

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

The Rest of the Story...

The late radio commentator Paul Harvey was famous for his segments in which he told "the rest of the story." Several months ago I wrote an article about the bankruptcy of the Crystal Cathedral in California, and forced sale of the signature building after which they are named, which was the biggest religious news story of 2011. Now it seems "the rest of the story" is that the bankruptcy and subsequent split of the Crystal Cathedral was partly due to a struggle over contemporary vs. traditional worship.

After television preacher Robert Schuller turned the leadership of the Crystal Cathedral over to his daughter Sheila Schuller Coleman, she introduced changes into their services. When the Crystal Cathedral was built in the 1980's they installed one of the largest, most prestigious pipe organs in the world, but it fell silent and was no longer used. Their traditional choir was disbanded and longtime choir director let go. They also had their own orchestra that was likewise shut down and the conductor dismissed.

These changes contributed to a sharp decline in attendance and donations, and following the bankruptcy Sheila Schuller Coleman left with a group of members to form her own church. The Crystal Cathedral is now trying to rebuild their congregation during the time they are allowed to remain in their former building, and the congregation's new president recently commented in a letter to members:

"Following Sheila Schuller Coleman's recent decision to leave the Crystal Cathedral with . . . the praise music team . . . We have been listening to you. Based on your comments, we're making changes . . . to bring you the very best Sunday service . . . The mighty . . . organ and most loved hymns will be, once again, part of the great musical tradition at the Crystal Cathedral . . . Over the months, as we received feedback expressing increasing displeasure over the new direction of the music during Sunday services, Sheila and Jim Penner were asked by the congregation and the board to change the format of the service. Sheila felt very strongly about the music and her ministry direction, and she and Jim have moved their ministry . . . to another location. . . Choir Director Don Neuen is back, along with Orchestra Director Marc Riley! . . . See for yourself how this ministry is returning to its tradition."



The former Crystal Cathedral features one of the world's largest pipe organs. It fell silent when a new pastor introduced contemporary worship, contributing to a sharp decline in attendance and the bankruptcy and split of the congregation. The building has been sold to the Roman Catholic Church and renamed Christ Cathedral.

A news story added:

"The church's new president . . . told The Christian Post . . . his focus is returning the church to the traditional worship style . . . 'We're going back to the tradition of excellent worship . . . and sacred music' . . . Crystal Cathedral congregants are looking forward to the changes in worship . . . 'They are very excited to be going back into the traditional services again and to hear the great music and choral music.'"

And a later news story reported:

"Since the . . . return of a more traditional format to the services, attendance has doubled."

Like the members of the Crystal Cathedral, a survey of Lutherans some years ago revealed a strong majority prefer traditional worship:

"Lutherans overwhelmingly prefer traditional to contemporary worship services, according to a national poll of nearly 1,700 Lutherans . . . 77% of survey respondents said they favor traditional worship services, while 23% said they prefer contemporary services" (Reporter, December, 1995).

Some may look at those figures and think, "That's fine for those who are already Lutheran. But what about the unchurched? Don't we *have* to have contemporary worship, if we're going to reach them?"

But, according to church growth expert George Barna the surprising answer is that the unchurched also prefer traditional worship. Barna is not a minister or theologian, but a successful advertising and marketing consultant who began focusing his expertise on the subject of churches. In his book [Evangelism that Works: How to Reach Changing Generations with the Unchanging Gospel](#) (Gospel Light, 1995), he summarizes his exhaustive research on the subject of worship and the unchurched:

“Most unchurched adults would prefer a service that incorporates traditional hymns rather than contemporary Christian music. This surprises many people, who assume that anything that smacks of tradition is automatically rejected by those who are outside the church. The truth is that nonchurched adults are twice as likely to say they would prefer traditional hymns to contemporary forms of music.”

Like the Crystal Cathedral prior to their bankruptcy and split, many Lutheran congregations have downplayed traditional liturgy, music, and hymns, with good intentions, because they were erroneously told that is necessary to reach the unchurched. But, it turns out not only do most existing Lutherans—like the members of the Crystal Cathedral—prefer traditional worship, that is also what the unchurched want too.

“And now you know the rest of the story.”

Pastor Kevin Vogts



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As of July 15, 2012

Total Offerings Budgeted	
Year-to-Date	\$118,035
Total Offerings Received	
Year-to-Date	\$96,403
Total Budget Surplus/Deficit	
Year-to-Date	(\$21,632)



Board of Stewardship Plans Fall Emphasis

Our new Board of Stewardship is planning several events this fall to highlight the work of our congregation and the missions that we support.

◆ On Sunday, October 28 at 4:30pm a “Reformation Hymn Festival” for all the LCMS churches in the Sioux City area will be held at Holy Cross. It

was decided to hold this annual event at our congregation this year to feature our new pipe organ. The festival will be based on the hymns of Martin Luther and Luther's Small Catechism. A freewill offering will be take to support the Winnebago Lutheran School (where our own Sarah Bundschuh teaches). Following the hymn festival there will be a soup and sandwich supper in our Fellowship Hall provided by the women's groups of the various congregations.

◆ On Saturday, November 17 at 1:30pm everyone is invited to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa for what will surely be a fascinating presentation by Rev. Shaue©n and Krista Trump about their missionary work among Muslims in Kenya.

◆ During the entire month of November we will have a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Gospel Mission. This year we are planning a fall harvest display in the baptistery where you can leave your food donations.

◆ Under our new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws our congregation's budget for 2013 is scheduled to be adopted at the Quarterly Business Meeting on November 11. The following Sunday, November 18, in place of our usual social hour in the Gathering Room and Adult Bible Class, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for “Martin Luther's Birthday Party” (a week late since is birthday is November 10). We'll celebrate with birthday cake and beer (root, that is), and then the Board of Stewardship will give a brief—15 minute—presentation for the whole congregation about next year's budget and our congregation's general fiscal picture. What percentage of our budget goes for the mortgage? Utilities? Building maintenance? How much is left to pay on our mortgage? What are our overall assets and liabilities? How much do we plan to give to missions? These are some of the topics that will be addressed in this brief, informative presentation.

◆ In December we will be sponsoring the Angel Tree for the Gospel Mission. This has been a great success in past years and helped provide a

Merry Christmas for the homeless children, women, and men that they serve.

If you would like to help with any of these events or have questions contact the Board of Stewardship chairman Pastor Charles Horkey.



We rejoice to welcome two new members at Holy Cross.

David Hill joins by transfer from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Omaha. He recently graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in civil engineering, accepted a position at Sabre Communications, Sioux City, and is at home in Dakota Dunes at the Wellington apartments.

Bernetta Hirsch recently moved to the area from Arizona following the passing of her husband. She joins by transfer from Apostles Lutheran Church, Peoria, Arizona, and is at home in Elk Point.

We will have a New Member Sunday in the fall to formally welcome these and other new members. *Welcome to the Holy Cross family of faith!*



The Vogts family will be on vacation from July 30 thru August 10, picking up Sarah from music camp, Anna from Girl Scout camp, and then meeting up with Jacob after he finishes working for the

summer at Boy Scout camp for a few days together at Branson.

If you need pastoral care in Pastor Vogts' absence you may call him on his cell phone (712-898-4818), or you may call Pastor Charles Horkey, a retired Pastor who is a member of Holy Cross (712-898-4983).

Our thanks to Pastor Horkey for also serving as our guest preacher and leading Adult Bible Class on Sunday, August 5. There will not be a service on Saturday, August 4 due to a wedding, which Pastor Horkey is also conducting.



Hearth Room and Window Approved

At the Quarterly Business Meeting on July 15 the Voters Assembly approved a proposal from the Hearth Room Committee, with the concurrence of the Church Council, to proceed with seeking bids and completing and furnishing the Hearth Room. An architectural sketch of the fireplace and bookcase for the west wall is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. The room will be furnished so that it is multipurpose, with comfortable sofas and chairs around the fireplace, but also a table on the other side for small groups and classes. Designated funds are already available for this project.

Also on the bulletin board is a sketch of the design from Bovard Studio for the west front "Holy Spirit" window of the Sanctuary. This design was approved by the Voters Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Elders and Church Council. However, for this project there are no designated funds, and installation will be deferred until commitments to fund the window are received.



The Sermon on the Mount

Sermon on the Mount Bible Study

We will have Adult Bible Class each Sunday in August as we conclude our study of "The Sermon on the Mount." Pastor Charles Horkey will lead the class in Pastor Vogts' absence on August 5.

If you have a Bible with the words of Christ in red, you will notice that all of Matthew chapters 5-7 is red. These chapters are the longest continuous record of our Lord's teaching, commonly called the "Sermon on the Mount."

Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall as we delve into "The Sermon on the Mount."



Timothy Saltzman

Brother of Tammy Steemken

Entered Eternal Rest
June 25, 2012

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms. . . I am going there to prepare a place for you. . . I will take you to be with Me."

John 14:1-3



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.

- 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
- Gary Amunson, August 21
- Sarah Bundschuh, August 23
- Marleen Kuhn, August 23
- Anna Vogts, August 24
- Evan Steemken, August 28
- Les & Dee Reifke
August 9, 1969
- Gary & Betty Gunderson
August 25, 1956



MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific Missionaries of the Month around the world who we are helping support by our congregation's gift to the LCMS of 10% of our general offerings.

Located just a half-hour from Holy Cross is the biggest mission support organization in the LCMS, and one of the biggest of any denomination in the United States. LCMS Mission Central, located on an old farm outside Mapleton, Iowa, brings missionaries from around the world to speak about their work. This unique organization raises millions for missions each year—with no overhead, 100% going directly to support missionaries.

All of our Missionaries of the Month for July will be speaking this month at Mission Central. You are encouraged to visit Mission Central and hear their wonderful stories of how, *"All over the world this Gospel is bearing fruit and growing"* (Colossians 1:6).

The dates of the missionaries' presentations at Mission Central are listed below. For more information and directions to Mission Central visit www.missioncentral.us or speak to Pastor Vogts.

August 5
Rev. Mark & Sandi Eisold
Peru
August 11, 1:00pm & 7:00pm

August 12
John Hinkle
Hong Kong
August 11, 1:00pm

August 19
Sarah Cunningham
Kenya
August 18, 1:30pm & 7:00pm

August 26
Deaconess Juliana Hirsch
Czech Republic
August 29, 1:30pm

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders for August
Doug Jansen & Todd Peters

Ushers for August
Greg Huibregtse & Randy Stein

Chancel Care for August Mary Mettenbrink

Acolytes & Crucifers for August
August 5 Nichole Dial
August 12 Anna Vogts
August 19 Kaleb Martin
August 26 Gracie Nelson



The flower calendar for 2012 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. Thank you to all those flowers to help beautify our Sanctuary as we worship the Lord!

July 1
Barry & Kay Hageman
Barry's Birthday & Our Anniversary

July 8
Ryan & Angela Dial
Nicole's Birthday

July 15
Ginny Peterson
In Memory of Husband Bob Peterson

July 22
Harold & Mary Mettenbrink

August 5
Les & Dee Reifke
Anniversary

August 12
Gary & Betty Gunderson
56th Anniversary

August 19
Gloria Barnum
In Memory of Husband
Robert Barnum's Birthday

August 26
Pastor Kevin & Terry Vogts
Birthdays of Terry, Jacob, Sarah, Anna

September 9
Dout & Sue Jansen
Anniversary



Snack Volunteers Needed for August

During the summer we continue having fellowship time in the Gathering Room after worship each Sunday. However, volunteers are needed to host in August.

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!



Women In Mission is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) chapter at Holy Cross. We do not hold regular meetings in June, July, or August, but have enjoyed two special summer events in June and July, Women's Spring Luncheon and Outing, on June 13 in

Tekamah, Nebraska, and a mission trip on July 26 to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30am. All women of the congregation are invited. Come join your sisters in Christ for the fun, fellowship, and service to the Lord!



Come to Wednesday Coffee

Summer is a great time to join in "Wednesday Coffee" each Wednesday this month at 10:00am at the Hy-Vee on Hamilton.

We began this informal gathering last summer during the flood, as a way for members to keep in touch during the evacuation and while our church building was closed and many activities cancelled. It's become a real tradition and a good-sized group gathers each week. Everyone is invited—ya'll come!



August 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 in August are from the new *Treasury of Daily Prayer*.

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)

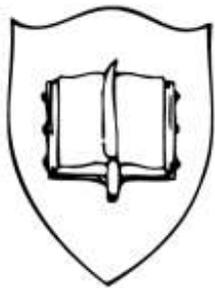
Johann Gerhard (1582-1637) was a great Lutheran theologian in the tradition of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and Martin Chemnitz (1522-86) and the most influential of the



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

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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



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

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. Christ Himself said that there had arisen none greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11).

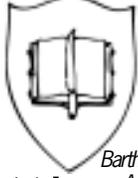
He was the last of the Old Testament prophets and also the herald of the New Testament. As the forerunner of Christ, John fulfilled the prophecy that the great prophet Elijah would return before the great and terrible Day of the Lord (Malachi 4:5; Matthew 17:10-13). By his preaching and Baptism of repentance, 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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 12th Sunday After Pentecost)</i></p>			<p>1 10:00am Wednesday Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton </p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 McIntosh-Fay Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 McIntosh-Fay Wedding No Saturday Service Due to Wedding</p>
<p>5 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Charles Horkey Guest Minister 10:30am Adult Bible Class <i>Harold Mettenbrink</i></p>	<p>6  Guest Preacher <i>Steven Stoeger-Moore</i></p>	<p>7 7:30pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>8 10:00am Wednesday Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton </p>	<p>9 7:30pm Board of Elders <i>Les & Dee Reifke</i></p>	<p>10 Church Office Hours Tuesday- Friday 9:00am- 11:00am</p>	<p>11 5:30pm Worship with Communion </p>
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