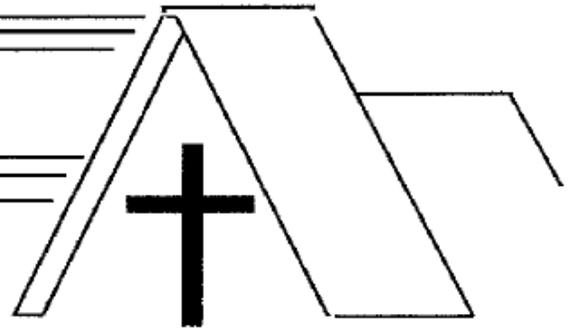


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February 2014

Working together to connect people to Jesus

MIRROR, MIRROR☺

The average house has lots of windows and a few mirrors. Now, imagine a home filled with lots of mirrors, but no windows; no natural light; the occupants largely unaware of their neighbors. Instead, the homeowners spend their time looking at...themselves. I don't know about you, but I'd have some serious questions about their state of mind!

Sadly, many (dare we suggest most?) congregations have very few windows, and of the windows they do have, many don't open easily or work the way they used to work. Rather, these churches spend enormous amounts of energy, time and money looking at themselves.

Interestingly, the more energy the members invest looking in the mirrors, the less capable, confident and courageous they feel living out the extraordinary mission of God!

The life and mission of Jesus was a window. He was sent as Savior and Redeemer, and after His death and triumphant resurrection, His great commission changes His Church to be a window into the world with the saving Gospel...not churches filled with mirrors.

May 2014 continue to bring renovation to Holy Cross, tearing down mirrors and framing more windows into the Clarence community with Jesus, such as VBS; CAYA Gathering and our new vision "To Love, Nurture, and Unleash the Next Generation in Jesus' Name"; Bake n Pray; Camp Out; Town Park Worship; Rally Day; a redesigned website; bathrooms, kitchen, and more!!!

In His Light,

Pastor Randy

We continue to lift up, encourage, support and pray for our leadership:

President: Tom Marzano
Maintenance Chair: Paul Donnelly
Vice President: Sam Gugliuzza
Secretary: Laurie Garner
Treasurer: John Zachau
Cong. Life Coordinator: Laura Scarantine
Financial Secretary: Diana Zubrzycki
Youth Coordinator: Andrea Wierpert
Chair Elder: Peter Olsen



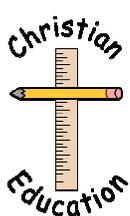
Adult Bible Study

We continue to open God's Word together in the Narthex (church lobby) from 9:30 - 10:30. Come and grow!!!

Youth Group Bible Study

Join us in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30! Remember your offering to support Godwin in Togo, Africa, through Compassion International.

High School Christian Education



Stay connected. Join us in the Upper Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings for video series and talks together! Remember also to bring your tithe/offering with you to the Upper Room as we continue to sponsor Godwin from Togo, Africa, through Compassion International; we need \$32 every month to provide him with medical, education, dietary, and Christian instruction. See you soon! Friends are always welcome!

March Criss Cross Deadline:



Please submit any items for the March Criss Cross no later than February 14th. Items can be left on my desk, in my mailbox, or can sent via email to holycrosslcarence@verizon.net

Thank you Ann

A message from The Church Council

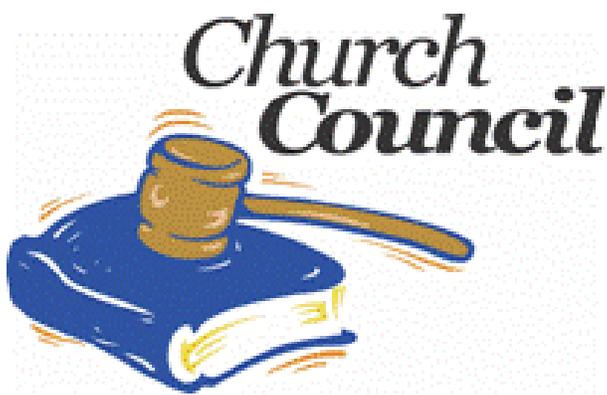
Greetings and Happy New Year fellow Holy Crossers. The Church Council would like to start the New Year by thanking everyone for their confidence and support, and we look forward to another year of serving our Lord by serving at Holy Cross. One of our New Year's resolutions is to improve our communications within our congregation. We are firm believers that you can't "over communicate" in a volunteer based organization; so, please look for this column to continue in each issue of the Criss-Cross. Additionally, we will run this in the weekly bulletin inserts and will communicate via the e-mail chain, the website, and in person, as required. By now you should know who us council members are, so please don't hesitate to stop and ask any of us whenever you have a question or concern. We may not be able to give you an answer on the spot, but we will follow up with you later.

Besides communicating with you about communication, we want to let you know of some changes that we will be trying to make in 2014. First and foremost on everyone's mind is the renovation to the kitchen and bathrooms. As of December 31, 2013 we have \$28K in our "Fill the Cross" fundraising. When we get to \$45K we can begin the project, but we are still looking to raise a total of \$60K in dedicated funds to complete this project. We all know that this project needs to get done, and will get done, so please keep those "first fruits" coming.

Additionally, one of our 2014 priorities is to upgrade our website this year. We know that this is the first impression we will

make with the majority of our new friends, so we want to put our best foot forward. And finally, we want to get more of us involved in our church and since we know that sitting in a meeting isn't the most rewarding way to serve our Lord we are looking for ways to spread the opportunities to serve without becoming a 'chair warmer'. One of our ideas is to assign specific 'mission managers' to our different 'departments' here at Holy Cross. The 'mission manager' would be the person that actually runs that 'area', 'thing' or 'event'. Not that we haven't been doing this all along, but we want to better define the roles for these areas, maybe make some new areas, and maybe fill some missing needs. Look for more to follow on that. In summation, thanks again for your trust, and we hope you will hold us to our objectives for 2014 and we look forward to having more of our brothers and sisters in Christ join us in our mission here at Holy Cross.

D.V.
Your council



Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11am in Krampitz Hall. The group is finishing up their study of TWELVE UNLIKELY HEROES: "How God Commissioned Unexpected People in the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You" by John MacArthur. This month the study wraps up with "James: The Brother of Our Lord" and "Mark and Onesimus: A Tale of Two Runaways". Scheduled meetings are on February 4th and 18th And when we finish a study, the group goes out for lunch at a local eatery!

So, the coffee pot is always on along with sweets for a morning treat! Please feel free to join us whenever you can. Women of all ages are welcome! It's a great way to start your day, when you "dig" into God's Word!



Heritage Home

We will make our monthly visit with friends at the Heritage Home on Sunday, February 23, at 10 a.m. The Bible story filmstrip; is "Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter," Mark 5:21-24 and 35-43. This is a good example of Jesus loving us as our Friend, Helper, and, above all, Savior. Even at the end of February, a valentine may be in order to continue to celebrate love from our Lord for us, then to help others.

Habitat Buffalo

Thank you for the December benevolence, Dash tapes, and card total amount of \$448. May New Year blessings be yours. On March 28, there will be a gala, "The Veteran Build Roof Raiser," at the Hotel Lafayette. This will be our first build with a veteran family in need of simple, decent housing with the dream of home ownership. Tickets are reasonable at \$30. See the flyer on the bulletin board in Krampitz hall. Call 204-0740 x 105. See Talboys for further information.

Calendar Dates at a glance



Sundays: 2/2, 2/9, 2/23 normal 8:00 & 11:00 worship with 9:30 SS/Confirmation
2/16 no 9:30 SS/Confirmation for Winter Break

Mon: Family Days

Tues: 4th =Bible Study @ 7pm HCCC
18th = Bible Study 7pm in HCCC

Thu: 13th Bake n Pray, Miranda Auto
20th He-Brew @ Sam Guguliuza's house 7:30pm
27th Council @ 7:00pm

Sat: 8th - Men's Breakfast @ 9:00am in K-Hall

Saturday 2/8 - Wednesday 2/12 Pastor Randy at PLI in FL



Visitation Care

If you are or will be hospitalized or homebound and desire Christian care from the Holy Cross staff please phone the church office at 634-2332 and/or email Pastor Randy at pastorrandy8900@gmail.com and let us know. Please do not assume that we know your situation because for many reasons we often don't. We will do our best to visit you, and if homebound, bring you communion once per month. In Jesus, Pastor Randy, Pastor Bob (Visitation Pastor), and Barb Wachtel (Parish Nurse)



Our College Students love to hear from home!

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THANK YOU ! THANK YOU!!

A special, well deserved THANK YOU goes out to all of the hostesses for coffee hour. Our coffee hour volunteers bake or buy goodies to bring for both coffee hours, set up, supervise and clean up so we can enjoy a fellowship hour.

The money that is collected is used only to buy supplies for coffee hour cups, napkins, juice, coffee, cream, sugar, plates, tea etc. A special thanks to Connie Donnelly who purchases all the supplies and has them ready.

If you would like to help in any way: bring goodies or volunteer to help, ask one of the "regulars" and they will work with you to prepare you for your service.

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

And each week, please take a minute to thank your hostess

LWML News

I will be collecting our Mite boxes for LWML through February. Please put in my mail box or give to me second service. Please also look for new information on the Lutheran Women Missionary League on the Bulletin Board in Krampitz Hall.
Thank you ~ Nancy Herdic

February Servants

Altar Guild:

Joyce Greaves and Alfrieda Schurkus

Elders and Communion Assistants:

8:00 am J. Corneck & D. Chalmers

11:00 am F. Cote' & P. Olsen

Ushers:

8:00 am M. Zubrzycki & D. Gardner

11:00 am P. Cocco & S. Gugliuzza

Lay Readers:

February 2 Ann Craig

Sue Tichy

February 9 Rich Craig

Wendy Shelton

February 16 Bob Corneck

Paula Cocco

February 23 Jo Corneck

Bob Diem

Acolytes:

February 2 Volunteers Needed

E. Scarantine & A. Ludwig

February 9 Morgan Chalmers

M. Wiepart & Helene Olsen

February 16 Adam Pionessa

Stephen Hare & Charlie Wood

February 23 Lindsey Chalmers

C. Diem & Ethan Garner

AV Team

February 2 Nick Brooks

February 9 Steve Marzano

February 16 Preston Kelkenberg

February 23 Matthew Wiepert

Greeters:

Volunteers can sign up in Narthex

Coffee Fellowship:

Volunteers can sign up in Narthex

Happy February Birthday

Handley, Kenny	2/2
Randall, Paige	2/3
Randall, Sydney	2/3
Humphreys, Anita	2/5
Standish, Tyler	2/5
Rozelle, Kayla	2/6
Stefanik, Patrick	2/6
Shelton, Wendy	2/8
Leman, Kenneth	2/10
Hare, Emily	2/11
Zubrzycki, Michael	2/11
Meka, Donna	2/12
Talboys, Ronald	2/12
Petri, Jessica	2/13
Ropach, Lori	2/13
Carey, Judith	2/14
Schmude, Cindy	2/14
Standish, Maisie	2/14
Garlapo, Doug	2/15
Randall, Jacob	2/18
Andrees, Gail	2/24
Kelkenberg, Preston	2/25
DiCostanzo, Colleen	2/26



Happy February Anniversaries

Ronald & Margaret Talboys	2/9
Michael & Alycia Tomaino	2/25

