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Sharing God's Love
Through Faith

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AS WE GATHER

As we gather today, we stand to receive God's grace in Word and Sacrament. Jesus comes, yet again, reminding us that it is not what goes into us (what we eat and drink) that defiles us, but rather, we are defiled (we sin) by what comes out of us—evil thoughts, actions and unclean words. In His righteousness He gives us peace with God through the forgiveness of all of these sins! Purchased and won by the precious blood of Christ, we are encouraged to teach what we ourselves have learned, and seen and heard “to [our] children and to their children after them.” (Deuteronomy 4:9). The gospel of peace makes us ready to share boldly with others what we have first received.

SPECIAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND BIBLE CLASS

Next Sunday, September 6th, the adult Bible classes will combine to study a special topic: how to display Christ-like servant leadership within your workplace. Whether you are employed, work within the home, or are retired, you will benefit by the discussion, Scripture readings, and content of this class. Brian Amey and Pastor Myers will facilitate the class in the Fellowship Hall as we take a weekend to celebrate our role in God's kingdom as we work for His glory.

“The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.”
~ Mike Stachura

5TH SUNDAY MITES THIS WEEKEND



This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month, so the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will once again take a special Mite collection. "Mites" are coins and bills that are given to support local and global mission projects. Please look for the special display in the Narthex (entryway to the Worship Center) or Fellowship Hall and consider making a special offering.

NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

New adult Bible Classes begin the weekend of September 12th/13th. Join us in one of the following classes:

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

The Augsburg Confession Concordia Room

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

Young Adults Parlor
Sharing the Faith Crafts Room
Adult Information Class Church Library
The Augsburg Confession.....
..... Fellowship Hall, Center Section
Angels.....Fellowship Hall, SW Corner
Mark, Part 7 School Library
Woman's Bible Study: Bless These Lips
.....Fellowship Hall, SE Corner
Proverbs Concordia Room

More information is available in the brochures located in the tract racks and at the Visitors' Center.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

September 5/6, 2015

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

CARE NIGHT

Care Night is fun, 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 are in need of a few more people to help with this ministry. Why not give it a try?** We meet again this Tuesday, September 1st from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Church Office area. Contact Kent Stephens for details (684-5201).

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. This class is offered for anyone desiring to have a baptism scheduled, or for anyone wanting to learn more about what Lutherans believe about baptism.

The baptism class is being held next weekend on Sunday, **September 6th** at 9:45 a.m. Participants will meet in the Church Office Reception area. **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; and 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)

SEED TO SOW:

Christ surprised His disciples and many others by crossing social and cultural norms to reach out to the Samaritan woman (John 4). His message: He came to rescue all sinners, regardless of race, gender or ethnic background. We are privileged to proclaim this Jesus as the Savior for all sinners. Is there someone in your life, neighborhood or workplace that you may be overlooking?



Another Seed to Sow: In the Gospel of John (9:1-41) Jesus healed a man of his physical as well as his spiritual blindness. As the Light of the world, He also has the power to release all people from spiritual blindness. Like the formerly blind man, we are witnesses of the great things God has done for us.

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).

HOMELESS MEAL!

Our next homeless meal is THIS Wednesday, September 2nd and features lasagna, mixed vegetables, garlic bread and cookies! We are in need of food preparers (9:00 -11:00 a.m.) on that day. To help by donating specific food items, 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. Your food contributions are vitally needed. Please bring these food items to the Church Kitchen by the end of the day on Tuesday, September 1st.



ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us this Thursday, September 3rd at 8:00 p.m. for a friendly basketball game in the Gym.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Today is the day!! (Tomorrow if you are reading this on Saturday evening.) The Red Cross blood drive is here from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. The Red Cross bus is here, and it is parked in the church parking lot near Greenwich Road.

If you did not get a chance to sign up, but may be available to donate Sunday, check on the bus to find out if there are any time slots open. There were still a couple of time slots open, and there is always the chance that someone had to cancel.

LADIES, JOIN US!



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) invites ALL ladies to attend their annual Salad Supper this **Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear highlights from the National Convention, learn about the upcoming events this year and hear some fall gardening tips. Our ingathering will be items for the Lutheran World Relief school kits. See the article in the next column for needed items. We will also work on a service project, so please bring plastic shopping bags (flattened out if possible) and a pair of scissors if you would like to participate. Bring a salad to share and join in fellowship with your sisters in Christ as we kick off the new year of LWML!



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY AND RALLY DAY!!!

The new Sunday School year begins next Sunday, September 6th, which is Promotion Sunday.

The following weekend, Sunday, September 13th, is Sunday School Rally Day! Our theme for this year is "Walk His Way." All students, ages 2-years-old through 5th grade, are invited to a special Sunday School hour as we look forward to the new Sunday School year. There will be exciting entertainment, snacks, and gifts for everyone! All children are welcome and are encouraged to bring their friends. The fun begins at 9:45 a.m. This is one event that you won't want to miss!



RECORD OF OUR RESPONSE August 22/23, 2015

Worship Attendance (186, 254, 244)	684
Children's Sunday School	75
Youth Bible Class	46
Adult Bible Class	150
Needed to meet weekly budget 2015/16.....	\$32,981
Weekly offering plate receipts	\$24,831
Weekly electronic receipts.....	\$9,838
Year-to-date offering budget	\$249,035
Year-to-date offering receipts.....	\$220,808

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will be collecting items for school kits at their September 1st General Society meeting. There are currently many good deals for school supplies. If you would like to contribute to these kits, which will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief, a collection box is available in the Church Office.

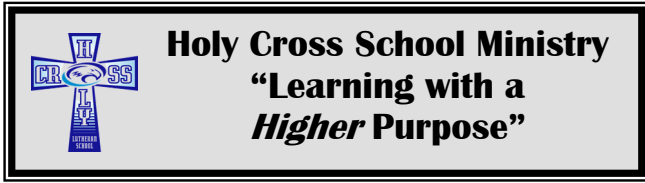
- 70-sheet notebooks of wide (or college ruled) paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter rulers, (or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (NO gel ink)
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2" erasers

Thank you for contributing to this worthwhile cause.

DAILY BIBLE READING IN SEPTEMBER



We will continue our daily Bible reading with the book of Revelation. If you would like to join us, pick up a reading schedule at the Visitors' Center or call the Church Office (684-5201) to receive weekly emails.



Holy Cross School Ministry
**“Learning with a
Higher Purpose”**

From the Principal’s Desk

Verse of the week: “What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you and we together may share in a common life, that life which we share with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3)

What’s Cool in School?

Holy Cross has dedicated Christian pastors and teachers who integrate the faith throughout the day.

Art Classroom Volunteers Wanted

We would love your help in the art room this year! If you are interested, contact Mrs. Walterscheid at walterscheid@holycrosslutheran.net.

Looking ahead:

- Sept. 1st Boys’ Soccer—HC at Central Christian 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2nd Chapel 8:20 a.m.
 STUCO Meeting 3:45-4:15 p.m.
 Band Night 5-6:00 p.m. (for 5th grade students, NEW band students, and their parents)
- Sept. 3rd Day School Commission Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 4th HC Spirit Day
 PTL Mtg. 8:20 a.m.
- Sept. 7th No School—Labor Day

**LIFELIGHT CLASSES
 BEGIN SOON!**

LifeLight classes begin on September 9th and 10th with the study of *Prayer*. This class meets weekly for nine weeks on Wednesday, 8:30-10:00 a.m. (babysitting provided), and Thursday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. A Thursday, 8:30-10:00 a.m. class will begin in October using a study titled *Children of the Day*.

Class members can pick up their student study guide in the Parlor cabinet and **prepare their first lesson so that we can begin with Lesson One on the first week of class.** (The Parlor is located to your right as you exit the Worship Center.) New students, those needing a babysitter on Wednesday, and anyone with questions, please call Judy Zimmerman at 636-2555.

ADULT CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR

Adult Choir and Handbell Choir rehearsals begin soon! We welcome new members to either choir; however, you do need to read music to play the handbells. Adult Choir rehearsals resume this Wednesday, September 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Handbell Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Contact Teresa Hauschild (788-1325 or mhauschild@cox.net) if you have questions.

**BIKE SAFETY CLINIC
 AT HOLY CROSS**

Via Christi Health and the Wichita Police Department are partners in bicycle/tricycle safety and will be presenting an interactive “Safety Town” at Holy Cross on Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Designed for kids age two through second grade, it features hands-on learning, including an obstacle course, gift items, bike helmet checks, and important safety tips. Car seats can also be checked. It all takes place in the front parking lot and it’s free! Invite your friends! Open to the community!

LORD’S DINER

We are scheduled to work at the Lord’s Diner THIS Thursday, September 3rd from 5:15-7:30 p.m. For those of you who have worked before, please look for an email in the next week to confirm your participation. If you have not worked in the past and are interested, contact Maria Keil at 680-6750 or Mariak430@gmail.com.

**FINDING JOY
 IN CAREGIVING**

The Parish Nurses of the LCMS-Kansas District will present a workshop—*Finding Joy in Caregiving*—on Saturday, September 19th here at Holy Cross. Those targeted for the workshop are those who give care professionally or personally. The cost is \$45 and is approved for 6.3 contact hours for APRN, RN, LPN or LMHT re-licensure in Kansas. Registration forms are available this weekend on a table in the Narthex (entryway to the Worship Center).

Young Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Bible Class for Young Adults meets in the Parlor each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The discussion is led by Aaron Zimmerman, and we are finishing up our study on Philippians. In September we will start a study on the book of John.

Singles Ministry



Monday, August 31st—6:30 p.m.—5th Monday Social at Playa Azul, 111 N. Washington St.—Gwen Hensley hosting (776-0427; 250-1834).

Sunday, September 13th—Kansas State Fair—Leave from Holy Cross at 8:15 a.m. We will attend the 10:00 a.m. church service and then view exhibits at the Fair. Mary Dohl hosting (682-0505; 785-531-2132). Stop by Dillon's now through September 10th to get discounted gate tickets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATION

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Sunday School staff for all of their hard work and dedication this summer. The following individuals generously gave of their time and talents to help share the "Good News" of Jesus with our children:

Judy Ratzlaff-----2-year-olds
Christine Dargel, LeeAnne Hauschild &
Stephanie Hauschild-----3-year-olds
Ronita & Jeff Presnell-----4-year-olds
Carol Beverly & Rachel Smith -----Kindergarten
Donna Clark & Sarah Bengtson-----1st Grade
Jaime Poulos -----2nd Grade
Carolyn Hayden -----3rd Grade
Betty Amey-----4th Grade
Leah Davis & Cindy Deutsch -----Substitutes
Connilee Myers & Marissa West----- Music (2's-K)
Karen Boettcher & Sandy Yount ----- Music (1st-4th)

If you happen to see any of these people, please tell them thank you...they deserve it!!!

A special thank you to Kevin and Sherri West for their faithfulness and excellence as our Sunday School Superintendents.

Senior Youth Ministry



Sunday Morning Bible Class: Meet with us in the Lighthouse each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Currently, we are exploring the importance of Christian friendships.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse. We are starting a new study that teaches us about Christ-Like Servant Leadership.

The **Fall Newsletter** and schedule should have hit your mailboxes by now. Be sure to check the schedule for important event dates and times.

On Sunday, September 13th we are having an informational meeting about the **National Youth Gathering** coming in July 2016. Bring your parents and join us in the Lighthouse at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about this awesome opportunity.

Each October the Youth Ministry does a fundraiser for an outside organization. This year we will be supporting World Vision through the **30-Hour-Famine**. The event will be October 17th-18th. Join us for the planning meeting on September 20th at 7:00 p.m. Registration can be found on the youth page of the Holy Cross website: www.holycrosslutheran.net.

The **Kansas District Youth Gathering** is November 20th-22nd in Hutchinson. Registration is available on-line on the Youth Ministry page at www.holycrosslutheran.net. The cost is \$85 (\$25 for Freshman) if you register by September 23rd.

Coming Events:

September 2nd: Bible Study 7:00 p.m..
September 9th: Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
September 13th: National Youth Gathering Info Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Junior Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning Bible Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

This year, we are excited to offer a new event! The **District Junior Youth Rally** will be held October 2nd-3rd. The cost for Holy Cross youth is \$35. More information can be found on the youth page of the Holy Cross website: www.holycrosslutheran.net. Please register on-line by September 16th.

Coming Events:

September 4th: Friday Night Lock-down 5-11:00 p.m.
October 2nd-3rd: District Youth Rally

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.

August 31

Lora
Debi
Clif
Tracie
Abby



September 1

Stephanie
Ashle
Todd
Kerry
Greg
Audrey
Larry
Melissa
Roger
Jalya
Ashleigh
Donald
Harvey

September 2

Larry
Libby
David

September 3

Irma
Mae
Jessica
Levi
Brookelyn
Dan
Zac

September 4

Ben
Mackenzie
Tami

September 5

Shannon
Shannon
Noah

September 6

Amanda
Dixie
Pat

THOSE SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER as...

Ushers—

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.—Ron Stalbaum, Joel Boucher, Steve Piepenbrink, Rodney Wallace, Greg Boles, Scott Reid;

Sunday, 8:15 a.m.—Mark Guetersloh, Bill Hayden, Bruce Burnett, Tim Kaufman, Todd Guetersloh, Jeff Pearce, Tim Witek, Paul Raab;

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

Altar Guild—

Sharon Withrow, Anita Norris, Tammy Alford, Pat Kalitta, Deb Schmidt, Jean Horstman.



WALK TO BETHLEHEM

The "Walk to Bethlehem" is a 12-week imaginary, 6736 mile walk from Wichita to Bethlehem. The purpose of this endeavor is to encourage physical activity and spiritual growth. The walk begins Sunday, September 27th and ends Sunday, December 20th. Any 20 minutes of aerobic activity is equal to one mile. The program is self-serve, simple and fun!

Registration begins Saturday, September 12th after the worship service and Sunday, September 13th between the worship services. Register and pick up a packet at the table in the Narthex (entryway to the Worship Center).

Each week after September 27th, stop by the table to report your miles and pick up a weekly devotion. Together, we can log 6,736 miles, improve our health, and grow in our faith.

If you have any questions, please contact Marna Atkinson (253-0582), Lyn Pitman (685-7165), or Jeanne Breckenridge (260-5259).

Coordinated by the Holy Cross Parish Health Team



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?

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING!

There are over 2000 international students in Wichita, and the vast majority of them are eager to have an American friend. Over half the students who apply for a Friendship Partner indicate an interest in learning about Christianity. What an opportunity! A series of four training events will equip you to extend friendship to an international student. Gain practical guidance for developing cross-cultural relationships in which the Gospel can be shared naturally. Invite them to a movie, for a meal, or to celebrate a holiday. The student doesn't come to live with you, you just extend friendship and the love of Christ to them.

Training is at First Evangelical Free Church, 1825 N. Woodlawn, on Thursdays, September 10th, 17th, 24th and October 1st. Call or email Norman Allen (nlallen2@juno.com; 871-8473) or Dick Daeschner (dickdaeschner@usa.net; 681-1445) if you'd like to attend. Please also let the Holy Cross Church Office know of your interest in this program (684-5201).

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(s) of Thanksgiving:

- Praise and thanks that Willard Welch just celebrated his 90th birthday. He is the brother-in-law and uncle of Ruth & David Norris.
- We rejoice and praise God for the blessing of Jeff Pearce's new job.

Those in Need:

- For Heidi, who has six tumors on her liver and will be getting chemotherapy injections.
- For a young lady who has Type 2 Diabetes and other medical issues.
- For Bella, who continues to battle brain cancer.
- For a couple who is still trying to sell their home and relocate.
- For Lynn & Laverne, friends of Dave Norris, who (as husband and wife) are both battling pretty serious health issues.
- For all who continue to deal with cancer and other chronic illnesses, including Nikki Adams, Danille Cary, Gary Conover, Tim Corwin, Kurt Davenport, Rosey Day, Bill Deines, Bob Edwards, Edward Ellis, Sue Janssen, Patricia Linhardt, Suzanne Malcolm, Paul Meiger, Ashley Personey, Leitha Ring, Bridget Schmitz, Suzi Simmons, Mary Stigge, 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, Trent Clark, Adam Edwards, Kurt Ertel, Megan Harris, Kris Heck, Geoffrey Jensen, Bryce Kohler, Phillip Lim, Nathan Mavia, Sara Pearce, Adrian Peppers, Amber Peterson, Joseph Schubert, Eric Scott, Andrew Shepherd, Nathan Smith, Jordan Solomon, 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.
- This week, we pray for college students **Jeff Kontz** and **Abby Warnke** at Southwestern College, Winfield; **Ty Postlewait** at Pittsburg State University; **Bridget Strunk** at Texas Woman's University; **Elly Vosburgh** at Tulsa University; **Evan Kihn** at the University of Arkansas; **Tori Bone**, **Austin Chinberg**, **Jessie Clinton**, **J.J. Poulos** and **Beth Snow** at the University of Kansas. 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.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 29th

Adult Bible Class 4:45 pm
 Intro to Holy Cross 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship & Communion Service 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 30th

Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am
Worship & Communion Service 8:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:45 am
 Intro to Holy Cross 9:45 am
Worship & Communion Service 11:00 am
 New Member Orientation 12:00 pm

Monday, August 31st

Preschool Chapel 9:00 am
Preschool Chapel 12:45 pm
 5th Monday Social—Singles—at Playa Azul 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 1st

Circuit Pastors at Wellington 8:30 am
 LWML General Society Meeting 6:30 pm
 Care Night 7:00 pm
 Stewardship Commission 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2nd

Chapel 8:20 am
 Braille 8:30 am
 Homeless Meal 11:30 am
 HCLS Band Night 5:00 pm
Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2nd (Cont.)

Senior Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 3rd

Men's Bible Study at Jimmy's Diner 7:30 am
Women's Bible Study 8:30 am
 Sewing Sisters 9:30 am
 Lord's Diner 5:15 pm
 Day School Commission 7:00 pm
 Sewing Sisters 7:00 pm
 Adult Basketball 8:00 pm

Friday, September 4th

PTL Meeting 8:20 am
 Junior Youth Friday Night Lockdown 5-11:00 pm

Saturday, September 5th

Adult Bible Class 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship & Communion Service
 with New Member Reception 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 6th

Worship & Communion Service
 with New Member Reception 8:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:45 am
 Baptismal Class 9:45 am
Worship Service
 with New Member Reception 11:00 am

Monday, September 7th—Labor Day

Church and School Offices Closed—No School