

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Crossnotes



2009



## What Is the Gospel?

This month I am sharing with you a beautiful description of the Gospel that I recently read, written by Lutheran theologian Martin Chemnitz, whose birth in 1522 is commemorated on our church calendar on November 9. This passage is taken from the English translation of his work *Ministry, Word and Sacraments*, published by Concordia Publishing House (pp. 69-70).

Chemnitz writes:

The Gospel is properly the doctrine of the person and office or benefits of Christ. But this doctrine consists most of all in these chief parts:

✠ That the Son of God, before the world of time, was, by a wonderful decree made in the hidden counsel of the Trinity, appointed to be our Mediator, Redeemer, Reconciler, and Savior.

✠ That this decree was revealed by the word of promise immediately after the Fall, in the promise of the coming Messiah gradually renewed and repeated to the fathers during the whole time of the Old Testament.

✠ Likewise that the Son of God, according to the promise, was made man in the fullness of time and most perfectly completed the work of redemption and reconciliation by His obedience, passion, and death, and thus gained righteousness and life eternal, by His resurrection and ascension, for those who believe in Him.

✠ The Gospel does not only set forth the account of Christ in story form,

but the proper doctrine of Him is the promise of grace, by which God, in the Word and the Sacraments, sets before and offers to miserable sinners—thoroughly terrified by the knowledge of sins and of divine wrath and damnation—grace, remission of sins, adoption, and the inheritance of life eternal freely and out of pure mercy or grace, without our merit, only for the sake of His obedience, passion, death, and merit of Christ.



**“The Second Martin”—After Martin Chemnitz wrote his monumental Examination of the Council of Trent, even Roman Catholic theologians—against whose teachings it was directed—expressed their esteem for his scholarship with the quip, “If the second Martin [Chemnitz] had not come, the first Martin [Luther] would not have endured.”**

✠ The Gospel teaches that these benefits of Christ the Mediator are to be apprehended and applied by faith.

✠ The Gospel declares those who believe righteous and saved.

The *Treasury of Daily Prayer* describes the life and work of Martin Chemnitz:

Aside from Martin Luther, Martin Chemnitz (1522-86) is regarded as the

most important theologian in the history of the Lutheran Church. Chemnitz combined a penetrating intellect and an almost encyclopedic knowledge of Scripture and the Church Fathers with a genuine love for the Church.

When various doctrinal disagreements broke out after Luther’s death in 1546, Chemnitz determined to give himself fully to the restoration of unity in the Lutheran Church. He became the leading spirit and principal author of the 1577 Formula of Concord, which settled the doctrinal disputes on the basis of Scripture and largely succeeded in restoring unity among Lutherans.

Chemnitz also authored the four-volume Examination of the Council of Trent (1565-73), in which he rigorously subjected the teachings of this Roman Catholic Council to the judgment of Scripture and the ancient Church Fathers. The Examination became the definitive Lutheran answer to the Council of Trent, as well as a thorough exposition of the faith of the Augsburg Confession.

A theologian and a churchman, Chemnitz was truly a gift of God to the Church. (*Treasury of Daily Prayer*)



## Quarterly Business Meeting November 1

The governing body of Holy Cross is the Voters Assembly, which has regular quarterly business meetings. All adult members of Holy Cross are automatically voting members and invited

and encouraged to participate in the Voters Assembly.

The next quarterly business meeting of the Voters Assembly will be Sunday, November 1, at 11:30am.

For more information about the Voters Assembly or quarterly business meeting contact Congregational Chairman Ron Yockey (605-232-0615; rcougs@longlines.com.)



## Hog Roast Success!

How do you measure success? Well, let's see . . . our feet were hurting, our backs were aching, there were very little leftovers, and there was a lot of laughter coming from that kitchen crew. Yep! I'd call that success! But, on a more serious note, we are thrilled to inform you that between ticket sales and the bake sale we brought in

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**New Advent Paraments**—Our thanks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, for donating to Holy Cross numerous items from their former church, which recently closed and has been sold. Among these items were a beautiful new set of light blue paraments for use during the season of Advent, which begins on November 29. Such a set was already on the Holy Cross Memorial Gift List of items desired for our congregation. They required only minor alterations to fit our chancel furnishings. The color purple has traditionally been used during Advent, because Advent was considered a penitential season much like Lent. Lately, the spirit of the season has become more celebratory, and reflecting that change several decades ago light blue was adopted as an alternative color to reflect the more festive nature of Advent. A green altar parament from Our Savior's is also being altered to fit our altar. This will give us two green sets to alternate, since the Pentecost season is about one-half of the year and the green paraments get the most wear. Our Savior's requested that any paraments we could not use be passed on to another Lutheran congregation. The Board of Elders approved giving the paraments we could not use to Concordia Lutheran Church, Sioux City, which had need of new paraments in these colors.

approximately \$2200, with a portion of that yet to be matched by Thrivent!

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped with this fundraiser in any way. Our thanks to Jon and Gail Dorr for donating the hog, to Rev. Donald Meyer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa for roasting it for us; to Ron and Jeannette Yockey for donating the beef brisket, and to Betty Gunderson and Ginny Peterson for coordinating this event, and to all the committee members. To those who donated baked goods for both the meal, and the bake sale we say "thank you" and "job well done." To those who helped set up, serve, and clean up we say a very grateful "thank you."

You are all a blessing. How wonderful to have such a supportive church family!



## Guest Minister November 22

Pastor Vogts will be attending the LCMS Fall Leadership Conference in Tampa, Florida the week of November 16. The Vogts family will also be attending

and making part of the week a family vacation.

Because the conference schedule runs through Sunday morning, our guest minister on November 22 will be Rev. David Schoop, who recently retired as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Sioux City. Worship, with Holy Communion, will be at the normal time of 9:15am. There will be Sunday School and Youth Bible Class that morning as usual, but no Adult Bible Class.

Although Rev. and Mrs. Vogts will both be gone on November 18, there will be Midweek School as normal with substitute teachers. However, there will not be Midweek Bible Study for adults.

Each year the Fall Leadership Conferences brings together hundreds of leaders from our denomination, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Vogts is invited to participate because of his role as vice-chairman of the LCMS Board for Communications Services. He is in final term in this position, ending in September, 2010.



## Midweek Bible Study "Speechless: Silencing the Christians"

Join in Wednesdays from 7:30pm–8:30pm for our Midweek Bible Study on a very interesting, contemporary topic. Each week we begin with an episode from the DVD series, "Speechless: Silencing the Christians," which looks at current social and cultural changes from a Christian perspective. Discussion of the episode is then combined with a look at Biblical principles for us to follow as Christian citizens.

## Fall Church Picnic and Old-Fashioned Mission Festival at Adams Nature Center, McCook Lake



## Come to the Fall Church Picnic

Sunday, October 25

Picnic—12:30pm

Nature Center Activity Room

Please Bring a Main Dish, Side Dish,  
Dessert, and Your Own Table Service  
Drinks Provided

Mission Festival—2:00pm

At Historic Stavenger  
Lutheran Church on the  
Nature Center Grounds

Speaker Rev. Henry Witte  
27 Years Missionary in South America  
Now LCMS Sioux City Hispanic Missionary

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*

Midweek Bible Study will conclude for 2009 on November 11, due to the absence of Pastor Vogts on November 18 for the LCMS Fall Leadership Conference, and the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving the following week.

Upcoming topics for the remainder of 2009 include:

October 21—Public school students in Texas are told they can't mention Jesus in discussions about Christmas or Easter! A superintendent in Plano admits his plans to "shut down religious speech" in school. The myth of separation of church and state is exposed. The state of Texas becomes the first in the nation to pass a law designed exclusively for the protection of students' religious liberties.

October 28—Opponents of free speech work to silence the voice of radio and television programs with a traditional perspective.

November 4—Can a mother's faith be used to take away her children? In this episode you'll experience the real-life story of Lisa Miller and her battle to maintain custody of her daughter, Isabella. Watch how Lisa's former lesbian partner reached across state lines (into a state where civil unions are not legal) and used Lisa's faith as a weapon against her. The result is a precedent-setting custody battle that pits state against state and puts our religious freedoms on trial. Find out the facts, and what the outcome of this case might mean for you.

November 11—Could "Christians Need Not Apply" really be happening in our country? All across the land, Christians are being hounded out of jobs, simply because of their beliefs. In this episode you'll learn: why two women were fired from The University of Texas at Arlington for praying for a co-worker after hours; how a counselor lost her job for sticking to her religious convictions; why a receptionist at a family services

agency was harassed for her Christian faith; and what this intensifying battle means for you and your freedoms.



## The Lutheran Difference

Our current study in Adult Bible Class is on "The Lutheran Difference."

Why did Martin Luther and his followers seek to reform, and eventually separated from, the Roman Catholic Church? Why did the other "Protestants" which followed separate themselves in turn from the Lutherans?

In this class we are looking at how the Lutheran Church differs from other denominations on such fundamental topics as justification, Scripture, Baptism, Communion, etc.

Join in Sundays at 10:30am to learn more about "The Lutheran Difference" on these and other key teachings.



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records are not complete. 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).

Mabel Schibonski, November 14  
Kasey Michels, November 19  
Dee Reifke, November 23  
Debra Stein, November 23  
Jane Michels, November 27

Irvin & Suellen Paulsen  
November 22, 1986

Denny & Marleen Kuhn

November 23, 1962

Merlin & Glenda Schincke

November 23, 1974



## 2010 Flower Calendar Available

The flower calendar for 2010 is now on the table in the Gathering Room. There are also some open dates for the remainder of 2009.

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 Coffee Bar. They may be delivered during Office Hours, Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-11:00am, and placed in the flower cooler in the Sacristy west of the altar area. Or, you can simply bring them early on Sunday morning.

October 4

Women In Mission

LWML Sunday

October 11

Denise & Patrick Honner

Wedding Anniversary

November 8

Mabel Schibonski

Birthday

November 15

Steven & Susanne Stoeger-Moore

Order Your

Poinsettias



We have again arranged for poinsettias through Mosher Garden Center for \$11 each. Sign up in the Gathering Room indicating that you wish to have these plants purchased for you, and put your payment in the offering marked "Poinsettias."

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 29. The plants will be delivered to the church on December 5 for display beginning on Sunday, December 6.

You are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please sign up on the bulletin board indicating that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church anytime before Christmas.

After Christmas you may take home the plants you have donated or brought. When you sign up, please indicate whom your plants are in memory or honor of, the way you want it printed in the January newsletter.



Sermon Topics

November 1

"Dressed for Eternity"

Revelation 7:13-14

November 8

"Elijah and the Widow

of Zarephath"

1 Kings 17:8-16

November 15  
"Seven Signs of the  
Second Coming"  
Mark 13:1-13

November 22  
Rev. David Schoop  
Guest Minister

November 25 (Thanksgiving Eve)  
"The Peace of God"  
Philippians 4:4-7

November 29  
"Symbols of the Season:  
Advent Wreath"  
John 1:9



## Sunday School Topics

November 1—On this All Saints' Day, the story of "Jonah" serves as the focus of our Sunday School lesson. Just as Jonah was swallowed up in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus, in His crucifixion, was baptized into the sea of death, drowned in our depravities, devoured by the grave, and spewed forth alive again after three days and nights that He might save us, the Assyrians, the Ninevites, and Jonah. *Questions for discussion include, "Why did Jonah try to run away from God? What does God do when sinful people repent?"*

November 8—The Sunday School students have studied the story of "Hezekiah Prays" today. Just as Hezekiah prayed in faith to God and was delivered, so Jesus, our mediator and advocate with the Father, intercedes for and with us, granting us deliverance from sin, death, and the devil. *Parents could ask, "Why did Hezekiah go to God in prayer? In what ways does God answer our prayers today?"*



# Community Thanksgiving Service

Bring Your Family and Guests to Celebrate Thanksgiving  
at Holy Cross, Wednesday, November 25, 7:00pm

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*

## O Give Thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good

November 15—The account of "The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus was with and saved the three men in the fiery furnace, so our Savior is with us and saves us in His Word and Sacraments, sustaining us when we suffer for His name. *Questions for discussion include, "Who appeared in the fiery furnace with the three men? How has God rescued us from the fires of hell?"*

November 22—The Sunday School students have studied the account "Daniel in the Lions' Den" today. He, Jesus, who saved Daniel, would Himself be given over to the satanic lion to save the world. *Parents could ask, "Who did God use to keep Daniel safe? How does God keep us safely with Himself?"*

November 29—On this last Sunday of the fall quarter, Sunday School students study "Esther." In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. *Consider discussing, "How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?"*



## Worship Assistants

### Elders for November

Carroll Gustman and Tony Waybright

### Ushers for November

Gary Amunson, Dennis Melstand,  
and Harold Mettenbrink

### Acolytes for November

November 1 ..... Nathan Soukup  
November 8 ..... Bryce Schroeder  
November 15 ..... Gracie Nelson  
November 22 .. Stephanie Stoeger-Moore  
November 25 ..... Anna Vogts  
November 29 ..... Kathleen Soukup

### Crucifers for November

November 1 ..... Jace Waybright  
November 8 ..... Tiara Selby  
November 15 ..... Megan Winborn  
November 22 ..... Myron Bose  
November 25 ..... Anna Vogts  
November 29 ..... Claire Johnson

# BUDGET UPDATE

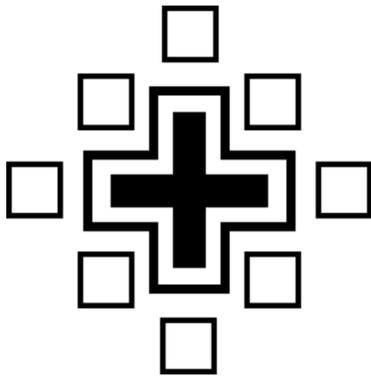


## As of October 11, 2009

Total Offerings Budgeted  
Year-to-Date ..... \$140,530

Total Offerings Received  
Year-to-Date ..... \$137,787

Total Budget Deficit  
Year-to-Date ..... (\$2,743)



## November Commemorations

You may have noticed on our church calendar that in addition to members' birthdays and anniversaries there are also listed historic commemorations of some of our forbearers in the faith.

The Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church states:

*"We gladly keep the old traditions set up in the church . . . among them being certain holy days, festivals, and the like."* (Article XV)

*"It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling."* (Article XXI)

A list of such occasions commonly observed in the Lutheran Church is included on pages xi-xiii in the front of *Lutheran Service Book*. The following brief descriptions of the significance of these commemorations in November are from the new *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. This excellent publication is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, www.cph.org, stock #12-4318.

### All Saints Day (November 1)

This feast is the most comprehensive of the days of commemoration, encompassing the entire scope of that great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded (Hebrews 12:1). It holds before the eyes of faith that great multitude which no man can number: all the saints of God in Christ—from every nation, race, culture, and language—who have come "out of the great tribulation . . . who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9,14). As such, it sets before us the full height and depth and breadth and length of our dear Lord's gracious salvation (Ephesians 3:17-19).

It shares with Easter a celebration of the resurrection, since all those who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him (Romans 6:3-8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the ingathering of the entire Church catholic—in heaven and on earth, in all times and places—in the one Body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Just as we have all been



**The symbol for All Saints day is palm branches and a crown, based on the description of the saints in heaven in Revelation 7:9, "They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" and Christ's promises in Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."**

called to the one hope that belongs to our call, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

And the Feast of All Saints shares with the final Sundays of the Church Year an eschatological focus on the life everlasting and a confession that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). In all of these emphases, the purpose of this feast is to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, that we might not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2-3).

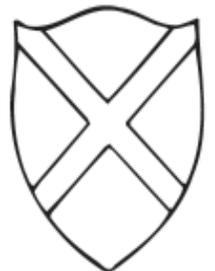
### St. Andrew, Apostle (November 30)

St. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was born in the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist, Andrew then became the first of Jesus' disciples (John 1:35-40).

His name regularly appears in the Gospels near the top of the lists of the Twelve. It was he who first introduced his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:41-42). He was, in a real sense, the first home missionary, as well as the first foreign missionary (John 12:20-22).

Tradition says Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople and later removed to the cathedral of Amain in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland.

St. Andrew's Day determines the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day.



**The symbol for St. Andrew is "St. Andrew's Cross," so called because tradition says he was martyred by being crucified on an X-shaped cross.**



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Board of Elders held their September meeting at the Gospel Mission, which recently relocated to 301 West 8th Street, Sioux City. We took a tour of their impressive new facility, and were even more impressed by the work they are doing to assist the poor.

In addition to their shelter facilities and in-service assistance, one of their most important efforts is their very well organized and managed food bank for needy members of the community. There is a particular need for foodstuffs during the winter months and because of the current economic difficulties.

Our Board of Elders voted to hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Gospel Mission. Thru the end of November there will be a barrel in the Gathering Room for donations of non-perishable food items. *They actually prefer food rather than cash donations, because when cash is donated they have to pay a handling fee to their bulk food supplier.*

The Scriptures have many references to our responsibility to help the poor, and Jesus tells us, *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me"* (Matthew 25:40).

This is also a great opportunity to get your children involved and teach them the joy of sharing with those in need.

*"Share with God's people who are in need, and extend hospitality to strangers"* (Romans 12:13).



The Holy Cross Hog Roast on October 4 served over 200, including many visitors, making over \$2,000, with a portion to be matched by Thrivent. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a smooth running, successful event!



## Holy Cross Pork Pullers

Requirements for admission to the Pullers, at a minimum, is that you must like salt, butter, greasy hands, standing downwind from a smoking grill, lard and mounds of BBQ sauce.

Training involves staying up late the night before in anticipation, a quick drive to the country the day of and upon arrival at the pulling site chomping your way through a large cinnamon roll thick with frosting and a cup or two of hot coffee.

Once a Puller has reached this point and a slab of warm pork is pulled off the grill and laid on the plastic-covered picnic table, Pullers are expected to talk about how they don't care one iota about calories, how they wished their wives weren't home when they got back so they could pack a couple pounds of the good stuff back with them, how the bull about escaped, how good a steak is without the salad, and how nice it is for Tony to bring his young uns' so the Pullers have somebody to tease.

Sadly, all good things come to an end, the Pullers head back to town, the table is cleaned and a final inspection is ordered up for Pete, the black lab hunting dog that has been patiently waiting on the sideline for his moment to hit the ground licking.



## Meditations on Divine Mercy

In our newsletter as space allows we include selections from Johann Gerhard's *Meditations on Divine Mercy*. Gerhard was a leading Lutheran pastor and theologian in Germany during the 16th and 17th centuries. He suffered extraordinary afflictions in his life, and his experiences are reflected in this inspiring devotional book.

The devotions are in the form of extended prayers. The entire book is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, www.cph.org, stock#12-4183.

## THE CONTEMPLATION OF GOD'S GIFTS

THE CONTEMPLATION OF GOD'S GIFTS, from the most beautiful garden of nature and the church is like gathering a bouquet of fragrant flowers. The scent of these blooms refreshes the spirit and calls forth the sacrifice of praise, which is a sweet smell to God. These immeasurable and countless divine gifts may be considered according to the three articles of the Christian faith. God has created, redeemed, and sanctified us.

He showers us in this life with the greatest gifts. He promises even more for eternal life. He gives us gifts for the care of soul, body, and external needs. He guards us from evil and preserves us in the good. He conceals what has happened in the past. He controls what will happen in the future.

Even as He has bestowed many past blessings of grace, still more are the blessings He gives that protect us from evil. In short, we can grasp neither in word nor in thought the number and worth of those divine gifts that will be the most abundant subject of eternal praise in the coming life.

AMEN.



Our congregation has designated a title 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.

November 1  
*Peter Pfaff*  
Japan

November 8  
*Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey*  
Venezuela

November 15  
*A.J. Davis*  
Slovakia

November 22  
*Rev. John & Susan Mehl*  
Hong Kong

November 29  
*Rev. Charles & Karen Tessaro*  
Nigeria



Peter Pfaff hails from Boerne, Texas, about 20 miles northwest of San Antonio. He enjoys playing the guitar and bass guitar, sports, and cooking. He studied biology at Concordia University Texas in Austin, Texas. At a glance, he seems like an "average" recent college graduate. But, the Lord has something in mind for Peter that is far from ordinary.

Peter recently moved to Japan where he will serve until 2012, learning Japanese, teaching English classes, and leading Bible studies and other activities.

Peter was born in South Korea where his father, Rev. Richard Pfaff, was a missionary from 1983-1989. In 2008 they returned for a visit and short-term mission trip.

Peter writes, "My Dad says that while I was in South Korea in 2008, I was bit by the 'mission bug.' As I experienced sharing Christ within the context of another culture, I began to feel called to continue. I was already in the Pre-Seminary program at Concordia University Texas, and felt that maybe God was leading me to do this before going on to seminary.

"I have always had an interest in Asian cultures—especially Korean and Japanese. I am very excited to learn the Japanese language. After years of taking biblical Greek and Hebrew, it will be nice to actually speak what I learn!



Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve snacks for the remainder of 2009! The only open dates for this year are December 13 and 27.

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish. Those serving snacks are also asked to prepare the coffee and juice, which along with cups, napkins, plates, etc. are available in the Coffee Bar. If you serve snacks please be sure to sign up on the list. Thank you to all those providing and serving snacks!

October 4 ..... LWML Sunday  
October 11 ..... Stemken  
October 18 ..... Yockey & Vogts  
October 25 ..... Mettenbrink  
November 1 ..... Finkral  
November 8 ..... Reifke  
November 15 ..... Vogts  
November 22 ..... Winborn  
November 29 ..... Eickhoff  
December 6 ..... Kuhn  
December 13 ..... Need Volunteers  
December 20 ..... Winborn  
December 27 ..... Need Volunteers



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# 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> All Saints Day 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Quarterly Business Meeting 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Midweek Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Preschool Schedule              Monday-Friday Mornings              Chapel Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays 9:00am              After School Care              Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm              Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</p> </div>
<b>8</b> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>  <i>Martin Chemnitz, Theologian, Born 1522</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>Dr. Martin Luther, Reformer, Born 1483</i>	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Midweek School 7:30pm Midweek Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Mabel Schibonski</i>
<b>15</b> 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class	<b>16</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Midweek School	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>Church Office Hours</b>              Tuesday-Friday              9:00am-11:00am</p> </div> <i>Kasey Michels</i>
<b>22</b> Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion Rev. David Schoop Guest Minister 10:30am Sunday School <i>Irvin &amp; Suellen Paulsen</i> 	<b>23</b> <i>Dee Reifke            Debra Stein            Denny &amp; Marleen Kuhn            Merlin &amp; Glenda Schincke</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Jane Michels</i>
<b>29</b> First Sunday in Advent  9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	<b>A</b> lmighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose goodness, though undeserved, still abundantly provides for all our wants of body and soul, grant us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for Thanksgiving Day)</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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Dakota Dunes, SD 57049

Return Service Requested



Fall Church Picnic and  
Old-Fashioned Mission Festival  
at Adams Nature Center, McCook Lake

Sunday  
October 25

Picnic—12:30pm

Nature Center  
Activity Room

Please Bring a Main Dish, Side  
Dish, Dessert, and Your Own  
Table Service Drinks Provided

Mission Festival—  
2:00pm

At Historic Stavenger  
Lutheran Church on the  
Nature Center Grounds

Mission Speaker Rev. Henry Witte, 27 Years Missionary in South America  
Now LCMS Sioux City Hispanic Missionary

*All Invited — Everyone Welcome!*



Come  
to the

# Fall Church Picnic