



I wrote this "Searching the Scriptures" Bible study for Father's Day for the June, 2011 issue of our denominational magazine, *The Lutheran Witness*.

Five Fatherhood Examples from the Father of Us All

Malachi 2:10 asks, "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?" Father's Day on the third Sunday of June is a civil holiday and not a traditional observance of the Church Year. However, it is from Scripture and especially the example of our heavenly Father Himself that we learn what makes a faithful father. Let's look at "Five Fatherhood Examples from the Father of Us All."

Fatherhood Example #1: Like your heavenly Father be a *loving and forgiving* father.

1. According to Deuteronomy 32:6, Isaiah 64:8 and Malachi 2:10 quoted above, in what fundamental sense is God the Father of all humanity?

2. Read Jesus' famous Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. Whom does the father in the parable represent? The son?

3. How does the son's indictment of himself in Luke 15:21 apply to us and all humanity?

4. How does the father in the parable welcome back his son and makes him part of the family again? What similar Good News do Romans 8:16 and 1 John 3:1 tell us about our relationship to our heavenly Father?

5. According to Galatians 3:26, Galatians 4:4-5 and Ephesians 1:4-7 *why* are we once again counted as God's children?

6. List some of the ways according to Ephesians 4:31-5:2 and Colossians 3:12-14 that faithful fathers will follow the example of their *loving and forgiving* heavenly Father.

Fatherhood Example #2: Like your heavenly Father be a *gentle and patient* father.

1. Paul beautifully describes God's plan for how a father should deal with his children in 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12. What are the three points Paul mentions, how our heavenly Father deals with us and therefore earthly fathers should likewise deal with their children?

2. How does Peter describe our heavenly Father in 2 Peter 3:9?

3. In Matthew 18:6 what stern warning and condemnation does Jesus pronounce regarding anyone who would abuse or neglect a child? On the other hand, what wonderful promise does He give in Matthew 10:42 for those who care for and devote themselves to children?

4. List some of the ways according to Colossians 3:21, Ephesians 4:2 and Ephesians 6:4 that faithful fathers will follow the example of their *gentle and patient* heavenly Father.

Fatherhood Example #3: Like your heavenly Father be a *providing and protecting* father.

1. According to Psalm 145:15-16 *what* does our heavenly Father bestow and on *whom* does He bestow it?

2. What judgment does 1 Timothy 5:8 pronounce on fathers who do not follow the example of their *providing and protecting* heavenly Father?

Fatherhood Example #4: Like your heavenly Father *do not show favoritism*.

1. One of the saddest episodes in the Bible is the unbrotherly feud between Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25-28). According to Genesis 25:28, what unwise attitude on the part of their parents was at the root of this feud?

2. Many families are torn apart by parents who favor one child over another. In contrast, according to Acts 10:34 and Romans 2:11 how does our heavenly Father regard His children—and how will faithful fathers will strive to follow the example of their heavenly father?

Fatherhood Example #5: Like your heavenly Father show love to your children by *gently and lovingly disciplining* them.

1. One of the most difficult parts of being a parent is discipline. Yet discipline is one of the most important parental responsibilities. According to Proverbs 3:12 what motivates both God's divine discipline of His children and our discipline of our children?

2. Though on the surface taking discipline as a sign of love may seem counterintuitive, Hebrews 12:5-8 explains it is not truly "love" to let children go undisciplined. What are often the sad results later in life for undisciplined children?

3. According to Hebrews 12:9-11 what is the goal of God's divine discipline of His children and our discipline of our children?

Psalms 103:13 says, "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him." As you serve the Lord in your sacred calling as a father, follow these "Five Fatherhood Examples from the Father of Us All."

Pastor Kevin Vogts



Guest Minister June 19

Pastor and Terry will be in New York City and Massachusetts from June 13-

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20, taking Sarah to school tours and the Tanglewood Institute. Our guest minister on Sunday, June 19 will be Rev. Henry Witte, LCMS missionary to Hispanics in Sioux City.

In case of emergency during Pastor Vogts' absence you may contact him by calling either his extension at church (605-232-9117) or his home (605-232-4013), both of which are automatically forwarded to his cell phone, or his cell phone directly (712-898-4818). Or you may contact Rev. Kenneth Schmidt of Concordia Lutheran Church, Sioux City (Home: 712-277-2341; Church: 712-252-2938; Cell: 712-251-1791).

BUDGET UPDATE



As of May 15, 2011

Offerings Budgeted	
Year-to-Date	\$80,148
Offerings Received	
Year-to-Date	\$82,123
Budget Surplus	
Year-to-Date	\$1,975



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.

Briley Schroeder, June 5
Becky Nelson, June 9
Doug Jansen, June 13
Quintin Krause, June 13

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Richard Beffert, June 16
Les Reifke, June 17
Donna Vondracek, June 17
Kaden Martin, June 20
Emily Steemken, June 21
Jacob Vogts, June 22
Alfa Fisher, June 24
Della Beffert, June 25
Kaleb Martin, June 27

Gary & Linda Amunson, June 11, 1972
John & Sherry Isley, June 27, 1971

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Elders for June
Carroll Gustman & Mark Reed

Ushers for June
Scott Feese & Doug Martin

Chancel Care for June
Janet Martin

Acolytes for June
June 5 Gracie Nelson
June 12 Nicole Dial
June 19 Jacob Michels
June 26 Bryce Schroeder

Crucifers for June
June 5 Kathleen Soukup
June 12 Clarie Johnson
June 19 Stephanie Stoeger-Moore
June 26 Kaleb Martin



The snack host sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room. Please help with this fellowship activity! 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!

June 5, 12, 19
Need Volunteers

June 26
Kay Hageman



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.

June 5

David and Beth Hoepfner
India

June 12

Rev. Phil and Kerri Schielke
Kyrgyzstan

June 19

Katie Lane
Peru

June 26

Rev. Greg Sawyer
Hong Kong



"I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands. As you have heard from the

Saturday Summer Service



*Saturdays at 5:30pm in June, July, and August
Beginning June 4*

*Abbreviated Version of Service for Following Sunday
with Same Sermon*

Holy Communion Each Saturday

*beginning, His command is that you walk
in love." (2 John 5-6)*

Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room for Adult Bible Class as we conclude during June our study of *The Epistles of Love—1st, 2nd & 3rd John*.



Vacation Bible School June 6-10

Join the fun Monday-Friday, June 6-10, from 9:00am to 11:30am to "Connect with Christ" and build your faith! 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!

We also need "builders" to assist the children in learning the awesome

love God shows for us through his Son Jesus Christ! Areas of interest include snacks, games, crafts, music, group leaders and assistants. The volunteer sign up sheet is located on Gathering Room table for helping with the week of VBS or bringing snacks. For questions about VBS contact Board of Education Chair Angela Dial. "For every house is built by someone, but God is the Builder of everything" (Hebrews 3:4).



The flower calendar is on the table in the Gathering Room. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc.

May 8

Denise & Patrick Honner
Eli's Birthday

May 15

Confirmation Class

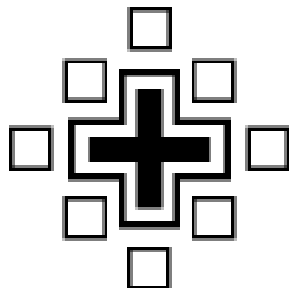
May 22

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
Wedding Anniversary

June 19
Doug & Janet Martin
Kaleb & Kaden's Birthdays

July 3
Ryan & Angela Dial
Nicole's Birthday

July 10
Ginny Peterson
Bob Peterson's Birthday



June 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 following brief descriptions of the significance of the commemorations this month 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 Canticle 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.

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25)

The Augsburg Confession, the principal doctrinal statement of the theology of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers, was written largely by Philip Melancthon. At its heart, it confesses the justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone.

Signed by leaders of many German cities and regions, the confession was formally presented to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg, Germany, on June 25, 1530. A few weeks later, Roman Catholic authorities rejected the Confession, which Melancthon defended in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531). In 1580, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession was included in the Book of Concord.

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 Spring Luncheon June 15

All women are invited to mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 15 for our annual Spring Luncheon! This year we are going to Habitue' in LeMars. Their mission is to "provide the ultimate coffee house experience by demonstrating God's love to a hurting world, one relationship at a time." What a great place to enjoy fellowship (and eat) with Christian friends.

Please plan to attend! For more information contact Holy Cross Women in Mission chair Dee Reifke (422-0109) or email holycross@longlines.com.



The Women In Mission at Holy Cross will be going to the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse in Norfolk, Nebraska on Thursday, July 14. As we are limited to taking 12 people, a sign up sheet will be posted.

These lucky dozen ladies of Holy Cross will spend a day in fellowship, touring and helping an incredible missionary cause, and mixing in good amounts of laughter, fun, and love. We will be taking with us the donations of



We rejoiced to celebrate the Confirmation and First Communion of Kasey Michels, Tiara Selby, Emily Steemken, and Nathan Soukup on May 15.

knickers we have collected from our "Undie Sunday" campaign for impoverished people around the world, a spirit of giving, and a prayer that our minimal efforts will bring a change in the world. The caravan will leave the church around 8:30am and return before 5:00pm. Mark your calendars! For more information, contact Jackie Baker (422-3132).



"Undie Sunday" Collection!

Last Chance to donate! Bloomers are busting out all over at Holy Cross! "Knot" your everyday knickers, mind you, but *new* ones of all sizes and shapes are needed for destitute people around the world.

Women in Mission are collecting new underwear for the Orphan Grain Train. Please help us out and put your donation in the clothes basket in the Gathering Room. Thank you!



The ladies of Women in Mission will be collecting personal hygiene items such as bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. for the Council on Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence. These can be both travel-size and full-size. Look for the collection box in the Gathering Room. This project will continue throughout June, July and August. We welcome your donations!



Holy Cross Women in Mission met for the regular monthly meeting on May 11. While the group will recess for the summer, there will be two summer opportunities to stay connected.

Wednesday, June 15 is the date of the women's Spring Luncheon. Watch your mailbox for details. On Thursday, July 14, there will be an opportunity for twelve members to tour and volunteer at the Orphan Grain Train site in Norfolk. A sign up sheet for this event will be posted.

Regular monthly meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30am. Those caring for the Chancel over the summer are as follows: June – Janet Martin; July–Marlene Kuhn; and August–Dee Reifke. Those serving in September: Chancel Care–Sue Jansen; Hostess–Janet Martin; and Devotions–Janet Martin. Have wonderful summer. Remember to serve the Lord with gladness!



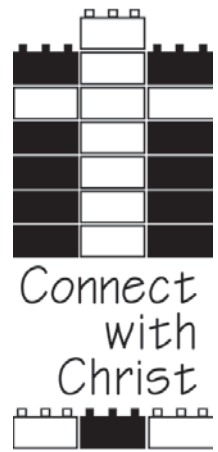
*Myron Bose
Father of Ken Bose
Grandfather of Zahn,
Quinton, and Myron Bose*

*"I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever."
Psalm 23:6*

149 New LCMS Pastors Placed

First calls into the Holy Ministry in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod were received in May by 149 candidates, certified for ministry by Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; and through the "colloquy" process of the LCMS, which certifies clergy from other denominations and other special circumstances. Ten more candidates have been certified but are still awaiting placement. An additional 132 seminarians were placed in pastoral internships, traditionally referred to as

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VBS Pre-Registration

Registration Box in Gathering Room

**Return To: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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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
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Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

"vicars" and "vicarages" in the LCMS. Also placed from the seminaries this year were 14 deaconesses.

Those placed include three new pastors and three vicars in South Dakota. A poignant story relates to Timothy Koch, called as the new pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Cresbard and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wecota. Koch's grandfather, Rev. Willard Koch, served congregations in South Dakota

from 1947–1967. He passed away at the age of 93 on May 5, just a few hours after watching the call service online in which his grandson was placed as a new pastor.

In an era when many denominations are experiencing clergy shortages, the LCMS is blessed with a multitude of young men preparing for the Holy Ministry, and two of the largest and most prestigious seminaries in the United States.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A lmighty and everlasting God, since You have given us, Your servants, grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith, and to worship the true Unity in the power of Your divine majesty, keep us also steadfast in this true faith and worship, and defend us ever from all our adversaries; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for Trinity Sunday)</i>			1	2 Ascension Day 	3	4 5:30pm Worship with Communion
5 Sunday after the Ascension 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class Briley Schroeder	6	7	8	9 7:30pm Board of Elders Becky Nelson	10 	11 5:30pm Worship with Communion St. Barnabas Gary & Linda Amunson
Connect with Christ Vacation Bible School 9:00am-11:30am 						
12 Pentecost Sunday 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class Pentecost Sunday 	13 Doug Jansen Quintin Krause	14 Flag Day	15 Women's Spring Luncheon, Habitude, LeMars	16 Newsletter Deadline Richard Beffert	17 Les Reifke Donna Vondracek	18 5:30pm Worship with Communion
19 Trinity Sunday Father's Day 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Henry Witte, Guest Minister I Dad Trinity SUNDAY Kaden Martin	20 Summer Begins! Emily Steemken	21	22 Jacob Vogts	23 Nativity of St. John the Baptist Alfa Fisher	24	25 5:30pm Worship with Communion Presentation of the Augsburg Confession(1530) Della Beffert
26 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class Kaleb Martin John & Sherry Isley	27	28 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles	30 Office Hours Church Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am		

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
 This Calendar May Not Reflect Late Submissions or Changes

Saturday Summer Service



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in June, July, and August*

*Beginning This Month
First Service Saturday, June 4*

*Abbreviated Version of Service for
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Holy Communion Each Saturday

Your Children Are Invited to Enjoy Holy Cross Vacation Bible School

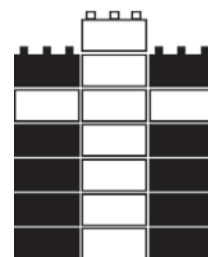
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