



# Cross Roads

*The Newsletter of Holy Cross Lutheran Church*

June 2009



**KIDZ CONNECTION** will resume in September.

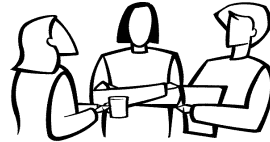
**CONFIRMATION** will resume in September.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**

*Leadership Team meeting is Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm. Per our constitution, President-Elect Heidi Morrissey will be taking over the task of formulating the agenda. Team members with agenda items to have added can email Heidi at [heidi@kitchentuneup.com](mailto:heidi@kitchentuneup.com).*

**ADULT FORUM** in recess for the summer.

**ALL THE KING'S MEN** Breakfast and Fellowship begins September 12 at 8:30 a.m. with good food and Bible study. Watch for further details.



Women's Group

Monday  
June 15, 6:00 p.m.

All women are invited Monday, **June 15 at 6:00 p.m.** as we begin a new three-session study on Mary. Note meeting time change to 6:00 p.m. Please bring a salad to share. Copies of the Lutheran Women Today will be available at the meeting, and no preparation is required. **JOIN US**

If questions, call Kathy Harris at 225-0014.

**Meet the NESoDak Day Camp staff  
Sunday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. at the  
Sundae Social at Holy Cross  
Everyone Welcome**

## Ushering Schedule June 2009

**June 7**

Jon & Paula Fogarty  
Kelly Miller

**June 14**

Ward & Betty Gilchrist  
Dominic Meyers  
Jodi McQuillen  
Nancy Palmer

**June 21**

Wayne & Pearl Holt  
Del Heupel  
Noah Martinmaas

**June 28**

Mike & Cindy  
Kocabinski  
Phyllis Kringen

## Vacation Bible School Day Camp with NeSoDak

**June 29 through July 2**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**At Wylie Park**

**Grades 1-5**

**July 2 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for  
4 and 5 year olds.**



**Things to bring:**

**Sack Lunch**

**Bug Spray**

**Sun Tan Lotion**

**Completed Health History Form**

**To register call the church office, 226-0092,  
or Cindy at 225-3352**

Volunteers needed to provide snacks and lunch for the staff.

If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a 50 percent chance of being right.

- Bill Cosby

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Tricia Mortensen - Office Assistant  
Darlene Mohr - Financial Secretary  
Anthony Morrissey - Worship Team  
Bev Salwei - Pianist  
Brandon Sterling - Pianist / Bass  
Dewayne & Jon Hoffman - Custodians  
Ellen Dinger / J. Ellingson - Altar Guild  
Kent Edson - Building Fund Treasurer  
Cindy Kocabinski - Head Teller  
Lyle & Lois Chapin - Head Ushers  
Heidi Morrissey - Kidz Connection  
Kathy Harris - Women's Group

### Leadership Team

Pam Fiechtner - President  
Heidi Morrissey - President-Elect  
Darlene Mohr - Treasurer  
Cindy Kocabinski - Secretary

Nancy Palmer - Congregational Life  
Lisa Gese - Congregational Life  
Betty Gilchrist - Congregational Life  
Janet Shilman - Congregational Life

Jon Fogarty - Properties  
Pearl Holt - Properties  
Brent Klipfel - Properties

Char Hager - Youth & Education  
Cynthia Haglund - Youth & Education  
Barb Kelly - Youth & Education  
Michelle Vilhauer - Youth & Education

Anthony Morrissey - Worship Planning  
Sheri Weisgram - Worship Planning  
Gary Martinmaas - Worship Planning

*All Members Are Ministers!*

Watch for the occasional story of a well-known hymn. It's the BEST of the story!

This hymn is over 200 hundred years old and a favorite among many Christians throughout the world.

## *Amazing Grace*

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1: 7*

It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him.

After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils, and snares followed. It was a life unrivaled in fiction. Then, on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. Some records seem to show that Newton was employed on a slave ship. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748 - the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John, but in the end he became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery, and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Here are some things you may not know about Newton's most famous hymn. His title wasn't originally "Amazing Grace" but "Faith's Review and Expectation." It is based in Newton's study of 1 Chronicles 17: 16-17: "King David...said, "Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that you have brought me this far? And yet...you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree...."

And here's the nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end of "Amazing Grace." Try singing it for yourself:

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.**

And that's the BEST of the story!

## *Stop for Just a Moment!*

(Back to Bible Basics - Luke 12: 22-34)

Where does the time go? We've heard this expression all too often in our daily lives. We look at our children as they grow and then SUDDENLY they are all grown up. Wow! Where did the time go? As I have talked with folks over the years many seem to remember a slower more laid-back time when life was not so complicated. You have also heard the expression: "stop and smell the roses" or the more modern adaptation, "stop and smell the coffee." From the perspective of a Christian...these words have tremendous significance and value to our spiritual and mental health. This is especially true in a world where we think that always being busy is good. We find ourselves believing that a jam-packed schedule is productive! **NOT ALWAYS SO!**

Several thoughts I wish to share with you along this subject. To the younger people reading this newsletter. Never wish for time to move too quickly. Time will march on regardless of what we say or do! Take time to enjoy the things you are doing now. Take time to experience life and enjoy what you have. Oh yes...things will change soon enough. Rarely do things remain the same for very long. Don't rush it. Take time to listen, to learn, and to grow!

While Jesus is sitting with his disciples he began to talk about how God provides for his people. (Luke 12: 22-31) In your busy life, can you imagine sitting long enough to look at the flowers and consider how they grow? Or how about pondering the birds of the air? Sounds silly...yes?

Also, when we tend to hurry we can miss a moment that God has intended just for us (God has already set aside many of these moments especially for you and me). It could be a quality moment when we are being taught something. It could be a tender loving moment that we really needed but were in too much of a hurry to stop for. When we become preoccupied with hurrying and worrying, we often miss the sweetness of the moment. I'm reminded of times I spent with my grandmother, in her old age. I could have been out doing other things, but then I would have missed the opportunities to learn from her life-lessons. As I look back now, I'm so glad I stopped and slowed down long enough to hear her stories. I'm a wealthier man for those moments.

With summer fast upon us....take some time for YOU. Resist filling your every day with commitments and busyness. Believe me, life will always hurry and worry! Spend some quality time listening to God and how He might be directing your life. Don't worry...the work will still be there. Spend time in God's Word. Stop and smell the roses *or* the coffee. You'll be glad you did!

*As I Smell My Coffee Brewing...*

*Pastor Bill*

**Prior to the June 8 Leadership Team Meeting,  
minutes of the May 11 meeting will be  
distributed via email and copies will be available at the church office.**

This just in...



Holy Cross Softball Team Meeting

Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m.

at the northern most softball diamond at

Wylie Park.



Mark your calendars for the

First Game of the Season

Thursday, June 11

North Complex

(More information will be presented at the June 7 meeting.)

Questions... contact Anthony (725-6284)

or Scott (229-5554)



I wish you all a Happy Father's Day! The thoughts below are words of wisdom. I pray that God's Words light your path as you raise your children according to His will.

## What You Are

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in Minneapolis. My friend and happy father, Jim McGuire, was taking his two boys to play miniature golf. Jim asked at the counter, "How much is it to play?" The young attendant said, "\$4.00 for any kid who is eight or older. They get in free if they are under eight. "How old are they?"

Jim answered, "The football player's five and the baseball player is eight, so I guess I owe you \$8.00, right?" The young man at the ticket counter said, "Hey, mister, you could have saved yourself some money. You could have told me the older one is seven and I wouldn't have know the difference."

Jim replied, "Yes, that could be true, but my children would have known the difference."

*Who you are speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you're saying.*  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

*I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

(John 13: 15)



## • REMINDER -

Youth and Shepherds going to New Orleans will meet on Wednesday, June 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem.



## June Serving Team Schedule

**Team Leader: Judy Wilson**

### June 7, 2009

Aaron & Mari Dundberg  
Cartor & Sherry Carlson  
Terry & Brenda Brown

### June 14, 2009

Kim & Cindy Carlson  
Todd & Christina Hettich  
Harley & Darlene Mohr  
Brian & Dyane Bjordal

### June 21, 2009

Brad & Pam Fiechtner  
Sharon Hansen  
Jordan & Michelle Holt  
Jodi McQuillen

### June 28, 2009

Lyle & Lois Chapin  
Craig & Doris Scheuffele  
Ben & Sonya Conraads  
Janel Ellingson

## General Fund Giving Recap

Monthly General Fund Giving Goal	\$ 11,000
YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 51,754
YTD General Fund Giving Goal	\$ 54,004
<b>YTD General Fund Giving Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 2,250</b>

*We invite your continued prayerful consideration..*

As summer gets closer, we find ourselves thinking about vacations, swimming, or just a little time off! While we are away, the work of the church continues and so do the monthly expenses. As you plan fun activities for your families, or just decide you need a little "down" time, we ask that you keep Holy Cross in your prayers. Please remember your church needs the on-going financial support you provide each week/month. May your summer be both safe and joyful and may you continue to give cheerfully!

Minutes  
Holy Cross Leadership Team  
May 11, 2009

Present: Pastor Bill, Pam Feichtner, Anthony Morrissey, Heidi Morrissey, Cindy Haglund, Michelle Vilhauer, Barb Kelly, Darlene Mohr, Cindy Kocabinski, Janet Shilman, Jon Fogerty and Pearl Holt.

Pastor Bill led us in the opening prayer.

Pam asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Anthony moved to approve the minutes and Janet seconded it. Minutes approved.

Youth & Education: Michelle reported that there is room for Pastor Bill's daughter, Hannah, to go to the National Youth Gathering. Since Hannah has not been here for the fundraising efforts, the committee requested that the Leadership Team approve their request to give Hannah \$250 towards her trip. Bethlehem has also agreed to provide \$250 toward her trip. The family will pay the balance of \$500. Michelle made the motion and it was seconded by Janet. Motion carried. The committee also requested that Pastor Bill's name be put on the youth checking account. Pastor Bill indicated he was not very comfortable handling funds, but agreed to do it as long as two signatures are required on all checks. Cindy Haglund reported that they had five kids signed up for Bible School so far. Three kids from NeSoDak will be running Bible School for us and we need meals and rooms for them. The shelter has been rented and they still need volunteers to help with the preschoolers. The end of the year skating party and teacher appreciation were held on the same night and went well. The committee feels that there is a need for additional space at the church since there is a possibility that we will start having Sunday School in addition to or instead of Wednesday School. They wondered if we could possibly get like a mobile home (POD). Heidi suggested maybe we form a task force to look into the possibility. Pastor Bill will work on ideas for this concern. There will be 4 young people getting confirmed on Sunday, May 17. They will be presented with stoles and keychains.

Properties: Pearl talked to Scott, the owner of the business located on the street leading to the church regarding our concerns with the number of cars parked on the street. He indicated that he would try to clean it up. He said most of the cars on the street are waiting for owners to pick them up. Pearl said the conversation was mixed, but mainly good.

Worship Planning: Anthony reported that Trish is now doing the singers' binders and in a month or so she should be doing the slides also. He said that he is working with the people who do the powerpoint, asking them to watch the screen and work on timely clicking to keep up with the singers. He also said they would like to start recording the services and put them on the website so people can listen to the service if they miss a Sunday. It was also suggested that people or families could go together to sponsor the radio broadcasts instead of having to pay the whole \$100. If it is a special occasion, a CD could be recorded and given to someone as a gift.

Congregational Life: The pancake feed went great, we raised \$2,013 including matching funds. Also, Pastor Bill's installation dinner went well. Pastor Bill reported that the Bishop was very positive about our worship and music.

Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, we had \$21,000 in the bank, but this past Sunday we were short. We are about \$1,000 behind in this year's budget so far. The office expenses and Congregational Life are over on their budgets. We are looking into putting a place to make donations on the website.

Building Fund: A \$4,300 donation was made to the Building Fund. The Building Fund will now be paid off in June. Some interest in having some type of mortgage burning. Another idea is having an October Fest,

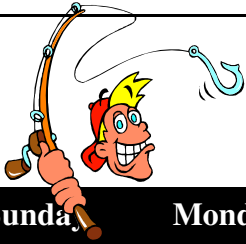
Pastor's Report: Pastor Bill reported that the transition team has been great to work with. Adult forum has been well attended. Jay Rossman and Pastor Jim Seeber will both be participating in Confirmation on Sunday since they have worked closely with the confirmands. The retreat at NeSoDak went well. Pastor Bill reported that he spoke at the Young at Heart group at Bethlehem about his experiences on 9/11. He will do it at Holy Cross sometime in the future. He has updated the usher guidelines and is working on the Holy Cross Yellow Pages booklet. The Aberdeen Fire Chief has contacted Pastor Bill regarding starting a program for first responders here in Aberdeen like he did in Niagra Falls. He will meet with them on May 14. A new men's Bible Study and fellowship will begin in the fall. It will be called All the King's Men. He is also continuing to work with Trish in the office and she is responding well to her new duties. Pastor Bill said again he is having the time of his life here at Holy Cross.

A discussion was held regarding people who call the church requesting money. Pastor Bill will talk with other pastors to see how they handle these requests.

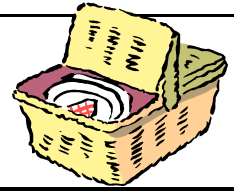
The next meeting will be held on June 8 at 6:30 pm.


The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Kocabinski  
Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats 2:00 Softball Team mtg. @ Wylie	8 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting		10 4:00 Youth to New Orleans meet @ Bethlehem	11 Holy Cross Softball @ North Complex	12	13
14 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats  Flag Day	15 6:30 Women's Group with Salad Potluck		17	18	19	20
21 <b>Father's Day!</b> 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats	22		24	25	26	27
28 8:45 WPT Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee & Treats 6:30 Sundae Social	29	30	VBS @ Wylie Park 9-3 through July 2—On July 2 9-11:30 VBS for 4 & 5 year olds.			

Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong?"  
Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night."

- Charlie Brown