



# Cross Lines

The Monthly Newsletter of  
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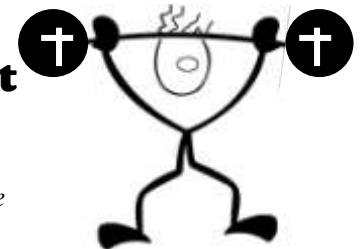
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*From Pastor Tom:*

## **A Real Workout**

*"Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." I Timothy 4:8*



The good news of the Christian faith is that you and I have been made right with God (saved, rescued, forgiven) as an absolutely free and unconditional gift through Jesus' death and resurrection for us.

As those who are now God's holy ones (literally His saints) we are invited to daily nurture our faith relationship with the Lord. How do we do this? By putting ourselves in those places where God's Word can do its work on us: in worship, in Bible reading, in prayer, in conversation with fellow believers. Let's all make it a priority to get in shape this fall as we are washed in and fed by God's mighty Word.

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I believe the fall of 2011 is going to be a joyful and faith-strengthening time for all of the people of Holy Cross. Here's a Top Ten list of good things happening over the next few months.

1. On Sunday, September 4th we'll have **one festive combined service at 9:30 am** due to the Labor Day weekend. We'll have the Saturday service at 5:00 pm on Sept. 3.
2. Our **fall worship schedule begins** on September 10th and 11th with services on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

3. **Sunday School begins** on September 11th with our Rally Day celebration. Since it's the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11/01 we'll pause to remember those who lost their lives on that tragic day in our nation's history.
4. Pastor Steve kicks off his **new Saturday night worship (5:00 pm) and Sunday morning (9:15 am) forum series on The Lord's Prayer** (beginning Sept. 10th and 11th).
5. On Wednesday, September 14th we'll have the 7th-9th grade **confirmation orientation**.
6. To fulfill one of the promises moms and dads make at their children's baptism, **Bibles will be presented to our 3 year olds** during worship at both services on September 18th.
7. Twelve of our young people will celebrate the affirmation of their baptism (**confirmation**) on Sunday, September 18th at 10:30 am.
8. An **orientation for Prospective Members** will be held Sunday, October 2nd from 9:15-10:15 am. If you're considering joining Holy Cross I invite you to attend. New members will join October 9th at 10:30 am.
9. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual **national gathering of the LCMC** will be held in Des Moines October 2nd-5th. Your three pastors and a few other Holy Cross members will attend.
10. **Our excellent choir** will resume leading us in worship on September 11th.

~Pastor Tom

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## Thinking About Joining Holy Cross?



### New Member Info Meeting

Meet Pastor Tom in the narthex at **9:30 am on Sunday October 2nd** for information on becoming a member of Holy Cross.

### New Member Reception

We will be receiving another group of new members on **October 9th** at the 9:30 am service. Please let Pastors Pete or Tom know if you would like to be included.

*There will be a New Member Orientation and Potluck following the reception, for those who will be joining that weekend. Please come to welcome our new members!*

**THANK YOU...** A check for \$500 was sent from a special offering at Holy Cross to Augustana Lutheran Church in Minot, ND. That congregation, which Pastor Pete served from 1985 to 1993, has suffered major damage from flooding this summer. We received this thank you from Augustana's current pastor:

*Brothers and Sisters at Holy Cross Lutheran,*

*Thank you for your kind gift, your thoughts and your prayers. Please continue to hold all along the river in your prayers.*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Michon Weingartner, Augustana Lutheran Church*



## — Church Council Highlights

From the August meeting:

- Treasurer John Gerold reports H.C. is "in the green" financially.
- Pastor Wright reported that the three pastors are beginning a staggered text format which will save the pastors time in sermon prep.
- All three pastors are attending the LCMC Annual Gathering in Iowa this October.
- Pastor Wright is now 50% at Abounding Joy, so he is receiving 100% compensation between Abounding Joy and Holy Cross.
- Pastor King reported that Sola Publishing is doing well, but very busy; sales are ahead of what they anticipated for this time. Word Alone is proposing that Pastor King be moved to 100% time for Sola.
- Pastor Pete led discussion regarding the upcoming Sunday school program. Teachers are still needed.
- The Country Music Festival Pork Chop Dinner netted \$1031.62. These proceeds will go towards the purchase of a projection unit.
- Council President Mark Job indicated that staff health care benefit plan choices are being researched and reviewed.
- The pastor ministry responsibilities need to be updated. Council will discuss how to best educate our congregation once this takes place.
- A copy of the full council minutes is always available for your viewing on the congregational bulletin board in the church's main hallway.
- The next council meeting is Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 11:45 am.

Vital Statistics: (\$18,492 offerings for 5 Sundays in July, 83.4%)	
August Offerings: \$16,720	Needed Per Month: \$ 22,161
Percentage of Offerings Received vs. Budgeted Amount: 75.4%	
Average Weekly Attendance:	This Year = 190, Last Year = 204

## Electronic Giving Available at Holy Cross

### *A simple and convenient way to give*

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Holy Cross relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers a free and easy way to give on a recurring basis. Fill out an application in the church office.

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## \$ "Adopt-A-Bill" from Holy Cross \$



The Adopt-A-Bill Program at Holy Cross is a special way you can help out. On a bulletin board in the narthex are cards with descriptions of several of the church's current bills awaiting payment. You are invited to "adopt" these bills on behalf of the church. All gifts are appreciated and welcomed. Thank you for helping to support the day-to-day operation of the congregation!

## Holy Cross Endowment Fund

The Holy Cross Endowment Fund is for those who would like to make a contribution that will generate interest income for years into the future! The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to enhance the ministry in specific areas, including: Music, Education, Youth, Outreach, and Seminary support. You can make a donation to the Endowment Fund in the church office.

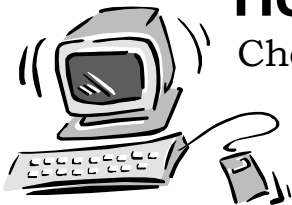


## Holy Cross is Online

Check out our NEW website at:

**[www.holycrossmaplelake.com](http://www.holycrossmaplelake.com)**

\*Please let the church office know of any suggestions for the new website.



For those interested in learning more about LCMC, feel free to check out their website at:

**[www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net)**



## RALLY SUNDAY INFORMATION:

### OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

5:00 PM - SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:30 AM - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

(EDUCATION HOUR – SUNDAYS: 9:15-10:15)

### First Day Of Sunday School Sept. 11th

Classes will be held for children 3 years old through High School. Invite your neighbors to bring their kids too! We will be using Sola Publishing's "Sunday Schoolhouse" curriculum, created by Pastor King.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Rally Sunday, September 11th, 9:00 am

Parents, please come at **9:00 a.m.** on Rally Sunday to register your children for Sunday School. Remember, Holy Cross' Sunday School is open to children of members and non-members alike — invite your neighbors and their kids!

**Registration: \$ 15 per child (max \$ 30 per family)**

## Don't Miss the Rally Program:

At the 10:30 am service on that day, the Sunday School children will present an original action-play designed by Pastor King.

- We will also have the installation of Sunday School teachers.

### Fall Adult Forum/Saturday Sermon Series:



Beginning Sept. 10th & 11th, Pastor King will be leading a ten week study on The Lord's Prayer. Please join us for the Saturday 5 pm service and the Sunday Morning Education Hour: 9:15-10:15 am.





## Holy Cross Youth Connection

### **Junior & Senior High Parents and Youth Information Meeting Sept. 14th at 7pm**

All students grades 7th-12th and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend this information meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will share plans for Confirmation classes and youth ministry events for both junior and senior high for the coming year.



#### ***CONFIRMATION NEWS***

- **10th Grade Families:** Confirmation Sunday is September 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service. (Students: Plan to be at church by 10:10)
- **The Confirmation Rehearsal & Banquet** will be on Saturday, September 17th at 6:00 pm.
- **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** As in past years, you will be asked to help serve the Confirmation Banquet on September 17th.
- **First Confirmation class** is on Wed. Sept. 21st at 7:00 pm.

#### ***YOUTH NEWS***

- **Tenth Avenue North concert** at Calvary Community Church in St. Cloud: Thursday, September 15th. Doors open at 6pm, concert starts at 7. Tickets are \$20 and available at [www.spirit929.com](http://www.spirit929.com). ?'s - call Kim Kaiser at 763-257-4321.
- **Annual "Amazing gRace" event for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up** will be Sunday, October 16th. Watch for details. There is a new twist to this year's event; you won't want to miss this!
- **Changes are coming to "First Fridays"** and planning is underway. If you'd like to help in any way or have new ideas, contact the church office. Watch for more fun details to come!

### **-YOUTH 4HIM**

- Starts September 18th - SNACK PARTY!
- For Teens, Grade 7 and above
- ✓ Invite your Friends
  - Meets every Sunday at 9:15 am
  - Games, Food, Bible Discussion



## MARIE SANDVIK CENTER... WAYS WE CAN HELP

Last month, the Holy Cross Mission Team introduced you to the Marie Sandvik Center, a ministry in inner city Minneapolis that ministers to poor and homeless families and children in a variety of ways.

They have Kid's Club, Women's Programs, Bible studies and Praise and Worship services at various times throughout the week.

They offer hot meals each evening, collect and give out Bibles, housewares, food, hygiene kits, and gifts at Christmastime to children, teens and adults. This mission truly lives out their mission statement of "Bringing God's Love to the Inner City."

**How can we help?** There are many ways we could help this ministry, but we are going to start by collecting items for hygiene kits and baby layettes.

#### Hygiene Kits:

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| * Toothpaste   | * Bath Towels               |
| * Toothbrushes | * Washcloths                |
| * Bar soap     | * Small shampoo             |
| * Combs        | * Hairbrushes               |
| * Deodorant    | * Plastic disposable razors |

#### Baby Layette Items:

- \* New or slightly used baby t-shirts
- \* New or slightly used baby sleepers
- \* Baby socks
- \* Baby quilts
- \* Receiving blankets
- \* Small stuffed animals



Please bring items to share and place them in the large box in the church narthex from Sunday, September 4th through Sunday, September 25th. There will be a list by the box also that you can take with you when you go shopping. If you have questions, please call LoAnn Martinson at 274-6046.

**Thank you in advance for what the Lord will lead you to give to this ministry!**