



Proposed Addition for Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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October 2011

Upcoming Event:

**December 10 & 11
Night in Bethlehem**

“On this rock I will build My church.”

This morning, 9-19, the steel workers put the first of the 2 huge center trusses of our new sanctuary in place. The cross shaped opening for the stained glass window began came into view as the masons built up the block wall. And the iron studs started going up along the west wall of our future adult education wing. It was an exciting, albeit wet, morning. And by the time you read this far more will have been accomplished. **The building is really taking form.**

the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **And in Him you, too, are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His spirit”** (Eph. 2:19-22). In other words, **we are the Church!** And Christ Jesus Himself is busy building us into an ever stronger, closer, more unified and larger Church as He comes into our lives through His life-giving Word and through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

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Thank God, so is the Church! And it is important that we recognize the difference.

Christ’s Church is built upon saving faith in Jesus.

So while we watch what the construction workers are doing to build new spaces for old and new faces here at Holy Cross, let’s not forget that **Christ’s Church is built upon saving faith in Jesus.** Let’s keep devoting ourselves to **learning** about Jesus, **living** for Jesus, and **leading** others to Jesus. For you see, Church building is not a spectator sport. **Christ Jesus is at work in us giving us both the desire and the ability to build up His Church** through our hearing, living and sharing the Power of His Gospel.

The facility is built with concrete and steel, by human hands, upon compressed soil and gravel. The Church is built with grace and truth, by our Lord, Jesus, Himself, upon the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).

That’s why our Lord Jesus was so excited that He could hardly contain Himself when Peter confessed Him to be the Christ. “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by My Father in heaven,” Jesus exclaimed. “Upon this rock I will build My Church.”

Likewise, Paul tells us in Ephesians that we are God’s people, members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as

Your brother in Jesus,
Pastor Kip

P.S. North 40 club applications will start being accepted after worship services on Sunday, October 9. Applicants must be energetic, in fairly good health and have the desire to put the needs of others before their own. Details will be forthcoming.

Outreach Connections

As we move into the Fall season, Holy Cross was blessed to reach out to our community and show God's love in Jesus in a couple of ways! A first for Holy Cross was to host and feed the GlenOak football team before their game against Massillon. We were contacted by the GlenOak organization in the summer and asked to provide a meal for the team on game day. After consulting with The Bistro of Green, chef and co-owner Roger Stewart, we decided it was a go! With help from about ten Holy Cross members, we served a pasta dinner complete with salad and rolls to 65+ people! A devotion centering on Jesus and life eternal was presented by Pastor Ralph. Much appreciation to Holy Cross was shown by the team and coaches. Holy Cross received a framed picture of the 2011 team. (The GlenOak Eagles went on to beat Massillon – a first in almost 25 years.)

Once again Holy Cross people outdid yourselves in the **Holy Cross 2011 Classic Car Show!** Despite the



inconvenience of 'swapping sides' to hold this annual event due to construction of new building, the team did an exceptional job of coordinating and laying out the

event plans for this year. Even though we were down by 10 vehicles compared to last year, we still had room for more! There were over 125 cars and motorcycles. We gave away more prizes and food and served more than 600 people (besides the drivers)! Music was provided by our own Spirit Song and the Lord provided a fabulously gorgeous day! Compliments are still coming in by the community:



Pastor Ralph, yesterday was (wife's name) and my first time to attend and show our "retirement car" in your car show. It was a very well-organized and fun event. We met new friends and reconnected with old friends. In speaking with some of the volunteers, it's clear that this event is a wonderful Christ-centered outreach. May our

Lord continue to bless and guide your outreach and expansion.

We also received a hand written note from one of our guests posted on bulletin board in north hall. A big thanks to the HC Connections Team for the time and energy devoted to this and all of our events to share God's love in Jesus to our community. AND a big thanks to you **members and friends of Holy Cross** for your ongoing prayers, donations and support!

NOTE: The food items that were not used have been donated to Meals on Wheels. Water and beverages that were left over will be used as needed. Again, thanks!

Mission Action Team News - By now the Haiti mission team is in Haiti! 14 luggage bags – filled to the brim with donations of medical supplies and other goodies for the people of Cape Haitian. The Team will do medical clinics during their time there and Pastor Kip will teach Galatians to the seminary students. The Team will be on the look-out for a person to possibly bring back to the States to learn the ropes of being a liaison/helper for Pastor Bernard and to Holy Cross for the construction projects needed in the future. Please continue to keep the Haitian people and our Team in your prayers! — Pastor Ralph



2011 Haiti Mission Team

Front Row: Pastor Kip, Sara Vance, Lora Smith, Marty Rohrer

Back Row: Ken Eckberg, Jr., Vonnie LaRue, Debbie Crowder, Sharon & Joe Wonsettler

Children's Ministry

The hallways are filled with children on Sundays and Wednesdays. Thanks to the wonderful Staff of teachers. If your child has not attended our education programs yet this year, there is a seat for them! Spiritually educating our children is so important. As we look over attendance sheets, we pray for the children who are not here each week. There is a lot of excitement going on here at Holy Cross and the hope is that all children join us in **Learning of Jesus — Living for Jesus — Leading Others to Jesus.**

Classes are full of eager children in Sunday School.

Sarah Hough has promised her third graders a king-sized candy bar of their choice for each child if they memorize the 66 books of the Bible! I have already heard her taking orders for Reese Cups. Our 4th and 5th grade teachers are rewarding their youth for bringing Bibles and soon they will be memorizing the Creeds.

The numbers are climbing in Holy Cross University and so is the laughter and learning.

We used our bodies to praise God with Creative Movement and Sportsmanship. We focus on Elisha, Elijah, Isaiah and other great Old Testament lessons. Wednesday, October 12, we will begin our second session of Fall electives. EC and MC kids will be in choir preparing Advent songs to share. Area 456 kids will be taking Anatomy of Worship. Our small group Bible rotations are proving to be meaningful times for teachers and kids alike, as we journey through the Bible together. **Bring friends and join us Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.**

THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER

Last month you were asked which teachers make you laugh and why?

“Barbie (Wright). I really like her!” Sydney Berry

“Regan’s mom (Karen Jankowski) because she dances fun.” Abby Pace

“Craig (O’Briskie) makes me laugh because he looks different now with his mustache.” Hannah Ulik

October’s Question: Which teacher makes you feel important? Submit any teacher or youth teacher that fits the description to Sarah O’Briskie [by October 9.](#)

Youth in Christ Goings On ...

Our next Youth Parenting meeting will be **Saturday, October 1 from 7-8:30 PM at the Youth House!** Meetings are open to all parents of Jr. & Sr. Youth, grades 6-12. Please RSVP to me and if you can bring a snack/beverage to share with the group. Soon to come will be a planning meeting on how to further fund our 2013 National Gathering trip to San Antonio as well as meeting with a family/teen counselor from the Chapel in North Canton to answer teen questions!

We have a HUGE ministry opportunity with the Jr. and Sr. Youth Coffee House! Bring friends

to hang out in a casual, safe place and watch God open opportunities to share His love with them! Next Coffee House will be Saturday, October 22 from 7-10 PM. Parent help is needed! RSVP!

Meet at church to carpool to Judgment House in Hudson on Sunday, October 30. Sign-up sheet is posted on the youth bulletin board for youth, friends, parent drivers!

Weekly offerings continue to be taken in Sunday School classes to help support our missionaries, and to help to keep hospitality snacks at the Youth House on Sunday

mornings for these hungry kids, along with other youth events. This is an opportunity for parents to teach their youth to be good stewards!

Use 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 as well as recycling your aluminum cans (drop off in church boiler room), and PaperRetriever bin recycling! Keep ‘em coming! Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

Lorin Zuppe

October Giving Tree

The **October Giving Tree** focus this month will be on gathering toiletries and canned goods for Urban Ark. We are blessed to have folks who serve in this ministry in Canton for people who have a hard time making ends meet.

Your donations can be placed beneath the tree in hallway!

A Night in Bethlehem

It won't be long until December and our next big community outreach event — **A Night in Bethlehem**. Plans are continuously being made to make this year's event even greater than before. Sign up now for acting positions, serving positions, behind the scenes help, etc. Check out the bulletin board in south hall to see where you can help! Thanks.

Of course you don't need to wait until we have a "big event" before you invite a friend to Holy Cross! Take the opportunity to invite someone when you go to one of the many worship services or Bible studies offered or when you are serving somewhere. It is more fun to share these times with a friend!

New Building Update



According to Jeff Scridon, construction supervisor, progress is coming along as planned with minor adjustments being made. We are on target to have walls up and the steel beams installed for the roofing system by the end of September.

Please keep this process in your prayers along with their safety and good weather.



Ladies Book Discussion

October 10, 7:00 PM

Ladies, join us in reading, "Her Mother's Hope," by Francine Rivers. Our hostess for the evening will be Sandy Wood. Our leaders, Jane Comune and Marjorie James.

If you need a book or have questions, call Sharon Ludwig at 492-8198. You are welcome to join the book discussion at any time.

Young at Heart

October 11

Meet at 11:30 AM at Holy Cross

Join us for lunch at Beachy's Country Chalet Restaurant in Sugarcreek, for Amish/Swiss cooking. After lunch, we will tour the Alpine Hills Museum and experience their heritage.

Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Holy Cross Crafters

HEY THERE, LADIES!

What a wonderful time we have making cards for our shut-ins! **Our next gathering is October 18 at 7:00 PM in the Youth House.** Bring your scissors and \$2 and you're good to go.

Cindy Ickes and Barbara Sautters will be leading.

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.

Ron & Lori Obermiller; Krista Vranich;

James Worley; David Smith

School Mission and Ministry News

The school year is off to a great start. We only have a few openings left in our preschool classes. We thank God for the privilege of touching so many lives with His love and care and the Good News of their salvation in Christ. All of the Staff have expressed a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all are active in their own Christian congregations.

The Step Up to Quality licensing specialist made her annual surprise verification visit for Step Up to Quality. Everything was in order and Holy Cross' **Two Star rating was renewed for another year.**

We continue to support our World Vision children: Pan Pan Yang, who lives in China, and Seringe Mbacke Diouf, in Senegal, West Africa. We once again ask for your help by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. The Acme Cash Back Program begins on 9-24. Save your receipts for us!

The two-year-old class is taught by Mrs. Anne Hankins and teacher's aide, Mrs. Debbie Swinehart. Both are members of Holy Cross. The children have learned to adjust to classroom routines and separate from parents. Paint, play dough, glue and markers have been a big hit. They enjoyed a visit from the Plain Township Firefighters. They learned how WONDERFULLY made they each are and that God knows their names. He loves each of them because they are His special children.



The three & four-year-old class is being taught by Mrs. Christi Ludwig and her teacher's aide, Mrs. Patty Wallace. Both are members of Holy Cross. They are learning to put toys away after playing with them, and to take turns at the centers. The children have been weighed and measured and are charted to keep track of their growth.

They are noticing their eye, hair, and skin colors as they celebrate their uniqueness and individuality. They are giving thanks for their families, friends, and teachers that love and care for them each day.

The four and five-year-old class is taught by Mrs. Teri Hockman. Her morning aide is Mrs. Tiffany Clay and her afternoon aide is Mrs. Leslie Martin. Watch their Word Wall grow as they go through the alphabet. They have already learned letters A and B. They all had a great time learning about Firefighters, and making



“fire paintings.” They learned that they are God's most special creation of all and that He loves them very much!

The Pre-Kindergarten class, is taught by Mrs. Christina Jacobsen

and her teacher's-aide Mrs. Leslie Martin. Each child is working on an “All About Me” book. They are learning how to recognize their first and last names in print. While learning about their families, they studied the story of Ruth and God's faithfulness to provide for her family. Their study of animals and their habitats has coordinated with their study of how God made the world and everything in it. They learned about the Good Samaritan and how Jesus cares about both their little problems and their big problems. Jesus loves them all the time. Each child is such a special gift from God. Psalm 127:5

Mrs. Heather Wright, who attends Holy Cross, teaches the kindergarten class. The children have learned about how God created our world and people, and how He continues to care for all that He made. They have reviewed the alphabet and rhyming words. They are learning about vowels, consonants, compound words, and beginning sounds. In Math, they have been working on sorting, classifying, and making patterns. The class has also been learning about animals and their habitats, as well as solids, liquids, and gasses. God has blessed them with a great start to the year!



Please continue to keep the Staff and children in your prayers so we can be an effective outreach of Holy Cross and effective missionaries of Jesus Christ.

Marjorie James, Administrator



What is MOPS?

MOPS stands for
Mothers of Preschoolers!

If you are a mom who...

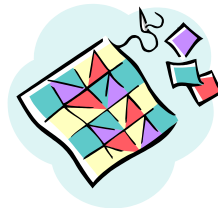
- is pregnant or has a newborn through kindergarten child...
- desires to make new friends...
- wants to share the challenges and joys of motherhood
- is looking for opportunities for personal growth through trusted resources...

...then Holy Cross MOPS is for YOU!

Please join us for our meeting on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 8:30! We'll be talking about the balancing act that we play as we juggle all of the different roles we have as mothers! We'd LOVE to have you!

Quilting Ministry

Our Quilting ministry has produced 183 quilts – a new record! 42 have already been donated to **Refuge of Hope** for their new facility dedicated earlier this year. The others will soon be on their way to **Lutheran World Relief** for distribution all over the world.



There are many who work behind the scenes to sew squares together so that those gathered on Saturday mornings in the winter can assemble and pin them together. Then the edges are sewn and the quilts are tied. Each quilt entails about 7 hours of assembly.

Quilt dedication will be in our October 2 worship. \$500 in Thrivent Helping Hand funds will be used for this year's quilts. Check out the Ministry Fair at the end of October for details on how you can help in the future!

Lutheran Hour Ministries presents —

JCPlayZone

This is safe online fun for the kids in your care!

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- [Daily Devotions](#)
- [Interactive games](#)
- [Coloring pages](#)
- [Crafts](#)

And so much more!

Go to www.jcplayzone.com to check it out.

Additional Parking

What a blessing it is to be inconvenienced by nothing less than growing in our building space so that more people will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus! Yes, during construction, there have been inconveniences of parking and entering the building.

Fortunately, we do have plenty of parking available on the gravel north of the construction trailer. Yes, the walk is a little longer than being able to pull up to the door! But what you may not know is that there is a North Forty Club beginning soon. For those of you who sign up to park in the gravel parking lot, there will be a party given after the construction and dedication of the new building is complete!

Details on how and where to sign up, will be announced in the bulletin. So, watch for it!

Upcoming Event:

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By the time you read this newsletter, the building will be under roof! Praise God!

Bible Quiz

Many new parents choose “Bible names” for their babies. Of the following names, which two (one boy’s and one girl’s) are not found in Scripture?

- A. Eunice
- B. Priscilla
- C. Judith
- D. Clara
- E. Derek
- F. Obed
- G. Reuben
- H. Joel

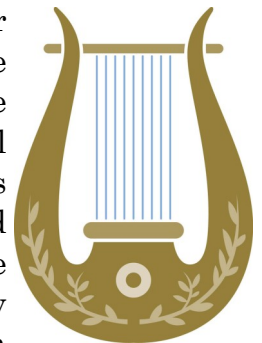


Answer: D and E.

Christian Symbols

Harp

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”).





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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

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Ralph Hough
 Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship

Ted Voss, Pastor Emeritus

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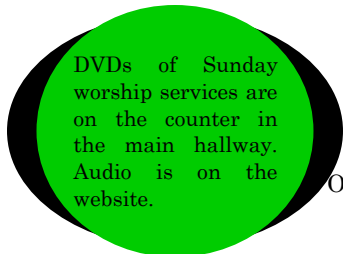
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DVDs of Sunday worship services are on the counter in the main hallway. Audio is on the website.

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