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Summer 2020 Newsletter

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Words of Wisdom

Tips if you can't sleep.

- Turn off the WiFi
- Turn off your gadgets
- Relax, close your eyes
- Talk to God and surrender your worries and let Him handle everything. He knows what is on your heart. Trust Him.



Views from the Pews

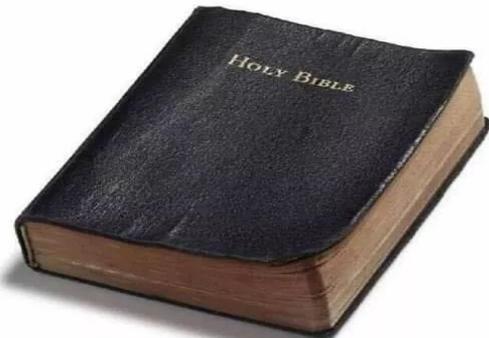
He's got you, sis. He's got your problems. He's got your worries. He's got your future. He's already figured out a way to carve new paths and clear old skies to bring you closer to Him. He's accounted for all of your talents, and all of your missteps and failures too. You can rest. He won't let you down. He's gonna lighten the load, or strengthen your shoulders, but either way, you can trust Him.

But just in case you're still struggling, stressing, or just generally have a rough time with anything—or everything—I went ahead and made a little list of all the things too big for God to handle:

1. Absolutely
2. Not
3. One
4. Single
5. Thing.

Seriously. He's got you.

The answer to all of your problems are in here.



You can quote me...

If a tiny virus can do this much damage, imagine what faith the size of a mustard seed can do!

Holy Cross Council Meeting 5-13-20

Present: JoAnn Lehrkamp, Sue Boynton, Dale Boynton, Pastor Jay, Sylvia Davis, Charlie Jakober, Guest Lynn Sandvig, Jamison Marshall

Meeting Open: Dale Boynton

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jay

Secretary Report: Review report motion made by Sue Boynton to approve 2nd by Sylvia Davis. Motion Carried

Treasurer Report: Review report motion made by Sylvia Davis to approve 2nd by Charlie Jakober. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

1. Youth Ministry

All classes are on hold.

Will wait to see about 4th of July Tailgate.

Will wait till further notice for VBS.

2. Worship

Will hold church on a week by week bases due to COVID 19

Community churches looking at June 7th as return too inside.

3. Community

Chaplain Program: Salvation Army to coordinate county wide food program. Congregations may be called on to assist.

No action with the CISM-Mobile Crisis Team.

No Action with the Homeless Coalition-all Meetings postponed.

No Action with the COTTH- no meetings until further notice.

Lunch with Jon Droge.

4. Misc.

Trudy is working no hours until further notice.

Newsletter-beginning to take contributions for summer edition.

Numerous contacts made with church members.

Pastor Jay taking vacation Annual Fishing Trip-Sat. May 30 thru June 3. Jamison to preach.

Darrell and Jamison will set up.

Safety check done on swing set - 12:30pm-Wed. May 13.

New Business: Discussed about when church will resume inside at some point. If necessary we will lock doors and close the Fellowship Hall-No coffee after church. Ushers will seat peoples and dismiss people.

Council decided after lengthy discussion about serving Communion that any member in good standing can be Communion Assistant when needed.

Next meeting 6-4-20 at 6pm.

Motion made by Sylvia Davis to adjourn meeting 2nd by Charlie Jakober. Motion carried.

Closing with The Lord's Prayer

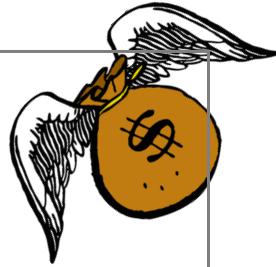
Council Secretary,

JoAnn Lehrkamp

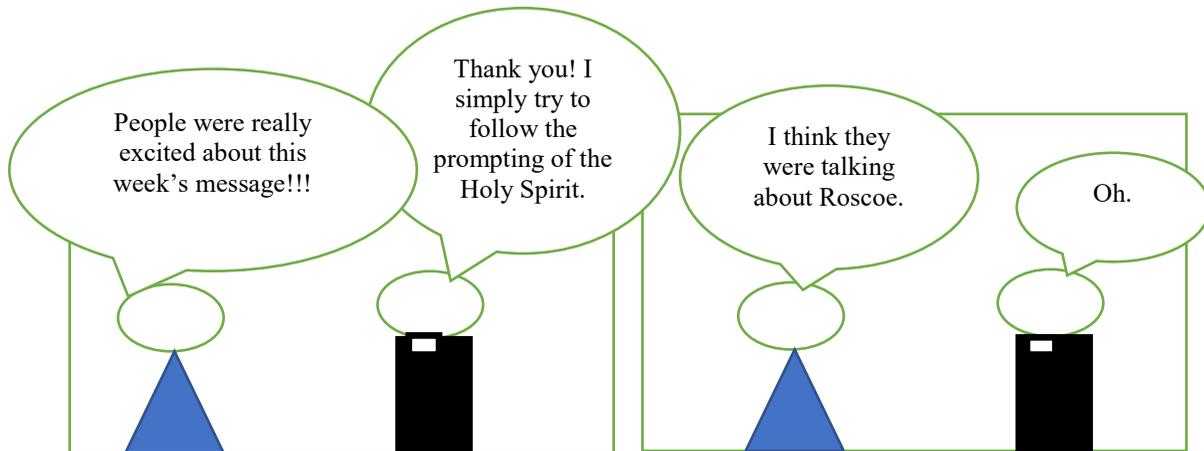
Note: Minutes printed here may have been partially edited for space. The full, approved minutes are available to view in the church office.

Financial Stuff

2020 SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT	
2020 BUDGET	\$ 95,265.00
WEEKLY	\$ 1,832.00
MONTHLY	\$ 7,940.00
QUARTERLY	\$ 23,816.25
QUARTERLY RECEIVED TO DATE	
April	\$ 12,044.00
May	\$ 8,106.03
June	\$ 6,399.07
TOTAL	\$ 26,549.10
STILL NEEDED 1st QUARTER	\$ (2,732.85)



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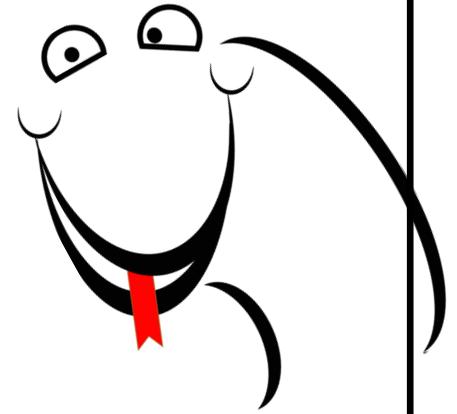


Roscoe's Kids' Corner

I have a friend who never gives up on me and always by my side.



**His name is Jesus!
Amen.**



Thoughts and Prayers

Hugging Mom
When an adult child hugs their mom,
It's so much more to her,
It opens up a memory box,
To times of yesteryear,
It takes her back to your childhood,
When you sat upon her lap,
When she'd settle you after the scariest dream,
Or put you down for a nap,
If she holds you a little tighter,
She's keeping those days alive,
Remembering how she hugged you,
When you were only four or five,
So when you hug your mother,
Don't be quick to break her embrace,
Let her hold you a littler longer,
And live those days she'll never replace.

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS.

Coronavirus, I rebuke you in Jesus name. I cast you out. You have no place here. Father Lord, protect us from this disease. Loose your healing on us Lord. Deliver us from this virus and all other infections. Cover us with the blood of Jesus. The Bible says that by His stripes we are healed. So, we call on your healing powers today. Please heal us all. Thank you for hearing our plea.

Pastor Jay's Piece

Fear, Faith, and the Future

There are many issues which are dividing the people of our country and the divisions can be traced to some fundamental beliefs and fears. Fear, however, seems to be driving much of the debates currently going on-dominating both formal political "discussion" and casual conversations over coffee. Fear is a natural response when one senses potential harm to themselves or loved ones, especially if the threat involves ones very survival.

Enter COVID-19. A disease that has been politicized and the response to it has affected our very ways and means of daily life. Here too there seems to be a division on how one reacts to the policies imposed by our political leaders and to the threat of the virus itself. Fear may be felt by anyone but I believe, as in other social issues, faith is what can set us apart.

People with faith, specifically faith in the risen Christ, value this earthly life. But not at all costs. Even more, the Christian is prepared to suffer all things for Christ. Happiness given up in this life will be more than made up in our life with Christ in eternity. We desire happiness and well-being for those we love even to the point we will sacrifice our own happiness, even our lives.

Many of the contributions to this newsletter help us look to Christ. In Him is our hope and future. This earthly time is not the end of our existence. We survive the tough times because there is a better future yet to come.

In memory of Tom John Heis 1935 - 2020

By Sandy and Robert Rodahl

Tom was the reason why Bob and I joined Holy Cross Church. He met us at the door as we arrived and made us feel very welcomed. Tom had a great workshop in his garage. Bob and I spent many hours over the years repairing and finishing many of our projects in his shop. We would not have been able to do it without Tom's advice and the use of his many handy tools.



For more tributes to Tom please go to these on-line sites.

forevermissed.com/thomas-john-heis/about

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvc4FbuvHd0>

Life at Holy Cross

Recipe for gluten free pancakes.... Teresa Schott
In the pampered chef batter bowl. I mix the following in this order. This makes a full batter bowl so it makes A LOT! Of course, with as many as we have in our house this only lasts a weekend usually .

Pampered Chef batter bowl

4cups of whole milk

3 eggs

1/4c oil (vegetable oil is what I use.)

2 tsp baking powder

2/3 cup white granulated sugar

1Tablespoon vanilla (sometimes more lol)

4 cups of Bob's Red Mill 1 to 1 gluten free flour . It's the blue label. Questions ask me.

Use a hand mixer and mix batter thoroughly. Sometimes I don't measure and it is thick. Just add water to the consistency you want. I store unused amount in refrigerator and use within 5 days for sure.

I also make the pancakes in a cast iron skillet. My family never tried to make these themselves. They say they don't taste the same as when I make them. The weirdos, lol.

Let me know what you think and if they turn out.

Peace be with you-Teresa.



Ministry Updates

- We're worshipping inside again and offering communion with the elements provided in pre-sealed cups.
- Private or in-home communion is still an option.
- Sunday Morning Bible Study will start on September 13 with the study of *Romans*.
- Our Christian education program (Wednesday School, pre-confirmation, confirmation, and senior high Peer Ministry) will be beginning in September. Stay tuned for more information.