



The theme for our Lent and Holy Week services this year is "Symbols of Our Savior," looking at symbols that Christians use to represent the life and work of Jesus Christ. This was Pastor Vogts' mediation for the final Lent service on April 5. We will conclude this series with meditations on "The Pelican in Her Piety" on Maundy Thursday and "The Crown of Thorns" on Good Friday.



Butterfly

One of the most interesting "Symbols of Our Savior" is the butterfly. We usually think of the butterfly as a symbol of Easter and the resurrection, but the butterfly is also an ancient symbol not only for the resurrection of Christ but also for his suffering and death.

Psalm 22 is often called the "Passion Psalm" because it prophesies in amazing detail the final hours of our Lord's earthly life, his suffering and death on the cross. Psalm 22:6 prophesies about our Lord: "I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people." It was actually based on this verse that the butterfly was adopted by the early Christians as a symbol for our Lord. They believed that Christ's description of himself as a "worm" in this psalm means more than that he will despised and rejected, like a lowly worm. The early Christians also believed that Christ's description of himself as a "worm" in this psalm is a parallel to the life cycle of a caterpillar.

The chrysalis which the caterpillar wraps itself in is like the strips of linen in which Christ was wrapped in the tomb. Just as a caterpillar enters the tomblike chrysalis as a worm and emerges in the form of a beautiful butterfly, when Christ says of himself, "I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people," it is actually a prophecy that following his rejection, suffering and death, he will rise again in a glorified body, like a caterpillar emerging as a butterfly.

In old cemeteries you will often see the butterfly as a symbol on tombstones. Just as Jesus entered the tomb on Good Friday, one day your body will be placed in the grave, like a worm in the ground. But, in 1 Corinthians 6:14 Paul tells us the Good News: "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also." By his suffering and death Jesus paid for your sins and earned you eternal life, and just as after his suffering and death he rose from the dead, he promises you also will rise to eternal life with him in heaven. Paul says in Philippians 3:21 that Jesus "will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." Like the caterpillar which enters the chrysalis as a worm but emerges as a butterfly, your

dead body will rise from the grave and be glorified for eternal life.



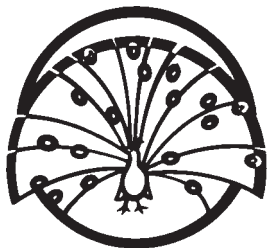
Phoenix

Like the butterfly, the phoenix is not only an Easter symbol of our Lord's resurrection, but also a Lenten symbol of our Lord's suffering and death. The mythological symbol of the phoenix goes back long before Christianity. In ancient mythology, the legendary phoenix was a single bird and there existed no other like it. It was said to be the only animal in the Garden of Eden that refused to eat the forbidden fruit after the fall into sin. The phoenix was therefore sinless and perfect and so it would live forever. Every several centuries the legendary phoenix would renew itself. It is interesting that all the different cultures around the world said that it was to the area of the Holy Land that the phoenix would fly and in a tree build itself a nest which it would then set afire and die. Three days later the phoenix would rise again to new life.

The early Christians saw many parallels between the legend of the phoenix and Jesus Christ. Like the phoenix, Jesus was unique and no other existed like him. He too is totally sinless and lives eternally. Like the phoenix flying to the Holy Land to die upon a tree and rise again, it was to the Holy Land that Jesus came down to earth to die upon the cross and rise to eternal life. Jesus put it this way: "I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again" (John 10:15-18). Like the legendary phoenix,

Jesus laid down his life for you only to take it up again to bring you eternal life.

There is another parallel between the phoenix and Jesus Christ. The phoenix was considered to be heavenly food, that if you would eat of it would bring you eternal life. Jesus says of himself: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51).



Peacock

Following his suffering, death and resurrection, our Lord's body rested in the tomb from Good Friday through Easter Sunday. Psalm 16:10 quotes the Messiah as saying, "My body also will rest secure, for you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay."

Based on this prophecy, "you will not let your Holy One see decay," the peacock was adopted by the early Christians as a symbol of our Lord's rest in the tomb. Because, in ancient times it was thought that the flesh of the peacock would never decay. That is why the peacock is a common symbol often appearing in Medieval and

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Community Easter Sunrise Service



Easter Sunday, April 16

Sunrise Service—7:00am

Light Continental Breakfast—8:00am

Second Easter Service with Holy Communion—9:30am

All Events Held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Freewill Offering Taken to Defray Breakfast Expenses

All Invited—Everyone Welcome!

Renaissance art—a peacock on the roof of the stable at Christ's birth, or incongruously strutting near the cross at his crucifixion, or atop the empty tomb on Easter—to symbolize our Lord's promise of resurrection and eternal life.

St. Paul says in Romans 8:11, "he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies." Our bodies will decay, but the Lord will raise them up and restore them to life. Job 19:25-27 puts it this way: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God."

The idea that the flesh of the peacock never decays is, of course, mythological. But, there is another, real-life aspect of the peacock that beautifully symbolizes Christ. Although peacocks are very beautiful and seemingly delicate creatures, you may not know that they are actually powerful, fierce fighters, with sharp, crushing claws, like those of a hawk or eagle. In many parts of the world where snakes are prevalent, peacocks are kept by families because they are known as destroyers of snakes.

They protect the family by patrolling the area around their home and crushing any snakes that come close.

In the first promise of the Messiah in Genesis 3:15, the Lord proclaimed to Satan, in the form of a snake, "he will crush your head." Christ's suffering and death on the cross was not a crushing defeat for him, but a crushing defeat for Satan. For, like the peacock crushing snakes with its powerful claws, through his suffering, death and resurrection Christ spiritually crushed and destroyed the serpent Satan.



Pomegranate

Although the pomegranate is virtually unknown in the United States, in other parts of the world it is one of the most popular fruits. Pomegranates were

introduced into the southern United States in the 1800's and grew here very well, but they never caught on. It is just within the last few years that pomegranates have become available in our stores.

If you've never eaten one, the unusual feature of the pomegranate is that it is composed almost entirely of seeds. The outer skin is like a pocket filled hundreds of edible seeds. Jesus once told a parable about his suffering and death: "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (John 12:24).

It was based on this verse that the pomegranate was adopted by the early Christians as a symbol for Christ's death and resurrection. When Christ's body was placed in the tomb, it was like a mighty seed planted in the ground. His suffering, death and resurrection gave birth to billions of Christian faithful, including you. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:14, "We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus." The unopened pomegranate is like the closed tomb in which the seed of Christ's crucified body was planted; the opened pomegranate is like the stone being rolled back from the tomb on Easter morn, showing forth Christ's resurrection, which also assures your own resurrection from the dead.

There is another reason the pomegranate is a symbol for eternal life. Tradition says that the fruit on the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden was the pomegranate, and so throughout the ancient world it was believed that pomegranates were a miracle food, which would bring extraordinary health, slow aging, and even bring eternal life. The ancients used pomegranates and pomegranate juice as medicines for all sorts of illnesses.

The interesting thing is, modern medical science has shown that pomegranates do indeed have many valuable medicinal properties, and pomegranate based foods and drinks are the latest health food craze. There

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 15 • 10:30am

On Church Grounds at
Dakota Dunes Boulevard and Bison Trail

Up to Age 10 • Plenty of Eggs!

Prizes • Snacks • Easter Video

All Children Invited—Non-Members Welcome!

No Charges or Fees

was a recent article in *The New York Times Magazine* which began:

"As sales pitches go, 'Cheat Death' is a pretty aggressive one. Probably you're skeptical that any product can deliver on such a promise. . . [But] the makes of Pom Wonderful, a drink made from pomegranates . . . supported by . . . real, peer-reviewed research . . . assert that the stuff 'can help prevent aging, heart disease, stroke, Alzheimer's, even cancer' . . ." The article said that even though the slogan should probably "Delay Death" rather than "Cheat Death, "when the company makes big claims for . . . pomegranates, it is quite serious." ("A Fruit's Stand: A Maker of Pomegranate Juice Promises to Save Your Life," *The New York Times Magazine*, April 2, 2006, p. 22)

In Revelation 2:7, Jesus promises to all who trust in him: "I will give you the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." Christ actually does what the pomegranate only symbolizes. Through faith in him you won't just "Delay Death," but, you really will "Cheat Death" as you live forever with him in paradise.

Pastor Kevin Vogts



Building Presentation Planned for April 23rd

In the back of the church are sketches of a preliminary building concept, which will be presented by the Building Committee for review and discussion at the Quarterly Business Meeting on April 23 at 1:00pm.

In addition to receiving input from the congregation, a request will be made at this meeting for permission to proceed with fundraising. However, a decision about whether to build will come at another congregational meeting, after the fundraising phase is completed.

Whatever is decided could be very important for the future of our congregation. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Symbols of Our Savior



April 13 (Maundy Thursday)
"Pelican in Her Piety"

Holy Week Services on Symbols of Christ

Maundy Thursday, April 13
and Good Friday, April 14
7:00pm



April 14 (Good Friday)
"Crown of Thorns"



Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Cross is again sponsoring a Community Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 15 (day before Easter) at 10:30am on the church grounds. This event is for the entire community, and all children up to age 10 are welcome.

Last year over 100 children attended and at least that many adults attended. This event is becoming a real community tradition. There will be plenty of eggs, prizes, snacks and an Easter video. There are no charges or fees for this free community event.

Donations to help defray expenses would be appreciated. Place in offering plate marked "Easter Egg Hunt."



Community Sunrise Service at Holy Cross

You are invited to a Community Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 16 at 7:00am, held in the sanctuary at Holy Cross. This simple service will feature the Easter story and favorite Easter hymns. A light Easter Breakfast

provided by the Holy Cross Women in Mission will follow. A second Easter Service, with Holy Communion, will be held at 9:30am.

Easter Sunrise Service is one of the most moving and meaningful worship opportunities of the year. Bring your family and holiday guests to celebrate the real significance of Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc.—everyone enjoys Easter Sunrise services!



We Believe: A Study of the Augsburg Confession

For our new Adult Bible Class, on Sundays at 10:30am beginning April 23, we will be looking at the Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church. Largely written by a layman, Philip Melancthon, it was also submitted by a group of laymen, rulers of the German states, to Emperor Charles V in 1530 as their official statement of the Lutheran faith.

For our Adult Bible Class it will serve as an excellent discussion guide as we look at what the Scripture says on a number of key doctrines, such as the Trinity, Original Sin, etc. It also touches on controversial issues still pertinent today, such as forbidding priests to marry, and why Lutherans do not require this of our clergy.

The Augsburg Confession is among the official statements of the teachings of the Lutheran Church still officially subscribed to by most Lutheran bodies and congregations, including our own. Come on Sundays at 10:3am to learn more about what your church believes and teaches!



Limited Preschool and After School Care Openings

Advance registrations for Holy Cross Preschool and After School Care for the 2006-2007 school year have been very strong and there are now limited openings for most sessions. You are encouraged to reserve a place for your child as soon as possible, and if you have friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. who may be interested, *please let them know to reserve a place now*, so that they will not be disappointed.

Classes include Mom's Day Out for two year-olds, and Preschool sessions for three, four and five year-olds. Holy Cross Preschool is blessed with a dedicated, professional staff, and an excellent facility. Most of all, education takes place in a loving, Christian atmosphere.

Holy Cross also offers After School Care. Children thru 6th grade enjoy a variety of supervised activities from 3:00pm-6:00pm. New this year is Before School Care beginning at 6:45am, with a simple breakfast included. Bus service for both Dakota Valley and Sacred Heart is provided directly to and from Holy Cross. Children enrolled in the morning preschool classes at Holy Cross can also participate in Before School Care until their classes begin.

This program of our congregation has blessed hundreds of children over the years, from our congregation and community, helping them to grow and develop not only mentally, socially, etc. but also to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). To register or for more information contact

Easter Lily Donations

Thank you to all those who donated so many beautiful lilies to beautify our church this Easter. It is still possible to bring your own plants up to and including Easter Sunday; please still sign up indicating who they are in memory or honor of. Additional donations will be included in the next newsletter.



Given By

In Memory or Honor Of

Jon & Gail Dorr (2)	
Gina Hanke.....	Parents, Don & Paula
Denise Honner	
Doug & Sue Jansen	Paul Jansen
Todd Peters (2)	Walter & Edith Peters Carl & Dorcas Brueggemann
Ginny Peterson (4)	Bob Peterson Paul & Hazel Poppe (Parents) Lloyd Peterson (Bob's Dad)
Mabel Schibonski	Elmer Schibonski
Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts (2)	Leroy Vogts & Grandparents
Nancy & Don Wiese	Nathan, Korey, Parents
Ron & Jeannette Yockey (2).....	Parents

Any Additional Donations Will Be Included in the Next Newsletter

Preschool Director Lynnea Mueller at 235-1688, mailbox #2 or by email at holycrosspreschool@longlines.com.

Those bringing snacks are also asked to please prepare the coffee. Simple instructions are posted near the coffee maker. Coffee, cups, napkins, plates, etc. are all provided and in the kitchen. Thank you to those providing snacks!



In the back of the church is a sign up sheet to bring snacks for after worship. You are welcome to bring whatever snacks you wish.

April 2
Sue Jansen

April 9
Yockeys

April 16
Easter Breakfast
Holy Cross Women in Mission

April 23
Helen Hamilton

April 30
Terry Vogts

May 7
Finkrals

May 14, 21, & 28 — *Need Volunteers*

June 11
Heidi Finkral

June 4, 18, 25 — *Need Volunteers*



QUARTERLY *Meeting*

Quarterly Business Meeting April 23rd

The regular quarterly business meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 1:00pm. The Building Committee plans to present a report and recommendation to the congregation. Whatever is decided could be very important for the future of our congregation.

All adult members of the congregation are automatically eligible to be voting members. You are urged to come and help administer the business affairs of our congregation.



Elders

May 7
Joey Schroeder

May 14
Greg Huibregtse

May 21
Mike Bargstadt

May 28
Don Wiese

Alternate
Ron Yockey



Internet Resources

There is much on the Internet of questionable or negative value. However, there are also many blessings to be found. Last month we listed some excellent resources on the Internet provided by our own Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, including radio station KFUE at www.kfuo.org; the best religious talk radio show in the nation, www.issuesetc.org; and daily chapel from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, www.ctsfw.edu/chapel/audio.php.

This month we suggest some inspirational offerings from the BBC. Of course, these British programs follow the doctrines of the Anglican Church, which is now very liberal in many areas, and so must be recommended with that significant reservation. However, much of their historic worship, liturgy, hymns, etc. are very similar to ours, their musical quality is absolutely unmatched, and when they simply follow the “old time religion” of their Book of Common Prayer and hymnals, the doctrinal concerns are minimized and these programs can be enjoyed with discernment.

Unfortunately, these BBC programs cannot be downloaded, but must be listened to online. Each week’s program is archived for only one week and then replaced with the latest program.

www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/choralevensong

Since 1926 the BBC has broadcast a weekly “Choral Evensong” service from churches, chapels and cathedrals around Great Britain. The liturgy and hymns are very similar to our Lutheran

Church. The music is of the highest quality. Though the doctrine represented cannot always be endorsed, generally there is no sermon, which minimizes this concern, with the inspiring service consisting only of hymns, readings, traditional prayers and liturgy. Most uplifting is the particularly beautiful chanting of psalms in the Anglican tradition.

www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/shows/sunhalffhour

“Sunday Half Hour” is one of the most popular radio programs in the United Kingdom, presenting hymns and prayers each Sunday evening.

www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/shows/organist

On a lighter note, “The Organist Entertains” is a program of popular organ works in the “theater organ” tradition, including some hymns.



Thank you for these flower donations to beautify our worship. The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for worship in 2006 is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc. Flowers may be obtained anywhere and you may provide your own vase or use one of the assortment in the church kitchen.

April 16
Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
Pastor’s Birthday

May 7
Rob & Heidi Finkral
Wedding Anniversary

May 21
Ron & Jeannette Yockey
Wedding Anniversary
Travis’ Birthday

June 4
Nancy & Don Wiese
19th Wedding Anniversary

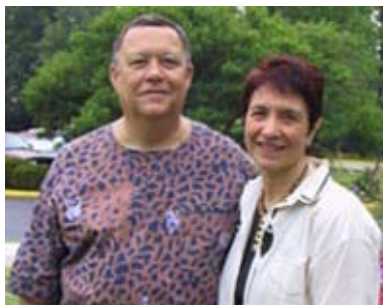
June 11
Doug & Sue Jansen
Birthdays

June 18
Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts
Jacob's Birthday

June 25
Doug & Janet Martin
Kaleb and Kaden's Birthdays



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship specific missionaries sponsored around the world by our congregation, through our Synod and related organizations. You are encouraged to remember them also in your personal and family prayers.



May 7
Rev. Charles and Jeanette Groth
Cambodia

God is blessing Christian outreach in Cambodia! New statistics reveal that Christianity has recently risen from 1 percent to 2 percent, a great achievement in Buddhist Cambodia. Outreach teams of local Christians working with the LCMS have been busy in remote villages sharing their gifts of music and the Gospel. In one village, they recently shared God's Word with more than 200 unreached people.



May 14
Morris and Jean Olson
Kazakhstan

In February we had the privilege of going to St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Pervomaika and watching the excitement of the children as they waited for an evangelistic puppet show. The room was filled to capacity with dozens of children and some adults and teenagers were also present and very interested. The program was filled with songs, games, stories, and much excitement and enthusiasm. St. Andrew began worship services in 2002. Ironically, they worship in a government building—formerly devoted to atheistic Communism! Deacon Sasha has been their spiritual leader since 2004 and has a strong passion for sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with those in the community. English classes, computer classes, both Russian and Kazakh Sunday schools, and English Bible study are among their outreach efforts.



May 21
Becky Garrett
Panama

It was very rewarding recently to witness the confirmation of Anselma, Hazel, and Ixora. Anselma is like the grandmother of the congregation in Balboa. I remember the first day that

Anselma showed up in Balboa. I had been in Panama only a few short months and I was just starting my English classes in Balboa on Monday nights. I walked Anselma with her granddaughter, Hazel, in hand and she proceeded to tell me, in mixed Spanish and English, that her granddaughter *had* to learn English. Hazel was one of my only faithful students. After a few weeks, she started bringing her aunt and after a few more weeks her other aunt. As months and years went on, they all stuck to the English as a Second Language classes and slowly started getting more and more involved in the church. Until finally, last month, Anselma, her daughter, Ixora, and her granddaughter, Hazel, were all confirmed on one fine Sunday morning!

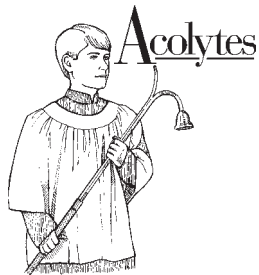
Often times on the mission field you get to be a part of the initial sharing of the Gospel with someone, or you get to help them through their confirmation classes, or maybe you come on the scene as they are being confirmed, but not get to see the whole thing through! I praise God that I was able to be apart of this family's life and to be present on the day that they officially became Lutherans!



May 28
David and Radka Fiala
Slovakia

We recently started a Bible study for high school girls focusing on kindness, loving your husband, loving your children, submission, hospitality, and so on. Each week there is a cooking demonstration that is followed by a Bible study and a presentation on the topic of the week. Then, we eat and discuss what God has to say to us through his Word. I remember that when I was younger, I missed having someone to talk to about all these subjects. Then, when I got married, I realized how much there is to marriage and being a godly wife. Add to that being a mother, and now it's really important to be mindful of

the correct order of priorities in my life. These young women are thirsting to know God better and to be godly women. It was such a success some of our male missionaries also started a boy's study on being godly men and loving husbands and fathers. These are all concepts that were sorely lacking when atheistic Communism ruled here under the former Soviet Union. God is truly touching so many lives through His work here in Tisovec!



- Acolytes**
- May 7
Keegan Johnson
- May 14
Trevor Vilhauer
- May 21
Evan Steemken
- May 28
Justin Peterson



- CRUCIFERS**
- May 7
Quinton Bose
- May 14
Dylan Sawyer
- May 21
Zachary Selby
- May 28
Zahn Bose



Our newly formed women's group has selected a name: *Holy Cross Women in Mission*. It has also been decided to become part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, a nationwide organization of local women's groups from congregations throughout the LCMS.

You are invited to the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00pm. Nancy Wiese has the topic on making quilts for the needy, and Jeri Melstad will be leading us in a devotion and providing snacks. All women are welcome to this evening of fun and fellowship!



Vacation Bible School
June 5th-9th
Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars now for our annual Vacation Bible School, which will be held the week of June 5th-9th. We are again planning to have morning classes for preschool age and other younger children, and separate afternoon sessions for older children.

Our attendance has been growing every year and last year we had nearly 90 students, most of them visitors from the community.

This years theme is "Treasure Cove: Discovering the Riches of Christ." Once again we plan to give all the younger classes the five Arch books which coordinate with the lessons.

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of Vacation Bible School. We need your help with crafts, music, recreation, snacks, etc. Please contact a member of the Board of Education, Daniell Bargstadt (235-0700; bargstadt5@iw.net), Janet Martin (232-9657; jdmartin@longlines.com), or Terese Vogts (232-4013; tvogts@longlines.com).

For the past several years we have had 80+ children in attendance, most of them non-members from the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News of Christ, but it is a big job and we need your help!



We are now listing in the newsletter each month and have prayers in worship each week for those having birthdays and wedding anniversaries. This information was recently requested from all members.

If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify church secretary Nancy Wiese, 232-9117 mailbox #4 or email nancywiese@longlines.com.

- Robert Brock, May 3
- Mike & Tammy Steemken
May 22, 1987
- Betty Gunderson, May 26
- Travis Yockey, May 27
- Sue Jansen, May 30



Our Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool and Before and After School Care programs have several staff openings for the 2006-2007 school year.

Contact Director Lynnea Mueller 235-1688 or by email at holycrosspreschool@longlines.com.



Medical Missionary Fights Malnutrition

"My heart breaks sometimes when I think of these little ones who live so marginally; and I trust our loving God to make a way for them."

Those are the words of Dr. Kristen Schmaltz, who treats her patients with great skill, tender care, and lots of prayer too. Since 2002, Schmaltz has served as a career medical missionary in Guinea, West Africa, near the city of Kissidougou. She works with the nutrition and pediatric units of the local hospital and teaches nutrition in villages and refugee camps. In 2004 she received a grant from LCMS World Relief and Human Care to develop a nutrition unit at her Kissidougou hospital. The *Centre Nutrition Therapeutique* or CNT provides intensive nutritional treatment for malnourished children.

Saa Vieux was just such a child. Since losing his parents early in life he has lived in a large extended family. His fourteen-year-old aunt Delphine looks after him, although during the day she must leave him in the care of the family group while she works full time in a sewing shop. When he came to the CNT, he was dangerously malnourished.

For nearly two months, Saa Vieux received round-the-clock feeding care to bring him gradually back to health. When Dr. Schmaltz shared her birthday cake with the staff and patients of the CNT, Saa Vieux was still too frail to enjoy a piece. But, just a month later, Schmaltz says he was "chowing down on porridge."

Dr. Schmaltz continued to pray for Saa Vieux after he returned home. "Though I pray for all our families in CNT, he has a special place in my heart," she relates. As it happened, he contracted malaria back at home, and his family, fearing the cost of treatment, were reluctant to take him to a hospital. One of the CNT workers was able to prevail upon them to allow her to bring him in. "Maybe," says Schmaltz, "that was why God put him in my prayers so often." Through the work of Schmaltz and the CNT staff, Saa Vieux made a full recovery.

Dr. Schmaltz works with 140 Lutheran churches and preaching points in Guinea's Forest Region to provide holistic care to all Guineans they touch—Christian and non-Christian—in medical ministry. Not surprisingly, Dr. Schmaltz encourages us to join her in prayer. "Pray that God will use this medical ministry to show love, care, and healing as a witness to Jesus Christ's love and healing as our Savior to all the sick, starving, and malnourished we serve in His name."



Your prayers and gifts will help us enable Dr. Kristen Schmaltz and the CNT to continue reaching out with God's love and mercy to the people of Guinea. Gifts may be made out to LCMS World Relief and sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-9810. Or call the Credit Card Gift Line at (888) 930-4438, or

visit <http://worldrelief.lcms.org> and click the "Give Now" button.

Holy Cross Summer Day Camp 2006

Holy Cross Preschool and Afterschool Care is again planning a Summer Day Camp for 2006 for children three thru six years old. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, May 24 thru August 9, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. (There will be no class June 5 due to Vacation Bible School.)

For more information about the program, fees, and to register call 235-1688.



April 16

"The First Easter Sermon"

Mark 16:6-7

April 23

"Children of God"

1 John 3:1-2

April 30

"Our Advocate with the Father"

1 John 2:2

May 7

"Do Not Love the World"

1 John 2:15-17

May 14

"Let Us Love with Actions and in Truth"

1 John 3:18

May 21

"Your Word Is Truth"

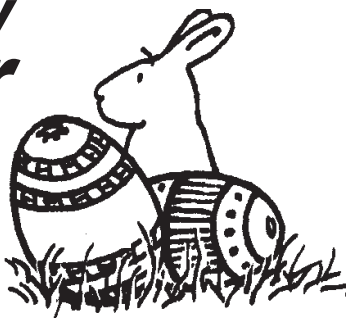
John 17:17

May 28

"Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Will Be Preached"

Luke 24:47

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