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But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

~ I Corinthians 11:3

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ~ Galatians 1:6-8



HOW'S YOUR FOUNDATION?

When I read through the New Testament I notice an incredible number of references to false teachings and false teachers. They're mentioned all over the place. Correctly understanding who God is, what He promises and what He has done for us is of supreme importance. It matters what we believe and what we think about God. Messed-up thinking leads to messed-up living. When we fall prey to distorted images of God, the ways we think, feel, act, and believe are twisted as well. Build on a crooked foundation and your structure will inevitably go askew.

The most dangerous of the distortions of God and of the good news are those that teach that we are all basically good and that we can somehow make ourselves acceptable to God. There are many variations of the theme, but they all come down to one basic lie: if we will just act, think or believe a certain way then we'll be loved and blessed by our Creator. It's the erroneous notion that we have it within ourselves to close the chasm that exists between the one true holy God and our sinful, broken and lost selves. If we will just try a little harder, be more moral and

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 \$



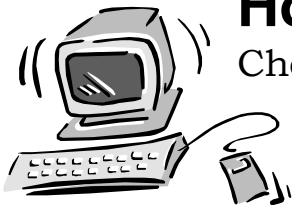
The Adopt-A-Bill Program at Holy Cross is a special way you can help out. On a bulletin board in the narthex are cards with descriptions of several of the church's current bills awaiting payment. You are invited to "adopt" these bills on behalf of the church. All gifts are appreciated and welcomed. Thank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

*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



Faith and Fellowship Groups at Holy Cross

Weekly Quilter's Group

The Quilters Group meets **every Monday at 1pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We have a Bible Study on the first Monday of the month, and dedicate the rest of our time to quilting. If you are interested in participating, contact Alice Schupp for more details: 320-963-3326.



Evening Quilting & Fellowship Night



The evening quilting group has changed its meeting night to the second Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at church. The next gathering is **November 8th**. This group helps sew quilt tops, which are then finished by the daytime quilters. Some quilts are given away and some are sold with proceeds of quilt sales going to the youth fund for camp scholarships, conferences and mission trips, and other projects at Holy Cross. Your help is greatly needed and you will be warmly welcomed! Come and meet new friends while working on a worthy project! Kits can be made up for you to work on at home also. Any questions call Ella Arneson (320-558-9280) or LoAnn Martinson (320-274-6046).

Monthly Book & Brunch Club

Monday, November 21st. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 am at Madigan's in Maple Lake. November's book is "Rainwater" by Sandra Brown. There will be no meeting in December. Hope to see some new faces! Call Judy at 320-963-3665.



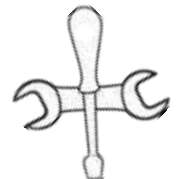
Mom's in Touch Prayer Group



Moms In Touch International (MITI) is a Christ-centered interdenominational prayer ministry which encourages mothers and grandmothers to come together regularly to pray for children, teachers and schools. They meet once a week on **Thursdays at 1:30 pm** at Holy Cross in the fellowship Hall. Interested? Call Wendy 320-963-6119.

Wednesday Whittlers

The Wednesday Whittlers is a small group of men doing odd jobs around church on the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9am**. If interested, contact Dave Sehlin at 763-682-6336. We could use your talents!



Fall Adult Forum/Saturday Sermon Series:

"The Lord's Prayer"



Pastor King is leading a Sola Publishing bible study each week **through December 4th** on the meaning of The Lord's Prayer. We'll explore that the prayer taught by Jesus shows the nature of our own Christian Life.

Please join us during the Saturday evening 5:00 pm service or the Sunday morning Education Hour: 9:15-10:15 am.

Fall Evening Bible Study at Holy Cross

Please join us at 7:00 pm each Thursday evening.

WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO BE A LUTHERAN? Pastor Steve continues to lead a Reading and Discussion Study from the Book of Concord on:



"THE SMALCALD ARTICLES"

THE TREATISE ON THE POWER AND PRIMACY OF THE POPE

"As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it." (2 Timothy 3:14)

If you'd like to catch up on this study, contact Pastor King. *The last session will be on Thursday, December 8th. (There will be no study on Thanksgiving, November 24th.)

Faithful Memories to Treasure...



Holy Cross is looking for talented individuals who love to scrapbook. We have tons of great pictures organized from throughout the years that we'd love to see in an album. If you are interested in taking some photos to put onto a page for Holy Cross, or if you have your own church photos to donate, please contact Jill at 963-3536. We would love to add your personal touches to our church album!

**If you purchase Creative Memories items through Laurie Risbrudt, You may choose to have Holy Cross credited. We are very close to getting our free hostess gift. Thanks!*

SENIOR HIGH BREAKFAST CLUB



ANY SR. HIGH STUDENT (GRADES 10-12) INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE HOLY CROSS BREAKFAST CLUB, STOP BY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM FOR FOOD, DRINK, AND A GOOD MOVIE WITH

DISCUSSION. IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT CHURCH HAS TO DO WITH *SOME 80'S FLICK* - COME CHECK IT OUT! THE MOVIE TELLS THE STORY, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SIT BACK, OPEN OUR EYES AND LOOK FOR THE ANSWER. YOUR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME SO INVITE THEM ALL! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL BRIAN AT 763-300-9951. SEE YOU THERE! *WE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF TEENS COME LAST MONTH, AND WE'D LOVE TO SEE THAT CONTINUE!*

NEW! Parent's Night Out!

"First Fridays" has gone through some major changes and is now called "Parents Night Out!" The first event will be on Friday, November 18th from 6-8:30 pm. In addition to being fun for the kids, this quarterly event is an opportunity for free childcare, allowing parents the night out without needing to hire a babysitter.



*for kids potty trained through 6th grade. Members and non-members are welcome! Bring your friends!

**The church is looking for adult and teen helpers. Contact the church office if you are willing. Please consider this opportunity to help the church. Thanks!

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Cookbooks for Sale – makes a great gift!



Holy Cross Cookbooks are for sale for \$10 in the narthex, with recipes submitted by our members. Write checks out to Holy Cross Women. The pastors said they would make themselves available to taste-test any recipes at any time!

Holy Cross Youth Connection

CONFIRMATION NEWS

- In class we'll conclude our study of the Old Testament with a test on Nov. 2nd.
- We'll begin an overview of the New Testament Nov. 9th - Dec. 14th.
- No Confirmation on Nov. 23rd - students and their families are encouraged to attend the Thanksgiving Service at St. Timothy Church.
- We'll take a break for the holidays on Dec. 15th and resume classes on Jan. 4th.



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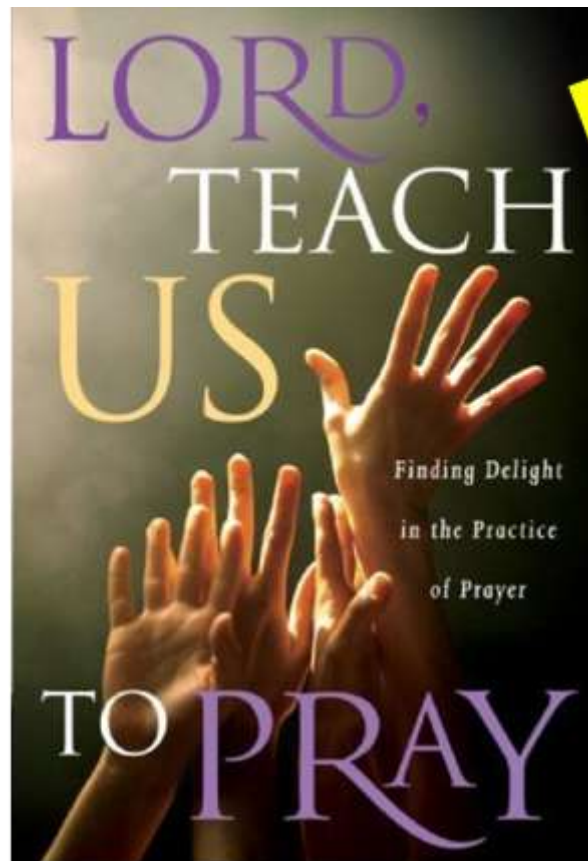
- All teens in grades 7 through 12
- ✓ Invite your Friends for the FUN
 - Meets every Sunday at 9:15 am
 - ❖ Games, Food, Bible Discussions

YOUTH NEWS for ALL AGES

➤ 2nd Annual HOLY FAITH! Teen Serve Mission Trip information meeting to be held Wednesday Nov. 16th, 7pm at Faith in Silver Creek.

- The trip is open for 9th-12th graders.
- Dan Schewe will go through preliminary info regarding the Teen Serve mission trip to Waterloo, IA in June 2012. He will cover costs, fund raisers, chaperones, etc.
- Teen Serve requires 1 adult for every 5 students who attend, so we need to provide at least 1 adult from Holy Cross. Chaperones trips are paid for through fund raising.

➤ There will be no Sunday School on Nov. 27th, but there will be an intergenerational forum led by Pastor Pete during Education Hour for families to attend. Youth 4Him will meet that day.



Brochures & Registration forms are on the table in the narthex or online on the Holy Cross Events page.

Sign-up deadline is Nov. 6.

Contact Pastor Pete if you have questions.

Prayer Conference at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Leader: PASTOR KARL KRUSE from Prayer Watch International, a Lutheran ministry that has been presenting prayer conferences world-wide for more than 25 years.

Cost: \$20 a person; \$35 married couples.

Friday, November 11, 2011

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2011

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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