



# CROSS OF GRACE NEWS

**March 2024**



As part of the evaluation the leadership team and I developed action items to improve and maintain a healthy work environment for myself, as well as the congregation. Two of those action items were setting office hours and defining a Sabbath Day, day off from planned pastoral duties.

I will have set office hours for walk up in person interactions if desired on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 (prior to Pericope meeting) at Panera Bread in Teays Valley and on Thursdays from 9:30 - 12:30 at Panera Bread. Meetings in a more private setting are available by appointment.

We have established my "Sabbath Day" as Fridays. This means that if possible events and meetings that require my attendance should not be planned for Fridays. In the event of an emergency I will still be available and can be accessed via my cell phone. I will not be checking church email or church social media on Fridays. Should I be required to work on Friday, I will select a different day for my Sabbath and communicate this to the congregation via the weekly updates.

-Blessings, Pastor Darick



The Lenten season is in full swing!

Our Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Services will continue on March 6th, 13th, and 20th at St. Timothy's. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and worship will be held at 7pm.

Our congregation will continue to be in charge of soups for each Wednesday night. If you would like to sign up for any of the remaining nights, you can find the sign up sheet in the blue folder at worship or email me at [crossofgracelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:crossofgracelutheran@gmail.com) and I will get you added to the list!



Palm Sunday

Worship at Area 34 at 10:30am

**There will be no Wednesday night worship service during Holy Week.**

Maundy Thursday

Meal and Worship Service at Area 34 - 6:30 p.m.

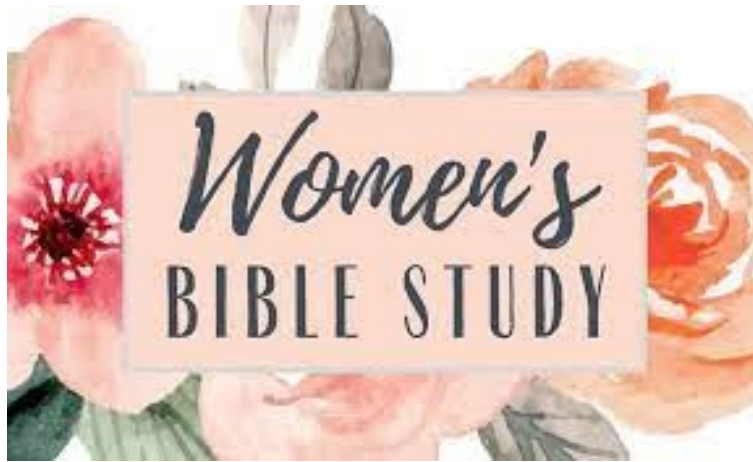
Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Worship at Area 34 at 10:30am

\*Everyone is asked to bring flowers to celebrate the Resurrection



All ladies are welcome to join in the Women's Bible Study on Thursday, March 15th at 10:00am at Tudors on Rt. 60 in St. Albans.



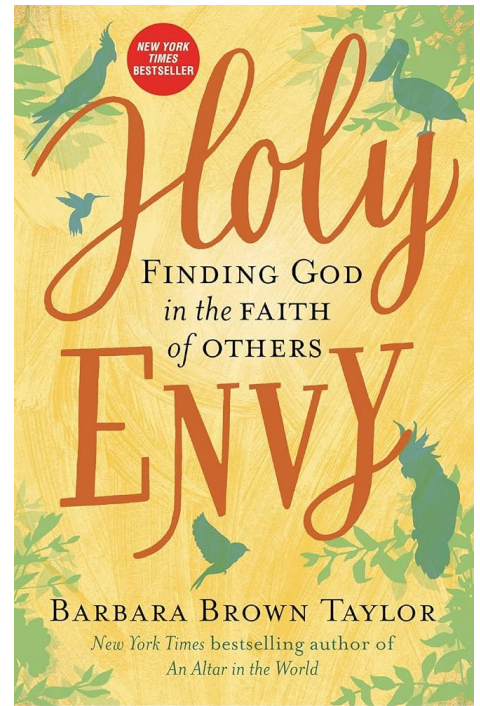
We will be providing a meal for the Rock Ministries on March 11th.

If you would like to provide food for the meal, money to assist in purchasing food for the meal or to help with this awesome ministry, please reach out to Susan Santrock.

Many thanks for the generosity of our amazing congregation!

Our Saturday morning book study on Holy Envy, by Barbara Brown Taylor will continue through March 23rd.

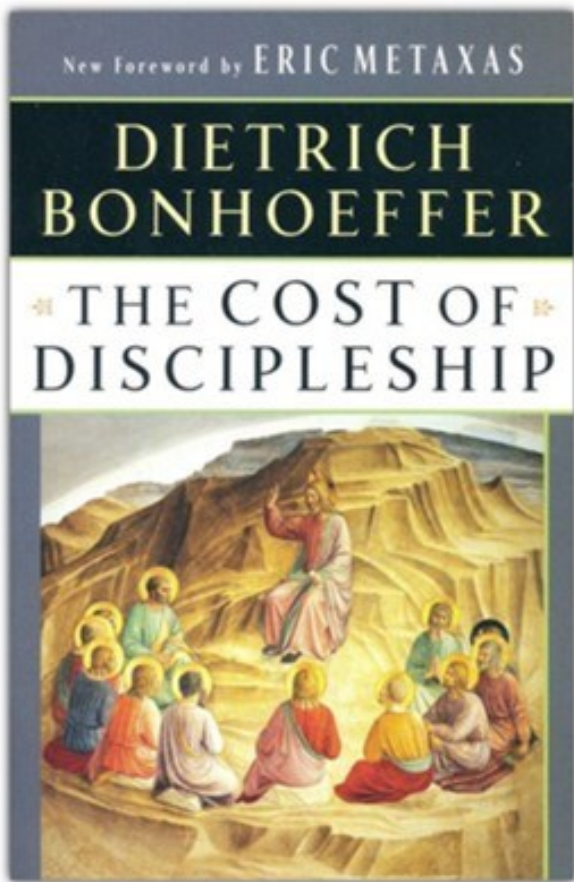
We will not have book study on March 30th.



Our next book study will be the The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If you would like a copy of the book, please let Mike Kutz know.

We will be studying this book ahead of the release of the movie "Bonhoeffer" in November.

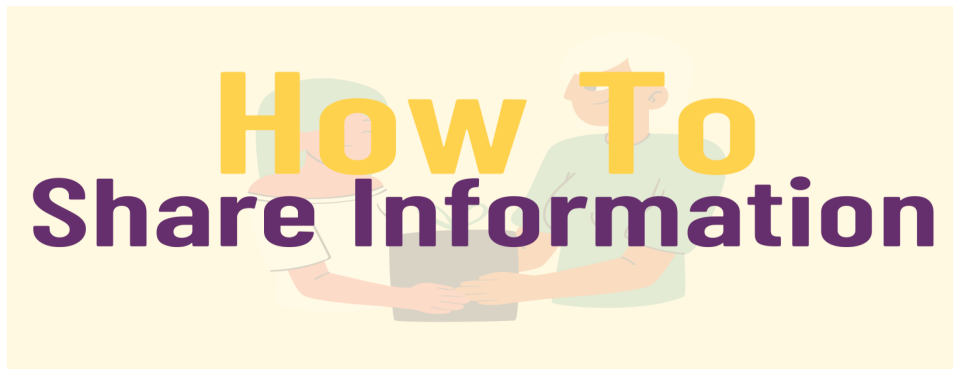
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The WELCA “Spring Fling” will be held on April 27th from 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Mark’s in Clarksburg, WV. Attendees will sign in from 9:30am-10:amm and can enjoy a continental breakfast.

If you would like to attend, please see Ellen Bragg for a registration form, which must be completed by April 5th.



Have information about an upcoming event, a prayer request, or any other news you would like to share with the congregation? Send it to Lauren anytime at [crossofgracelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:crossofgracelutheran@gmail.com)!

Bear in mind, the deadline to have it in the weekly email is Friday morning each week.

The deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of every month.

# PRAYER CHAIN



Cross of Grace has a prayer chain. This is a group of people that have volunteered to add people's prayer requests to their routine prayers.

A person with a prayer request contacts

Ellen Bragg who is the first contact on the prayer chain and then the need is passed down the chain with Ellen calling the next person and then that person passes the need along to the next person in the chain.

The church prayer chain is alive and well and looking for more members as well as people to pray for. If you have a prayer need please call Ellen Bragg at 304-590-0811.

She is the beginning of the prayer chain and will pass along the prayer request. If you would like to join the prayer chain please drop a note in the collection plate with your name and phone number so that she can add you to the prayer chain.

The current Prayer Chain is:

Ellen Bragg  
Debbie Goff  
Rose Mary Kutz  
Rosa McKinney  
Mary Baker

If you need to contact someone on the prayer chain please use the directory for their contact information.



## Card Ministry

We have a thriving card ministry that attempts to send a card and recognize important Anniversaries in members of our congregation's lives. If you want to be included in this ministry please return the following information by placing it in the collection plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_