

# PARTNERS NEWSLETTER

*“Equipping and sending God’s people to make a Christ-like difference in the world”*

**DEAR PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL,**

Graduation celebrations make this a wonderful time of the year! One of my greatest thrills as the leader of a high school association and then a college was to hand out diplomas (well, actually, I gave my graduates *empty folders* into which their diplomas would be placed . . . *after* all tuition had been paid!).

My students heard me talk frequently about the concept of “deposit-and-withdrawal.” They were the beneficiaries of sacrifices (**deposits**) made by those who had preceded them: dedicated faculty and staff who strove for excellence in their teaching and serving skills, committed alumni who enhanced the school’s reputation by their academic and vocational achievements, and generous donors who provided significant funding for the ministry of Christian education. My students had the privilege of making **withdrawals** from an account enriched by past **deposits**. They, in turn, were privileged to make their own **deposits** by their diligence and generosity during and beyond their time in school.

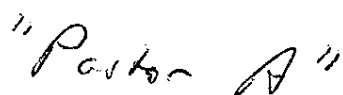
I feel the same way about us at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School. We and our children worship and learn (**withdrawals**) in beautiful, functional facilities provided (**deposited**) by sacrificial gifts from times past. As we teach in classrooms, lead worship in the sanctuary and move about our community seeking to make a Christ-like difference (**deposit**), we stand in a long line (**withdrawal**) of committed laity and church workers who invested (**deposited**) their time, talent and treasure into the mission and ministry of our Church and School.

The psalmist Asaph says it so beautifully, “We will not hide them [God’s teachings] from [our] children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. . . . that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.” (Psalm 78:4,6-7).

This is why we must never be hesitant to encourage and challenge ourselves to **fund the mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School**. God be praised for His power, presence, and provision in the life of our church and school – **deposits** inspired and empowered by Him from His faithful people of “ages past,” **deposits** from which we make regular **withdrawals** – and God be praised for the challenge and privilege of making our own **deposits** at this critical juncture in the life of Holy Cross, the privilege of participating in His work of creating a “hope for years to come.”

Sometimes it can appear as if “all the church ever talks about is money.” With all the financial pressures we (self included) face in our daily lives, we can begin to resent and rationalize when it comes to making our monetary **deposits** for the work of the Lord. Reading 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, a powerful appeal for financial giving by the apostle Paul, I was struck and blessed by His final appeal – “Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15). That “inexpressible gift” is the eternal salvation that is ours through the sacrificial death and miraculous Easter resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we “turn our eyes upon Jesus,” focusing on what HE provides instead of what we allegedly lack, “the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.”

Pastor Ahlersmeyer



# Treasurer's Corner

May 2011 Reporting on April 2011 Results

By Todd Seiman

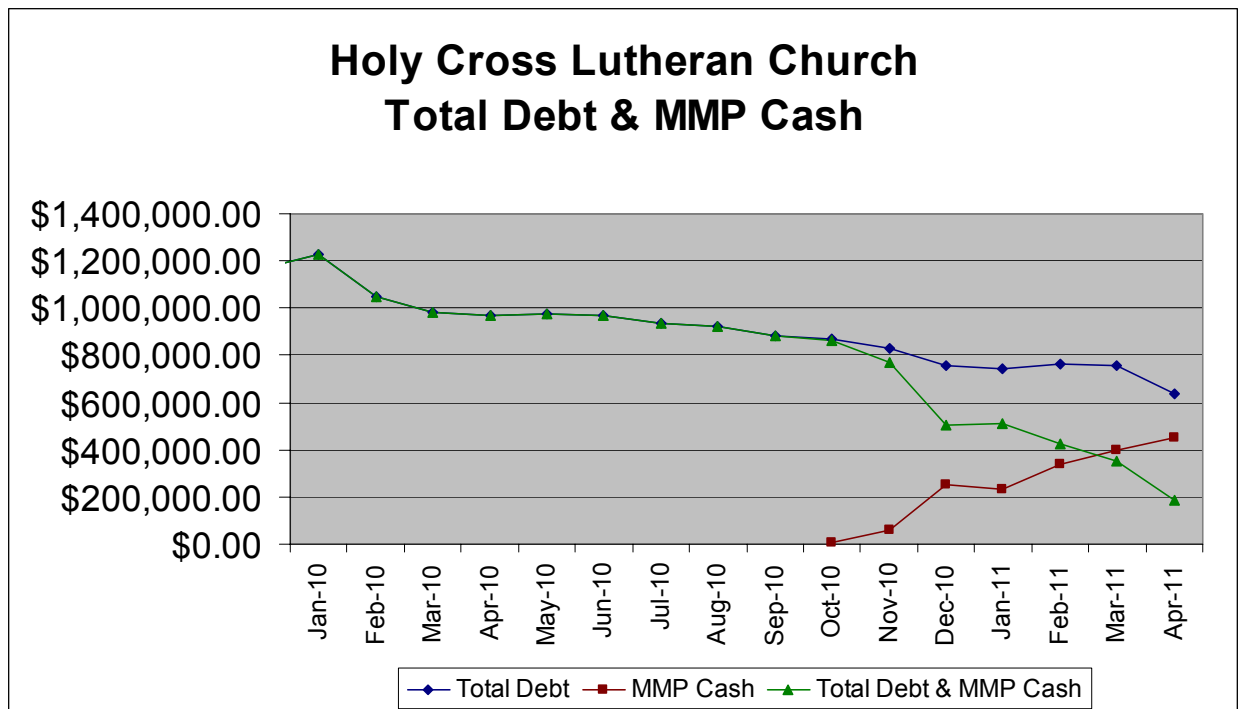
April actual results were positive in total and favorable to plan for revenues and expenses. Envelope giving and grant revenues were ahead of plan, while member school tuition lagged behind. In total, revenues were \$32,533 favorable to plan for the month. Looking at the expenses: salaries, taxes & benefits and utilities, expenses were favorable, while all other categories of expenses were at budget levels. In total, expenses were \$12,027 favorable to plan. April actual operating results are showing a gain of \$29,434 and ahead of plan for the month by \$44,561. Historically, this time of year revenue starts to fall off slightly and the operating results become negative. But overall the 1<sup>st</sup> four months of 2011 have positive actual results of \$82,162. Both revenues and expenses are favorable to plan going against historical trends. The year-to-date results have a revenue gain of \$56,935 against budget and favorable expenses of \$42,258 results in the net favorable impact for the year of \$99,194 as compared to the 2011 plan.

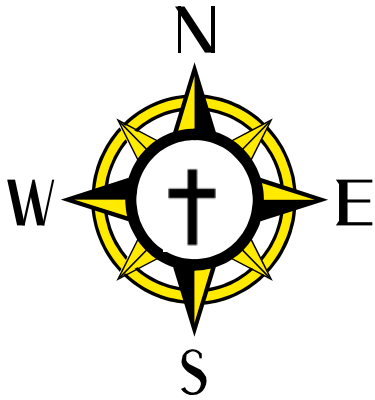
Year to date Results:

	<b>Actual Results</b>	<b>Financial Plan</b>	<b>Difference (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 907,085	\$ 850,150	\$ 56,935
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 824,924	\$ 867,182	\$ 42,258
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	\$ 82,162	(\$ -17,032)	\$ 99,194

April marks a positive milestone in the debt levels at Holy Cross. \$100,000 was applied against the capital debt reducing the HHWH loan to \$448,000. To briefly recap: external line of credit \$0, internal line of credit \$0, HHWH Loan \$448,000 and North Anthony Center (NAC) \$71,000. The debt levels continue to decline as planned. In addition there is sufficient cash being held in reserve to pay off the NAC loan this summer.

The graph shows total debt, "Making Mission Possible" (MMP) cash and the two netted together. The total line indicates how the MMP cash is offset against the current debt levels. As MMP funds are received they are deposited into the cash account. These funds will then be applied to pay down debt at the appropriate time. In total, "MMP" contributions amount to over \$565,000.





**THE JOURNEY**  
“Walking with our Brothers & Sisters in Christ to mentor, support and care for each other in our spiritual journey”

**The Women’s Journey**  
First & Third Tuesdays  
of Each Month  
The Aulick Center  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
June 7 & 21

**The Men’s Journey**  
Fridays, 12:00 Noon  
at the Aulick Center  
June 10 & 24 (Pizza Served)  
Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
at the Aulick Center (Coffee Served)  
Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Firefly Coffee Shop  
June 9 & 23

**For More Information Contact: Men’s Journey - Don Henry 415-8608**  
**Women’s Journey - Becky Henry 494-9715**  
**E-mail: eisbarhenry@aol.com**



The Backyard Missionary sponsored the International Mission Connection at St. Augustine’s Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 22. These pictures tell the story of what a great time we had. If you would like to join us and become a Backyard Missionary, please contact me at: 483-3173 x305 or email me at Imerino@holycrossfw.org.

God Bless you,  
Pastor Merino

**Remember: You don’t have to travel far to make a Christ-like difference.**



# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*“Equipping and Sending God’s People to Make a Christ-like Difference in the World”*

This Summer Holy Cross is Making a Christ-like Difference in...

## COLORADO: Denver Week of Hope



Chad Van Meter will lead 30 Holy Cross youth to Denver to bring the hope-filled message of the Gospel to those who have lost hope.

## EASTERN EUROPE: Mission Slovakia



Pastor Merino will lead a group of twelve to build friendships and share the Gospel with the Gypsy people of Slovakia.

## SPECIAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

On Father’s Day weekend we will present more information about these opportunities. You will have the chance to give directly to these missions through a special designated envelope and through a door offering.

**Thanks in advance for all your support.**

We ask for your prayers for our teams and those we will serve.  
In the meantime, please contact us to find out how you can get involved.

God bless you,

Pastor Larry and Chad

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Chad Van Meter: [CVanmeter@holycrossfw.org](mailto:CVanmeter@holycrossfw.org) 483.3173 x324



# End and Begin

What a joy it has been to see the return of the deep color of green in the grass and trees and great color in the blossoms and flowers. Dead leaves and branches, grey/brown lawns and lack of flowers have come to an end. More importantly we have seen a life end, and a new life begin in Christ as we celebrate His death and Resurrection, and most recently His Ascension.

Holy Cross Senior Saints (56+) are also coming to the end of events on their January to June, 2011 calendar and are looking forward to the beginning of activities on their new July to December calendar. As the old calendar comes to an end, we still look forward to "Lunch with the Pastor" at the Lone Star Steakhouse on Wednesday, June 8, at 11:30 a.m., and our trip to the Gateway Theater and Restaurant for super food and the show, "The Confession", on Wednesday, June 29. This trip is filled, but you can call Barb Friedrich to get on the waiting list in case there are cancellations.

Remember, Bible study/potluck will resume September 1.

As far as beginning is concerned, our new July to December calendar includes many of the oldies but goodies while adding many exciting firsts to be enjoyed. So, Seniors, watch for the calendar which you will receive toward the end of June. Call Barb Friedrich (484-3701) for reservations for events as far ahead as you like, put the dates on your calendar, and get set for lots of **study, service** and **celebration**.

We would also like to increase our number of seniors helping teachers and students in our parish school beginning in September. If you are interested in becoming involved in this program and have not previously told us, or if you have questions about the program, please call John Mueller (485-9230).

Ya'll come and begin a new calendar of events with us!



## Vacation Bible School June 20-24th



*Are you ready for a wild adventure?  
If so, join us for VBS*

**Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

*The theme this year is PandaMania: Where God is wild about you!*

Register children ages PK - 5th Grade on our website at  
[www.holycrossfw.org](http://www.holycrossfw.org).

***To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers  
who can give their time, energy and love to the kids  
who will attend.***

***If you are interested in helping, please call or email Jill McGaffick  
at 755-5322 or [mcgaffick4@gmail.com](mailto:mcgaffick4@gmail.com).***



## Summer Camp Suggestions

**Camp during the summer** can be an enriching experience for children. It can also be an anxiety-producing time for some children and an exasperating time for parents. To avoid severe homesickness, it takes some thought and planning. Here are some ideas that might help:

**First**, evaluate your child's readiness for camp. Although there are camps for children as young as 6 years of age, most children enjoy 'sleep away camp' if they are closer to 10 years old. Younger children usually enjoy 'at home camp' experiences that include Vacation Bible school, organized day camps, and special events like trips to the zoo and swimming lessons.

**Second**, plan ahead! Start talking about "sleep away camp" a year before the actual time and include your child in choosing between camps that offer different activities. Some camps have a theme for the camp time. An example is sports, hiking, or water activities (canoeing, swimming, sailing). Of course all the options that you offer your child should be in your price range.

**Third**, encourage the parents of your child's friends to consider the same camp for their children. It is easier to go to camp with a friend than to be 'the only one.'

**Fourth**, children learn how to cope with homesickness gradually by staying overnight at a friend's house. Encouraging 'sleepovers' during the school year is an excellent way to prepare your child for camp. Through this the child gains experience and a sense of competence and control.

## Why Mission Trips are Healthy for Youth

I have been taking youth around the country for almost a decade now. There are lots of sleep-deprived nights tossing and turning on hard linoleum floors, smelly vans, long lines for cold showers, long days of hard work, and most importantly...amazing, life-transformational moments for teenagers.

I don't know that I can deduce an exact formula for why these trips work so well to bring home a teenager's faith. Certainly it includes the intentional devotions and themed worship programs we do, the long one-on-one talks with chaperones and youth leaders, the actual service itself, direct interaction with people of need, and so on; but I believe there is something else going on in these trips. I think they reveal a fundamental fact important to the mission of the Church: our youth WANT to serve!

Given opportunities to serve others in the Name of Christ, we see time and again youth rise to the occasion. Shown in intriguing ways the needs of others, youth respond compassionately to relieve and minister in small but important ways. While the problems in the world are simply over-whelming (even the most well-meaning person quickly gets lost in the myriad of social issues), these trips offer concrete and effective, though simple, ways to serve; and youth respond.

The onus is on us to find more and more creative ways to engage our youth with the overwhelming needs of our communities. God help us!

*\*This year Holy Cross is sending 30 students and 5 adults to Denver, CO the last week of July for our annual mission "service" trip. Any direct donations would be greatly appreciated. Many of the students depend on our scholarship efforts. Thanks!*

### The Last day of School at Holy Cross is June 14.



The children will have Field Day in the morning from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Chapel is at 1:00 p.m. and awards will follow. The children will be dismissed after awards.

**The Eighth Grade Graduation is Saturday, June 11 at 5:00.**



### Tennis Camp ~ June 27-30th

Join us in learning a fun sport or get a little better at playing tennis Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the CLHS tennis courts. All children between the ages of 7-12 are welcome to come. You may register your child with the church office by calling 483-3173 or download a form at [www.holycrossfw.org](http://www.holycrossfw.org).



### Basketball Camp ~ July 5-8th

Holy Cross will be conducting a basketball camp for both girls and boys entering 5th - 8th grade on Tuesday - Friday in the gym. Registration fee is \$35 which includes a t-shirt. Register in the school office or call Coach Merino at 580-1078.

# Congratulations to our Graduates!

## HOLY CROSS 8TH GRADE

Joseph Anderson	Cody Drummond	Jorden Kindig	John Pynchon
Nicholas Anderson	Marissa Elgin	Kerigan Kirkpatrick	John Schuchhardt
Rylen Asher	Adam Gilbert	Katelynn Koehlinger	Kerrigan Smith
Samantha Berning	Jet Gore	Jessica Kraft	Corey Staley
Alexandrea Bohnke	Mallory Gotsch	Margaret Lawson	Justin Swan
Nolan Chandler	Joel Green	Kaytlin Mahoney	Morgan Travis
Hampton Churchill-Brooks	Myranda Harper	Kyle McGaffick	Julia Waters
Juliet Dahlgren	Hannah Hobby	Khaliyah McNair	Destiny Wilson
Brooke Doerfler	Christopher Keske	Carrington Panning	

**Our 2010-2011 Holy Cross Valedictorian is John Schuchhardt and Salutatorian is Corey Staley.**

### HIGH SCHOOL

### INTENTIONS

Anne Berger ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Indiana University
Logan Blaising ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW
Laura Cocklin ( <i>Snider</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW
Shayla Cook ( <i>Snider</i> ) . . . . .	undecided
Katrina Eshcoff ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Ball State University
Madison Heller ( <i>Leo</i> ) . . . . .	Pilot School
Alexandra Klaehn ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Concordia University - Ann Arbor
Weston Leffers ( <i>Leo</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW
Luke Minich ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Indiana University
Kasey Oetting ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Wabash College
Jared Pazder ( <i>Snider</i> ) . . . . .	Ivy Tech and the Navy
Nathan Plank ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Army Air Borne Infantry
Mark Semprini ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW
Erik Tom ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW
Jacob Shavlik ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Le Cordon Bleu - Chicago
Luke Weikart ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Weber State - Ogden, Utah
Anna Wick ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	Indiana Wesleyan University
Daniel Zilz ( <i>Concordia</i> ) . . . . .	IPFW



**God  
Bless  
You  
All!**

### COLLEGE

Matt Anderson—Kelley School of Business, IU ( <i>Finance/Management</i> )
Ryan Bojrab—University of Indianapolis ( <i>Doctorate-Physical Therapy</i> )
Craig Gerbers—Concordia University at Chicago ( <i>Education</i> )
Trent Gerbers—Manchester College ( <i>Accounting</i> )
Andy Hesterman—Ball State University ( <i>Masters-Architecture</i> )
Karla Hesterman—Indiana University ( <i>Journalism</i> )
Evan Neubacher—University of San Francisco ( <i>Masters-International Development Economics</i> )
Sarah Neubacher—University of Toledo ( <i>Nursing</i> )
Brittany Schott—IPFW ( <i>Biology/Chemistry</i> )
Abby Troue—Purdue University ( <i>Agriculture Economics/Entrepreneurship and Environment</i> )
David Zilz—Taylor University ( <i>Engineering/Physics</i> )

# Lutheran Life Villages Fort Wayne Auxiliary Annual Chicken Barbecue

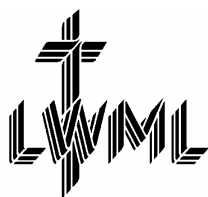
Friday, June 10, 2011

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$6.50/presale or \$7.00 at the door  
Purchase from your Congregational Representative(s)  
or call 260-447-1591 x2116.

or Drive Through for ½ Chicken, only \$4.00  
from 3:00- 6:00 p.m.

Location: 6701 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN



## The North Zone Fall LWML Rally

October 1st  
Our Hope Lutheran Church  
Huntertown, IN

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to come. The keynote speaker will be Leslie Haines from the Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries.

*We really need to support and pray for our servicemen and women for the tremendous job they are doing to protect us and others.*

More details will be coming in August.

*Anyone who has filled their mite box may place their coins in a plastic baggie and put it in the large Mite box in the Welcome Center.*

## International VBS July 11-15th at Holy Cross

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to make a Christ-like difference in the lives of many international children in our community.

There will be three sessions of International VBS this summer, with *the first session to be held at Holy Cross*

**Second Session is July 18-22nd  
at Bethlehem Lutheran  
3705 S. Anthony Blvd.**

and the

**Final Session is July 25-29th  
at Shepherd of the City Lutheran  
1301 S. Anthony Blvd.**

Each session will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

*If you would like to help with this great outreach, please contact Chad Schopp at 482-9135 or Southwest Lutheran at 436-4474.*

## THE GLOBAL ADOPTION CONNECTION

Join our local adoption and international communities as we celebrate the cultures of adoption!

**Saturday, June 18th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Experience the food, the fun and the cultural highlights of our African community and join families from all over who share this new culture through their adopted children.

This is a free event and open to all!

**Food \* Fun \* Dancing \* Story Telling \* Crafts**

**Come join us at:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3425 Crescent Ave.

For more info contact Anna Bogdon at: 260-704-0829 or go online to: [www.argroupfw.com](http://www.argroupfw.com).

## NEW LUTHERAN HOUR SPEAKER ON WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

"Strength for Weary People" is the message **Rev. Gregory P. Seltz** will share on the worldwide television program "Worship for Shut-Ins" on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lutheran Ministries Media (LMM) is the producer of the thirty minute weekly broadcast of "Worship for Shut-Ins".

The basis for Rev. Seltz's message are Matthew 11:29-30. He states that our faith in Christ not only connects us to God for eternal salvation, it gives us strength to overcome the trials of the day. He goes on to say that Jesus Christ is God's answer not just to sin and salvation; He is also the answer to the "weariness" of life this side of heaven.

And for many of the viewers of "Worship for Shut-Ins", his message is quite appropriate. Many who watch each week are homebound or living in an extended care facility. Pastor Seltz also proclaims that Christ's invitation is to "come to Him" to receive rest which gives us all power to live!

"Worship for Shut-Ins" is seen nationwide on the satellite service of DIRECTV Channel 377 every Sunday at 11:30 am Eastern time and 8:30 am Pacific time on the Total Christian Television (TCT) network. Established in 1980 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, LMM has produced 1601 programs with this July 3<sup>rd</sup> broadcast. It remains the only weekly Lutheran television worship service that is broadcast not only coast to coast, but throughout the world via four satellites on the TCT network. In addition, LMM puts its weekly programs on its website of [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org). It can also be seen on over forty local TV stations. Consult their website for the local stations that air it at various times. For local times here in Fort Wayne, see the information in the adjacent column.

Located on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, LMM relies on donations and prayers for their support. To make a contribution or for further information, write to them at 5 Martin Luther Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or call them at 471-5683.



*Worship for Shut-Ins*

Website:  
[worshipforshutins.org](http://worshipforshutins.org)  
Phone: 471-LOVE

*Viewing times for the Fort Wayne Area:*

Sundays:

**6:30 a.m.** WPTA-TV-21

**8:00 a.m.** FiOS Ch. 9 & Digital 33.2 & Sat. 252

**11:30 a.m.** DIRECTV 377; DISH 63 & WINM 12/38

**4:00 p.m.** Comcast Ch. 55 & FiOS Ch. 25

Mondays:

**4:00 p.m.** Comcast Ch. 55 & FiOS Ch. 25

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## *JUNE VIEWING SCHEDULE*

**June 5, 2011 - Luke 24: 45**

**"Understanding the Scriptures"**

*by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker*

The resurrection of Jesus proclaims His victory and the victory He won for us. Trials in life help us to focus on that which is truly important - "The salvation of (our) souls."

**June 12, 2011 - Psalm 25:7**

**"Sins of My Youth"**

*by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III*

I. These sins occurred, and they can now rise up to haunt us. II. However, be assured of total forgiveness, through faith in Christ. III. Go forward in life as mature Christians.

**June 19, 2011 - Matthew 28:16-20**

**"I Love a Mystery"**

*by Rev. Karl A. Frincke*

God, His nature & being, is a mystery - one to be appreciated, loved and honored, but finally a God to be in relationship with per Jesus, his Son.

**June 26, 2011 - Matthew 10:34-39**

**"Allegiance to Jesus"**

*by Rev. Daniel J. Brege*

By the greatness of Christ (He is God!) and by His wonderful works of love, we are saved. However, there are those who not only do not want to believe these facts of salvation, they are vehemently opposed to them. Sometimes those opposed to us because of Christ may even be members of our own family. In the midst of such opposition and peacelessness we are called upon to cling to and love our Lord above all things.

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## **SPORTS CAMP**



**Tennis Camp**

**June 27-30th  
Ages 7-12**

**Basketball Camp**

**July 5-8th  
5th-8th grade**

