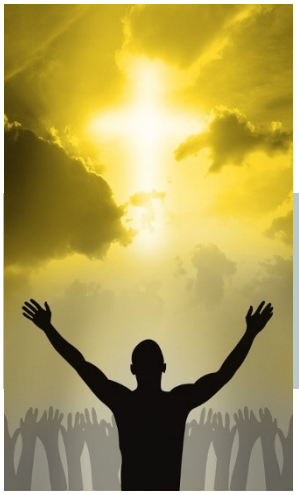

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COMMUNICATING AND CELEBRATING THE MISSION AND MINISTRIES OF HOLY CROSS

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HONOR OUR HEROES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!

In 1999, the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor service members during the month of May. You can honor our service members by providing our Troops with Military BibleSticks. These small digital audio players are designed specifically for the safety of deployed Troops. Each one includes the complete Audio New Testament along with 65 minutes of selected Psalms. Your gift will provide God's peace, comfort, and hope for our Troops! Just $25 will provide a Military Bible Stick and Biblical resources for a service member and their family. For more information and testimonies from our Troops and Military Chaplains go to: MilitaryBibleStick.com

GREAT NEWS! MATCHING GRANT FOR BIBLE STICKS!

I have some good news! Faithful partners of the Faith Comes By Hearing Ministry have offered Matching Funds for churches who are currently presenting the Military BibleStick outreach. They're offering this help because of the increased demand for BibleSticks from our Military Chaplains. Currently there are requests for 15,000 Military BibleSticks that need funding before the end of May. That means Holy Cross can DOUBLE its gift of BibleSticks to our Troops in the month of May!

Simply use a Special Offering envelope in the pew racks or a Designated Offering envelope from your offering envelope packet and write *BIBLESTICKS* on the envelope. Checks should made out to Holy Cross with *BIBLESTICKS* written on the memo line. You can also mail your gift to Holy Cross.

Thank you for providing Hope for our Heroes!

THANK YOU MRS. PAT BRYNGELSON!

Earlier this year, Mrs. Pat Bryngelson, first grade teacher at RCLS, announced her retirement at the end of the current school year. On Sunday, May 7, we will recognize and thank Pat for her years of faithful service in the teaching ministry at RCLS. In addition to being recognized at our worship service we will also have a cake and coffee fellowship following the service. Also, there will be an Open House at RCLS from Noon to 2:00. A light lunch will be served.

There will be a gift table at the school if you would choose to give a card or gift of appreciation. Please plan to join us as we give thanks for Mrs. Bryngelson. She has been a blessing to the entire RCLS family and many individual students and families over the years. Gratefully, Pat and her husband, Jim, will continue on at Holy Cross!

PATRICIA BRYNGELSON—GRADE 1 TEACHER AT RCLS

Mrs. Bryngelson graduated from Southwest MN State University with a B.A. in Elementary Education, English Literature and Art concentration. She attended the University of MN and obtained her license in Kindergarten, Early Childhood and MA in Elementary Education. She took classes in Special Learning and Behavioral Problems at Winona State University and completed the Lutheran Classroom Teacher Colloquy Certification Program through Concordia College.

Prior to serving as a teacher at Rochester Central Lutheran School, Mrs. Bryngelson taught at all levels, preschool through sixth, and Special Learning and Behavioral Problems, between her public school and Lutheran school experiences. She also home-schooled four daughters with a Christian education.

As a called servant of the Lord, Mrs. Bryngelson loves the freedom to openly teach the children to live in a way that brings glory to God and nurture each child as they uniquely grow, developing their talents and skills to be faithful Christians, growing in faith to know and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and prepare them for their present life and eternity.

God has blessed Mrs. Bryngelson and her husband with a wonderful family of four daughters and 13 grandchildren. They are truly blessed in that they all live nearby so they can spend many wonderful times together. Mrs. Bryngelson and her husband, Jim, farm near Dodge Center and are faithful members of Holy Cross since 2002.

Mrs. Bryngelson loves spending time with her family, especially babysitting grandchildren, and helping her husband on the farm. She likes being outdoors and enjoys gardening, fishing, hiking, biking and sewing.

Jesus said:
"Let the children come to Me. Do not hinder them. Remember! The Kingdom of God belongs to those who have faith as a little child."

RCLS NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends of RCLS,

At RCLS we share Jesus with the children and the families we serve and strive to operate with the highest standards of academic quality. To ensure our ongoing commitment to excellence in all areas of our school life we engage in accreditation through the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA).

Every five years NLSA schools participate in a re-accreditation process. RCLS began the re-accreditation process in the spring of 2016. This began with a self-study that occurred over the last nine months. During the second phase an NLSA visitation team verified the school's findings and prepared a final report. The final report shared specific strengths and recommendations. Using the results of the self-study and the input from the visiting team the RCLS administration, faculty and staff will develop an action plan that will guide our growth, in all areas of the school's operation, for the next five years.

The NLSA visitation team noted the following outstanding strengths of RCLS:

- A dedicated administrator, faculty and the staff committed to the mission of the school.
- Expansive and well-maintained facilities serve the varied programs of the school.
- A caring and supportive school climate and community is obvious.
- The up-to-date curriculum is rich, innovative, engaging and student-centered.
- An extensive amount of co-curricular, extracurricular, enrichment activities and programs are available for students.

Another significant event is the retirement of two of our wonderful teachers. Please join us as we bid farewell to Mrs. Linda Wetzel and to Mrs. Patricia Bryngelson who will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year. An Open House will be held at Rochester Central Lutheran School, 2619 Ninth Avenue NW, Rochester, MN on Sunday, May 7 from 12-2 pm. A light lunch will be served.
If you would like to give a card and/or a gift please note that there will be a gift table available during the Open House. Hoping you will be able to stop by to celebrate with us as we honor these two servants of Christ.

We also would like to invite you to the following school events in May:

- **The Jazz & Pops Concert**, Friday, May 5, 7:00 pm in the school gym.
- **The Spring Music Concert**, Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 pm.
- **The RCLS Track and Field Day**, Friday, May 19, 8 am – 2:30 pm.

Christ's peace,
Suzanne Lagerwaard,
Principal

MISSION MANIA MAY 13!

An annual event for several years, once again we look forward to seeing everyone at the Mission Mania All-Day event on **Saturday May 13** .

Here's what you can expect:

- Rummage sale 8-3
- Carwash 10-2
- Lunch from 11-2.: Burgers, brats, dogs, pulled pork sandwiches!
- Bake sale 8-3

And of course, plants from Gerten's!! This year, we had such a great response on our pre-orders, we ordered a ton of extra tubs, baskets, and more!

We have reopened our ordering system to accept orders while supplies last.

Go to www.holycrossyouth.org/GertensSpring.php to reserve some great items for your home or business.

For the rummage sale, items can be dropped off at church on Friday of that week from 3-7 PM , but earlier if you need to make some space. Contact Curt to arrange pick up or drop off.

Additional help is always welcome. The plants will arrive on Sunday May 7 at around 1:00, when unloading and sorting will be done.

Talk to Lisa St Peter or Curt, or click on the SERVE menu option on the Holy Cross web site, then select "Current Signups" and find the one for Mission Mania.

Let's all join together in support of this year's team that will be giving up part of their summer to go out in the Name of Jesus and on the behalf of Holy Cross!

Lots of extra plants from Gerten's on May 13 –14!

Tell friends and neighbors!

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Goin' on The Road with Jesus this Summer!

WORKCAMP MISSION 17—LAST CALL!

May 10 is the absolute final date to get your name on the list for this year's mission trip to North Carolina!

Go to HolyCross-church.org, click on the Ministries menu, then "youth", then "workcamp missions ". Check out the latest, then click on the signup image!

When : July 27-Aug 6

Where: Thomasville, NC

Who: Carole Cochran, Nate Onhsee, Christoff Turner, Jon Lofquist, Julia Stowe, Lars Fehling, Kenzie Below, Megan Wanzek, Chris Bany, Sam St Peter, Jace Gerber, Tanner Peterson, Taryn Bellingar, Dana Bellingar, Juliana Murray, Katya Fields, Ian Krom, Casey Neumann, Curt Boger. There are 2 other women waiting on other factors before they can commit.

You can see that God has moved in the hearts of some really good folks to make this journey for Christ. For each person, we are grateful!

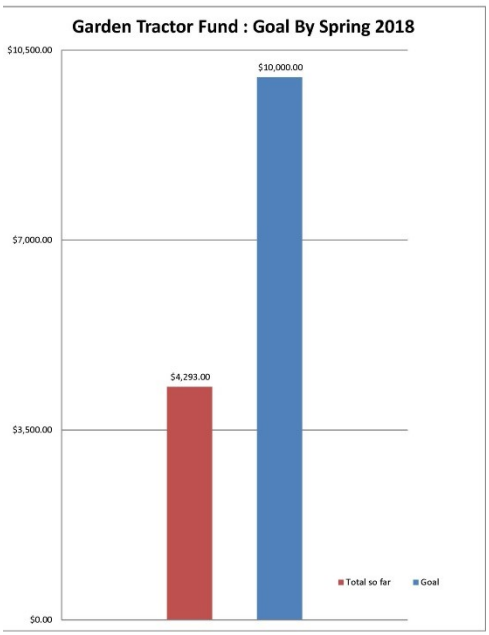
To support our missions, you can become a partner! Just mark your offering "Youth Missions". We will make sure to include you in our postcard mailings from the trip!

Great times in the Great Smokies again in 2017!

YOUTH GARDEN/TRACTOR UPDATE

In November we started a fund to purchase a small utility tractor for the garden. At the right you can see that we are already well on our way to reaching the $10,000 goal! Donations can be marked "Youth Garden Tractor"

We are currently borrowing a tractor that is much like the one at the right (the type we are looking for). It has been a Godsend, saving enormous amounts of time and work and backache! Help give one a permanent place at the Fruits of the Spirit Youth Garden!



YOUTH GARDEN SPRING WORK ON SCHEDULE

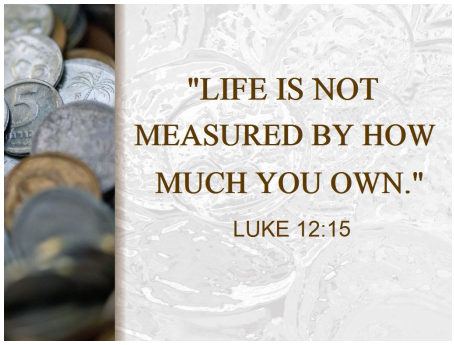
April has been chilly and a little wet, but that has not stopped our progress at the Fruits of the Spirit Gardens! Our potatoes, onions, and garlic are all planted; we have also started our pea pods and beets. Our honeybee colonies had a very rough winter and we are working hard to reestablish enough healthy colonies to get a decent honey crop by July.

KIDZALIVE! CHILDRENS' MINISTRY!

KidZ Alive! our weekly Sunday School ministry for age 3 – Grade 4 meets from 10:45 -11:45 in Parish Hall every Sunday. Join us as we sing, dance, make crafts, and learn about Jesus through puppet presentations and storytelling. See you Sunday! Contact Pastor Fran Green for more information: fran@holycross-church.org.

WE HAD A GREAT TIME HUNTING EASTER EGGS ON EASTER SUNDAY!

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



March 2017 general fund receipts were $34,767 and expenses were $44,994. This resulted in a current month net outflow of $10,228. For comparability, YTD 2017 March receipts are $109,076 compared to YTD March 2016 of $114,314, down $5,237. YTD March expenses $131,475 and YTD March 2016 were $124,956, up $6,518. This combined for a year-to-year difference in cashflow of ($11,756).

We are slightly below 2016 in Salary & Benefits ($2,707) due to disability of our Worship Director being covered by Liberty Mutual, but up $2,385 on snow, up $1,976 on repairs for heating, up $1,363 in RCLS support. We also contributed $1,000 to POBLO in March. Most other categories of expenses were in line with expectations.

In designated gifts we received $5.067 and paid $4,260 for a net inflow of $807. Youth Garden tractor, band of brothers and Partners in Ministry in India had the largest activity.

Checking balance dropped to $17,205.

Thank you to everyone who gave in support of our mission and ministries!

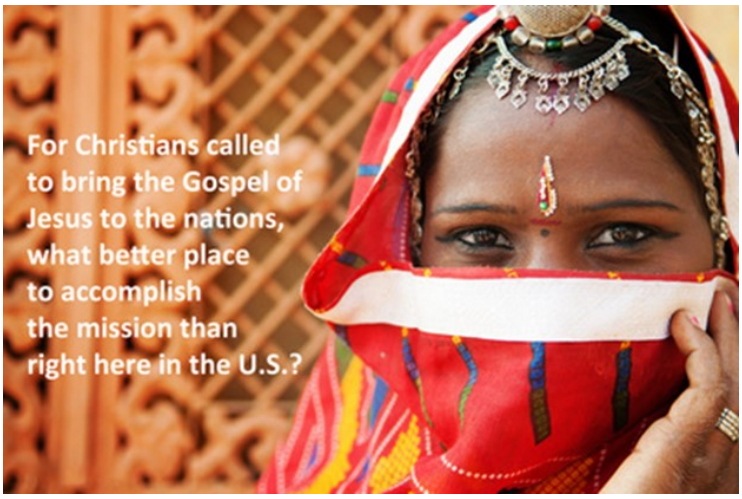
Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. He honor you with an overflow of blessings. (Proverbs 3:9)

YOUR GIVING IS REACHING THE NATIONS!

Holy Cross actively supports People of the Book Lutheran Outreach in Rochester. Recently, we received the following thank you from the Director of POBLO International – Rev. Farukh Khan.

Dear Rev. Schauder, Rev. Green and all the Saints at Holy Cross,

Thank you for you generous donation to POBLO International! Your financial partnership allows us to continue meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of those we come in contact with in the United States and beyond. May our good Lord continue to bless you!



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