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Philippians 1:12

Philippians is actually a letter, sent by the Apostle Paul to the Christians at Philippi while he was in prison awaiting trial, probably at Rome. Ten years before, Paul had done mission work in Philippi and founded the church there.

Paul's friends at Philippi have heard that he is in prison, and they are concerned, upset, and, most of all, confused. Why should such a bad thing be happening to, of all people, the Apostle Paul? Is he not a great man of faith, a true servant of God? Then why is he in prison? Why is this bad thing happening to him?

There was a best-selling book a few years ago that asked that same question, entitled, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." But, the premise of this book is all wrong. For, we are not good people, but sinners.

Paul says in Romans 3:10-12, "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." So, the premise that we are good people,

and therefore deserve good things from God, is wrong. What we deserve from God is wrath, punishment, death and damnation, because of our sins.

But, God, in His mercy had pity on us and sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. Paul says in Ephesians 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins," and Peter proclaims in Acts 10:43, "Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

The bad news is, you are not a good person, you are a sinner. But, the Good News is your sins are all forgiven, on account of Jesus Christ. You may have seen the bumper sticker that puts it this way: "I'm Not Perfect, Just Forgiven."

So, instead of "When Bad Things Happen to *Good* People" it should really be "When Bad Things Happen to *Forgiven* People." But, the question remains: If your sins really are forgiven, then why do bad things still happen in your life? That's a question a lot of people have been struggling with as we face our current crisis.

### ***Bad Things Are Not Ever a Divine Punishment for Christians***

When something bad happens to us, it seems the first thing that comes to mind is that three-letter word "Why?". We live in a world of cause and effect, reward and punishment, and so we wrongly assume that God works in the same way. If good things are happening to me, we think, it must be because of good things I have done. And if bad things are happening to me, it must be because of bad things I have done. And so, with that cause and effect mindset, when bad things happen, there immediately comes to mind that

three-letter word "Why?" What is it I have done in my life, or failed to do, that has caused this punishment to come upon me?

You may have heard me tell about a member of one of my previous congregations, an elderly lady with the typical ailments of old age. But, she always traced all her problems back to something she had done in her life. She concluded that her right hand was arthritic because years ago she had once used it to slap her son. She decided the reason it was getting hard for her to walk was because back in grade school she had pushed down a classmate on the playground, bruising her legs. This poor woman thought that for each and every ailment there must be some related cause, for which God was punishing her.

Paul could have constructed that same kind of cause and effect scenario out of his situation. He says in Acts 22:4, "I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison," and in Acts 26:10, "I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them." Perhaps Paul was in prison now, facing possible execution, because, before he became a Christian, he himself had sent many other Christians to prison and death on account of their faith?

You can easily construct those same kind of scenarios from your own past when things go wrong in your life, and that is exactly what the devil wants you to do. The devil doesn't want you to trust that your sins are forgiven. He wants you to think God is angry with you and punishing you.

But, Paul says in Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" God is *not* angry with you, God is *not* punishing you. God is *not* against you, God is *for* you, God is on your side!

Why is God on your side? Isaiah 53:4-6 says of Jesus, "Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. We observed Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." God is on your side because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on your behalf. The bad things that happen in your life cannot possibly be a punishment from God because your punishment has all been paid, in full. There is nothing left for you to suffer, because Jesus Christ suffered it all for you. As 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross."

Psalm 103:10 proclaims, "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." What a beautiful reassurance when you fear God is punishing you! The Lord says in Jeremiah 31:34, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Bad things in your life cannot be God punishing you for your sins, because your sins are all completely forgiven and forgotten by the Lord.

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### ***God Uses Even What We Consider to Be Bad Things for Our Good and the Fulfillment of His Plan***

Paul knows the Philippians are concerned, upset and confused about his imprisonment, and so he begins his letter to them with a marvelous reassurance, comforting for them and for us: "Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly."

Here in Paul's own life is an amazing example of what he writes in Romans 8:28, "We know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him." Paul had long intended to go to Rome and proclaim the Gospel there, but he didn't plan on being taken to Rome as a prisoner, falsely accused of crimes that could lead to his execution. Surely there must be a better way for Paul to bring the Gospel to Rome than in chains and under indictment!

But, it turned out that Paul's two years of imprisonment gave him a chance to witness to the elite palace guard, and his case became widely publicized throughout Rome. At the end of his letter he writes in Philippians 4:22 Paul writes, "All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household," and tradition says that Emperor Nero's wife, mother and children all became Christians through the witnessing of Paul.

The preacher Paul and this Jesus he proclaimed became the talk of the town in Rome, all because of Paul's imprisonment. Paul adds that this positive publicity greatly encouraged the other Christians in Rome to openly witness to their faith. So, here is an example of how God uses even what we would consider to be a bad thing—Paul's imprisonment—for the good, and the fulfillment of His plan.

Another example from the Bible is in the book of Genesis. Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers, certainly a bad thing to have happen. But, Joseph ends up becoming Pharaoh's top assistant, ruler of all Egypt, and years later, when there is a famine, Joseph is able to bring his family to Egypt and save them from starvation, thus preserving the line of the promised Messiah. As Joseph tells his brothers in Genesis 50:20, "You intended evil against me, but God meant it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Perhaps you have seen examples in your own life of how God uses even what we consider at the time to be bad things for our good. In the 1920's there was a young man who put everything he could scrape together into a men's clothing store in downtown Kansas City, across from the old Muehlbach Hotel. His great ambition in life was to make that little store a success. He worked and struggled at it for years, and he was absolutely devastated when his store went bankrupt and all his hopes and dreams were shattered. After several other not-so-successful ventures, he finally found his calling in politics, first becoming a county judge, and rising steadily through the political ranks. Twenty-five years after he went bankrupt, Harry S. Truman would look down from the Presidential Suite of the Muehlbach Hotel upon the building that once housed his clothing store and remark, "Going broke back then was the best thing that ever happened to me."

But, unlike Paul, or Joseph, or Harry S. Truman, in this world most of the time we are *not* able to understand how God is using even the bad things in our lives for the good.

### ***In Heaven We Will Finally Understand How God Has Worked All Things Together for Our Good***

In this world, the events of our lives are to us like a partially completed jigsaw puzzle. We can sort of see the pattern, sometimes we can vaguely make out the picture, but we don't yet

understand how all the pieces fit together. But, in heaven we will finally understand how God has worked all things together for our good. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:12, "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully."

There is an adage which says, "Every cloud has a silver lining." But, our hope as Christians is much more profound and comforting than that. We believe that God is actively in control; God is actually working all things together for your good; there IS an answer to the question "Why is this happening to me?" It is happening to you for a reason, for a purpose—*not ever* because God is punishing you, but somehow for your good, and the fulfillment of God's plan. As Isaiah 12:2 says, "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust in Him and not be afraid."

Pastor Kevin Vogts

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## ***Church Building Remains Evacuated***

It is not yet know when we will begin worshipping again in our Sanctuary at Dakota Dunes. Until then we will continue worshipping jointly on Sundays at 9:00am (15 minutes earlier than our usual time) with Concordia Lutheran Church in their sanctuary at 2000 Military Road, Sioux City (across from Sun Valley golf course). What a blessing that during June and July attendance of Holy Cross members at these joint services was close to our regular attendance!

You may have noticed large numbers of cars in the parking lot at Holy Cross. The National Guard is using our Fellowship Hall for some meals and training purposes. However, the building otherwise remains closed, and Holy Cross members are asked to please contact Board of Church Properties chair Janet Martin at 712-251-0682 for access to or information about the building.

The Holy Cross Church Office and Pastor Vogts' Study are temporarily located at Concordia. However, due to the circumstances, there will not be regular

You Are Invited to the Celebration of the  
**25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**  
of Pastor Kevin Vogts

## **CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Sunday, August 14, 9:00am



Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison  
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Native of Sioux City and Alumnus of  
East High School and Morningside College

## **CELEBRATION BANQUET**

12:30pm, Emma's Events Center  
3828 Stadium Drive, Sioux City

Tickets *Free* for Members of Holy Cross and Concordia  
– *Reservations Required* –

### **BANQUET RESERVATION**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Free Tickets (*Holy Cross & Concordia Members*) \_\_\_\_\_

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office hours until we return to Dakota Dunes. Mail should still be sent to the regular Holy Cross address, 149 Bison Trail, Dakota Dunes, SD, 57049. For security reasons, it is being held at the post office and picked up there.

You may contact Pastor Vogts by calling either the Holy Cross number (605-232-9117), which is forwarded to ring on his cell phone, or by calling his cell phone directly (712-898-4818), or his home (605-232-4013). For information about the Preschool or After School Care you may contact Terese Vogts at 712-898-4820.



**Jerry Martin**

*Father and Father-in-Law of  
Doug and Janet Martin  
Grandfather of Kendall, Kylie,  
Kaleb, and Kaden*

Jerry unexpectedly entered eternal rest on July 3 following a brief illness. He was a longtime friend and supporter of Holy Cross and well-known to many Holy Cross members. He helped construct the initial building for Holy Cross, which now serves as our Fellowship Hall and Educational Wing.

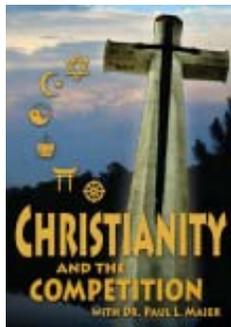
*"Blessed are the dead  
who die in the Lord."  
Revelation 14:13*



## **August Commemorations**

You may have noticed on our church calendar that in addition to members' birthdays and anniversaries there are

## **"Christianity and the Competition" Bible Class**



In our multicultural age, should we insist on the truth of Christianity? There are many competing religions and philosophies. Who is right? The bold claims of Jesus and Christianity, or Christ's religious rivals?

We are currently enjoying a fascinating video study in Adult Bible Class on the differences between Christianity and other world religions, such as Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, and cults, such as the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

This eight part DVD series features Dr. Paul Maier, who is both an LCMS pastor and a renown professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. He also serves as the Third Vice-President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is the author of dozens of books. Watch the YouTube trailer online on our at church's homepage, [www.holycrossdakotadunes.org](http://www.holycrossdakotadunes.org).

All members of both Concordia and Holy Cross are invited to join together and join in this interesting and informative study on Sundays following worship in the Fellowship Hall in the church basement.

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 festivals 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 the commemorations in August are from the new *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. This excellent publication is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org), stock #12-4318.

### **St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord (August 15)**

St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is mentioned repeatedly in the Gospels

and the Book of Acts, with nearly a dozen specific incidents in her life being recorded: her betrothal to Joseph; the annunciation by the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of the Messiah; her visitation to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptizer; the nativity of our Lord; the visits of the shepherds and the Wise Men; the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple; the flight into Egypt; the Passover visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve; the wedding at Cana in Galilee; her presence at the crucifixion, when her Son commended her to the care of His disciple John; and her gathering with the apostles in the Upper Room after the ascension, waiting for the promised Holy Spirit. Thus she is present at most of the important events in her Son's life. She is especially remembered and honored for her unconditional obedience to the will of God ("Let it be to me according to Your word" [Luke 1:38]); for her loyalty to her Son even when she did not understand Him ("Do whatever He tells you" [John 2:1-11]); and above all for the highest honor that heaven bestowed on her of being the mother of our Lord ("Blessed are you among women" [Luke 1:42]). According to tradition, Mary went with the Apostle John to Ephesus, where she died.

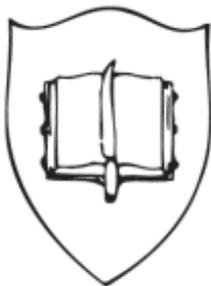
**Johann Gerhard, Theologian  
(August 17)**

Johann Gerhard (1582-1637) was a great Lutheran theologian in the tradition of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and Martin Chemnitz (1522-86) and the most influential of the seventeenth-century dogmaticians.



His monumental *Loci Theologici* (23 large volumes) is still considered by many to be a definitive statement of Lutheran orthodoxy. Gerhard was born in Quedlinburg, Germany. At the age of fifteen he was stricken with a life-threatening illness. This experience, along with guidance from his pastor, Johann Arndt, marked a turning point in his life. He devoted the rest of his life to theology. He became a professor at the University of Jena and served many years as the superintendent of Heldburg. Gerhard was a man of deep evangelical piety and love for Jesus. He wrote numerous books on exegesis, theology, devotional literature, history, and polemics. His sermons continue to be widely published and read.

**St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
(August 24)**



The symbol for St. Bartholomew is a knife over a Bible because of his missionary preaching and tradition says he was martyred by being flayed alive.

St. Bartholomew (or Nathanael, as he is called in St. John's Gospel) was one of the first of Jesus' twelve disciples. His home was in the town of Cana, in Galilee (John 21:2), where Jesus performed His first miracle. He was invited to become one of the Twelve by Philip, who told him that they had found the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. (John 1:45). Bartholomew's initial hesitation to believe, because of

Jesus' Nazareth background, was quickly replaced by a clear, unequivocal declaration of faith, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (John 1:49). He was present with the other disciples (John 21:1-13) when they were privileged to see and converse and eat with their risen Lord and Savior. According to some Early Church Fathers, Bartholomew brought the Gospel to Armenia, where he was martyred by being flayed alive.

**Augustine of Hippo, Bishop  
and Theologian (August 28)**

Augustine was one of the greatest of the Latin Church Fathers and a significant influence in the formation of Western Christianity, including Lutheranism. Born in AD 354 in North Africa, Augustine's early life was distinguished by exceptional advancement as a teacher of rhetoric. In his book *Confessions* he describes his life before his conversion to Christianity, when he was drawn into the moral laxity of the day and fathered an illegitimate son. Through the devotion of his sainted mother, Monica, and the preaching of Ambrose, bishop of Milan (AD 339-97), Augustine was converted to the Christian faith. During the great Pelagian controversies of the fifth century, Augustine emphasized the unilateral grace of God in the salvation of mankind. Bishop and theologian at Hippo in North Africa from AD 395 until his death in AD 430, Augustine was a man of great intelligence, a fierce defender of the orthodox faith, and a prolific writer. In addition to *Confessions*, Augustine's book *City of God* had a great impact upon the Church throughout the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

**The Martyrdom of St. John  
the Baptist (August 29)**

In contrast to the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (observed on June 24), this festival commemorates his beheading by the tetrarch Herod Antipas (Mark 6:14-29). From the perspective of the world, it was an ignominious end to John the Baptist's life. Yet it was in fact a noble participation in the cross of Christ, which was John's greatest glory of all.



One symbol for St. John the Baptist is the baptismal shell with three drops of water to signify the three Persons of the Trinity.

Christ Himself said that there had arisen none greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). He was the last of the Old Testament prophets and also the herald of the New Testament. As the forerunner of Christ, John fulfilled the prophecy that the great prophet Elijah would return before the great

and terrible Day of the Lord (Malachi 4:5; Matthew 17:10-13). By his preaching and Baptism of repentance, John turned "the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). And in the footsteps of the prophets who had gone before him—in anticipation of the Christ whose way he prepared—this servant of the Lord manifested the cross by the witness of his death.



**Quarterly Meeting  
July 31**

The Holy Cross Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Concordia.

All adult communicant members of Holy Cross are automatically voting members of the Voters Assembly, which is our congregation's governing body. Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting as we discuss our current situation. Dessert to follow!



**Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison  
Accepting the Presidency of  
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod  
at the 2010 LCMS National Convention**

## **Synodical President Preaching August 14**

Pastor Kevin Vogts graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and was ordained into the Holy Ministry in 1986. A committee of Holy Cross members, appointed by congregational chairman Harold Mettenbrink, has planned a special observance on August 14 in commemoration of Rev. Vogts' 25th Ordination Anniversary.

The highlight will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, preaching for the anniversary service on Sunday, August 14 at 9:00am. Rev. Harrison is also a native of Sioux City and alumnus of East High School and Morningside College.

Due to uncertainty regarding the flooding situation, this service may take place at either Concordia or Holy Cross. The location will be determined the week prior depending upon developments. For location check [www.holycrossdakotadunes.org](http://www.holycrossdakotadunes.org) or call 605-232-9117.

A luncheon will be held that day at 12:30pm at Emma's Events Center, 3828 Stadium Drive, Sioux City. Tickets are free for all members of both Holy Cross and Concordia. Everyone is invited! Simply RSVP to Harold Mettenbrink to reserve your free tickets. (See reservation form on page 3; or call 712-276-2004 or 712-281-3358; or email [HMHUSKER@aol.com](mailto:HMHUSKER@aol.com)).



## **Come to Wednesday Coffee**

The number at "Wednesday Coffee" keeps growing! Won't you join us?

Members of both Holy Cross and Concordia are invited to "Wednesday Coffee" each Wednesday at 10:00am at the Hy-Vee on Hamilton. This informal gathering each week provides an opportunity for Holy Cross members to keep in touch over the summer, especially while most of our church's activities are suspended due to the flood and so many are temporarily relocated, and an opportunity for Holy Cross and Concordia members to get to know each other better. Ya'll come!



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.

August 7

*Rev. Jonathan and Juli Blanke  
Japan*

August 14

*George and Shary Frahm  
Cambodia*

August 21

*Rev. Kip and Ivy Hoech  
Kyrgyzstan*

August 28

*Ginger Taff-Lagergren  
Uganda*



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).

- Harold Mettenbrink, August 5
- Steven Stoeger-Moore, August 6
- Terry Vogts, August 14
- Scott Feese, August 15
- Joe Van Ackeren, August 15
- Rashell DeRocher, August 17
- Joey Schroeder, August 18
- Susanne Stoeger-Moore, August 18
- Bob Barnum, August 20
- Gary Amunson, August 21
- Marleen Kuhn, August 23
- Anna Vogts, August 24
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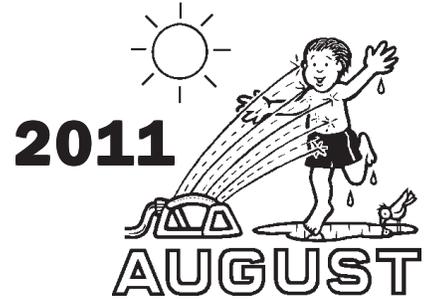
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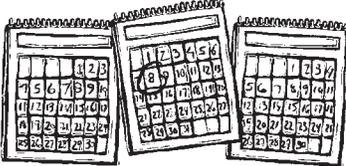
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>QUARTERLY Meeting</b> Sunday, July 31 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Concordia Lutheran Church Dessert to Follow!</p>	1	2	3 10:00am "Wednesday Coffee" at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 	4	5 Harold Mettenbrink	6 Steven Stoeger-Moore
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am No Bible Class—Concordia Congregational Meeting	8	9 Les & Dee Reifke	10 10:00am "Wednesday Coffee" at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 	11 7:00pm Board of Elders	12	13
14 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am 25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration Service  <b>Guest Preacher</b> LCMS Pres. <b>Matthew Harrison</b> 10:30am Bible Class 12:30pm Banquet at Emma's Events Center Terese Vogts	15  St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord Scott Feese Joe Van Ackeren	16  Johann Gerhard, Theologian, Died 1637 Rashell DeRocher	17 10:00am "Wednesday Coffee" at Hy-Vee on Hamilton  Joey Schroeder Susanne Stoeger-Moore	18	19  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20 Bob Barnum
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