

# THE QUEST

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
*Transforming the world & ourselves,  
together in community, fellowship, and faith.*



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Articles can be emailed to Eve Nealon at:  
[office@holycrosslutheranchurch.net](mailto:office@holycrosslutheranchurch.net).

The **deadline** for inclusion in the **weekly bulletin** is at noon on the Tuesday prior to the Sunday the bulletin will be released.

Thank you,  
Eve Nealon,  
Church Administrator

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## **STAFF AND COUNCIL NEWS**

### **EASTER LIGHT**

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

John 1:5

Matthew's gospel tells us that on Good Friday darkness overwhelmed the land. The light that had burned so brightly in Jesus, the light symbolized by the Bethlehem star, had been extinguished.

Darkness and despair filled the hearts of Jesus' disciples following Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Their teacher and friend was dead. Grief stricken and fearful for their safety they gathered in secret behind locked doors.

And then, it happened. Reports of Jesus' resurrection filtered through the community. At first the disciples were incredulous. In Luke's gospel, the disciples dismiss the report of Jesus' empty tomb as "an idle tale." But as more and more witnesses came forward with stories of the risen Christ fear and skepticism gave way to faith and trust.

Christ is risen! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it!

We all experience moments when the darkness threatens to overwhelm us. Job loss, failing health, the death of a loved one, captivity to an addiction—any one of these experiences can fill us with despair. These moments of darkness in our lives, the experience of God's seeming absence, are very real. Do not hesitate to acknowledge the pain and uncertainty of these times. Even Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

But darkness does not have the last word. Easter is the affirmation that darkness does not overcome the light. The resurrection of Jesus is God's pledge to us that despair can give way to hope, sorrow can be replaced by joy, and that out of death can come new life.

One of my favorite writers, Ann Weems, puts it this way in a poem called *Easter*.

*Just when I thought  
there would be no more light  
in the Jerusalem sky,  
the Bright and Morning Star  
appeared  
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Christ is risen! Easter blessings to you all!

Pastor Margrethe

**WHERE'S PASTOR KLEIBER?** She will be out of the office from Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> attending a reunion at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. In the event of a pastoral care emergency please contact the church office.

The poem "Easter" is From *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. © 1992 Ann Barr Weems. Used by permission of Westminster John Knox Press.  
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## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring Greetings to Everyone,

What an exciting first quarter we have had here at Holy Cross!

In January we began the year by electing our 2017 Holy Cross Council and our Call Committee. A few weeks later the new council members worked with former council members, Transition Team members, the newly elected Call Committee members, and Pastor Kleiber to map-out the coming year.

Everyone involved in the retreat came away energized and excited about the future of Holy Cross.

Also in February we began to place more emphasis on "*Electronic Evangelism*" by utilizing our social media platforms to tell the Herndon Community about all of the great things happening at Holy Cross. This emphasis has already begun to pay dividends by engaging current members and reaching out to prospective members. I encourage everyone to follow and like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Actively using and engaging on these platforms is an opportunity for everyone to spread the Good News of Christ's love from wherever you may be.

Another exciting event in February was the Synod's acceptance of our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), in less than one week! This process can take up to 30 days. The speed in which it was accepted speaks to the perseverance, attention to detail, and hard work of the Transition Team. The Call Committee immediately picked up the torch and by early March had already met with Pastor Ortiz, the Assistant to the Bishop. This meeting was the first crucial step of initiating the call process and finding our next pastor. You can trust that they are hard at work laying the necessary ground work to begin the search for our next pastor.

Speaking of prospective pastors, if you know of a pastor that you think may be a good fit for Holy Cross, please give the name to Sylvia Moran or myself. Their names will be passed on to Pastor

Ortiz. The Synod is charged with contacting pastors to determine their availability. As we are search for our next pastor, and we certainly do not want to do anything that would interfere with the ministry of a pastor currently serving in another congregation.

The transition fund is another important element critical to calling our next pastor. As of the writing of this letter we have raised just over \$9,000. It is vital that this fund raising be completed sooner rather than later. We do not want to be in the position of having found our next pastor, but cannot complete the process because of a fiscal shortfall.

The next quarter is shaping up to be as exciting as the first quarter. On Palm Sunday (April 9) we are having a multi-generation Sunday School event. Later that day there will be an opportunity for fellowship, evangelism and community outreach at Old Ox Brewery with some taproom trivia. Of course there are all the Holy Week events leading up to Easter Sunday on April 16th. Easter Sunday will bring our annual Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and Easter Egg Scramble on the front lawn of Holy Cross as we celebrate Christ rising from the tomb. We end the month on April 30 with our semi-annual Congregational Meeting and a Pot Luck Lunch. I have it on good authority there will be a Relay for Life bake sale on that day also. Always a tasty and calorie filled event.

There are so many good things happening at Holy Cross. I encourage you to pick one event, one project, one cause and embrace it. I believe that you will find that the more you search for God in all that is around you, the more you will come to realize how close God always is.

In JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Berg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Michael" on the top line and "Berg" on the bottom line.

Mike Berg

## Holy Cross Council President

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

April 30th, after the 11:00 am service  
*Food, Fellowship and a little church business too*

We hope you will join us for this very important Congregational Meeting as we discuss the constitutional amendments up for vote. Luther the Lion will also be on hand for selfies and photo-ops before he departs for Spain.

The Congregation Council recommends approval of the amendments to the Church Constitution by the Congregation at a meeting to be held on 30 April. Copies will be available in the Narthex and Church Office. The first set of amendments will bring our Constitution in line with the required provisions of the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations adopted at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. In addition, amendments are recommended to move the annual Congregation meeting from January to November and to delay the commencement of the terms of office for incoming Council members to the 1st of January following the annual meeting. Mike Berg and Joe Baggett will be hosting question and answer opportunities between services on April 2 and April 23.

Proposed amendments can be found by visiting:

- [holycrosslutheranchurch.net](http://holycrosslutheranchurch.net)
- hovering over the ‘Council & Staff’ menu option
- and clicking ‘Amendments to HCLC Constitution’

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

In a short four weeks (depending on when you receive and are reading this) the HCLC choir (with choir members from other local churches) will begin a memorable journey through Spain. We have been rehearsing since January and are more than excited to share our faith through music to the people of Barcelona and Madrid. I thought I would share a few of the concert venues we will be performing in while in Spain.

### **Iglesia de la Nuestra Senora de los Angeles :**

Iglésia de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles is centrally located near the Rambla de Catalunya (famous shopping street), the avenue “Diagonal” and the University. Built in the mid-1500’s, the church was destroyed during WWII and had to be re-constructed. The architecture of the church Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles is directly influenced by the Catalan Art Nouveau movement called “Modernismo”. The church boasts a great number of windows and stained-glass windows, bathing the nave in natural light. There are 2 magnificent staircases, one either side of the altar.



## Sagrada Familia:



The Basilica is one of the most famous structures in Barcelona. Construction began in 1882 and Antoni Gaudí became involved in 1883. The Basilica is still under construction with an anticipated completion date in 2026, the centennial of Gaudi's death.



## **Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro :**

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church and convent of the Redemptorist Fathers was built between 1892 and 1898. The building forms a Latin cross at the ends of which are rosettes framed in white stone and brick. Gothic windows are distributed along the facades. The focal point of the Sanctuary is the Icon surrounded by four golden angels in an attitude of praise and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends on Mary clothed by angels.



In addition to our concerts we will be touring some of Barcelona and Madrid's stunning attractions, but singing in these spaces is an experience no one will forget. I feel very fortunate to be leading a third tour with our choir (previous trips were to Rome and Cork/Dublin). It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship amongst members while we share our faith through song to people from all over the world.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music Ministries

## YOUTH

### **PALM SUNDAY: THE PATH TO RESURRECTION MULTI-GENERATION SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT**

**Sunday, April 9th ~ 9:40 to 10:50**

#### KIDS

- EASTER EGGS - 3 WAYS  
*(dyeing, finding hidden designs, adding stickers)*
- RESURRECTION BUTTERFLIES
- HAND PALMS

#### ADULTS

- Take the ROAD TO EAST CHALLENGE  
*Organize 11 events in order of occurrence.  
(Bibles will be provided.)*
- WEAVE PALM CROSSES

*Continental Breakfast will be served.*



### **EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE April 16th**

Youth age 10 and under join us for an Easter Egg Scramble on the front lawn of Holy Cross between services on Easter Sunday. Email Mike Berg at [mbberg@yahoo.com](mailto:mbberg@yahoo.com) by April 9 so we can make sure there are plenty of eggs to scramble.

## EVANGELISM



### *From the Church Office*

#### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH?**

Do you have questions about what it means to be a Christian? Are you curious about what is distinctive about the Lutheran church? Please contact Pastor Kleiber through the church. She would love to visit with you and hear your story. We also invite people interested in joining Holy Cross to visit with Pastor Kleiber over pizza after worship on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will talk about ministry at Holy Cross. New Member Sunday is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC



### Lenten Mid-Week SCHEDULE

Based on Luther's Small Catechism

Wednesdays and Thursdays in Lent

<b>Lent 4</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>	<b>Wed., March 29</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
		<b>Thurs. March 30</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>

<b>Lent 5</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Wed. April 5</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
		<b>Thurs. April 6</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>



### Holy Week

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>8:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b>
<b>Inter-generational Sunday School</b>		<b>9:40 AM</b>

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Service at 7:00 pm</b>
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<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>Service at 7:00 pm</b>
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<b>Easter Sunday Alleluia!</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>8:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b>
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<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>April 17</b>
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## Easter Flowers



We are again collecting funds to use in decorating the sanctuary to enhance our worship services. We will be decorating the sanctuary with lily and hydrangea plants for Easter Sunday services. A donation to this fund will allow you to make a dedication either in *Memory* or *Honor* of someone special. These dedications will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you would like to take a hydrangea home after the service, the minimum donation is \$20 per plant. To order, please fill in the section below and put it, along with a check or cash, in the offering plate or mail it to the office.

### PLEASE PRINT

I would like to make a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas home after the service  
at \$20 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

As you would like it to appear in the bulletin

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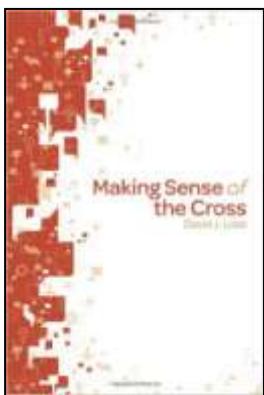
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In order to have your dedication included in the bulletin, the completed form and your funds must be received in the church office no later than April 2nd.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS



So what's with the cross? What does the cross say about God? What's the big deal? Did Jesus have to die?

This Lent, join us for an adult class that looks at the cross. We will explore the questions as well as the answers Christians through the ages have posed before the mystery of the cross. Please sign up in the narthex. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM In Ed. Wing Room 204

Mar. 26	Introduction & Chapter 1: A Man Hanging on a Tree
Apr. 2	Chapter 2: Portraits and Perspectives
Apr. 9	Chapter 3: Ransom and Victory
Apr. 16	Chapter 4: Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice
Apr. 23	Chapter 5: Example and Encouragement
Apr. 30	Chapter 6: Event and Experience

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS APRIL 29th

A first communion class will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:30 pm with a pizza lunch and concluding at 3:30 pm. The class is designed for children ages 6 to 9 and will be held in the Fellowship and kitchen (we will be baking communion bread to be used on First Communion Sunday. If you feel your child or grandchild is ready to take First Communion please contact the church office to register. **First Communion Sunday** will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Lenten Appeal**

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

The 2017 Lenten Appeal is to benefit the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter cares for more than 5,000 animals, including cats, dogs, small mammals, reptiles and livestock, which come to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter each year. The shelter opens its doors—and its heart—to care for each and every animal. But, the shelter can't do it alone. Thankfully, the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is there to help. Through donor and volunteer support, they provide medical care, food, supplies and so much more to help the shelter care for these loving animals. In doing so, we all help save lives—together.

You can find more information at the FFCAS table in the Narthex before and after Sunday services.

Please donate to this year's Lenten Appeal for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Please note Fairfax County Animal Rescue or FFCAS on the memo line. Thank you.

**Herndon Relay for Life to Benefit the American Cancer Society:  
June 10-11, Nysmith School for the Gifted**

Holy Cross will once again have a team participating in the Herndon Relay for Life, a community-based event to raise money for cancer research, advocacy, and education. This year, the Relay will be held on June 10-11 at Nysmith School for the Gifted on McLearen Rd., across the road from Rachel Carson Middle School.

You can get involved by:

- Joining the Relay team and committing to walk for at least an hour or two (you don't need to be there for the whole 17 hours!)
- Donating to the Holy Cross team
- Dedicating a luminaria in honor or memory of someone affected by cancer
- Supporting the team fundraising activities
- Visiting the team on Relay day for a fun time!

**Week of April 2** – Stick a Fork in Cancer. Dine at a participating Herndon restaurant. Watch HCLC social media for restaurants and schedule.

**April 30** – Bake sale between services and at the congregational meeting. Donations of baked goods will be needed!

**May 14** – Noisy offering at both services. Save your coins for our collection!

For more information, contact Vivian Jefferson at vjefferson@gmail.com or visit our Relay for Life web page: <https://tinyurl.com/hclc17>

## **PROPOERT DAY**

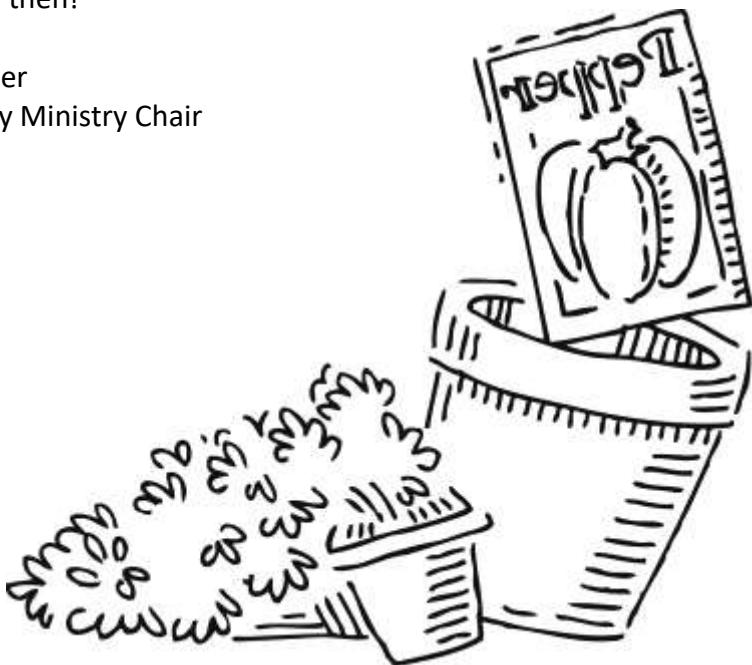
Saturday April 8 - Starting at 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Time to spruce up the grounds and interior of the Church for Spring. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please wear work clothes- especially pants and long sleeves for outdoor work.

- Following tools needed:
- Wheelbarrows
- Leaf blowers
- Tree trimmer
- Rakes/Shovels
- Power Drill
- Carpet Cleaner

See you then!

Joy Heuer  
Property Ministry Chair



## **THE COOKIE BRIGADE MARCHES AGAIN**

Are you a friendly soul and have a bit of time to spare every now and then? Or is baking cookies your hobby? The Cookie Brigade needs you! The HCLC Cookie Brigade drops off a goodie bag to folks who come to worship with us as guests. The members of the Brigade take the cookies to visitors who live in their neighborhood, say hi, thanks for visiting or if no one is home leave the bag. We store the cookies and have bags ready to put them in at church. Can you help? Contact Suzanne Flegal at [suzflegal@verizon.net](mailto:suzflegal@verizon.net) or the Church Administrator.



**1st & 3rd Sunday**

**April 2nd - to Embry Rucker Shelter.**

**April 16th - to LINK**

If you would like to deliver the donations after the late service then please contact Mario Ceste at (703) 400-5526 or [mceste@gmail.com](mailto:mceste@gmail.com).

April's Food Donation Sundays will be the 2nd and the 15th.

***Thank you!***

# Altar Guild



A Note from Joan MacAdams, Altar Guild Leader:

Life Changes for the MacAdams Clan are underway! We are retiring and moving to California no later than July 1st. Our VA house is being prepped for sale and we are in the process of buying our retirement home. I have promised Pastor Kleiber that I will continue to serve as head of HCLC Altar Guild through Easter Sunday. I sincerely ask all current and past Altar Guild members to consider stepping up to leadership! You are all fully capable of serving in this position. Please let me know via email [jmacadams8@gmail.com](mailto:jmacadams8@gmail.com) or by text or call to 703-851-7987 if you are ready for Leadership! I will make time to train you!

For your prayerful consideration,  
Joan MacAdams

## **FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

### **Trivia Day at Old Ox Brewery:**

On Sunday, April 9th from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM join us for Trivia, Fellowship, Outreach and maybe a cold adult beverage at Old Ox Brewery!

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**Tuesday Evening Small Group:** We are a group of several women who meet for fellowship and a Serendipity Bible lesson in the Small Conference Room Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

**Fiber Arts Small Group:** We invite you to visit and learn a new craft skill. Would you like to make your own prayer shawl? Or perhaps you'd like to join in the prayer shawl project for use by the congregation? We meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. For more information on joining us please contact Joan MacAdams: (703) 851-7987 or at [jmacadams8@gmail.com](mailto:jmacadams8@gmail.com) or Anne Geiger: [Gei2@verizon.net](mailto:Gei2@verizon.net); (703) 437-9413.



**Quilting For Lutheran World Relief:** April 29th 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. In the Education Wing. Please join us again this year as we work to provide families in need the gift of warmth and comfort.

# Serving In Worship

## Greeters

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 2nd	Jeanne Maysonett	Beulah Medikonda
April 9th	Doug MacAdams Joan MacAdams	John Kratzke
April 16th	Hope Shearer	Diana Virgo
April 23rd	Vivian Jefferson	Jon Morgan
April 30th	Karen Faulkner	Betty Skelton

## Readers

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 2nd	Jeanne Maysonett	Beulah Medikonda
April 9th	Doug MacAdams	John Kratzke
April 16th	Hope Shearer	Diana Virgo
April 23rd	Vivian Jefferson	Jon Morgan
April 30th		

## Assisting Minister

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 2nd	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
April 9th	Becky Morgan	Anne Geiger
April 16th		
April 23rd	Mike Faulkner	Mike Rose
April 30th	Karen Faulkner	Betty Skelton

## Communion Assistants

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 2nd	Sarah Moran	Len Owens
April 9th	Deb Reilly	Jon Morgan
April 16th		
April 23rd		Frank Podczerviensky
April 30th	Jo Roe	

	<u><i>Ushers</i></u>	
April 2nd	8:30 Suzanne Baggett Joe Baggett	11:00 Roy Geiger Howard Miller Mike Faulkner Diana Virgo
April 9th	Sally Moser Mark Roe	Gary Wolfe Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal
April 16th	Vince Russo Lynn Russo Jane Pattison Denis Pattison	Kathy Makowski Joe Makowski Marge Nafey
April 23rd		Roy Geiger
April 30th		
	<u><i>Altar Guild</i></u>	
April 2nd	8:30 Lori Newcomb Alice Shaw	11:00 Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
April 9th	Denise Robinson Pat Berg	Claudia Woods Erin Woods Pam Darby
April 16th	Lynn Russo Sally Moser Joan MacAdams	Brian Virnelson Cathy Pfisterer Hope Shearer
April 23rd	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Carolyn Rose Carol Shaffer Beulah Medikonda
April 30th	Joan MacAdams Lynn Russo	Hope Shearer

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