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NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A. May 2011

The Pastor's Pulse

*The purpose of
Holy Cross
Evangelical Lutheran
Church
is to know, and
joyfully share, the love
of God
in Christ.*

Christ is risen! Christ is alive and loose in the world!

Jesus Christ, the living Lord, continues to speak, to teach, to welcome outcasts and sinners. Jesus Christ continues to bring his healing grace to bear.

Jesus Christ, the living Lord, speaks and teaches, welcomes and heals through you and through me, and through all who embrace him as Lord and Savior.

There's no room for doom and gloom when and where the living Lord manifests himself. We bring light to those who dwell in darkness; we bring hope to those who despair; we bring acceptance to the rejected.

What a powerful thing it is to be the Presence of the living Lord! He has given us gifts to meet every need; he has given us power over the powers of evil and darkness; we are fully equipped and empowered by Christ's Spirit to answer and fulfill God's call to be witnesses, servants and God's partners in mission.

It is a question of our willingness to be faithful and obedient to the call and mission the living Lord has entrusted to us. "As my Father has me, even so I send you." Talk about a life that has meaning and purpose – this is it!

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LECTIONARY AIDS FOR MAY

May 1, 2011-John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to His disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their numbers is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

May 8, 2011-Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, He is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

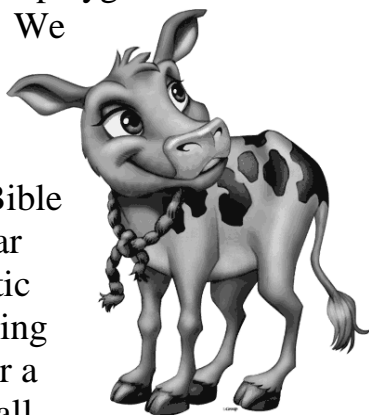
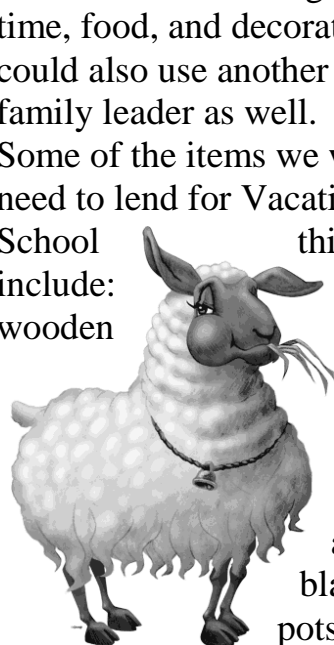
Celebrate with Children

By Susan Schneider

Summer is quickly approaching! Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School! The theme this year will be "Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a Kid!" Here we will take children to the place where Jesus grew up! Join us from 9 a.m. to noon on July 11-15, 2011 for Nazareth.

Children will have the opportunity to explore what was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. The children will be able to participate in memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into snacks, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration - a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Of course, we still need volunteers to assist in the following areas: playground time, food, and decorating. We could also use another family leader as well. Some of the items we will need to lend for Vacation Bible School include: wooden rustic fencing (for a small barnyard area), barnyard stuffed animals, rugs, blankets, baskets, clay pots (all sizes), and greenery. These items can be placed in the Sunday School room at any time. If your



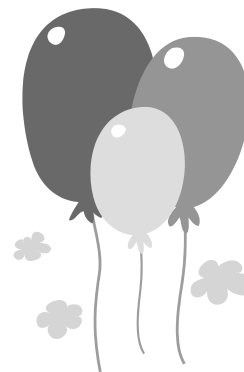
talent is baking, we would love for you to provide some goodies for the children to enjoy.

One of our bible points we will focus on during the week is "Jesus served others...we do too." Galatians says, "Serve one another in love." We hope to see you all in Nazareth!



Our first meeting for all who would like to volunteer to assist with Vacation Bible School will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. If you signed up to help and cannot make this meeting date and time, please contact Susan at 790-8727.

Carol and Karl Hoepfner just returned from the **Whataburger** conference in **Dallas**, where they were awarded the first prize of more than \$9,000 as Whataburger's Biggest Fans. They returned \$7,000 of the prize money and made arrangements for Whataburger to provide 1,000 meals worth \$7.00 each to our local **Good Samaritans** and their clients.



LECTIONARY AIDS FOR MAY continued

May 15, 2011-John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of His day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

May 22, 2011-John 14:1-14

On the night that He is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with His disciples. As the one through whom God is known, He promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

May 29, 2011-John 14:15-21

In final words to His disciples on the night of His arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to His commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Treasurer's Report Highlights

- Operating Fund spending for March was \$16,817 versus our budget of \$15,300.
- Operating Fund spending YTD was \$46,970 versus our budget of \$45,900.
- Operating Fund giving for March was \$16,512 and \$50,218 YTD.
- Operating Fund giving for March 2010 was \$16,947 and \$52,176 YTD.
- We had a total month-end balance of \$52,524.40.

The Choir is going on vacation and will have no practice til September/October.

A DAY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE

On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, at 3:00 P.M. Holy Cross will honor and celebrate Pastor Haynes' 60th ordination anniversary with a reception at the church. We hope you can attend!

A committee was formed by the council to plan and coordinate this special event. Pastor Michael Robinson of the synod staff will be here, as will a number of other invited guests. Additionally, letters have been sent to all of the churches where Pastor has served through the years, as well as to the Synod and ELCA where he has also been assigned for ministry positions. All have been invited to have members who wish to, send a note or letter to Pastor Haynes with personal greetings and memories.

We would like members and friends of Holy Cross to also provide a personal note or letter to Pastor Haynes on this significant anniversary. All will be put together in a special way by the committee and presented to Pastor and Harriett for their enjoyment and to let them know how important their ministry has been to so many through the years. Please give your notes or cards to any member of the committee: Michele Scherzer, Debbie Outten, Sterling Frank, Jo Ann Hees or Toni Post. If you need to provide these by mail, please send them to the attention of Michele Scherzer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 301, Rockport, Texas 78381.

Hope to see you at the reception!



A Minute with Marilyn –

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Be sure and mark your calendars for May 22, 2011, Confirmation Sunday! At worship that morning, Claire Hartman, daughter of Tim and Rita Harman, will publicly affirm her baptismal covenant and faith in Jesus Christ. During the Affirmation of Baptism, she will express her intent to continue in the covenant God made with her in holy baptism. She will promise to live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

In turn, this assembly will be asked to promise to support Claire and pray for her in her life in Christ. May each of us be stirred up by the gift of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy as we stand with and support Claire, pray for her, and ask God to help and guide us!

One other announcement – the lectionary text study group will have its final meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 24th. It has been a wonderful learning experience for all involved and great fun sharing our lives over lunch. This is a practice that will continue in my future ministry, and I want to thank each of you who participated. It was a real joy!

God's Peace
Intern Marilyn

MAY MINISTRIES

	Usher	Lector	Psalter	Cookies	
1	Greg & Darlene Hatch	Greg Hatch	Marilyn Larsen	The Grunenwalds	
8	Tom and Lil Oseland	OPEN	Lil Oseland	Tom and Lil Oseland	
15	Bob & Michele Scherzer	Michele Scherzer	OPEN	OPEN	
22	Tom and Cris Staley	Greg Hatch	Marilyn Larsen	Tom and Cris Staley	
29	Stan & Toni Post	Stan Post	Toni Post	Stan & Toni Post	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study – 10:30 Worship with Communion	2 6:30 pm Intern Committee Mtg	3	4	5 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	6	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study – 10:30 Worship with	9 7:00 pm Council Mtg	10 11:00 am Health & Healing Service	11 9:00 am Bible Study	12 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	13	14
15 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study – 10:30 Worship with Communion	16	17	18 9:00 am Bible Study	19 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 3:00 Celebration Pastor Haynes' 60 th ordination anniversary	23	24	25 9:00 am Bible Study	26 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	27	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	25	26	27 9:00 am Bible Study	28	29	30



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