



*In the forward to his book Ugly as Sin, Michael S. Rose asks, "Why are our modern churches so ugly, so banal, so uninspiring?" He traces it back to Edward A. Sovik, a Lutheran architect who promoted the spare "Danish modern" style for use in churches. Sovik's influential 1973 book Architecture for Worship proposed that people would be more comfortable in church buildings similar in design to secular spaces, such as offices, schools and stores, rather than a traditional church.*

*One prominent local architect our building committee interviewed for our new sanctuary echoed this sentiment when he declared, "Most pastors of successful churches don't want stained-glass or any other kind of artwork. They think it just distracts people from worship."*

*Needless to say, that architect and his firm did not get the commission for our new sanctuary. The architect we did engage created for us a church that is a pleasing blend of traditional with a contemporary flair, well-suited for our liturgical worship.*

*As this interesting article from [www.christianpost.com](http://www.christianpost.com) demonstrates, the idea that the unchurched will feel more comfortable in a building that does not look like a church is misguided.*

*Pastor Kevin Vogts*

## ***Unchurched Prefer Traditional Over Contemporary Church Buildings***

By Audrey Barrick  
Christian Post Reporter  
[www.christianpost.com](http://www.christianpost.com)  
April 7, 2008

Unchurched Americans prefer churches that look more like a medieval cathedral over contemporary church buildings, a new study showed.

Although billions of dollars have been spent on church buildings and more contemporary designs, church attendance has declined, said Jim Couchenour, director of marketing and ministry services for Cogun Inc., a founding member of Cornerstone Knowledge Network. The network was thus prompted to ask, "As church builders what can we do to help church leaders be more intentional about reaching people who don't go to church?"

In a study conducted by LifeWay Research for Cornerstone Knowledge Network, the unchurched preferred more traditional looking buildings by a nearly 2-to-1 ratio over any other option. Given 100 "preference points" to allocate among four photos of church exteriors, the unchurched used an average of 47.7 points on the most traditional and Gothic options.

The other three options were given only 18.5 to 15.9 points.

"Quite honestly, this research surprised us," said Ed Stetzer, director of LifeWay Research and LifeWay Christian Resource's missiologist in residence. "We expected they'd choose the more contemporary options, but they were clearly more drawn to the aesthetics of the Gothic building than the run-of-the-mill, modern church building."

Stetzer believes unchurched Americans may be drawn to the look of the Gothic cathedral because it speaks to a connectedness to the past.

Young unchurched people particularly preferred the traditional look. Those between the ages of 25 to 34 gave an average of 58.9 of their 100 preference points to the more Gothic church exterior while those over the age of 70 gave that option only an average of 32.9 points.

One survey respondent said modern churches "seem cold."

"I like the smell of candles burning, stained-glass windows, [and] an intimacy that's transcendent," the respondent said.

"We may have been designing buildings based on what we think the unchurched would prefer," Couchenour noted. "While multi-use space is the most efficient, we need to ask, 'Are there ways to dress up that big rectangular box in ways that would be more appealing to the unchurched?'"

Most churches that look like a cathedral, however, are in decline, Stetzer pointed out.

"Buildings don't reach people, people do," Stetzer said. "But if churches are looking to build and are trying to reach the unchurched, they should take into consideration the kind of building. Costs and other considerations will play into the decision, but the preferences of the unchurched should be considered as well."

Survey results showed that more than half of the unchurched said the design of a church building would impact their enjoyment of a visit to church. Twenty-two percent said the design of the church would strongly impact their enjoyment of the visit and 32 percent indicated it would have some impact. More than a third said it would have no impact whatsoever on their visit.

The survey was conducted on 1,684 unchurched adults on Feb. 4 and 5. Unchurched people are defined as those who had not attended a church, mosque or synagogue in the past six months except for religious holidays or special events.



## BUDGET UPDATE

### As of May 18, 2008

Total Offerings Budgeted	
Year-to-Date .....	\$53,240
Total Offerings Received	
Year-to-Date .....	\$48,944
Total Budget Deficit	
Year-to-Date .....	(\$4,296)

Dear Fellow Members of Holy Cross,

You will notice from the Budget Update above that our offerings are falling behind our budget. We are

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reaching the point where our General Fund account, from which we pay general operating expenses such as salaries, benefits, mortgage, utilities, insurance, and worship supplies, is being depleted and we are having difficulty meeting our regular obligations. This problem will likely become more acute over the summer months, when many churches experience a drop in attendance and offerings.

Recall that the Building Committee, during the initial discussions of the new church project, warned that the congregation needed to be cognizant of the increased budgetary outlays that would be necessary for operation of a facility that would more than double in size, and the concomitant need for an increase in offerings to cover these expenses while at the same time obtaining pledges towards construction costs.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help to meet this need. *"Give to the LORD the glory due to His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts"* (Psalm 96:8).

Dr. Douglas Martin  
Congregational Chairman



Holy Cross does not have a paid Church Secretary. We are very grateful to member Deb Stein for serving faithfully as our volunteer Church Secretary, generally keeping office hours at Holy Cross on Tuesday mornings.

In order to have a regular schedule of Church Office hours during the rest of the week, five more members have

volunteered to serve as Church Receptionists, rotating on different mornings. Our thanks to Jackie Baker, Mary Mettenbrink, Carol Smith, Madeline Smith, Mary Mettenbrink, and Margaret Waybright for volunteering to serve at Holy Cross in this capacity. Their main function will be as receptionists, answering the telephone, taking messages, receiving deliveries, etc. They will also do some routine office tasks.

With the help of these new volunteer Church Receptionists, beginning in June the Church Office will be open Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-11:00am. This gives you a regular time to stop by the church for delivering flowers, etc. Pastor Vogts will often be in his study at Holy Cross during this time also, but he sometimes has other commitments.



We welcome into membership **Tamela Mahrt**. She recently moved to Dakota Dunes from Hinton, Iowa. She works at Wells Dairy in LeMars, Iowa. She is at home in Dakota Dunes at 24 Coyote Place #202; 712-253-4640.

We also welcome **Tony and Margeret Waybright** and their sons **Jace, Ryan and Alex**. They recently moved to Dakota Dunes from Lincoln, Nebraska. Tony is district manager for Pegler Sysco and Margeret is a homemaker. Jace is in fourth grade at Dakota Valley and Ryan and Alex are students at South Dakota State University. They are at home in Dakota Dunes at 718 Prairie Boulevard; 605-422-2403.



## SUMMER DAY CAMP

"Fruits of the Spirit" is the theme for this year's Summer Day Camp at Holy Cross for children ages 3-6. It will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00am-3:00pm, June 11 thru August 6.

The teachers will be Melanie Melstad, a member of our congregation and an teacher education student at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, and Wendy Brown, a member of St. Paul's, Sioux City and a teacher education student at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska.

Registration is \$25 and tuition is \$225. Students must bring their own sack lunch; drink and snack provided. For more information or to register contact Daniell Bargstadt (422-1366) or Terry Vogts (232-4013) or leave a message for the Christian Education Office (235-1688).



## Vacation Bible School June 2nd-6th

Holy Cross is holding our annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 2nd thru 6th. This year we are having

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# Jump in with Jesus

## Bible School

at Holy Cross  
Lutheran Church

Monday thru Friday, June 2nd to 6th, 9:00-11:30am

For Children Age Three thru Those Who Have Just Completed 4th Grade

Bible Lessons ☺ Crafts ☺ Songs ☺ Refreshments

No Charges or Fees ☺ Non-Members Welcome!

Pre-Registration Appreciated

For more information contact Christian Education Office at 235-1688

## VBS Pre-Registration

*Registration Box in Gathering Room*

**Return To: Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
149 Bison Trail  
Dakota Dunes, SD 57049**

*or Register by Phone by Calling 235-1688 and  
Leaving a Message for the Christian Education Office*

Children's Names

Age or School Grade  
Just Completed

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

morning classes only for age three thru children who have just completed 4th grade.

This year's theme is "Jump in with Jesus!" Lessons will include the stories of Noah, Jesus calming the storm, and the raising of Lazarus. Once again we plan to give all the children several Arch books which coordinate with the lessons.

Our thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with this opportunity to share Christ with the children of our community. Additional volunteers are always needed for group leaders, snacks, crafts, music and recess. For more information about helping with or attending VBS please contact Angela Dial (422-2096; rnodial@hotmail.com) or Pat Winborn (605-761-0245; pwinborn@iw.net).



Holy Cross Preschool and After School Care is taking registrations now for fall. Preschool includes:

Mom's Day Out

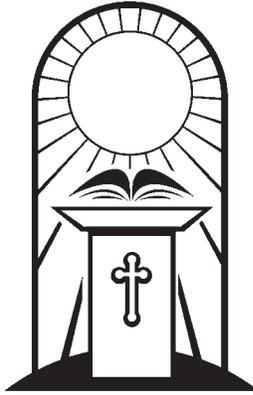
Cindy Feeser, Teacher  
2-3 year-olds  
\$105 per month  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30am-11:00am

Preschool

Julie Larson, Teacher  
3-4 year-olds  
\$130 per month  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
8:30am-11:15am

Pre-Kindergarten

Julie Larson, Teacher  
4-5 year-olds  
\$130 per month  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
8:30am-11:15am



# Summer Sermon Series on Philippians

Beginning in June we are having a special "Summer Sermon Series" on the book of Philippians. Here are the weekly topics, with selections from Philippians for you to read in preparation for the sermon:

June 1

*"When Bad Things Happen  
to Forgiven People"*  
Philippians 1:12-18

June 8

*"To Live Is Christ  
and to Die Is Gain"*  
Philippians 1:19-26

June 15

*"The Code of  
Christian Conduct"*  
Philippians 1:27-28

June 22

*Rev. Leland Schmidt*  
Guest Preacher

June 29

*"To Suffer for Him"*  
Philippians 1:29-2:2

July 6

*"Look Not Only to  
Your Own Interests"*  
Philippians 2:3-11

July 13

*"Press on Toward the Goal"*  
Philippians 3:1-14

July 20

*"Friendly Fire?"*  
Philippians 3:15-19

July 27

*"Four Questions About  
the Resurrection"*  
Philippians 3:20-4:1

August 3

*Rev. Donald Winterrowd*  
Guest Preacher

August 10

*Rev. Steven Benson*  
Guest Preacher

August 17

*"The Cause and Characteristics  
of Christian Joy"*  
Philippians 4:4-7

August 24

*"Think on Such Things"*  
Philippians 4:8-9

August 31

*"The Secret of Contentment"*  
Philippians 4:10-13

After School Care for Kindergarten-6th grade is until 6:00pm and follows the Dakota Valley school calendar (\$10 per day; \$12 per early out day). The children are dropped off by the Dakota Valley and Sacred Heart busses.

Spaces fill up fast so if you are interested or have a grandchild, friend, neighbor, etc. who may be interested you are encouraged to please register *now* to reserve a place for fall.



## AFTER CHURCH SNACKS

Each Sunday there will be an offering basket at the Coffee Bar for a freewill offering. This offering will be used to cover the cost of coffee, juice, snacks and paper products for the Coffee Bar. Often we have no one signed up on the calendar for snacks and as our Sunday attendance continues to grow it is difficult for some people to provide snacks for our increasing numbers.

We are going to have a trial period of purchasing snacks for Sunday mornings and see how it goes. We will continue to ask members to sign up to serve in the Coffee Bar on Sundays. When signing up you would set up before worship (make coffee, set out napkins, etc.) serve and clean up after snack time. The snack sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Area. We will have occasions that exceptions will be made to "purchasing snacks" and a group may provide snacks, such as the youth. We will continue to set out the offering basket every Sunday as we will always have the expense of coffee, juice and paper products even if the snack is donated.

Please talk with one of the officers of Women in Mission if you have any questions: Janet Martin, Daniell Bargstadt and Sherry Isley.



Items for the bulletin are due on Monday and newsletter articles are due on the 15th of the prior month. Please place articles in Deb's slot in the Church Office, or email them to [holycross@longlines.com](mailto:holycross@longlines.com).

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders for June  
Rob Finkral, Carroll Gustman,  
& Doug Jansen

June Elders Meeting  
June 3, 7:00pm

Junior Ushers for June  
Zahn Bose & Jacob Vogts



## Crucifers

June 1  
Myron Bose

June 8  
Sarah Vogts

June 15  
Dylan Sawyer

June 22  
Kylie Martin

June 29  
Sarah Vogts



## Acolytes

June 1  
Emily Steemken

June 8  
Tiara Selbey

June 15  
Kasey Michels

June 22  
Jace Waybright

June 29  
Megan Winborn



## Summer Bible Study on Understanding Islam

In June we will begin a Bible study on "Understanding Islam." An important part of the class each week will be videos featuring Drs. Emir and Ergun Caner, who were raised Muslim by a mosque leader but became Christian and are now both seminary professors.

We will look at the history of Islam and the key differences between Islam and Christianity. Join in Sunday mornings at 10:30am.



Anthony Waybright, June 3  
Doug Jansen, June 13  
Quintin Krause, June 13  
Margaret Waybright, June 13  
Kaden Martin, June 20  
Emily Steemken, June 21  
Jacob Vogts, June 22  
Kaleb Martin, June 27

Michele & Peter Miranda, June 16  
John & Sherry Isley, June 27  
Jason & Christie Mensch, June 30

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](mailto:holycross@longlines.com).



The flower calendar is located on the table in the Gathering Room. 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.

May 4

2008 Confirmation Class  
Confirmation Sunday

May 11

Patrick & Denise Honner  
Eli's 1st Birthday

May 18

Ron & Jeannette Yockey  
Wedding Anniversary & Travis' Birthday

June 8

Doug & Sue Jansen  
Birthdays

Jennifer Wolfe and Ryan Wadsworth  
40th Wedding Anniversary of the Late  
Jim Michels and Jane Michels

June 15

Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts  
Jacob's Birthday

June 22

Doug & Janet Martin  
Kaleb and Kaden's Birthdays

June 29

John & Sherry Isley  
Wedding Anniversary

July 6

Harold & Mary Mettenbrink  
Wedding Anniversary

July 13

Dolores Hageman  
Birthday



*By Rev. Jonathan Muhly  
LCMS Mission in Russia*

There is a Russian proverb that literally translates, "Every vegetable has its own time." Coming from a people with a long agrarian history, this proverb's meaning focuses on the fact that many things will only ripen and blossom in due time. There are some plants that sprout and grow quickly, while others require patience and waiting.

This proverb exactly describes some of the work that Dasha Shkurlyatyeva has been doing here in Moscow. Dasha, who is passionate about classical music (she plays the viola), was instrumental in founding the Society for Studying the History of Lutheran Music. In connection to that society, Dasha has spent a large amount of time developing a series of lectures and concerts (as well as presenting them) on the contributions of Lutheran musicians, their influences in the music (the Bible, their Christian faith), and their influences on music throughout the centuries.

As Dasha's work is both musical and academic in nature, it has naturally led to connections with musicians and teachers in local music schools and conservatories here in Moscow. And while these relationships have taken some time to develop, the fruition of her work was seen in Dasha's involvement in the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory's concert series in late February.

Upon the conservatory's invitation, Dasha participated in their concert lecture entitled, "Reflections on the Bach Chorale." She served as the presenter, introducing the musical pieces by providing the historical background, discussing why it was written and how

the piece was used (often in the church's liturgy) and sharing the influences of particular Bible passages and sections of Luther's Small Catechism in the various chorales.

After her introductions, each musical piece was performed and/or sung (they were sung in the original German). Participants included organists and organ professors from the Moscow Conservatory and the Lad Chamber Choir.

During this concert, Dasha spoke of many faith-based themes, including man's fall into sin, repentance, hope and faith in Jesus, and eternal life to the roughly 250 people in attendance. Praise God for this great opportunity and connection that Dasha has cultivated!



Our congregation has designated a tithe of 10% of our general offerings to support the work of our District and Synod. Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

June 1

*John Shmalcs  
Macau*

June 8

*Rev. Gustavo Lavia  
Spain*

June 15

*Rev. Andrey Vladimirov  
Russia*

June 22

*Deaconess Linda Davis  
Papua New Guinea*

June 29

*Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Engelbrecht  
Vietnam*



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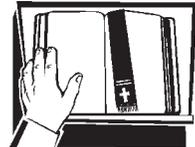
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:15am    Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am   Bible Class 11:30am   Board of Education	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Board of Elders	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Jump in  with Jesus --- Vacation Bible School --- 9:00am-11:30am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:15am    Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am   Bible Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Anthony Waybright</i>	<b>11</b> 9:00am-3:00pm Summer Day Camp 7:00pm Women's Fellowship <i>St. Barnabas</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Doug Jansen            Quintin Krause            Margaret Waybright</i>	<b>14</b>  <b>Flag Day</b>
<b>15</b> <b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:15am    Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am   Bible Class 	<b>16</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <i>Michele &amp; Peter Miranda</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am-3:00pm Summer Day Camp	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Summer Begins!</b> <i>Kaden Martin</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Emily Steemken</i>
<b>22</b> <b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:15am    Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Leland Schmidt Guest Preacher  <b>GUEST PREACHER</b> <i>Jacob Vogts</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	<b>25</b> 9:00am-3:00pm Summer Day Camp  <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (1530)</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Kaleb Martin            John &amp; Sherry Isley</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles</b>  9:15am    Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am   Bible Class 	<b>30</b> <i>Jason &amp; Christie Mensch</i>	<i>Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</i>				

**Deadline for Calendar Submissions or Changes is the 15th of the Prior Month**  
**Email to [holycross@longlines.com](mailto:holycross@longlines.com) or Leave Voicemail Message at Church Office**  
**This Calendar May Not Reflect Late Submissions or Changes**



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