

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Crossnotes

2010



Easter Message from the Pastor



When I was still a seminary student and serving my internship year in New Jersey, there was a particularly hard winter and late spring thaw—like this year here! The church where I was serving had repaved their parking lot the previous summer, and accidentally paved over part of a flower bed. Shortly before Easter, with icy snow still covering the ground, the flowers which had been planted in that bed came bursting up again.

It was quite a sight to see these bright spring flowers, scattered like beautiful jewels amidst the sparkling snow. Even more amazing was that they came up not only through six or more inches of snow and ice, they first penetrated at least that much frozen earth and hard black asphalt.

The traditional Easter lily and other spring flowers are a very meaningful symbol for the real significance of Easter. Just as these dormant plants break through the ground in glorious bloom, Jesus Christ rose from the tomb on Easter morn, and all who die in Christ will also rise on the Last Day to eternal life.

You probably have, and sometime in the future will once again, watch as a dear loved one's body is lowered into a grave. The lifeless body that we lay to rest is like a dormant seed, planted in

the ground. The Easter lily and other spring flowers are a symbol not only of Christ's resurrection but of your hope that you and your loved ones who are asleep in Jesus will rise with him to eternal life. As the Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:14, "We know that He who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus."

Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate the joy of Easter at the annual Community Sunrise Service at Holy Cross on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:00am, with a second Easter service at 9:15am.

Pastor Kevin Vogts



You are invited to a Community Sunrise Service at Holy Cross on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7:00am. This simple service will feature the Easter story and favorite Easter hymns. A second Easter Service, with Holy Communion, will be held at the regular time of 9:15am.

Easter Sunrise Service is one of the most moving and meaningful worship opportunities of the year. Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate the real significance of Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc.—everyone enjoys Easter Sunrise services!



Holy Cross is again sponsoring a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 (day before Easter) at 10:30am on the church grounds.

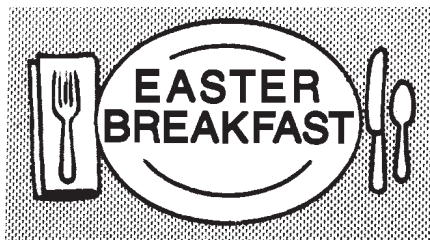
This event is for the entire community, and all children up to age 10 are welcome. Last year over 100 children and at least that many adults attended. This event is becoming a real community tradition. There will be plenty of eggs, prizes, snacks and an Easter video.

Bring your children and grandchildren, invite your children's friends and neighbor's children.



Services for Maundy Thursday on April 1 and Good Friday on April 2 are at 7:00pm. The Maundy Thursday service will include Holy Communion.

Bring your family to meditate on our Savior's sacrifice for your salvation.



Following the Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, the Youth Group will host an Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Everyone is invited!



As of March 21, 2010

Total Offerings Budgeted
 Year-to-Date \$45,924
 Total Offerings Received
 Year-to-Date \$42,948
 Total Budget Surplus/Deficit
 Year-to-Date (\$2,976)

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The deadline for signing up to donate Easter lilies through the church office from Mosher's Garden Center is Palm Sunday, March 28.

However, you are still *welcome* to bring plants you purchase elsewhere or receive as gifts. Please still sign up, noting that you will bring your own plants, and drop them by the church during Holy Week, or on the Saturday before Easter during or just after the Easter Egg Hunt (when we will be arranging the lilies), or even on Easter Sunday morning.

A complete list of all the Easter lily donations will appear in the May newsletter.



April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

*"The Sounds of Lent: Singing,
 Breaking Bread, and
 Pouring Wine"*
 Matthew 26:26-30

April 2 (Good Friday)

"Dice and Death Cry"
 John 19:23-30

April 4

"The Promise of Easter"
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

April 11

"Witnesses to the Resurrection"
 Acts 5:30-32

April 18

"My Chosen Instrument"
 Acts 9:1-22

April 25
*"The Scripture
 Cannot Be Broken"*
 John 10:30



The flower calendar for 2010 is now 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 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.

March 7

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
 In Memory of Eric Yockey

March 14

Madleline Smith Family
 Madiline's Birthday

March 28

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
 In Memory of Eric Yockey

April 4

Denise & Patrick Honner
 Emma's 1st Birthday

April 11

Scott & Shannon Feese
 Chance's Birthday

April 18

Vogts Family
 Kevin's Birthday

May 2

Denise & Patrick Honner
 Eli's Birthday

May 2

Steven & Susanne Stoeger-Moore



**New Bible Class
"Bible 101"
Starts April 11**

There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4. On Sunday, April 11 we will begin a new study in Adult Bible Class, *Bible 101: An Introduction to Understanding the Bible*. Learn the history and structure of the Bible, principles of Bible interpretation, and how to apply the Bible to your life.

Join in Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall!



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.

April 4

*Bruce and Sarah Wall
Panama*

April 11

*Michael Vogel
Taiwan*

April 18

*Carlos and Lidia Winterle
Kenya*

Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 3
10:30am*

On Church Grounds

Up to Age 10

All Children Invited!

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Second Easter Service

at 9:15am

Both Services at Holy Cross



Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00am-9:00am

Holy Cross Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Youth Group

Free-Will Donation



All Invited—Everyone Welcome!

April 25

*Paul Andrews
Papua New Guinea*

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.



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each

Todd Peters, April 2
Emma Honner, April 4
Kevin Hamilton, April 5
Jeri Melstad, April 6
Andy Winborn, April 8
Chance Feese, April 10
A.J. Michels, April 14
Nyla Hamm, April 15

Pastor Kevin Vogts, April 17
 John Isley, April 22
 Elaine Van Ackeren, April 23
 Gary Gunderson, April 26
 Lauren Winborn, April 26

Jim & Barbara Goede
 April 17, 1982

Les & Vickie Britson
 April, 19. 1980

Todd & Jill Peters
 April 21, 2001



Isn't it nice to have snack time after worship? We need volunteers to help! In the Gathering Room there is a new sign-up sheet to bring snacks for fellowship time after worship in 2010. Why not sign up for a birthday or other special event?

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. Thank you to all those providing snacks!

Snacks for April

April 4 .. Youth Group Easter Breakfast
 April 11 Dials
 April 18 Vogts
 April 25 Need Volunteers



Elders for April

Les Britson & Rob Finkral

Chancel Care for April

Mary Mettenbrink

Acolytes for April

April 1 (Maundy Thursday) Bryce Schroeder
 April 4 (7:00am) Jace Waybright
 April 4 (9:15am) Kaleb Martin
 April 11 Kathleen Soukup
 April 18 Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
 April 25 Korey Ehlers

Crucifers for April

April 1 (Maundy Thursday) Myron Bose
 April 4 (7:00am) Ashley Bargstadt
 April 4 (9:15am) Emily Steemken
 April 11 egan Winborn
 April 18 Kasey Michels
 April 25 Nathan Soukup



Lutheran Lecture Series April 24

You are invited to a *free* lecture series featuring four interesting Lutheran speakers. The *Lutheran Lecture Series-Midwest* will be held on Saturday, April 24 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa. This year's topic is, "The Church and the Civil Realm."

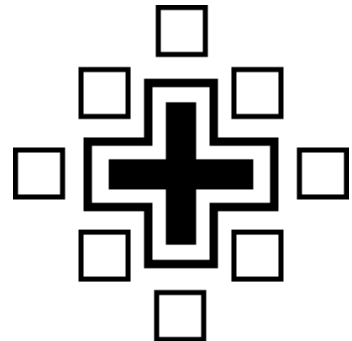
- Dr. Adam Franciso of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana will speak on "Making Sense of Pluralism: A Worldview Overview."
- Dr. Korey Maas of Concordia University, Irvine, California will speak on "Church, State, and Abortion: What Can We Learn from Antiquity?"
- Rev. Bryan Wolfmuller of Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, Colorado will speak on "The Ten Commandments in the News: Understanding Contemporary Events in Light of the Catechism."

Registration, coffee and donuts begins at 9:00am. The formal activities start at 9:45am and will continue until 11:45am when everyone will break for lunch, which will be provided by the host congregation's youth group. The afternoon's lectures will begin at 1:00pm and finish by 3:30pm. A short service of Vespers will follow, and the day's activities will conclude by 4:00pm.

This is a great chance to hear some interesting Lutheran speakers close to home, and there is no charge.

From the south edge of Marcus, Trinity Lutheran Church is four miles south of the intersection of Highway 3 and 143 (Marcus Junction Cafe on corner) and then turn west on C-38 and go one mile.

If you plan to attend please email Jon Dorr (jdorr@midlands.net). You can also speak with Jon for more information.



April Commemoration

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. 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 description is from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25)

St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some Early Church Fathers, when the Christians in Rome asked him

to write down the preaching of the apostle Peter.

Mark, also known as John Mark, was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:12). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (Acts 12:25), and it was from this city that they set out on the first missionary journey.

When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (Acts 15:37-40). Later, Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11).

Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria, becoming its first bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr's death.



Bee-Lievers in Christ

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross, Tuesday thru Friday, June 1-4, from 9:00am-11:30am. This year's fun theme is "Bee-Lievers in Christ."

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School



Monday thru Friday, June 1st to 4th, 9:00-11:30am

For Children Age Three Thru Those Just Completing 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	School Grade Just Completing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Classes are for children 3 years of age thru those that just completed 4th Grade. The fun and learning includes Bible lessons, crafts, songs and refreshments. There are no charges or fees and non-members are welcome!

Pre-registration is appreciated. You can put the form on this page in the box in the Gathering Room.

We also need "worker bees" to volunteer their time! Areas of interest include snacks, games, crafts, music, group leaders and assistants. Sign up sheets and registration sheets available on gathering room table.

For questions about VBS contact Board of Education Chair Angela Dial.



SATURDAY Worship

Summer Saturday Service Scheduled

At the Quarterly Business Meeting in January the Voters Assembly voted to hold a Summer Saturday Service this year, during the months of June, July, and August.

The Saturday service will be at 5:30pm and will be a shortened version of the service for the following Sunday, with the same sermon. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service each week.



Seminaries Make Extensive Video Library Available Free Online

In a joint effort Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, are releasing a compilation of educational videos available via their Web sites.

This collection of more than 1,100 videos covers Old and New Testament, Pastoral Theology and individual books of the Bible which were originally part of the Distance Education Leading To Ordination (DELTO) courses made available through the Concordia University Education Network (CUEnet).

You will find fascinating, college and seminary level lectures by some of our finest scholars—all free! Simply visit <http://media.ctsfw.edu/> and type in a topic in the Search box.



Sunday School Topics for April

April 4—No Sunday School due to Easter.

April 11—Today in Sunday School, the children learned that we, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see (John 20:19–31). Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him.

Discuss with your family times when it was hard to trust and believe in the promises of God. Talk about faith and where it comes from (the Holy Spirit). In your catechism review, study the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its explanation.

April 18—Today in Sunday School, the children learned how Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples after Easter in another miraculous catch of fish (John 21:1–14).

As a family, talk about how Jesus reveals Himself to us in the means of

grace, calling us to be disciples and giving us Easter joy. Especially discuss the blessings of Baptism and how through water and God's Word each of us puts on Christ. What does that mean for your lives now and in eternity?

April 25—Jesus calls Himself our shepherd (John 10:22–30). In Sunday School today, the children learned how we are all like sheep who have gone astray.

As a family, talk about this Good Shepherd Jesus, who rescues, gathers, and cares for us through His Word and Sacraments. In what ways has He rescued you? Where can we find our Shepherd? (In His Word and Sacraments.) Review the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the Catechism.



HOLY CROSS Women in Mission

Women In Mission will be collecting personal hygiene items such as bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. for the Council for Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence. These can be both travel-size and full-size. Look for the basket in the Gathering Room. This project will continue throughout the next six months. Let's see how often we can fill the basket!

All women are invited to join in on April 14 for a fun program by Fran Briggs as she presents her Washday Program at Stoneybrook Assisted Living. Come enjoy fellowship with the residents and with your Sisters in Christ. The program starts at 9:30am sharp at Stoneybrook. No regular meeting. Please RSVP to the church office (232-9117) if you will be attending.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Wednesday after Easter)</p>			<p>1 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	<p>2 7:00pm Good Friday Service</p> <p>Good Friday Todd Peters</p>	<p>3 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt</p>	
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<p>25 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45am Choir Warmup 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 1:00pm Adult Information Class</p> <p><i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Gary Gunderson Lauren Winborn</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:30pm Midweek School</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Preschool Schedule</u> Monday-Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00am <u>After School Care</u> Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm <i>Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</i></p> </div>	

Deadline for Calendar Submissions or Changes is the 15th of the Prior Month
Email to holycross@longlines.com or Leave Voicemail Message at Church Office
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Saturday, April 3

10:30am

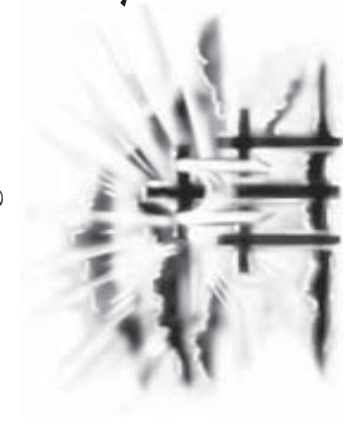
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