

# THE QUEST

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

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

**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY**

**September 2018**



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The deadline for inclusion in the October 2018 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, *Quest*, is Wednesday, September 12th.

Articles can be emailed to the Church Administrator at:  
[admin@holycrosslutheranchurch.net](mailto:admin@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.

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## STAFF NEWS



### **Sing a New Song to The Lord**

*O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to  
day.*

*Declare his glory among the  
nations, his marvelous works  
among all the peoples.*

*Psalm 96:1-3*

Rally Day is just around the corner. It is time for a new start, for new activities and new commitments. ***It is time to sing a new song to the Lord!***

Singing a new song sounds good in theory. But there's a catch.

As any music director will tell you it is hard to introduce a new song to a congregation. Sometimes the melody is difficult and the words are unfamiliar. Most people need to rehearse a new song, again and again and again, before it flows naturally. Often when a new song or hymn is introduced for the first time, people will declare in no uncertain terms how much they hate it.

It's much easier to fall into the pattern of singing the old, familiar songs that we have grown to love and cherish. (It is certainly the safest path for music directors to take.)

Truth be told, part of our resistance to learning a new song is our love for the old songs. It's not bad to love the old songs. In fact, it

is a good thing that these songs have nurtured our faith and lives. And yet, the psalmist insists on singing a new song. Why? It's because of what God is doing and what God is continuing to do. God is doing a new thing.

For as long as there is pain and suffering in this world, as long as there is war and death, as long as there is poverty and sickness, as long as there is cruelty and hatred, God will not be satisfied with the status quo.

In Isaiah 43, God declares:

*Do not remember the former things  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

God wants something different for our world. That is why God sent Jesus. And, that is why God calls us and forms us into the body of Christ in the world. God wants us to be a part of the new thing that God is doing.

**God calls us to new songs.** The Spirit challenges us to share with our brothers and sisters the new thing that God is doing in our world.

Singing this new song may take time and effort. It may mean rehearsing new and unfamiliar behaviors--perhaps learning to speak more openly about who Jesus is to you, perhaps taking the initiative by inviting a friend to church. This may not feel natural. And yet, once we take up the challenge of allowing the Holy Spirit to teach us this new melody we will discover the old and familiar story of Jesus and his love.

*And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

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*Pastor Kleiber*



### **A Word of Thanks from Pastor Kleiber**

Thank you for your outpouring of love and support on the occasion of my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. As I am an interim pastor, someone who moves from congregation to congregation, I never anticipated having a celebration service. Thank you very much! I will never forget this gracious and loving gift.

*Pastor Kleiber*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

COME JOIN THE SANCTUARY CHOIR  
THIS FALL!

THURSDAY 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
STARTING AUGUST 30



Seven great reasons YOU should join the choir:

7: YOU'LL GAIN ANOTHER FAMILY - Some of the greatest folks I know are in our choir.

6: EVERYBODY NEEDS A GOOD MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE - Don't let the words "choir rehearsal" deceive you. Yes, you WILL learn your choir part, but you'll also worship the Almighty God in the meantime and leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your week.

5: BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN AMERICAN IDOL TO BE IN THE CHOIR - One of the most amazing things about a choir ministry is how God takes a bunch of voices—some strong and some not as strong—and blends them together to create beautiful music that honors Him.

4: BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A MUSIC DEGREE TO BE IN THE CHOIR - Come to choir rehearsal and sit next to someone who reads well. All you have to do then is LISTEN and you're home free. You'll be amazed what you can learn by just planting yourself in the middle of the music.

3: BECAUSE YOU'LL BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS - Some of my dearest friends are members of the choir. As you know, doing ministry with folks is one of the best ways to build great and meaningful friendships. Worshiping together has the same result.

2: THREE WORDS: CHOIR IS FUN! - We offer a 100% guarantee that you'll have a great time in rehearsal each week. I assure you that it will become your midweek pick-me-up.

1: ONE WORD: WORSHIP - There's no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to worship the One True God and singing with a room full of believers who love Him and His music as much as you do is one of greatest things you'll ever experience.

Come be a part of the choir!

Contact Director Jeremy Shoop for more information.  
MusicDir@HolyCrossLutheranChurch.net

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop  
Director of Music Ministries

**REMINDER!**



In honor of Labor Day, the church office is closed Monday, September 3<sup>th</sup>. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

## COUNCIL NEWS



### **A Note from the Council President**

It is with a mixture of excitement and sadness that I write this note to the congregation. At the end of the year Pat, Sarah and I will be relocating to Wilmington, NC. We are in the process of having a home built there, a few miles southeast of the city. The builder says it will be completed by mid-December. We will see if that date holds true.

Pat and I have spent the past several years, praying, discussing and searching for where we wanted to start the next chapter of our lives. We believe we have found the right place for us, in Wilmington. One the of the hardest parts of our decision to relocate, was that it would necessitate us leaving our Holy Cross family after worshiping and working with everyone for over 30 years. This is not a decision we took lightly, but only after prayerful consideration.

I look forward to continuing in my role as your Council President through the remainder of my term, which ends in early January 2019. I am excited about the future of Holy Cross. We look forward to keeping up with everyone on social media and visiting when our travels take us back to Northern Virginia.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Berg  
Council President

## BUILDING ON THE BEST—Capital Campaign

### **Our Goal: \$200,000**

Holy Cross is committed to building on the best of our church to extend and revitalize our ministry. We aspire to grow Holy Cross by making forty-eight new connections to our congregation over the next three years, with an emphasis on attracting families and youth, and building more powerful relationships among our members. In order to achieve this, we plan to raise \$200,000 by the end of 2021:

***\$35,000 to build on our evangelical mission***, to strengthen our connections in the community. We will participate in community events, such as the Herndon Festival and Sterling fest to raise awareness of our mission. We will initiate fun, community-based activities such as “Beer and Carols” to bring our message into the community more effectively. We will partner with Herndon MS and the Neighborhood Resource Center to support community youth. We will provide opportunities for children and youth to serve, both in worship and the community.

***\$14,000 is designated to build the broader church*** through the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as it aspires to strengthen congregations and grow by 3,000 new connections over three years. Our “Building on the Best” Capital Campaign aims to support this goal by reaching 48 new people over the next three years.

***\$151,000 is earmarked to build our facilities, to make them more inviting for families.*** We plan to repair and refresh our facilities, including new flooring for the fellowship hall, renovating the restrooms beside the fellowship hall, replacing the roof on the administrative wing and improving our technology in the fellowship hall and some classrooms.



## Giving Opportunities

In order to reach our Capital Campaign goal, gifts of all sizes are needed, from the largest leadership gifts to coins from our children.

The chart below shows how many gifts we need of each amount to fulfill the dream of upgrading our ministry facility and reaching out in our community.

Please prayerfully consider how you and your family is called to respond to this opportunity, given your own financial blessings. Regardless of your ability to give, all are welcomed and valued at Holy Cross. The campaigns commitment period is 3 years/156 weeks. A pledge of support is not a legally binding contract, but a statement of intent.

### Giving Opportunities

#### Pledges needed for Success

1 gift of	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
2 gifts of	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
4 gifts of	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
8 gifts of	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
10 gifts of	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
10 gifts of	\$ 1,000.00	\$10,000.00

## Thank You From The Council Treasurer



In late June we began the 55th Anniversary Stewardship Initiative wherein we asked all members of our Holy Cross family to consider if they could add three more weeks of giving in 2018, in addition to the 52 weeks of the calendar year. How did our church family respond you ask? Well my friends, to date, we have received over \$4,000 in generous support for this initiative - in less than two months! That is truly amazing, but not unusual for our congregation, as our Holy Cross family always responds when there is a need whether it be financial or the volunteering of time and talent.

So, let me say a very special, "**THANK YOU!**", to all those who have already jumped on the bandwagon for our "**55 Anniversary**" campaign and extend an invitation to the rest of our church family to prayerfully consider joining with our "early birds" in support of the 55th Anniversary stewardship initiative.

Take care all!

Bob Thompson  
Council Treasurer

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## **ADULT EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER**

### **SUMMER SUNDAY BOOK CLUB**

#### **GOD IS NOT ONE: The Eight Rival Religions that Rule the World**

Our Summer Sunday Book Club wraps up in September! We are reading Stephen Prothero's book *God is Not One*. Please join us for a lively discussion on world religions on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in room 202.

- Sept. 2     *God is Not One* - Chapter Eight - Daoism  
Sept. 9     Rally Day – No Book Club Discussion  
Sept. 16    *God is Not One* - Chapter Nine – Atheism

### **SPECIAL WORKSHOP STEWARDSHIP AND THE THREE-LEGGED STOOL! September 23**

When your life is in BALANCE, you feel better, you focus more and you see the next horizon of opportunity more clearly. The 3-Legged Stool helps you build a balanced approach to stewardship that rewards you with the joy of faithful giving and special gifts now and planning larger and more lasting gifts for later.

ELCA Regional Gift Planner Yvonne Lembo will lead an informative and engaging workshop: "Stewardship and the 3-Legged Stool" on Sunday, September 23. COME and learn how to BALANCE your stewardship!



## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THERE IS A FUN DAY ON THE HORIZON!

Rally Day will be celebrated on September 9, 2018. This day is designated for the beginning of the new Sunday School year at Holy Cross. A time to reinforce our knowledge on Christianity and a time for new knowledge. You will be able to register your youngsters for Sunday School and learn about the other ministries our church offers.

We have a new Youth Leader, Hope Russell, who will be looking forward to meeting your middle and high school children. Senior youth are so very important in our church. We are so fortunate to have a new volunteer to head this important group.

Holy Cross has various ministries that would appreciate any assistance you could provide. New individuals can provide new ideas. Getting involved might mean only helping with one project during the year. Each of us has talents that we can share with others and it is a terrific way to meet other members of our CHURCH FAMILY. Remember, **helping hands** help and support each other to make our church family greater!

We will be having a blessing of all backpacks/briefcases for all age levels at both services on Rally Day. Also, plan to attend a pot luck picnic after the 11:00 am service at Trailside Park on Crestview Drive in Herndon. Burgers and Dogs will be furnished by the

Fellowship Ministry. You will need to provide your own drinks. Look for the signup sheet for food on-line.

***NOTE: This picnic will replace the 1st Sunday Lunch in September; therefore, there will not be a September 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch.***

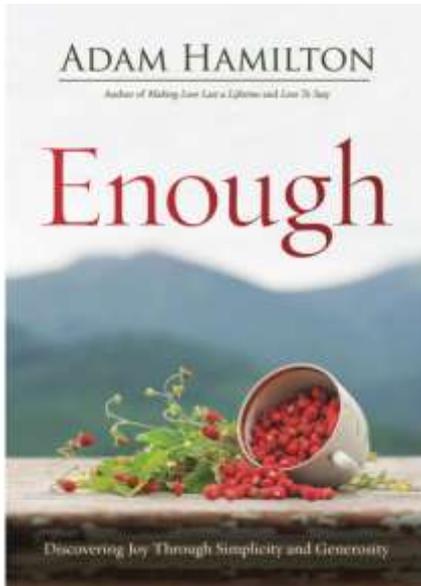
Games will be provided for the children. Some games will require parent-participation. Please bring a change of clothes for your child in case there are water games.

We are in the need of approximately four Corn Hole Boards for the adults. We would like to borrow your Corn Hole Board if you are unable to attend the Rally Day activity. Please contact me if you have questions.

Betty Skelton, Chairperson  
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## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

Join us in September and October for a four-part series using Adam Hamilton's *Enough*.



**Adam Hamilton** is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *The Call*, *Making Sense of the Bible*, *Love to Stay*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press.

**September 30, 2018**

“When Dreams Become Nightmares”

**October 7, 2018**

“Wisdom and Finance”

**October 14, 2018**

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**October 21, 2018**

“Defined by Generosity”

## VBS WRAP-UP



What a fantastic event for everyone that attended. The committee did a fantastic program with “Splash Canyon” and “Lifetree Cafe”. Not only was the program well done because of the effort of staff and volunteers, but the dinners were amazing!

The country/territory that was chosen for a support theme was Puerto Rico. Money was being collected to support educational needs for kids at Iglesia Lutheran Bethel in Dorado, Puerto Rico. Our goal was 15 - back packs - representing \$50.00 for each of 15 children. We raised enough for 22 backpacks!

The highlight of Tuesday evening’s program was a direct FaceTime communication with the children in Iglesia Lutheran Bethel in Puerto Rico. This was accomplished with the help of Sam Carter. What a great and memorable experience.



Our own, Pastor Leila Ortiz, spoke to the Lifetree Café Wednesday evening about the devastation in Puerto Rico that still exists even though the hurricane damage happened a year ago. Very little has been done to help with the repairs that are needed. The majority of the assistance has been coming from church congregations helping the effected churches in Puerto Rico.

Thank you to the following people who made VBS such a success: Pastor Kleiber, Jeremy Shoop, Suzanne Baggett, Mike Berg, Amy

McNaughton, Chris Nelson, Becky Anderson, Jeanne Maysonett, Ellen Atwell, Marcia Kratzke, Alice Shaw, Sylvia Moran, Beatriz Orellana, Sam Carter, Kathy Makowski, Teresa Easterly, Betty Skelton. This was the third year for VBS. I visualized the same nucleus of people at VBS this year that attend church almost every Sunday. It would be so great if more individuals would attend this magnificent once a year function when next year's VBS presents itself.

Respectfully,  
Betty Skelton

## **VBS Mission Project A Huge Success!!! School Supplies for Puerto Rico**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our VBS mission project – School Supplies for Puerto Rico. Thanks to your generosity, 22 children will have funds necessary to purchase supplies for the coming school year.



**VBS -- FUN HAD BY ALL!!**



**Evan**



**Avery**



**Christy**



**Noah**



Connor



Devin



Jeremy, Music Director

Big  
Kids  
Had  
Fun  
Too!!



Pastor Kleiber



**Chris Nelson and VBS kids gutter races**



**Slip and slide**



**Puerto Rico Offering**

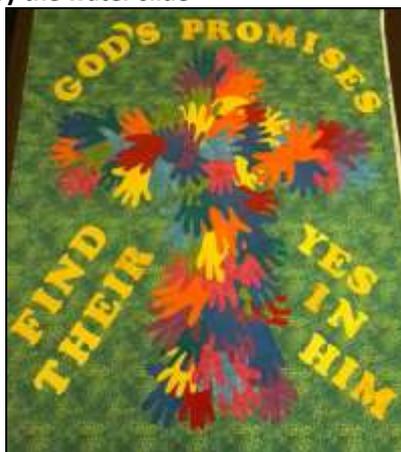


**Lifetree**

## VBS -- Decorations were Phenomenal!



Campfire by the water slide



VBS 2018 Banner



Fish swimming in the fabric waters of Splash Canyon

## WORSHIP

### Where is Pastor Kleiber?

Pastor Kleiber will be out of the office from Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, to Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. She will be back in the office on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office.

Preaching on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Pastor Neal Davidson. Pastor Davidson is a retired pastor in our synod who often serves as an interim in congregations awaiting a pastor. His passion for baseball is exceeded only by his love for Jesus and his church.

### Blessing of the Animals October 7<sup>th</sup> – 1 PM



**SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR PET'S CALENDAR!** We will have a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm at the entryway to the church. Bring your furry, fuzzy and feathered friends for a simple service of blessing!

### Special 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Event!

#### Mark your Calendars!



On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1963, Holy Cross Lutheran Church became a congregation of the Lutheran Church in America. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special worship event commemorating this occasion. We are particularly delighted that Pastor Ed Harper will be our preaching minister that morning! **Save the date and spread the word!**

## EVANGELISM

*“WE ARE. . .HOLY CROSS!!”*



As September begins, the sports focus of the Geiger family turns to football. No – not professional football (or other professional sports for that matter – sorry everyone). College football.

Specifically, **PENN STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL!** Anne, our son, David and I are all Penn State graduates. Our only daughter, Susan, went her own way and is a Rutgers graduate. Although, we don't make the time to actually go to the games, if a Penn State game is on TV and I'm home; I've got a Penn State shirt on and I'm watching the game! (FYI, Anne prefers to listen from a nearby room, checking in on Penn State-favorable replays and really prefers to watch game replays after she knows who won!)

Although, Penn State has had its ups and downs over the past decade, one aspect of “Penn State-ness” has remained strong – its chant, **“WE ARE. . .PENN STATE!”** No matter where you are, we are around a group of Penn State(rs), inevitably someone will yell “WE ARE” and others will yell back “PENN STATE”. It's a bit strange, a bit raucously bold and annoying to others? Absolutely, but then, WE ARE. . .PENN STATE(RS) – and proud of it!

So, what's your favorite sport(s), your favorite team(s), or your favorite player(s)? Just think, if all of us who are sports enthusiasts, fans, fanatics were that enthusiastic, that willing to cheer, that willing to talk with anyone and everyone who will listen about our faith in God, our trust in Jesus Christ and our pride in Holy Cross and our Christ-inspired efforts -- and EVERYONE did that -- how very different our church, our community, our nation and our world would most likely be! What a thought! What a possibility!

Two chances are coming up this month where you can put these efforts to practice. Participate with us and our **Rally Day** activities on **Sunday, September 9**. And join us for our fun participation in this year's **Herndon Homecoming Parade** on **Saturday, September 22**. Watch your weekly bulletin inserts and e-Newsletters for more details or contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

So -- let's practice. If I shout our **"WE ARE"**, you shout **"HOLY CROSS"**! Ready -- here we go. . .

***"WE ARE. . . HOLY CROSS!"***

Well done! We have made a JOYFUL NOISE unto the Lord! Now, go share YOUR message with everyone you know! God is smiling!

Thanks everyone!

-- Roy Geiger

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# FELLOWSHIP

## Wine with the Pastor



You Wine, I Wine, We all Wine. I hear even Pastors wine, from time to time. So let's all "Wine with the Pastor".

**When:** Saturday, September 8, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, or whenever

**Where:** The Winery at Bull Run ([www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com))  
15950 Lee Highway  
Centreville, VA 20120

Come and sip delicious, award-winning Virginia wine, and relax in the beautiful Virginia countryside. All are invited to "Wine with the Pastor." Bring the kids and invite a friend. Let's all "Wine" together.

## Bluegrass Concert Series



The Blue Moon Cowgirls, four Washington-area musicians: Karen Collins, Sally Love Connell and Ira Gitlin, with their own refreshing approach to country music. A shimmering trio of female voices backed by flexible acoustic instrumentation, the Blue Moon Cowgirls blend front-porch directness with neon-lit sophistication as they sing about home and highways, heaven and honkytonks, heartbreak and hope.



Photo by Terry Mandell

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm - Doors open at 6:30 pm**

**Tickets: Ages 13+ - \$15, Ages 12 and younger - Free**

# OUTREACH



## **Community Worship Service**

Mark your calendars. There will be a Community Worship Service on September 20th to mark the first anniversary of Hurricane Marie hitting Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The service is part of the ELCA's Building Puentes (Bridges) initiative and will be in conjunction with services held in the Caribbean, Delaware and Maryland Synods with our Metro DC Synod. The location is Hope Lutheran Church in Annandale at 7:00 PM. Watch the weekly announcements for more details.

## **Opportunities to Serve**

**ESOL** - Fall term begins in September. Teachers are needed and help with providing dinner for the students. Ellen Atwell coordinates this program and can be reached at [ellen.atwell@verizon.net](mailto:ellen.atwell@verizon.net), if you are able and willing to help.

**Blood Drive** - Holy Cross on November 3th. Give your blood and/or some time helping with sign in.

**Outreach Team** will meet to plan our annual Advent drive in late September. If you'd like to help plan, keep an eye on the Weekly Update for the date and time.

## Volunteers Needed for The Closet



The Closet is one of Herndon's best kept secrets, and we are hoping to change that! We want everyone to know what it is, what we do and how you can get involved! The Closet is a truly unique thrift shop. What makes it unique—besides the fantastic treasures you find?

Profits are given back to our community on a quarterly basis. They provide college scholarships and grants to other local non-profit organizations throughout the year. This spring, The Closet awarded \$25,000 to 18 local high school graduates! So, donating and shopping here are win-wins! When you clean out your closets, cupboards, garage or home, you can donate those things to The Closet. Donations are sorted and priced. Shoppers find bargains and those dollars go to work helping others! How awesome is that?

Holy Cross is responsible for providing volunteers at The Closet several times each month. Our upcoming dates are:

**Tuesday, September 4**

**Tuesday, September 25**

**Tuesday, October 2**

**Tuesday, October 16**

What's involved in volunteering at The Closet? How much time do you need? What do you have to do? Volunteering is EASY! You

only need to be available for a couple of hours. There are several different jobs: greet customers, assist in bagging purchases, rehang clothes from the dressing rooms, straighten the shelves, put merchandise out for sale and assist at the jewelry counter. No special skills are needed for any of these tasks---just a willingness to help customers and a desire to make a difference in our community!

In addition, more volunteers are needed September 17-19, when The Closet does its semi-annual “changeover.” Staff and volunteers remove summer items and re-stock the store with fall/winter merchandise and clothing. It’s a lot to accomplish in a few days, but many hands make light work! Whether you have one hour to give or eight, your help is always needed! Come to the back door and ask for Pat Rhoads, manager of The Closet.

If you want more information about The Closet and volunteering, please ask Rita Hacker or Rachel Williams. Both represent Holy Cross on The Closet’s Board of Directors.

The Closet is located at 845 Station Street in Herndon. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10-5. On Mondays and Thursdays, it is open until 8:00 pm. Donations are accepted at the rear of the building Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm.

## Quilting Session



HCLC's partnership with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) continues. LWR's Mission Quilts will distribute the quilts to hospitals, orphanages, schools and homes for the elderly. They will be a blessing to everyone that receives one. Join us in classroom 202 on **Saturday, September 8, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend. No experience required.

## STEWARDSHIP

Money is a complicated and emotional subject, something that many of us find difficult to talk about. For some, money symbolizes power. For others, the size of their salary is an indication of their value to society. For yet others, money provides them with a sense of security.

The Bible has a lot to say about money. Because money plays a huge role in our lives, Christians are called to reflect on how their faith affects their finances. During the months of September and October we will spend time reflecting on our relationship with money and possessions. Join us beginning on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, for our sermon series and discussion group on “Enough.”

# Enough

## 2018 Stewardship Events

### **Enough** Sermon Series & Discussion Group

Sept. 30, 2018	“When Dreams Become Nightmares”
Oct. 7, 2018	“Wisdom and Finance”
Oct. 14, 2018	“Cultivating Contentment”
Oct. 21, 2018	“Defined by Generosity”

### **Celebratory Events**

Oct. 28, 2018	Commitment Sunday 1
Nov. 4, 2018	Commitment Sunday 2
Nov. 18, 2018	Celebration Sunday—55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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ELCA Regional Gift Planner Yvonne Jones Lembo will lead an informative and engaging workshop: “Stewardship and The 3-Legged Stool” for Adult Forum on Sunday, September 23.

**COME!** And find out how to **BALANCE** your stewardship.

## DO SOME BIG PICTURE FINANCIAL PLANNING!

Join us on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:45 am, in Room 202-203, for **the Stewardship Pathway and the Three-Legged Stool**. This workshop is a walk-through of the basic building blocks of good stewardship, from getting out of debt, to establishing a pattern of faithful weekly/annual giving, to building assets through wise investments, to creating a larger-than-life legacy through planned giving. It gives participants a clear understanding of the “3 legs” of balanced stewardship: 1) Current/Annual Gifts, 2) Major/Capital Gifts, 3) Legacy/Planned Gifts. Since this covers a wide range of stewardship, it’s suitable for younger families, as well as retirees.



Our presenter will be Yvonne Jones Lembo. Ms. Lembo serves with the ELCA Foundation as a Regional Gift Planner. With nearly 20 years of experience in non-profit development, Yvonne’s gift planning expertise has helped families, congregations and ELCA organizations in the Mid-Atlantic reach their stewardship, mission and legacy goals.

Yvonne regards her work as an expression of God’s ministry call for her life and an outgrowth of 40 years of ministry and professional experience with congregations and non-profit organizations in the United States and abroad. She holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Harvard University and received the Master of Divinity with honors from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) in 2013.

Yvonne has been part of the ELCA since 2006 both at Little Zion Lutheran Church in Telford, PA and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Yvonne served with the Development Office of LTSP, now United Lutheran Seminary (ULS), from 2009-2014 and now partners with ULS through the ELCA Foundation as a Major and Planned Gifts Officer. As Regional Gift Planner for Delaware-Maryland and Metro DC, she serves the 246 congregations in the DC Metro and DE- MD synods, as well as the members of the Lutheran Development Alliance.

In 2018, Yvonne relocated from Philadelphia, PA to the Dover, Delaware area. Outside of work, Yvonne enjoys music, walking and biking on nature trails, cooking and foodie adventures, and long drives on the open road, especially to visit her brother's family in Quebec.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING



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### TELLING THE STORY IN JERUSALEM

Years ago Lutheran missionaries were sent to start new churches around the world, and now those churches run their own seminaries and ministries. What, then, is the role of the ELCA missionary today?

Today's missionaries are doctors, nurses, teachers, educators and community organizers—and the ELCA sends them to work alongside other Lutherans only when an invitation is issued by one of the ELCA's global companion churches.

"Instead of approaching us for long-term people to help start and grow a church, [our global companions] are asking us to fill more specific technical positions," said Heidi Torgerson, ELCA director for global service. "Our fractured world needs healing. ELCA missionaries are agents of healing through the work they do."

Adrainne Gray and her husband, Ben, for example, are missionaries working in technical positions as communicators for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan

and the Holy Land.

Whether they are taking photos, writing stories or preparing press releases, their charge is to connect the English-speaking Lutheran world to the reality of life for Arab Lutherans in Palestine, Jerusalem and Jordan. "The amazing thing is that [in spite of the conflict], our co-workers are joyful, hopeful people," Adrainne said. "They are living."

While the majority of ELCA missionaries are in their 20s, early 30s or close to retirement, the Grays are in the middle of their careers and raising their 14- and 11-year-old kids. They came to Jerusalem after Adrainne completed her training as a deaconess in 2015 and was looking for a call.

"We didn't have this part of the world on our radar at all, but when we saw the opening, we knew immediately that our talents fit its need," she said. "We wear the term 'missionary' proudly—it's central to the work of the church."

Follow the Gray family on their journey at [thegraytones.com](http://thegraytones.com).

Your Mission Support dollars are used by the ELCA churchwide organization to support the work of 225 ELCA missionaries in 44 countries around the world.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>September 2</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Nicole Lopez Linda Butler	Daniel Contreras Chris Nelson Samuel Contreras
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb Alice Shaw	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Nicole Lopez	Chris Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Baggett Suzanne Baggett	Mike Faulkner Howard Miller Roy Geiger Diana Virgo

<b>September 9</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Thomas Newcomb Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal	Jon Morgan Ellen Atwell Frank Podezerviensky
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Joy Heuer	Becky Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Berg Denise Robinson Judy Keller	Pam Darby Claudia Woods Erin Woods
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal	Ellen Atwell
<b>Ushers</b>	Sally Moser Mark Roe	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

<b>September 16</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Joe Baggett Vivian Jefferson	Katelyn Hunter Brian Virnelson Cathy Pfisterer
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Anne Geiger	Andy Krueger
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sally Moser Lynn Russo	Cathy Pfisterer Brian Virnelson Hope Russell
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Joe Baggett	Cathy Pfisterer Brian Virnelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

<b>September 23</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Neal Davidson	Neal Davidson
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Joe Baggett John Pinckney Joy Heuer	Briana Fautley Betty Skelton Nicole Lopez
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Mike Faulkner	Len Owens
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	John Pinckney	Betty Skelton
<b>Ushers</b>	Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Roy Geiger

<b>September 30</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Mike Faulkner LeRoy Wallin Vivian Jefferson	Katlyn Hunter Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Anne Geiger	Kathy Makowski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Shaw Jo Roe	
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	LeRoy Wallin	Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene Bain Sally Moser	Roy Geiger

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