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REFLECTION ON PENTECOST



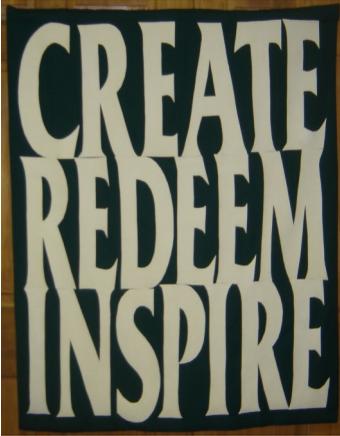
O Holy Spirit of God,
 come again to my heart and fill me.
I open the windows of my soul to let thee in;
 come and possess me;
 fill me with light and truth.
Of myself I am an unprofitable servant, an empty vessel:
Fill me that I may live the life of thy Spirit,
 the life of truth and goodness,
 the life of wisdom and strength,
 the life of beauty and love.
And guide me today in all things:
 guide me to the people I should meet and help,
 to the circumstances in which I may best serve God,
 whether by my actions or by my suffering.
But above all make Christ to be formed in me,
 that I may dethrone self in my heart and make Him King.
Bind me to Christ by all thy ways, known and unknown,
 by holy thoughts, and unseen graces, and sacramental ties,
 that He may be in me, and I in Him,
 this day and for ever.

- from the writings of Walter Julius Carey



Because the fleur-de-lis resembles a lily – a symbol of purity – it is sometimes used to represent the virgin Mary. Due to its three-petal flower, the fleur-de-lis also symbolizes the Holy Trinity.

TIME AFTER PENTECOST BANNER #2



They say a picture is worth a thousand words, that a complete idea can be conveyed in a single image. Conversely, a single word can convey a complex idea, as this banner confirms. Each of its words was chosen to represent the actions of our Triune God.

CREATE – The first word on the banner is also the Bible’s first verb: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”* and represents God. From Genesis (1:1) to Revelation (14:17) with a myriad of verses in between, God the Father is proclaimed as the one who created and continues to create.

REDEEM – Its definition – to set free by providing compensation, to save from a state of sinfulness, to restore the honor of, to ransom, fulfill, atone – all of it can be replaced with a single word: Jesus. Because God’s Son lived and died, we have been set free from the laws of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

INSPIRE – The Father made us, the Son saved us, the Holy Spirit fills us with the desire and ability to do God’s will (1 Corinthians 12).

Three powerful words, arranged with no space in between so they “flow from one to the other, creating a sense of total unity,” writes the banner’s designer, Dale Bargmann (*The Banner Over Me Is Love*). Although banners are often used to explain the Trinity (and had their beginnings when people were largely illiterate), he chose to use, not just words, but action verbs to convey the “interaction of the three persons of God in our lives.”

Our committee opted to use the suggested background color of forest green so Holy Cross would have a second banner to display during this longest season of the liturgical year, the time after Pentecost, or as we (the Banner Committee) lovingly refer to it – “the long green season.”

- Laura Hulsey

OUTREACH

Holy Cross is blessed with three additional **Deacons** – John Hanson, Donna Jackson, and Lola Nosker. Thank you all for your ministry!

The mission of the **SERVE Team** is to be “God’s hands” in the community and the wider church. Each year they sponsor 40 Days of Giving, Feed My Starving Children, the Giving Tree, and other outreach opportunities. They cordially welcome new members. Speak to one of the Team if you are interested – Jerry Doud, Helen Krull, Donovan Lucas, John Paruolo.

Nine young people and three adult leaders will be going on this year’s **Mission Trip** to Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, July 1 to 8. The group will work with local organizations to meet continuing needs in the community. Although specific assignments have yet to be determined, our Holy Cross team will likely work with children in the community and serve at a food pantry, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, or older adult care facility. July 6 will be “Friday Fun Day” with tentative plans to travel to the Wisconsin Dells. If you would like to help support the Mission Trip, a really neat t-shirt (with your name printed on the back) is available for \$25. Order forms are available from members of the youth group.



*Don't shine so others can see you.
Shine so that through you others can see HIM.*

- C. S. Lewis



FROM THE
CHURCH
MOUSE



Congratulations and many blessings to Bryan & Jennifer Emch who were married on April 25!



Organ Concert & Reception – April 22



Young-at-heart!
El-Vera Biedenstein
Preben Christensen
John Fleck

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THIS AND THAT

Let's Celebrate!

May 1	Mother Goose Day
May 4	International Tuba Day
May 6	No Diet Day
May 8	Don't Wear Socks Day
May 10	Clean up Your Room Day
May 12	National Windmill Day
May 13	Frog Jumping Day
May 14	Dance Like a Chicken Day
May 15	National Chocolate Chip Day
May 18	Visit Your Relatives Day
May 20	Pick Strawberries Day
May 23	Lucky Penny Day
May 25	Tap Dance Day
May 28	National Hamburger Day
May 29	Learn About Composting Day



Just for Pun!

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

CHOIR NEWS & FUNDRAISER

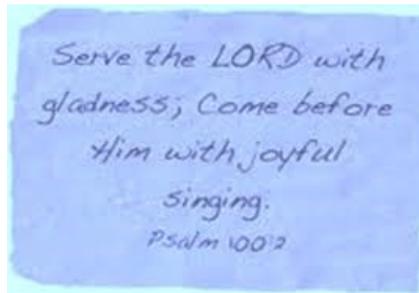


It's time again for another Choir project!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, and Trinity Sunday, May 27, the Holy Cross Choir will sing at the 8:15 a.m. service (please meet at 7:30). In addition, we will be blessed with the music of the Clarion Brass on Pentecost.

Practice will be held on the following dates at 7:00 p.m. – May 9, 16, and 23.

Additional singers are most welcome. If you are interested in joining the Choir for these special performances, please be in touch with Jack Hamill – 636.397.6406 or jhamill376@gmail.com.



Save the Date!

Holy Cross is holding a **FUNDRAISER** at Houlihan's Restaurant (Mason and Olive) on Saturday, June 16. Come to enjoy a delicious meal; 15% of the receipts will benefit our congregation. More information will be coming soon.



COMING SOON



Bocce ball has a long and interesting history. As early as 5000 B.C. the Egyptians played a form of the game with polished rocks. From Egypt the game made its way to Greece. The Romans learned from the Greeks and then introduced bocce throughout the empire.

The sport first came to America in the English version called “bowls.” History indicates that an early American playing field was at the southern tip of Manhattan and that George Washington built a court at Mt. Vernon in the 1780s. The popularity of bocce ball has been on the rise, and there are more than 25 million bocce enthusiasts throughout the United States today.

You, too, can play BOCCE BALL – it’s easy to learn and lots of fun! Join the Social Activities Committee at the Italia-America Bocce Club (2210 Marconi Avenue in the Italian Hill neighborhood) on Saturday, May 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Here’s the best part – it’s free to play! However, we will collect \$5 per person to cover the cost of pizza and beverages while we play. Soft-soled shoes are required on the court and players must be 12 years of age.

Our own John Paruolo is a member of the Club and a seasoned league player.



What is “**intentional gardening**”? Come with us to Greenscape Gardens and Gifts on Tuesday, June 5, to find out. Our annual **Garden Party** is always informative and loads of fun. Wear a hat and receive a free plant! Carpooling will be available to Greenscape (2832 Barrett Station Road).



MUSIC NOTES

About Organ Concerts, Part 4 by Jack Hamill

Just before I was employed by Hamilton Christian Church in Creve Coeur in 2006, the congregation was in the process of replacing its Wicks Pipe Organ with an electronic organ. They had gone as far as having Rodgers and Allen organ companies come in to assess the situation. When I was hired, I knew immediately that the pipe organ simply needed some "TLC."

The congregation was delighted when I played the organ as I had to play a service before I was hired and the organ had not been played for a long time. It had a few out-of-tune pipes, but that was easy to fix. It also was plagued by ciphers, which are notes that remain sounding after the key is released. I remember in the first year of my employment Wicks came out to fix things. Their first visit went on for six hours. After that they would come out twice a year, making repairs and performing maintenance.

After a point in my employment I felt comfortable enough with the organ not breaking down that I began giving organ concerts. I gave two each year, in April and in October. One concert in particular was memorable since it was the centennial concert of the organ in 2011. The organ was a relocation from the church's former home on Hamilton Avenue in the north city to the new location in Creve Coeur. The organ was built in Highland, Illinois, in 1911 as opus 36 by the Wicks Organ Company and was transferred by train to the Easton Railroad Spur in Wellston (now the Wellston Loop). As the story goes, the pipes and organ were then taken via horse-drawn carts to the church on Hamilton Avenue.

After the centennial concert ended, a woman came up to me and said, "Hello, my name is Barbara Wicks, president of the Wicks Organ Company." I have a picture of the two of us somewhere in my files. Later we received a letter from the company congratulating the church for employing Wicks to service the organ for 100 years.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



At the April Council meeting, the following items were discussed or approved:

- ⇒ Gerry Rechek was contacted by YouthWorks, a non-profit, multi-denominational youth missions organization that coordinates week-long ministry trips for high school students. They need a facility where staff and participants can sleep on the floor, prepare meals, and hold evening programming from June 17 to August 6. Holy Cross is among several churches under consideration. Gerry will consult with the Property Committee prior to offering our facilities.
- ⇒ Holy Cross participated in the ELCA's 40 Days of Giving during Lent. The goal for this campaign was \$5,000. Holy Cross will write a check for \$3,100, which includes matching funds from the Thrivent Fund.
- ⇒ The Council approved the payment of the Transition Consultant fees for 2017. Payments for 2018 will be reviewed once the responsibilities of the Transition Consultant have resumed.
- ⇒ Greg Miller presented the financial report for March 2018. Total general fund income for the month was \$25,856, which was \$439 over the budgeted income of \$25,417. Operating expenses totaled \$21,244, which was \$11,016 under the budgeted amount of \$32,260.
- ⇒ Moira McCracken reported that Trivia Night was a success., with nine tables of players. The Youth raised \$1,650.

- Julie Aleshire



MAY MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS

5.1 Jill Gross
5.1 Al Hart
5.2 Kylie Jost
52 Al Kalin
5.5 Ryan Napier
5.6 Danielle Napier
5.6 Mike Prange
5.11 Melissa Sims
5.15 John Caligiuri
5.15 Bob Kent
5.15 Teagan McCracken
5.17 Vera Bannen
5.17 Becky Benson
5.18 Bob Barrett
5.20 Ian Sims
5.21 Karin Bick
5.26 William Jost
5.27 Cooper Friedman
5.28 Brian Andrich
5.30 Clarence Jentes
5.30 Pam Jokerst
5.31 Myron Holm
5.31 Amanda Sivertsen??????

ANNIVERSARIES

5.7 Brian & Penny Snelson
5.7 John & Lupie Verby
5.11 Bob & Susie Garrett
5.11 Philip & Joan Paul
5.17 Bryce & Cindy Mosher
5.30 Mike & Carol Patoka

REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING

Sunday School Baptismal Birthdays

5.13.06 Maureen McCracken
5.17.15 Margaret McCracken
5.29.11 Logan Hanson
5.29.11 Parker Hanson
5.31.15 Matthew Tocco
5.31.15 Nicholas Tocco

*...this lovely world,
these precious days...
- E. B. White*





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Mother [noun]

One person who does the work of three. For free.

(See also: saint)