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AS WE GATHER

The season of Easter is the time of great surprises in the Church. God's people discover that He has a new way of relating to everyone that spills over into the very way we relate to one another. In the First Reading for this day we share in Peter's sheer amazement in the revelation that the Gospel of Jesus is intended for everyone—Jew and Gentile. This invitation from Christ is utterly new and surprising! Often, at the holidays, we enlarge the dining table to include guests beyond the immediate family. In broadly proclaiming the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation to Jew and Gentile alike, Jesus does that same thing on an eternal scale. His heavenly banquet feast will be prepared for all who believe in Christ. Praise and thanksgiving is our only response as we revel in the resurrection of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord!



Congratulations to the 2013 graduating High School Seniors. This weekend, we celebrate this milestone in your lives. You have been making decisions in the past year that will have an impact on your future lives, and many more will need to be made. May God be with you as you make these decisions about your future. We pray that God will always be your guide on the path you will be following. May God bless this important event in your lives.

The Class of 2013: Rachel Beckler, Aubrey Chinberg, Alex Corby, Nicole Corby, Katie Deutsch, Brent Estes, Jeremy Phillips, J.J. Poulos, Jaice Presnell, Lydia Salehe, Matthew Segraves, Dan Stephens, Elly Vosburgh and Abby Warnke.

"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 hope and a future."

~ Jeremiah 29:11 ~

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SENIOR CONNECTORS

We would like to thank the following Holy Cross members for making the year-long commitment to stay connected with a graduate:

Kathy Boss, Jeff Crane, Joyce DeFore, Brent and Tashia Dieckhoff, Amber Fiala, Kay Janssen, Jan Nomer, Anita Norris, Scott Reida, Rachel Smith, Terri Vanwey, Aaron and Michele Zimmerman.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION AND SERVICE OF TESTIMONY

Next Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. is the Youth Confirmation Service. All are invited this coming Saturday, May 4th to their Service of Testimony at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join with these young members of our parish family as they share their testimonies and celebrate this very special event.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is **THIS Sunday, April 28th at 1:30 p.m.** Information about the candidates for office can be found at the Visitors' Center.

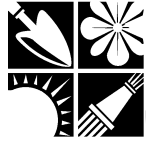
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

May 4/5, 2013

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

John 16:23-33



SEED TO SOW:

Jesus came so that His followers may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:1-10) What a precious message of hope we have to share with others who, without Christ, are without truth and still in spiritual darkness. Share the fullness of the Gospel with them!

Another Seed to Sow: When Jesus gave us the Great Commission to "go and make disciples," He put a promise in front of it and another after it. In front of it He said that we go by His authority. Have confidence! After it He said, "I will be with you always." Be assured! It's His message, His strength, but He asks us to share it.

TO BAPTIZE...OR NOT?

- What exactly is baptism?
- How important is baptism?
- Who can be baptized?
- Why do Lutherans baptize infants?
- Do I need to be re-baptized if I was baptized in another denomination?
- If my child was dedicated, is baptism necessary?

If you would like an opportunity to have answers to any of these questions, you are invited to attend a single session. The baptism class is being held next weekend on Sunday, **May 5th** at 9:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor (to your right as you exit the Worship Center).

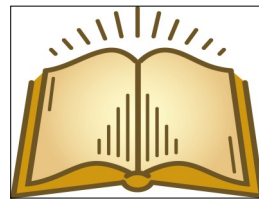
This class is offered on the first Sunday of every month and is for anyone desiring to have a baptism scheduled, or for anyone wanting to learn more about what Lutherans believe about baptism.

Please call Darlene at 684-5201 to register for the baptism class or for more information.

Baptism is...

- ...an act of God.
- ...commanded by God.
- ...a means of imparting His grace.
- ...a key to Christian life.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)



**READ THROUGH
THE BOOK OF ACTS IN MAY**

We will be reading through the book of Acts in May. If you would like to join us, pick up a reading schedule at the Visitors' Center.

**YOUTH AND
ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
March - May 2013**

Saturday (4:45 - 5:45 p.m.)

C.A.T.C.H. Church Parlor
The Gospel of Luke Concordia Room

Sunday (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

Junior Youth Gym
High School Youth The Lighthouse
Adult Information Class Church Library
The Gospel of Luke Concordia Room
Corner Café: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 Fellowship Hall, SW Corner
Romans—The Revelation of Christ to Rome, Part 3 School Library
"Stump" the Pastor Worship Center
Lifetree Café Crafts Room



GUESTS GET MUGGED!

That's right! If you are a first time guest today, we invite you to stop by the Visitors' Center where we would like to give you an attractive coffee mug for free! It's our way of saying, "Thanks for coming. We hope you return!" The Visitors' Center is located in the Narthex (entryway to the Worship Center).



Church



School



Each month we invite you to be a part of a card shower to help celebrate the birthday of members who are either shut-ins or are somewhat confined to their home. The month of May, we celebrate with:

- 5/1 Carmen Knapp
- 5/11 Helen Maddox
- 5/26 Maxine Lehman
- 5/27 Maxine Ehrlich
- 5/29 Nonalee Hamilton

RECORD OF OUR RESPONSE April 20/21, 2013	
Worship Attendance (154, 280, 294).....	728
Children's Saturday/Sunday School	92
Weekend Adult Bible Classes.....	165
Weekday Adult Classes	37
Youth Bible Classes	46
Needed to meet weekly budget 2012/13	\$31,984
Weekly offering receipts for general budget	\$25,487
Year-to-date offering budget.....	\$1,386,990
Year-to-date offering receipts	\$1,387,186

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



On Thursday, May 9th, The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord will be celebrated in a Divine Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 909 S. Market, Wichita. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A Bratwurst Supper will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. before the church service. If you wish to attend the supper, please RSVP by Monday morning, May 6th, by contacting the Immanuel church office at 264 -0639.

SPRING BANQUET

The LWML Spring Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. THIS Tuesday, April 30th in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an Italian themed dinner with violin music by Ann Harms. Rev. Cliff and Lois Winter will share pictures and information about their "Highlights of Italy" tour last fall which was organized by a Christian tour company. Please bring an Italian dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Our ingathering will be the following items for Mercy Kits for Orphan Grain Train: dark colored bath towels and washcloths, 4-6 oz. bars of soap, toothpaste, combs, and Band-Aids.

Plan to join us for a delightful evening of fellowship, Italian food, music, pictures and information about Italy!

LIFETREE CAFÉ

This Sunday, April 28th, the Lifetree Café (9:45 a.m. in the Craft Room / 3:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Student Center, 3815 E. 17th Street) will feature a filmed interview with Terri Roberts, **the mother of the Amish schoolhouse shooter (October 2, 2006)**. "The trauma, pain, and shame endured by this mother turned into an incredible picture of forgiveness and grace," said Lifetree's Thom Schultz, who conducted the exclusive interview with Roberts.

Next week's program is titled "**The Black and White Truth About Racism: Will We Ever Live in a Colorblind World?**" It features an exclusive filmed interview with Daryl Davis, a black man who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan.



IT'S BIG BABY SHOWER TIME!

There are many moms with infants who are in need of basic baby supplies. This is the 13th year we will collect items on Mother's Day weekend (May 11th and 12th) and deliver them to local agencies to reach out to these families (Salvation Army, Treehouse, A Better Choice and Pregnancy Crisis Center). Here are the items you can buy and donate: disposable diapers (smaller sizes), wipes, formula (Enfamil with iron), baby food, "onesies" and sleepers (0-6 months), crib sheets, baby lotion (not oil), baby shampoo, baby bath, receiving blankets, paper towels, new or in good condition baby (not children) clothes, or gift cards to Walmart and Target. It all happens on Mother's Day weekend. Shower these little ones with a mountain of God's blessings!

NO MEN'S BASKETBALL



There will be no Adult Basketball the next three Thursdays. The next time we will meet is on Thursday, May 23rd at 8:00 p.m. for a friendly game and some exercise.

HOMELESS MEAL

Our next meal at the Drop-In Center is THIS Wednesday, May 1st and features hamburger-hashbrown casserole, green beans, garlic bread, fruit salad and cookies. You can help by providing specific food items (with which we really need help). The Center is serving over 125 people each day! Check the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board in the main hallway between the Worship Center and Commons Area or call Kent Stephens (684-5201) for details. Please bring food to the Church Kitchen.

CONFIRMATION GREETING CARDS

Holy Cross will celebrate Youth Confirmation next Sunday, May 5th. We have Confirmation cards in our selection of greeting cards in the Church Office. All cards are only 35 cents!

SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 10th -14th from 9-11:30 a.m. VBS is for 3-year-olds through those children who have completed 2nd grade.

Summer Safari will be held July 15th-18th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The Safari is for students who have completed 3rd grade through those who have completed 7th grade.

Watch *Life at Holy Cross* for details in the weeks to come.

HELP WANTED!

Adult and youth volunteers (5th grade and older) are needed to help in The Blessing Place (church nursery) during all three church services and during the Sunday School hour. If you have a love for children and are looking for an opportunity to serve here at Holy Cross, this is for you! Volunteers cover one shift per month. Contact Patti Scales (pmscales@cox.net; 682-9704) for more information.

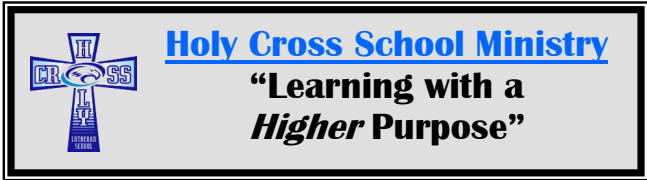


THE LORD'S DINER

This Thursday, May 2nd (5:15 to 7:45 p.m.) is our regular commitment to work at the Lord's Diner, 2825 S. Hillside. If you are a regular participant, watch for an email in the next few days to confirm your participation. For more information, please contact Maria Keil at mariak430@gmail.com or 744-8935.

SERMON REPLAY

Were you unable to be with us last weekend, or do you ever wish you could hear the sermon again? Does your confirmand need a review for his/her sermon notes? Or do you want to share the sermon with someone you know? Well, now you can! On the homepage of the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosslutheran.net), there is a link to the Sermon Summary. Just click on "Read more" to see the sermon notes and the link to the audio at the bottom of the page. A big "Thanks!" to Vance Klager for recording the sermons!



Senior Youth Ministry



Join us for Wednesday Night **Bible Study** this week from 7-8:30 p.m. Our study is "Does God Exist?" from True U.

This study is from the creators of "The Truth Project."

Join us Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for **Bible Class** as we study the variety of ways we learn about and grow in our faith.

Congratulations Seniors! We will be blessing our seniors between services on Sunday, April 28th. Be sure to write them a message in the blessing books.

Holy Cross Clean-up and Dinner—Meet us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th to help with several projects around Holy Cross. We will do some planting, cleaning, and painting around the Lighthouse. We will finish at 7:00 p.m. after we have dinner. Please join us—we need 20 people to complete all our tasks!

Coming Events:

- Apr. 28: Holy Cross Clean-up and Dinner 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 1: **Bible Study** 7-8:30 p.m.
- May 8: **Bible Study** 7-8:30 p.m.

Junior Youth Ministry

Junior Youth Bible Class: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Coming Events:

- May 8: Junior Youth Night 7:00 p.m.
- May 15: Junior Youth Night 7:00 p.m.

Singles Ministry



Monday, April 29th—5th Monday Social—Hangar One Steakhouse, 5925 W. Kellogg Dr.—6:30 p.m.—Ken Tingle hosting.

Sunday, May 5th—Brunch at Chili's, 7887 E. Central Ave—12:30 p.m.—Rosey Day hosting.

Monday, May 6th—**Bible Study** at Rosey Day's home—7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 20th—**Bible Study** at Shirley Lammert's home—7:30 p.m.

From the Principal's Desk

Praying Parents: *Lord, give my children a respect for those in authority over them. Help me to teach them that these men and women were appointed to these positions by YOU (whether it be a teacher, coach, parent, pastor, elected official, etc.). Help us to find comfort in the knowledge that You will work things out in Your perfect plan! Amen. (Romans 13:1-2)*

Chapel Offering

We are partnering with the Children's Christian Concern Society (CCCS) this quarter. The money collected will be used to help Lutheran students in Zacapa, Guatemala. So far, our total is **\$673.08**.

Financial Assistance Application

Parents may pick up an application form in the School Office for financial assistance for the coming school year of 2013-2014. All applications must be returned to the School Office by **May 1st**.

Coming Up:

3rd-8th Grade State Assessments continue through May 3rd

- Apr. 30 Girls' Soccer Game at Sunrise—4:30 p.m.
- May 1 Chapel—8:20 a.m.
Preschool Spring Program & Art Show—10:00 a.m.
- May 2 8th Grade Plays 12:45-1:45 p.m. (for 4th-7th graders)
Day School Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 3 Holy Cross Spirit Day & Bake Sale
- May 4 Middle School Track Meet at Bishop Carroll—8:30 a.m.
- May 5 Primary Choir (Grades 1 & 2) sings at 11:00 a.m. church service.
- May 11 Track Meet in Kansas City beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Happy Birthday To...

Some members of our church family will be celebrating birthdays this week and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them God's richest blessings on their special day. Why not join us by giving them a call or dropping a line to them to let them know you care! If you are not listed, we apologize and ask you to contact the Church Office so we can update our records. *Thank You.*

May God bless you and keep you on your special day and throughout the year.

April 29

Peter B.
Priscilla B.
Denise E.
Sapphire G.
Gregg G.
Janet J.
Kris O.

April 30

Blake C.
Aaron M.
Connor O.
Tyler S.

May 2

Ava M.
Mikey O.
Courtney V.

May 4

Joelle D.
Bob K.
Laura Y.

May 3

Kathy B.
Karen B.
Les W.

May 5

Linda D.
Jo H.
Megan S.
Lizzie V.
Austin W.



May 1

Marie G.
Kayla G.
Merle H.
Larry K.
Nicholas K.
Carman K.

THOSE SERVING THE LORD IN MAY as...

Ushers—

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.—Jeff Buxman, Mark Aberle, Jim Frager, Jerome Atkinson, Rick Wagner, Rick Schwarz;

Sunday, 8:15 a.m.—Mark Guetersloh, Bill Hayden, Bruce Burnett, Roy Freshwater, Tim Kaufman, Dick Lewallen, Jeff Pearce, Tim Witek;

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—Cliff Pfortmiller, Danny Witt, Brad Macy, Rick Matz, Jerry Stigge, Jeremy Zellers.

Altar Guild—

Susan Crane, Valerie Spikes, Lenore Brevik, Pat Kalitta, Ann Ross, Debbie Irvin.



QUARTET PRACTICE

The Ladies Quartet will practice Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

WELCOMING GUESTS



Holy Cross is blessed by the number of guests who join us in our worship services. Last weekend, we were joined by **66** guests. One or more of these individuals may have been sitting next to you. Did you help to make them feel welcome?

DID YOU KNOW...



that the **Church Endowment Fund** can be looked at like the cornerstone of a building? It is part of the base of the financial operations of the church.

SPECIAL OFFERING

The weekend of Pentecost, May 18th and 19th, we will be taking a special door offering to be used for mission work in Guinea. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod sponsors Tim and Beth Heiney and Jack and Cathy Carlos as well as additional workers in Guinea .

PRAYER and PRAISE



This prayer page invites you to join in a ministry of prayer in faithfulness to our Lord's injunction to "watch and pray..." (Matthew 26:41) The requests listed here represent only some of the many needs for prayer among us. Your requests may be added by filling out a prayer request card and placing it in the collection plate during the offering or by sending it to the Church Office.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- Heavenly Father, for all of the gifts of life, including the simple ones, we offer our thanks. May we always recognize that every good gift comes from You. Then, having acknowledged Your giving, may we share Your grace with others.

These in Need:

- For Elizabeth Lindert, mother of Michele Murray, as she transitions to a new care facility. Pray God's peace will abide within her.
- For all who continue to deal with cancer and other chronic diseases, including Richard Kingsland, Tripp Stratton, Carolyn Kime, Jaime Peterman, Tammy Hiser, Merle Herriage, Alan Adamson, Cheryl Milam, Sue Bomhoff, Becky Schotte, Allen Fichtner, Ashley Personney, Denny Reed, Linda Shores, Mary Stigge, Paisley Kelly, Melissa Schnackenberg, Nancy Erdwien, Larry McKown, Leitha Ring, Carol Strole, Vic Vaughan, Paul Anders and Jo Baden.

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

- Serving overseas: Michael Ashcraft, Aric Benkoski, Megan Benkoski, Sean Cantrell, Geoffrey Jensen, Arthur Rodriguez, and Nichol Williams.
- Serving stateside: Caleb Becker, Trent Clark, Adam Edwards, Kurt Ertel, Josh Gerstenberger, Kris Heck, Aaron Jacobs, Phillip Lim, Sara Pearce, Amber Peterson, Ty Postlewait, Sean Rousseau, Eric Scott, Andrew Shepherd, Nathan Smith, Jon Sullivan, Taylor Train, Jeremiah Waggoner, Joshua Weidner, Terrance Williams, J.D. Wilson and Nick Wilson.

Other Prayers:

- For the unborn children, for women who may be considering abortion. May hearts be open to accept God's truth.
- This week, we pray for college students **Tessa Reed** at Aims Community College; **Ashley Allenbach**, **Kelly Finnegan**, **Colton Fuller**, **Sarah**

Gunzelman, **Sara Harris** and **Sean Osler** at Butler Community College; **Stephan Nieuwoudt** at Case Western Reserve University, Grad School; **Elise Danuatmodjo** at Coffeyville Community College; **Adam Allenbach** at Colby Community College; **Andrew Clark** at Colorado Technical University. **Connor Carman** at Dodge City Community College; **John Harris** and **Jeff Kontz** at Friends University; May the Lord bless their time in college and keep them safe in His grace.

Mission Prayers:

- That the Lord would open the doors of opportunity and empower us to serve our community.
- Pray with thanksgiving for missionaries Rev. Jon and Julie Muhly, who served in Russia and other former Soviet republics and have recently moved to Poland. Pray for the Lord to richly bless their work, as well as their growing family, which includes two sons and twin daughters.
- Remember the Lord's work as you pray for missionaries Daniel and Amy Johnson as they serve the Lord in Eurasia. Daniel serves as the liaison between the LCMS and her partner churches, including catechetical and pastoral resources and instruction.
- For missionary Rev. Matthew Heise, who supports partner church bodies, leaders and new believers throughout Eurasia through providing theological education and leadership training. Pray for Matt's safety as he travels throughout this vast region, that he would not grow weary, but would be encouraged in his ministry.
- For missionary Rev. Alan Ludwig, who serves in Novosibirsk, Russia, alongside the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC). Alan teaches at Lutheran Theological Seminary, training pastors and other leaders for service in the SELC.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 27th

C.A.T.C.H./Bible Classes 4:45 pm
 Intro to Holy Cross 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 28th

Worship Service 8:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:45 am
 Intro to Holy Cross 9:45 am
 Senior Blessing Reception 9:45 am
Worship & Communion Service 11:00 am
 Annual Meeting 1:30 pm
 Senior Youth Holy Cross Cleanup/Dinner 3:00-7:00 pm

Monday, April 29th

Parents' Prayer Group 8:15 am
Preschool Chapel 9:00 am
5th Grade Boys' Bible Study 3:30 pm
 Faculty Meeting 3:45 pm
5th Monday Social—Singles 6:30 pm
 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm
 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 30th

4th Grade Girls' Bible Study 3:30 pm
 LWML Spring Banquet 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1st

School Chapel 8:20 am
 HCLS Wednesday Open House 8:30 am-3:00 pm
 Braille 8:30 am
 Preschool Spring Program & Art Show 10:00 am
Women's Bible Study 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 1st (Cont.)

Homeless Meal 11:30 am
 Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm
Senior Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm
 Ladies Quartet Practice 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 2nd

Men's Bible Study at Jimmy's Diner 7:30 am
Women's Bible Study 8:30 am
 Lord's Diner 5:15 pm
 Day School Commission 7:00 pm
 "The Shack" Book Discussion 7:00 pm
 No Adult Basketball

Friday, May 3rd

PTL Bake Sale

Saturday, May 4th

Confirmation Practice & Pictures 9:00 am
C.A.T.C.H./Bible Classes 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship & Communion Service 6:00 pm
 Service of Testimony followed by reception 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 5th

Worship & Communion Service 8:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:45 am
 Baptismal Class 9:45 pm
Worship Service
 w/Rite of Confirmation 11:00 am
 Brunch—Singles 12:30 pm
 Senior Youth Open Gym/Banquet Prep 7:00-8:30 pm