



# Holy Cross Connections

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April 2012

### "Be Very Careful"

The apostle Paul writes, "How you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Therefore, **do not be foolish**, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Eph. 5:15-17)

**Our Lord Jesus' death and resurrection are the single most important events in the history of the world.** Jesus Christ was put to death to pay the price for all of our sins and He was raised to new life in order that we, too, can have the victory over death and the grave. Everything else in life pales in comparison. **Christ is risen! He is here with us, now!**

**Let's be careful not to let God's peripheral blessings** (such as wonderful weather, spring sports, or even church construction) **take precedence over God's foremost gift of grace – Jesus!** Let's make the most of the opportunity we have to worship Him, to grow in His grace, and to celebrate the gift of eternal Life He has won for us and to invite others to join us for worship Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday! **For this is indeed the Lord's will for us!**

Pastor Kip

**April 5, 7:00 PM**  
**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
  
**April 6, 7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday Worship**  
  
**April 8, Easter Sunday**  
**7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 11:00 AM**  
**8:00 – 10:45 AM**  
**Continental Hospitality**

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**We sure have had some marvelous distractions to enjoy recently.** God has blessed us with a beautiful church expansion that is about to be dedicated next month. And the wonderful weather we have had to enjoy in the middle of March seemed more like the best of June or July. I have to admit that at times **I have become so preoccupied with these two distractions that I have occasionally lost sight of Easter.** My mind has been so filled up with building details and the desire to get outside and work in the yard that Holy Week worship has fallen off of my radar.

**I am sure you can relate.** Your distractions may not be the same as mine, but the final result is the same: The death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, starts to fall off of our mental radar screen. We become so preoccupied with the 'immediate,' that we forget about what is 'important.' First trumps foremost. Good crowds out godly. Then, before we know it, we are more focused on the creation than we are on our Creator.

## Children's Ministry

### Sunday School

The children have learned so much this year! We **do not** take a break from Sunday School during the summer months. Please go to the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board to sign up for TWO Sundays during the Summer session. Lesson are provided.

Second graders will be receiving Bibles from Children's Ministry on Rally Day in the Fall.

### Wednesday Holy Cross U

**We will be starting new electives in April. Our EC kids will get to take a Safety Town class taught by Karen Jankowski and Heather Wright.**

**Our MC and AREA 456 kids will be taking a class on The Fruits of the Spirit with Natalie Howard and our 6th graders will be taking Created by God with Vonnie LaRue. We look forward to exploring these new courses plus our Bible rotation!**

Sunday, April 15, 11:15- 12:30

There will be a "Thank You" lunch for all Wednesday and Sunday Children's Ministry Staff. Thank you for your hard work this year!

### Nursery

The Nursery will be moving to its new location APRIL 29th!! We are very excited. We will have two rooms — an infant room for children under 14 months and a toddler room for children 14 months through 3 years of age. Children over the age of 3 need to be in a Sunday School class. To make this happen, we will need volunteers each Sunday to support our paid staff. Please sign up outside of the nursery for a Sunday if you would be willing to assist!

Saturday, April 28th, MOMS group and MOPS will be cleaning and moving all the new donated toys into the new room. THANK YOU!

Dedication Sunday is May 6th. The Nursery will not be available on that day so that all of our Staff can attend the service.

The Café will have a live feed of the service if you happen to need a location outside of the Sanctuary to care for your child. We are so excited to share this joyful day with our children.

## You've Been Blessed Cards

What have you done with your "You've Been Blessed" cards?

- We had coupons for a free pie at the Hartville Kitchen and passed them out to shoppers and we gave the construction workers at our house free Sundays. — Beth
- We paid the McDonald's bill for the little old lady behind us in the drive through and you would have thought she won the lottery. She was so excited. — Erin

We'd love to hear what you've done with your card(s) and reactions. Contact Katie Stiver with yours: [katie@holycrossnorthcanton.com](mailto:katie@holycrossnorthcanton.com).

Cards are still available on the counter in hallway.

## 2012 Haiti Mission Trip

The Mission Action Team is beginning the planning for our 2012 Mission Trip to Cap Haitien, Haiti. The goal of this trip will be a medical mission and is planned for the week of November 3, 2012.

Thus, if you have medical skills and would like to be a member of this year's medical mission, please contact Pastor Kip or Joe Wonsettler.

## Youth in Christ Goings On . . .

Weather permitting, the Youth will be hitting our church neighborhood on Sunday, April 1 with Easter candy in tow to wish our Holy Cross neighbors a blessed Easter! Youth — please bring a nicely bagged/ribboned bag of candy with you to give! Looking forward to once again witnessing our youth being a blessing!

Spring Youth Coffee House will be Saturday, April 21, from 7-10 PM. Parents — we will have a short introductory National Gathering meeting at 6:30 that evening so if you plan on going to San Antonio in 2013, please plan on coming! 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Family Night will be Saturday, May 19, at 7 PM. The youth will give their testimonies in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the

Café; Rite of Confirmation will occur Sunday morning during the 8:45 worship service in the North Sanctuary. More info to come!

Offerings continue to be taken weekly in all Sunday School classes to help support our missionaries, and also help to keep hospitality snacks at the Youth House on Sunday mornings for these hungry kids, along with other youth events. This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their youth to be good stewards!

Youth Fundraising: Don't forget to be using [www.goodsearch.com](http://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. You can drop the cans off in church boiler

room. Don't forget to recycle paper and newspapers in the PaperRetriever recycling bin at the south end of the parking lot!

FILL THAT BIN!



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!

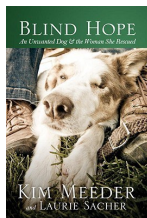
Have a blessed month!

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## Ladies Book Discussion

Ladies! Come to Book Discussion on April 9. The book discussion will be about "Blind Hope" by Kim Meeder. We will meet at the Youth House at 7:00 PM. Our hostess for the evening is Vonnie LaRue and our leaders are Michele Rivard and Sharon Pifer.

If you need a book or need directions, please contact Sharon Ludwig at 492-8198.



Wednesday Holy Cross U

Spring Quarter 4/11-5/16/12

Spring Quarter 2012 Course Catalogs will be out soon with extras to share with family and friends!

Adult class highlights:

Marriage Series with Pastor Kip and Old Testament Bible study with Carl Pace!

Holy Cross U will conclude for the year with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Family Night on Saturday, May 19, at 7 PM and the Rite of Confirmation Sunday, May 20, during the 8:45 worship service. Fall Quarter starts Wednesday, August 29!

## Young At Heart

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Meet at Holy Cross at 11:30

We will be eating lunch at the Bistro of Green. Afterwards we will be going to the Maps Air Museum, which is dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and houses an exciting educational display of artifacts and interactive exhibits, with historical archives in its own library. Bring friends or neighbors!

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office ASAP so we can make reservations at the museum for the day.

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## Men's Breakfast

**Men! You are invited!**

The Men's Breakfast will be on April 14. Come and enjoy fine food, fellowship and some time in the Word as we grow together in God's grace.

As usual, we meet from 7:30 — 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there!

## Holy Cross Crafters

Holy Cross Crafters will be meeting on April 17 at 7 PM in the Youth House to make cards for our shut ins. We have 17 shut ins who so appreciate this gift of love each month. We invite you to join us. Barbara Sautters will be leading us this month. Please bring \$2 to defray cost and a pair of scissors.



Join MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) for our April Meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, from 6:30 — 8:30 PM in the Adult Classroom.

Childcare is provided.

## E-mail Prayers

If you would like to receive weekly prayer updates and urgent prayer requests in your inbox, please contact Katie Stiver at [katie@holycrossnorthcanton.com](mailto:katie@holycrossnorthcanton.com) to have your email address added.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, please visit [www.holycrossnorthcanton.com/prayer-request](http://www.holycrossnorthcanton.com/prayer-request).

## Holy Cross Audio Sermons

Sunday and Wednesday sermons will be available online 2 days after the service. Go to: [www.HolyCrossNorthCanton.com/audio](http://www.HolyCrossNorthCanton.com/audio).

## Dedication Celebration

**May 6 is Dedication Sunday!** There will be **one combined worship service** of praise and thanksgiving with music beginning at 9 AM and the service at 9:30 AM followed by refreshments and tours.

There will be a CELEBRATION BANQUET that evening at 5:30 PM. This will be a catered event with music and guest speakers. Reservations are required for the banquet. Reservation forms will be distributed at all worship services. All reservations are due no later than April 22. Reservation forms can be put in Erin Holdren's church mailbox.

There is no charge for the banquet as the church is paying the caterer \$11/per person. Should you wish to contribute to the cost of this event, there will be a freewill offering at the banquet. We hope all will participate in this exciting event!

If you are available to help with the event (set-up, cleanup, tours, refreshments for after the morning service) please contact Erin Holdren at 330-807-6878, 330-899-0086 or e-mail [erin.holdren@yahoo.com](mailto:erin.holdren@yahoo.com).

## Outreach Connections

The Outreach Connections Team continues to meet as we work on the 2012 Car Show and A Night in Bethlehem. This takes much planning and we could use your commitment for these outreach events.

For the Car Show, we are seeking sponsors/businesses that will contribute small promo items for the car driver goodie bags and/or door prizes. If you feel like you can help in this area, speak to Rick Medla (705-9524).

For A Night in Bethlehem, we are looking for more set makers, costume makers and sewers and would like to distribute the work assignments by the end of April. If you feel this might be an area you would like to serve, please call Cheryl Rackov (284-1041), or Pastor Ralph (433-0658).

Also, we are looking for a Material or Supply Gatherer who is good at searching for needed materials for scenery and sets. Call Lee Swinehart (493-1639).

## School Mission and Ministry News

We would like to put a children's Bible in the hands of the children leaving our program. Giving each child a Bible is our way of helping them stay connected to God's Word. We know the children love the Bibles they receive and will ask their parents and older siblings to read their Bible to them. God's Word is alive and powerful and will continue to do the good work for which He sent it. We pray that God will use the Bibles to plant the seeds of faith. The cost is \$12 each. If you would like to put the Scriptures in the hands of one of God's children, please watch the Giving Tree in the main hallway for when this opportunity comes available.

Our enrollment for the coming school year is going well with openings still available in our two-year-old class, four-year-old afternoon class, Pre-Kindergarten class, and in Kindergarten.

The two & three-year-old class spent the month of March learning about the weather, God's first creations, dark and light. 12 children with flashlights are so much fun!



Rain drops started falling, the sun came out and the wind was blowing. They learned that God made the land, trees and plants. The plants grow food for us to eat. God put the sun in the sky for daytime and moon and stars for nighttime. God did all this in only 4 days! Our Easter celebration started the end of March as they celebrated Palm Sunday with waving palms, song and parades. This will culminate the first week of April with their Easter celebration. (Mrs. Anne Hankins & Mrs. Debbie Swinehart)

Mrs. Ludwig's class has reached the number 10. They had a unit on the food groups. The three-year-old class watched Painted Lady caterpillars as they changed into a chrysalis and then into butterflies. They had a unit on the five food groups that God gave people to enjoy. The Bible Time focused on Jesus and the miracles that he performed. They learned that taking time to hear God's Word should be first in their lives. The story of the Good Samaritan showed that God wants us to help those in need with kindness and love. (Mrs. Christine Ludwig & Mrs. Patty Wallace)



Mrs. Hockman's class had a Pajama Party, ate Popcorn, and made a letter P book. The children learned about Zacchaeus and how Jesus forgave him just like He forgives us. They learned that we celebrate the life of St. Patrick because he brought Christianity to Ireland. Along with a treasure hunt, they learned that Jesus is our most valued treasure; a gift from God. Jesus is their best friend. (Mrs. Teri Hockman, Mrs. Tiffany Clay & Mrs. Leslie Martin)

The Pre-Kindergarten class "marched" into March with a unit on health, talking about how to care for the bodies God has given us. The letter for their next unit, transportation, was R which correlated with other transportation words such as railroad, runway and road. It also went well with the Bible story of Moses and the Red Sea! As spring neared they explored bugs, butterflies, and birds and were happy to see the newest addition to the



classroom, their caterpillars! They learned the life cycle of the butterfly and how it can tell us the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. The story of Joseph reminded them that they must forgive others because Jesus' death on the cross was for our forgiveness. (Mrs. Christina Jacobsen & Mrs. Leslie Martin)

The Kindergarten class has now studied all 26 letters of the alphabet! Next are the long vowel sounds and consonant digraphs that make reading tricky. The children's sentence writing and handwriting are coming along nicely. They learned to estimate length, capacity, and weight of objects. The children explored their 5 senses, bones, respiratory system, digestive system, and circulatory systems. They also enjoyed learning about food groups and eating healthy food. The unit on life cycles started with the hatching of two quail eggs in the bird incubator, giving them the opportunity to talk about the egg symbolism of Easter. The Kindergartners were amazed by the God who made them so wonderfully. In preparation for Easter, the amazement continued in learning about the love Jesus showed in His ministry on earth. (Mrs. Heather Wright)



The Ear

The school is always in need of good new or used toys. We will share toys too "young" for our children with the nursery which will need them when the new facilities are built. If you have anything you can donate to us, it would be put to good use and very much appreciated.

Marjorie James, Administrator

# Memorial/Honorarium Project

## I ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS

✓ indicates the item has already been donated

Item/Description	# Needed	Cost for Each
<b>NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE</b>		
Sanctuary Chairs (10 on Chancel, 400 on Sanctuary floor)	335	\$45
Banquet Chairs (30 in Café, 30 each in Classrooms A-1/2/3)	118	\$35
Chair Dollies	40	\$45
Tables – Round – 60"	10	\$100
Tables – Rectangular – 30" x 96"	18	\$93
Table Dollies – each holds 8-10 tables	3	\$180
Friendship Pads 15	55	\$10
Runner rug for center aisle	1	
Cover for the grand piano	1	\$158
<b>NARTHEX &amp; NORTH LOBBY</b>		
Book Cart – 2 – each cart holds 78 Bibles (ordered)	2	\$233
HD Video Camcorder	1	\$300
40" LCD TV	2	\$330
55" LCD TV	1	\$750
<b>NORTH SACRISTY</b>		
Sacristy Cabinets	1	\$2,000
Bulletin Board – 36" x 72"	1	\$145
<b>CLASSROOMS</b>		
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
<b>CAFÉ/HOSPITALITY AREA</b>		
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
Tinted film for glare for 24 various sized windows (\$2,000)	24	\$85
Window Bench Seating – approx. 30 feet – includes wooden back and padded seats	6	\$108

The following excerpt was taken from the website of a church in Alma, Michigan, who hosts a café as an integral part of their ministries. “The goal of café church endeavors is to impact their local community with a message of God's love and the transforming power of Christ's love.”

### Coffeehouse cafés vs. coffee as a Christian fellowship event

Churches using the café as a model for their organization can take different forms. Some café churches maintain a permanent cafe or restaurant, which offers the local community a high quality array of coffee, sandwiches, and food, and provides a venue where the members of the church fellowship meet. Church members may also volunteer their time to support the enterprise. Other churches simply use the café model as a way to build community facilitating variation within their normal service structure and within the confines of their building, by serving coffee after or during the service in a pre-designated area, or holding a coffeehouse event.

## II NEEDS

<b>NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE</b>		
Table Covers – Vinyl - Round for 60" table – 10	10	\$33
Table Covers – Vinyl - Rectangular for 30" x 96" Tables – 18	18	\$30
<b>NORTH SANCTUARY</b>		
Banner Rack	1	\$3,000
Tall weighted decorator vases for flowers	2	\$25
Silver-aluminum Communion Trays	2	\$62
<b>CLASSROOMS</b>		
Marker / White Boards – 48"x 72"	3	\$145

## III WOULD BE VERY HELPFULS

<b>NORTH SANCTUARY / MULTI-PURPOSE</b>		
New Banner Fund	15	\$75
Volleyball Posts and Net – Portable - complete set	1	\$1,470
Basketball Goals – Portable	2	\$300
<b>NARTHEX &amp; NORTH LOBBY</b>		
Coat Hangers – brushed aluminum 1/2 " thick lots of 100	2	\$68
<b>CLASSROOMS</b>		
Bulletin Boards – 48" x 96"	4	\$155
Portable Video Projector	1	\$500
Portable Projection Screen	1	\$100
<b>CAFÉ/HOSPITALITY AREA</b>		
Chairs for window-seating tables <b>LIMITED TIME OFFER thru 4/30</b>	30	\$40
Chairs for 36" Round Tables	28	\$85
24' x 48" Rectangular Tables	6	\$125
<b>NURSERY</b>		
Rug –Noah's Voyage Oval Carpet approx. 7 x 10 ft	1	\$250
Soft Tunnel Climber – for crawlers	1	\$350

You may call Rosemarie at home at 330-966-9365 or e-mail her at romie1947@att.net using the subject line: “MEMORIAL.” She will answer your questions and address any concerns. Since all items will be designated on a first come/first serve basis, she will then check on availability and secure your selection.



Proposed Addition for Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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*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

Richard "Kip" Smith, Senior Pastor

Ralph Hough  
Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship

Ted Voss, Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Ellyn Dillon  
Worship Ministries Coordinator

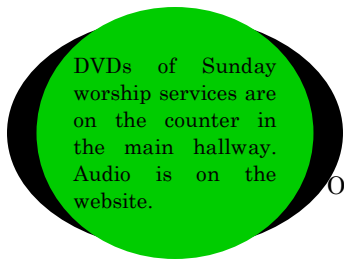
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