

# Holy Cross Connections

## Upcoming Events:

**June 20 — 24**  
**6:00 — 8:30 PM**  
**Vacation Bible School**

**September 17**  
**Classic Car Show**  
**(Rain Date Sept. 18)**

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June 2011

### Celebrations Galore!

First, I want to thank you for all of your special cards, words of appreciation and encouragement that you extended to me over the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. The reception was great! (You are also “welcome” for the entertainment and laughter that you were provided as you looked at the pictures of my earlier years. I guess that is the price one must pay for experience.)

I must tell you again what an honor and joy it is to be here and to have the privilege to serve you as your senior pastor. I continually thank God for your openness to His Word, your desire to be transformed more and more into the image of Christ Jesus, and your willingness to do whatever it takes to share His life-giving love with others.

Second, wasn't the ground breaking service wonderful!!! God miraculously parted the rain clouds as they passed over Canton that morning and held back the rain right up to the benediction before we received our first sprinkle. Who says He doesn't answer the prayers of His people? Watching the children digging – or at least trying to dig – into the ground was precious. Watching some of our high school youth digging on the eastern perimeter of the sight was hilarious. (Someone please tell those guys that our expansion does not have a basement.)

Third, please pray for our 16 young people who were confirmed on May

22<sup>nd</sup>, and all of our youth. Statistics say that less than ½ of them will still be actively practicing their faith by the time of they graduate from high school and more will fall away while in college. Pray these young Christians beat the odds, stay strong in their faith and mature into faithful servants of their Lord Jesus Christ!

**“Pray for a spirit of flexibility, patience, persistence in worship and ministry ... during our construction.”**

Fourth, pray for a spirit of flexibility, patience, persistence in worship and ministry for yourself and our entire church

community during our construction. While the contractor and the building committee will do everything possible to limit disruptions around the building, there will still be inconveniences from time to time. Sometimes progress means things get worse before they can get better. We will do our best to keep you updated. Let's enjoy the journey!

Fifth, June 5<sup>th</sup> will be another dual celebration for Holy Cross. We will celebrate and honor our high school and college graduates at all 3 services that day. We will also be welcoming into our church family another group of new members at the 8:45 service. Your inviting friends and family to worship and Bible Studies and your care for those who others have invited is resulting in more and more people experiencing the joy of Christ's love for them within this community of believers. Keep up the great work!

Your brother in Jesus, Pastor Kip

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## Outreach Connections

**Good News for REFUGE OF HOPE:** Dedication of the new facility was on May 17. New facilities are just a few weeks away from being certified for occupancy. Praise the Lord for all of the dedication, gifts, and hard work that are making this a wonderful opportunity to serve those in need! Refuge of Hope provides shelter for homeless men and serves nutritious hot meals to hungry men, women and children.



The Holy Cross Quilters have donated 42 quilts for the new men's quarters at Refuge of Hope.

**Men's May and June Breakfast/Bible Study** – The men enjoyed some fine food in May as we began **Paul the Apostle - What Culture Does Not Want You to Hear**. We will spend the next few weeks in this study as we learn that the culture we live in also faces the same problem as the early church. Come and join us to understand how, by God's grace, we can stand firm in Christ and witness to

God's saving love. **There will be no Men's Breakfast during the summer months! We continue to meet Saturdays from 7:30 – 9 AM for Bible Study.**

**Mission Action Team** – continues to plan for the medical mission trip to Haiti in September.

**Our June Giving Tree is set up in conjunction with Holy Cross Vacation Bible School to gather school supplies for the 2012-13 school year at McGregor Elementary School in Canton.** Check the Giving Tree for the items needed such as: 24-pack crayons, scissors (Fiskar), Elmer's Glue, glue sticks, Kleenex, #2 pencils, dry erase markers, — socks, underwear), T shirts (all ages), monetary donations appreciated for other classroom supplies. Help our kids help the kids of McGregor get a great start in the new school year! Thanks!

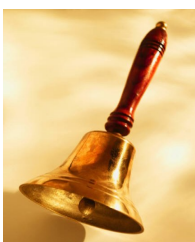
**A Night In Bethlehem** at Holy Cross is looking to sign up all available talent for ANIB December 10 and 11, 2011. This is a fun-filled meaningful event that reaches out to our community with the message of God's Son born into

this world to save the world from its sin. We will operate 4 hours per night with 2 shifts per night. You can sign up for a shift now to help work a booth in the Market Place, be an actor in a variety of Bethlehem settings, help with the construction of the set (see Tom James 492-4742) or other behind-the-scenes help. Sign-up sheets are in the main or south hallways. Call ANIB contact Kay Sanders at 493-1565 for more info!

**Thrivent Financial Policy Holder opportunities** – You have the opportunity to determine where your Choice Dollars are spent. Choice Dollars are the monies generated from the policy (ies) that you hold. You can decide what mission/ministry you would like them to go to. Thrivent also offers **Matching Funds** and **Hands on Grants** for the mission and ministry needs/opportunities the church has. For information on how to direct your Choice Dollars go to: [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based, not-for-profit fraternal benefits organization serving nearly 2.5 million members.*

Pastor Ralph

## Allegro Bells



On July 17, the Allegro Bells from Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, IL, will be enriching our worship at the 7:30 and 8:45 AM worship services. This hand bell choir is made up of 57 high school youth. We will need to house these 57 high school youth and their 9 chaperones on Saturday night, July 16. **If you are able to provide beds or sleeping areas for some of these people, please contact Lora Smith at 413-4867, Lorin Zuppe at 492-2862 or Pastor Kip.**

## Children's Ministry

### Summer Sunday School

We are in need of many teachers and volunteers to continue to teach our children during the summer months. Please find a spot to sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board to help our children stay in God's Word. Lessons are provided for you. Thank you for sharing your faith with our kids!

Vacation Bible  
School  
June 20 — 24  
6 — 8:30 PM

Curriculum was picked when the snow was flying; the date was set last year; the songs are being played in (Sarah O'Briskie's) car.

Vacation Bible School is a lot of work, and pulling it together requires many, many helpers. **Do you ever wonder if all the work is worth it?**

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The kids daily learn Bible verses and Bible lessons. We praise God through art and music all while we have a blast! The work is not done just for the benefit of us at Holy Cross. The work is for the preschooler who has never been to church, the friends that are brought, and the family who needs a church home. Here is the truth, **VBS is a mission field brought into our building. You are sending your kids, not just for their growth, but for other**

**children too, giving them the opportunity to be surrounded by other children shining God's love.**

Volunteers are needed for our Elementary and Preschool Staff:

Crew Leaders/Guides, Snacks, Games, Bible Leaders, Crafts, Movie Time, Openings/Closings, Decorating, Set-Up & Clean-up

You name it, we need your help! Please see the VBS display to sign up. Contact Sarah O'Briskie or Lorin Zuppe for more info!

### VBS Staff Meeting

**Saturday June 4th at 9:30**

**Sunday, June 26 at 12 Noon  
VBS/Congregational Picnic**

## Youth in Christ Goings On ...

We're going to be looking at how we're 'wired' to serve God this summer in combined grade Sunday School, and getting busy doing some ministry and mission work! Parents — I am the only teacher this summer, so if you're interested in coming on over to help every so often — you're **MORE THAN WELCOME!** Thanks for your help!

We have a HUGE ministry opportunity with the Senior Youth Coffee House! Bring your friends to hang out in a casual, safe place and watch God open up opportunities to share His love with them! **June coffee house dates are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 PM.** Parent help is needed to collect coffee/snack money/pre-purchased tickets, chaperone, etc.

Offerings continue to be taken weekly in all Sunday School classes to help support our missionaries, and also help to keep hospitality snacks at the Youth House on Sunday mornings for these hungry kids, along with other youth events. This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their youth to be good stewards!

Don't forget to be using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your regular Internet search engine, with Holy Cross North Canton as the beneficiary charity organization. Every search helps our Youth Group get to San Antonio! Thank you!

Lorin Zuppe

## Stamping Group

June 13, 7:00 PM

Do you like to make things with paper, scissors and glue? Do you like to make pretty cards? The Holy Cross Stamping Group will meet in the Adult Conference Room to make cards for our shut-ins and a Father's Day/men's birthday card. No experience is needed. Materials are supplied. Please bring scissors and \$2 to defray expenses.

## Ladies Book Discussion

June 13, 7:00 PM

We will discuss the book, *"The Glass Castle,"* by Jeanette Walls at Lynn Young's home. Our leaders for the evening are Lynn Young and Laurie Fauber.

Our next book discussion will be in September where we will discuss, *"The Help,"* by Kathryn Stockett. New faces are always welcome. Call Sharon Ludwig at 492-8198 if you are interested.

## Young At Heart

June 14 at 11:30 AM

LUNCH AT HOT ROD CITY  
NEW PHILADELPHIA AND  
TOUR SUGAR CREEK MUSEUM  
Meet at Holy Cross at 11:30 AM to carpool. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

Bring a friend for an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

### PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING HAS COME TO HOLY CROSS

#### PLEASE RECYCLE

**HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT AND  
RAISE FUNDS FOR HOLY CROSS  
YOUTH! BIN IS LOCATED AT THE  
SOUTH END OF THE PARKING LOT.**

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS

- SHOPPING CATALOGS
- OFFICE/SCHOOL PAPERS
- NEWSPAPERS
- MAGAZINES
- MAIL

**Anything shreddable!**

**No cardboard.**



**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE SEE  
[WWW.PAPERRETRIEVER.COM](http://WWW.PAPERRETRIEVER.COM) OR  
LORIN ZUPPE. THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Preschool/ Kindergarten



Exciting times!

Graduation for the Kindergarten students is Friday, June 3 at 10:45 AM.



MOPS had a great year! Our group grew in moms and babies! God continues to bless us. We had fun learning, fellowshiping, and growing in our friendships and faith. Keep a lookout for activities over the summer and a great new year starting in September. Thank you, Holy Cross, for making MOPS possible. What a loving outreach ministry to all the wonderful moms!

## Pregnancy Support Center

Thank you so much for participating in the 2011 Baby Bottle Boomerang! With your help, this campaign raised over \$54,000 for the benefit of the clients of PSC. The members of Holy Cross Lutheran donated the generous amount of \$1,981.42.

Again, let us say, "Thank you and God bless you!" We pray God's richest blessings on you as you continue to serve in His kingdom.

## School Mission and Ministry News

The Staff finds it hard to say good-bye to children and families who have been part of our lives for years. We pray that the Holy Spirit nurtures the seeds of faith that Holy Cross Preschool has planted and to help it continue to grow. Thank you for your contributions to purchase Bibles for all of our children leaving the four & five-year-old class and children who were new to our program.

The **two and three-year-olds** talked about mommies and daddies and learned that God loves them more than their parents. They made a special gift for Mother's Day. They learned about Noah and all the animals on the ark. The children reviewed colors and shapes and worked on dealing with separation anxiety, toilet training, learning to share time and space with others, following directions and routines, and expressing wants and needs in appropriate ways. We thank everyone who has helped and prayed for us this year. (Mrs. Anne Hankins and Mrs. Katie Armstead)

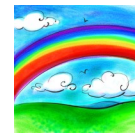
For Mother's Day, the **three and four-year-olds** gave silhouettes of themselves. The children learned that there are 4 seasons marked by weather changes and clothing selections. They talked about fun hot summer activities, made kites, and painted with bubbles.



The children were reminded that Jesus is with them wherever they go. They learned that God has three names: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God has great things in store for each one of His children. Have a blessed and safe summer! (Mrs. Christi Ludwig and Mrs. Patty Wallace)

The children in the **four & five-year-old class** began the month learning about the letter V. What excitement when Mrs. Hockman set off a volcano! For W the children played in water, made a worm and a weather cloud. For X they made an x-ray and a spy book called, "See Inside With X-Ray Eyes." Then came the letters Y and Z. As the children played with the zoo animals at the sensory table they talked about how God made each of the animals different. (Mrs. Teri Hockman and Mrs. Leslie Martin)

The **Pre-kindergarten class** finished up their six-week imaginary trip around the world. As they learned words and tasted typical foods from each place they "visited," they talked about cultural similarities and differences, how God is always with them, and how people everywhere need to learn about Jesus. The class is currently watching ladybugs go through their life cycles and will release the adults the last day of school. They ended with a discussion of



rain and rainbows. The children learned that the rainbow is a reminder of a special promise from Genesis 9:12-13. They also committed to memory simple Bible verses and were challenged to share the verses and Bible Time songs about Jesus with others. (Mrs. Ginger Samara & Mrs. Christina Jacobsen)

The final weeks of **Kindergarten** have kept us busy. The children learned addition, subtraction and counting by fives and tens. In Reading, they learned about the "sneaky e" seen on the ends of many words as well as combinations or, er, and ar. These and the VCCV pattern really added to the number of decodable words for them. Two field trips — Rolling Ridge Ranch and the Akron Zoo — brought to a close their Science for the year. Graduation with caps and gowns is June 3 at 10:45 AM. They are excited and apprehensive about what lies ahead. (Mrs. Sarah O'Briskie)



Our summer program will soon begin. As much as the staff might like the summer off, our child-care families still need us. Please remember the school as you Spring clean. New and use toys are always appreciated.

In His grace,

Marjorie James, Administrator

## St. Luke Foundation 14th Annual Golf Outing

The St. Luke Foundation is excited to be nearing our 14th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 22 at the Fairways at Arrowhead. Proceeds from this event provide support to and for the benefit of St. Luke Lutheran Community and its residents.

Please see the Registration Form posted on the bulletin Board across from the church office. The form is also posted online at [www.stlukelutherancommunity.org](http://www.stlukelutherancommunity.org)



## Haiti Medical Mission Trip September 2011

The Mission Action Team is again planning a mission trip to Cap Haitian, Haiti, to visit Pastor Bernard's congregations this September 2011. Our trip will be primarily a medical focus to bring God's saving message to the greater community of Cap Haitian. Listed below are some of the medical items we need for the clinic we will operate. If you would like to contribute supplies, please drop them off in the provided box in the hallway.

### Items For Collection for Haiti Medical Mission Trip

Tylenol – adult - in bulk at Sam's Club best price  
 Tylenol – infant and children's  
 Ibuprofen – adult - in bulk at Sam's Club best price  
 Ibuprofen – children's  
 Hydrocortisone cream – Dollar Tree has for \$1  
 Antifungal cream – Dollar Tree has for \$1  
 Omeprazole (zantac, pepcid, etc.)  
 Naproxen Sodium (Aleve) – bulk at Sam's Club best price  
 Vitamins – adult - in bulk at Sam's Club best price  
 Vitamins – pre-natal, infant, children's (try to avoid gummi type)  
 Guaifinessen (cough syrup) – prefer plastic bottles  
 Snack size Ziploc bags (for dispensing meds) need 2,000 bags  
 Rubbing Alcohol (only a couple)  
 Hydrogen Peroxide (only a couple)  
 Neosporin / antibiotic cream  
 Thermometer (digital ear the best)  
 Tiny paper cups (for urine testing)

Vaginal cream (Monistat, etc.)  
 Urine Test Strips – 2 bottles  
 Tums, Allergy tabs, Cold medicine  
 Anti-diarrheal, Pregnancy Tests  
 Eye Drops, Pepto Bismol  
 Vaseline, Hand wipes  
 Stethoscope, BP cuff  
 Medical Adhesive Tape  
 Ace bandages  
 Tongue Depressors  
 Medical Exam Gloves  
 Surgical Masks  
 Slings, Air Casts  
 Petroleum Gauze  
 Hibiclense, Alcohol pads  
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NEW GROUND  
FOR JESUS

MAY 15, 2011



## Shepherd Action Team



The Shepherding Action Team requests your help. The following individuals have not been in worship here with us for the past 12(+) months. If you see any of them or have a personal relationship with them, please offer them words encouragement to bring them back into a worshipping relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ.

Sherry Ginther, Holly Murphy

Ron & Lori Obermiller

Barbara Proctor, Krista Vranich

James Worley

Whereabouts Unknown:

Cody Keller, Alexa Valentino, Jessica Chipner,

Jessica Humphreys, Nathan Kahler

Amanda Beyersdorff, Sam Weber,

Aren Cooper, Jeff Cooper, Jennifer Feller

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION FORMS are  
available on the counter in the  
hallway or you may register at  
[www.HolyCrossNorthCanton.com](http://www.HolyCrossNorthCanton.com)



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**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** is a Christ-centered, friendly, mission-minded, Bible-based community of believers who strive to carry out ministry with integrity and excellence.

*Sunday Mornings At Holy Cross*

7:30 AM Liturgy of Praise  
Traditional Worship

8:45 AM Majestic Praise  
Blended Worship

8:45 AM Adult Bible Class

10:00 AM Sunday School, Youth Bible Class,  
and Adult Bible Hour

11:00 AM Expressions of Praise  
Contemporary Worship

Richard "Kip" Smith, Senior Pastor

Ralph Hough  
Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship

Ted Voss, Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Ellyn Dillon  
Worship Ministries Coordinator

Mr. Steve James  
Audio/Visual Tech Coordinator

Mrs. Lorin Zuppe  
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Ministry

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Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

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