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September 2012

Upcoming Events:

September 22
3:00 — 6:00 PM
Classic Car Show

I'm normally not fond of programs — but . . .

“40 days in the Word” is a wonderful exception! Over the next six weeks we here at Holy Cross are going to have the opportunity to *learn how to study the Bible* together in a relaxed, non-threatening, informal fashion. And I have got to tell you that Pastor Ralph and I are both super excited about the difference this learning experience is going to make in your life and in the lives of your Christian sisters and brothers. We will grow deeper in God’s Word; we will grow together in God’s Word; and we will grow up in God’s Word.

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		September 30 Week Four “How to Study A Bible Passage?”
		October 7 Week Five “Understanding the Meaning of a Text”
		October 14 Week Six “Integrating God’s Word Into My Life”

The second component will be our small group experiences where we gather with 10 or so other people once a week for six weeks, beginning the week of September 9. The teaching/ learning is video driven as Rick Warren systematically teaches *how* to study God’s Word. We will then discuss the material following an outline laid out for us in the 40 Day Workbook.

As of August 21, we had 31 small groups with over 270 people signed up to participate. Our goal is to have 400 adults participating in this small group component. To reach this goal we will need a few more leaders/facilitators to sign up. Sign ups will continue through September 9.

In addition, our high school youth and confirmation classes will be meeting in small groups on Sundays. Our children’s 6th grade and under will experience the 40 Day group study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8 PM as part of Holy Cross U. Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings small group meetings at church, and select home groups. Youth can gain service hours by



volunteering to assist small group childcare (Contact Lorin Zuppe). *(cont'd. page 2)*

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Pastor Kip's Sunday Morning Bible Class and Wednesday Night Holy Cross University will both be covering Paul's letter to the Colossians. If you are in a small group Sunday, Wednesday or other time during the week, you will have the opportunity to participate in a regular Sunday morning or Wednesday evening Bible class.

Please join us in this 40 Day journey in God's Word. We know you will be blessed in many ways. See you at the sign-up table!

Children's Ministry

Pastors Kip and Ralph



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — HUGE SUCCESS!

We had 155 children registered; 55 from Holy Cross! Monday's attendance was 130 children-the most we've EVER had! Praise the Lord! The kids had a rockin' week with the GoFish Guys praising our awesome God!

Thank you to our 60+ adult/youth volunteers who worked tirelessly loving all those kids with the love of Jesus! **Could not have done it without YOU!** You are such a blessing to work with!

Next year's GoFish VBS dates are set for August 5-9, 2013!

Nursery Help Needed!

Please see the sign up sheet posted on the Nursery bulletin board to sign up to help for September and October!

Children's Ministry Help Needed This Fall!

Kids Club and Area 456 will make a complete and needed split this Fall in Holy Cross U. We are looking for and need to following positions to make this happen each quarter on a rotating basis:

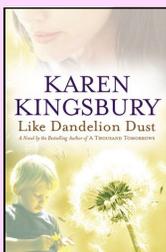
*Area 456 and Kids Club Bible lesson leaders

*Area 456 and Kids Club Activity leaders (games, crafts)

*Area 456 and Kids Club Elective leaders

With a quarterly commitment, helpers will be able to serve AND attend Adult Bible Study throughout the year! Please help us make this a great Midweek year for our Holy Cross kids! Please see Lorin Zuppe or Christi Ludwig to sign up!

Ladies Book Discussion



We will **meet at the Youth House** at 7:00 PM on September 10 to discuss "Like Dandelion Dust," by Karen Kingsbury. Leaders for the evening are Ellyn Dillon and Lynn Young.

Young At Heart

September 11 Lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse, Akron

The Spaghetti Warehouse combines Old World Italian Traditions with American abundance in hearty, made-from-scratch dishes with a festive atmosphere.

Please join us for lunch and fellowship. We will carpool from Holy Cross at 11:00 AM. Sign up on the sheet located on the new bulletin board in the west hallway.

School Mission and Ministry News

This summer came and went almost in the blink of an eye. We are looking forward to wonderful school year. Currently, we have a few openings in our morning and afternoon four-year-old class. We still have a couple openings in Kindergarten. We praise the Lord for the children He continues to send us, and the opportunities for ministry this provides.

The new preschool bathroom is well under way. I hear the pounding from the carpenter as I write this article. It might not be ready when school starts, but it will be close. We have a plumber to schedule, electrician and drywall finishing and might have to wait on a couple inspections. Soon the ladies can have the restroom back. Thank you for 18 years of understanding and cooperation.

The old chair and table storage room is being transformed into the school library/resource room. Nikki's and my offices were renovated with a new coat of paint and carpet. There is still much to do to set up functioning offices, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thanks to Tom James for his carpentry skills and Al Hanft and Denny Hardin for painting. Al Hanft has also been scheduling subcontractors to come in and also in scheduling the necessary inspections. Thanks also to Stan Koehlinger for drawing up the engineered drawings for the bathroom.

Here is the final group of comments parents have made about our program. These comments are taken from the parent evaluations they filled out at the end of the last school year.

- *Unfortunately, my child does not attend on chapel days, but you would never know this because of how much God and faith are taught to them and showed to them all their days there. So many thanks for this!!!*
- *The classrooms were older, but were filled with so many things to do!*
- *A VERY organized, structured environment, appreciated.*
- *We were very happy with Mrs. Hockman and Mrs. Martin! I appreciated the monthly newsletters and calendars. Mrs. Hockman kept me informed about any issues my child was having.*

Please keep us in your prayers as the new school year gets underway. Kindergarten starts on August 22 and preschool on September 4. Pray for the staff, parents and children.

Marjorie James, Administrator

Holy Cross Crafters

September 18 at 7:00 PM

Attention to those who enjoy crafting or just need a night out with some great fellowship. Bring scissors and \$2 and make some special cards that will be sent to the shut-ins of our congregation. You'll also make a couple of cards for your own use. Cindy Ickes will lead.

Living Discipleship

Mark your calendars! The next Living Discipleship class begins October 21.



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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. Joel Maze, Audio/Visual Tech Coordinator
- Mrs. Lorin Zuppe
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