

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Crossnotes

2011

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"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel."

Philippians 1:3-5

The weekend of August 14, as we celebrated my 25th Ordination Anniversary, was joyous to me for many reasons:

- ✘ Despite disruption caused by the flood most members of the congregation were present, and with this event showed toward me extraordinary love!
- ✘ The honor of having my friend LCMS President Matthew Harrison come for the occasion, giving a wonderful sermon at the celebration service, and equally wonderful remarks at both the Bible Class and banquet that followed.
- ✘ The surprise of also having my friend Archbishop Walter Obare of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya participating in the festivities. As he mentioned in Bible Class, he entertained me and President Harrison in his home on a visit we made to Kenya in 2004, and it was an unexpected joy to reciprocate by hosting him here.

- ✘ Earlier that week our family moved our furniture back into our home (though most other items remain in storage). What simple yet wonderful joys—for the first time in over two months—for Terry and me to sleep in our own bed, for me to relax in my favorite recliner, and for our family to eat together around our own table!
- ✘ Having many members of my family visit, especially my mother, who does not often make the trip from Kansas anymore.



In 2004 Pastor Vogts was invited by LCMS President Matthew Harrison, then Executive Director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, to accompany him on a visit to Kenya. They spent two weeks travelling across the nation with Archbishop Walter Obare of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, on a pastoral visit to congregations, pastors, deaconesses, orphanages, the college and seminary, and many other ministries of the ELCK. Pastor Vogts was doubly honored and had a great surprise for his 25th Ordination Anniversary celebration on August 14 when not only President Harrison preached for the occasion but also Archbishop Obare accompanied him to participate. The sunflowers on the altar were sent by Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sylvan Grove, Kansas, where Pastor Vogts served from 1988-1992.

- ✘ Receiving so many lovely cards, letters, and emails, with many touching notes, from members of both Holy Cross and congregations I have previously served, as well as many friends, classmates, professors, district presidents, etc.
- ✘ The unexpected and very generous gifts from many members of Holy Cross, including dozens of individual gifts, as well as the laptop computer and stunning pastoral cross, custom designed by Gary Gunderson, from the entire congregation.

The greatest joy and blessing for any Pastor is what the Apostle Paul describes as "your partnership in the Gospel" (Philippians 1:5), the wonderful support that you give me in my ministry among you, as evidenced by this extraordinary celebration. Thank you for this special recognition, for your generous gifts, and especially for the kindness and love you have shown toward me as your Pastor.

My feelings of gratitude are beautifully expressed by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3-5: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel."*

Pastor Kevin Vogts

Holy Cross Grand Reopening September 18

The following resolution was adopted by the Holy Cross Voters Assembly on August 21: *"Beginning September 1 we will return to the pre-flood (May 15, 2011) restrictions for the use of the*

church building and grounds for normal church, preschool, and after school care activities, with the first service conducted at Holy Cross on September 18. After September 1 all items will be returned to their normal locations. If additional restrictions are necessary they will be approved by the committee formed at the previous voters meeting consisting of the four church officers and four board chairs, chaired by the congregational president."

Of course, we always say "Lord willing" in all our plans (James 4:15). However, barring any unforeseen circumstances, Holy Cross will return for our first service back in our sanctuary at Dakota Dunes on Sunday, September 18, at our regular time of 9:15am.

Harold Mettenbrink,
Congregational President

Holy Cross Work Day September 17

To prepare for moving back into Holy Cross for our first service on September 18 there will be a congregational work day at Holy Cross on the previous Saturday, September 17, beginning at 9:30am. Board of

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Church Properties member John Isley will be in charge.

In addition to inventorying, organizing, and moving items, we will be giving the building a through cleaning. Please bring rags, buckets, mops, brooms and dustpans, vacuums, and other cleaning supplies. Also the landscaping and grounds need tidying up. Please bring clippers and other tools.

Everyone is urged to please come help with this big job! For more information contact John Isley (605-422-1262; jlisli@longlines.com).



Choir Begins

First Choir Rehearsal September 14

The first choir rehearsal will be in the balcony at Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm. There's an appropriate selection we'd like to sing for the "grand re-opening" service the following Sunday.

We have many wonderful selections planned for this year. Our rehearsal time and schedule will be discussed and set at our first rehearsal.

All Holy Cross members are invited to participate—we need your voice to sing praises to the Lord! Contact Pastor Vogts for more information.



Confirmation Classes Begin September 21

Because things around Holy Cross will no doubt be in flux while we are involved in moving back leading up to the first service planned for September 18, we have decided to delay starting Confirmation classes until Wednesday, September 21, to give more time to get settled in.

Classes for the 5th-8th Grades are on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. The first evening we will begin with a meeting for parents to go over the class schedule and requirements.

The Pre-Confirmation class for 5th-6th Grades focuses on key Bible stories and memorization of the Catechism, to prepare for Confirmation class in 7th-8th Grades. If you have questions about Confirmation class please contact Pastor Vogts for more information.



Magician, Clown and BBQ for Sunday School Rally Day October 2

Due to the flood and displacement of the congregation and many families the beginning of Sunday School this year has been delayed until October. We will kick off a new year of Sunday School with Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, October 2.

During the Sunday School hour everyone is invited to enjoy a performance by the Christian magician "The Magic Man," past secretary of the International Association of Christian Magicians. Your children will thrill to the intriguing illusions he uses to communicate the message of the Gospel.

A lunchtime potluck BBQ will feature hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Board of Education, with everyone asked to bring a side dish and dessert.

After lunch at 1:30pm we will have another fun performance by "Sonny the Clown," who shares the Gospel with his entertaining clowning routine.

Plan to join in the Rally Day fun on Sunday, October 2!



Betty Feller
Mother of Deb Stein
 Entered Eternal Rest
 September 5, 2011

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

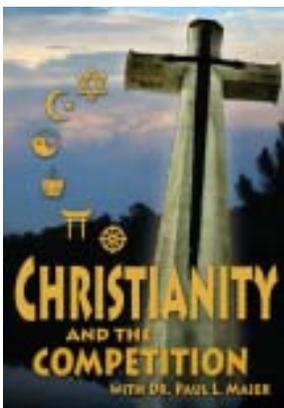


**Come to
 Wednesday
 Coffee**

Although we are moving back into our church, by popular demand of the participants we will continue to have "Wednesday Coffee" each Wednesday (except when there is a Women in Mission meeting at Holy Cross) at 10:00am at the Hy-Vee on Hamilton.

This informal gathering each week provides a fellowship opportunity with your church family at Holy Cross. Ya'll come!

"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?

On September 18 and 25 we will conclude the final two sessions of our fascinating summer video study in Adult Bible Class on the differences between Christianity and other world religions. On September 18 we will look at the New Age Movement and cults such as Scientology. On September 25 we will conclude with a Christian response to all these other religions that we have covered.

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.



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.

September 4
Jack & Cathy Carlos
Guinea

September 11
Darin Storkson
Indonesia

September 18
Rev. Matthias Tepper
Belgium

September 25
Tim & Megan Dooms
Kenya



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.

Angela Dial, September 3
 Tammy Steemken, September 3
 Sarah Vogts, September 4
 Mindy Krause, September 11
 Matthew Baker, September 14
 Larissa Kommes, September 15
 Kylie Martin, September 19
 Kendall Martin, September 25
 Bryce Schroeder, September 28
 Marcy Schroeder, September 30

Joey & Marcy Schroeder
 September 7, 1996

Doug & Sue Jansen
 September 10, 1971

Mindy & Mark Krause
 September 26, 1981

Helen & Kevin Hamilton
 September 27

Dennis & Jeri Melstad
September 28, 1985



*Mike and Daniell Bargstadt
Ashley, Benjamin, Caitlyn,
Emma, Olivia*

Transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church
(LCMS), Creston, Iowa

Earl Biggers

Transferred to Christ Lutheran Church
(LCMS), Platte Woods, Missouri

*"The LORD your God is with you
wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9



September 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. 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 this month are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, www.cph.org, stock #12-4318).

Holy Cross Day (September 14)

One of the earliest annual celebrations of the Church, Holy Cross Day traditionally commemorated the discovery of the original cross of Jesus on

September 14, 320, in Jerusalem. The cross was found by Helena, mother of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. In conjunction with the dedication of a basilica at the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, the festival day was made official by order of Constantine in AD 335.

A devout Christian, Helena had helped locate and authenticate many sites related to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus throughout biblical lands. Holy Cross Day has remained popular in both Eastern and Western Christianity. Many Lutheran parishes have chosen to use "Holy Cross" as the name of their congregation.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (September 21)

St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax collector, one who was therefore considered unclean, a public sinner, outcast from the Jews. Yet it was such a one as this whom the Lord Jesus called away from his occupation and wealth to become a disciple (Matthew 9:9-13). Not only did Matthew become a disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4).

In time, he became the evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Among the four Gospels, Matthew's portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (Matthew 26:27-28).

Matthew's Gospel is also well-known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12); for the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Our Father (Matthew 5-7); and for the institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20).

Tradition is uncertain where his final field of labor was and whether Matthew died naturally or a martyr's death. In celebrating this festival, we therefore give thanks to God that He has mightily

governed and protected His Holy Church through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pastures with the Holy Gospel.

St. Michael and All Angels (September 29)

The name of the archangel St. Michael means "Who is like God?" Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel (12:1), as well as in Jude (v. 9) and Revelation (12:7). Daniel portrays Michael as the angelic helper of Israel who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation, Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. Their victory is made possible by Christ's own victory over Satan in His death and resurrection, a victory announced by the voice in heaven: "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come" (Revelation 12:10).

Michael is often associated with Gabriel and Raphael, the other chief angels or archangels who surround the throne of God. Tradition names Michael as the patron and protector of the Church, especially as the protector of Christians at the hour of death.



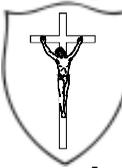
As an Apostle and Evangelist, St. Matthew actually has two symbols. The first is his symbol as an Apostle, three money bags representing his original occupation as a tax collector (Matthew 9:9). The second is his symbol as an Evangelist, a winged man, based on the vision of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1:1-10, 10:14), upon which also Mark is represented by a winged lion, Luke by a winged ox, and John by an eagle.



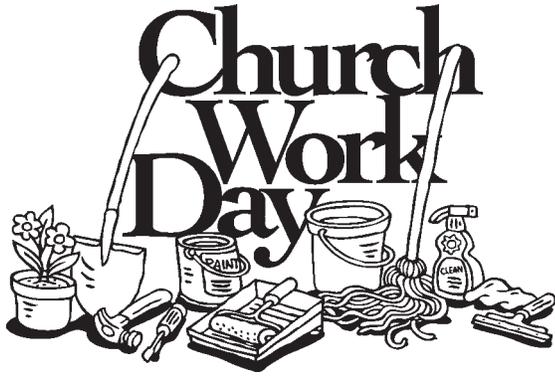
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Holy Cross Day)</p>			<p>1 Preschool Schedule Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesday 9:00am After School Care Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</p>		2	3
<p>4 12th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Rev. David Schoop Guest Minister</p> <p>Sarah Vogts</p>  <p>Guest Preacher</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Wednesday Coffee 7:30pm Board of Church Properties 8:30pm Church Council</p> <p>Joey & Marcy Schroeder</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Church Work Day</p>  <p>Doug & Sue Jansen</p>
<p>11 13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am "Thank You" Brunch for Concordia</p> <p>Mindy Krause</p>  <p>BRUNCH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Board of Church Properties</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Women's Fellowship 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Holy Cross Day Matthew Baker</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Bylaws Revision Committee</p> <p>Larissa Kommes</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Church Work Day</p> 
<p>18 14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Kylie Martin</p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am Wednesday Coffee 6:30pm Midweek School Begins 7:30pm Church Council</p> 	22	23	24
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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, September 17
Beginning 9:30am at Holy Cross

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HOLY CROSS GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION!

Sunday, September 18, 9:15am
Back in Our Sanctuary at Dakota Dunes!

*"I rejoiced with those who said unto me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"*

Psalm 122:1



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