

## From the Pastor



*"The evidence [Jesus] existed is surprisingly shaky."* Richard Dawkins

The assertion quoted above was recently made by British atheist Richard Dawkins in an interview with an American magazine. Dawkins, however, is a biologist, not a historian. Perhaps he should stick to biology, because from a historical standpoint the assertion that "the evidence [Jesus] existed is surprisingly shaky" is ludicrous.

## New Testament Manuscripts

First of all there is the overwhelming evidence of the New Testament manuscripts. There are presently known about 5,800 such ancient handwritten copies of portions of the New Testament in Greek. If you add in quotations from the New Testament found in other ancient writings and ancient translations of the New Testament into other languages the number of New Testament manuscripts jumps to over 25,000. And through the efforts of archaeologists and other experts additional ancient portions of the New Testament are continually being discovered.

How does the number of New Testament manuscripts, testifying to the existence of Jesus, compare to other ancient historical persons and their writings? Instead of thousands of ancient

manuscripts, we have only *seven* copies of works by Plato, the oldest dating to 900 A.D., some 1200 years after Plato; *ten* copies of works by Caesar, the oldest dating to 900 A.D., some 1000 years after Caesar; *49* copies of works by Aristotle, the oldest dating to 1100 A.D., some 1400 years after Aristotle; and it is the much same with other ancient authors. Yet no one doubts the historical existence of figures such as Plato, Caesar, or Aristotle, or says that the evidence they even existed is "surprisingly shaky."



**The John Rylands Papyrus contains a portion of the Gospel of John and dates from about 125 A.D., only about 30 years after the Gospel was written.**

In contrast to the very late dates for the existing manuscripts of these ancient authors' works, the oldest known manuscript of the New Testament is the John Rylands Papyrus, on display at the John Rylands University Library in Manchester, England. It contains a portion of the Gospel of John and dates from about 125 A.D. Assuming the Apostle John wrote his Gospel in about

95 A.D., toward the end of his long life, that would mean instead of hundreds or even thousands of years only about 30 years separates this copy from the original text, a proximity unparalleled in any other ancient writing. And, though their work has yet to be published, last year a team of scholars announced the exciting find of what is probably the oldest portion of the New Testament yet discovered, a fragment of the Gospel of Mark dating from the 1st Century, just decades after the events it records.

## Josephus and Other Ancient Writings

One of the most prolific writers of the ancient world was the Jewish historian Josephus. Much of what we know about this era stems from his extensive writings. Though born in Jerusalem he became a favorite of and aide to the Roman Emperor Vespasian, also of Vespasian's son and successor Titus, to the extent that Vespasian virtually adopted him and allowed him to take their family name Flavius.

There are a number of references to Jesus Christ and early Christianity in Josephus' writings, in particular this passage:

*"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."*

There are many other references to Christ and Christianity by other ancient authors, including Pliny the Younger, Tacitus, and Suetonius. Perhaps most interesting is the Talmud, a Jewish writing which preserves the actual text of the arrest notice for Jesus of Nazareth: "He shall be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy."

Of course the "sorcery" Jesus was accused of was His miracles (Luke 11:15), and the "apostasy" He was accused of was His declaration to be the Son of God (Matthew 26:63-66). We know from other sources that Caesar had recently reserved to Rome alone the right to carry out executions, as alluded to in the New Testament (John 18:31-32). So, ultimately, rather than being stoned by His fellow countrymen, which was their traditional punishment for apostasy as this arrest warrant indicates, Jesus was instead executed by the Romans in their preferred manner: crucifixion (Acts 2:23).

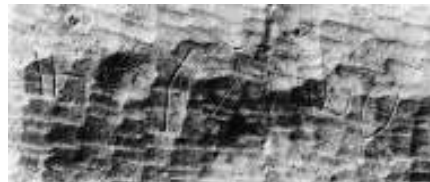
### Inscriptions

There are numerous ancient inscriptions testifying to the early Christians' faith in Jesus. In 1945 the highly respected Jewish archaeologist E.L. Sukenik discovered in the Jerusalem suburb of Talpioth a virtually undisturbed ancient tomb. Its contents were intact,

including coins which dated the burials to approximately 50 A.D., and five stone ossuaries, or bone caskets, which are now on display at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. (It was the common practice in ancient times to rebury the bones in a small casket after the fleshy portions of the body had desiccated.)



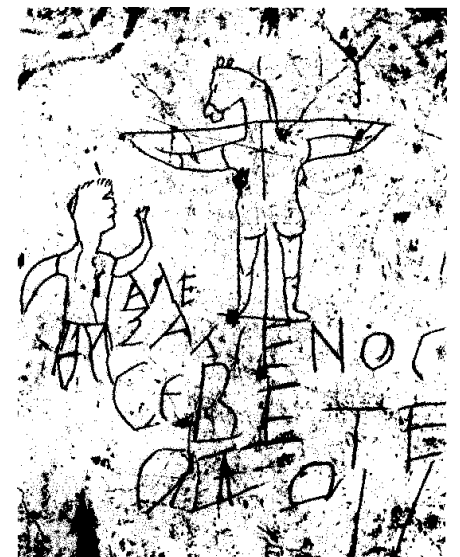
The Talpioth ossuaries dating from 50 A.D. are inscribed with crosses (above) and inscriptions dedicated to Jesus, including, "Jesus, let him arise" (below).



On two of these ossuaries the name "Jesus" is clearly legible. One reads in Greek *Iesu lou* ("Jesus, help"), and the other in Aramaic *Yeshu 'aloth* ("Jesus, let him arise"). These ossuaries are also clearly marked with large charcoal crosses. Sukenik concluded that in these rough, scratched letters and charcoal crosses we have the earliest known allusions to Jesus by Christian believers outside the Bible. The implications are staggering, for they show faith in a Jesus who can bring help even when a loved one has died, and a Jesus who can raise the Christian dead to be with Him—and all within 20 years of the first Easter!

A very poignant ancient inscription was discovered in 1857, a bit of graffiti scratched on the wall of an imperial barracks in Rome, probably toward the end of the 1st Century or beginning of the 2nd Century A.D. It is the first known portrayal of Christ upon the cross—although meant as mockery, and He is blasphemously pictured with a donkey's head. He is worshipped by a Roman

man in a toga, who is kneeling and raising his hand in an act of worship. The Latin inscription declares mockingly, "Alexamenos worships his God."



Though intended as blasphemy against Christ and an insult to their fellow soldier who worshipped Him, this graffiti scratched on the wall of an ancient barracks in Rome depicting Christ with a donkey's head is actually the earliest known depiction of Christ upon the cross, and a powerful testimony to the faith of an ancient brother in Christ, identified by the inscription which mockingly reads, "Alexamenos worships his God."

Just decades after Jesus was crucified this ancient brother in Christ had such faith in Him to endure this ridicule from his fellow soldiers for worshipping Jesus as God. "The evidence [Jesus] existed is surprisingly shaky"? Tell that to Alexamenos!

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Offerings Budgeted .....	\$32,520
Offerings Received .....	\$33,008
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**WELCOME**  
to Our Newest Members!

## **New Members Welcomed February 10**

We rejoiced to welcome into membership at Holy Cross a dozen recent new members at our New Member Sunday on February 10. *We welcome you into the Lord's family, we receive you as fellow members of the Body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.*



**David & Gretchen Aubry** and their daughters **Isabella, Olivia, Ruthie, and Ashley Pelton** recently moved from Mississippi and Texas. They join Holy Cross by Affirmation of Faith, and are at home at 639 Bluestem Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD, 57049; 712-635-5938. David is a chemist and senior manager at Gelita. Olivia and Ruthie are enrolled in Holy Cross Preschool, and Isabella is in kindergarten and Ashley a sophomore at Dakota Valley.

## *Questions at the Cross*



Wednesday, February 13

Ash Wednesday  
**"Where Is My Guest Room?"**  
Mark 14:14

Sunday, February 17

First Sunday in Lent  
**"What Will You Give Me  
If I Betray Him?"**  
Matthew 26:15

Wednesday, February 20

Lent Service II  
**"Could You Not  
Keep Watch with Me?"**  
Matthew 26:40

Sunday, February 24

Second Sunday in Lent  
**"Will You Really Lay Down  
Your Life for Me?"**  
John 13:38

Wednesday, February 27

Lent Service III  
**"Shall I Not Drink the Cup?"**  
John 18:11

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent  
**"If Men Do These Things . . . ?"**  
Luke 23:31

Wednesday, March 6

Lent Service IV  
**"Are You Not One of  
His Disciples?"**  
John 18:17, 25

## **2013 Lenten Sermon Series**

*Evening Services  
at 7:00pm*

*Wednesday Lenten Suppers  
5:45pm-6:45pm  
in Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**"Shall I Crucify Your King?"**  
John 19:15

Wednesday, March 13

Lent Service V  
**"What Is Truth?"**  
John 18:38

Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**"Why Do We Need  
Any More Witnesses?"**  
Mark 14:63

Wednesday, March 20

Lent Service VI  
**"My God, My God,  
Why Have You Forsaken Me?"**  
Matthew 27:46

Palm Sunday, March 24

**"Who Is This?"**  
Matthew 21:10

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion  
**"Do You Understand What  
I Have Done for You?"**  
John 13:12

Friday, March 29

Good Friday  
**"What Crime Has  
He Committed?"**  
Matthew 27:23

Easter Sunday, March 31

**"Why Are You Crying?"**  
John 20:15



# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 10:30am  
On Church Grounds  
Up to Age 10  
All Children Invited!  
Non-Members Welcome!  
No Charges or Fees



**Roger & Peg Janke** join by Affirmation of Faith. They are at home at 267 Levee Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD, 57049; 605-232-6170. Roger is retired from the Air Force and Peg is retired from early childhood education. They have two children and two grandchildren.



## Community Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday, March 31, 7:00am  
Second Easter Service at 9:15am  
Both Services at Holy Cross

## Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday, March 31  
8:00am-9:00am  
Holy Cross Fellowship Hall  
Freewill Donation



*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*



**Carla Schmit** joins by transfer from Golgatha Lutheran Church, Wausa, Nebraska. She and her husband James are at home at 188 Suncoast Drive, McCook Lake, SD, 57049; (402) 640-5513. Carla works in the insurance industry as an account manager at Arthur J. Gallagher and James teaches industrial arts at Dakota Valley High School. They both went to Wayne State College where they met. Carla is also Holy Cross member Deb Stein's niece!



**Lonny & Sallie Book** join by transfer from Hope Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, Nebraska. They are at home at 459 Old Sawmill Road, South Sioux City, NE, 68776; 402-494-4315. Lonny is retired from L & L Builders and Sallie is a "retired" housewife. They have two children and four grandchildren.



**David Hill** joins by transfer from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska. David recently graduated from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is an engineer at Sabre Towers & Poles. He is at home at the Wellington Apartments, 250 Courtyard Drive, Apt. 205, Dakota Dunes, SD, 57049; 712-389-8893; djh2400@gmail.com.



## A Longer Look at the Lessons



Do you desire to study and gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures? Then join in Adult Bible Class! On Sundays at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall we are currently taking *A Longer Look at the Lessons*, each week delving into that Sunday's Scripture readings.

If you want to grow in God's Word and His power for your life come join in with your brothers and sisters as we discuss the Scriptures! *"I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not neglect Your word"* (Psalm 119:16).



**We rejoiced to welcome a dozen recent new members to Holy Cross at a New Member Sunday on February 10. See more information about these new members on pages 3-4. Welcome to the Holy Cross family of faith!**

In our Lent services this year are exploring *Questions at the Cross*, looking at questions asked by Jesus and other characters in the Lenten story.

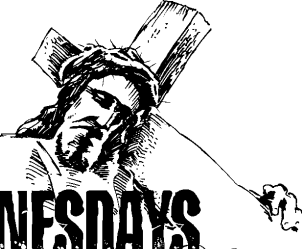
Since ancient times Christians have observed this special season in remembrance of our Savior's suffering and death. Come keep a faithful Lent!

March 6—Potato Bar served by Board of Elders;

March 13—Soup & Sandwiches served by Youth;

March 20—Ham and Scalloped Potatoes served by Board of Evangelism.

Everyone is invited come enjoy the good food and fellowship—visitors and guests are welcome!



## WEDNESDAYS during Lent

### Lenten Vespers Continue Thru March

Our special Lenten Vespers services continue each Wednesday through the last week of March, with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services on March 28 and March 29.

All services begin at 7:00pm and last 30-45 minutes. Before the Lenten Vespers services this year we are enjoying Lenten Suppers in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45pm-6:45pm. During Lent, Midweek School is from 6:15pm-7:00pm. Choir Rehearsals follow the Lenten Vespers services.



We are again holding Lenten Suppers before our Lenten Vespers services on Wednesdays from 5:45pm-6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. The suppers are being served by various groups in the congregation, with different menus and freewill offerings taken to support various causes. The menus for March are:

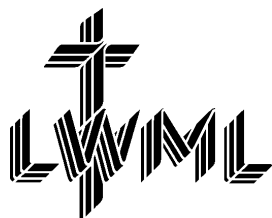


We have again arranged for Easter Lilies through Earl May Nursery & Garden Center, for \$14 each. Sign up in the Gathering Room indicating that you wish to have these plants purchased for you, and put your payment in the offering plate marked "Easter Lilies." The deadline to sign up is Palm Sunday, March 24.

You are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please still sign up on the list indicating

that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church the week before Easter Sunday.

When you sign up, please indicate whom your plants are in memory or honor of, the way you want it printed in the May newsletter.



Women in Mission held the regular monthly meeting on February 13 at 9:00am. Following our "Sock It to Me" Sundays in February we will continue our mission for the Crittenton Center in Sioux City with "Undie Sundays" in March. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to our collections.

WIM will be purchasing a new commercial duty vacuum for the church with proceeds from our annual hog roast.

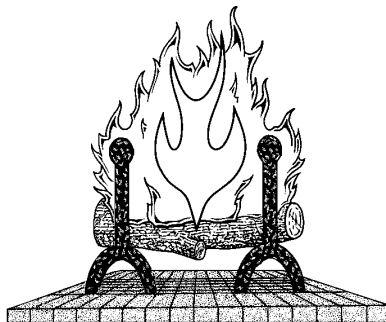
Please plan to join the next meeting on March 13 at 9:00am. Besides the regular monthly meeting, caring and sharing are always on the schedule. Those serving in March: Chancel Care – Mary Mettenbrink; Snacks – Jeri Melstad; and Devotions – Jeri Melstad.



We've brought back children's quiet bags as we phase out children's bulletins. When they enter church children can pick up a quiet bag from the basket under the table in the Gathering Room. The bags contain Bible coloring sheets, crayons, an assortment of Bible story books, and a stuffed animal friend. After church please return the quiet bags to their basket or an usher.



The Sundays in March will be dedicated to collecting new underwear for the Crittenton Center Shelter & Youth Development. There is a laundry basket under the table in the Gathering Room for the collection of donations of new underwear for male or female, ages infant to 17. Please help fill our basket!



## Hearth Room Update

New furnishings are being ordered for the Hearth Room (those currently in place are temporary, borrowed from other parts of the building). The new furnishings will take about 6-8 weeks to arrive and will include four wing chairs, two parsons chairs, and two end tables and lamps for near the fireplace, and an oval wooden table and eight chairs for the other side of the room.

As the Hearth Room Committee continues the process of installing new furnishings and decor, everyone is invited to begin utilizing this lovely room. The fireplace is electric—does not produce heat, for ambiance only—and is controlled by a timer switch on the north wall.

Thanks to all who helped make this project possible and to everyone for your patience!

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24. A special service of Holy Communion commemorating the Last Supper will be held on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm.

On Good Friday, March 29, also at 7:00pm, we will have a traditional Tenebrae Service. "Tenebrae" (TEN-uh-bray) is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." The Tenebrae Service is marked by a gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights, symbolizing the death of our Lord, interspersed with readings, prayers, hymns, and other musical selections related to His Passion. Our Tenebrae Service will feature seven candles, gradually extinguished as we read Christ's seven last words from the cross.

Bring your family to meditate upon our Savior's sacrifice for your salvation.



## Easter Egg Hunt

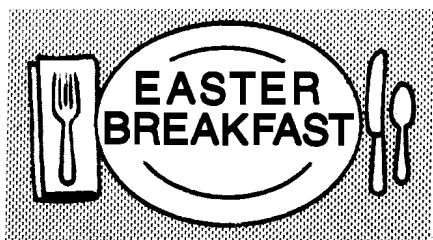
Holy Cross is again sponsoring a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 (day before Easter) at 10:30am on the church grounds. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of this event, hiding eggs, distributing prizes, etc. Please sign up on the table in the Gathering Room to help with this outreach.

This event is for the entire community, and all children up to age 10 are welcome. Last year over 100 children and about twice that many adults attended. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt has become a real community tradition! There will be plenty of eggs, prizes, snacks and an Easter video. Bring your children and grandchildren, invite your children's friends and neighbor's children.



You are invited to a Community Sunrise Service at Holy Cross on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00am. This simple service will feature the Easter story and favorite Easter hymns. A second Easter Service, with Holy Communion, will be held at the regular time of 9:15am.

Easter Sunrise Service is one of the most moving and meaningful worship opportunities of the year. Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate the real significance of Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc.—everyone enjoys Easter Sunrise services!



Following the Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, March 31, the youth will host an Easter Breakfast from 8:00am-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be taken. Everyone is invited!



The flower calendar for 2013 is on the table in the Gathering Room. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc.

Flowers may be obtained anywhere and you may provide your own vase or use one of the assortment in the cabinet in the Vestry (small room east of Altar). They may be delivered during Office Hours, Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-11:00am, and placed in the flower cooler in the Sacristy (small room west of the Altar). Or, you can simply bring them early on Sunday morning.

Thank you to all those giving so many lovely flower arrangements to beautify our altar!

February 3  
Stoeger-Moore Family  
Thanks for God's Blessings

February 17  
Ryan & Angela Dial  
Caden's Birthday



In the Gathering Room is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks in 2013. March 24 and most of April are open and we need volunteers!

Those serving snacks are also asked to prepare the coffee and juice, which along with cups, napkins, plates, etc. are available in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for helping with this fellowship activity.

March 3  
Dial

March 10  
Vogts

March 17  
Peters

March 24  
Need Volunteer

March 31  
Easter Breakfast—Youth



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records are not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email [holycross@longlines.com](mailto:holycross@longlines.com).

- Jackson Amunson, March 2
- Kay Hageman, March 5
- Gail Dorr, March 6
- Tim Fletcher, March 6
- Stephanie Stoeger-Moore, March 7
- Carla Schmit, March 9
- Tamela Mahrt, March 11
- Doug Martin, March 14
- Madeline Smith, March 14
- Susan Dodd, March 17
- Caden Peters, March 18
- Brady Schroeder, March 19
- Paul Eichhoff, March 20
- Bennett Jensen, March 21
- Mark Krause, March 25
- Merlin Schincke, March 25

Darrel & Jackie Baker, March 9, 1974



Holy Cross Women in Mission have an on-going prayer chain for our congregation you are invited to be a part of. Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room if you are interested in participating. You can choose to be contacted either by phone or email or both. To submit a prayer request simply contact Sue Jansen (232-0280; [doug-sue@knology.net](mailto:doug-sue@knology.net)) or Pastor Vogts (232-9117; [pastorvogts@longlines.com](mailto:pastorvogts@longlines.com)).



## Don't Miss Out on Your Thrivent Choice Dollars!

Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds can help support Lutheran organizations you care about—including Holy Cross! Don't let your designated Choice Dollars expire!

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2013 to direct any remaining 2012 Choice Dollars. Help support organization of your choice. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice." Holy Cross is listed as an organization for which you can designate your choice dollars.

In 2012 Holy Cross received \$2,315 Thrivent Choice Dollars, which was a big help meeting our budget.



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific Missionaries of the Month around the world who we are helping support by our congregation's gift to the LCMS of 10% of our general offerings.

March 3

*Rev. Frederick Reinhardt  
Kenya*

March 10

*Megan Kincaid  
Hong Kong*

March 17

*Rev. David & Rachel Baker  
Kazakhstan*

March 24

*Anthony & Jamie DiLiberto  
Peru*



## Preschool & Afterschool Care Spring Open House

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00pm-7:30pm

See the Facility Meet the Staff

Register to Reserve Your Child a Place for Next Fall

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- Christian atmosphere
- Excellent facilities

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March 31

*Rev. Roger & Amy James  
Sri Lanka*



**Worship  
Assistants**

Elders for March

Carroll Gustman & Doug Jansen

Ushers for March

Jon Dorr & Roger Janke

Chancel Care for March

Mary Mettenbrink

Acolytes for March

Mar. 3 ..... Hayden Jensen  
 Mar. 6 (Lent) ..... Gracie Nelson  
 Mar. 10 ..... Nichole Dial  
 Mar. 13 (Lent) ..... Brady Schroeder  
 Mar. 17 ..... Caden Peters  
 Mar. 20 (Lent) ..... Brady Schroeder  
 Mar. 24 ..... Henry Jensen  
 Mar. 28 Maundy Thurs... Caden Peters  
 Mar. 29 Good Friday ..... Kaleb Martin  
 Mar. 31 (7:00am) ..... Anna Vogts  
 Mar. 31 (9:15am) ..... Anna Vogts

Crucifers for March

Mar. 3 ..... Henry Jensen  
 Mar. 6 (Lent) ..... Kathleen Soukup  
 Mar. 10 ..... Anna Vogts  
 Mar. 13 (Lent) ..... Bryce Schroeder  
 Mar. 17 ..... Kaleb Martin  
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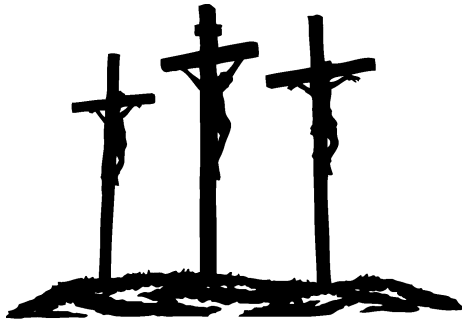
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>10</b> 4th Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 	<b>11</b>  <i>Tamela Mahrt</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 9:30am Women in Mission 5:45pm Lent Supper 6:15pm Midweek School 7:00pm Lent Vespers 7:45pm Choir	<b>14</b> 7:30pm Board of Elders  <i>Doug Martin</i> <i>Madeline Smith</i>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 5th Sunday in Lent 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class  <i>Susan Dodd</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Caden Peters</i>	<b>19</b> 6:00-7:30pm Preschool Open House  <i>Brady Schroeder</i>	<b>20</b> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 5:45pm Lent Supper 6:15pm Midweek School 7:00pm Lent Vespers 7:45pm Choir <i>Paul Eickhoff</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>Bennett Jensen</i>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"> <b>Preschool Schedule</b>            Monday-Friday Mornings            Chapel Wednesdays 9:00am  <b>After School Care</b>            Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm  <i>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</i> </p> </div>	
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday 8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 	<b>25</b> <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i>  <i>Mark Krause</i> <i>Merlin Schincke</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Good Friday Service 	<b>30</b> 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt 
<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 6:45am Choir Warmup 7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00am Easter Breakfast 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 			<b>Church Office Hours</b> Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am	<p> <b>M</b>erciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  <i>(Collect for Wednesday of Holy Week)</i> </p>		

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# Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20  
7:00pm

Meditations on *"Questions at the Cross"*  
(See Page 3)

*Come and Keep a Faithful Lent!*



Before Each Lenten Vespers Service  
In the Fellowship Hall — 5:45pm-6:45pm

Sponsored by Various Groups  
with Different Menus (See Page 5)  
Freewill Offering to Benefit Various Causes

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*



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