

NEWS FOR YOU -HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

“...with God all things are possible ...”

Monday, October 5, 2009

Soldiers of Christ

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 2 Timothy 2:1-6

Our president and political leaders are often in today's news headlines. Their comments, decisions, and actions are often under scrutiny by the media. As citizens of the United States of America, we look for honest, courageous, and God-fearing leaders to guide our country into the future.



Americans often refer to George Washington as the father of their country. They call him this because he was their first President and, probably more important, he was the commander in chief of the American armies during the War of Independence.

Strangely enough, in many ways Washington was not a very good general. He lost almost every major battle he fought. The greatest American victories, like Saratoga, were won by other generals. Even Washington's final victory, at Yorktown, was won more by the French fleet and army than by Washington's army.

As a general Washington made many blunders. Some say his biggest was in making his soldiers fight British style – out in the open in long lines – rather than in the Indian style they were used to.

Why, then, do Americans consider Washington such a great general? Not because of his brilliance but because of his faithfulness to duty. He held his ragged army together in the most trying times and in the face of the greatest difficulties. Many far more capable generals have lost because they gave up when the going got tough. In the end Washington won because he just wouldn't give up.

George Washington can be an example to us as Christians. God may not have given us as much ability as He has given some others. But he has given us the Holy Spirit, and by the Spirit's power we can be faithful to Christ. We can serve Him with fierce determination no matter how rough the going, no matter how many people urge us to give up.

We too shall be victorious, for Jesus promised, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” Revelation 2:10.

Upcoming Calendar Events

October 5	M	Terra Nova testing, grades 3-8 MNF Packers / Vikings	Cross Country 4:15 p.m.	BLAC Meet, Watertown Worship Committee (Krause)
October 6	T	Terra Nova testing, grades 3-8	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Faculty Meeting
October 7	W	Chapel & Mission Offering, 8:00 a.m. Terra Nova testing, grades 3-8	<u>Warrior</u> <u>Welcome</u>	BLAC rain date – Cross Country
October 8	T h	Terra Nova testing, grades 3-8	3:10 – 4:00 p.m.	Mrs. Marozick – classroom visit Chess club
October 9	F	Terra Nova testing, grades 3-8		
October 10	S			
October 11	S	Sunday Church Worship		

October 12	M			Columbus Day
October 13	T			Mrs. Pape – classroom visit
October 14	W	Chapel & Mission Offering, 8:00 a.m. Terra Nova pick-up 11:30 a.m. early dismissal		
October 15	T h	No School – Teachers’ Conference in MN	6:30 p.m.	School Board (Dasheund)
October 16	F	No School – Teachers’ Conference in MN		
October 17	S			End Q 1: 38 days