

North Cross Spirit

... *telling the news of North Cross Church*

February 15, 2010

Coming up in Worship...

**We conclude
three weeks with
NOAH!**

**Week Three:
“A New Beginning”**

Check out... Genesis 8-9

Join adults in Sunday study: 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to share in study and fellowship with these classes this Sunday:

Wesleyan Class: Room 215

Lesson: *“Building on our Past while Charting our Future”* Tom Schmutz

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: *“Grey Areas of Faith”* Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: *“Building on our Past while Charting our Future”* Larry Wickham

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: *“Is Deuteronomy Important?”* Jeanne Lawing

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: *“The Common People Heard Him Gladly”* Becky Batchelor

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: *“The Priority of the Holy Spirit”* Faye Moore

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: *“Family Heritage Sharing”* Pat Kenski

***BUILDING on our PAST
while CHARTING our FUTURE***

Sharing North Cross Memories

Members and friends of North Cross have a variety of experiences through which the church has become a special part of their lives. **Let's share some of those!**

In 2 or 3 or 4 sentences, write down one of your best North Cross memories. Add your name and the year you joined North Cross or when you began attending. Put this into an envelope to leave at the church office, addressed to Anniversary Committee Member *Beverly Whitaker*. Between now and June, these will be combined into paragraphs and printed in our church newsletter.

Some of our seniors remember the earliest years when the church was establishing itself in this Northland community. Others are new among us. Some of yesterday's children and youth have stayed or returned and assumed leadership roles in our ongoing congregational ministries. Weddings and funerals have taken place in more than one sanctuary, and nursery care and classrooms relocated over the years. But the church is so much more than a building, and we thrive because of the efforts of the many “caretakers” who minister to its physical needs. We rejoice that so many persons have shared their talents and creativity in art and music and drama, enriching all of us. Our educational ministry is strong because of dedicated teachers. Participation in small groups has benefited us both socially and spiritually. In worship, we gather in Christ's name to praise God and seek His will for our lives. We've opened our doors to the community, and we've stepped out in service, even into faraway places. Now, as we anticipate our anniversary celebration, we look forward, *Building on our Past while Charting our Future*.

60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27

Transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others.

Lazarus Table needs volunteers

North Cross will be volunteering for the Lazarus Table at Grand Avenue Temple on Saturday, February 20th. What is the Lazarus Table? Grand Avenue United Methodist Church has ministered to the homeless and hungry people within walking distance since the mid-1990s. Starting in the winter of 1996, hot lunches have been served on Saturdays and Sundays, and this program is called the Lazarus Table.

Volunteers help set up the tables (setting out salt/pepper shakers, filling water pitchers, wrapping silverware, placing desserts on plates, etc.) prior to serving lunch (dishing out the various food choices on plates as guests go through the line). Then there is light clean-up (no dish-washing).

We meet on the west side of the parking lot toward the back at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. Bring cookies or fruit to leave at Grand Avenue. Please call our church office (452.2939) to volunteer. For more information, please talk with Joyce Singley or Patsy.

Northland Assistance Center to hold 4th Recognition Dinner

On March 27th, the Northland Assistance Center will host their *4th Annual Recognition Dinner* at the Embassy Suites Tiffany Springs, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event is held to thank those who extended a helping hand to Northland residents in need in the year 2009.

The guest speaker will be Chantel Pruitt, a former client of both Northland Assistance Center and Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet.

A social hour and silent auction will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.; dinner from 7 to 8 p.m.; and presentations from 8 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$500 for a table of eight (\$62.50 per person) or \$75 per person. Please call Rita D. Pearce at 816.421.2243 for reservations or mail your check to NAC, 2018 Gentry, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

A Lenten Journey Of Living Your Faith

Church Family Life invites you and your family to join us in A Lenten Journey of Living Your Faith.

"And Jesus answered them saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did for one of the least of these my brethren, you did, also, for me." Matthew 25:40

Each week (for 6 weeks) we will be doing an activity that *"does for the least of these."* It will involve a sacrifice of time on your part. We invite you to celebrate Lent by participating in this program. Each week in this space, you will be told of an activity to do during the next week.

Church Family Life

Job Club update

Job Club now meets on the first Monday of each month. We meet at 7 p.m. in Room 202. If you are out of work and need some job search guidance but can't make it on the first Monday of the month, please call either Steve at 816.682.4304 or Russ at 816.455.5733 and leave a message. Either Russ or Steve will call you back to answer any questions or give any guidance necessary.

Many members of the congregation have given job leads to us recently. Please keep them coming in! Feel free to drop off any leads at the church office or call Russ or Steve at the above numbers with the information. This is another way in which we as a congregation can help others in need. You do not have to be a member of North Cross to take advantage of this free assistance.

Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Steve Lindsay

Job Club Facilitator

TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS
Sponsored by Shepherd's Center
of the Northland
7 days, 6 nights - \$649.00 (dbl. occ.)
April 25 thru May 1, 2010
Inquire at: gblynn@wmamlaw.com or
Call Dale @ Shepherd's Center (452-4536)

Coming This Week...

Thursday, February 18

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:00 a.m. UMW Sewing/Quilting
 10:00 a.m. Mommy & Me
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 3-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 4:00 p.m. UMW Board
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:00 p.m. Alpha

Friday, February 19

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Blue Grass Bands

Saturday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Meet for Lazarus Table
 2:00 p.m. Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Children's Music
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee always in the kitchen

11:00 a.m. Contemporary
 Worship

4:30 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 3-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 7:00 p.m. Simple Church
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Republican Women

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. TOPS
 9:00 a.m. Study of Esther
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 10:30 a.m. O.P. Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Study
 11:00 a.m. Grandparents Support
 5:30 p.m. Supper
 6:15 p.m. Kidzone
 6:30 p.m. Youth
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
 6:30 p.m. Capital Campaign
 Information

Thursday, February 25

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 3-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:00 p.m. Alpha

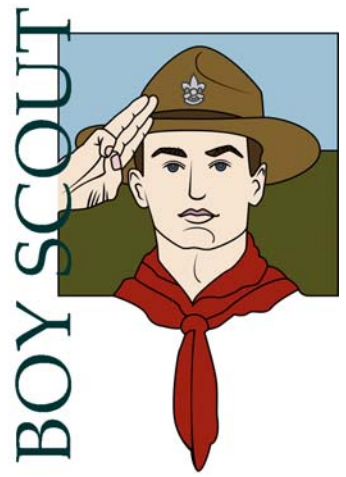
God Bless America

Irving Berlin wrote the current version of "God Bless America" in 1938, and introduced it in an Armistice Day broadcast, sung by Kate Smith. She continued to sing the song for years, especially at the start of Philadelphia Flyers hockey games. Berlin gave all rights to the song to the youth of America, with the royalties going to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop 260 and Cub Pack 260 were EACH recently recognized by the North Star District as the most outstanding troop and pack North of the river. Although nationally only 3 – 4% of boys who enter Scouting earn the coveted Eagle Scout award, Troop 260 has averaged 4 Eagles per year over the last 3 years.

Several Eagle service projects have resulted in improvements to our church facilities and grounds, including: benches outside the building, children's playground equipment, the campfire area and labyrinth in the woods, and white boards in Sunday school classrooms.

The troop and pack join each month to collect litter along the Gorman trail, which runs from Oak Trafficway to Davidson behind the church. With over 1,000 Scouts attending last fall's district camporee, our troop's demonstration of Scout skills earned them the First Place trophy resting atop the trophy case beside the second floor elevator. We can all be proud of our outstanding Scouts.



Ushers Needed



We have spoken in the past of the need to tithe as a way to demonstrate our faith. One way is through ministry. One of the vital ministries at North Cross is serving as an usher.

We are currently in need of ushers for the 11 a.m. service. The commitment is for every 3rd month. This is a great way to attend service and be part of a ministry at the same time. It allows you to tithe your time, in addition to tithing financially. There is a satisfaction and joy which comes from greeting and helping people enjoy coming to worship. Ushers are needed to serve Jan., April, July, Oct.; Feb., May, Aug., Nov.; and March, June, Sept., Dec. Please contact Patsy Schmutz (452.2939) for details on how to open yourself to a joyful ministry.

From Den's Pen:

I was thinking about Valentine's Day and about love. . .and stumbled onto this quote:

"Love is not primarily a relationship to a specific person; it is an attitude, an orientation of character that determines the relatedness of that person to the world as a whole, not toward one 'object' of love. If a person loves only one other person and is indifferent to the rest of his fellow [human beings], his love is not love but a symbiotic attachment, or an enlarged egotism. Yet, most people believe that love is constituted by the object, not by the faculty. In fact, they even believe it is proof of the intensity of their love when they do not love anybody but the 'loved' person. This is the same fallacy which we have already mentioned. . .Because one does not see that love is an activity, a power of the soul, one believes that all that is necessary to find is the right object—and that everything goes by itself afterward. This attitude can be compared to that of a man who wants to paint but who, instead of learning the art, claims that he has just to wait for the right object, and that he will paint beautifully when he finds it. If I can say to somebody else, 'I love you,' I must be able to say, 'I love in you everybody, I love through you the world, I love in you also myself.'"

Eric Fromm, *The Art of Loving*

That was Eric Fromm's point of view. As Christians, we believe that "God is love." God loves everyone, not because they are good, moral, upright individuals, but because it is God's nature to love. The scripture indicates that if we only love those who love us, we are not loving as God loves. Jesus says we should "love our enemies."

The early Christians talked about *agape*, that unconditional love which they were striving to achieve. It seemed the only possible way for them to have this kind of love was for them to be in close relationship with the God who is love.

So, how's your "love life"? My prayer is that each of us will be learning to love as God loves. Make it a good (and loving) week!

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Brant Linch, KU Med; Merta Powers, NKC

- ◆ Menu for February 24th: *Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls*
- ◆ Jan Kauk, North Kansas City Schools Board Member and Executive Director of the Northland Community Foundation, was named 2009 *Northlander of the Year* at the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet on January 23rd. Congratulations, Jan!
- ◆ March/April issues of *The Upper Room* are now available. Please check the wall-rack by the church office. Copies are \$1 each.
- ◆ On Friday, Feb. 19th at 7:30 p.m. the North Star Community Band will present a *free* concert at Oak Park High School. Music will range from Broadway hits to Celtic music, to traditional marches. This concert is open to the public, and it's *FREE!*

Publication Deadline: Wednesday at noon

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