



What is the most important job in the world? President of the United States? Famous inventor of marvelous machines? Doctor discovering miracle cures? Actually, many of us already hold the most important job in the world: parent.

Our nation acknowledges the great importance of parents each year with the holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day, which we will soon be celebrating again in May and June.

We tend to think of our little ones always under our care and guidance. But they will grow into a life of their own, and we must prepare them for it. That surely is the most important job in the world.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." But, the opposite is also true: fail to train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will suffer for it. Researchers have noted a common thread in the lives of many criminals: a lack of parental direction and discipline in their younger years. Of course, even those with the best upbringing can wander off the right path. But, a good foundation in early life is a child's the best hope for happiness and success.

Parents often fret when their children leave the nest at around age 18. But, by then, it is practically too late. The time to focus on your children's future is in their youngest years. That will set the pattern for their lives.

Maybe you cannot leave your children a big inheritance in the way of money and property. But there is a much greater, much more valuable inheritance and heritage that is within

That is the greatest gift you can pass on to your children, bringing them to Jesus, bringing them up in the training and instruction of the Lord, sharing with them the Good News that "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The Good News that their sins are forgiven on account of Jesus Christ.

For a parents these days, there are so many important things to consider in your children's upbringing: good education, appropriate discipline, proper socialization, developing a positive feeling of self-worth. And there is an abundance of organizations and activities to help in your children's growth and development. These things are important and they have their place.

But, in the hectic shuffle of modern life, don't neglect your children's greatest need: training and instruction in the Lord. Bring them faithfully to Sunday worship, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and the other worship, educational and fellowship opportunities our congregation provides, including our excellent Holy Cross Preschool.

God bless you as you continue doing your best for the Lord in the most important job in the world.

Pastor Kevin Vogts

Recipe for Raising Children

1 Cup of Psalm 127:3—"Children are a heritage from the Lord, a blessing from him." Your children are just on loan to you from the Lord. He has entrusted them into your care because he thinks that, in all the world, *you* are the parent for this child.

1 Cup of Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

2 Tablespoons of Mark 10:14—"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Carefully mix in Proverbs 13:24 and Hebrews 12:11 as needed—"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him"; "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Balance with generous measures of Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4—"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged"; "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Sprinkle in generous amounts of Ephesians 6:18—"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Stir together in a pot called home, adjusting ingredients as seems best to achieve proper consistency. Let rise for approximately 18 years and then serve to the world.

Important: For good results, do *not* use a pressure cooker for this recipe!

the grasp of every parent. Paul says in Ephesians 6:4, "Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).



Year-to-Date as of April 14

Offerings Budgeted	\$61,625
Offerings Received	\$62,316
Budget Balance	\$691



Sermon Topics for May

These are the Sunday sermon topics for May. Written copies of Pastor Vogts' sermons are available on our website at www.holycrossdakotadunes.org.

May 5

"God's Grief Counselor"
John 16:6-7

May 12

"What Does Christ's Ascension Mean for You?"
Luke 24:44-53

May 19

"What Does This Mean?"
Acts 2:12

May 26

Rev. Charles Horkey
Guest Minister

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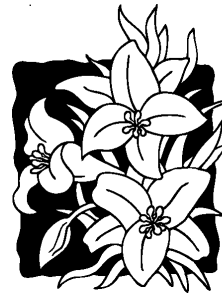
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Thank you to all those who donated so many lovely lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter! Thanks also to Mary and Harold Mettenbrink for arranging them.



Easter Lilies

Given By

In Memory or Honor Of

Darrel & Jackie Baker (2)	Family
Lonny & Sallie Book	For all God's Blessings
Ryan & Angela Dial	Family
Doug & Sue Jansen	Paul Jansen & Nancy Shortridge
Denny & Marlene Kuhn (2)	Family
Harold & Mary Mettenbrink (2)	Our Spouses
Todd Peters (3)	Rev. Carl & Dorcas Brueggemann, Mr. & Mrs. Walter P. Peters, Walter E. A. Peters
Ginny Peterson (3)	Husband—Bob Peterson Parents—Hazel & Paul Poppe & Lloyd & Laura Etta Peterson
Les & Dee Reifke	Parents
Randy & Deb Stein	Betty Feller
Steven & Susanne Stoeger-Moore	Family
Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts (2)	Leroy Vogts & Grandparents
Ron & Jeannette Yockey (2)	Fathers—Ted Beasley & William Yockey



Following a one week postponement due to the weather, Women in Mission held the monthly meeting on April 17. Mark you calendars for these upcoming events of interest:

- Crittenton Center tour on May 8 at 11:00am.
- Confirmation reception following worship on May 19.
- Ladies Day Out and Spring Luncheon on June 12. Plans are being finalized for a visit and tour of Loess Hills Lavender Farm.

Our May meeting will be held on May 8 at 9:00am. Please plan to join in!

There is always room for more chairs at our table. Those serving in May: Chancel Care – Jackie Baker; Snacks – Gail Dorr; Devotions – Gail Dorr.



Do you desire to study and gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures? Then join in Adult Bible Class! During May on Sundays at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall we are continuing our

study of *A Longer Look at the Lessons*, each week delving into that Sunday's Scripture readings.

If you want to grow in God's Word and His power for your life come join in with your brothers and sisters as we discuss the Scriptures! *"I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not neglect Your word"* (Psalm 119:16).



While many churches and denominations are cutting back on their missionary work, as of February, 2013 our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had more than 740 missionaries, serving full-time or short-term. This makes the LCMS one of the largest Christian missionary agencies in the world!

Our congregation has designated a tithe of 10% of our general offerings to support the work of our District and Synod—over \$20,000 per year. Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

May 5

*Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump
Tanzania*

May 12

*Matt & Kim Myers
Macau*

May 19

*Rev. Roger & Amy James
Sri Lanka*

May 26

*Walter & Ana Ries
Dominican Republic*



Easter Egg Hunt Success!



God answered many prayers for good weather for our 11th annual community Easter Egg Hunt on March 30! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event once again a big success! Special thanks to Marsha Horkey, Chair of the Board of Evangelism, and Janet Gustman, Board of Evangelism member, for their organization of this outreach event. There were over 100 children in attendance, accompanied by at least twice that many adults. About half stayed afterward for the Easter movie. Many parents expressed how grateful they are to Holy Cross for providing this annual event for the children of our community.





Vacation Bible School June 3-7

Join the fun Monday-Friday, June 3-7, from 9:00am to 11:30am for our fun Vacation Bible School "Armor of God" based on Ephesians 6:10-17. 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 "warriors" 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. "Therefore put on the full armor of God" (Ephesians 6:13).



In the Gathering Room is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks in 2013. Most of the summer is open and we need volunteers!

Saturday Summer Service



Saturdays at 5:30pm

Beginning June 1 Thru End of August

Abbreviated Version of Service for Following Sunday
with Same Sermon

Holy Communion Each Saturday

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 for helping with this fellowship activity.

May 5

Peters

May 19

*Women in Mission
Confirmation Reception*

May 12 & 26

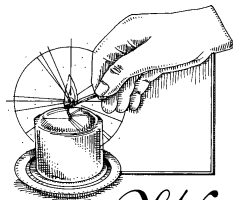
Need Volunteers

Acolytes for May

May 5 Gracie Nelson
May 12 Kaleb Martin
May 19 Henry Jensen
May 26 Brady Schroeder

Crucifers for May

May 5 Kathleen Soukup
May 12 Bryce Schroeder
May 19 Hayden Jensen
May 26 Caden Peters



Worship Assistants

Elders for May

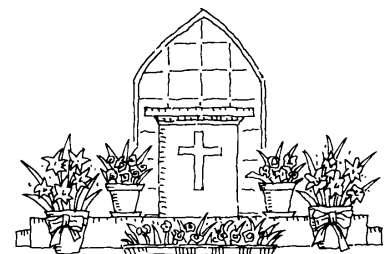
Gary Amunson & Carroll Gustman

Ushers for May

Bear Jensen & Irving Jensen

Chancel Care for May

Jackie Baker



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower calendar for 2013 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 giving so many lovely flower arrangements to beautify our altar!

April 14
Vogts Family
Kevin's Birthday

April 21
Todd & Jill Peters
Wedding Anniversary

May 5
Denise & Patrick Honner
Eli's Birthday



We are again holding a Saturday Summer Service this year during the months of June, July, and August, with the first service on Saturday, June 1.

The Saturday services 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.



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.

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School



Monday thru Friday, June 3rd to 7th
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

Place in Box in Gathering Room

Or Mail 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
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

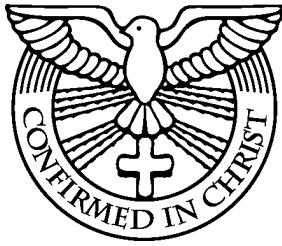
Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Melissa Jensen, May 1
Lonny Book, May 8
Eli Honner, May 8
Mike Steemken, May 8
Hayden Jensen, May 9
Henry Jensen, May 9
Glenda Schincke, May 17
Ginny Peterson, May 19
Bear (Irving IV) Jensen, May 20
Bobby DeRocher, May 26

Betty Gunderson, May 26
Travis Yockey, May 27
Sue Jansen, May 30
Tyler Fletcher, May 31
Tim & Denise Fletcher, May 1, 1982
Randy & Deb Stein, May 1, 1976
Scott & Shannon Feese, May 8, 2003
Ron & Jeanette Yockey, May 17, 1980
Mike & Tammy Steemken, May 22, 1987
Carla & James Schmit, May 26, 2012
Paul & Julie Eickhoff, May 29, 1999



Confirmation May 19

Confirmation and First Communion for Kaleb Martin, Gracie Nelson, Bryce Schroeder, Kathleen Soukup, and Anna Vogts will be held during the service on May 19.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Holy Cross Women in Mission. There will be no Adult Bible Class that Sunday due to the reception.

All members of the congregation are also invited to the Confirmation Examination, which will take place the previous Sunday, May 12, during the Christian Education hour at approximately 10:30am in the Sanctuary.



Guest Preacher May 26

Our thanks to Holy Cross member Rev. Charles Horkey for serving as our guest minister on Sunday, May 26. The Vogts family will be in Michigan that weekend for Sarah's high school graduation from the Interlochen Academy for the Arts.

In Pastor Vogts' absence you may contact him on his cell phone (712-898-4818), or for immediate pastoral care you may call Pastor Horkey (712-898-4983).



Our choir will complete another very successful season by singing for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. They will have presented selections for our worship 16 times this season.

Our thanks to all our dedicated choir members, especially for coming so faithfully to choir practice each Wednesday evening. We look forward to beginning a new season in the fall and invite *you* to join in the fun and fellowship!



Harrison Receives Most Nominations for LCMS President

Many members of Holy Cross are acquainted with Rev. Matthew Harrison, the current national President of our denomination, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He is a native of Sioux City, graduate of Morningside College, and friend of Pastor Vogts. He has visited our congregation several times, including preaching for Pastor Vogts' 25th Ordination Anniversary in 2011.

The LCMS President serves a three-year term, and this year the election will be held under new procedures adopted at the national convention in 2010. Nominations were submitted by the congregations of Synod and our congregation nominated President Harrison for re-election. He received 1,111 nominations. The other two candidates are Rev. Herbert Mueller, currently the LCMS First-Vice President, with 140 nominations, and Rev. David P. E. Maier, currently President of the LCMS Michigan District, with 126 nominations.

This year for the first time instead of being elected by the delegates at the national convention the President will be elected one month prior to the convention, which opens July 20. Votes will be cast via email by pastors and lay representatives from all of the approximately 6,200 LCMS congregations. The lay vote is cast by whomever served as lay delegate to the previous district convention, which for our congregation is Harold Mettenbrink. The president-elect will be announced during the first week of July, two weeks prior to the opening of the convention.

Pastor Vogts Serving as LCMS National Delegate

Pastor Vogts was elected by the Yankton Circuit to represent the circuit's 12 congregations as the pastoral delegate to the triennial national convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which will be held this summer in St. Louis from July 20-25. The circuit's lay delegate is John Marquardt from St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton.

Pastor Vogts has also been appointed by LCMS President Matthew Harrison to the convention Floor Committee for Seminary and University Education.

The convention will have a strong missionary emphasis under the theme "Baptized for this Moment," based on Acts 2:38-39.



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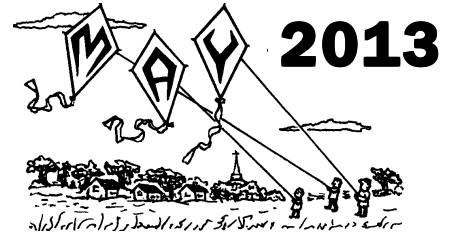
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>A</i> Almighty and everliving God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for Pentecost Eve)</i></p>		 <i>St. Philip and St. James</i>	<p>1</p> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 6:30pm Final Midweek School 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Melissa Jensen, Tim & Denise Fletcher, Randy & Deb Stein</i>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <i>C.F.W. Walther, Theologian, Died 1887</i>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Women in Mission 6:30pm Final Midweek School 7:30pm Final Choir Rehearsal <i>Lonny Book, Eli Honner, Mike Steemken, Scott & Shannon Feese</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ascension Day</p> <p><i>Hayden Jensen, Henry Jensen</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 7th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day</p> <p>8:45am Choir Warm-Up 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Confirmation Examination</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Preschool Closing Program</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30pm Board of Elders</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>15</p> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton 7:30pm Final Choir Rehearsal	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Final Day of Preschool</p> <p><i>Glenda Schincke, Ron & Jeanette Yockey</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>19 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Choir Warm-Up 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Confirmation Reception</p> <i>Ginny Peterson</i>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Bear Jensen</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am-3:00pm Yankton Circuit Pastors Conference at Holy Cross</p>	<p>22</p> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton <i>Mike & Tammy Steemken</i>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Preschool Schedule Monday-Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays 9:00am After School Care Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</p> </div>
<p>26 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class</p> <i>Bobby DeRocher, Betty Gunderson, Carla & James Schmit</i>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p><i>Travis Yockey</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 10:00am Coffee at Hy-Vee on Hamilton <i>Paul & Julie Eickhoff</i>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Sue Jansen</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>The Visitation</p> <p><i>Tyler Fletcher</i></p>	

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

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