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## AS WE GATHER

"The kingdom of heaven is like..." Jesus used this phrase many times in His teaching and preaching, with the images of seeds and growth as one of His common metaphors. From the seemingly miraculous action of a tiny seed with tremendous growth, to what the Lord speaks in a beautiful promise of a divine planting and producing, He Himself will provide for His people. We are drawn to the Scriptures, the faith He has planted and grown in us through His Spirit, and the ultimate fulfillment found in Jesus Christ alone. May God grant seed, nurture, growth, and good fruit to each of us as we worship Him today.

## BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

On Sunday, June 28th, the Red Cross will be here from 8:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. for a special blood drive in honor of **Tripp Stratton**. The Red Cross bus will be parked in the lot off Greenwich Road. Since this is a special drive, we have extra time slots to fill, and there are still 21 donor time slots open!

If you can contribute to this drive, you can sign up at the table in the entryway to the Worship Center. You can also call the Church Office at 684-5201 during the week to sign up.

**The donation of one pint of blood can save up to three lives!** If you have never donated before, or if it has been a while since you have done so, you can get information at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) that will help you understand the importance of this life-saving act.

## IT'S SECOND SATURDAY!

Second Saturday is NOW! If you are in worship, and it's Saturday evening, please join us for our Second Saturday meal featuring BBQ pork, green beans, salads, and dessert, all for a freewill offering! We also have PB&J sandwiches for the kids! Join us!

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS THIS WEEKEND



Approximately one in three Americans suffer from hypertension, many not realizing any symptoms. Parish Nurses at Holy Cross offer you an opportunity to routinely monitor your blood pressure by attending their blood pressure stations. This service is offered every month on the second Saturday/Sunday (this weekend) in the Parlor, immediately to your right as you exit the Worship Center. Stop by the B/P station following worship on Saturday, or on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m., and start to monitor your blood pressure.



## 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).

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

June 20/21, 2015

Job 38:1-11

Galatians 4:1-7

Luke 11:1-11

### SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE FOR FATHER'S DAY GIFT-GIVING



It is the time of year to be thinking about your gift-giving plans, particularly regarding gift cards for Father's Day. Our Scrip Program has many great ideas for dad—Amazon, Lowe's, Home Depot, Auto Zone and all of the sporting goods and outdoorsmen stores. Local restaurants and other retail stores are also available. We have many varieties on hand, and others can be ordered. The purchase of these cards can generate anywhere from 2 to 17 % profit for Holy Cross Lutheran School. These proceeds help to support the scholarship program for the school. The cards are available during the Sunday coffee hour or in the Church Office on weekdays.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANKS!

Many children (and adults) had a great week at *Camp Discovery* this past week. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that made this week possible. A special thanks to the VBS directors for their countless hours of dedication: **Pam Amey, Sarah Bengtson, Gretchen Patty and Michele Zimmerman.**

We also thank the following volunteers not included in last week's list: *Hannah Grant, Kaylee Grant, Traci Grant, Rachel Mertens, Trent Osler, Amelia Schneider, Dawson Schoning, Maggie Uhlenhop, Raylee Wallace, Jack Wingate, Mason Wingate, Gregg Wolgast.*



### ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us on Thursday, June 18th at 8:00 p.m. for a fun, friendly game of basketball!

### SEED TO SOW:

Random acts of kindness have been a popular concept for some time. As you develop a habit of looking for ways to help, also look for the opportunity God may be giving you to share your faith. Consider organizing your family, small group or circle of friends to go pick up trash, visit a nursing home, serve at a local charity, etc. People take notice of your actions. Be ready to share that you love because God first loved you.



**Another Seed to Sow:** Do you eat at a restaurant often enough to get to know your servers? For those who serve well, compliment them and ask what their motivation is. Doing this can open several opportunities to talk about Christ as an ultimate servant, or your church in service to the community, etc. Ask for prayer requests, and follow up.

### SUMMER MOVIES STUDY CONTINUES!

Popular movies are a window into our contemporary world. Each week this study includes a video portion, combined with small and large group discussion, Bible study, and prayer. The class meets in the Crafts Room on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. This weekend (June 14th): "The Theory of Everything." Next week (June 21st): "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

June - August 2015

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

*Ezekiel* ..... Concordia Room

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

*Middle School Youth* ..... Gym

*High School Youth* ..... The Lighthouse

*Young Adult Bible Class* ..... Parlor

*Adult Information Class* ..... Church Library

*Revelation, Part 2* ..... Concordia Room

*Ezekiel* ..... Fellowship Hall, Center Section

*Summer Movies* ..... Crafts Room

*1 John Inductive Bible Study—Part 4* .....

..... Fellowship Hall, SW Corner

## CARE NIGHT

Care Night is fun, productive, helpful and necessary! You get to pick which of the following you would like to do: address and prepare care notes, prepare letters of welcome to people new to our community, or make a friendly phone contact to worship guests. We always manage to have fun in the process. Come give it a try! We meet again this Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office area. Contact Kent Stephens for details (684-5201).



## WELCOMING GUESTS

Holy Cross is blessed by the number of guests who join us in our worship services. Last weekend, we were joined by **67** guests. One or more of these individuals may have been sitting next to you. Did you help to make them feel welcome?

## SUMMER SAFARI

A VBS for youth going into  
4th—8th grade  
July 13th-16th, 2015



## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Holy Cross Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) would like to thank everyone for their continued donations during the Sunday morning coffee hour. These donations are very important as they help support the following mission workers who have a connection to Holy Cross:

- Al and Cheryl Jensen, Wycliff Bible Translators in Brazil;
- Don and Mary Murray, retired missionaries;
- Maren Nielsen with World Impact in Wichita.

Your continued donations will help LWML support these important missions as they share the Gospel of Christ.

## RECORD OF OUR RESPONSE June 6/7, 2015

Worship Attendance (168, 279, 252).....	699
Children's Sunday School.....	72
Youth Bible Class.....	41
Adult Bible Class.....	162
Needed to meet weekly budget 2014/15 .....	\$32,425
Weekly offering plate receipts.....	\$38,450
Weekly electronic receipts .....	\$15,814
Year-to-date offering budget.....	\$1,594,110
Year-to-date offering receipts .....	\$1,658,242



## YOUTH MINISTRY FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER!



This year we have a new opportunity to raise funds for Youth Ministry. We will be managing a tent in Andover at the corner of 21st Street and 159th Street East. Set up will begin on June 26th and the stand will be open from June 27th to July 4th. Although this is a smaller stand, our percentage of earnings is greater and we still need many volunteers. It is our hope that we will make over \$8000. We will also need to have staff on-site throughout the night.

You can sign-up at the table in the Narthex (entryway to the Worship Center) or on the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrosslutheran.net](http://www.holycrosslutheran.net))—just click on the link to schedule your shifts. We appreciate the amazing congregation members who make this possible each year! Come join in the fun as we build community within our congregation and support our youth.

## MEN'S HEALTH

National Men's Health Week is June 15th-21st. Information about men's health is available in the tract rack by the bulletin board near the restrooms. Feel free to help yourself to any of these brochures, as well as a fact sheet made available through the CDC (Centers for Disease Control).

Have a Happy, Healthy Father's Day!

The Parish Nurses

## Singles Ministry



Monday, June 15th—7:00 p.m.—**Bible Study** at Mary Dohl's home.

Monday, June 29th—6:30 p.m.—5th Monday Social at River City Brewery, 150 N. Mosley—Ken Tingle hosting.

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### **AN INVITATION**

Grading papers won't be missed, but the lives she has touched make a very long list. A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, touches a heart, shapes the future. After years of hard work and dedication, it's time to take a permanent vacation!

All are invited to a Retirement Reception honoring:

**Mary Dohl**  
**this Sunday, June 14th**  
**2-4:00 p.m.**

at Gwen Hensley's home, 17941 SW Meadowlark Road, Rose Hill (776-0427).

May our Lord God bless Mary each day in this new chapter in her life. We hope you are able to come!



We want to thank all of our Holy Cross friends for the prayers, the calls, cards, and visits, during John's time in rehabilitation. It meant so much!

**John & Mary White**



**Steve and Karen Copeland** would like to thank the church for their prayers for Karen and daughter Katie's recent checkup at Mayo Clinic. We are thankful for Karen's continued good health and a firm diagnosis for Katie's joint pain.

## Senior Youth Ministry

**Fireworks Fundraiser:** This year, we will be managing a tent at the intersection of 159th Street East and 21st Street North. We need your help! Earnings from this fundraiser reduce the cost of major events. Please, go to the website and sign up online at [www.holycrosslutheran.net](http://www.holycrosslutheran.net).



**Youth Ministry release forms** for the coming year were due June 1st. Please get yours in soon. You can find a copy in the Lighthouse or on the Youth Ministry page of the Holy Cross website.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for Bible Study led by Sloane.

**Summer Safari** is July 13th-16th. Mark your calendar and plan to help with this event. You can print out the Volunteer Form on the youth page of the Holy Cross website.

### Coming Events:

June 17th: Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

June 26th-July 6th: Fireworks Fundraiser

## Junior Youth Ministry

**Fireworks Fundraiser:** This year, we will be managing a tent at the intersection of 159th Street East and 21st Street North. We need your help! Earnings from this fundraiser reduce the cost of major events. Please, go to the website and sign up online at [www.holycrosslutheran.net](http://www.holycrosslutheran.net).

**The Junior Youth Summer Retreat** is scheduled for August 2nd-4th at Camp Quaker in Haven. The cost is \$40 if you register by June 22nd. Registration is available on the Youth Ministry page at [www.holycrosslutheran.net](http://www.holycrosslutheran.net). Please contact Brian if you have any questions about this event.

**Summer Safari Registration** is now available online at [www.holycrosslutheran.net](http://www.holycrosslutheran.net).

### Coming Events:

June 26th-July 6th: Fireworks Fundraiser

July 8th: Junior Youth Night

July 13th-16th: Summer Safari

# 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:

- Please give thanks and praise for the blessings and success on the recent LCMS Kansas District Convention held in Topeka last week. Pray for our new District President, Rev. Peter Lange, and our Synodical President, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, as they lead our district and synod in Christian strength and character in making wise and strong decisions in our world of today. Also, pray for Pastor Snow as the elected First Vice-President, and for Sue Kleber, Commissioned Minister of the Gospel, elected to the Kansas District Board of Directors. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment in leadership as Vision Targets and Goals are worked towards in setting a strategic direction for the Kansas District LCMS. Thanks also for our congregational president, Peter Janssen, as our Lay Delegate, and our principal, Karen Boettcher, as an Advisory Delegate, who attended the convention as our church leadership. Celebrated as the theme of the convention was **Baptized for This Moment "For Witness and Wellness" Acts 2:38-39**. Did you know that the retention rate of our youth is one of the highest in the United States, due to our Lutheran schools? Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## Those in Need:

- For all who continue to deal with cancer and other chronic illnesses, including Nikki Adams, Danille Cary, Tim Corwin, Kurt Davenport, Rosey Day, Bill Deines, Jo Dieckhoff, Bob Edwards, Edward Ellis, Sue Janssen, Patricia Linhardt, Suzanne Malcolm, Paul Meiger, Ashley Personey, Leitha Ring, Bridget Schmidt, Suzi Simmons, Richard Standrich, Mary Stigge, Byron Stout, Tripp Stratton, Jeff Sullivan.

**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.**

Devon Alford, Michael Ashcraft, Caleb Becker, Sean Cantrell, Trent Clark, Eugene Croft, Adam Edwards,

Kurt Ertel, Josh Gerstenberger, Megan Harris, Kris Heck, Geoffrey Jensen, Bryce Kohler, Tanya Lange, Phillip Lim, Nathan Mavia, Sara Pearce, Adrian Peppers, Amber Peterson, Sean Rousseau, Joseph Schubert, Eric Scott, Andrew Shepherd, Nathan Smith, Jon Sullivan, Jeremiah Waggoner, Joshua Weidner, J.D. Wilson, Nick Wilson, Matt Ziegelbein.

## Other Prayers:

- For the unborn children, for women who may be considering abortion. May hearts be open to accept God's truth.

## Mission Prayers:

- That the Lord would open the doors of opportunity and empower us to serve our community.
- Remember God's work through parish education as you pray:
  - for Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs around the country. VBS reaches beyond a church's doors and often provides unchurched children with their first opportunity to hear about Jesus' life-saving love.
  - that a mutual sense of appreciation and unity of purpose would exist between those involved in parish education, that God might be glorified and congregational members encouraged.
  - for pastors, that in their preaching, teaching, administration of the Sacraments and other duties they might lead God's children to a greater understanding of Him and His will for their lives. Ask God to give them encouragement and strength for this vital work.
  - for the Synod's commissioned teachers, who use their skills in the classroom and in the parish to instruct and edify others.
  - with thanksgiving for the Bible, the Book of Concord and the many teaching tools that God gives us, that we might learn about Him and our life in Christ. Pray that God would instill in each of His followers a sincere desire and passion for seeking Him.

# 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.*

**June 15**

Mark A.  
Gladys C.  
Maxwell D.  
Melanie T.

**June 16**

Leslie B.  
Jeff C.  
Kent H.  
Austin L.  
Abby O.

**June 17**

Ava E.  
Maggie U.

**June 18**

Janet D.  
Paul M.  
John P.  
Jo El S.

**June 19**

Danielle P.  
Paul R.  
Blane S.  
Dylan W.

**June 20**

Lynette B.  
Brigdon E.  
Lisa G.  
Pat M.  
Nate O.  
Judy Z.

**June 21**

Madelyn C.  
Marcia H.  
Ruth M.  
Kathy M.  
Jaryn P.  
LouAnn R.  
Emma B.  
Amanda T.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, June 13th**

Adult Bible Class	4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship Service w/New Member Reception	6:00 pm
2nd Saturday Meal	7:00 pm
Blood Pressure Checks	7:00 pm

**Sunday, June 14th**

Worship Service w/New Member Reception	8:15 am
Blood Pressure Checks	9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:45 am
Worship & Communion Service w/New Member Reception	11:00 am
Blood Pressure Checks	12:15 pm

**June 15th-19th**

Preschool Summer Camp  
8-11:30 am  
"Book Blastoff"

**Monday, June 15th**

Parish Planning Committee	6:00 pm
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
Bible Study—Singles	7:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 16th**

Care Night	7:00 pm
Elders	7:00 pm

**Wednesday, June 17th**

Braille	8:30 am
SR YTH Bible Study	7:00 pm

**Thursday, June 18th**

Adult Basketball	8:00 pm
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**Friday, June 19th**

**Saturday, June 20th**

Monthly Food Drive	
Adult Bible Class	4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship & Communion Service	6:00 pm

**Sunday, June 21st—Father's Day**

Monthly Food Drive	
Worship & Communion Service	8:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am