



Proposed Addition for Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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May 2012

**May 6
9:00 AM
Dedication Service**

**May 20
11:00 AM
Confirmation**

**August 6 – 10
6:00 – 8:30 PM
Vacation Bible School**

**"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"**

I don't know the occasion that prompted King David to write these words in Psalm 122. But I sure find them particularly fitting for us here at Holy Cross this May. God has been pouring His blessings out upon us in so many, many remarkable ways. We now get to celebrate two of them this month!

could not even imagine two years ago. Come; let us rejoice in the Lord – His salvation, His provision, His vision, and His sanctification among us!

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First, May 6th we will have the joy of dedicating our 2012 expansion. Looking back over the past 2 years, this is nothing short of a miracle. Who would have thought we would finally come upon a building plan that would so wonderfully meet all of our known needs after so many years and so many failed attempts at developing a plan in the past? Who would have thought that we would exceed our capital campaign's 'miraculous goal' by 33%? Who would have thought that we would have the third mildest winter on record while we were trying to get our building under roof and finished? Who would have thought that our 12-month rolling church attendance average would climb by another 8% when we were already overcrowded and having to constantly adjust to construction issues?

We as a body of believers have so much to be thankful for! God is pouring His Spirit and His temporal blessings out upon us in ways that we

May 6
9:00 AM
Special Music and Singing

9:30 AM
Dedication service, followed by food, fellowship and lots of fun touring our new spaces.

5:30 PM
Dedication Banquet
(Advance reservations required.)

Second, May 20th, 12 of our congregation's young people will be affirming their Baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation at the 11:00 AM service. While this doesn't sound as exciting as dedicating a large expansion, it is what our church's expansion – and our existence is all about: **Learning of Jesus, living for Jesus, being equipped and motivated to lead others to Jesus!** For 3 years these young people have been instructed and built up in their faith on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Now they will publicly stand before the Lord and confess their faith to be their own. How exciting! We praise God for them and with them!

Pastor Kip

BEGINNING MAY 13
REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8:00 AM TRADITIONAL (SOUTH SANCTUARY)
8:45 AM BLENDED (NORTH SANCTUARY)
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
ADULT BIBLE CLASS (NEW WING, LARGE CLASSROOM)
11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY (NORTH SANCTUARY)

BEGINNING MAY 13
COMMUNION SCHEDULE

8:00 AM COMMUNION
SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAYS

8:45 AM AND 11:00 AM COMMUNION
FIRST, THIRD, AND FIFTH SUNDAYS

Commissioning Administrator of Holy Cross Preschool, May 13

February 27, 2012

Dear Vision and Leadership Board, Pastor Kip Smith,
and Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for extending a call to me for the position of Administrator of Holy Cross Preschool, Kindergarten and Child Care. Even though I have held this position since 1994, your vote to extend the call to me meant that you believe, as I do, that God called me to this place, at this time, to do this important work in His Kingdom.

It is with a great deal of joy and humility that I accept this call. My joy comes from the Lord God and my humility comes from my recognition that the Lord has called me to do this important work. It is only through His strength and love that I am able to do what I do. I will continue to put my trust in Him and bathe this program in daily prayer as I have for the last 18 years.

In His Name,
Marjorie James

Young at Heart

Tuesday, May 8 at Holy Cross, Noon

Please join us for a picnic with the MOPS! Bring your favorite picnic lunch and a friend or neighbor for fellowship. We will provide drinks.

Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School

Vacation season is upon us! However, we do not take a vacation from learning about God. The school year Staff gets a much needed break from teaching. We need teachers for Sunday mornings. **Teachers sign-up for only two weeks at a time and lessons are provided.** Please consider signing up on the Children's Ministry Board.

Nursery volunteers

A huge THANK YOU to Courtney Robinson who has signed up to volunteer in the nursery! **We, however, need two volunteers every Sunday and we need more help! Please sign up outside of the nursery. We are now requesting that all parents who use the nursery sign up to help as well.** Without volunteers, this ministry is not possible. There are lots of infants and toddlers who will bless your morning. The sign up is located outside of the nursery doors.



Join us for our last MOPS meeting of the 2011-2012 school year! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 6:30 — 8:30 PM. If you haven't come to see what MOPS is all about yet, this is a great time to come! We'll be having a fun 80s theme evening filled with fellowship and giveaways. We'd love to have you join us!

Youth in Christ Goings On . . .

It's Confirmation time! Please keep the following 8th Grade Confirmands in your prayers on May 19 and 20 they publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and as continue their faith walk!

David Acuna, Carolyn Connors, Michael DePietro,

Chase Haubert, Jeremy Milam, Andrew O'Donnell,

Carson Pirie, Allison Reiman, Kaci Smith,

Emma Svatos, Derek Swiger, Jenna Zuppe

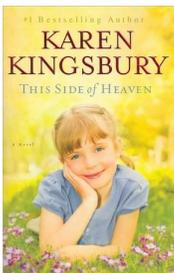
There will be no youth coffee house in May, but get ready! Friday, June 1, the youth will host an Open Gym Youth Lock-in Night in our new North Sanctuary! Friends, family, teammates, neighbors, school and more are all welcome to attend for basketball, dodge ball and perhaps glow in the dark?! You won't want to miss it, nor do your friends! More info soon to come!

Youth Fundraising: 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. Drop them off in church boiler room, and PaperRetriever bin recycling! Keep 'em coming and FILL THOSE BINS! Also, any Sr. Youth National Gathering donations may be designated to the Sr. Youth Gathering Fund at church. Thank you for supporting our youth and the faith-filled trip and experience of their high school years!

Have a blessed month! Lorin Zuppe

Ladies Book Discussion

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Ladies! We invite you to join the book discussion on *"This Side of Heaven,"* by Karen Kingsbury. We will meet at the Youth House on Ivy. Chris Daianu will be our hostess. Our leaders for discussion will be Sharon Ludwig and Carol Hutchison.

If you need a book, please call Sharon at 492-8198.

Wednesday Holy Cross U Spring Quarter ends 5/16/12

Holy Cross U will conclude for the year with 8th Grade Confirmation Family Night on Saturday, May 19 at 7 PM and the Rite of Confirmation Sunday, May 20, during the 11 AM worship service. Congratulations and God's blessings on all of our 8th grade Confirmands!

Thank you to all of our wonderful Wednesday night volunteers and participants for a wonderful mid-week year! Enjoy your summer!

Fall Quarter begins August 29!



and



Holy Cross is coming alongside **Hammer and Nails, Inc.** to sponsor a painting mini-retreat for Youth and Adults during week of July 11-14. *Hammer and Nails* is a non-profit ministry funded through the generosity of the community by donations from individuals, businesses, churches, schools and foundations. Labor is provided at no cost to homeowners who are physically or financially unable to do the work themselves. The average cost of painting a house (complete with power washing and priming) is \$1,000. Check out the **"Pennies for Paint Campaign"** posters in either Sanctuary foyer to see how you can be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus in our community!

Holy Cross Crafters

Holy Cross Crafters invite interested ladies to gather for fellowship and fun as we prepare greeting cards for our shut-ins. No experience is necessary and all materials are provided. Just bring a pair of scissors and \$2 to defray the cost of supplies and you will be set for the evening. **We gather at 7:00 PM in the Youth House on Ivy on May 15.**

SPRING CLEANING?

Are you doing some Spring cleaning or checking out garage/yard sales? Would you consider donating used clean sheets (no stain please) to the Holy Cross quilting ministry. We can ALWAYS use them. We size and get them ready "tied" blankets. The finished "quilts" are sent to Lutheran World Relief and are then sent to areas in the world in need. We are always in need of fabric scraps (cotton preferably) or you can use the Sunday JoAnn's coupon and pick your favorite colors! If you have any questions, please call Sarah Hough at 433-0668. All donations can be placed in the ladies restroom closet.

Stephen Ministry Jesus Christ caring for people through people

Stephen Ministers are called to be:

Just as near as the phone

Eager to be of help

Sympathetic in your pain

Understanding of your needs

Sensitive to your feelings



Compassionate and confidential at all times

Helpful in allowing you to resolve your own situation

Respectful for who you are

Interested in all aspects of your life

Sharing, caring, and loving listeners

Trustful in God to sustain and guide you through it all

A Stephen Minister is available to help you. In time of crisis all you need to do is call.

Diane Diehl 491-1492; Judy Forsythe 494-7532
Rosemarie Millin 966-9365; Joe Wonsettler 834-0365

You've Been Blessed Cards

Response: "I finished a counted cross stitch picture a friend had started several years ago and could not finish due to health problems. When she asked me how much she owed, I handed her a "You've Been Blessed" card. She was surprised and thrilled. (Yvonne)

E-mail Katie Stiver at katie@holycrossnorthcanton.com to share your experience(s).

Spring/Summer ideas: Mow your neighbors grass/weed garden; volunteer to watch neighbor or coworkers kids; surprise someone with dinner.

Cards are still available on the counter in the hallway.



THANK YOU Hope Lutheran Church, Akron, for loaning Holy Cross your handbells through the holiday season. Many have been blessed by your generosity!

FURNISHING HIS BUILDING

Memorial/Honorarium Project

I ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS

✓ indicates the item has already been donated

✓	Item/Description	Number Needed	Cost for Each
	NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE		
	Sanctuary Chairs (10 on Chancel, 400 on Sanctuary floor) 2, 10	323	\$45
	Banquet Chairs (30 in Café, 30 each in Classrooms A-1/2/3)	118	\$35
	Tables – Round – 60"	10	\$100
	Tables – Rectangular – 30" x 96"	18	\$93
	Friendship Pads 15,2	53	\$10
	Runner rug for center aisle	1	
	Cover for the grand piano	1	\$158
	Basketball Goals – Portable for YOUTH	2	\$370
	NARTHEX & NORTH LOBBY		
	Book Cart – 2 – each cart holds 78 Bibles (ordered) 1	1	\$233
	HD Video Cam Corder	1	\$300
	40" LCD TV	2	\$330
	55" LCD TV	1	\$750
	NORTH SACRISTY		
	Bulletin Board – 36" x 72"	1	\$145
	CLASSROOMS		
	Tables – 30" x 96" – 14 needed	12	\$93
	Marker / White Boards – 48"x 96"	3	\$155
	Window Blinds/Coverings 2" vinyl 26" x 48" (14 needed for West side)	11	\$35
	CAFÉ/HOSPITALITY AREA "The goal of cafe church endeavors is to impact their local community with a message of God's love and the transforming power of Christ's love." (church website in Alma, MI)		
	Sofas – Brown leather	2	\$799
	High Tables – 30" Round Laminate Top	4	\$186
	36" Round Tables	4	\$98
	Ottomans to be used for seating 4 needed	4	\$150
	Window treatment- tinted film for glare	24	\$83
	Window Bench Seating – approximately 30 feet – includes wooden back and padded seats	6	\$108

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NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE		
Table Covers – Vinyl - Round for 60" table – 10	10	\$33
Table Covers – Vinyl - Rectangular for 30" x 96" Tables – 18	18	\$30
NORTH SANCTUARY		
Banner Rack	1	\$3,000
CLASSROOMS		
Marker / White Boards – 48"x 72"	3	\$145

III WOULD BE VERY HELPFULS

NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE		
New Banner Fund	15	\$75
Volleyball Posts and Net – Portable - complete set	1	\$1,470
NARTHEX & NORTH LOBBY		
Coat Hangers – brushed aluminum 1/2 " thick lots of 100	2	\$68
CLASSROOMS		
Bulletin Boards – 48" x 96"	4	\$155
Portable Video Projector	1	\$500
Portable Projection Screen	1	\$100
CAFÉ/HOSPITALITY AREA		
24' x 48" Rectangular Tables	6	\$125
NURSERY		
Rug –Noah's Voyage Oval Carpet approx. 7 x 10 ft	1	\$250
Soft Tunnel Climber – for crawlers	1	\$350
LANDSCAPING		
<p style="text-align: center;">"And God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth.' And it was so....And God saw that it was good. Gen 1: 11, 13</p>		
Flowering Crab tree to match existing landscape		\$100-150
Magnolia Tree		\$100-125
Dogwood Tree		\$100-125
Azalea		\$30
Evergreen shrubs		\$30
Rhododendron		\$40
Lilac		\$40

This memorial/honorarium project will conclude on Sunday, May 6, with the dedication of the new sanctuary/multi-functional addition. All items will be designated on a first come/first served basis. For questions or concerns, or to request a memorial or tribute, please contact Rosemarie Millin at 330-966-9365 or e-mail her at romie1947@att.net with the subject line, "Memorial."

School Mission and Ministry News

Enrollment is going very well for next year. We still have openings in the two-year-old class for preschool and child care, and in the afternoon four-year-old/Pre-Kindergarten class and have a couple openings in Kindergarten. If you know of anyone looking for preschool or child care, please have them call.

Once again, we will be giving children's Bibles to our preschool and kindergarten "graduates." Thank you in advance to those who support the purchase of 45 Bibles. It is hard for the Staff to say goodbye to the children. We wonder if we have taught them enough during their short time with us so they will walk with Jesus their whole life. We see these Bibles as an extension of the good work God has begun in the lives of His children. Our hope is that we can make a difference in the lives of the parents as well.

Thanks once again to the Preschool Link who tirelessly stuffed eggs for our Easter Parties. We couldn't do it without your help.

He is risen!

The two and three-year-old class began the month with shouts of joy as they celebrated our Risen Lord. They learned about creation and the many changes they see in the Spring in God's world. They tasted strawberries and blueberries that grow in the spring. They enjoyed reading, singing and doing artwork that included filling the classroom with flowers, caterpillars, butterflies, birds, spiders and fish. (Mrs. Anne Hankins & Mrs. Debbie Swinehart)

The three & four-year-old class is learning about spring and Easter. Eggs remind them of the tomb.

Bunnies and chicks remind them of new life. White Easter lilies remind them of being washed clean from our sins. They learned how to be safe in the sun, on their bikes, in the car, and what to do if they ever get lost. They talked about summer trips that they may take and how



they might get there. In Bible Time they learned that Easter joy and power does not disappear. They can now recognize each letter up to R. (Mrs. Christi Ludwig & Mrs. Patty Wallace)

April was full of fun lessons in the four-year-old/Pre-Kindergarten class. The children studied the letters R, S, and T. The most important lesson this month centered on the true Easter story. They also learned to share the love of Jesus with everyone! For their service project this month, the children made Easter cards for the Meals On Wheels shut-ins. (Mrs. Teri Hockman, Mrs. Tiffany Clay & Mrs. Leslie Martin)

During Holy Week the Pre-Kindergarten class talked about Easter and especially enjoyed acting out the Palm Sunday entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Then they embarked on their "imaginary" trip around the world. After "packing" their suitcases they "flew" to Alaska and on to Hawaii where they all



learned the hula and watched a volcano erupt and saw a coconut cracked! On to Australia, where

Mrs. Hankins shared about her native country. Other countries "visited" were Japan, China, Israel,

Egypt, and Africa. As these countries are "visited" the children learn some words, sample the foods and learn about the customs in those countries. The children are learning that God is everywhere and people in every nation need to learn about Him. (Mrs. Christina Jacobsen & Mrs. Leslie Martin)

Kindergarten learned about the new life that comes with spring, and the life cycles of birds, insects, and mammals. In Math, the class was excited to learn about addition and subtraction. They took a field trip to the Canton Symphony Orchestra where they listened to a variety of musical instruments and recalled how vibration makes sound. In Reading, they are learning more consonant digraphs, including the sounds /sh/ and /ck/. The Kindergarten children are reading like first graders now with confidence and fluency. They are also becoming more confident in their walks of faith. With the truths of Jesus' resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit, we can go forward, just like the disciples, with the strength and courage to do the things God has planned for us to do. (Mrs. Heather Wright)



As you go about your spring cleaning, please keep the school in mind. We are always in need of good new and used toys. As toys are brought in we also check them over for the possible use in the new nursery we will have in about a year.

In Christ,

Marjorie James, Administrator

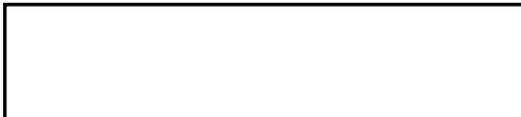


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Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, friendly, mission-minded, Bible-based community of believers who strive to carry out ministry with integrity and excellence.

Sunday Mornings At Holy Cross

8:00 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
- Mrs. Sarah O'Briskie
Assistant Director of Children's Ministry
- Mrs. Judy O'Briskie, Office Manager
- Mrs. Katie Stiver, Soul Accounting Secretary
- Mrs. Karen Slaggy, Visitation Coordinator
- Mr. Richard Reed, Property Manager
- Mrs. Marjorie James
Holy Cross School Administrator



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