

**Pastor's  
 Easter  
 Message**



The Gospels record that Jesus ruined every funeral He ever attended. He stopped the funeral procession at Nain, and to the man in the coffin proclaimed, "Young man, I say to you, arise' . . . And the dead man sat up and began to speak" (Luke 7:11-17). At the funeral of Jairus' daughter, He interrupted the mourners who were wailing and crying, and proclaimed to her, "Little girl, I say to you, arise' . . . And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about" (Mark 5:35-43).

He arrived four days late for the funeral of His close friend Lazarus. But, then He announced, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, yet shall he live," and He stood in front of the tomb and called, "Lazarus, come out! . . . And the dead man came out." (John 11:17-45).

At Easter, we actually celebrate Jesus ruining His *own* funeral, by not even showing up! "Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, the women were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were afraid. 'Do not be afraid,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here'" (Mark 16:2-6).

"Because I live," Jesus says, "you also will live" (John 14:19). Just as Jesus raised from the dead the young man at Nain, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus, just as He rose on Easter morn, He promises you, "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

You are invited to commemorate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord at our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services on March 28 and 29 at 7:00pm, and at our Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00am. The youth will serve an Easter Breakfast from 8:00am-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. A second Easter service will be held at the regular time of 9:15am and will include Holy Communion.

Pastor Kevin Vogts

  
**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 still needed to help with 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.



Thank you to all who helped make our Lenten Suppers such a big success again this year! Those serving included Holy Cross Women in Mission (two suppers), Adult Choir, Youth Group, Board of Evangelism, and Board of Elders.

Average attendance at Lenten Vespers this year was 59, with about that many at the Lenten Supper each week. The fellowship and delicious food was enjoyed by all!

 **Easter Lilies**

Thank you to all who again gave a large number of lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. A complete list including who they are in memory or honor of will appear in the May newsletter.

**BUDGET  
 UPDATE** 

**Year-to-Date as of March 17**

Offerings Budgeted ..... \$45,045  
 Offerings Received ..... \$42,994  
 Budget Surplus/Deficit ..... (\$2,051)

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## SUNRISE SERVICE

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!



## 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.

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## Crossnotes

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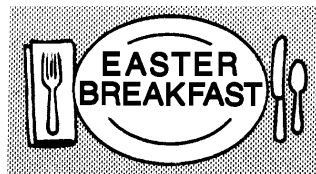
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On Good Friday, March 29, also at 7:00pm, we will have a traditional Tenebrae Service. "Tenebrae" (TEN-uh-bray) is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." The Tenebrae Service is marked by a gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights, symbolizing 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.



Our thanks to our youth for serving a light Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall between our services on Easter Sunday, March 31, from 8:00am-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses and support youth activities. All are invited to enjoy the food and fellowship!



We extend a warm welcome to all women to participate in Holy Cross Women in Mission. The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00am in the Gathering Room. Immediately after the meeting, as a follow-up to our in-gathering of socks and underwear for the children of the Critteon Center during March, we will be going together to take a tour of their facility. We will then be having lunch together.

Those serving in April: Devotions — Jackie Baker; Snacks—Dee Reifke; Chancel Care—Dee Reifke.



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 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).

Todd Peters, April 2  
Emma Honner, April 4  
Kevin Hamilton, April 5  
Jeri Melstad, April 6  
Chance Feese, April 10  
Nyla Hamm, April 15  
Pastor Kevin Vogts, April 17  
Elaine Van Ackeren, April 23  
Gary Gunderson, April 26

Jim & Barbara Goede, April 17, 1982  
Les & Vickie Britson, April 19, 1980  
Todd & Jill Peters, April 21, 2001



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!

March 10  
Stoeger-Moore Family  
Thanks for God's Blessings

March 124  
Stoeger-Moore Family  
Thanks for God's Blessings

April 14  
Vogts Family  
Kevin's Birthday



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, and an assortment of Bible story books. After church please return the quiet bags to their basket or an usher.

## Questions at the Cross



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

## 2013 Lenten Sermon Series

Maundy Thursday  
and Good Friday  
Services at 7:00pm

Friday, March 29  
Good Friday  
"What Crime Has  
He Committed?"  
Matthew 27:23

Easter Sunday, March 31  
"Why Are You Crying?"  
John 20:15

Thank you to Mary Mettenbrink for providing the lovely basket with a colorful liner for the quiet bags!



In the Gathering Room is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks in 2013. Most of April is 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.

April 7, 21, & 28  
Need Volunteers

April 14  
Vogts



## Mission Presentation & Potluck April 20

On Saturday, April 20 we will have a presentation at Holy Cross by LCMS missionary Ed Strohschein, who serves in Hong Kong. We will begin with a congregational potluck dinner at 6:00pm. Please bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

The mission presentation will follow the potluck at approximately 7:00pm. A freewill offering will be taken to assist with travel costs. The LCMS is greatly expanding its mission force around the world. We have been especially blessed with extraordinary opportunities for mission outreach in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Macau, and other parts of China—with over 1 billion people the

most populous but one of the least Christian countries in the world. Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn more about this exciting work that you help sponsor with the 10% of our general offerings that are given by our congregation to LCMS missions.



- April 7  
Michael Wu  
Macau
- April 14  
Nicole Decker  
South Africa
- April 21  
Ed & Shauna Strohschein  
Hong Kong
- April 28  
Rev. Tom & Brenda Chryst  
Singapore



### Lutheran Lecture Series April 27

You are invited to a free lecture series right here in our area featuring three noted speakers. The eighth annual Lutheran Lecture Series—Midwest will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa. This year's topic is "Our Way Is Joyful," focusing on the science of creation after the fall into sin, and its practical implications for everyday life.

## 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



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Both Services at Holy Cross

## Easter Breakfast

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8:00am-9:00am  
Holy Cross Fellowship Hall  
Freewill Donation



All Invited — Everyone Welcome!

Dr. Robert Zubrin, a Jewish scholar with a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering and president of Pioneer Astronautics, will speak on "Criminal or Creative: Life, Not Death Is Our Gift." Rev. Heath Curtis, an LCMS pastor from Illinois, will speak on "Created in the Image of God: The Natural, Not Spiritual Implications." And noted LCMS scholar Dr. Gene Edward Veith will speak on "God's Presence in Ordinary Life."

Registration with coffee and donuts begins at 9:00am. The formal activities start at 9:45am with a lunch break at 11:45am. The afternoon's lectures will conclude by 4:00pm. This is a great chance to hear some top speakers close to home, and there is no charge.

If you plan to attend please email Holy Cross member Jon Dorr (jdorr@midlands.net). You can also speak with Jon for more information.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders for April  
Steve Stoeger-Moore & Ron Yockey

Ushers for April  
Darrel Baker & Dennis Melstad

Chancel Care for April  
Dee Reifke

Acolytes for April  
April 7 ..... Nichole Dial  
April 14 ..... Hayden Jensen  
April 21 ..... Brady Schroeder  
April 28 ..... Caden Peters









Crucifers for April  
April 7 ..... Kathleen Soukup  
April 14 ..... Henry Jensen  
April 21 ..... Bryce Schroeder  
April 28 ..... Kaleb Martin



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><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>	1	2 7:00pm Board of Trustees  <i>Todd Peters</i>	3 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 	4	5	6  <i>Jeri Melstad</i>
7 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class	8	9 7:30pm Board of Elders	10 9:00am Women in Mission 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Chance Feese</i>	11 7:00pm Church Council  <b>Church Office Hours</b> Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am	12	13 
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Quarterly Business Meeting 	15  <i>Nyla Hamm</i>	16  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	17 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Pastor Kevin Vogts, Jim &amp; Barbara Goede</i>	18	19 <b>POTLUCK SUPPER</b>  <i>Les &amp; Vickie Britson</i>	20 6:00pm Potluck Supper & Mission Presentation
21 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45am Choir Warm-Up 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class  <b>Good Shepherd Sunday</b> <i>Todd &amp; Jill Peters</i>	22	23  <i>Elaine Van Ackeren</i>	24 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 	25  <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	26  <i>Gary Gunderson</i>	27 9:00am-4:00pm Lutheran Lecture Series, Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa
28 5th Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class	29	30	<p><b>A</b>lmighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; 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 after Easter)</i></p>			

**Deadline for Calendar Submissions or Changes is the 15th of the Prior Month – Email to [holycross@longlines.com](mailto:holycross@longlines.com) or Leave Voicemail Message at Church Office – This Calendar May Not Reflect Late Submissions or Changes**



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