



***Thou shalt honor
thy father and
thy mother.***

Do you know what are the three most widely celebrated holidays in the world? First is Christmas, when we remember how God became man to be our Savior; second is Easter, when we remember how our Savior Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins, and rose from the dead to bring us eternal life; and third is Mother's Day. The amazing thing about that is, we've been celebrating Christmas and Easter for nearly 2,000 years, but Mother's Day has been around for less than a century.

The first Mother's Day church service was held in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10, 1908. It was organized by Miss Anna M. Jarvis, often called the founder of Mother's Day. The idea actually came from her own mother, Mrs. Anna R. Jarvis. Mrs. Jarvis often said she wished someone should start a special day to honor the contributions of mothers.

After Mrs. Jarvis' death in 1905, her daughter, Miss Jarvis, began a nationwide campaign to see her mother's wish fulfilled. Miss Jarvis wrote letters, traveled the country making speeches, and spent the family fortune, all to promote the idea of Mother's Day.

In 1914, the wish of Mrs. Jarvis and the campaigning of Miss Jarvis were fulfilled when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as an official national holiday honoring mothers. The second Sunday in May was selected for this new holiday because it was closest to the date of death of Miss Jarvis' own mother. And so was created the third most celebrated holiday in the world: Mother's Day.

It is really very fitting that this new holiday has already attained the kind of status we give to Christmas and Easter. For in a way, Mother's Day also is a Christian holiday. The Lord commands, "Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." As Martin Luther says in his explanation to this commandment, "We should fear and love God that we may not despise our parents and master, nor provoke them to anger, but give them honor, serve and obey them, and hold them in love and esteem."

One of the many things Miss Jarvis did to promote Mother's Day was to stand on streetcorners passing out red and white carnations. Miss Jarvis wanted the carnation to become the symbol of Mother's Day. She asked people to wear a carnation—red, if you mother is living; white, if your mother is deceased. "Honor Your Mother;" and if your mother has gone to heaven, honor her memory. "Honor Your Mother" and give thanks to God for her.

It is God who gave us our mothers, and it is God's will that you "Honor Your Mother." Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, even as he hung dying on the

cross, remembered his mother, Mary, committing her to the care of a beloved disciple. Children, like our Lord, "Honor Your Mother," by obeying her, helping her, and showing her respect and love.

Husbands and fathers, it is God who gave you the mother of your children. You will best honor her simply by being true to your wedding vows: "To have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish; til death do us part." Show her affection and love, as St. Paul says in Ephesians, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her."

At the first Mother's Day service in 1908, Miss Jarvis explained the four purposes of Mother's Day:

- 1) To honor our mothers;
- 2) To bring families together;
- 3) To make us better children;
- 4) To brighten the lives of good mothers.

This Mother's Day, and throughout the year, "Honor Your Mother."

Pastor Kevin Vogts



*Building
for the
Future*

Preliminary work has begun on our new sanctuary. Our thanks to the congregational members who put up the fence. The air conditioning condensers have been moved, utilities are being relocated, core samples of the ground have been taken, materials are being

stockpiled, and demolition of the tower has begun. The lighted cross from the tower was saved and will be mounted atop the new belltower over the new main entry, as an historic link to the original building which served for a decade as our congregation's sanctuary.

The current estimated completion date for the addition is December 1, 2007. Mark your calendars for March 30, 2008, the Sunday after Easter next year, which the Board of Elders has set as the date for dedication—Lord willing!

We should be able to continue using our current facilities without interruption throughout the summer and fall for worship and other church events, and Preschool and After School Care. The air conditioning was out for a few days but has been restored—a must for Vacation Bible School on June 4-8!

One inconvenience this summer will be a lack of natural gas. The old gas line ran directly where the footings must be dug for the new building, and the new gas line will actually pass through the new structure. So, it had to be disconnected in order to proceed with construction, but cannot be reconnected until the new building is far enough along. This affects only the heating, which isn't an issue in the summer, and hot water in the kitchen and men's and women's restrooms, which will not have hot water throughout the summer. The classroom sinks and restrooms are serviced by a separate, electric hot water heater, so you can obtain hot water or wash your hands there.

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Easter Lily Donations



Our thanks to those who gave so many beautiful lilies to beautify our church for Easter.

Given By

Ryan & Angela Dial Grandparents
Jon & Gail Dorr (2)
Finkral Family Heidi's Two Brothers
Carroll & Janet Gustman Mother and Fathers
Doug & Sue Jansen Father and Paul Jansen
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Madeline & Carol Smith Carl Smith
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Ron & Jeannette Yockey (2)

In Memory or Honor Of

We praise God for having brought our congregation to this milestone, and ask everyone to please continue to keep this important project in your prayers.

average of 53 for 2006. In addition, attendance at our Lent and Holy Week services averaged 44. Attendance for our Easter services was 123, including many visitors from the community.



First Quarter Attendance Increase

Our Sunday morning worship attendance for the First Quarter of 2007 averaged 60, compared to the overall

Hymnal Donations at 65% of Goal

Our congregation decided to adopt the new Missouri Synod hymnal *Lutheran Service Book* when pledges have been received for 80 copies. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. We have now received



pledges for 52 copies, or 65% of our goal. An additional 28 copies are needed before we can place the order.

Pledge cards for additional pledges are available at the back of the church along with a sample copy. Put pledge cards in the pledge box also at the back of the church. Hymnals may be given in memory loved ones, etc. with dedication plates in the hymnals. Cost is \$20 per hymnal. Thanks for your donations!



May 6
Jon Dorr

May 13
Carroll Gustman

May 20
Doug Jansen

May 27
Ron Yockey

Alternate
Mike Bargstadt

Next Elders Meeting
June 7, 7:00pm

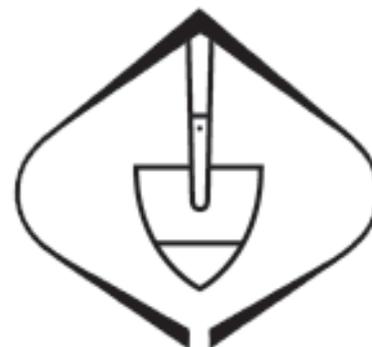


May 6
Jacob Vogts

May 13
Sarah Vogts



Following the service the congregation and many visitors processed outside for the groundbreaking ceremony.



Groundbreaking
March 25, 2007

Members young and old took their turn helping break ground.

LCMS South Dakota District President Dale Sattgast represented the District, which helped launch and has generously supported Holy Cross.



May 20
Tyler Fletcher

May 27
Kylie Martin



May 6
A.J. Michels

May 13
Myron Bose

May 20
Dylan Sawyer

May 27
Trevor Vilhauer



Robert Brock, May 3
Ginny Peterson, May 19
Betty Gunderson, May 26
Travis Yockey, May 27
Sue Jansen, May 30
Tyler Fletcher, May 31

Tim & Denise Fletcher
May 1, 1982

Randy & Deb Stein
May 1, 1978

Ron & Jeanette Yockey
May 17, 1980

Mike & Tammy Steemken
May 22, 1987

We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email holycross@longlines.com.



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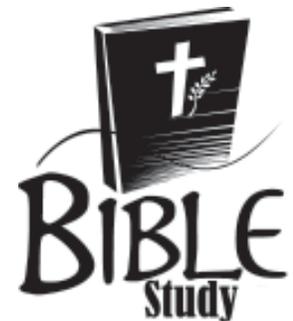
2008 South Dakota District Pastoral Conference at Holy Cross

An invitation from Pastor Vogts has been accepted by his fellow pastors of the LCMS South Dakota District to hold their District Pastoral Conference next spring at Holy Cross. On April 13-16, 2008 about 100 pastors, and in some cases spouses and children, will gather in Dakota Dunes and at Holy Cross for worship, study and fellowship.

Two pastoral conferences are held each year, a fall conference each October "west river," generally in the Rapid City area, and a spring conference "east river," usually alternating between Sioux Falls and Yankton. Since our new sanctuary should be completed next spring, and since the South Dakota District helped launch and over the years has generously supported Holy Cross, this will give the pastors of the District an opportunity to see firsthand our

ministry and what their own congregations' mission dollars have helped make possible at Holy Cross.

Exact details are still being worked out and most arrangements are made by a District committee. There has never before been a District pastoral conference in Union County, so this is a unique opportunity to show our hospitality!



You may have noticed that the cornerstones of many Lutheran churches have the letters "U.A.C." This stands for "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." The Augsburg Confession of 1530 was later altered by some who wanted to

compromise, but orthodox Lutherans stuck to the *Unaltered* Augsburg Confession. This was so important that Lutheran churches began inscribing it on their cornerstones.

Join in Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 10:30am as we continue our look at the Scriptural teachings contained in the Augsburg Confession. It's still as relevant today as in 1530!



This year's confirmands, Quinton Bose and Kendall Martin, will have their Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday, May 13. Public Examination of the confirmands was held on April 29.

Thank you to the confirmands' parents for their faithful attendance, and to Rob Finkral, Terry Vogts, Adam Gustman, Caroll Gustman, and Pastor Kenneth Schmidt of Concordia Lutheran Church for helping teach our Confirmation classes.



The flower calendar for 2007 is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc. Flowers may be obtained anywhere and you may provide



Over 100 worshippers enjoyed singing by the children of Holy Cross Preschool on April 15. Also pictured are some of the record 22 lilies which graced our church for Easter, and the new Easter banner made by Terry Vogts and Jeri Melstad.

your own vase or use one of the assortment in the church kitchen.

April 15

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
Pastor's Birthday

April 22

John & Sherry Isley
John's Birthday

April 29

Tim & Denise Fletcher
25th Wedding Anniversary

May 6

Randy & Deb Stein
31st Wedding Anniversary

May 13

Doug & Janet Martin
Confirmation and Mother's Day

May 20

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
Wedding Anniversary & Travis' Birthday

June 3

Doug & Sue Jansen
Birthdays

June 10

Carroll & Janet Gustman
32nd Wedding Anniversary

June 17

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
Jacob's Birthday

June 24

Doug & Janet Martin
Kaleb's and Kaden's Birthdays



Joe and Elaine VanAckeren
By Transfer From
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sioux City, Iowa

*Welcome to the Holy Cross
Family of Faith!*



**AFTER CHURCH
SNACKS**

In the back of the church is a sign up sheet to bring snacks for after worship. You are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish.

Those bringing snacks are also asked to please prepare the coffee. Instructions are posted near the coffee maker. Coffee, cups, napkins, plates,

etc. are all provided and in the kitchen.
Thank you to those providing snacks!

May 6
Dorr

May 13
Martin (Confirmation)

May 20
Finkral

May 27
Vogts

New Banners Donated

Our thanks to Jeri Melstad and Terry Vogts for creating three new banners for our church, for Easter, Pentecost and Confirmation.

We are in need of additional banners for all church seasons, festivals and occasions. If you are "crafty" and have an interest in creating a banner for the church, Pastor Vogts has several books with patterns and suggestions.



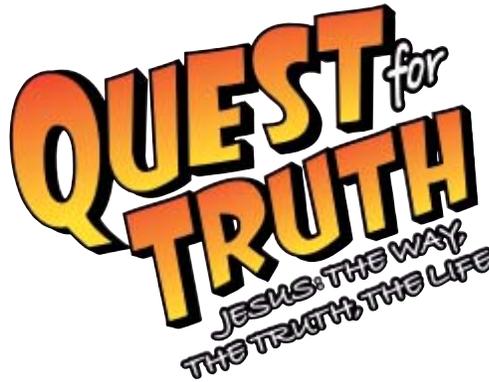
Each month we remember in prayer in our worship specific missionaries sponsored around the world by our congregation, through our Synod and related organizations.

May 6
Jenny Meier
Taiwan

May 13
Rev. James and Tina May
Togo

May 20
Robin McCoy
Thailand

May 27
Arthur and Eva Rickman
Panama



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Children's Names	Age or School Grade Just Completed
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_____	_____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

With Sympathy

Thomas Rosser

Grandfather of Daniell Bargstadt

*"Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord."*

Revelation 14:13



*By Robin McCoy
LCMS Missionary in Thailand*

We were blessed this month with two baptisms. The first one is an infant named Kaezia, nicknamed Kim. The mother, father, and brother come to church here with us at Into Light Church. Pastor Sompong and the parents came up to me and asked me if I would like to be the sponsor of baby Kim. I was very excited to accept. It was wonderful for me to get to hold baby Kaezia as she was baptized into our Lord's family.

At our Easter morning service, Lydia, who has been taking adult instruction, was baptized. After church, she happily announced, "Today I have a new birthday!" We rejoice with our newest sister in our Lord's family.

I have been helping some Korean friends to learn more about the Bible and about the wonderful love of Jesus. Two weeks ago, after we had studied the fourth and fifth chapters in John, Nicole said something to Sun. Sun smiled and excitedly said, "Tell Robin what you have just told me—in English."

Nicole, whose English is not as good as Sun's, began to tell me that she has been reading the Bible every night,



Instead of Easter bonnets and sun dresses, with temperatures in the 20's stocking caps and winter coats were the favored dress for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 7. Despite the chill it was again a big success! Approximately 60 children hunted for over 1,200 eggs filled with candy. Dozens of prizes were given away and many of the children and their parents stayed for a video of the Easter story. Thank you to the Board of Education, Daniell Barstadt, Janet Martin and Terry Vogts, and everyone else who helped.

because she wants to know more. When she reads, she feels very good and she doesn't want to stop reading about Jesus. She told me, with tears in her eyes, "I feel in my heart and I know that what it says in the Bible is true. I am so happy that now I know the truth."

Our Bible studies continue and she has many questions as she keeps reading beyond the chapters that we are studying. She continues to share her feelings as she learns and grows in her faith. Please keep Nicole, Sun, Lydia, and Kaezia in your prayers as they continue to grow and walk in the faith of our Risen Lord.



*By Jenny Meier
LCMS Missionary in Taiwan*

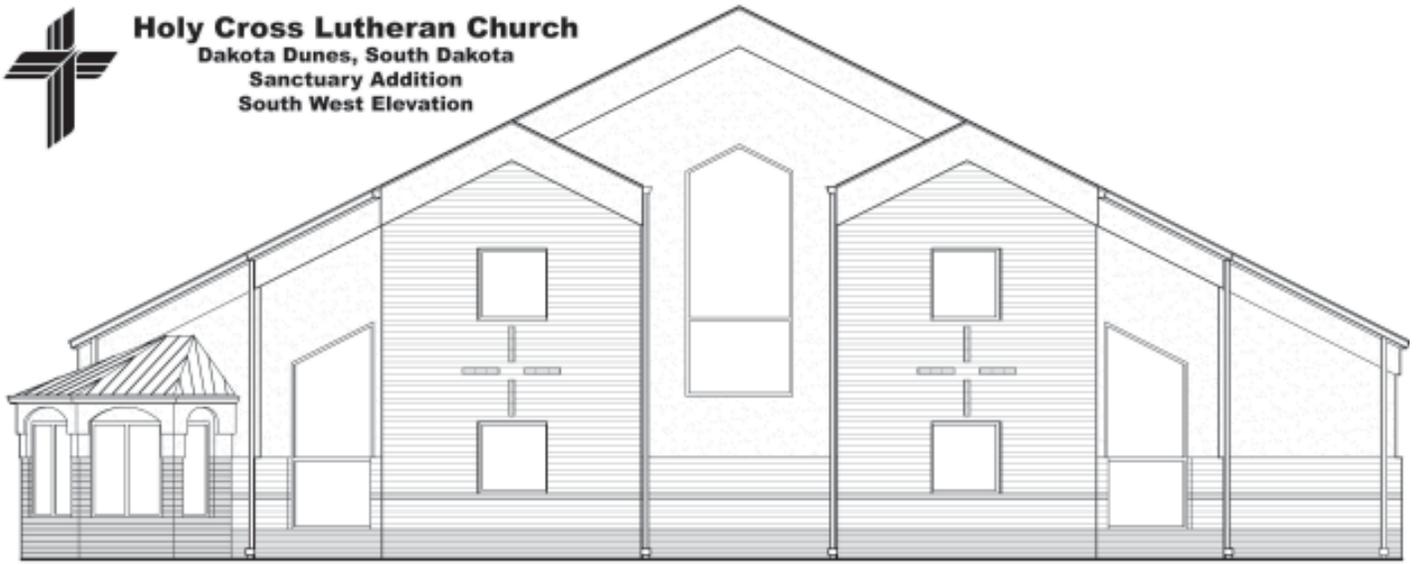
I parked my scooter and rang the doorbell. The door clicked open, and I entered through the gate, seeing my two little Taiwanese friends Ashley (6) and Ally (3) standing at their doorstep—their mother holding the door wide open, their little smiles beaming, and hands raised in the air with a shout of, "Hello! Jenny!" As I entered their home, we exchanged big smiles, high fives, and shouts of, "How are you?" I pulled out my bag of tricks and handed each a can of

Play-doh. We hurried off into the playroom. I soon began rolling out "snakes" for them—honestly, how can you resist making a snake with Playdoh? As Ally smashed the snake in half, we chuckled a little as they curled their pointer fingers. (Curling one's index finger is a Taiwanese hand motion for dying).

Almost instantly, Ashley's face lit up. She held her pointer finger up, and curled it saying, "Jesus." But she didn't stop there. She then slowly counted on her fingers and making sounds for one, two, and three. She quickly raised her finger up tall again—with a huge smile—making a sound for the word, "up!" In a matter of seconds, Ashley had shared the Easter story with me. She attends kindergarten at our mission school and is one my fellow phonics teacher's students. The joy that spread within me at seeing this six year-old re-tell the Easter story that she had been taught in English class last week was like nothing I have ever experienced. When I returned home, I immediately shared this story with her teacher. We jumped around like kindergartners ourselves upon realizing that our students actually do understand what we teach them! How exciting to witness the comprehension of the most important event in time—the event that makes our salvation possible.



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