

# ❖ School News ❖

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 April, 2010

## April at a Glance

- April 1: Maundy Thursday: Educational Activities for Child Care Children Only
- April 2: Good Friday—**Closed**
- April 4: Easter Sunday: **He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**
- April 5: Easter Break-Educational Activities for Child Care Children only
- April 7: **From Me to We** (Parenting Seminar) 6:30-8:00 PM (Babysitting provided-See article p. 4)
- April 20: MOPS 6:30-8:30 PM
- April 23, 30, May 7: **From Me to We** 6:30-8:00 PM

## Summer Program

We have an exciting summer planned this year. We are offering summer fun school days for all children currently enrolled in the three, four, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. We will continue to have educational activities every morning from 9:00-11:30 as usual. If you are interested in continuing your child’s educational program through the summer, please let me know.



**Childcare will continue as usual for every age including two-year-old children.** A questionnaire will be going home soon so you can let us know what your needs and desires are for the summer.



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the Holy Week  
Worship  
Schedule*

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## Preschool & Kindergarten

### Openings

We still have openings for the two-year-old class, and preschool openings for the afternoon four & five-year-old class for the fall. We also have a couple openings remaining for Kindergarten. If you know of anybody looking, please have them contact Marjorie

## Sunday Worship & Praise Schedule

*Three different styles of worship are offered on Sunday mornings:*

- 7:30 AM—Traditional Liturgical Service
- 8:45 AM—Blended Service of Traditional and Contemporary Music
- 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

The music in each service is different as is the style of worship. Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 with another adult class that meets at 8:45. (No Sunday School Easter Sunday) We would be happy to see you here, and you would be warmly welcomed.

## Easter/Maundy Thursday/Good Friday/Worship Schedule



**April 1—Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday): 7:00 PM**

**April 2—Good Friday: 7:00 PM**

**April 4—Easter Sunday: Celebrations of Christ's Resurrection**

**7:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion**

**8:45 AM Blended Service**

**11:00 Contemporary Service**

We would be so blessed if you could join us as we celebrate our Lord's Death and Resurrection on our behalf!

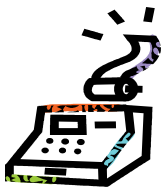
**8:00-10:30 AM Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall**



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### Thank You

We want to express a special thanks to parents who provided candy, eggs, napkins, and special treats for the Easter Egg Hunt Parties we had in March. We also want to thank the parents who came in and helped with the hiding of eggs and spent time with the children during the parties. What fun the children had!!



Thank you for all the ACME receipts you turned in. The collection time came to an end in February. They were tallied and turned in to ACME. We received enough receipts that the school will receive a check for \$98.55. This full amount will be used to help pay the monthly sponsorship fee for the two children the school supports through World Vision. The monthly charge is \$52.00. Your ACME receipts will pay for 1.89 months. Thank you.

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Thank you also for all the Box Tops you turned in. There is no deadline for collecting Box Tops.



Please continue to collect them all summer. In fact we would gladly accept Box Tops from alumni. I still get Box Tops from a family who moved to Florida. Please don't forget about Pan Pan and Seringe when your child moves on.

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## Prayer Corner

God tells us to bring our concerns to Him. He wants to hear from you. He wants to be the most important part of your life. God understands the trials and tribulations you face on your earthly journey. He knows you need Him. He is there to help, guide and protect you. Only when you let Him in can His incredible, unimaginable power work in your life. Prayer is not an option. It is absolutely indispensable.

The following prayer concerns have been brought to our attention. If any have been overlooked, please forgive us. God knows the matters that weigh heavily on your hearts. Include in your prayers a petition for those concerns that are unknown to us. God will honor that prayer. Let us all lift up our families, our leaders, and our nation in prayer. Prayer is the most powerful tool we have against the adversities we face in our lives. Let us place the following concerns before the throne of God.

### **Mrs. Hankins's Class:**

Zachary N's mom expecting twins  
Mrs. Armstead's knee pain  
Mrs. Hankins's mother-in-law in the hospital  
Mrs. Armstead's knee pain.  
Those in need of employment.

### **Mrs. Ludwig's Class:**

Clare F. with health concerns & adjusting to medication.  
Kaeden G's mom with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and treatments

### **Mrs. Hockman's Class:**

Reagan J's and Ella P's mom expecting babies.  
Mrs. Hockman's son away at college.

### **Mrs. Samara's Class:**

Praise for a parent ending chemotherapy early due to good test results.  
Mrs. Samara and husband in Bogotá, Columbia with her son and family. Praise and thanksgiving for the birth of the twins: Hannah Alise and Nathan Alexander. Praise God that the mother, Aida, is doing well.  
Mrs. Samara's granddaughter Natalie, born with spina bifida. Ongoing health concerns.  
Mrs. Samara's daughter away at college.

### **Mrs. Creutz's Class:**

Mrs. Creutz's daughter Nicole, missionary in Honduras; daughter Jessica away at college;  
son Chad serving in the Air Force.  
Upcoming wedding of Mrs. Creutz's daughter, Jessica.

### **Others:**

For people in need of employment.  
For parents as they deal with their sometimes difficult children.  
For all families, especially marriages, suffering with conflict or separation.  
Mrs. James parents living in a nursing home.

### **For our School:**

Praise and thanksgiving for all the children God continues to bring us.  
For the Holy Spirit to work mightily to grow faith in all God's children.  
Thanksgiving that Mrs. Rinehart is recovering from two broken ribs.  
For a full staff here at Holy Cross. God takes such good care of us!!  
All children fighting coughs, colds and runny noses.  
Mrs. James dad and mother both living in a nursing home.  
Pray for Holy Cross Preschool, Kindergarten and Child Care. Pray that this will be a place where your children will feel loved and secure as they grow in God's love. Pray for our staff, specifically for your child's teacher and teacher's-aide. We rely not on our own strength, but on God's to do this important work.

### **For Our Nation:**

For a spiritual awakening and return to God's Biblical truths throughout our land.  
That our merciful Father will heal our nation. Pray that He will make it a safe place to raise His children.  
Protection for our citizens from terrorism. Protection for our troops wherever they may be stationed.  
God is all powerful. He has been with us all along and will be forever. Especially pray for our president and national leaders that they may be kept safe and make God pleasing decisions.



## **Parenting from ME to WE**

6 sessions that will transform your family for a lifetime!

A Christian parenting class coming to Holy Cross  
on Wednesday evenings

**Begins April 7th**

**From 6:30-8:00**

Child Care is provided

Learn while you laugh

Strategies that work NOW



Don't tell your kids but it will be much harder to "push your buttons" after this!!

Great strategies for dealing with tantrums

Helpful tips to figure out your child's personality and how best to parent them individually

**You must sign up in advance to reserve your spot.**

**Registration is closing March 31st.**

**Contact Sarah O'Briskie at 330-499-3307 ext. 12.**

Don't let this amazing opportunity slip by!

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**MOPS: April 20;**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**

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## What's Happening IN THE CLASSROOMS

The **two & three year-old class** has spent the month of March learning about the weather and God's first creations. They know that God made dark and God made light. It's amazing how much fun you can have with the lights out, blinds closed, and 12 2 and 3-year-old children each with a flashlight! They know that God made the sky and the clouds next and they had fun cloud watching, making fluffy clouds and windy day kites or wind socks. Blowing bubbles and using straws to "blow paint" helped them to see how the air can move things. Next rain drops were falling in the form of art projects, finger plays songs and dancing. They learned that God separated the sky from the water. They were busy for two weeks **BUT** God did it in only 2 days! **WOW** and **"IT WAS VERY, VERY GOOD."** They will continue to learn about all God's creations in April as they explore Spring time, bugs, birds and baby animals. They ended the month with their Easter celebrations. A parade with crowns and the waving of palm branches helped them learn of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. They enjoyed shouting and singing "Hosanna" to our King. They learned that some people did not celebrate and love Jesus. Instead they wanted to hurt Him. We know that Jesus was put on a cross and died and that made people sad. We, however, can be happy! We celebrate **"Jesus is Alive."** The children know that Jesus did not stay dead. He is alive. He rose and lives in Heaven, and because He loves us He has a special place for us there too. Thank you to all who helped with our Easter parties. The children certainly enjoyed their egg hunt and your donations of party goods, treats or time was very much appreciated. (Mrs. Anne Hankins & Mrs. Katie Armstead)



The **three & four-year-old** class has marched through the month of March singing, "We go Marching in March" as their theme song. They started off the month talking about all the wonderful food God has given us. They learned that our bodies and minds will grow to be healthy and strong if we eat foods from each food group. The children have continued to work on numbers and have reached the number 10. They will be taking home their number books that they have worked on so hard. They will continue to review the numbers 1-10 in the month of April. They learned that insects have a job to do (pollination) and are a gift from God. They watched Painted Lady caterpillars change into chrysalis and then into butterflies. This is symbolic of new life where there once appeared to be only stillness and death. The children talked about sharing with others (always a "biggie" in preschool) and how this makes God happy. We talked about how powerful Jesus is, that He took a little boy's lunch and made it feed 5,000 people. They praised Jesus with their palm branches and "rode on a donkey" into the chapel. Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! He has risen for me! The children learned of Christ's love for them through his sinless life and His sacrifice. Thanks be to God Amen. (Mrs. Christi Ludwig & Mrs. Patty Wallace)



The **four & five-year-old class** began March by learning about the letter "P." They had a Pajama Party, ate Popcorn, and made a P book. The children learned about Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgave him just like He forgives us too. The next week was a review of the letters M-P as they connected, matched, and painted those letters. For St. Patrick's Day they painted a pot of gold and then went on a leprechaun hunt. Imagine their surprise when they found him sitting on his pot of gold! The children learned that we celebrate the life of St. Patrick because he brought Christianity to Ireland. Along with the treasure hunt the children learned that Jesus is our most valued treasure! He is a gift from God. The children next learned about the most challenging of all letters, the letter "Q." The children had fun painting with a Quill, and assembled a friendship Quilt. As you go past the room, notice that the yellow



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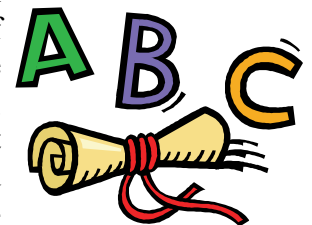
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quilt pieces form a cross. This is to remind the children that Jesus is their best friend. The Bible is filled with stories about the importance of serving others, and this is made very clear as the fours learned that Jesus once sat on the floor to wash His disciple's feet. Imagine our Savior washing dirty feet! The children finished the month learning about the true meaning of Easter: that Jesus made a willing sacrifice for us as He died on the cross. Of course, they then celebrated His rising from and dead and going to heaven to be with His father. (Mrs. Teri Hockman & Mrs. Tiffany Clay)

The **Pre-Kindergarten class** "marched" into March with a unit on health. The children discussed how to take good care of the wonderful bodies God has given them. While studying about health they emphasized dental health and hand washing. God wants us to be healthy and He wants us to use our healthy bodies to tell others about Jesus, as they learned Lydia did long ago. Next they "raced" into a unit on transportation. They discussed train, cars, boats and planes. Their special guest was Mr. Samara (a former Navy pilot and current corporate pilot) who talked about flying. The letter for transportation week was R, which correlated nicely with the story of Joshua crossing the Jordan River, plus other words such as railroad, runway, and road. They learned that it is important to be reminded, as the altar of stones that Joshua constructed reminded the Jews, what the Lord does for us. As spring neared we "explored" bugs, butterflies, birds and springtime. Forgiveness for sins because of what Jesus did on the cross and forgiveness of our fellow man, as Joseph in the Old Testament did, were two Bible time themes that we developed as the Easter season drew near. The last week they learned about the sadness and joy of the Easter season. They waved palm branches, as they did on Palm Sunday. Each child was given a set of Resurrection Eggs to help them understand what really happened during Holy Week. The children also hunted for Easter eggs that were filled with candy & Bible verses. The eggs are symbols of new life, just as we have new life in Christ. He is Risen! He is Alive! We are sure of His love! We can be sure of our salvation! (Mrs. Ginger Samara and Mrs. Leslie Martin)



The **kindergarten children** have now studied all 26 letters of the alphabet! They think they know it all, but next come the long vowel sounds and consonant digraphs that make reading tricky. Most of the children agree that there are too many ways to read and write the /k/ sound and too many words that break the rules! Along with reading, the children's handwriting is coming along nicely. In Math the Kindergarten children learned to estimate length, capacity, and weight of objects. They used non-standard measurements to check their guesses. In Science there were some anatomy lessons as the children explored their 5 senses, bones, respiratory system, digestive system, and circulatory systems. Do you know what your kidneys do? The children do! The children also enjoyed learning about food groups and eating healthy food. While learning about their bodies the Kindergartners were encouraged to be amazed by the God who made them so wonderfully.



Then in preparation for Easter, the amazement continued in learning about the love Jesus showed in His ministry on Earth and in His death and resurrection. The God with the power to create us came down from Heaven to give up His life as our punishment! More than amazing! (Mrs. Nancy Creutz)

It is our prayer that you will join with the church universal and declare  
with Christians everywhere:

**“HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!”**