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August 2011

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From Canton to Cap Haitian You are being a blessing!

This is truer than you know. **You** and your sisters and brothers in Jesus at Holy Cross are **reaching out with the love of Jesus and blessing people more than you realize.** One of you came up to me after Sharon O'Donnell spoke to us after worship on Sunday, June, 26th. He was shocked that there are children right here in our own community who could not afford socks, much less crayons and glue sticks with which to start the new school year. Thanks to Holy Cross, **every child in Canton's McGregor Elementary School will be receiving their own pencils, crayons, scissors and glue sticks with which to start the new school year.** All the classrooms will be stocked with Kleenex, glue and at least 2 playground balls. And there will be a large supply of T-shirts, socks and underwear for the teachers to distribute to students as needed throughout the year.

THANK YOU!!!

McGregor's Principal is planning to have a back-to-school event for all of the school families the weekend before school starts. We have been

invited! Plans are now underway for us to take a number of our own children to this event on August 20 from 3:30 — 5 PM to help distribute the supplies to the McGregor children. **How great is that!**

Now it is time to again turn our attention to the Haitian children of Cap Haitian's Lutheran Church and School. An 11-person team from Holy Cross is returning to Pastor Bernard's parish from **September 22 through October 1. This trip's purpose will be twofold:** 1.) The team will run another week long medical clinic on the compound for both the church and the surrounding community. (You can help resource this ministry by contributing toward the needed medicines we will be taking with us, or contributing toward the medicines that we will purchase when we get there.) 2.) Joe Wonsettler and I will be **working with Pastor Bernard to help develop a long-range plan** whereby we and other Lutheran congregations can partner with him in an organized effort to advance the Gospel in his district.

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It is also time to **renew our Haitian Student Sponsorships** for the coming school year. We sponsored approximately 15 students this past year, at \$250 per student. This covered their tuition, books and a school uniform. It also entitled them to a free school lunch that was funded through another grant. Our goal is to sponsor at least as many students again this year. If the Lord moves you to make it possible for a Haitian child to go to school this year, **please clearly mark your contributions “Haiti Student Sponsorship.”** They can be made as one-time donations or extended over 12 months. Partial sponsorships are also most welcome!

As I reflect on all the blessings God has poured out on us here at Holy Cross, I keep being brought back to the line from **Psalm 23, “My cup overflows.” We have indeed been blessed by God to be a blessing to others. And by God’s grace, you are making a difference!**

Pastor Kip

Outreach Connections News

- I hope everyone has taken some time to rest during the month of July and are ready to help with the Car Show September 17th. The Outreach Connections leadership team has been busy with planning and advertising this event and now asks for volunteers to help with food donations and serving in a number of areas on as we invite the classic car drivers and friends to our church so show them God’s love at work.

A sign-up sheet for food donations will be in the main hallway along with a sign-up sheet for helping out the day of the show. Contact Rick Medla 330-705-9524 if questions.

- Also in the planning stages is **A Night in Bethlehem** which will be held December 10 & 11. Painters are needed to help with new props. Please contact

Kay Sanders at 493-1565 or Cheryl Rackov at 284-1041 if you can help.

- Men’s Bible Study** continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30 - 9AM. The book of Hebrews continues to show us the fullness of Christ’s redemptive work of salvation as it confirms God’s love for people through fulfilled prophesy. Drop in any time!

Holy Cross University Family Potluck Suppers

Wednesday evenings are a time for fellowship and learning for our children and adults at Holy Cross. **Leadership is needed to make this a success.** Please contact Sarah O’Briskie if you are willing to organize the following duties.

- Set up of tables and chairs
- Organizing helpers to make hot dogs and drinks
- Organize clean up

IMPORTANT DATES

August 28 at 11:00 AM

Sunday School Children’s Ministry Meeting

September 7, Holy Cross University begins

September 11, Rally Day

7:00 — 9:15 PM Living Discipleship



It is hard to believe that we are one month away from the beginning of a new school year! As adults, we look back on our faith journey, and most of us have a few amazing teachers from our church that stood out to us. These individuals took the time to educate and share their lives because our children are so important. We are blessed to have almost all of our teachings spots filled for the Fall.

The following paragraphs list areas you may feel God calling you to serve. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sarah O'Briskie at 494-8505. Check out the Children's Ministry bulletin board for more info and sign up.

Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Bible Hours

Teachers for our 5 and 6 year old class (prekindergarten and kindergarten combination class) are needed. You would teach two weeks a month. Lessons are provided.

Holy Cross University

I am looking to add some fun new courses to our electives for the children that last approximately 6 weeks. This year we are looking for teachers for Sportsmanship, Gobble Up The Bible Cooking Class, art classes, hand bells, choir, Creative Movement, Fruits of the Spirit—Being a Disciple, and others. If you have an interest you would like to share, speak with Sarah O'Briskie.

Youth in Christ Goings On ...

Now that the kids have studied how we're 'wired' to serve God this summer in the combined grade Sunday School, they'll be busy doing some ministry and mission work! Look for a CAR WASH to help raise funds to support the mission for McGregor school!

Parents—I am the only teacher this summer, so if you're interested in coming over to the Youth House to help — you're MORE than welcome!

A BIG THANK YOU shout out to the guys who worked so hard to pull off our first annual youth boys camp retreat! Thanks for being such a blessing to our youth boys!



Girls of Grace 2 is coming Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6th! We will meet at Belden Village Food Court for dinner at 6 PM and bum

'til close. THEN on to my house for a slumber party to talk more about how we can be 'fashioned by faith' as the girls get ready to plan their school wardrobe! This is open to Senior Youth girls and friends grades 9-12. Please RSVP soon!

Our next Youth Parenting meeting will be Friday, August 12 from 7-8:30 PM with Tom & Lori Shevlin at the Youth House! Please RSVP to me and if you can bring a snack/beverage to share with the group. Soon 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 issue questions will happen.

We have a HUGE ministry opportunity with the Jr. and Sr. 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! August coffee house dates are the 13th and 20th from 7-10 PM. Parent help is needed to collect coffee/snack money, chaperone, etc.

Offerings continue to be taken weekly in all Sunday School classes to help support our missionaries, and keep hospitality snacks at the Youth House.

Don't forget to be using 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 which can be dropped off in the church boiler room, and the PaperRetriever recycling bin! Keep 'em coming! Thank you for your ongoing support!



Lorin Zuppe



Young At Heart, August 9

Lunch at Lighthouse Restaurant — Atwood Lake Marina

Hostess: Yvonne Miesel

Meet at Holy Cross on Tuesday, August 9 to carpool at 11 AM. To make a reservation, call 330-499-6241 or 330-343-4201. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office.

After lunch, spend the afternoon at the cottage on North Shore Drive enjoying, walking, talking or boating. Bring your chairs for outside seating. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Follow signs to Atwood Lake: Take 800 south to 212, turn left on 212, take 212 to 93, turn left on 93. The Lighthouse Restaurant is at the Atwood Lake Marine (or take 77 south to the Bolivar exit, left on 212, take 212 to 93 to the Lighthouse Restaurant.)

Yvonne will meet you at the Atwood Bistro Restaurant on August 9th. Hope to see you!

Ladies Book Discussion

Monday, Aug. 15 – We will be going to see the movie, "The Help."

Time: probably around 7 PM. Meet in the lobby ½ hour before the start of the movie.

The movie is being released on August 12, so we thought that it would be nice to see the movie, and then discuss both the movie and the book on Sept. 12.

Also, we don't know where it will be playing yet – probably Tinseltown. Watch the Sunday bulletin announcements for details.



Holy Cross Crafters

are meeting on August 16, 7 PM in the Adult Conference Room.

We will make greeting cards for the shutins. Bring your scissors! Any other supplies will be furnished. There is a \$2 charge to defray expenses. As an additional benefit to a fun time with fellowship, you will have a couple of special cards to take home for your own outreach.

Barbara Sautters will be leading the group this month.



Living Discipleship — Everyone Should Attend This Class!



It's called "Living Discipleship". It's a very practical and insightful study of what we believe as Lutheran Christians. It is adult instruction for those wishing to join our church AND it is for present members who want to grow in God's grace and knowledge!

It's beginning Sunday evening, September 11th from 7:00 – 9:15 — 15 weeks of great learning and fellowship!

Please call the church office at 499-3307 to register so we can have your materials ready. The class is being taught by Pastor Kip.

Childcare provided.

Shepherd Action Team

The Shepherd 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 of encouragement to bring them back into a worshipping relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ.

Sherry Ginther
 Ron & Lori Obermiller
 Barbara Proctor
 Krista Vranich
 James Worley

Whereabouts Unknown:

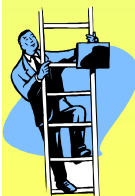
Cody Keller

Have You Ever Wondered . . .

- How the Sanctuary ceiling lights get changed?
- How the sidewalks get cleared of snow?
- How the mulch gets spread?
- How new commodes and plumbing/sinks get installed?



These tasks and many, many more are covered by loyal volunteers of the Maintenance Crew of Holy Cross that meet on Tuesday afternoons. We are so blessed to have these gifted and devoted men. Please thank Al Hanft, Frank Telesz, John Millin, Dave Upperman, and Chet Stromsky when you see them. You are so very appreciated!



A special thanks to Dave Upperman for climbing the ladder every time a ceiling light in the Sanctuary needs changed. He has NO FEAR!

We join in saying, "God bless every one of you and thanks!"

School Mission and Ministry News

God has answered our prayers for a Kindergarten teacher. Heather Wright comes to us with a Master's Degree in Education and 9 years teaching experience. We are looking forward to having her on our staff.

We also welcome Debbie Swinehart to our staff. Debbie will be the Teacher's Aide in the Toddler class working with Mrs. Anne Hankins. Again, I couldn't be more pleased with this addition to our staff. Please keep Heather and Debbie as well as the rest of the school staff in your prayers.

We are gearing up for another school year. We still have openings in the two, four and kindergarten classes for the Fall. If you know anyone who is looking, please send them our way.

This month I will continue to share with you some of the comments parents wrote on their school year evaluations that they completed at the end of the last school year.

Comments from Kindergarten Parents:

- I am very pleased with the education, care and love my daughter received in kindergarten and childcare.
- I think the curriculum choices and available materials for your Kindergarten program are

outstanding. I would rate your program as academically top-notch! I've been impressed with how much the kindergarteners have improved this school year!

- Every single person at Holy Cross/Childcare has always been inviting and welcoming. They always were welcoming and loving to my child even when she was not in a very good mood.
- Christ-centered is such an accurate description! Thanks you for all you do as a staff to encourage our children to know and follow the Lord.
- I have been very pleased with Mrs. O'Briskie and all Holy Cross staff members! Mrs. James, you run a tight ship! The staff truly teaches and nurtures the children with excellence!

Comments from parents from Mrs. Hockman's class:

- Mrs. Hockman and Mrs. Martin really helped my child feel more comfortable in her skills and leadership style. We are very happy with her emotional and self-esteem growth.
- My daughter truly enjoyed learning about God and coming home to talk about it. We loved hearing about each and every lesson.

- My child learned so much this year! You guys did an amazing job working with him both intellectually and spiritually and putting an emphasis on God in everything you do! I highly recommend Holy Cross to anyone!
- Mrs. Hockman has done an amazing job. She has really helped my daughter come out of her shell to be the happy, wonderful child she is.
- I felt that Christ really was the #1 focus in everything! That was the most important part when we chose this preschool & we were totally satisfied! Your passion for the Lord came through in all areas!
- Mrs. Hockman and Mrs. Martin were both outstanding! They went out of their way to always welcome my child and were very loving.

Please keep us in your prayers while we prepare for the coming school year. Please keep praying for Ginger Samara, our Pre-Kindergarten teacher and Patty Wallace who had knee surgery on July 21. We want both of these staff members to make a complete recovery quickly and be ready to join us on August 29 when school starts.

Marjorie James, Administrator

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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.

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 (no gummi type)

Guafinessen (cough syrup) – prefer plastic bottles

Snack size Ziploc bags (for dispensing meds) need 2,000

Hibiclense, Alcohol pads

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

Medical Adhesive Tape

Stethoscope, BP cuff

Ace bandages

Tongue Depressors

Medical Exam Gloves

Surgical Masks

Slings, Air Casts

Petroleum Gauze

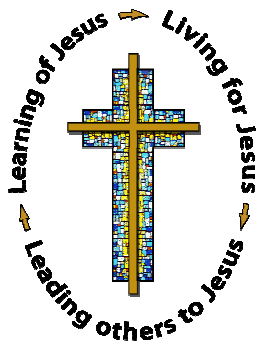
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friendly, mission-minded,
Bible-based community of
believers who strive to
carry out ministry with
integrity and excellence.

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

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

September
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Sunday, August 21

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