

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Crossnotes

2010
June



The ancient Romans started the tradition of June weddings because that was the month dedicated to the observance of Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. There was also a very practical—and none too romantic—consideration, for this timing also ensured that should the bride become pregnant in the first months of marriage she would be recovered enough to help with the following year's harvest!

Though today we of course no longer worship Juno, and most of us do not help bring in the harvest, this old tradition of June weddings still endures in our culture thousands of years later, and many of us will be attending weddings this month. So, June is a good time for us to consider what Scripture teaches about marriage.

"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."

With those beautiful, ancient vows, brides and grooms over the centuries have pledged themselves to each other before

God to life-long love for one another. What's the secret to a successful marriage? How can you keep your love for one another strong throughout your lives? There are three essential ingredients in God's formula for life-long love: *forgiveness*; *fidelity*; and *faith*.

The first ingredient for life-long love is *forgiveness*:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs." (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

"This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His only-begotten Son into the world that we would have life through Him . . . beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also love one another." (1 John 4:9, 11)

The cross itself is a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. The vertical beam of the cross is like an arrow pointing down to earth, symbolizing how God so loved the world that He sent His only-begotten Son. The horizontal beam of the cross is like a bridge, symbolizing how Jesus' love for us bridges the gap between us caused by sin so that we can truly love and forgive one another.

"Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." (Ephesians 5:2)



This engraving of Holy Matrimony is from an 1820 edition of the Book of Common Prayer.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:12-13)

The first ingredient for life-long love: *forgiveness*.

The second ingredient for life-long love is *fidelity*:

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion suitable for him.'" (Genesis 2:18)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matthew 19:5-6)

The customary wedding rings symbolize fidelity, never failing love. Just as the circles of the wedding rings never end, so the love of husband and wife for one another and faithfulness to one another must never end.

“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

The second ingredient for life-long love: *fidelity*.

The third ingredient for life-long love is *faith*:

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” (1 John 4:7)

“We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” (John 13:34)

“Now remain in My love.” (John 15:9)

The third ingredient for life-long love: *faith*—together—in Jesus.

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Pastor Kevin Vogts



As of May 16, 2010

Total Offerings Budgeted	
Year-to-Date	\$76,540
Total Offerings Received	
Year-to-Date	\$68,045
Total Budget Deficit	
Year-to-Date	(\$8,495)



Sermons Topics for June

June 5 & 6

*“God Has Come to
Help His People”
Luke 7:11-17*

June 12 & 13

*“The Greatest Hoax on Earth?”
Galatians 1:11-12*

June 19 & 20
*“The Precious Gospel
of God’s Grace”
Galatians 3:15-25*

June 26 & 27
*“Elijah and the 7,000”
1 King 9:9-18*



We rejoice to welcome into membership Alfa “Al” Fisher. He is at home in Dakota Dunes at 310 Dakota Dunes Boulevard, Apt. 207; 712-252-2106.

We will welcome Al and several other new members who are currently in Adult Information Class at a New Member Sunday later this summer. Also, the pictorial directory has been delayed until these new members have been received.

*Welcome to the Holy Cross family
of faith!*



Hymnal Donation Drive Success

Due to the installation of the final four pews in our new Sanctuary, the Voters Assembly in April approved a

recommendation from the Board of Elders for a drive for donation of additional hymnals. We have received pledges for the 32 hymnals needed to fill out each pew. Thank you to all who gave donations!

If you would still like to donate a hymnal some additional copies would be useful in the balcony, and ordering at this time would save shipping. The cost is \$24 each. Pledge forms and a pledge box are above the mailboxes in the Gathering Room.



Bee-Lievers in Christ

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



The hive is buzz-zing about the Word of God! Fifty-nine busy bee's are pre-registered—and the queen bee can't do it herself! We also need "worker bees" to volunteer their time!

Would you be willing to be a worker bee volunteer and help spread how amaz-zing Christ is? Areas of interest include snacks, games, crafts, music, group leaders and assistants, and providing snacks. A volunteer sign-up

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School



Tuesday 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: _____

sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room.

Vacation Bible School 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.

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



SATURDAY Worship

Saturday Summer Service Begins June 5

At the Quarterly Business Meeting in January the Voters Assembly voted to hold a Saturday Summer Service this year, during the months of June, July, and August, with the first service this month on June 5.

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.



Join in Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for our current 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.



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 6

*Raymond and Emilie Dubert
Taiwan*

June 13

*Rev. Todd and Kim Roeske
Philippines*

June 20

*Michael and Louise Weber
Shanghai, China*

June 27

*Rev. Herb Hoefler
India*

Doug Jansen, June 13
Quintin Krause, June 13
Les Reifke, June 17
Donna Vondracek, June 17
Kaden Martin, June 20
Emily Steemken, June 21
Jacob Vogts, June 22
Kaleb Martin, June 27
Gary & Linda Amunson, June 11, 1972
John & Sherry Isley, June 27, 1971
Jason & Christie Mensch, June 30, 2007



The flower calendar for 2010 is 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 cabinet in the Vestry (small room east of Altar). They may be delivered during Office Hours, Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00am-11:00am, and placed in the flower cooler in the Sacristy (small room west of the Altar) . Or, you can simply bring them early on Sunday morning.

May 2

*Denise & Patrick Honner
Eli's Birthday*

May 16

Steven & Susanne Stoeger-Moore

June 13

*Doug & Sue Jansen
Birthdays*

July 4

*Harold & Mary Mettenbrink
Anniversary*

July 11

*Ryan & Angela Dial
Nichole's Birthday*



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.

*Tony Waybright, June 3
Briley Lynn Schroeder, June 5
Margaret Waybright, June 12*

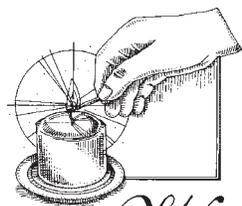


Isn't it nice to have snack time after worship? We need volunteers to help! In the Gathering Room there is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks for fellowship time after worship during 2010. Why not sign up for a birthday or other special event?

Snacks are either provided by Women In Mission, or you are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish. Just indicate your choice on the sign-up sheet. 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 June

June 6 Hageman-DeRocher
 June 13, 20, 27 Need Volunteers



Worship Assistants

Elders for June

Carroll Gustman and Les Britson

Chancel Care for June

Jeri Melstad and Dee Reifke

Acolytes for June

June 6 Kathleen Soukup
 June 13 Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
 June 20 Korey Ehlers
 June 27 Gracie Nelson

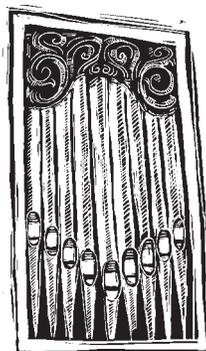
Crucifers for June

June 6 Nathan Soukup
 June 13 Kasey Michels
 June 20 Tiara Selby
 June 27 Emily Steemken

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Organ Project Update

The Organ Committee met with Lynn Dobson of Dobson Organ Builders and our architect Brad Mollet on May 20 to finalize details for the installation of our pipe organ.

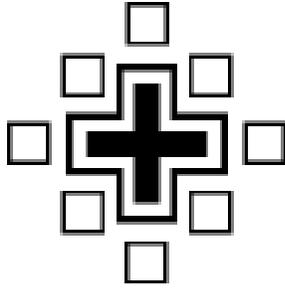
Mr. Dobson reports that the rebuilding of the organ at their shop in Lake City, Iowa is now complete and the cabinet is currently being refinished to match our sanctuary. Pictures of the organ being worked on and assembled in their shop are online at www.dobsonorgan.com/html/instruments/Op01_dakotadunes/op01_dakotadunes.html. Mr. Dobson said all their work on the organ except for installation in our sanctuary will be done in about two weeks.

Mr. Mollet is completing plans for the alternations necessary to our balcony in order to accommodate the instrument. These changes include adding the electrical service needed for the organ, moving some ductwork in the room behind the balcony, and providing another entrance and stairs to this room, since the organ will sit in front of the current double doors.

Also as part of the project the sanctuary's sound system will be installed, the thermostats fixed, the speakers for the current electronic organ, which we are retaining, hidden in the attic space above and behind the pipe organ, and the balcony floor soundproofed and finished.

These changes will take place over the summer and when completed Dobson Organ Builders will install the pipe organ.

The Organ Committee set a tentative dedication date of Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2010. In addition to the dedicatory recital, it is planned that the dedication will include a dinner honoring the members of the former Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, who donated to Holy Cross their historically significant pipe organ Dobson Opus #1—the first organ ever built by this renown firm—when their congregation disbanded.



June Commemorations

The following brief descriptions of this month's historic commemorations are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

St. Barnabas, Apostle (June 11)

St. Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who sold some land and gave the proceeds to the early Christian community in Jerusalem (Acts 4:36-37). St. Paul informs us that he was a cousin of John Mark (Colossians 4:10). Barnabas was sent by the Jerusalem Church to oversee the young Church in Antioch (Acts 11:22). While there, he went to Tarsus and brought Paul back to Antioch to help him (Acts 11:25-26).

It was this Church in Antioch that commissioned and sent Barnabas and Paul on the first missionary journey (Acts 13:2-3). When it was time for the second missionary journey, however, Barnabas and Paul disagreed about taking along John Mark. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus; Paul took Silas and headed north through Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:36-41). Nothing more is known of the activities of Barnabas, except that he was apparently known to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 9:6). Tradition relates that Barnabas died a martyr's death in Cyprus by being stoned.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)

St. John the Baptizer, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born into a priestly family. His birth was miraculously announced to his father by an angel of the Lord (Luke 1:5-23), and

on the occasion of his birth, his aged father proclaimed a hymn of praise (Luke 1:67-79). This hymn is entitled the Benedictus and serves as the traditional Gospel Cantic in the Church's Service of Morning Prayer.

Events of John's life and his teaching are known from accounts in all four of the Gospels. In the wilderness of Judea, near the Jordan River, John began to preach a call to repentance and a baptismal washing, and he told the crowds, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). John denounced the immoral life of the Herodian rulers, with the result that Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned in the huge fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. There Herod had him beheaded (Mark 6:17-29). John is remembered and honored as the one who with his preaching pointed to "the Lamb of God" and "prepared the way" for the coming of the Messiah.

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (June 29)

The festival of St. Peter and St. Paul is probably the oldest of the saints' observances (dating from about the middle of the third century). An early tradition held that these two pillars of the New Testament Church were martyred on the same day in Rome during the persecution under Nero. In addition to this joint commemoration of their deaths, both apostles are commemorated separately: Peter on January 18 for his confession of Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13-16) and Paul on January 25 for his conversion (Acts 9:1-19).

The New Testament tells us much about both apostles. Peter was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry and served as a leader among the disciples. Despite his steadfast faith, Scripture also records some of his failures, such as his rebuke of Jesus (Matthew 16:21-23) and his threefold denial of his Lord (Matthew 26:69-75). Following Jesus' ascension, Peter continued as a leader in the Church (Acts 1:15; 2:14; 15:7).

Paul, a devout Jew also known as Saul, entered the scene as a persecutor of the Church. Following his miraculous conversion, in which the risen Christ Himself appeared to him, Paul became a powerful preacher of the grace of God. During his three missionary journeys (Acts 13-14; 16-18; 18-21), Paul traveled throughout modern-day Turkey and Greece. The New Testament account of his life ends with Paul under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28:16), though tradition holds that he went on to Spain before returning to Rome.



Women's Mission Trip June 9

Women in Mission would like to cordially invite all our Sisters in Christ of Holy Cross Lutheran to join us for an enjoyable road trip to "Mission Central" at Mapleton, Iowa for a presentation and tour by Gary Thies, who represents LCMS World Missions in this area, on Wednesday, June 9.

"Mission Central" includes a barn remodeled into a rustic chapel by Mr. Thies, a retired banker. Each year thousands of visitors come to "Mission Central" to learn about mission work around the work. A visit there is a very unique experience that you don't want to miss! A car pool will leave from church at 9:30am sharp. A free luncheon will be provided. You must RSVP to the church office (232-9117). For more information contact Mary Mettenbrink, WIM vice-president.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p> <p><i>(Collect for the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, June 25)</i></p>		1	2	3 7:00pm Board of Elders	4	5 5:30pm Worship with Communion
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6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class Doug Jansen Quintin Krause	7	8 Election in Church Fellowship Hall ELECTION DAY 	9 9:30am Women in Mission Trip to Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa	10	11  St. Barnabas Gary & Linda Amunson	12 5:30pm Worship with Communion Margaret Waybright
13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class	14  Flag Day	15  Newsletter Deadline	16	17 Les Reifke Donna Vondracek	18	19 5:30pm Worship with Communion
20 4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class  Kaden Martin	21  Summer Begins! Emily Steemken	22 Jacob Vogts	23	24  Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25  Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (1530)	26 5:30pm Worship with Communion
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