. God's always there! In joyful times, depressing & sad times, and lonely times, the Love of God in Jesus Christ shows me that I do have that "best friend" in Him. I'm confident that my prayers are answered, even if they aren't always answered the way I'd like them to be. I understand it's according to his will and time. I have been blessed

with a wonderful Church-family, some good friends, a solid Christ-filled home life full of love and compassion, a strong pastor/teacher example, all that I need in my life, and I owe it all to God. Because of what I've learned through the years I'm able to show that same love of Christ wherever I go. It's just a natural thing. Yes, I do have my faults and doubts, but my relationship with Jesus reminds me of what I should do right and where I should be to help others. I am so honored and privileged to be that child of God and hope that it shows through my words and actions."

-Jeanne Simovic



Remember how St. Paul lamented about how he always didn't do the things he wanted to do and did do the things he didn't want to do? Of course, this is true for all of us but it especially made me think about the sins of my youth. If I were to describe here all the ways I broke God's Commandments back then, the paper needed would kill so many trees there would be an ecological disaster. So, I will briefly discuss just one, keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Thank God, at some point when I was an adult, both of my parents worshiped God regularly on Sunday. My mother here at Holy Cross and my father at St. Christina's. But, that was not the case for any of us when I was growing up. Usually, Sundays were spent on other things. Without work or school going on during the weekends, it was important to make good use of all that precious time. I didn't even get baptized until I was 18. But, if anyone asked, I was a Methodist. Then I started dating Pauline. I remember one time we were going to spend the day with another couple at Kankakee State Park. But Pauline would not go because we wanted to leave on Sunday morning and she would have to miss church. Couldn't she miss church one Sunday! It was clear that God sent this person into my life to help me set my priorities and straighten out my head. **A JOB SHE HAS YET TO RELINQUISH.**

That got me to thinking. Jesus had a youth too. But there was no sin in it or any other time of His life. God sent His Sinless Son to take onto Himself the sins of my youth and all the others thereafter. And He sends people into our lives to help set our priorities.

Blessed be His name.



### **LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

are being held Feb. 28, March 7, 14 & 21 with each at 7 p.m. Pastors Luther Bajus (Norridge) and Rick Ramirez (Chicago) will be sharing the responsibility along with Pastor Chris of leading midweek worship at the three congregations. Our theme for midweek services is, "Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest". Fellowship and refreshments will follow the services for an hour. Would you consider signing up to bring a treat for one of those nights? The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you!! And a BIG thanks to the different church committees that are hosting the fellowship time.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on March 24, 2018 at 11 a.m. There will be a hot dog luncheon following the hunt with games and fun for all. We would appreciate donations of food and candy. A list of needed items will be posted on the bulletin board.

### **SELWATER WESTERN CIRCUIT PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

will be hosted by Holy Cross March 19 (all day) and March 20 (till noon). There will be a communion service on March 19 in the late afternoon to which you are invited. We are in need of help in the kitchen as we will be providing meals for the pastors present for the conference. Can you help? I bet you can. Please let the church office know if you can help whether it be for a meal or a whole day. Thank you!!

**PRAYER VIGIL** will be held on March 29 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Can you spend an hour with Jesus in devotion and prayer? Devotionals and Bibles will be available on a narthex table for your use. Please sign up for your hour on the bulletin board. *Note: there is plenty of room for as many people as want to sign up for a particular hour.*

**SUNDAYS DURING LENT** our sermon series theme will be "Proclaiming God's Forgiveness - Go and Be Reconciled". Since we are God's children by faith let's follow our God's way of dealing with our differences.

**DINNER CLUB** will be going to Bonefish Grill located at 15537 S. La Grange Road in Orland Park. The date will be Saturday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. Besides the many seafood selections, there are also steak, pork chop and chicken entrees. If you'd like to go, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board. See Dorothy Lux for more information.

### **BIBLE STUDY ON RACISM & THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE.**

Come listen to faculty and local pastors from the Chicagoland area and engage in conversation about racism. Sessions will be held at Concordia University Chicago, 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, 8 p.m. Meet in Room CC200. Meetings are every other Thursday: February 22, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3.

### **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

-Divorced people and their children are invited to a monthly divorce support group from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6201 Vollmer Road, Matteson, on the second Sunday of each month. There will be separate groups for adults and children, running at the same time. The gym will be open for play for 1 hour following the groups. The adult group will be run by a licensed professional counselor; the children's group will be run by a person with many years of experience in working with kids. Questions? Phone Rosanne Tadsen LCPC, at The Counseling Center at St. Paul, 708-510-8469.

### **SUMMER RETREATS**

- Every summer, Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, offers two theological conferences for high school students: Christ Academy High School for men, June 17-30, and Phoebe Academy High School for women, June 17-24. For more information about Christ Academy High School, visit [www.ctsfw.edu/CAHS](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CAHS). For more about Phoebe Academy High School, go to [www.ctsfw.edu/PAHS](http://www.ctsfw.edu/PAHS). Registration is available through these sites, as is additional information for pastors and parents, including a general FAQ.

### **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER VISIT**

- The Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, biannual Prayerfully Consider Visit is set for March 14-17. For men and women considering a future in pastoral or diakonal service, whether they're still in college or considering Church work as a second career, the Prayerfully Consider Visit is a chance to find out what it is like to be a student at CTSFW. find out more, visit [www.ctsfw.edu/PCV](http://www.ctsfw.edu/PCV)

### **CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAYS**

Holy Cross will be selling coupon booklets. This event will be held all Carson's stores from Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3. Each coupon booklet includes: A \$10 off coupon, a 30% savings pass valid in-store & online which can be used on top of the bonus buy prices and a 30% Yellow Dot savings pass, plus, exclusive coupon offers & free standard shipping online. Each booklet is \$5.00 and our church receives all the money from the sale of these booklets. To purchase booklets, please see Liz Wilczynski, Martha Stevens or Dorothy Lux.



## **TITHE VS. OFFERING WHICH IS WHICH?**

*(Edited from a letter written by Rev. Thomas Soltis, Stewardship Chairman, SELC District)*

The Old Testament had two categories for giving - the tithe and offerings. Offerings were not acceptable to the Lord unless the tithe was already given. The N.T. frees Christians from the legalism of O.T. Law so that we can no longer "command" the tithe be given. Nevertheless, in current terms, some theorize "offerings" as "special gifts" above the "percentage commitment" (proportionate percentage of annual income whatever it be - 2%, 3%, 5% etc.). Offerings (Food Pantry Fund, Trustees Fund, Parking Lot Fund, Memorial Fund, Flower Fund, Evangelism Fund or whatever other designations) are not part of the tithe. Some parishioners may be tempted to pledge to a special fund and subtract the amount from their support of normal congregational operations (robbing Peter to pay Paul). It is best to have a one envelope system (or one item on the church envelope) to cover everything. It makes it easier to give and convenient to establish an annual commitment percentage divided by 52 for weekly giving.



**SLICE OF HOME**- According to the United Nations, throughout the world, there are approximately 22.5 million refugees looking for some slice of home outside of the place they had known. In one of Chicago's most diverse neighborhoods, Albany Park, many of these individuals and families find their piece of home.

When the former deaconess of Tabor Lutheran Church read a post on EveryBlock, a community discussion board, the church reached out and connected with people serving refugees and invited them to share a meal at Tabor. This meal led to an organized program which now serves to provide household items, diapers, and connection points for refugees settling into life in Albany Park.

Most of the refugees Tabor works with came to the United States from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran with Special Interest Visas, which they gained by working with the United States government, particularly the military, while they were in their home countries. Many of the men in these families even gave up their previous jobs to help the United States. Upon arriving in the United States, agencies help refugees get settled. However, agencies often only have the resources to help families find an unfurnished apartment. New to the country, many of these families do not have financial resources available to furnish their apartments. This is where Tabor and the community meet these families in their place of need.

Conversations began among the group who gathered for a meal at Tabor to see if anyone knew anyone who had beds, household equipment, or finances to be put toward computers and telephones which they would be willing to donate to these families. Significantly, the answer was, "yes!"

Tabor dedicated a few rooms to house these items, and twice per month refugee families are welcome to come take what they need, including diapers, at no cost. This led Tabor to begin building relationships with these families. One Christian Iranian family attended Tabor for several months before they had to move again, Pastor Robarge has been able to meet regularly with the dad of an Iraqi family who recently moved in across the street, and a few families have come out to Tabor's monthly community events.

The Lord has used Tabor to play an important role in the lives of these families as they transition to life in a country and climate vastly different from their own. Agencies now connect families to Tabor before they even arrive in the country. This ministry has not only allowed Tabor to serve refugees, but has given Tabor a more familiar presence in the neighborhood. Pastor Robarge says, "a lot of people have seen Tabor or walked by Tabor, but have never been inside. It's given them the chance to see that we're a church that's for our neighborhood and want to care people." Maybe, for some, recognizing that will be the step which leads them to walk in the front doors.

# THE 16<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL LWML SELC DISTRICT CONVENTION

“Hope-God’s Faithfulness” Jeremiah 29:11  
May 18-20, 2018  
Zion Lutheran Church, Norridge, Illinois

The Western Zone of the LWML SELC District and the Executive Board of the LWML SELC District cordially extend to you this invitation to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention at Zion Lutheran Church, 8600 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Registration will begin on Friday afternoon, May 18. We will have dinner together, followed by the Opening Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Saturday will be a full day with Bible study, mission speakers, our business meetings, our Mite Walk-a-thon, and a service project for Phil’s Friends. Featured speakers will include:

- Debbie Larson, National LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources
- Phil Zielke, President of Phil’s Friends, a ministry to people with cancer
- Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, with the Comfort Dogs
- Rev. Hicham Chehab, missionary to immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa and Pastor of Salam Christian Fellowship which worships in Lombard, IL (Chicago suburbs)
- Sharla Fritz, inspirational speaker and vocalist from Aurora, IL

On Sunday we will worship with the Zion congregation at their 9:30AM Worship Service. Our Young Women Rep from the National Convention in 2017, Emilie Stoller, will share some of her experiences at the convention, a mission trip to the LCMS ministry in the Dominican Republic in May 2017, and her studies this year in London. Lunch will be served as we conclude our convention.

Gifts from the Heart will be collected. Gift cards will be donated for Lutheran church Charities for people recovering from disasters. Cards from Walmart, Home Depot, or Visa cards are very useful. Also, items for Phil’s Friends to include in boxes for cancer patients will be welcomed:

- A women’s colorful fuzzy socks
- Adult activity books-word games-crossword puzzles, Soduku, etc.
- Hats for women and men getting chemo-crocheted or purchased
- Kid’s Bibles and books about Bible characters
- Blankets-50”x 60”-purchased or handmade (may be fleece blankets tied with fringe)

Our guest from National LWML, Debbie Larson, has held many offices at the local level and in the North Dakota District. At the National level, she has also served as Director of Marketing and Public Relations Director. She will be answering any questions we may have about the LMWL.

We hope to see many of our sisters and brothers in Christ as we share this weekend together. If you have any questions, please

contact :

- Western Zone President, Nona Schipull, at (708) 338-2162, email [schipmusic@gmail.com](mailto:schipmusic@gmail.com), or
- LWML SELC District President, Sharon Roegge, at (570) 443-9250, email [skroegge@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:skroegge@pa.metrocast.net)

***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Jer. 29:11***

# JOSH'S CORNER

Well, I now officially have less time left here than time I have spent here. The days are winding down, and I want all of you to be in the loop as to my remaining adventures here at Holy Cross.

**March:** Lent will be a fun time of gathering testimonies together to publish on facebook and in the newsletter. If you are interested in telling a story of God's love in your life, please share it with me!

**April:** After Easter is over we will be launching a second Joining Jesus Missional Community. More details can be found about that in the Evangelism section of my corner.

**May:** My time in May will be exciting for sure. I dearly hope to be able to visit my family for the last time for my little sister's college graduation. Joining Jesus: Session 2 will also be in full swing, and VBS will be looming around the corner.

**June:** Pastor Chris will be gone for two weeks toward the beginning of the month, and so my preaching responsibilities will rise up again. Not only that but I will be very much involved with summer neighborhood activities and preparing for our special two-day VBS.

**July:** The final month. A month of saying goodbye, and of finishing and executing our VBS.

I very much look forward to a successful ministry to the children of Alsip alongside of you. As every month passes, I am only more and more thankful for each and every one of you.

Your servant in Christ,  
Josh

## EDUCATION

How we make the transition from being a student to a disciple? Some might claim that the difference is nonexistent, that there is no true distinction between the two. A student is someone who learns, who is bent on educating themselves, on receiving knowledge from a higher source. A disciple is someone who practices a certain discipline: they follow a path. In our faith we study, and are students of, one thing...the Bible. It is our great instructor and our high source. However, we are called to be a disciple of a different sort of Word, Jesus Christ himself. Being a student of scripture and a disciple of Jesus, while both pay homage and respect to our God, are not inherently the same thing. While following Jesus would most certainly include a relationship with God through his written word, to follow in the path and steps of Jesus requires something that solely being a student does not ask for: action.

If you desire a deeper relationship with your Savior, it may mean that you begin taking bold steps of faith through your actions. Not to earn a greater salvation or personal glory, but rather to follow two of Jesus's commands, "Follow me", and "Go make disciples of all nations."

Where in your faith is God calling you not just to follow a Bible, but to follow Him through the Spirit? Where can we take our well-learned education in the church and use it to serve the world around us?

## EVANGELISM

Joining Jesus, Session 2, will begin soon. As of now, we expect to begin hosting classes for our second Missional Community the week after Easter. If you missed out on the subject matter of the first class, then here is a brief overview of what you can expect to learn, and how you can grow. The crux of the content is encapsulated in five simple practices and their respective questions:

**Seeking the Kingdom-** *Jesus, how can I follow you today in my interactions with others. What are you up to?*

**Doing Good-** *Where can the people around here be helped, where is some grace, selflessness, mercy, or love needed?*

**Talking with People-** *Who needs to be listened to? How can I talk WITH my neighbors instead of AT them? What kinds of conversations am I having with people, especially pre-Christians?*

**Hearing from Jesus-** *What is God teaching me through my time in The Bible? What sorts of things might I learn if I read a gospel, and listen to the direct words of Jesus?*

**Ministering through Prayer-** *How can I help my neighbors through prayer? Should I take some time to pray for them on my own, as well as WITH them when I hear about their problems and joys?*

These five practices are essential in order to put any missionary, whether overseas or in your very own neighborhood, into position to Join Jesus on his mission. If you are curious as to how these five practices work, as to how you can grow from someone timid about the very idea of talking with your neighbors to someone who looks forward to seeing the kingdom of God through their interactions, then prayerfully consider joining our next Missional Community group this upcoming April. I would love for you to come alongside like-minded believers who trust that the kingdom of God can and will grow in our neighborhoods.

## SERVANTS IN WORSHIP -MARCH, 2018

DATE	TIME	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTER	GREETER	PROJECTIONIST
4	8:00AM ----- 10:30AM	Jim Boltz ----- Jim Bahr	Jim Boltz -----	Donna Judd ----- Donna Meilahn	Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Faith Schulz Donna Meilahn	Sue Boltz Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
7	7:00PM	Martha Stevens			Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Martha Stevens	Donna Judd	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
11	8:00AM ----- 10:30AM	Jim Boltz ----- Jim Bahr	----- Ron Wedster	----- Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Martha Stevens	Sue Boltz Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
14	7:00PM	Martha Stevens			Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Martha Stevens	Donna Judd	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
18	8:00AM ----- 10:30AM	Jim Boltz ----- Jim Bahr	Jim Boltz -----	Josh Weiser ----- Sue Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pam Rutkowski TBA	Sue Boltz Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
21	7:00PM	Martha Stevens			Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Martha Stevens	Donna Judd	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
25	8:00AM ----- 10:30AM	Jim Boltz ----- Jim Bahr	----- Tom Griffin	----- Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Terry & Carole Vrshek	Sue Boltz Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
29	7:00PM	Tom Griffin	Jim Bahr		Martha Stevens ----- Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Martha Stevens	Martha Stevens	Martha Stevens ----- Pam Rutkowski
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## March, 2018

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 708.597.5209 [hclc@hc-lc.org](mailto:hclc@hc-lc.org)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering 7:00PM Joining Jesus 7:00PM Confirmation Class	<b>2</b> Pastor Day Off	<b>3</b> 10:00AM Praise Band 10:30AM Food Pantry
<b>4 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM Worship/Traditional (C) 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30AM Worship/Contemporary	<b>5</b> 4:30PM Women's Bible Study 7:30PM Southwest Chorus 7:30PM Elders Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:00PM LifeLight Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00PM Lenten Worship	<b>8</b> 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering 7:00PM Confirmation Class	<b>9</b> Pastor Day Off	<b>10</b> 10:00AM Praise Band 10:30AM Food Pantry
<b>11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b> 8:00AM Worship/Traditional 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30AM Worship/Contemp. (C)	<b>12</b> 9:00AM Stewardship Meeting 4:30PM Women's Bible Study 7:30PM Southwest Chorus 7:30PM Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 4:30PM Community Meal 7:00PM LifeLight Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00PM Lenten Worship	<b>15</b> 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering 7:00PM Joining Jesus 7:00PM Confirmation Class	<b>16</b> Pastor Day Off	<b>17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> 10:00AM Praise Band 10:30AM Food Pantry 5:00PM Dinner Club
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<b>25 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM Worship/Traditional 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30AM Worship/Contemp. (C)	<b>26</b> 4:30PM Women's Bible Study 7:30PM Southwest Chorus	<b>27</b> 7:00PM LifeLight Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering 7:00PM Worship	<b>30 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00PM Worship	<b>31 HOLY SATURDAY</b> 10:00AM Praise Band 10:30AM Food Pantry

