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Holy Cross Day

Holy Cross Day is celebrated on September 14.

The story of the Cross is our legacy of God's redeeming love; a love so generous that it encompasses all who will accept it. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32) When he was Dean of the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Washington, D.C., Francis B. Sayre wrote a devotional guidebook for the National Cathedral. His words from The Cross have been very dear to me. I share them with you:

"The Cross, the shape of Christ's dying, his agony and our reproach; the utter fallibility of everything in this world which one day must perish, even

the sacred things we most cherish. But it is too, the shape of our hope, recalling the place where God redeemed the death of his Son, and forgave us for it and lifted us with him to a wholly new kind of life which can never be taken away."

The Cross is a new plane of existence that cuts across our little tracks, one that is beyond death itself, yet entered through it. It is beyond pain, and yet discovered in pain; beyond all defects and betrayed, yet meeting us precisely there. This is the Cross of Christ in the midst of which we meet, which He holds out to us, at that busy intersection where His life and ours are intertwined, where

sometimes we see His body hanging and sometimes see only the bare wood because He is no longer there. He is risen.

Taken from a sermon given by The Rev. David Bryan Hoopes, a Monk of the Order of the Holy Cross since 1972. Rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Farmingdale, New York. Spiritual Director to the Clergy of Northern Vermont and to Seminarians in the Diocese of Long Island and the Diocese of New York. Chaplain, the Diocesan Altar Guild, Secretary, Episcopal Charities, Member, Department of Mission, all within the Diocese of Long Island.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Education Program

Deacon Craig reports that his Offender Education Program at the South Central Correction Center in Licking will start to offer classes on Monday August 24th. He has worked with the Director of Education there to set up a mini-certificate in Business Studies. There will be two classes offered each term, and class sizes are limited to 10 people each. He reports that the rate of return to prison is above 2/3's of those released. But with just one college-level course, that drops to 1/5, and with four or more (like his new certificate program) that drops to fewer than 1/10. He is especially grateful to the people of All Saints and the Vestry for a generous donation of \$300 to cover the costs of books for 20 people. He was able to take that money and rent textbooks that retail for \$150 for \$15 per person for the term. He is excited about the program, and will present details at an upcoming Sunday adult forum.

'Son Rock Kids' Camp..... Vacation Bible School



Hannah Crown leads songs around the campfire

The congregations of First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Community Church and All Saints' Episcopal Church presented a Vacation Bible School called "Son Rock Kids' Camp".

Children from 3 years old to 6th grade enjoyed songs, stories, crafts and creative

snacks. The leaders of the program were assisted by a dozen teens from the churches.

The lively summer camp theme was concluded each evening with singing around the campfire.

An offering from the VBS of 30 back-packs with basic school supplies will be taken to the Christos House.



Pastor Elliot Anderson of St. Paul Lutheran Church directing the children in blessing the back-packs that will be donated



KIDS HELPING KIDS



Book Review

I really enjoyed reading this book and those of you that like a good mystery might want to check it out at the WP Library.

"In the Bleak Midwinter" by Julia Spencer Fleming.

Clare Fergusson, St. Alban's new priest fits like a square peg into the conservative Episcopal parish at Miller Kill, New York. She is not just a lady priest, she's a

tough ex-army coppter pilot.

A newborn infant is left at the church door and the new reverend meets Russ Van Alstyne, the town's police chief, who is also ex-army. Together they start the search for the mother of the baby and soon find themselves involved in the secrets that shadow Millers Kill. What they discover is a world of trouble....an attraction for each other....and a murder.

This is a really great page turner from start to finish and is full of words we all are familiar with...sexton...narthex and vestry, etc.

This is Fleming's first in a series of mysteries involving Rev. Fergusson and police chief Van Alstyne.

By Dianne Ivie



Clergy Schedule

Celebrant & Sermon

Sept 6-Celebrant; Mike Kyle

Sept 13-Celebrant; The Rev. Wayne Pelkey

Sept 20-Celebrant; Mike Kyle

Sept 27-Celebrant; The Rev. Wayne Pelkey

Mike's Away Days

Sept 11 & 12-Campus Ministry Programs in Springfield

Sept 13-Campus Ministry in Trenton

Sept 14-16-Clergy Conference at Conception Abbey

Sept 17-Congregational De-

velopment Meeting at Sedalia

Sept 20- Traveling to K.C. following Worship Service

Sept 21-Diocesan Council at K.C.

Sept 28-Campus Ministry at Fayette

Note:

I have shaded Mike's travel days in this color for easy sight when he is gone

Tid Bits

Go Green-Bring your recyclables in for Monday pick-up.

School Started-Yes school is in full swing, please drive cautiously and watch for our children.

ECW-The meeting was very relaxed this month with busy hands making “pocket crosses” and lots of good fellowship. Join us every third Saturday morning at 10:30 am in the parish hall. **Note:** Sept meeting will be the 4th Saturday at 10:30 am

Cook Book-Recipes, recipes bring them in for an All Saints’ Cookbook.

Wednesday Gathering-prepare your favorite recipe and bring it to the potluck at 6:00 pm & join us first in a Thanksgiving Worship Service at 5:30 pm.

Special Worship Service-was held at the Walnut Tower Apartments on Aug 2 at 4:30 pm with Mike Kyle giving a meaningful sermon. Sherry Lockett played the piano as we all sang some

favorite hymns. Join us at the next Special Service (watch for date & time), it is very inspiring, warm and uplifting.....a nice way to end a day.

Do you have a computer? Check this web-site out: www.birthverse.com/mybirthverse.cfm Amazing!!

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Speak well of your enemies after all, you made them!!

Congrats!

Sherry Lockett was awarded a MVP Award by Ozark Medical Center for wellness. She met and executed her weight loss goal of 50 lbs by developing and maintaining a healthy life style, and exercise program. Her picture is on a plaque by the cafeteria entrance at OMC. If you get a chance stop by and look at it, and congratulate Sherry for a job well done.

Celebrating Your Day

Birthdays

- Katie Morrison-2
- Bryan Moore-12
- Shyanne Figley-21
- Luke Morrison-22
- Anne Kyle-23
- Wyatt Jett-29
- Susan Pease-30



Belated Birthdays

- Audie Morrison-Aug 30
- Forrest Schaeffer-Aug 31

Belated Anniversary

- Kathleen & Toney Aid-Aug 30

Send a card, note or letter to:

Bonnie & Wayne Plocher at
19700 Jackie Lane
Corcoran, MN 55374

SEASON

PENTECOST

COLOR GREEN

Vestry News

June 5% giving was given to Deacon Craig for an Educational Program at Licking Correctional Center.

July 5% giving was sent to the West Plains Public Library to purchase new books.

Memorial Trees are in place. One was given anonymously and the other from memorial donations in

memory of Reverend R. J. Smith.

Curriculum “Living the Good Word” was purchased for two new Sunday School classes for grades 3-6 and 7-8-9. Invite friends.

Hinton Stokes donated a beautiful Holy Water Font for the Narthex in memory of his grandparents.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

There is a professional sitter for the Nursery now during the 10:30 service. Let this be known to our younger parents and encourage them to join us for worship.

Reminder! Check or sign-up for Lay Readers both services. We need you!

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THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH WITH
THE RED DOORS

As you pass our little church, be sure to plan a visit. So when at last you're carried in, God won't ask "who is it?"

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