



The Apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:13-14, "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right."

In this spirit, President George W. Bush commended our denomination, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in a video address for the opening of our national convention, meeting in Houston on July 15-20.

Jon Dorr, from our congregation, served as the lay delegate to the convention for the Yankton Circuit.

Following are excerpts from President Bush's address. The entire video may be viewed online at www.lcms.org/convention, under the video highlights for July 15.

"I'm honored to address this Convention as you provide guidance for the faithful. I thank you for your Christian witness, and I appreciate your many good works that offer comfort to the suffering around the world. I thank the members of the Missouri Synod for meeting the challenges of a broken world with compassion and courage. The theme of your conference this year is, 'One Message: Christ . . . His Love Is Here for You.'

"You've shown the love of Christ by building new homes for tsunami survivors in Southeast Asia, delivering aid to flood victims in Indonesia, and treating people suffering from HIV/AIDS and malaria in Kenya. Here at home you help in hospitals and nursing homes, prisons, and communities struck by tragedy and natural disasters. In all these acts of service, you are providing light in times of darkness and making our world a better place.

"I thank the members of the Missouri Synod for supporting our troops in harm's way. Since the Civil War your military chaplains have gone to the front lines with those defending our nation. Today more than 90 chaplains from the Synod are tending to the spiritual needs of our brave men and women in uniform in places like Afghanistan and Iraq. Your members are sending our troops care packages and providing support for their families here at home. I know they appreciate your ministry. So does their Commander in Chief.

"I thank the members of the Missouri Synod for your devotion to family, faith and freedom. I know you share my commitment to building a culture of life, defending the sanctity of marriage, and appointing judges who strictly interpret the Constitution.

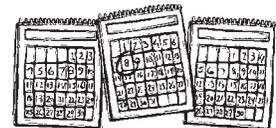
"I appreciate your many prayers for our country, and all of us entrusted with her leadership. With your help we will always be faithful to the enduring values of our nation. Congratulations on marking your 160th year of preaching the Good News . . . and I thank you for all you do to love your neighbor as yourselves. May God bless you and may God bless America."

President George W. Bush
Video Address
LCMS National Convention
Houston, Texas
July 15, 2007



New Member Sunday and Potluck July 22

We will rejoice to welcome several new members at our New Member Sunday on July 22. There will be a welcoming ceremony during the service with a potluck dinner following at 11:30am.



QUARTERLY Meeting

Quarterly Business Meeting July 22

Following the New Member Sunday potluck on July 22, everyone is invited to stay for the Quarterly Business Meeting at 12:30pm. The meeting will include an update on some aspects of the building project.

All adult members of the congregation are also automatically voting members. Your help and input is needed to administer the business affairs of your congregation.

Guest Preacher

*Guest Preacher
July 29*

From July 23-30 the Vogts family will be vacationing in Kansas City and attending the 50th Anniversary of Terry's home congregation, Christ Lutheran Church Winner, South Dakota.

In case of emergency you may contact Pastor Vogts by cell phone (712-898-4818) and he will arrange for pastoral care for you, or call Pastor Michael Boykin at Concordia Lutheran Church, Vermillion (605-624-9255).

Our guest preacher on July 29 will be Rev. Jerry Bruin, a counselor at Lutheran Family Services and interim Pastor for Bethany Lutheran Church, Sioux City. Rev. Bruin has a very interesting background. He is legally blind, and was a Roman Catholic priest before becoming a Lutheran minister.

Our service will be at the regular time of 9:15am. However, in order to allow time for Rev. Bruin to get to Bethany for their service, we will not have Communion at Holy Cross that Sunday.

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Lift High the Cross!

On June 28 the cross was raised atop our new bell tower. This impressive tower is nearly 60 feet tall, and is already becoming a prominent landmark as the tallest structure in Dakota Dunes. On the interior, it will be a dramatic, open atrium and the new main entry. The large cross was moved from our original building and is therefore a connection to our congregation's history. It will be lighted at night and should be highly visible, even from the Interstate. An actual, traditional bell will be mounted below the cross, as illustrated in the sketch below, providing not only a visual but also an audible witness that this is a temple for the worship of God. This cross at the pinnacle of our church serves as a testimony that it is foremost the message of the cross that is proclaimed in this church, as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:23, "We preach Christ crucified," and in Galatians 6:14, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Building
for the
Future*





Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Terry Vogts, August 14
 Don Wiese, August 17
 Kris Krause, August 18
 Joey Schroeder, August 18
 Daniell Bargstadt, August 24
 Anna Vogts, August 24
 Evan Steemken, August 28

Mandy & Joel Baier
 August 10, 2002
 Mike & Daniell Bargstadt
 August 10, 1996
 Betty & Gary Gunderson
 August 25, 1956

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

July 8
 Jon & Gail Dorr

July 15
 Ginny Peterson
 In Memory of Bob Peterson



Preschool and After School Care Open House and Registration Night

Tuesday, July 24 6:00pm-7:30pm

See the Facility Meet the Staff

Register Your Child for Fall

- Providing quality Christian education in Dakota Dunes since 1996
- Preschool classes for Ages 3-5
- Mom's Day Out program for 2 year olds
- After School Care for K-6th grade, bus service from Dakota Valley and Sacred Heart
- Excellent facility
- Christian atmosphere

For More Information Call 235-1688

August 12

Rev. Kevin Vogts
 Jacob, Sarah & Anna
 Terry's Birthday

August 19

Marcy, Bryce & Brady Schroeder
 Joey's Birthday

August 26

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
 Anna's Birthday

September 2

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
 Sarah's Birthday

September 9

Joey & Marcy Schroeder
 11th Wedding Anniversary

September 16

Madeline Smith & Family
 In Memory of Carl C. Smith

September 23

Doug & Janet Martin
 Kendall & Kylie's Birthdays

September 30

Joey & Marcy Schroeder
 Bryce and Marcy's Birthdays

Adult Bible Study



There will be no Adult Bible Class on July 29 due to Pastor Vogts' vacation. During August we will continue our study of the Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church.

We are currently looking at Article XX on the pivotal topic of the

relationship between faith and good works. Are we saved, at least in part, by the good works we do? That was the question at the heart of the Reformation, and the reason why there is a Lutheran Church.

Join in Adult Bible Class Sundays at 10:30am!



Volunteers Needed for Ice Cream Social

Our congregation is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 12 from 4:00pm-7:00pm to benefit Jane Michaels.

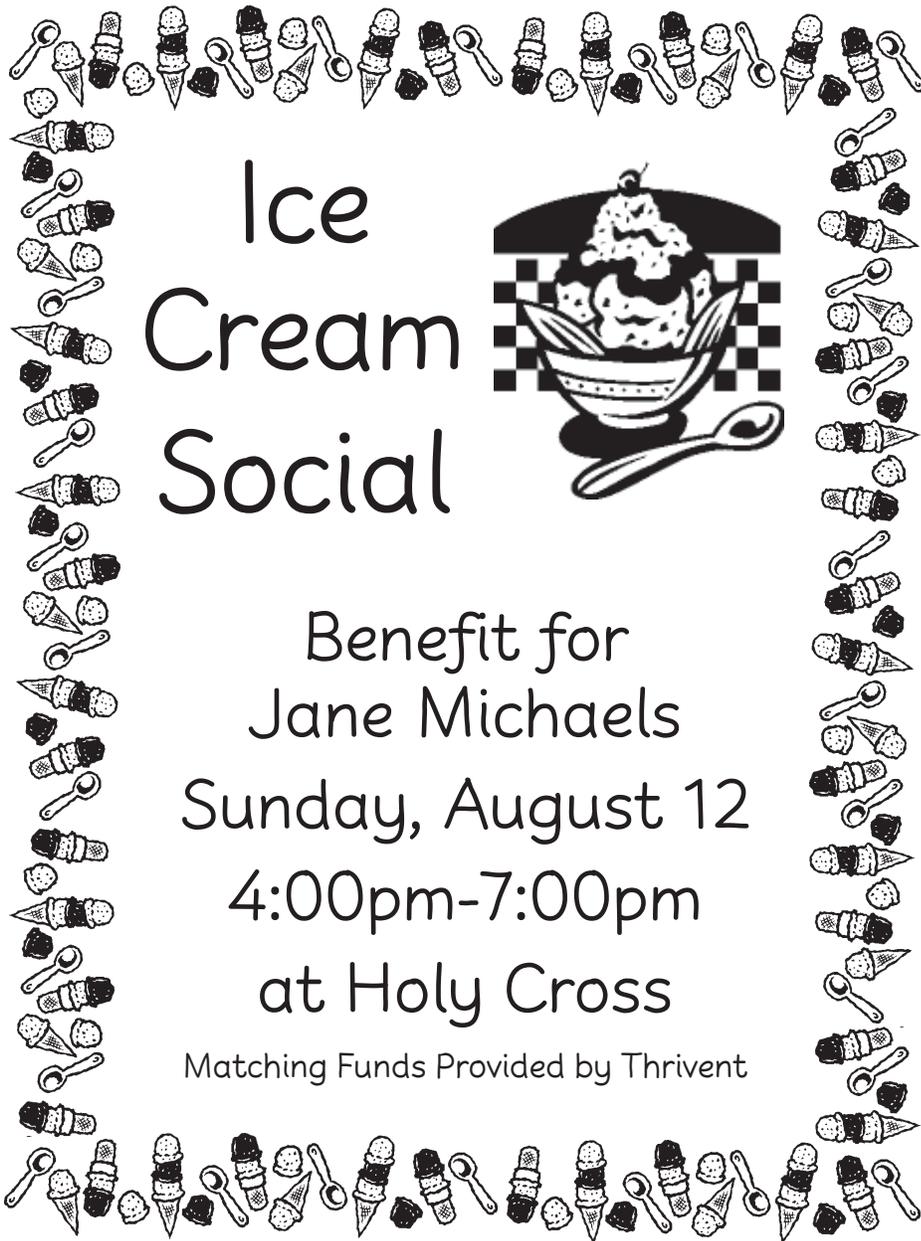
A long-time member of Holy Cross, Jane is unable to work due to cancer, but is not yet receiving disability. She is a widow, her husband Jim, also a long-time member of Holy Cross, having passed away from cancer several years ago.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to bring cookies or bars, work at the social, or help with publicity. For more information contact Pastor Vogts or Daniell Bargstadt.

Please keep Jane in your prayers. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"* (Galatians 6:10).



August 5
Carroll Gustman



Ice Cream Social



Benefit for
Jane Michaels
Sunday, August 12
4:00pm-7:00pm
at Holy Cross

Matching Funds Provided by Thrivent

August 12
Mike Bargstadt

August 19
Jon Dorr

August 26
Ron Yockey

Next Elders Meeting
August 2, 7:00pm



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!

August 5
Finkral

August 12 & 19
Volunteers Needed

August 26
Vogts



Missionaries of the Month

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

All the missionaries we are remembering this month are among over 40 newly appointed LCMS missionaries pictured at right who are just beginning their service in the mission field

August 5
Carol Becker
Japan

August 12
Rev. Mark and Rose Krause
Latvia

August 19
Linda Davis
Papua New Guinea

August 26
Al and Eileen Turner
Cambodia



By Mark Wolfram
LCMS Missionary in Taiwan

I teach at Concordia Middle School. Because many students do not believe in God, it can be frustrating for them to have a mandatory Bible class where they disagree with what is being taught or are apathetic toward the message of Christ.



Over 40 new missionaries were recently appointed by the LCMS. They are anxiously looking forward to sharing the Gospel in various parts of the world.

“Bob,” a tenth-grade student, had to write an essay about an important decision in his life. He talked about his decision to continue studying at Concordia. When he was one of my seventh-graders, he did not like school at Concordia.

“I couldn’t understand what the English teachers said,” he wrote. “I didn’t know how to write English homework, and I didn’t want to hear the American teachers always say that God is love.”

Gradually, Bob began to understand English, and he also began to understand the Bible, and to feel there is a God who loves him.

Bob then began going to church and weekly chapel services at school. He writes, “I feel that God is a living God, and He knows what I need.” Because of the opportunity we have to share God’s love here at Concordia Middle School, Bob knows about God and the love that He has for us in Jesus and trusts in Him.

August 12
Justin Peterson

August 19
Tyler Fletcher

August 26
Zachary Selby

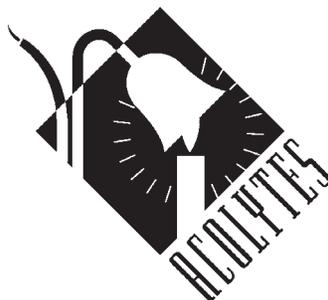


August 5
Myron Bose

August 12
Evan Steemken

August 19
A.J. Michels

August 26
Trevor Vilhauer



August 5
Keegan Johnson



New Member Sunday, Potluck Dinner and Quarterly Meeting This Sunday, July 22

9:15am—Worship with New Member
Welcome Ceremony

11:30am—Potluck Dinner

12:30pm—Congregational Quarterly
Business Meeting



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