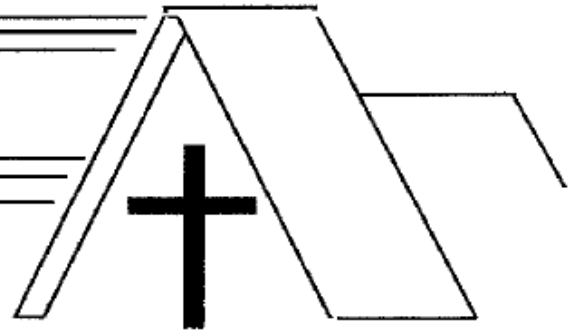


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June 2014

Working together to connect people to Jesus

Dear Holy Cross family and friends,

At 80 million strong, the Millennial Generation (born 1980s - 2000) is the largest age grouping in American history. Generally, you can find this generation anywhere except in church. In fact, on any given Sunday across America only 4% of Generation Y (late teens - 30s) is in worship, making Generation Y the least-churched generation in American history.

Moreover, though many Gen Ys say they believe in God, they don't go to church because they do not identify with institutionalization of it. Meaning: if WE, the Church, want to reach this generation with Jesus, we cannot do church like we've always done it and still expect Millennials to walk through the doors on Sunday mornings. This generation will simply continue to be absent in most congregations.

However, we believe 1) that God made this generation; 2) that He has great things He wants to accomplish through them; and 3) that we cannot lose this generation in church. So Holy Cross has been working hard to launch a new ministry specifically designed to reach Gen Y with Jesus.

It's here! The countdown is on! On June

2nd, we are launching CAYA Gathering ("Come As You Are"). CAYA will gather the first Monday of every month in a casual, authentic, coffee-culture setting that challenges Millennials to reject apathy and live lives of meaning, impact, and community. No dressing up. No hymnals or organs or liturgy or fabricated prayers. Just a raw, authentic community learning to follow Jesus together. Though starting in our fellowship hall for practical reasons, our goal as CAYA grows is to move to a school cafeteria or similar setting for future gatherings.

Local worship band, Elmwood Drive, will kick off CAYA on Monday evening!!!

6:30pm Doors open.

Meet up with friends. Visit the coffee bar.

7:00pm Music begins.

7:25pm Group Talk.

Each gathering will have a topic ready to meet Gen Y right where they're at in life. Bring smart phones or tablets to follow along.

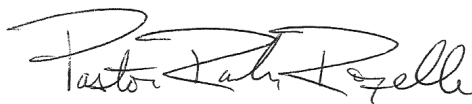
7:45-8:30pm Hang out time.

8:30 Gathering closes.

Do you have Millennial children or grandchildren who don't go to church? Grab a flier and encourage them to give

CAYA a try. We want them to know Jesus too. To that end, please pray for CAYA and its launch on June 2nd!

In Jesus,



Pastor Randy Rozelle

Coming in the July/August Issue



We will recognize and celebrate our 2014 graduates!!!

Youth Event

Kingdom Bound 2014!

Save the date!

Monday, August 4, we

will have lunch at Holy Cross following VBS that morning, and then we will caravan to Darien Lake. Main stage that evening includes For King & Country, speaker Nick Vujicic, and Skillet!!! Your cost is only \$30 per ticket plus park food. Holy Cross will cover the rest. Look for a sign up soon.



Heritage Home



"Jesus Stills a Storm" Matthew 8:18-17, is the Bible story we will share when we visit on June 22 at 10:15. We will talk about how storms scare us and how Jesus is always with us to help us in storms because of His great love for us. "He has the wind and rain in His hands" is very appropriate to sing. And, of course, we will make a simple "stormy" project.

Habitat Buffalo

Thank you for your April benevolence gift

of \$230. Habitat puts faith and love into action to make them real and come alive for people who become homeowners, who volunteer, who donate, and who watch. This means that the nail be hit on the head until the house is built, and the family moves in. Your gift along with prayer to our Lord Jesus helps make it so.

The annual Habitat Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 21 with registration at 9 a.m. at Rothland Golf Course, 12089 Clarence Center Road. The fee is \$125 and includes a sleeve of balls and \$10 gas card. Swing a golf club instead of a hammer to help Habitat help low-income families who dream of home ownership. Call the Habitat office at 204-0740 x105 to register with your partner or group.

From Our Visitation Pastor

It is with great sadness that Carol and I announce that we will be leaving our beloved Holy Cross congregation at some time in the next few weeks. We have put our home in Elma up for sale and will be moving to a retirement community in Florida, called The Villages. We want to downsize, get away from winter and resettle while our health is still good. It has been a privilege serving alongside of Pr. Randy, getting to know the homebound and others in special circumstances and we will truly miss you. Special thanks to Bill Cook, our choir director and Curtis Cook, our keyboard player. Our time at Holy Cross has been a joy and we have cherished every minute of it. God bless you and the mission of Holy Cross to connect people to Jesus Christ.

LWML Convention News:

The LWML convention in Buffalo is June 6-8 at the Millennium Hotel.

July AND August Criss Cross Deadline:



Please submit any items for the July and August Criss Cross no later than July 18th. Items can be left on my desk, in my mailbox, or can sent via email to holycrosslcarence@verizon.net

Thank you Ann

Vacation Bible School



We Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in your own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the

love of Jesus into their homes, neighborhoods, and communities! This year's VBS will transport kids to a fun-filled world where they will learn to serve through life-changing worship, missions, and Bible fun!

Date: August 4-8 2014
Place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church 8900 Sheridan Drive Clarence NY 14031
Time: 9am- noon
Contact: Lindsay Gugliuzza
strola21@roadrunner.com
For more information or to register, please visit our website:
www.VacationBibleSchool.com/holycrossclarence

Bake n Pray

The Bake and Pray for July is listed below. If you would like to help out one of these

local businesses by baking for them, please let me know.

The baked goods need to be to church by 9am, the second Thursday of the month. Please sign up to help with baked goods.

July - Castilone Resale Center (9200 Sheridan)—633-4117

A HUGE thanks to everyone is has baked for this wonderful ministry so far.

Laura

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 starting a new study called THE STORY: THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTUINING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE. About this study: God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what THE STORY is all about-- the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, THE STORY sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, THE STORY is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption- and this story is true! (A study guide and DVD will help us in understanding each chapter.)

Scheduled meetings for June are on the 3rd., the 17th. and the 24th. (out to lunch day).

So ladies, the coffee pot is always on along with sweets to enjoy, so feel free to join us whenever you can. It's always a great way to start your day, when you "dig" into God's Word!

The luncheon and quilt auction on May 3rd., along with the 3 theme baskets we donated for a Chinese auction to benefit Pioneer Camp Scholarships held at Salem Lutheran Church in Buffalo was a fun morning for us all. So many quilts and theme baskets (our Mary Bailey won 3 big ones and Jo Corneck bid on a purse and got it!) kept us in awe as to the workmanship involved in each! The lunch was great too!

We are in the process of deciding to do a service project OR "take a summer break". More news to follow in the July issue of the Criss Cross.

Calendar Dates at a glance



Sundays:

6-1: 9:00, 11:00 worship, Voter's @ 10:00 AM

6-8: 9:00, 11:00 worship

6-15: 9:00, 11:00 worship

6-22: 9:00, 11:00 worship

6-29: 9:00, 11:00 worship

Monday:

6-2: 7:00 pm CAYA Gathering

Friday:

June 20 - Sunday, June 22:
Holy Cross Camp Out

Thursday:

6-19: 7:30 pm He-Brew

6-26: 7:00 pm Council

May Council Update:



Spring is here and so are our traditional spring activities. On May 31st Paul Donnelly coordinated our annual buildings and grounds spring cleanup. Thank you for your assistance! On the following day, June 1st, at 10:00 AM, we will have our twice annual Voters Assembly Meeting. We will be giving updates on the financial health of the congregation and the status of the kitchen and bathroom renovation, so your attendance there will be greatly appreciated. And please check out the new and improved Holy Cross website, www.holycrossclarenc.com. Many thanks to Katie Chalmers and John Buesink for all the time and talent they donated to bring this project to fruition. One more initiative we expect to be rolling out in the next couple of months is a program called "Joyful Response", which will allow members to have their tithing tied to an automatic banking system. Those are the highlights but there is much more going on; so, as always, please feel free to reach out to any council member if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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)



June Servants

Altar Guild:

Nancy Herdic and Jo Corneck

Elders and Communion Assistants:

9:00 am J. Corneck & J. Hughes

11:00 am P. Olsen & D. Hartley

Ushers:

9:00 am J. Rayner & D. Gardner

11:00 am P. Cocco & L. Wiepert

Lay Readers:

June 1 Rich Craig
Sue Fay Allen

June 8 Bob Corneck
Gary Andrees

June 15 Jo Corneck
Bob Mank

June 22 Ken Handley
Nancy Cote

June 29 Jill Carl
Marilyn Cook

Acolytes:

June 1 Morgan Chalmers
M. Wiepert & Christie Wood

June 8 Adam Pionessa
S. Hare & A. Ludwig

June 15 Lindsey Chalmers
C. Diem & Helene Olsen

June 22 Volunteers Needed
Lauren Roberts & C. Wood

June 29 Morgan Chalmers
Evan Brooks & Ethan Garner

AV Team:

June 1 Matthew Wiepert

June 8 Kenny Handley

June 15 Bill Cook

June 22 Scott Brooks

June 29 Nick Brooks

Greeters:

Volunteers Needed

Coffee Fellowship:

Volunteers Needed

Happy June Birthday

David Chalmers	6/1
Merva Diem	6/1
Amanda Zubrzycki	6/1
Nancy Grabenstatter	6/2
Kristin Petri	6/3
Paula Cocco	6/4
Carolyn Houghton	6/4
Francis Cote'	6/5
Donna Smith	6/5
Jason Folck	6/6
Mildred Blacker	6/8
Kevin Maunz	6/8
Robert Corneck	6/10
Evan Brooks	6/11
Pat Garlapo	6/11
Karen Langiewicz	6/11
Matthew Zubrzycki	6/11
Jimmy DiCostanzo	6/12
Peter DiCostanzo	6/15
Laura Spilman	6/15
Lindsey Chalmers	6/17
Morgan Chalmers	6/17
Lorraine Woodman	6/21
Robert Mank	6/22
Tyler Tomaino	6/24
Matthew Angelucci	6/29
Lilliana Lindell	6/29
Adam Pionessa	6/30



Happy Birthday



happy anniversary

June Anniversaries

Timothy & Karen Langiewicz	6/6
*Karl & Linda Bauer	6/7
Charles & Joyce Greaves	6/11
Robert & Christy Diem	6/13
Kenneth & Elizabeth Handley	6/23
Russell & Linda Ponivas	6/25