

# THE QUEST

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fellowship and faith.*

Happy Easter!



**April 2019**



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# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The deadline for inclusion in the May 2019 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, *Quest*, is Friday, April 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

# Message from the Pastor

### **SIN IS BEHOVELY...**

*Sin is behovely, but all shall be well,  
and all shall be well, and all manner of things  
shall be well.*

*Julian of Norwich  
1342-1416 Christian Mystic*

When a friend quoted Julian of Norwich to me, I wanted to slug her. My life was in total meltdown. I felt victimized, sinned against, and angry. How dare she say everything shall be well!

And whatever did it mean to say, “Sin is behovely?” Behovely? What kind of medieval nonsense is that?

Behovely...it means that sin serves a purpose. Yes, sin is ugly. Yes, sin causes suffering. Yes, we want to avoid the tragedy of sin at all costs. At the same time, what Julian is getting at is the immensity and power of God’s love. God works in spite of our sin, and even through our sin, to bring about a greater good.

In Romans, chapter 8, St. Paul makes the audacious claim: “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

All things? Really? Even suffering? Even sin? Both Paul and Julian would say yes. Paul concludes Romans chapter 8 with the ringing

declaration that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Sin is behovely. It took me years and many hours of prayer to wrap my brain around the meaning of these words. Today I am convinced that it is only when we hit bottom, that is, when we fully accept the tragedy of sin and our part in it that we can begin to grasp the immense measure of God’s love.

By the grace of God, I have survived my life’s various meltdowns. More important, God used each crisis to teach me some painful truths about myself. They have proven to be opportunities to grow in ways I’d never imagined. And while I would never wish those experiences on my worst enemy, I treasure everything I learned from them.

Sin is behovely. If we are honest about our faults and open to God’s power, God will use all things, even sin, as an opportunity for transformation. Saints, they say, are merely sinners who have been driven into the arms of God.

What might change for us, during this penitential season of Lent, if we started to see sin as behovely? What if repentance was less about shame and guilt—and more about learning and growing from the painful experience of sin? What if we began to trust that all shall be well?

As we move towards the great mysteries of Holy Week and Easter, trust in the immensity and power of God’s love. Surrender all aspects of your life to God, even or perhaps especially, the suffering and sin you have known. Then wait for the new life that awaits you.

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.*

Blessings,  
*Pastor Kleiber*

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

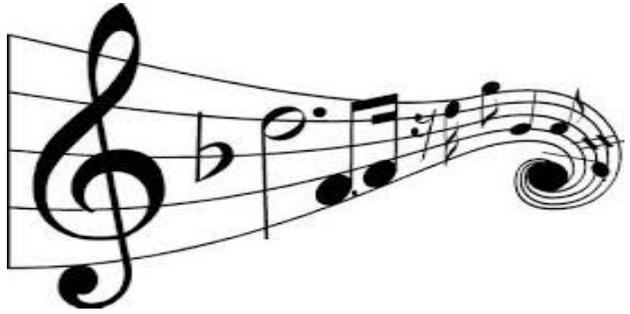
## **WHERE'S PASTOR KLEIBER?**

She will be out of the office from Monday, April 21<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> attending the Bishop's Convocation in Puerto Rico. In the event of a pastoral care emergency please contact the church office.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Adjectives are a powerful part of the English language. They can change ones image of an ordinary house to a grand mansion in the woods with a



peaceful river flowing through the backyard. Many hymn writers struggle to articulate a piece of our faith poetically. It is an art that began in the early church and still exists today. Isaac Watts, one of the church's greatest hymn writers, wrote the hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* achieving new heights of passionate devotional poetry while using merely five adjectives. This does not include adjectival words used as predicates. The purely descriptive adjectives are: 'wondrous', 'richest', 'vain', 'rich', and 'amazing'. Yet it must be agreed that this is one of the most penetrating hymns of the Lutheran hymnal. Each stanza is written with strong, clear, simple thoughts.

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, written originally for use in the Communion Service, was inspired by Paul's impassioned declaration in Galatians 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world." This statement is a climax to his argument that one does not have to become a Jew before he can become a Christian. From this profound statement Isaac Watts derives five stanzas of poetry to portray the Prince of Glory and his throne, the cross.

*When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

“Survey” suggests not only sight but also contemplation; the deliberate attempt on the part of the communicant to realize what Christ’s death meant to the world. The cross is “wondrous” because in this one instance a Roman instrument of torture and death has become God’s instrument for saving mankind. “Prince of Glory” suggests the highest exaltation. Watts believed that Christ had been a “Prince” in heaven before the world as created (Col 1:15-17).

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

Each person can make a list of his or her “vain things” that we boast in. Watts calls us in this stanza to sacrifice all earthly things for Christ and only boast in Christ’s death on a cross.

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Stanza three is one of Watts’ most beautiful stanzas. The sorrow and love the flow mingled down from his head, hands, and feet is an allusion to the blood that flowed from his side after a soldier pierced him with a spear to prove that he was dead. Watts takes the word “mingled” and transforms a revolting physical death into a spiritual flow of sorrow and love. At the end of this stanza Watts declares the worth of Christ’s crown of thorns to be greater than any monarch’s crown of jewels.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

In this stanza Watts' intent to assess the value of Christ's sacrifice reaches a personal climax. Although human sin through the ages amounts to more than the material worth of the entire universe, Christ's atonement is still more than adequate. Therefore, God needs no further payback. We are simply called to live our life for Christ and give him all that we are.

The thought and meditation that Isaac Watts put into the Passion scripture produced stanzas of poetry that have stood the test of time. This hymn has been sung through the ages and continues to educate Christians throughout the world about Christ's love.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music Ministries

# COUNCIL NEWS



## **Notes from the President**

Two-thousand and nineteen is off to an amazing start at Holy Cross! Our ministries are flourishing. Our children's programs are growing. Our Call Team is energetically fulfilling their work. The "Building on the Best" Capital Campaign is off to an amazing start. This brings me great joy!

## **Radical Hospitality**

In February, the Council held their annual retreat. Having read part of the book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" by Robert Schnase, we agreed to focus our efforts this year on practicing *Radical Hospitality*, one of the five practices described in the book. We explored our building from multiple perspectives, and brainstormed ideas to be more welcoming. We then ranked the ideas, to help define our focus for this year. This list of ideas is broad – including improvements to our website, updating our restrooms (which was identified as a goal for the capital campaign as well), developing a partnership with Herndon Middle School (also envisioned in the capital campaign), refreshing our usher and greeter training, updating signage, adding handicap button to open the building doors, and engaging in some marketing, to name a few. Some will be able to move forward quickly. Others will require more time and planning. That said, I think your Council is excited to move forward and welcomes your support wherever you are able!

## **“Building on the Best” Capital Campaign**

The “Building on the Best” Capital Campaign is off to a stellar start. At the end of February, we have over \$178,000 committed and over \$37,000 given. We were able to replace the roof on the administrative wing, and now are taking care of indoor repairs needed from where the roof leaked. Many thanks to Dennis Pattison who leads the Property Ministry! We have estimates to replace the flooring in the Fellowship Hall and in the coming weeks will seek estimates for the restroom refresh for the administrative wing of the building.

Good things are happening, and only possible through YOUR generosity. If you have not yet had an opportunity to commit to the campaign, commitment cards are available in the Narthex. You can simply drop them in the collection plate or send them to the office.

It is sometimes overwhelming to me to think about how deeply we are loved by God and how richly we are blessed. I wish you a reflective Lent and a joyful Easter!

Peace,

Deb

## WORSHIP



# Lenten Mid-Week Schedule

## Open My Life, Lord

### Wednesdays in Lent

Dinner at 6 PM & Worship at 7 PM

**Lent 4: Open My Heart, Lord      Apr. 3      7:00 PM**

*Listening to Paul's teaching, Lydia opened her heart to God and was baptized. Her willing, trusting faith echoes down through the centuries as we witness her "open heart procedure."*

**Lent 5: Open My Life, Lord      Apr. 10      7:00 PM**

*Moses presents us with a choice: death and adversity, or a life cracked open to the love of God. Writing to the Galatians, Paul tells us that we have died to the law so that we might live to God. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.*

# Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Apr. 14	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	Apr. 18	7:00 PM
Good Friday	Apr. 19	7:00 PM

# ALTAR GUILD

## 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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### IN MEMORY OF

*(Please print)*

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### IN HONOR OF

*(Please print)*

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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 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## FELLOWSHIP



**OUR NEXT FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT** will be held on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:30 pm** with a pizza lunch and concluding at 4:30 pm. The class is designed for children ages 6 to 9 and will be held in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. We will be baking communion bread to be used on **First Communion Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Please contact the church office to register. Any child, even if they are already taking communion, is welcome to join us for an afternoon filled with both fun and learning.

## EVANGELISM



### **A Thought to Ponder During April**

The month of April this year is a roller-coaster ride for us as Christians and as Lutherans. We observe the final weeks of Lent. We ponder once again the challenges and traditions of Holy Week. And, on Sunday, April 21 -- Easter Sunday, we rejoice again in the resurrection of our Lord, proudly proclaiming that "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" That said, I offer you the following thought to ponder these Lenten / Holy Week / Easter seasons from a book by Eric Metaxas about Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

***"Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will."***

*Roy Geiger and the Evangelism Team*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 and EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**



Holy Cross is a  
**Sponsoring Participant**  
**at the Town of**

**Herndon's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20** in downtown Herndon on the lawn area between Town Hall and the Library. This Egg Hunt is designed for young egg hunters from ages "barely walking" to seven within three different age groups.

Holy Cross will host an exhibit where we'll tell visitors about Holy Cross and offer everyone a craft opportunity to learn about the great quilts our Holy Cross Quilting Team makes for the Lutheran World Relief!

Herndon Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating this great family event! To get information for times, other details and to register your young egg hunters go to: <https://www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/easter-egg-hunt!>

And on. . .

**EASTER SUNDAY AT HOLY CROSS  
OUR EASTER EGG HUNT TRAVAGANZA!**



**10 AM – Rain or Shine  
OUTDOORS IF POSSIBLE – EGG HUNTS FOR ALL AGES!!**

Why should our little Lutherans have all the fun?  
Watch your bulletins and weekly e-newsletters for more details.  
Volunteers for both events will be welcomed and greatly  
appreciated! Please contact Roy Geiger at [gei2@verizon.net](mailto:gei2@verizon.net).



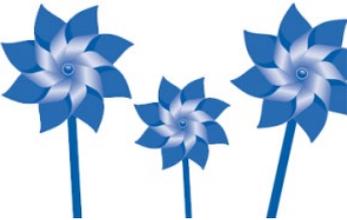
# OUTREACH

## The Outreach Lenten Challenge

Can you spare some time? Sometimes it's easier to give money or things than to find time to give. And yet a little time can make a big difference in someone's life. This Lent we're highlighting a few of the HCLC Outreach services to our community and asking for your support.

Can you volunteer to help at The Closet? In our ESOL Program? With the Second Saturday Lunches at the Embry Rucker Shelter for the homeless? To support the Evangelism Team in helping with the Town of Herndon Easter Egg Hunt? There's a sign-up table in the Narthex. Just fill out an index card with your name, contact information and your interest and you will be contacted by the coordinator.

**APRIL**  
National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month



### It's Pinwheel Time again!

Once again, we will participate in the ***Pinwheels for Prevention*** of child abuse campaign in April. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and we want to raise awareness of the problem of child abuse in our community and encourage people to Speak Up for a child if they suspect abuse.

The pinwheel is a whimsical symbol of the great childhood that each child deserves and is a colorful way to highlight the problem. We will plant a "pinwheel garden" again during April to bring attention to this serious problem in our community. As we did last year, we will have a NOISY COLLECTION on Mother's Day to benefit Safe Spot, the Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax

County. SafeSpot provides child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse a safe, child-friendly environment where the child is interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer. In addition, non-offending family members receive support and advocacy from the time of the very first intervention. SafeSpot also provides no cost therapy services to children and families to assist them on their journey of hope and healing.

So, what's a Noisy Collection? The kids in our church family will help with a special offering. They will go out into the congregation with buckets and ask for your loose change (paper money is also acceptable). You will be amazed at how much noise the kids can make with those buckets of coins—and how those coins can add up! So save those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and bring them on Mother's Day to make a joyful noise to support a most worthy cause.

For more information on SafeSpot, visit their website, <https://www.safespotfairfax.org>.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## **A few upcoming events:**

**Palm Sunday Intergenerational Activities** will be between services. All age levels are invited to participate. Please join-in and enjoy the comradely.

**Easter Sunday** - There will be no Kingdom Kids. However, be prepared to enjoy an old fashion Easter Egg Hunt between services. Adults, please consider volunteering your assistance to monitor incoming traffic and keeping rambunctious children from venturing into the parking lot.

**The Adult Forum** is in the process of finishing the book study of , *WELCOME to the WISDOM of the WORLDS* by Joan Chillester. Discussions have been about various religions - making a difference - five different religious traditions. The last religion being Christianity. This book review has had great interest!

I am looking for some new members that would like to assist with this committee. New ideas are needed and it's not always a big *time* commitment. If you are interested, please put your name, email and phone number in my mailbox in the church office wing.

Betty Skelton  
Christian Education

**CALLING ALL KIDS - AGES 3-12!**

# Kingdom Kids

**Kingdom Kids Sunday School**  
**Songs, Bible Story Video and Interactive Activities**  
**10:00 - 10:45 AM - Room 201**

Our February **KINGDOM KIDS** highlight was the love symbols each kid created with fabric pens on quilt squares. These squares have now been stitched into an amazing **LOVE QUILT** by the very talented members of the HCLC Quilting Group. The quilts will be dedicated to HCLC during one of our Wednesday Lenten Services. *(Lesson based on I Corinthians chapter 13)*



In March KINGDOM KIDS made Care Packages for the Homeless. We assembled socks, lip balm, tooth brushes, tooth paste and nonperishable food items like small cans of tuna, peanut butter crackers, squeezable fruit and granola bars in a gallon sized baggie. Included in each pack is a Holy Cross Lutheran Church calling card with the following blessing:

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you;  
May the Lord turn his face toward you and give  
you peace.*

We plan to donate these packets to the Lamb Center.  
(Lesson based on parable of the Good Samaritan)



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## PRACTICES



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 IN ROOM  
205 AS WE EXPLORE CORE FAITH PRACTICES**

April 7	Money: The Joy of Sharing	<i>Shane Claiborne</i>
April 28	Service: The Needs Right in Front of You	<i>Enuma Okoro</i>
May 5	Community: An Unexpected Family	<i>Doug Pagitt</i>



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## PRACTICES

It is not too late to join us for a fresh look at some of the traditional spiritual practices of the Christian faith. We will view a brief video and talk about how this practice can bring us closer to God. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect and journal on the practice each week.

### **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 office. 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 at our next First Sunday Lunch, on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will talk about ministry at Holy Cross. New Member Sunday is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

# **SYMBOLS of the RESURRECTION MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT**

**PALM SUNDAY - April 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:40 - 10:50 am**



*Egg Dyeing, Egg Embellishing, Egg Ornaments, Handprint  
Easter Lilies*



*Easter Centerpiece, Palm Crosses, Roses and Resurrection  
Garden*

## **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**



*Coffee, peep fruit kabobs, peep Krispy treats,  
mini pastries, sausages in blankets and punch*

# STEWARDSHIP

## Lenten Appeal



# FOOD FOR NEIGHBORS<sup>®</sup>

The Lenten Appeal for 2019 is to benefit the Food for Neighbors program. Food for Neighbors is a non-profit organization helping to feed students who struggle with hunger after school, on weekends, and during school holidays. According to Food for Neighbors, 1 in 4 children in Fairfax County (one of the wealthiest counties in the US) struggles with hunger. The program provides local middle and high schools with individual meals and snack items to distribute during these times when students might otherwise go hungry. They connect with their social workers and help the schools set up a weekend snack program to distribute the food.

Food for Neighbors relies on community support and in-kind donations from individuals, area businesses, local churches, and stores. They distribute Red Food Bags with a list of items needed and then collect the bags bi-monthly on a Saturday.

The program began in Herndon where the local community has quickly responded to the need for food at our middle and high

schools. These students are benefitting weekly from the consistent and reliable source of donated food. The Food for Neighbors has expanded to other schools in the area and there are now 850 kids receiving weekly food support at 13 area middle and high schools. We are asking for monetary donations, which will go towards feeding these students.

Please consider Food for Neighbors in your Lenten giving. Lenten Appeal envelopes are available in the pews and through the ushers.

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2. Search for Holy Cross Lutheran Church. (It will appear near the bottom of the list.)
3. Follow the prompts as desired

# YOUTH

## Boy Scouts of America Troop 12

### BSA Troop 12 at Holy Cross: Its History - Part 1

In last month's Quest, I (re)introduced Troop 12 to the Holy Cross Family. This month is Part 1 of how Troop 12 came to Holy Cross and how Holy Cross came to sponsor Troop 12.



As Holy Cross member Craig Reichow recounts, "It was 2000 when I was District Commissioner for Powhatan District (western Fairfax County) and Dave Adams, a fellow Commissioner in Powhatan and long-time Scouter came to me and said, 'I have two units I'd like to start. I have a pack and a troop ready to go to serve special needs youth. I have a sponsor (Dave was an executive for a small firm in Chantilly), I have experienced leaders, but I don't have a meeting place in Powhatan District. Do you know anyone over at Holy Cross Lutheran?' Unbeknownst to Dave, I attended Holy Cross, so I readily agreed to connect Dave with the church council.

I believe it was just into 2001 when Pack 12 and Troop 12 became BSA-official with another long-time Scouter and friend Roger Claff as Cubmaster of Park 12 and Scouter Steve Downs as Scoutmaster of Troop 12. Steve had served as one of my Assistant Scoutmasters at Troop 159 for many years, so he too was a long-time Scouter and friend. Therefore, I had the utmost confidence that "the 12s" and their mission to serve the special needs community would be a success.

Dave Adams continued expanding the numbers of BSA units by adding a Varsity and Venturing units. Those units also met at Holy Cross.”

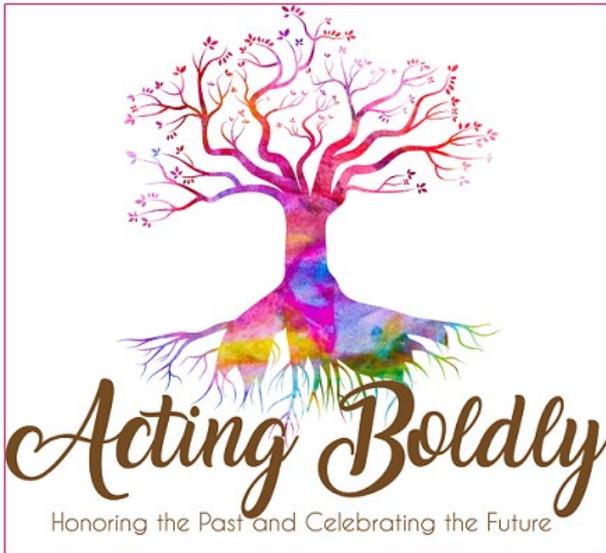
Next month – it’s Holy Cross’s turn.

*by Troop 12 COR Anne Geiger*

# SYNOD AND CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

## Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization

"SINCE, THEN, WE HAVE SUCH A HOPE, WE ACT WITH  
**GREAT BOLDNESS**....2 CORINTHIANS 3:12A



**MAY 4, 2019**

## **WOMEN'S CONVENTION**

**Bold Women** have acted throughout history to change the world. Join women in the Synod for a day of *Acting Boldly!*

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Donna Nelson

# Made in God's image: ELCA initiatives elevate women

When the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly authorized the development of a social statement on women and justice, issues related to the topic weren't dominating the headlines. Today national conversations on sexual misconduct, gender justice and institutional sexism have taken hold in a way that suggests a lasting cultural impact.

**The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ (ELCA.org/womenandjustice) has been at work since 2012, bolstered by Mission Support funds.** The social statement draft the task force helped shape—which examines gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, economic inequality, gender role expectations, and use of Scripture and theology—will be edited with reference to public feedback and presented as a proposed social statement for a vote at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

In her work with the task force, Fern Lee Hagedorn came to see “sexism not just as a women’s issue but one that harms women and girls, men and boys, as well as those who don’t fall into set gender categories.”

Hagedorn also realized that race, economics, education, immigration status and age add to the complexity of issues facing women. “I am grateful to be part of a church that speaks up on behalf of all who are made in God’s image,” she said.



Another important ELCA initiative elevating women is the ELCA rostered women of color project (ELCA.org/rwoc), led by Wyvetta Bullock, ELCA executive for administration, and Cheryl Pero, emeritus professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

**“God’s Faithfulness on the Journey,” a resource created by the project’s committee and partially funded by Mission Support, highlights reflections from 42 women leaders of color in this church.**

“God has called and continues to call women of color as leaders in this church, yet their ministry experiences are often characterized by discouragement and lack of support,” wrote Bullock and Pero in the introduction to that resource. “We initiated [the rostered women of color project] to change this.”

Thulie Beresford, an ELCA chaplain, was among those who shared their stories.

At 18, Beresford knew she wanted to be a pastor, but her home church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, was not yet ordaining women. After graduating from college, she received a scholarship to complete her master’s at Ohio University in Athens, where she attended Christ Lutheran Church.

“There I met for the first time a female Lutheran pastor, Patricia Lull, and my heart began to burn within me knowing I could be a pastor,” Beresford wrote.

Two years later, with support from Lull, Beresford enrolled at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Now Beresford serves at Franke at Seaside, a continuing care retirement community in Mount Pleasant, S.C., a ministry of the ELCA South Carolina Synod.

“Yes, there have been challenges,” she recalled. “What has strengthened me are the words of a mentor: ‘If you feel like quitting at least three times a week, then you are being faithful to your call.’”

By showcasing stories of hardship, hope and courage, “God’s Faithfulness on the Journey” joins the ELCA in its work of breaking the silence and celebrating women of color.

To read more stories, visit [ELCA.org/SOFIA](http://ELCA.org/SOFIA) and download a copy of Stories of Faith in Action.



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God’s work. Our hands.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

April 7	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Jo Roe Sylvia Moran	Deb Reilly Karen Faulkner Ellen Atwell
<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>	Rick Garverick Pat Garverick	Frank Podczerviensky
<b>Ushers</b>	Jo Roe	Karen Faulkner

April 14	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Daniel Contreras Joe Baggett Samuel Contreras	Brianna Fautley John Breene Tammy Breene
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Joy Heuer	Becky Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Berg Denise Robinson	Pam Darby
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Joe Baggett	John Breene Tammy Breene
<b>Ushers</b>	Sally Moser Mark Roe The Setlik Family	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

<b>April 21 EASTER</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Chris Nelson Sylvia Moran	Katelyn Hunter Helen Wolfe Gary Wolfe
<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>	Chris Nelson	Helen Wolfe Gary Wolfe
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

<b>April 28</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	Margrethe Kleiber	Margrethe Kleiber
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Thomas Newcomb Lauren Gist Lori Newcomb	Kristina Gordon Samuel Contreras Daniel Contreras
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Mike Faulkner	Len Owens
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Lauren Gist	Samuel Contreras
<b>Ushers</b>	Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Roy Geiger



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