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October 2014

Upcoming Events:

Health Care Decisions/
Elderly Law
Wed., Oct. 8 @
11:00 AM

Night in Bethlehem
December 13-14

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"God's Greatest Commandments"

Jesus Said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Love is relational. If you love someone you want to spend time with them, talk with them and learn to know them. You want them to thrive and prosper. You look out for their best interests, even if it may be at your own expense.

That's the kind of love that God has for you. That's the kind of love that moved your heavenly Father to send His only begotten Son, Jesus into the world to save you. He wants to restore the wonderful, intimate relationship you were created to have with Him. That, of course, meant that Jesus had to sacrifice Himself on a cross in your place. So He did, for the joy set before Him.

You are that joy. God loves you. He wants a close, personal relationship with you. He wants to talk to you through His word and He wants you to talk to Him in prayer. He wants to fill your heart, your soul and your mind with His love, His life and His peace. He wants to fill you with Himself so that you can become everything He created and redeemed you to be.

What He created and redeemed you to be is a "lover" just like Him. "We love others because God first loved us." So, the only proper response to God's love is you loving Him in return. That means you now want to get to know Him better, spend time with Him, and do those things that bring glory to His name.

God loves you! But you are not the only one He loves. He loves your neighbor just like He loves you -- no more, but no less. So it stands to reason that if God "loves your neighbor as much as he loves you," God would also want you to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's just what God's love is going to lead you to do. So may the Love of Christ Jesus dwell in you richly as you grow in relationship to God and your neighbor.

Teachers Wanted

Do you enjoy talking about Jesus? Do you love the children who attend Holy Cross? Would you like to teach, but don't want to be committed to teaching on a regular basis? I am compiling a list of members that can be called to substitute when the regular teachers aren't able to teach. If interested, please contact Patti Sailer at patti@holycrossnorthcanton.com or leave a note in her mailbox. Please include your name and contact information and she will add you to the list.

We are looking for members willing to teach an elective during HCU/Kid's Club. It's simple! Just take a talent you have, add a Christian theme, and commit to teaching for 6 - 8 weeks, depending on the time of year. Some ideas to consider would be sports/sportsmanship, acting out stories of the bible, drawing stories of the bible, teaching the youth to be prayer warriors...the possibilities are endless. Electives are taught to two groups each Wednesday evening and last 30 - 40 minutes for each group. Ages are 3 years old - Kindergarten and 1st grade - 3rd grade. If interested, please contact Patti Sailer at patti@holycrossnorthcanton.com or leave a note in her mailbox. Please include your name, contact information and subject you would like to teach.

Ladies Book Discussion



Come and join the fun! This month, the ladies will be discussing the book, "Who's Pushing Your Buttons: Handling the Difficult People in Your Life," by Dr. John Townsend.

The evening will be hosted by Chris Daianu and Carol Hutchison @ 7:00 PM in the Youth House .

Hope to see you there!

ALPHA News!



ALPHA is doing very well. There are many new people in attendance as we strive to reach more people with the Good News of God and His love for all in Jesus.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Another big thanks to those who are serving as dinner makers and table leaders!

Dad's Night

Dad's...thank you for all of the guys that attended September Dad's night.

I'm continuing Dad's night for October. All Dad's are welcome to come to my house @ 8:00 or later on Friday, October 24th.

The main goal for this group is fellowship and getting to know other Dad's. People are welcome to bring the beverage of their choice and I will have some snack food such as chips or pretzels. Weather permitting, I will have a campfire going outside and we will have whatever sporting event on inside.

My address is 7485 Carmen Dr. NW, North Canton, OH. The house is at the corner of Oakway and Carmen and our driveway is on Oakway. Most parking is available on Oakway.

If you think you can attend, please let me know as it is always helpful to have an idea of numbers. If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my cell phone (330-347-3424).

Thanks and I'm looking forward to Dad's night number III!

Health Care Decisions and Elderly Law

Health care can be confusing. Legal issues affecting older adults and their caring families and friends are complicated. On Wednesday Morning, October 8th, at 11 am., Sandy Cheshire (a member of Holy Cross and an attorney of Elderly Law) will do a **FREE** presentation on Living wills, durable power of Attorney for Health Care, End of life decisions and organ donations.

Following Sandy's presentation, Eileen Fitzenreiter of the Lutheran Foundation will discuss finance and estate planning for the elderly. Eileen is a very caring and knowledgeable resource whose **free** presentation you will also want to hear.

~11 am., Wednesday, October 8, here at Holy Cross~

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Reaching out
to Praise



October 17, 18, 2014

7:00 PM/NO TICKET REQUIRED

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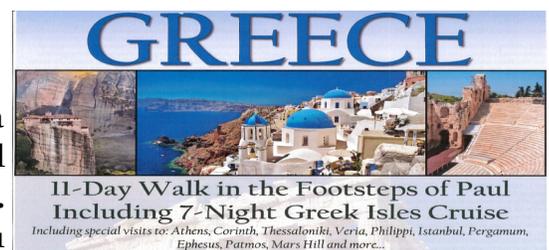
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Footsteps of Paul

Pastor Kip and Lora invite you to join them for a trip back into "The Footsteps of St. Paul." They will be hosting this trip **October 28—November 7 of 2015**. There is also an optional 3-day Rome extension that you can add to the end of the trip. What most excites Pastor Kip about this trip is that it will take you to both the cities of Greece and to Ephesus, which is in Asia on the other side of the Aegean Sea. Most of these trips only cover one side or the other. When you add in Rome with Pompeii, the Vatican & Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, and catacombs, it makes for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Please contact Pastor Kip or Lora for more information. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!



Psalms for Your Life

Psalms for Your Life meets on Sunday mornings at 10am (Rm A-1). Martin Luther called Psalms the "Little Bible" because everything about our relationship to God is in this book that describes God, His desire for people and how we are to rightly respond to Him in faith through word, song and deed. Join us any time!

Young at Heart

Young at heart will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14th at the Youth House and leave @ 11:15 to have lunch at Hartville Kitchen. We will then depart for Maize Valley Farms (6193 Edison ST. NE just outside of Hartville) where there are wagon rides (handicapped accessible), a petting zoo, pumpkins and gourds as well as a gift store.

A sign-up sheet for this enjoyable afternoon is located outside room A3.



Car Show

A Big Thanks to You! The 2014 Annual Holy Cross Car Show was a big success due to the overwhelming support of you, Holy Cross members and friends who gave of your treasures, time and talent to serve our community with a big heart. We had many compliments from our guests as we continue to reach out in Christ's love.



Night in Bethlehem

Night in Bethlehem is the next big community outreach event. There will be more coming up that will inform you about opportunities to serve in many ways on this December 13-14 event. Stay tuned for more to come!

Men's Bible Studies

Wednesday Men's Bible Study is finishing up 2 Corinthians as the Apostle Paul continues to mature this congregation to be all God has blessed it to be. Growing in generosity, being ambassadors for Jesus, suffering for your good, and finishing strong are just a few of the topics we discover and grow in as we pay attention to God's Word. Invite a friend... won't you? We meet in room M-4 at 9:30am.

Saturday Men's Bible Study Starting October 4, will begin a new study entitled *"When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the poor... and Yourself."* Since many of our people are involved in helping others through life's struggles and needs, we want to be better equipped to show God's redeeming love in a way that builds up those we are serving. We meet at 7:30... done by 9am. **Special for this October 11 Men's Breakfast - Chad Minor will present, with video, his experience of being homeless on the streets of Canton.** Invite a friend, enjoy the breakfast and be blessed in the fellowship we share.

Hospitality

Have You Thought About What it Takes to be Hospitable? Love for people and the desire to make them feel at home! Our guests have expressed how warm and welcoming Holy Cross is. Much of it has to do with our café and hospitality team!

A big thank you to those who have signed up to serve and make hospitality what it has become: A blessing to those we joyfully serve! There is plenty of room for you or the group you belong to sign up and be a part of the growing hospitality team. Please contact Virginia Rangle (330-244-8875) and/or sign-up on sheet by the serving counter!

Basically, each week members (3 or so) from your group would be responsible for setting up on Saturday and serving on Sunday (between services and Sunday school) from 8:30am - 11am (clean up). All snacks/coffee is on site and ready to be set up for serving! Thanks!

Holy Cross Crafters

How would you like to reach out and bless our shut-ins?

The Holy Cross crafters will meet on Tuesday, October 23 @ 7:00 PM to make cards for our shut-ins. These special cards that are made with loving hands and a prayer, can help our shut-ins feel included in the body of believers here at Holy Cross. In addition, participants will have two cards to take home for their own personal ministry.

If this is something you might enjoy, please join us in Room (M6). Bring little scissors and \$2.00 to defray expenses. Sherry Lemke will lead us.



Mom's Group

Mom's Group for October will be held:

Thursday, October 9th @ 7:00 pm

(or whenever you arrive!)

At Christi Ludwig's house:

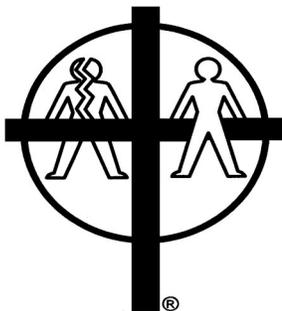
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Come whenever you can and leave whenever you need to.



Stephen Ministry



ARE YOU A CARING PERSON?

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following—faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or knowing; consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one car-giving ministry. A new training class is scheduled to start next September. This may be just what you've been looking for! Watch your newsletters and bulletins for more information about the who, what, where, when, why and how of Stephen Ministry or direct your questions to any of our Stephen Leaders:

Diane Diehl (330-491-1402), Judy Forsythe (330-494-7532), Rosemarie Millin (330-966-9365),

Joe Wonsettler (330-834-0365), or to Pastor Kip @ (330-499-3307, x 108).

School Mission and Ministry News



The school year is off to a great start. We thank God for the privilege of touching so many lives with God's love and care and the good news of their salvation in Christ. Our staff currently numbers 12. The Lord blessed us so much when he sent us our temporary staff person, Mrs. Emily Stigile. Mrs. Stigile was looking for a short term position as she plans to start graduate school at Malone in January. Her need for employment coincided with our need for someone to help Ms. Picot in the Toddler class in the absence of Mrs. Anne Hankins. Anne is in Australia where she is greatly needed during and following her mother's recent surgery. I am happy to report that her mother appears to be doing well and Anne will be back in the classroom on October 6. Whether the members of our staff are members of this church body or not, all have expressed a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all are active in their own Christian congregations.

We continue to support our World Vision children: Pan Pan Yang, who lives in China, and Seringe Mbacke Diouf, in Senegal, West Africa. To achieve this, we once again ask for your help by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education that are worth 10 cents each. The Acme Cash Back Program has started again, so please start saving your receipts for us. There is a collection container outside the church office and another outside the school office.

The two-year-old class this month is being taught by Ms. Kelli Picot and her temporary aide, Mrs. Emily Stigile. The children have had a busy month adjusting to classroom routines and separating from parents. They have enjoyed learning how to use some fun materials: paint, play dough, glue and markers. Dancing, singing and parachute play has helped them get to know their friends. As September comes to an end, they will learn how wonderfully made they each are and that God knows each of their names. He loves them because they are His special children. (Mrs. Anne Hankins, Ms. Kelli Picot & Mrs. Emily Stigile).

The three & four-year-old class is being taught by Mrs. Janet Eagon and her teacher's aide, Mrs. Patty Wallace. The year is off to a great start. The children are learning to follow directions and classroom rules by using their friendly hands, walking feet, inside voices, and listening ears! They are learning about how God created the world and made each of them special and unique! They are learning to obey teachers, parents, and most importantly, God! The children are learning about praying to give thanks for our world, animals, our families, and our school! The three-year-old children are truly getting settled in and finding out how much fun they can have while learning at school! (Mrs. Janet Eagon & Mrs. Patty Wallace).

The four and five-year-old class is taught by Mrs. Teri Hockman and her aide, Mrs. Tiffany Clay. Watch their Word Wall grow as they go through the alphabet week by week! They have already learned the letters A and B. The class tasted and graphed their favorite apples. They painted with golf balls. At the same time the children have been learning about how God made the world and people. But most important, they are learning that they are God's most special creation of all and that He loves them very much! (Mrs. Teri Hockman & Mrs. Tiffany Clay).

The Pre-Kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. Leslie Martin and her teacher's-aide Mrs. Cristina Davis, has had a wonderful time getting to know each other. Each child is working on an "All About Me" book. They are learning how to recognize their first and last names in print. While learning about their families, they studied the story of Ruth and God's faithfulness to provide for her family. Their study of animals and their habitats has coordinated with their study of how God made the world and everything in it. They learned about the Good Samaritan and how Jesus cares about both their little problems and their big problems. Jesus loves them all the time. Each child is such a special gift from God. Psalm 127:5 (Mrs. Leslie Martin & Mrs. Cristina Davis).

School Mission and Ministry News Con't...

Mrs. Angie Linsky teaches the kindergarten class. They learned about how God created our world and people, and how He continues to care for all that He made. They have learned to read some words and have reviewed rhyming words. They are learning about vowels, consonants, compound words, and beginning sounds. In Math, the Kindergarteners have been working on sorting, classifying, and making patterns. The Kindergarten class has also been learning about animals and their habitats, as well as solids, liquids, and gasses. God has blessed them with a great start to the year! (Mrs. Angie Linsky).

On October 19-21, the teachers and I will be attending the All Ohio Lutheran Church Workers Conference. We are looking forward to this gathering of Lutheran educators from all over the State. It is inspiring to meet together with fellow believers who have committed their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission and the making of disciples. Please pray for our safety and that we will come back on a spiritual high that will translate itself into action. Please continue to keep the staff and children in your prayers so we can be an effective outreach of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and effective missionaries of our Lord Jesus Christ in this world that is wandering farther and farther from His truths.



Refuge of Hope and Urban Ark

Because of your generosity and on-going support, both the Refuge of Hope and Urban Ark have been able to help increasing numbers of our less fortunate neighbors. Here are some recently provided statistics.

Refuge of Hope During 2009, there were a total of 10,450 bedded nights provided. Five years later in 2013, there were a total of 16,280 which was over a 50% increase. For meals served, the increase was from 21,500 meals to over 73,300 meals or a increase of 350%.

Urban Ark The Akron/Canton Foodbank reported that Urban Ark purchased 96,911 pounds of groceries for distribution last year. This is almost a ton per week.

Thank you for helping to support the ever-increasing needs for both of these Christian based community services.



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 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

Ted Voss, Pastor Emeritus

Mr. R. Lee Zacharias
 Worship Ministries Coordinator

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