

THE QUEST

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Transforming the world & ourselves,
together in community, fellowship, and faith.*



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The deadline for inclusion in the July 2017 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, Quest, is Wednesday, June 21st.

Articles can be emailed to Eve Nealon at:
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

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability... So those who welcomed Peter's message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2:1-3, 41

OUTSIDE THE BOX

At the beginning of the Pentecost story the disciples are gathered in the upper room. At the end of the Pentecost story they have moved **out of the box** of the upper room and into the streets of Jerusalem.

It is tempting to romanticize the Pentecost story. We may romanticize the first disciples as super Christians with super powers who never struggled, doubted, or wavered. We may say wistfully, "Weren't those were the good old days?--with a single sermon Peter could convert 3000 people!"

Truthfully, the arrival of Holy Spirit didn't make life easier for the disciples--it created new challenges. If the Holy Spirit had left them alone, they could have gone back to Galilee, gone back to

their lives, their jobs, their families. Instead Holy Spirit's arrival pushed them **outside the box** of a conventional life.

The disciples had to manage the growing pains of the young church. They had to deal with money, conflict, and the burdens of managing life in community. The Holy Spirit's coming didn't eliminate these challenges but it did give the disciples an **outside the box** purpose that enriched their lives and powered their sense of mission.

The Pentecost story is ours as well. Like the disciples, we struggle with money issues, conflict and the challenges of managing our common life together. And, like the disciples we have an **outside the box** purpose, bringing the life-giving love of Jesus Christ, to the community around us.

Can we think outside the box? Can we move outside the box and into the streets? The Holy Spirit says yes. After all, it is the Spirit who brings us to faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy One who proclaims God's **outside the box** love for the world. And it is the Spirit who gives us knowledge of the God who thinks **outside the box**, who raised Jesus from the dead after the world crucified him.

Pentecost is coming and the Spirit says yes! Let's get out there.

Pastor Margrethe

BIG NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Luther has some really BIG NEWS! A former member and BIG supporter of Holy Cross has agreed to match, dollar for dollar, any donation to the Transition Fund up to a total of \$1000, from today through June 4th. With this generous offer in mind our president has agreed to spend 24 hours on the roof of the church starting at noon on Saturday. To give, click on the donate link on the church website (www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net), give during the service on Sunday, or come by to visit our president while he is on the roof and "drop off" a donation.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

What a wonderful trip last month's choir tour was! We spent a week in Barcelona and Madrid. It was full of sights, sounds, and tastes! Thank you to Joe Makowski for providing wonderful photographs of our tour.

We started off in Barcelona and got right into performing on Day 2. Our concert that night was at Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles. The church was beautiful and provided the perfect inspiration to energize the choir after a long few days of travel and touring. This was our only full concert by ourselves.



Our concerts are in three parts. The first set is a selection of classical choral music. The second set is comprised of American folk songs (like Shendoah and Down to the River to Pray). We end with a third set of American Gospel songs. The European audiences love hearing American music and we were greeted with enthusiastic applause after the second and third sets.



On day three we traveled to a small town about an hour outside of Barcelona called Artés. We were greeted there by a music director (Elisanda) from the local music school (for adults). After a rehearsal where Elisanda taught us some traditional Catalan music, she took us to the local wine cellar where we learned how they make the wine and tasted some that can only be found in Catalonia. She certainly knew how to win us over! For dinner that night we were honored to have her choir make us traditional tapas dishes. They were some of the best food we had all week! Her choir was incredibly friendly and welcoming. It was a joy to spend a few hours visiting with them before our joint performance.

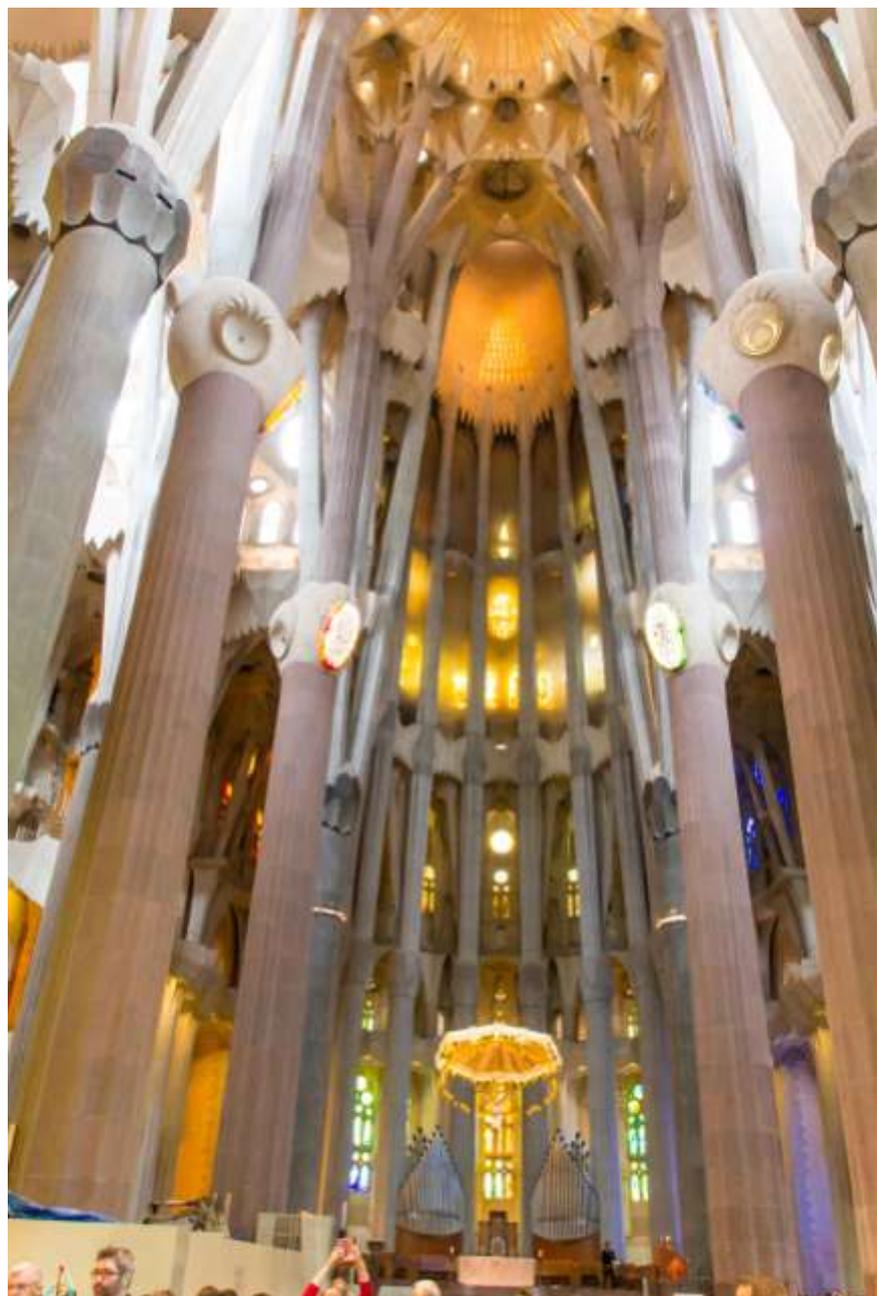






Day four brought the experience I was most excited for, La Sagrada Família! This church was designed by Gaudí and is a masterpiece beyond imagination. After a guided tour of the cathedral we were honored to perform in such an inspiring place.







Our last concert was in Madrid. The acoustics in Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetua Socorro were amazing. While warming up, I had the choir sing a chord and then stand silent after releasing the note. We then experienced a seven second

reverberation! What an awesome place to sing in! After another short rehearsal with a local choir who would sing with us, we began our performance. The space must have been quite inspiring because our choir sang better than they ever have before. It was truly a pleasure to sing in this space.







Our trip to Spain was all we could have asked for. I feel very fortunate to be able to do tours like this with our choir. Spain, and previous tours to Rome and Ireland, are highlights of my professional career. We have performed in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, and now, La Sagrada Família in Barcelona. I would like to thank the choir for all their hard work and Holy Cross for their support.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music Ministries

500 X 500 CHALLENGE

Here is a recap of our success to date.

Financial Challenges

Completed

- ✓ We raised \$21,430 for the transition fund! Way to go Holy Cross! (and thank you Mike Berg for sleeping on the roof!)

In process or not yet started

- Raise a total of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2017 to support God's ministries and mission through Holy Cross
- Raise \$5,000 for youth—Stewardship has designated the proceeds from the yard sale for the 2018 youth gathering
- 500 hymn sing—proceeds to possibly go as a gift to the synod—support synodical evangelism efforts

Outreach Challenges

Completed

- ✓ Toys for Tots--416
- ✓ Undies and Gloves—578 pairs of undies and gloves

In process

- Sunday School to raise \$500 for a cow—will be part of VBS
- Blood drive, Saturday, September 16th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm—can we get 50 donors?
- \$500 worth of school supplies (or 50 school supply kits—note this could be part of a rally day activity—*God's Work, Our Hands Sunday* or, we could substitute the blood drive for this—50 pints of blood?)
- Donate 50 quilts to Lutheran World Relief

Evangelism Challenges

In process or not yet started

- Come & See—125 invitations thus far
- Five hundred likes on Facebook—307 thus far
- Five hundred bottles of water and 500 cookies at the Herndon Homecoming Parade—will be this fall

Service Challenges

Completed

- ✓ 500 thank you notes to law enforcement

In process

- ✓ Tasks around Church

Keep up with the good work, Holy Cross! What a way to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MIGHTY FORTRESS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 for kids and adults



SUNDAY, JULY 30TH – THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD
6 – 8 pm

DINNER @ 6pm

Sunday night's menu, German fare: brats, German potato salad, fries, red cabbage, applesauce

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is June 4th! We congratulate Daniel Contreras and Thomas Newcomb on their Confirmation Day. Over the past two years they have learned Bible stories, studied Luther's Small Catechism, served as readers and acolytes, and participated in youth activities. We are delighted to welcome them as confirmed members of the church with all the responsibilities and privileges this entails. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

*Stir up in Daniel and Thomas the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.
Amen*

ADULT FORUMS IN JUNE

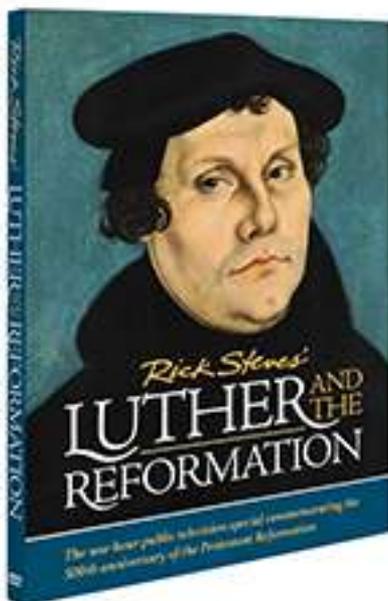
The school year may be over but it is never too late to learn! Join us for adult forums in June.

- June 4 What is a Hybrid Organ?
Led by Jeremy Shoop
- June 11 Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation"
Led by Pastor Kleiber
- June 18 Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation"
Led by Pastor Kleiber

A Note about "Luther and the Reformation" from our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

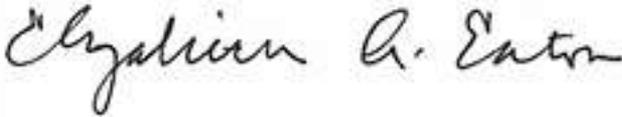
The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not only a time for reflection on the rich history of this church, but also a chance to look forward to what lies ahead for all of us. It's an exciting time to be Lutheran as we come together with the Roman Catholic Church on the foundation of our common heritage. Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation" is a wonderful resource for all of us – pastors and lay people alike – to better understand our Lutheran roots and help us in our continued journey of understanding the Gospel. I invite



you to stream and share this video with your congregation and use the discussion questions to help guide a conversation in your community.

Thank you to Rick Steves for generously giving all members of the ELCA access to “Luther and the Reformation.”

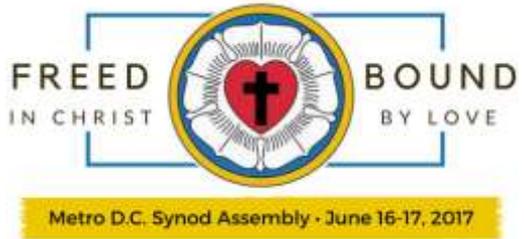
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

**THE 2017 METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON D.C.
SYNOD ASSEMBLY
JUNE 16 – 17 AT THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
CENTER IN LEESBURG**



This year's Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod Assembly Theme is "Freed in Christ, Bound by Love." Attending as voting members are HCLCer's Gene Bain, Suzanne Flegal, Nicole Lopez, Stanley Medikonda, and Esther Samuelson.

In addition to conducting the business of the synod, assembly participants will have an opportunity to hear reports, attend workshops, browse displays and shop at Fair Trade Winds. We are particularly fortunate that Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will present the ELCA churchwide report to the assembly. She will also preach at the evening Eucharist on Friday night.



On Saturday morning, attendees will have the opportunity to hear our special guest, Dr. Reggie Williams, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. Dr. Williams's recent book, *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus*, explores the impact of the black church on Bonhoeffer during his year of post-doctoral studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York, 1930-1931.

Be sure to ask Holy Cross' voting members about their experiences! Consider attending the Synod Assembly next year!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

PREACHING ON JUNE 25th

The Rev. Dr. Anthony Carpenter

Pastor Carpenter, an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for 42 years, has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Shaw University, and received both his Master and Doctoral degrees from Howard University School of Religion with additional studies at Drew University, New York Theological Seminary and the Navy War College. In addition to serving as a local pastor he has also served in administrative positions as Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, National Staff of the United Church of Christ, Director of the Religious Program of The Milton Hershey School, and Senior Advisor at The Center for Congregations of Indianapolis, IN.



His diverse ministerial career has led him to serve in a variety of pastoral positions; as both full-time and interim pastor within the United Church of Christ, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. His love for ministry in the sea services inspired him to join the United States Navy, where he served both as an active and reserve Chaplain, and retiring in 2005 at the rank of Captain, completing 27 years of military service. After leaving St John's UCC of

Troy, Ohio in 2008, he retired from full-time pastoral ministry. In addition to specialized Intentional Interim Ministry studies with the Interim Ministry Network, he has extensive training in Church Development, conflict management and conflict mediation.

Pastor Carpenter has served as an intentional interim pastor for the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod since 2010. Pastor Tony is married to the former Joanne C. Bryant of Baltimore and lives in Edgewater, Maryland where they enjoy being available to their three grandsons and niece. In their leisure, they find pleasure exploring the Chesapeake and traveling the open roads as RV vacationers.

PASTOR KLEIBER'S SCHEDULE IN JUNE

Pastor Kleiber will be taking a week of continuing education from June 19th to June 25th, and attending the Interim Ministry Network Conference in Linthicum, Maryland. Pastor Tony Carpenter will preach and preside on June 25th.

From June 26 to July 3rd, Pastor Kleiber will be on vacation in New England, visiting friends in Vermont and Boston, and spending time with her sister-in-law in Connecticut. Pastor Paul Opsahl, who is well known to this congregation will preach and preside on July 2nd.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HERNDON RELAY FOR LIFE

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 starting at 1:00 PM at Nysmith School for the Gifted on McLearn Rd., across the road from Rachel Carson Middle School.

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

Blood Drive Sign-up

We're planning a Blood Drive on September 16th, but we need a minimum of 40 donors to commit.

You can find a form on a clipboard in the Narthex where you can sign up to donate. We need your name and email address in order to confirm the date when it is chosen. You can also sign-up by calling or emailing the church office.



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 or the Church Administrator.



1st & 3rd Sunday

June 4th - to Embry Rucker Shelter.

June 18th - 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.

July's Food Donation Sundays will be the 2nd and the 16th.

Thank you!

500 x 500 Challenge

Helping Hands--Every person has a part to play in the upkeep of our church home.

Please take a moment to consider what you can contribute.

A Sign Up Genius has been set up with a list of tasks that need to be done around our church. Look for a link through the email blast.

Every time a task has been completed a helping hand with your name, the task, and the date completed will be placed on the board.

Help us make Holy Cross a Welcoming and Beautiful home!
Any Questions? Contact Joy Heuer at jheuer01@gmail.com.

HOLY CROSS YARD SALE

Clean out your closets and attics for a good cause!
We will provide a signup board for the many chores we will need help with. All proceeds will go to the youth's trip to Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Altar Guild



ALTAR GUILD HELP WANTED!

Have you ever wanted to help with service? Altar Guild is looking for some dedicated members to join their team.
Call Lori Newcomb for the details at 571-437-5375

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

There are many opportunities for altar flower donations in the coming months. Please check the flower charts located in the back of the Narthex, on the wall opposite the kitchen portal, for open dates. Flowers are \$40 per vase. When you write your check for altar flowers, please note in the memo line that the check is for payment of Altar Flowers.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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 Anne Geiger: Gei2@verizon.net; (703) 437-9413.



500 ANNIVERSARY TOUR: Come celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on a Lutheran Heritage Tour from Germany to Prague September 18-27, 2017. Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frederick, MD will be exploring the "Lands of Martin Luther" on this custom designed itinerary guided by a professional tour manager from Luther Tours (www.LutherTours.com). Pastor Doug Jones will serve as host on this once-in-a-lifetime experience as we follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther!

There are still spots available for this tour. For further information, please feel free to contact Mike Rose at Gunner.rose76@gmail.com or our tour coordinator, Donna Jones, at djones@luthertours.com or 1-866-777-1517 ext. 2.

Serving In Worship

Greeters

8:30

11:00

June 4th	Mike Berg Pat Berg	Tibbie Preston
June 11th	Joy Heuer	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski
June 18th	Joe Baggett	Diana Virgo
June 25th	Sylvia Moran	Kate Flegal

Readers

8:30

11:00

June 4th	Mike Berg	Tibbie Preston
June 11th	Joy Heuer	Kathy Makowski
June 18th	Joe Baggett Suzanne Flegal	Diana Virgo Brian Virnelson
June 25th	Sylvia Moran Sylvia Moran	John Kratzke Kate Flegal

Ushers

8:30

11:00

June 4th	Joe Baggett Suzanne Baggett	Mike Faulkner Roy Geiger Howard Miller Diana Virgo
June 11th	Sally Moser Mark Roe	Gary Wolfe Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal
June 18th	Lynn Russo Vince Russo Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey
June 25th		Roy Geiger

Assisting Ministers

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
June 4th	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
June 11th	Becky Morgan	Becky Morgan
June 18th	Anne Geiger	Anne Geiger
June 25th	Mike Faulkner	Mike Rose

Communion Assistants

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
June 4th	Sarah Moran	Len Owens
June 11th	Deb Reilly	Jon Morgan
June 18th		
June 25th		Frank Podczerviensky

Altar Guild

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
June 4th	Lori Newcomb Alice Shaw	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
June 11th	Denise Robinson Pat Berg	Pam Darby Claudia Woods Erin Woods
June 18th	Lynn Russo Sally Moser	Brian Virnelson Cathy Pfisterer Hope Shearer
June 25th	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Carolyn Rose Carol Shaffer Beulah Medikonda

Electronic Giving

We are happy to announce that Holy Cross now has the capacity to accept electronic donations! Currently, there are two platforms for giving.

Via Our Website:

www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net.

Click on the donate button at the top center of the home page menu and give.



Via your Smartphone:

Mobile giving is available by downloading the Give+ app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. After downloading the app, search for Holy Cross Lutheran Church. (It will appear near the bottom of the list.) Follow the prompts as desired.

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