



Proposed Addition for Holy Cross Lutheran Church

# Holy Cross Connections

July 2011

## Upcoming Events:

September 17  
Classic Car Show

## Holy Cross Connections



## "God Sightings"

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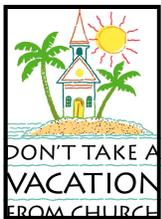
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SUMMER  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

### Sunday School classes

continue to meet through the summer for all ages.



New Office Hours  
Monday—Friday  
8:15 AM — 4:00 PM

We've got confirmation and all the graduations and parties behind us. We've wrapped up another wonderful VBS week! There isn't even anything big coming in the near future that we need to be planning for. **July is definitely the slowest church month of the entire year.** It is the month when the people of God can kick back and relax – only gathering together regularly on Sundays for worship, fellowship and personal spiritual enrichment – without concerning ourselves about Holy Cross U, confirmation, adult instruction classes, choir practice, or special events. It is a time to rest in the Lord.

**But God doesn't take a break or slow down in July!** He is just as busy during the summer as He is any other time of the year. **Our heavenly Father** is continuously, caring for us, protecting us, and providing us with all that we need to support our earthly bodies and lives. **Our Lord**

**Jesus** is richly and daily forgiving us of all our sins and continuously transforming us more and more into His image. **The Holy Spirit** is calling people by the Gospel, gathering us together around the life-giving word of Christ, and using us to share, model and mentor the peace, love and joy of Jesus with all of those with whom we come into contact.

**So keep your eyes open for "God sightings" this month.** They will be all around you every day every where you go in July. The warm sunny days, the star lit nights, the flowers in your garden, the humming birds and cardinals in your back yard are all gifts to you from your heavenly Father. So, by the way, are the eyes that you have to see them.

Your family's hugs, your friends' hospitality, a stranger's smile all testify to Jesus' love for you. A prayer answered, a disaster averted, a gift received or given, forgiveness shared,

appreciation expressed all remind us that **God is watching over us and at work in our relationships every day.**

Most importantly, a Bible verse read or recalled, a daily devotion, a prayer by a friend, a sermon heard, a Christian song sung or a word of encouragement extended all remind us that **God is crazy about us and He wants us to spend eternity with Him in heaven.**

**God, open our eyes, and our hearts, to see and to recognize Your loving presence at work all around us – and for us – this month. Then fill us with thanks, gratitude and praise! Amen!**

### "North 40 Club" Coming Soon!

Only loving, healthy and energetic applicants will be accepted.

Must have own umbrella.

Stay tuned for details.

Pastor Kip

## Young At Heart — July 12

We will meet at church at 10:30 AM to travel to the BEECH CREEK BUTTERFLY HOUSE & GARDENS. It is part of the Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve — a 164-acre site near the city of Alliance in Stark County.

Beech Creek Butterfly House & Gardens is a place where many native Ohio butterflies, moths and skippers call home. Learn about the many species living in Ohio and the plants they need to survive. Visitors to the butterfly house will stroll down the garden path and discover stages of the butterflies, moths, and skippers life cycles.



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship. We will stop for lunch on the way to the gardens. The place for lunch to be announced later. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church office.

### Holy Cross Crafters — July 19

The Holy Cross Crafters (also known as the Stamping Group) has permanently changed their monthly meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month.

We will be making cards for our shut-ins on July 19 at 7:00 PM in the north adult classroom. Bring a pair of scissors and \$2 to defray expenses. All other materials will be supplied.

Come, join us!

### Youth in Christ Goings On ...

Senior Youth Coffee House will be open Saturday, July 9 & 16 this month from 7—10 PM. Invite your friends and COME AND HAVE FUN! All refreshments are just a buck each and help keep the coffee house going. Live entertainment, games, volleyball also available!

Youth Girls Night Out at the Mall — coming soon as well as Boys Retreat and Clays Park. Stay tuned to the youth newsletter and your email for more info!

### Mission Action Team

We are excited that the June - July Giving Tree has been set up to receive back to school supplies for McGregor Elementary School. Many items were donated from the VBS kids and so far over \$175 has been collected. Keep checking the graph in the hallway. Monies collected will pay for the balance of supplies needed.

There is a picnic planned in August at McGregor that our kids will be able to participate in and be able to give supplies collected to the children there. Thank you for your donations!

Cancer patients need your help to get to treatment. **The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community** to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call 800-227-2345 or visit [cancer.org/driveamile](http://cancer.org/driveamile).

### Shepherd Action Team

The Shepherding Action Team requests your help. The following individuals have not been in worship here with us for the past 12(+) months. If you see any of them or have a personal relationship with them, please offer them words encouragement to bring them back into a worshipping relationship with their Lord Jesus Christ.

Sherry Ginther, Ron & Lori Obermiller,  
Barbara Proctor, Krista Vranich,  
James Worley

#### Whereabouts Unknown:

Cody Keller, Jessica Chipner,  
Jessica Humphreys, Kiersten Coup

## School Mission and Ministry News

Kindergarten Graduation has come and gone. The caps and gowns are put away for another year. What a celebration we had! Being able to provide a quality educational experience was not the reason for our celebration, although that was important. What was important was that having the children here for another year gave us the opportunity to tell them more about their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We were given one more year for the Holy Spirit to work the miracle of faith in their lives. Please pray for all the children — that the good work that was begun here will continue on in their lives and the lives of their families.

At the end of the school year, we asked parents to evaluate our program. The evaluations we received back were extremely positive. Some parents made suggestions for improvement. We will examine these suggestions to see if we can incorporate them into our program. Here are some of the comments we received:

### Two-Year-Old-Class

- Love the classrooms! Bright, clean, organized and materials are engaging and developmentally appropriate.

- Locked doors are a great addition. Way to go keeping our kids safe. Thank you!

- Always smiling with positive attitudes and kind words!

- No one can beat Mrs. Hankins care and love for the kids. Plus she always takes a minute to fill in the parents. She's always there for

advice. I pray she is still there when my youngest starts. We love everyone here!!

- All of my children have had a positive & rewarding experience here @ Holy Cross! We wouldn't go anywhere else.

- Girls have learned a lot and love their teachers. Thanks for taking care of them. I was nervous-this is the first time they have been in preschool/childcare and it was great!

- Very efficient & organized. Mrs. James does an excellent job w/ administrative duties!

- I recommend this to other people. The program is fabulous.

- We love preschool at holy Cross and are so pleased with the teachers, the curriculum, and the organization. Thanks for another great year. Way to go Holy Cross!

- I'm glad we came here for my daughter's 1<sup>st</sup> preschool. Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Armstead are fabulous and my daughter wants to see them all the time. Can't wait to see what the following years bring.

- I can't say enough about Mrs. Hankins and Mrs. Armstead. They worked so hard to make (child) comfortable and work with our efforts to teach her English. She speaks English because of their effort. We were lucky to have them.

### Three-Year-Old Class

- The teachers are so nurturing. My boys really feel loved here!

- I am very pleased with my child's preschool. I love that it is Christ focused. It's teachers are warm and wonderful.

- Mrs. Ludwig does an amazing job with 3 yr. old children & encourages them & fosters a love for learning especially about faith.

- I found all of the learning experiences, both scholastic and social, to be age and developmentally appropriate.

- Love the classrooms! Bright, clean, organized and materials are engaging and developmentally appropriate.

- I am impressed time and again by the patience, love, and dedication of the teachers!

- Very efficient & organized. Mrs. James does an excellent job with administrative duties!

- We love preschool at Holy Cross and are so pleased with the teachers, the curriculum and the organization. Thanks for another great year!

- Thank you Holy Cross for teaching and loving my child. You continue to excel in excellence.

- We love Holy Cross Preschool and have been blessed to send our children here. Thank you all for the love and effort you pour into you ministry!

As you are cleaning this summer, remember that we always welcome toys that have been gently used and are age appropriate. Baby toys might be sent the way of the new church nursery which needs to be totally stocked.

We still have a couple openings for next year. Please refer people to Marjorie James with questions.

God bless,

Marjorie James , Administrator



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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

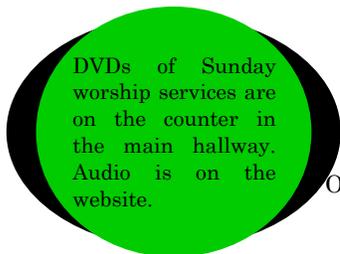
Mr. Steve James  
Audio/Visual Tech Coordinator

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  
Marie Erb, Soul Accounting Secretary  
Karen Slaggy, Visitation Coordinator  
Mr. Richard Reed, Property Manager

Mrs. Marjorie James  
Holy Cross School Administrator



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