



Holy Cross Connections

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What's A Vicar?

This question has been popping up a lot lately, right along with “Why is he here?” Think of a vicar as a pastoral intern. Hunter has been studying at the seminary for 2 years. Thus far, his education has been primarily academic. The third year of a student’s seminary education is called a vicarage. The student is sent out to a congregation wherein he can receive 12 months of practical, ‘on-the-job’ training under the direct supervision of a pastor. So, while Hunter is going to be learning from, and working under several of our Staff members, Pastor Kip is his primary supervisor. When Hunter’s 12 month vicarage with us is completed, Hunter will then have to go back to the seminary to complete his fourth year of seminary training. Upon his graduation from the seminary, he will become eligible for a Divine Call to a congregation somewhere within the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Once he has accepted a Call, he will then be ordained into the pastoral ministry. God willing, Hunter will graduate from the St. Louis seminary, receive his first Call and be ordained as a pastor in the summer of 2015.

So, we will be sending Hunter and Elizabeth back to St. Louis the end of next June. Then, should we decide that we want to remain a training church for more vicars in the future, we will receive a new vicar around the first of July next year.

Again, the reason we are in this vicarage program is that we believe Holy Cross to be a healthy, mission-minded congregation that is conducive to training Christ-centered, Bible-based, mission-minded pastors for the Church at large. It is all about being blessed to be a blessing!

The Next Living Discipleship Class

Will start on Sunday evening, September 8th and run through December 8th. I believe this class is a MUST for anyone who really wants to understand why we believe what we believe. That's why I keep teaching it over and over again! If you are a member of Holy Cross and have not taken the class yet, you don't know what you are missing! If you want to become a member of Holy Cross, this class is required for membership. We will cover everything from salvation to sanctification, suffering to the Sacraments ... and, of course, the resurrection of the body on the last day. Babysitting will be provided.

Please sign your name on one of the sheets you will find in both narthexes!!!

Pastor Kip

Practicing Hospitality

Practicing Hospitality (part of a Lutheran Hours Ministry outreach) continues to be taught in **Room A-1 on Sundays at 10 AM** as we learn ways to share the love of Jesus by how we intentionally welcome and follow through with people who come through the Holy Cross doors!



All are welcome to come!

Your presence enables us to have a lively discussion and put some common sense thinking into practice!

Small Group Resources Available

If you did not know! — Holy Cross has a Small Group resource room that offers many ideas for small group Bible studies. Room B-3 is found between the office and Pastor Kip's office (or better known as Katie's office!) We receive new materials all the time. Whether it is a study of a book of the Bible or a current issue topical study, you are sure to find something that will edify and strengthen your faith life. If you are interested in being part of a small group or desire to start a small group please see Pastor Ralph or contact him by email: pralph@holycrossnorthcanton.com

Small Group Resources can be found in Conference Room B-2.

VBS August 5 — 9

VBS Registration is now open!

Forms are available in both narthexes. Grab some for your kids, friends, family and neighbors! We want lots of little hearts here to hear about our awesome Lord!

Thank you!

6:00 — 8:30 PM

Registration form is on the website or can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Youth In Christ Goes On ...

Summer Sunday School runs through the end of August and Labor Day weekend. All Youth will be together with yours truly at the Youth House for classes and servant projects all summer. It will be so much fun! Graduating 5th graders (going into 6th grade in the Fall) will stay with Children's Ministry until the new school year. Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th when all grades move up! Thanks for a great summer! Blessings on your month!

Lorin Zuppe

San Antonio, TX National Gathering Update

San Antonio was amazing!

We hope you were able to be in church for our photo and testimony presentation on July 28! If not, here are a couple of photos from our trip. Check out the youth bulletin board for more sharing! (cont'd page 3)



(cont'd from page 2) Thank you again so much, our Holy Cross family, for supporting our youth and the faith-filled trip and experience of their high school years!

Love in Christ from our Gathering participants and their families: Jim, Robyn, Sydney, Zach Booth, Denise & Zach Berry, Madi Carper, Ashley Dinger, Clayton Evans, Sam Hankins, Joe Howard, Jimmy & Lauren O'Leary, Lauren Penrose, Hannah Rackov, Erika Stewart, Colin & Emma Svatos, Roland Swiger, Taylor Ulik, Emily & Patty Wallace, & the Zuppe clan!

Watch out New Orleans!

Here we come with possibly our biggest group yet! Those who are interested in participating in this awesome experience — your fundraising starts NOW!

2016
National Youth
Gathering
New Orleans!

MEN'S SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on August 10 at 7:30 — 9 AM as usual, but there will be no breakfast.

All are always welcome!

Young at Heart

Are you ready for a relaxing day? Well then, come and join the Young at Heart on Tuesday, August 13. Meet at the church to carpool no later than 10:15 AM. We will ride the Atwood Queen Boat, which will depart at 11:30. Upon returning, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Atwood Bistro. The rest of the afternoon will be spent at Yvonne Miesel's cottage chit-chatting, drinking coffee and eating dessert. Directions to Atwood Marina are next to the sign-up sheet posted outside Room A-3. Please bring a friend and lawn chairs. The more the merrier!

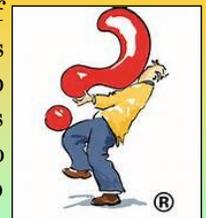


Holy Cross Crafters

Join us in blessing others! Holy Cross crafters will be meeting on Tuesday, August 20 at 7 PM in room M-6. The purpose of the crafters is to make cards for the shut-ins. All the materials and instructions will be supplied. Barb Sautters will be leader for the evening. Bring \$2 and scissors.

ALPHA News

Well, it is planned and we are getting everything ready for the Fall for a fantastic time of bringing Jesus to those who have questions about the Christian faith. *Alpha* is designed as a non-threatening way to teach about Jesus and Christianity. It's a pre-Living Discipleship class. We will meet once a week in the evening, share a meal, watch a video and discuss what we see! It's that simple! The purpose for us to conduct the *Alpha* program is to provide another opportunity to proclaim Jesus to people in the immediate area and to help bring them into a relationship with Him. *(To lead others to Jesus.)* Your help to accomplish this purpose is absolutely vital.



First, pray for the *Alpha* course and for people in this area to respond. Then invite someone who needs to know about their Savior. It could be a friend, neighbor, relative, classmate, or someone at work. **Your personal invitation** is the most effective way. There will also be letters available at the Welcome Centers during August for you to use to invite someone. These letters will have space for you to add a personal note.

The Bible notes, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Please consider this opportunity to share "Good News" with someone or maybe even offer to bring them.

Another way you can help is by preparing a meal. We have need of 11 or 12 meals. Rather than have one person be responsible for all meals, it would be good if we had ministry groups volunteer to make the meal like we do at Advent or Lent soup suppers. We do have someone to oversee this, but her duty is just to make sure we have the meals ready. *Alpha* meal sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Centers. You can also pick up brochures there to share with someone who may benefit from coming to Alpha. If you want to know more about ALPHA call Ron Akins at 966-7711 or Karl Schulze at 494-2425.

Handbells New Ringers Welcome



Handbell practice will begin again on Sunday, September 8 from 6 to 7:30 PM. **New ringers are welcome.** Previous experience with reading music recommended but not required. Must be 5th grade or older to participate. Contact Lora Smith with questions 330-413-4867 or email :



bokhartsm@comcast.net

MOPS — Holy Cross Mentors

We moms need each other. The Mother's Of Preschoolers group meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to May at Holy Cross. This group is made up of women from all over the area. Some are members of Holy Cross, some attend other churches and some have no church home.

Sometimes we need a wise woman who has been there and done that.. That's why we love our Mentor moms. They have sage advice and willing ears. If you are a mom and have a heart to work with younger moms, please prayerfully consider being a part of the outreach ministry. If you would like more information on MOPS, visit MOPS.ORG.

Currently our Mentors are Diane Blinn, Trudy Akins, Lora Smith, and Anne Hankins. Please feel free to talk to one of our mentors if you are interested.

Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

By Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of **The Lutheran Hour**

Use these devotions in your newsletter and bulletin! Used by permission; all rights reserved by the Int'l LLL (LHM).

"Failed Fatherhood"

July 17, 2013

For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. ... Hosea 8:7a

Hosea's words about reaping the whirlwind have found a new application in the 21st century of North America. That calls for an explanation -- an explanation which begins with a quiz. And, lest you're wondering, it most certainly is not a *trivia* quiz. Just fill in the blank:



- * According to the U.S. Department of Health, 63 percent of youth suicides come from _____ homes.
- * According to the Center for Disease Control, 85 percent of all children with mental or behavioral disorders come from _____ homes.
- * According to the National Principals Association 71 percent of high school dropouts come from _____ homes.
- * According to *The Christian Post*, teenage girls are 711 percent more likely to have children as a teen, 53 percent less likely to marry as a teen, and 92 percent more likely to get divorced if they are from a _____ home.

Well, did you figure out the answer?

(cont'd on page 7)

**COME *KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT* AT “GOTTA MOVE!”
 HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

August 5-9 6:30 PM — 8:00 PM



REGISTRATION FORM

(ONE PER CHILD)

Child's Name:	
Child's age:	
Date of Birth:	
School grade going into this Fall or preschool age:	
Name of parent(s):	
Street address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home phone:	
Parent/caregiver's cell phone:	
Home email address:	
Home church:	



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Allergies or other medical conditions:	
In case of emergency, contact:	
Phone:	
Relationship to child:	

We hope you join us for a jamming time with Jesus and bring friends!

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School Mission and Ministry News

We are having a fun and educational summer with the children. The Christian education of the children is not neglected during the summer. They learn about Jesus and God's love for them everyday.

God has blessed us with wonderful people to fill our Staffing positions. Mrs. Kelli Picot and Mrs. Deanna Maze will be with Mrs. Hankins in the two/three-year-old class. I am still interviewing people for the Pre-Kindergarten position. I am sure by the time you read the newsletter, that position will have been filled also.

Our outside wall is in the process of being rebuilt. See last month's newsletter if you missed why that was necessary. I have been promised we will be back in our offices by Open House, August 18.

Christina Jacobsen gave birth to a daughter, Juliet Margaret, on July 3. Mother and baby are well.

Below are comments taken from our Parent Evaluations which the families filled out at the end of the last school year. Parents of the youngest always have more to say.

Two/Three-Year-Old Class – Mrs. Anne Hankins and Mrs. Debbie Swinehart

- Thank you for giving my child a foundation not only in education, but Christian virtues and the Bible. I enjoyed all of the creativity in the class projects-paint, drawing, crafts, etc.
- Great Classroom environment and such patient caring teachers.
- Mrs. Hankins is a blessing.
- This preschool is above and beyond those I have had my kids in before!
- I like the atmosphere- Christian & Christ loving.
- We are very happy w/the facility!
- We LOVED Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Swinehart!!!! So thankful child's first experience in school was so positive.
- Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Swinehart are Amazing! Loving, endlessly patient and open to each child.
- Thank you for all of the newsletters and information.
- This is my 4th child that has attended Holy Cross Preschool. The school has fostered her educational and spiritual growth-as it has all my children. The staff is committed and loving.
- Thank you so much for a wonderful year. My child has loved his first school experience. We are so thankful for the love my child is given here.
- So blessed to have Holy Cross Preschool. All my children had Mrs. Hankins. What a wonderful experience !
- The last year has been wonderful for my child, they have grown so much through Holy Cross Preschool. I would not want to take them anywhere else. See you this fall!
- Holy Cross Preschool is able to educate, grow a child's faith, and nurture him as a person. A perfect balance of professional and loving !
- I have been extremely pleased with Holy Cross and my child's classroom. They have definitely grown in all ways, and I couldn't be happier with the care and guidance they have received.

Three/Four-Year-Old Class – Miss Lindsey Rapp & Mrs. Patty Wallace

- The content and curriculum used at Holy Cross is top-notch, preparing kids more than adequately for their elementary school years.
- We interact with nearly every staff member now that our child attends preschool with before and aftercare, and all of them are warm, welcoming and loving towards our child. We love you all!
- We were impressed with how much our children learned and what they remember. We love hearing the songs they sing.
- Of course we have our favorites, but we have come to love all of the teachers and assistants and administrative staff members for their uniqueness and their positive role modeling for our child.
- Staff always said hello and good morning everyday as we walked in.

God bless, Marjorie James, Administrator

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Benjamin, Brenda, Pastor Bill,
Will, Christopher Hugo

Did you see the Hugo family at Holy Cross on July 21? Christopher will be attending college this Fall! (If you do not know, Pastor Bill was an Associate Pastor here at Holy Cross 10 years ago.)

2013 Car Show

Our Annual 2013 Car Show is coming up on **September 14 from 3:00 — 6:30 PM**. Please tell your friends about this event and give them **Free Food tickets!**

Volunteers will be needed to set up, register cars, greet our guests at the welcome tent and to serve food. You can walk around and be a **Holy Cross Goodwill Ambassador!** A sign-up sheet will be posted by Welcome Tables. A list of supplies and food needed will be in the weekly bulletin beginning August 11. Thanks for your support and outreach efforts! Rick Medla, Outreach Connections Chairman

(cont'd from page 4) To get 100 percent on the quiz you can put the word "fatherless" into each blank above.

In spite of those frightening figures, in my lifetime I have seen society "sow the wind," as fathers have gone from knowing best to knowing nothing at all. The king has been evicted from his castle and is now confined to his man cave. No longer revered and respected, dads are discounted and disregarded.

And where does the whirlwind come in? In this: even as the percentage of women who respect marriage is rising dramatically, the percentage of men who value marriage is dropping -- like a stone. And who will pay the price for this shift in society? It will be the children, of course. You need not be a rocket scientist or brain surgeon to see the downward spiral this situation creates.

Now you may wonder what does all this have to do with a Daily Devotion. Simply this: the homes of Christian men and women are to be different. We have a different standard, a different goal, a different direction. Most certainly, in the Savior, we have a different model to follow.

Paul showed us that Model when he wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

That is a concept the world has never understood. The best, the most noble idea it can come up with is "Marriage is a 50-50 proposition." That is not what the Bible says. In Scripture fathers are told to emulate the Savior; they are told to give as Jesus gave.

That means giving when it's not wanted, giving when it's not appreciated, giving when it is not applauded. It means putting the welfare of others above that of yourself. It means giving until it hurts, giving even to the point where you are ready to sacrifice yourself.

We are to give because that is what Jesus has done for us. From start to finish, from beginning to end, Jesus' life was dedicated to us. And we fathers with our families can honor our Lord and impact the future by doing as He did.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, may our homes be blessed by the Savior's presence. May our lives be lived trying to follow His example. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.



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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

Ted Voss, Pastor Emeritus

Hunter Richards, Vicar

Mr. Joel Maze, Audio/Visual Tech Coordinator

Mrs. Lorin Zuppe
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Mrs. Christi Ludwig
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