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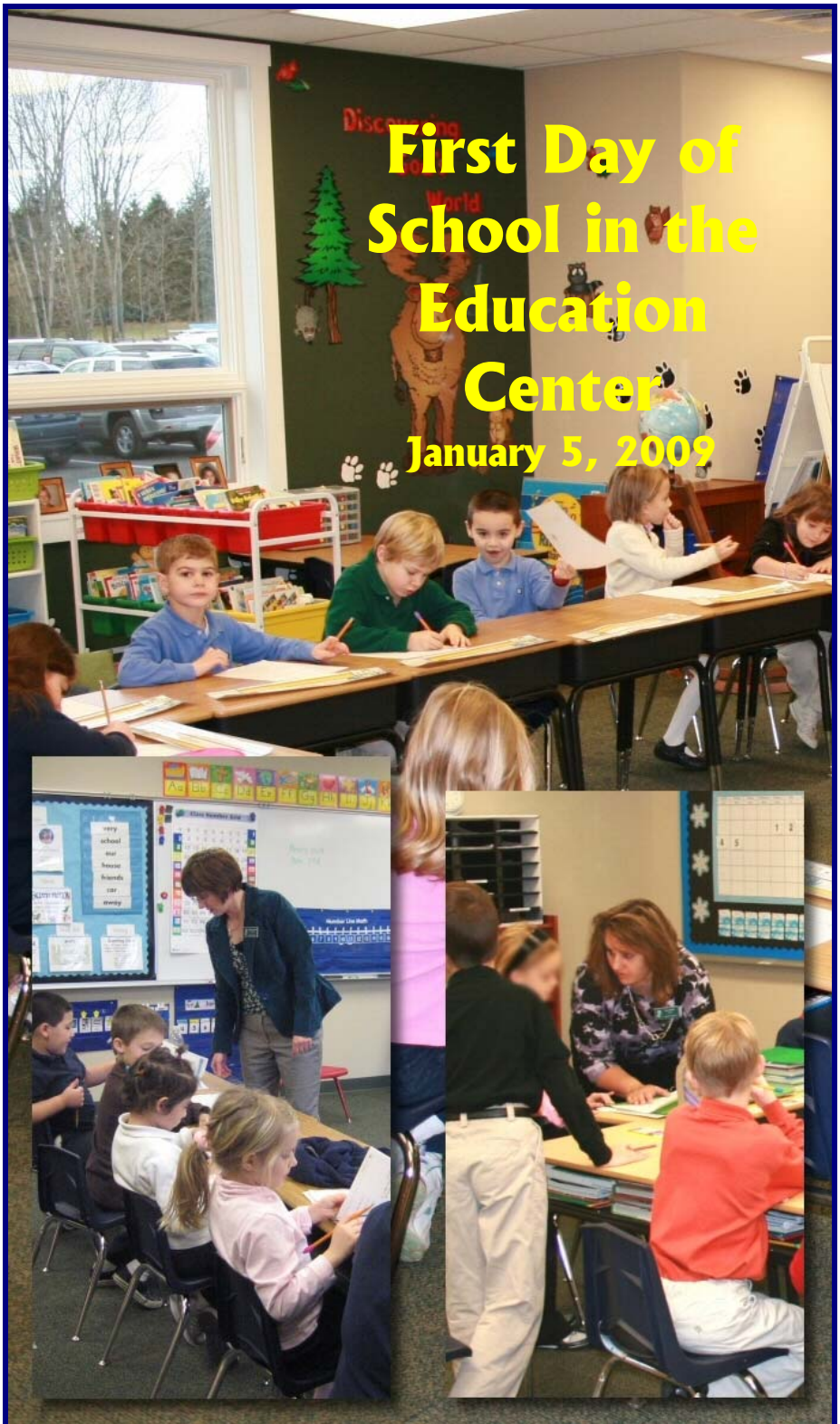
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is to grow Christ's family through a Bible-based,  
innovative ministry of outreach, learning, loving,  
and living lives of joyful response.**



### From the School Administrator...

What a great start to the new year! New classrooms, a new gym, a school library and a smooth transition.....what more could we ask for? Even our pick-up/drop-off line is going smoothly!

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to help us move into the new education center....I didn't count, but I'm sure we had at least 50 people helping! It was fun to see all of the excitement and with so many enthusiastic volunteers, all of the moving was finished by 10:30 am (although unpacking took a little bit longer). Classes officially started in the new facility on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is enjoying the new space. The multi-purpose space/gym has been a wonderful blessing with the cold winter weather!

We are now in the midst of the registration process for the 2009-2010 school year, and I am reminded every day of how blessed we are here at Holy Cross to have a Lutheran School for our children and our community. It is very affirming to hear from our current students and their families about the difference that our school has made in their lives, both academically and spiritually....and to tour new families who have heard about us from their friends and neighbors. What greater gift can we give than to help children and their families to know Jesus and to walk with Him every day?

So, just for fun, I thought I'd share with you some thoughts from the students themselves...when asked why they like to/want to go to Holy Cross Lutheran School:

- "I want to learn about Jesus" – Joseph
- "I like working on papers" – Michael
- "We have fun" - Rhett
- "I like playing with my friends" – Connor
- "Our school is about Jesus" – Reagan
- "We have a new gym" - Courtney
- "We have lots of field trips, and we have lockers" – Luke
- "I get to make new friends" – Ashlyn
- "We have lockers, Jesus time, Chapel and a library in our classroom" – Hannah

And a thought from one of our parents: "I originally chose Holy Cross because of the proximity to my home and the Christian message. I continue to choose Holy Cross for all of my children because after spending time here, I quickly realized that this school offers so much more. The staff is educated as well as warm and friendly, the academics are outstanding, and most importantly my children are given an amazing Christian education. Many thanks to Holy Cross for the great foundation for learning!"

Please keep our congregation, school, staff, students and families in your prayers as we seek to do His will, and thank you to everyone for helping to make our school ministry and new facility possible. Even if you do not have children of school age, be sure to share our information with your friends and neighbors, for you never know how God may work through you to reach new families for His kingdom.

Thanking and Serving Him,  
**Michelle Searcy**



# Connect

## Worship

### Hymn of the Month

"I Want to Walk as a child of the Light", the *Lutheran Service Book*, #411, is the hymn of the month for the month of February. The tune and text were written by Kathleen Thomerson, a Lutheran organist and choir director from Austin, Texas. This hymn has appeared in other hymnals, but it is a first for a Missouri Synod book. Totally appropriate for the season of Epiphany—the season of light—it proclaims the Light of our lives as Jesus, and our desire to live in that Light. The tune is very singable, and the chorus continues to emphasize the importance of Jesus shining in our hearts as we daily serve him with our lives.

### Bell Choir

Our bell choir is a definite asset to our music program, here, at Holy Cross. It has continually been a blessing to our worship. However, without regular participants, it cannot continue to provide the kind of music that we have come to expect, or move to any other more challenging levels. Let this announcement serve then as an invitation to those in our congregation who have some musical experience and would like to be a part of this fine musical group. Rehearsals are held every Sunday evening, at 7:30 P.M., and anyone, middle school age and older with some musical ability, or possibly previous experience, as well as a desire to play these instruments, is certainly welcome to participate. Just contact Linda Burkett, our director, at 823-6230, or Paul Groth, 823-5801, ext 306, or [pwg@hclc.in.lcms.org](mailto:pwg@hclc.in.lcms.org) for more details. Your involvement will continue to enhance this groups ability to provide quality music for worship on a regular basis.

### Men's Choir

Once again, our ad hoc Men's Choir will be singing in our worship services. On Sunday, February 15, they will again raise their voices in praise in this special way. If you are a male singer, high school age and older, and wish to participate, please join them for a brief rehearsal on Wednesday, February 11, at 6:45 P.M. in the Worship Center.

### Worship Volunteers

As we celebrate being a part of the Body of Christ, the need is always before us for individuals to volunteer for various areas of the worship ministry. There is always room for more involvement, so if you have considered a more active part in the ministry at Holy Cross, please consider the areas of Altar Guild, Children's Church, Communion Assistance, Greeting, Lay Ministry, Reading, Ushering, or Worship Nursery. Even though there may be some specific criteria for involvement, there is always room for more participants. Please include these areas in your prayers, and pray also that your hearts may be moved to get actively involved.

### Statistics ~ November 2008

Attendance	2008	2007	2006
Weekend Worship Average ~ Average	520	496	548
Weekend Worship Average ~ YTD	545	551	522
Communion Attendance ~ Total	903	862	822
Adult Bible Studies (Sun only) ~ Average	38	73	95
Sunday School ~ Average	41	61	76

Membership	2008	2007	2006
Communicant	832	788	751
Baptized	1239	1189	1126

### Join Us for Coffee Hour

We have New Coffee!!!!!! Come try out the new flavored coffee and provide your feedback to the volunteers. Are you hungry for some donuts? Do you need a caffeine pick me up? Running late and didn't get breakfast? We'll we have help for you. Please join us on Sunday Mornings after the early service for our Refreshment Hour. We have donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, tea and great conversation with friends. We hope to see you there!



### Lenten Dinners

Don't forget to join us for our Annual Lenten Dinners. They will begin on February 25<sup>th</sup> and will run through April 1st. They begin at 5:45 pm and we would love for you to stay around and join us for our Lenten Church services beginning at 7 pm. Each group sponsoring will either do a Soup and Dessert menu, or will design their own dinner. The Free-will Offering will help support the new Noblesville Mission. Please watch the bulletin and the weekly updates to find out about each week. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Mielke at 823-5801 or at [hpm@hclc.in.lcms.org](mailto:hpm@hclc.in.lcms.org) or Alan and Clara Lehman at 251-7885.

# Nurture

## Adult Ministry

### Current Adult Bible Studies

#### *Galatians*

**Sunday, 9:45 a.m. in the Worship Center**

Pastor Sattler continues to work through the book of Galatians. Learn why this book was such a treasured book of Martin Luther. Study resumes on January 4th.

#### *The Sacraments*

**A Christian Foundation study**

**Sundays, 9:45 a.m. in Rooms 301**

In our next course in the Christian Foundations cycle, we will be exploring the practice and meaning of the sacraments. There is much confusion about what is happening in baptism and communion. Learn what the Bible says about these important means of grace, and why we believe what we believe about them. Study begins Sunday, January 4th.

#### *Fire Proof Your Marriage*

**Coming in February!**

A new Adult Study of the Bible will be offered on Sundays (9:45 a.m.) starting in February that will offer help and encouragement for all marriages. The series is based on the motion picture currently in theaters entitled "Fireproof" about how marriages can survive and withstand the challenges and difficulties of life. Join us on February 8. I dare you!

### Small Group Ministry

Small groups continue to be an integral in helping Holy Cross continue its ministry of connecting people to God and each other, nurturing their faith through the study of God's Word, and providing them with opportunities to serve. We want to see everyone involved in some sort of small group, because we know the benefits that occur when you are part of one. Talk to Scott Jung (823-5801 x229 or slj@hclc.in.lcms.org) to find out how you can get connected to a new or existing small group.

#### *New Small Group Leader Training*

This short introduction to small group leadership will begin on **Sunday morning, February 15<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday morning bible study hour (9:45 a.m.) and will last 3-4 weeks. In this class, we will cover the following topics:

1. Why do small groups?
2. Who does it?
3. Who helps?
4. What happens in a small group?
5. How to prepare for and facilitate a small group gathering.
6. How to care for small group members.
7. How to connect others to your small group.

#### *Small Group Leaders Meeting*

All current small group leaders are asked to attend a small group leaders meeting on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

## Other Nurturing Activities

### Are you ready for the Crocodile Dock???

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable summer experience--"Crocodile Dock." Bring your kids, the neighbor's kids, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to Vacation Bible School, June 15-19, from 9:00-11:45. This is open to all children ages three thru fourth grade. We are months away and are extremely excited about this year's Vacation Bible School. We have many activities planned, such as Bible Stories, music, games, crafts, snacks and more. Also, Jungle John will be joining us again this year! We will be bringing back the ever popular VBS CAMP for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. All of these students will begin in the Worship Center with the entire group, and then will have their own VBS CAMP in the Youth Center in the Faith Life Center. There will be some new and exciting changes to their schedule over there, so please join us!

This is an event your child will not want to miss. You may register online at [hclc.info/vbs](http://hclc.info/vbs). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Svendsen, 823-5029, Kim Reece, 336-6208 or Heidi Mielke, 823-5801.



### Seder Meal

During our celebration of Holy Week this year, we will be offering a Seder Meal as our worship experience on Maundy Thursday, April 9. In spite of the fact that this is the February newsletter, we need volunteers to make this happen, especially in the area of food preparation and organization. This meal would be connected to our celebration of Holy Communion that evening, but will not be held in the Worship Center. Details are still in the making, but without your help this cannot be accomplished. Many of you expressed appreciation for the "Jews For Jesus"--led experience two years ago. This year we would like to expand that into the actual participation in a Seder Meal to hopefully make further connections to the meaning of the symbolism involved. If you are interested in lending a hand with this, please contact Paul Groth through the church office, 823-5801, ext. 306, or at [pwg@hclc.in.lcms.org](mailto:pwg@hclc.in.lcms.org).



# Serve

## Celebrations

### “Happy Birthday!”

	Date		Date
Ross Acton	2/1	Michele Wiseley	2/13
Jim Blodgett	2/1	Alice Vernatter	2/14
Jacob Kelle	2/1	Carol Ward	2/14
Cindi Lowe	2/1	Christy Miller	2/15
Jean Skaggs	2/1	Al Wolting	2/15
Jason Duff	2/2	Judy Mohr	2/17
Abigail Schneider	2/3	Donna Poppe	2/17
Leah Davis	2/5	Mary-Anne Jungst	2/18
Bennett DuBois	2/5	Luke Tilmans	2/18
Benjamin Grese	2/5	Chloe Begley	2/19
Megan Harrison	2/5	Debbie Frash	2/19
Eric Henricks	2/6	Owen Hays	2/19
Madison Heuer	2/6	Christopher Hinton	2/19
Dora John	2/6	John Schumm	2/19
Chad Baker	2/8	Angie White	2/19
Rachel Newman	2/8	Olivia Hubbard	2/20
Rhiannon Newman	2/8	Cheryl Snyder	2/20
Jacob White	2/8	Lillian Corkwell, III	2/21
Glenn Brown	2/9	Emme Cunningham	2/21
Sherry Cowper	2/9	Mallory Harrison	2/21
Steven Hormann	2/9	Jenny Puckett	2/21
Kelly Hubbard	2/9	Herman Sanner	2/21
Thomas Reske	2/9	Kevin Thomas	2/21
Laura Shatkowski	2/9	Ken Leiner	2/22
Derrick Trump	2/9	Mark Sattler	2/22
Ken Cowper	2/10	Nicholas Bowers	2/24
Ashlynn McLaughlin	2/10	Jill Goeglein	2/24
Kathy Hoge	2/11	Kaitlyn Hastings	2/24
Barcia Alejos	2/12	Jackson Bowers	2/26
Donna Cotter	2/12	Jim Boerger	2/27
Claire Fick	2/12	Caitlin Lee	2/27
Deloris Bell	2/13	Gabrielle White	2/27
J.J. Nelson	2/13	Lois Lundberg	2/28
Jennifer Welsh	2/13	Jason McLaughlin	2/28



### “Happy Anniversary!”

	Date	Years
Samuel & Eve Robertson	2/1/2003	6
Jim & Tina Reboulet	2/11/1984	25
Tyler & Danielle Wilkie	2/23/2002	7
Herm & Diane Bokelman	2/24/1962	47
Chuck & Gayle Corkwell II	2/24/1979	30
Eric & Debbie Frash	2/29/1996	12
Dave & Laura Shatkowski	2/29/1992	16
Samuel & Eve Robertson	2/1/2003	6
Jim & Tina Reboulet	2/11/1984	25

### Our New American Flag

Jim and Jean Handley have donated the American flag that is flying proudly at the Faith Life Center, in memory of Jean’s father, Jack M. Barrow. Jack lived an interesting life and the Handley’s would like to share a part of that history with us.

Jack was born on May 15, 1920 in Boone, Iowa. He died on December 6, 2006 at the age of 87. He married Jean’s mom, Bernadine Larsen and had 3 beautiful daughters together. Jack was a carpenter by trade.

Jack Barrow served in WWII from the years 1941 to 1945. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He served as a member of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division “Red Bull”, and also the 185<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. With this battalion, Jack served 39 months in North Africa and in Italy. 84 members were in this unit with Jack. But when they were sent home, only 18 survivors returned. At the time of his death, Jack was the last living member of that unit.

Jack Barrow’s family was extremely proud of him and the service he gave to our country. There are many stories that he shared that will stay with the family for their life time.



### Mark your calendar!



**Ash Wednesday**  
with confirmands’ first communion  
February 25

**Blood Drive**  
Coming in April!

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 15-19

# Serve

“Serve wholeheartedly.” Ephesians 6:7

## Coffee Hour Help

Are you looking for a Once-in-a-lifetime commitment? Literally, you only have to do it once in your lifetime! We would love to have your help with the Coffee Hour Refreshments. You only need to provide the already ordered donuts, coffee, milk, and orange juice. If this is an area you are interested in, please contact Heidi Mielke at 823-5801 x 222.

## LWML Cookbook

LWML is excited to announce that they will be publishing a **Cookie/Candy Cookbook** to be sold during the Cookie Walk this next December. Please start turning in your favorite recipes for any type of cookie or candy that you make. We will collect these recipes until the end of June. It is possible that the cookbooks will not only be printed but also available on CD. Recipes may be emailed to [kjgindy@prodigy.net](mailto:kjgindy@prodigy.net) or legibly printed on a recipe card or paper and placed in Karen Green's church mailbox. Sale price will be determined closer to the time of the sale.

## Missing a Dish?

The Holy Cross Kitchen has become the home to many forgotten serving dishes and trays, cups, and storage containers. We want to find a home for these items. Please take a moment next time you are at church and search the cabinets and pantry for your lost dish. After March 1<sup>st</sup> all non-claimed items will be taken to the Sharing Place.

## Column of Care

There is an old Minute Maid commercial that is one of my all time favorites - a little girl is running around inside her house, squealing and laughing, dressed in her bathing suit, little face mask, and arm floaties. After extolling the virtues of drinking orange juice and how it gives you positive energy, the camera focuses back on the little girl running out the door to a swimming pool and the voice says . . . “and today . . . the deep end!” I like that commercial because it describes in a nutshell how I feel every morning when I wake up. I am full of such optimism that *today* is the day that I will accomplish great things. Never mind the fact that I seldom do . . . every morning still holds *the promise* that it will be a great day whether I do anything magnificent or not! The New Year gives me that feeling also . . . it is a time of optimism – a brand new year with the chance to do some great things. I realize that the economy is bad and many people are suffering, so there may be little reason to have any optimism at all. Are you trying to help a friend through such a rough time?

In our Stephen Ministry training, we are learning about process-oriented vs. results-oriented goals with respect to caregiving. We learned that we can't change people and we can't force our solutions onto someone who is struggling with an issue. Often, when you push for results, you are simply met with resistance. We learned how to set action-oriented, caring goals and not worry about a result – that is up to God. This is a very liberating concept that can be applied to all relationships – when you realize that you are not responsible for a final outcome; i.e., the “cure” or a change, you are free to focus on the *caring* for your teenager, your spouse, your parents, etc. You do what only you are able to do and God will do what only He can do – which is pretty amazing when you stand back and see what happens. These goals focus on actively listening, praying for and with the care receiver, and being non-judgmental. Paul, is an example of a process-oriented caregiver. He said in 1 Corinthians 3:6, “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” Paul focused on only what he could do and trusted God to bring about the results. God worked *through* Paul to bring many people to faith; Paul realized that it wasn't up to him to *make* people believe – that was God's job (see 1 Cor 2:1-5). The challenge in our lives as we deal with our relationships is to patiently focus on a caring *process* rather than demanding an immediate result.

I realize that there may not seem to be much reason for optimism when you turn on the news at night and hear about the economy, job losses, the Middle East, the price of gas, etc. People you love may need your help during these rough times and using a process-oriented approach to caring can help you help them. And every morning, you need to believe, *really believe*, that God loves *you* for who you are and, no matter how bad the world situation get, He is always there with you! That is the real reason for my optimism each morning! So, in 2009, go for the deep end!



## From Mrs. Jungst

I would like to thank children's choir members and families for remembering me with a gift this Christmas time. As always, the best gifts are your smiling faces and singing voices! Thanks, Mrs. Jungst

## From Laren and Rita Zeeck

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, words of encouragement, and special “Christmas Blessings” that we have received while we both have been looking for employment. God has blessed Rita with a position with Christ Church, The Lutheran Church of Zionsville. Truly a real blessing. However, God isn't finished with Laren but we are keeping the faith. Thank you again.....we have been so blessed! -Laren and Rita Zeeck

## From Betty Collins

Your kindness and your caring means so much to me! Thanks for your prayers before and after surgery. The phone calls, cards and food are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Betty Collins

# Serve

“Serve wholeheartedly.” Ephesians 6:7

## Advent by Candlelight Recipes

So many ladies asked about the wonderful food we were able to dine on at Advent by Candlelight. Our wonderful caterer from Admirals Chef, Ben Spedding, has graciously agreed to share the recipes. Please feel free to use them yourself. Thanks again, Ben!

### *Admiral Chef's Apricot and Honey-Mustard Glaze*

- 1 cup apricot preserves
- ¼ cup chopped seeded jalapeno chilies (or less depending on your taste)
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup country Dijon mustard
- 2 Tablespoons honey
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon pepper

Whisk all ingredients in medium saucepan over low heat to blend. Brush pork with glaze while cooking and serve the remainder, warm as a sauce.

### *Admiral Chef's Sweet Potato and Carrot Puree* (adapted from *The Silver Palate Cook Book*)

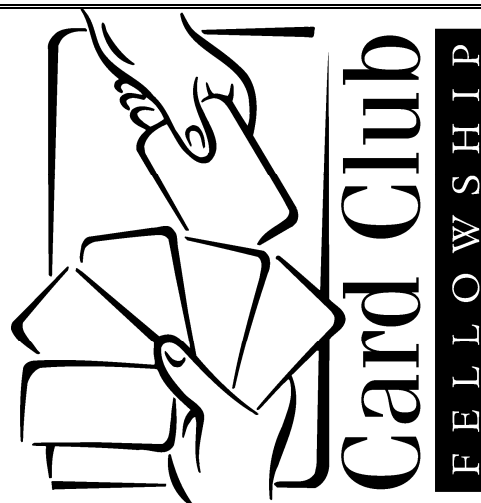
- 4 large sweet potatoes (about 2 pounds)
- 1 pound carrots
- 2 ½ cups water
- 1 Tablespoon granulated sugar
- 10 Tablespoons (1 ¼ sticks) sweet butter, softened
- salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- ½ cup Crème Fraiche (Available at Trader Joe's and Frasier's Gourmet Foods)
- ½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1. Scrub potatoes and cut a small, deep slit in the top of each. Set on the center rack of a preheated 375 degree oven. Bake for about 1 hour or until potatoes are tender pierced with a fork.
2. Peel and trim carrots and cut them into 1-inch lengths. Put them in a saucepan and add the water, sugar, 2 Tablespoons of the butter, and salt and pepper to taste. Set over medium heat, bring to a boil, and cook uncovered until water has evaporated and carrots begin to sizzle in the butter, about 30 minutes. The carrots should be tender. If not, add a little additional water and cook until carrots are done and all liquid has evaporated.
3. Scrape out the flesh of sweet potatoes and combine with carrots in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Add remaining butter and crème fraiche and process until very smooth.
4. Add nutmeg, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Process briefly to blend.
5. To reheat, transfer to an ovenproof serving dish and cover with foil. Heat in preheated 350 degree oven for about 25 minutes, or until steaming hot. (6 portions)



## Card Club Fellowship

There will be a new **Beginner's Bridge Club** here at Holy Cross on Thursday evening beginning on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Times will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will include a series of ten instructional sessions using the *Bridge Teaching Series* by Shirley Silverman. The final session will be Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The only cost will be about \$7.00 for the textbook. The evening will be organized into a lesson for the first hour and playing practice for the remainder of the evening. Come and learn a new skill, enjoy the warmth and the fellowship, and have a good time! If you have any questions, please contact Ken Carlson at 570-0078.



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