

Holy Cross Connections

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“Find out what pleases the Lord.”

It is so easy to fall into the trap of becoming a people-pleaser. We do it all the time. We want to please our spouse, our parents, our boss, our peers. Sometimes it is because we love them and simply want to make them happy. Unfortunately, at times, it is simply because we want them to love us. So we compromise our morals, our beliefs and values in order to please a peer, an employer, or a significant other in order to “earn their friendship or love.”

But when was the last time that you asked yourself, “What can I do that will please God? How can I put a smile on my heavenly Father’s face today?” Not that we need to do so in order to get God to love us. He already does love us — fully and unconditionally! No, I am talking about purely selfless act of love toward God solely for God’s sake.

That is what the apostle Paul encourages us to do in Ephesians 5:10. He writes, “Live as children of light...and find out what pleases the Lord.” You know He has given us a ton of ideas about what makes Him happy in the Bible. But most of them boil down to trusting Him, loving Him, talking to Him and then treating others with the same kind of kindness and love that Jesus has shown us. As the Spirit-filled child of God you are, you can do this! Honest! God is at work in you to desire and to do that which pleases Him (Phil. 2:13).

I know that God richly and daily forgives us of all of our sins, solely on the basis of Jesus’ all-sufficient sacrifice in our place on the cross, apart from anything that we do. But I have got to believe that God would much rather be saying, “That a boy; I’m proud of you!” than “I forgive you.” I have got to believe the Holy Spirit would rather cheer for us than groan for us. And I have got to believe that Jesus would much rather be commending our “great faith” than commenting on our “little faith.”

And you will never have to compromise your morals, your beliefs or your values to make God happy. For God will never ask you to do anything that can bring you shame, guilt, or feelings of unworthiness. If it pleases God, it will produce peace, joy and wellness within you. So step out in faith. Strive to become a God-pleaser each day. For in so doing you will be putting a smile on God’s face ... and your own.

Your brother in Jesus,
 Pastor Kip

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Outreach Connections



40 Days in the Word

Thanks for signing up early! We are getting our HOSTs and small group leaders together and will be ready to begin 40 Days in the Word on September 9 with kick-off messages August 26 and September 2! HOSTs and trained group leaders will facilitate 6 weeks of DVD small groups. Everyone will be asked to commit to weekly small group meetings (on and off campus) for 6 weeks at that time. Training for HOSTs and Leaders will be August 15 from 7 — 9 PM and August 25 from 9 — 11 AM. Please pray God will use this 40-day adventure to grow our faith for greater mission and ministry efforts! More info:

joyfully! (through August)

Love Our McGregor Mission

Oftentimes we look on the outside of things and think how wonderful. But...things get really special when you find that getting involved and being on the inside is even better! Next up for the **latter July and August Giving Tree**, we will be receiving donations (monies) and/or back to school supplies for McGregor Elementary. **We will distribute the collected Back to School supplies on Saturday, August 18. Time to be announced later!**

The Principal, teachers and parents are all amazed at the outpouring of God's love that is seen by the things we are doing for these children. During the school year, Holy Cross will have the opportunity to interact with the children in different ways. Stay tuned to what's coming up so that your prayers and service in this ministry may continue to grow as God opens more doors for our work in this community! Thank you for your support which goes a long way in helping these children and their school with much needed supplies! **Check the Giving Tree for the items needed such as: 24 pk. crayons, scissors (Fiskar), Elmer's glue, glue sticks, Kleenex, pencils, dry erase markers, monetary donation appreciated for**

pralph@holycrossnorthcanton.com

Men's Bible Study

You are invited, Saturday Mornings 7:30 - 9 AM! We continue a the study called "Cat and Dog Theology: Unveiling Life's Purpose". **Cat 'n Dog Theology** is an international teaching ministry whose goal is to assist local churches and individuals in living for the glory of God... **and doing it**

Special thanks . . . To all who gave a home to the wonderful Allegro Bell ringers in July. They were a delight to have and listen to as they served Holy Cross and our community with their talents. And to all who served at the concert and welcomed our guests . . . THANKS, you did a great job!

Sports Ministry

Interested in growing Holy Cross' sports ministry? Contact Audree Wakefield at aud11685@hotmail.com or 330-323-9842 to share your ideas and help lead this new ministry!

Men's Basketball/Coed Volleyball

Like to play basketball or volleyball? Come join us for some pick-up games in our new facility! Beginning in **August, men's basketball will meet the 2nd Sunday and coed volleyball will meet the 4th Sunday. Both will run from 6—8 PM.** Non-members are welcome, so bring your friends! This opportunity is for those in high school and older. Childcare is not available at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Audree Wakefield at aud11685@hotmail.com or 330-323-9842.

Men's Bowling League

Holy Cross participates in the oldest bowling league in Stark County! The bowling league runs from September through April every Thursday at 9:00 PM at the Park Centre Lanes on Whipple and Applegate. Cost is \$10 per week for three games of bowling. ALL skill levels are encouraged to join the Holy Cross Men's Bowling Team! If interested, contact Marty Rohrer at 330-495-2144 (cell) or 330-494-5150 (home).

Children's Ministry



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ALMOST HERE!

Make sure your kids and friends are registered for our PRAISE VBS Monday, August 6 thru Friday, August 10 from 6:00 — 8:30 PM! It will be a rockin' great time praising and learning more about our awesome God!

Registration forms available in both church narthexes. We will be collecting school supplies for our McGregor friends for their back to school event on Saturday, August 18!

Children's Ministry Help Needed this Fall!

"Nursery Help Needed!

Please see the sign up sheet posted on the Nursery Bulletin Board to sign up to help for August, September and October.



Nursery Workers Needed

Kids Club and Area 456 will make a needed split this Fall in Holy Cross U. This way, Wednesday nights to give our older elementary kids more age appropriate lessons and time! We are looking for and need the following positions to make this happen each quarter on a rotating basis:

Area 456 and Kids Club Bible lesson leader

Area 456 and Kids Club Activity leader (games, crafts)

Area 456 and Kids Club Elective leader

With a quarterly commitment, our helpers will be able to serve AND attend Adult Bible study throughout the year! Please help us make this a great Midweek year for our Holy Cross

kids! All materials are provided.

Please see Lorin Zuppe or Christi Ludwig to sign up!

Sunday School Staff Meeting
Sunday, August 19
Noon, Room A-1.
RSVP to Christi Ludwig
either by email
mrciludwig@sbcglobal.net or
phone (330) 491-1144.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School is in need of Pre-Kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade co-teachers on a rotating basis starting this Fall! Please see Lorin Zuppe or Christi Ludwig for more information.

Sunday School RALLY DAY is Sunday, August 26! Sunday School Staff will be installed during worship services and Bibles will be presented to incoming 7th and 2-3rd graders (who have not already received one) from their parents! Please obtain your Bible from Lorin or Christi to write notes of encouragement/personalize them before presenting them to your children! Sunday School registration forms will be attached to your Children's Ministry August newsletter or see Christi Ludwig.

Holy Cross Youth Goings On . . .

Holy Cross Youth is looking for Youth Bible lesson teachers on a rotating basis to start this Fall on either Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings! All materials are provided, the schedule is very flexible and you will have a blast developing lasting relationships and helping our teens to grow as disciples of Christ! Please see Lorin Zuppe for more info!



Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, August 26! This is the kick-off to our official Sunday School year and when your youth move up a grade! Sunday School teachers will be installed this day also during worship services and parents of 7th graders will receive a Bible to personalize and present to your child during your worship service!

**AUGUST 25
SWIM DAY
AT CLAY'S PARK**

**Sign up on the Youth
bulletin board.**

National Gathering San Antonio 2013 Update! Registration materials will be arriving at church THIS month! I cannot believe our big youth trip is already this coming July! The year will be flying by and we have A LOT of fundraising to do! Our hope is to fly to Texas, avoiding a 30 hour bus trip and the partial paralysis of your youth director!



Any monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate designated for "Sr. Youth Gathering," as well as supporting the youth in their fundraising efforts! We appreciate your help so much and will be keeping the congregation updated as to how we are doing in meeting our expense goal!

As always here are a few of ongoing options we have, as well as spaghetti dinners, car washes, etc. which will be announced. Use www.goodsearch.com as your regular Internet search engine, and select Holy Cross North Canton as the beneficiary charity organization in the option window. Every search benefits our Youth Group. You can drop off aluminum cans for recycling in the boiler room as a means for our youth to raise funds and/or drop off your papers in the Paper Retriever bin recycling container at the south end of the church parking lot! Keep it coming and FILL THOSE BINS!

Thank you for supporting our youth and the faith-filled trip and experience of their high school years! We still have a looong way to go to get these kids to San Antonio so everything helps!

Have a blessed month!

Pastor Ted Voss' Birthday Celebration!



Please join in the celebration and honor of Pastor Voss' 90th birthday in the hospitality café during the hospitality reception times on August 5.

There will be a card box so that you can extend your warmest wishes.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

If you would like to help re-activate Holy Cross's LWML ministry, please contact Donna Schmidt at 330-780-6546 anytime after 6 PM! Donna will be available August 12 after the 8 AM worship in south narthex; on August 19 after 8:45 AM worship; on August 26 after 11 AM worship in north narthex by Welcome Center to find out more.

Young at Heart Three Sisters Century House Restaurant

Tuesday, August 14th

Meet at Holy Cross at 10:45 AM

Please join us for lunch and Canal Boat ride. We will depart on the St Helena III Canal Boat from the Port of Canal Fulton in Helena Heritage Park for one hour ride down the Ohio and Erie Canal. A historian on board provides information on the history of the canal, the boat and the area.

Our church's Vacation Bible School this year is going to be SO great we wanted to make sure to **invite your friends!** It's by the GoFishGuys, a group of talented and fun Christian dads (www.gofishguys.com) and the theme this year is PRAISE: where kids get down and life God high! Their whole point is to show kids that they exist not for their own glory, but to give God praise! In a fun way, they show kids what it means to have a high view of our amazing God with awesome Bible lessons that focus on a different attribute of God each day, crafts, snacks, music and games for preschool and elementary ages (3 years old - 5th grade in the Fall). We hope you and your friends can join us!

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August 6 — 10
6:00 — 8:30 PM

Registration forms can be found at <http://holycrossnorthcanton.com/> on the Children's Ministry page! There is no cost.

Music/Handbell Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to play the handbells? We will be having a music and handbell workshop on Sunday August 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the music room (M-1) just off the south sanctuary. This workshop will include music basics as well as learning how to handle, play and care for the handbells.

For additional information, please contact Andrew Wright 330-685-6986 / email: andwright94@att.net OR Lora Smith 330-526-8478 (leave voice message) / email: bokhartsm@comcast.net.

School Mission & Ministry News

We are having a fun summer with the children. The children are having fun and learning a lot at the same time. During the last school year, the Staff took an in-service course called "Growing Up Wild" which taught us strategies and content for studying God's beautiful creation. We are using a lot of that curriculum as well as other educational material for the summer. Learning goes on year round. The Christian education of the children is not neglected during the summer. The children are learning more about Jesus and God's for us with every passing day.

Below are comments taken from our Parent Evaluations which the families filled out at the end of the last school year.



Four-Year-Old Class

We had a wonderful experience with Holy Cross Preschool. I wish my first two children attended here.

Especially pleased with the readiness skills for Kindergarten that were emphasized.

Unfortunately, my child does not attend on Chapel days, but you would never know this because of how much God and faith are taught to them and showed to them all their days there.

EVERYONE always available for questions, concerns, etc. feedback through conversations, phone calls, emails, again appreciated.

I enjoyed the newsletters, and they kept us up to date. I'm very glad there were progress reports & teacher conferences, so I knew how things were going.

Thank you so much! This year has really helped my children to get ready for Kindergarten next year. Their attitude has improved greatly through initiating self-esteem, creativity, & learning! Overall Great Job!!

We are extremely satisfied with the whole program! We look forward to coming back next year. We are telling friends and family to come join.

Pre-Kindergarten Class

This brings an end five years of our lives at Holy Cross. We are SO thankful for the love and care given to our children. They grew in all aspects of their development. Thank you so much. Holy Cross will always

hold a special place in our hearts.

My child loved the art projects & always came home talking about them. He's also talking a lot about his trip around the world.

I was more than pleased with the program. My child truly grew from the program. I really appreciated that Christ was taught.

My child loved having Mrs. Jacobsen and Mrs. Martin. They would give me updates on how he did that day and if he had a difficult day, etc.

Mrs. Jacobsen was truly an amazing teacher! She taught so much to my child. She is a very kind person. I am truly glad my child met her.

Please keep Holy Cross Preschool in your prayers. With the beginning of a new school year, we need God to be actively involved in this program.

Marjorie James
Administrator



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Pennies For Paint



Alongside **Hammer and Nails, Inc.**, Holy Cross Youth and a few adults have finished painting a home for a grandmother who takes care of her teenage grandchild, Tanner, who has Downs Syndrome. He helped scrape and paint with us! Everyone did a wonderful job in the extreme heat. Special thanks to all who volunteered food for lunches and dinners on this “mini-retreat”. Thanks to Holy Cross who donated over \$800 for painting supplies etc. to this home in N. Canton. Marguerite, the homeowner, is a prayer warrior and lover of Jesus! She had been praying about how she was going to take care of her house. **Holy Cross was an answer to her prayers. And she was so thankful!** The Youth shared in God’s Word, play hide and seek, distributed Holy Cross Car Show flyers at a Car Show, and enjoyed Taggart’s ice cream when they were not painting. For info about future H&N projects Holy Cross will be involved in, contact Chet Stromsky (cstromsky@neo.rr.com) or pralph@holycrossnorthcanton.com

Our **Annual Car Show** is coming up **September 22 from 3:00 — 6:30 PM**. Tell your friends!!! Volunteers will be needed to greet guests and serve food. A sign up sheet will be posted and a list of supplies will be in the weekly bulletin in September.

There’s an old hymn, “I Love To Tell the Story” and that’s what the event **“A Night in Bethlehem”** is all about....telling the story of Jesus. With over 3,000 people expected to “walk through the living story” of Jesus’ birth, December 8 and 9, your help is needed! 100 support players are needed for the two nights to meet and greet. There are many ways you can help such as: minor acting, sewing simple costumes or a straight line on a curtain, painting, calligraphy, crafts, decoration, or carpentry to construct new sets for the expanded area of our new north wing or we have small projects for you. ... Or maybe you can help out by shopping for supplies or planning the hospitality menu. Sign up forms are in the north narthex in the Welcome Center. **Our design lead for “A Night in Bethlehem” is Kay Sanders, 330-493-1565. Our acting lead is Vonnie LaRue, 330-896-2395.**



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Sunday Mornings At Holy Cross

8:00 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

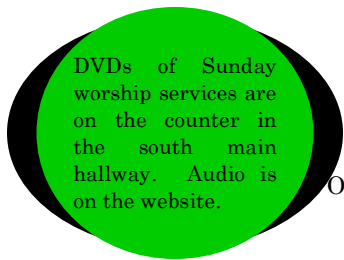
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Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Ministry

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Katie Stiver, Soul Accounting Secretary
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Holy Cross School Administrator



**September
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Sunday, August 19**

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