



Cross Lines

The Monthly Newsletter of
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From Pastor Pete: "CHALLENGES?!"

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come to you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way." - James 1:2-4 The Message



James is a straight-shooter about the Christian life; he doesn't "pull any punches," as we say. His words in these opening verses run so contrary to our natural reactions. When I'm under pressure, when I'm hit with what we politely call "challenges," my instinct is to get out from under those problems as soon as possible. But if I do that, I miss out on a great blessing.

We have no shortage of tests, challenges and pressures. Difficulties abound in our own lives, in our families, our workplaces, even in our entertainment and recreation. We try to fix those problems, to run away from them or ignore them, to blame someone else, or to get rid of them somehow.

But James, inspired by the Holy Spirit, plants a powerful new idea in our hearts and minds. God uses pressure and "challenges" for our good and for His glory. Our God is that

\$ "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, Seminary support. For more info, contact Dave Sehlin at 763-682-6336.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Holy Cross wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

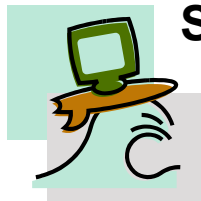
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For those interested in learning more about LCMC, feel free to check out their website at:

www.lcmc.net

You will not only find news, info, and policy statements, you can also find a list of the dozens of congregations like ours who have joined within the last year.



Surfing the Net?

Check out our website at:
www.holycrossmaplelake.com and the
WordAlone website at:
www.wordalone.org

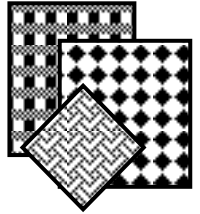
Faith and Fellowship Groups at Holy Cross:

***The Monday Morning Bible Study group will not meet during the summer months.**

****The Evening Quilt-A-Thon will also not meet during the summer months.**

Quilter's Group

The Quilters Group meets every Monday at 1:00 pm 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: 963-3326.



Monthly Book & Brunch Club



Monday, June 20th. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:00 am at Madigan's. We'll have lunch while we discuss our book of the month. This month, we'll discuss the book "The Girl with the Dragon Tatoo" by Stieg Larsson. June's book will be "Room" by Emma Donoghue. Hope to see some new faces! Any questions, call Judy at 963-3665.

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!



Summer Scrapbooking Event



Are you a "scrap-booker" who needs to catch up on your last year's picture albums, or would you just like to help with the church's scrapbook while having fellowship with others? You're invited to a summer scrap-booking day at Holy Cross on Sat. **June 25th from 9am-4pm.** *Please bring a dish to share. **RSVP to Jill 963-3536 by June 19th. All ages are welcome - under 12 please bring a parent. **ALSO- BRING SUPPLIES IF YOU HAVE THEM.**

Holy Cross Youth Connection

CONFIRMATION NEWS

- Confirmation classes are over for this school year. Parents should watch for progress reports in the mail. Students who are behind on worship notes can turn them in this summer.
- Thanks to the small group leaders this year: Diane Brinza, Brenda Pilger, Sara Youngs, Kay Hickey, Naomi Koepsell-Jurgens, Laurie Wohlrabe, Deb Hoaby and Kim Kaiser. Thank you for all the time you have devoted to encouraging Christian faith in the youth of Holy Cross!
- 9th Graders: Your faith essays were due in Pastor Pete's office on May 15th! Several of you have not turned yours in yet. Please turn your essay in as soon as possible.
- 9th Grade Families: Mark your calendars: Confirmation Sunday is September 18th, 2011 at the 10:30 service.



YOUTH NEWS

Holy Cross youth and their friends had a great time at the "Survivor Exodus" lock-in on May 13th. A big thank you to Kim Kaiser, Jean Wagner and Judy Van Lith, who planned and led the event, and to the adult chaperones: Pete Wagner, Stephanie Hoffman, Sean Nies, Pastor Pete and Tami Blahut.



Please continue to pray for the TeenServe mission trip to Norway, Michigan in late June and for the youth and adults from Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran-Silver Creek who are going on the trip.

Were you "flamingoed?" - or maybe you bought insurance? Thanks for your support!

- * **June 26th - July 1** - Mission Trip to Norway, Michigan with Faith Lutheran in Silver Creek youth group. Visit www.teenserve.org for more information about the week.
- * **Sunday, July 24 at noon**, A Shareholders lunch will be provided by the youth of Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran at Holy Cross. They will share pictures and stories of their trip and the families they helped out over their week of service.

Summer 2011 - Adult Bible Study Series

- Thursdays at 7:00 pm -

"WORD OF TRUTH"

A Bible Study on the Authority of Scripture

This in-depth study, led by Pastor King, will begin on **Thursday, June 9th** at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!



As We Enter Into the Summer Months:



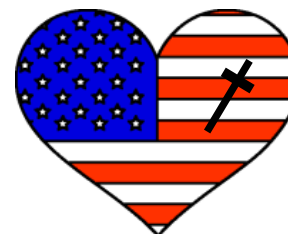
All members are encouraged to continue their support through the summer for the ongoing ministry of the congregation. Many of our members have set a good example by mailing in their offering envelopes, even while they are on vacation.

Most important, however, is your presence here together with us in worship. Please make worship a part of your summer refreshment; take advantage of the Saturday night services if you can't make Sunday mornings!

- ✓ Wear something red on **June 12th** in observance of the day of Pentecost.
- ✓ Wear white on **June 19th** in observance of Trinity Sunday.



Special Joint 4th of July weekend Worship



Holy Cross plans to have a single **JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE** with our brothers and sisters from Faith Lutheran in Silver Creek, at Holy Cross on **Sunday, July 3 at 9:30 am**. We'll still have a 5:00 pm service on Saturday, July 2nd that weekend, but no Sunday, 8:00 am service on July 3rd.

Looking for something to do this Summer?

ROBIN MARK CONCERT Sat., June 25th, 7:00 pm

At Annandale Free Church

Robin Mark is an internationally-known Christian artist who has written such award-winning and well-known songs, as "Days of Elijah," "You're the Lion of Judah," and "Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone." This event is for adults and youth. Be part of this evening of worshipful and energetic music!



Tickets are \$12 each and are available online at annandalefree.com or in person at Annandale Ev. Free Church. See posters at church or contact Pastor Pete (963-3536) for details.

SONSHINE FESTIVAL (For Youth finishing 9th grade or higher)

- Wednesday July 13th - Saturday July 17th

- Ticket price is \$89 and includes the shows, camping, and a shower pass!

- Faith Lutheran is purchasing food for the group so each person would also need to contribute to the group food purchase.

- A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due no later than June 15.

- Contact Kim Kaiser 763-257-4321 or Dan Schewe at Faith Lutheran youth.faith.monticello@gmail.com with any questions.

*We also need to have 1 adult from Holy Cross go along to chaperone/drive, and **if anyone has a large tent to loan to the group, that would be great.

CONNECT WITH GOD . CONNECT WITH FAMILY . CONNECT WITH FRIENDS

Sonshine Festival is one of Minnesota's largest family camping and music festivals. The festival takes place annually in Willmar, MN.

Sonshine Festival offers four days of fun, fellowship, ministry and many of the best bands in Christian music - with great camping facilities and youth group activities.



Looking Ahead to Church Events This Summer:

Country Music Festival July 25th



The last Sunday in July is the date for our annual Country Music Festival. We will again be planning for two "packed" services on that day, plus an afternoon of fun. Come for a rousing country celebration! Watch for more details.

2011 Vacation Bible School!

This summer's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of **August 1st-5th**. Mark your calendars for this great week of fun for the kids! Both members and non-members are welcome. Bring your friends for the fun! *VBS Sunday will be August 7th. The kids will perform what they've learned during VBS week.* ***The church is looking for volunteers to help during VBS week. Please contact the church office if you are interested.**



Fellowship Day at Baylor County Park

We are planning a day of fellowship for **August 13th** at Baylor County Park, in Norwood, MN. Mark your calendars! We will reserve the picnic shelter and have a pot luck. There is camping available for those interested. At night there will be star gazing at the park's observatory. Any questions can be directed to Jean Wagner, Mark Job, Kim Kaiser, or Connie Klemz. Watch for more info to come! Visit www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/PW/parks/baylor.asp for park info.



Lutheran Night with The MN Twins!

TWINS GAME, Lutheran Style! Don't forget to watch the Twins vs. Orioles game on Monday, **August 22nd at 7:10 pm**. Look for the forty members of Holy Cross that will attend the game!

