

THE QUEST

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fellowship and faith.*



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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The deadline for inclusion in the August 2019 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, *Quest*, is Friday, July 12th.

Articles can be emailed to the Church Administrator at:
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.

Thank you,
Teresa Easterly
Church Administrator

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STAFF NEWS



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

Handbells for Families:

Do you enjoy watching our handbell choirs ring in worship? Are you interested in ringing bells, but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals? Starting this summer, you will have your chance to ring! Beginning in June, I will be running a “Handbells for Families” program. All you need to do is come as a family to HCLC for a few rehearsals with me. Both parents and children will learn how to ring together! After a few rehearsals you will ring as a family in worship.

Is your biological family not with you at HCLC? Just pull together a few members of your Holy Cross family and come see me. All you need is at least four people.

This is a great way for families to spend more time together and learn a new talent! You absolutely do not need to have any musical background to ring! It’s easy to learn and there are all sorts of tricks to make you successful.

Please see me if you are interested or have any questions.

We need you in the Choir:

Due to the transient nature of the Metro DC area we have lost a number of choir members since I have been here. It is time to once again fill the choir seats!!

As the summer ends and the school year begins so do choir rehearsals. It is my goal to fill every seat in the choir area this year! In order to do that – ***We Need You In The Choir!***

We gather every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and we sing at alternating services (8:30 and 11:00 am) throughout the year.

A lot of people think they can't sing or aren't good enough for the choir. If you can sing a hymn, you can join the choir! There are confident voices throughout the choir to sit next to and help you get acclimated.

So, you may be thinking, "What exactly is the role of the choir in worship?" or, "Why is the choir so important that you need *me* to be a part of it?" The following passage is taken from the ELCA's statement on the role of choirs in worship:

"Obviously, the choir has a variety of responsibilities. Their primary role is to support and enhance the congregation in song. As such, the choir becomes an important leader in worship, guiding the gathered assembly in prayer and praise through song.

Do our choirs need to be filled with professional singers? Absolutely not! Any choir can sing well, provided the music is appropriate to their skill level and they are well-trained and rehearsed. Music that is simple and well taught provides choirs with a means to get beyond the mechanics and give heartfelt expression to the text. This music, in turn, can provide the whole assembly with a means truly to encounter God in its worship.

The choir may be called upon to act as teacher, to help the assembly learn new hymnody and musical settings of the liturgy; if the congregation is to learn new music quickly and accurately, the people must have enthusiastic and competent leadership. Above all, the well-rehearsed choir will breathe life into the text as it sings with clear understanding and insight into the words and their meaning. The texts can shape the faith of those who worship.”

If you have any questions about the choir, please do not hesitate to pull me aside on a Sunday morning or give me a call at the office. You can always talk to any of the current choir members. They would love to have you as much as I would!

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to express your faith and offer your talents to HCLC.

In short - ***We Need You In The Choir!***

Soli Deo Gloria!

- Jeremy Shoop

Director of Music and Liturgy

COUNCIL NEWS



President's NOTES

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Wait... what? Does Deb know what month it is?! The thermometer is topping out in the 90s, people are doing splashy cannonballs into whatever cool water they can find, and Deb is talking about Christmas?!

Okay, maybe not EXACTLY like Christmas... No poinsettias, no

Christmas trees, no snow angels...

But we are all feeling a little excited... great anticipation...waiting for Pastor Martin!

Pastor Martin Eldred will begin his call with us on July 15th and will worship with us for the first time on July 21st. We are all looking forward to his arrival! Pastor Martin brings many gifts to our Holy Cross family. He shares a commitment to social justice issues, is an accomplished opera singer, performs in community theater, is enriched by studying history and loves baseball. And just as he brings his many gifts to Holy Cross, I pray that we will share our many gifts with him. We are a warm and welcoming church. Please think about how YOU will each welcome him into our family.

I want to take this moment to thank our top-notch staff, who have kept Holy Cross not just running, but growing and evolving during our transition. Our nursery attendants have expanded their work to include special children's messages during the services. Our

admin, Teresa, has done an amazing job managing everything from bulletins and prayer lists, to rental agreements and property contractors. Jeremy has expanded his role and keeps our liturgy fresh and engaging. Our bookkeeper, Charlie, is proactive, thoughtful and detail oriented. And of course, Pastor Kleiber did an amazing job, encouraging everyone to grow in their faith and roles in the Church. She truly empowered us all, so that we'd be well equipped to keep moving forward, even after she moved on to her next assignment.

Our Ministry Teams have also stepped up in spectacular ways. Our Outreach and Evangelism activities are more active than ever - growing, supporting our community and making Holy Cross known in the area. Christian Education has continued to flourish, with more children in our Sunday School program than we've had in several years. Our Fellowship gatherings are thriving once again. Our worship experience is uplifting and meaningful. We are making and planning some improvements to our property in partnership with the Capital Campaign. Through your generosity, our Stewardship is able to support both the broader church and valuable programs in our community. Personnel had their hands full with onboarding a new Pastor for the first time in a long time! Our Finance Team is keeping a keen eye on our fiscal picture. While we are running behind on the year, I know how generous the people of Holy Cross are and am confident we'll "catch up" soon. I want to thank the Call Committee and Executive Team for all their hard work in the call process. Call Committee ~ I think it's official! You're "retired"! Thank you all for your exceptional efforts!

Wishing all of you great joy as we begin this next chapter in our faith journey together. Peace, my friends!

- Deb

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Christian Education and Outreach are compiling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Each Kit will include:

ONE light weight bath size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27", dark colors recommended).

TWO or THREE bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in the original wrapping.

ONE adult-sized toothbrush in its original packaging. *Soft bristle preferred.

ONE sturdy comb, please remove packaging.

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Remove packaging.

* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.*

Important guidelines to remember

- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Be sure to shop for light-or medium- weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages of your group's name.
- Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Items will be collected during July and August and can be placed in the containers in the Narthex. The kits will be compiled between services on Rally Day.

Thank you in advance for participating in this project!



FELLOWSHIP

2nd Annual Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream Social

Last year's ice cream social was such a success, we are having our 2nd annual ice cream social on **Thursday, the 4th of July**. After dinner come join us for a dessert treat in HCLC's parking lot at **7:00 pm** and celebrate Independence Day!

We will also have watermelon, games, singing and fireworks (courtesy of the Town of Herndon), which can be seen from the parking lot. Come and join the fun!

LIFE PASSAGES

We invite your friends and family to pray for those Holy Cross members and friends as they go through these life passages.

Those preparing for marriage:

- ❖ Jill Williams and Carlos Figueiras – July 13
- ❖ Steven Corpus and Marie Clay – July 27



EVANGELISM



Saturday, June 1st was the Herndon Festival -- **THANKS** to the efforts of many of you, Holy Cross was very well represented at this year's Festival in three different ways:

- ❖ Our **Holy Cross Exhibit**
- ❖ Our **Sponsorship of a Table in the "Kid's Arts & Crafts Zone"**
- ❖ Our **Volunteers** supported wherever needed

Many thanks to John Foley, Suzanne Baggett, Suzanne Flegal, Karen Faulkner, Becky Morgan, Jeremy Shoop, James Morgan, Beatriz Orellana, Sam Contreras, Daniel Contreras, John Pinckney, Chip Edwards, Emily Moran, Michael Faulkner, Jo Roe, Deb Reilly, Kate Flegal, Linda Butler, Teresa Easterly and Anne Geiger!! Without your help, Holy Cross couldn't have had such a successful effort! **THANK YOU!!**

If you attend church services as you travel this summer...

Please consider serving as a **“Secret Church Visitor Volunteer”**! If you attend church services (of any denomination or faith) and you see or experience any neat efforts and aspects at those churches (i.e. how they made you feel welcome as a visitor), please let me know! We’re always looking for new ideas to explore here, at Holy Cross!

Looking ahead to these upcoming fall events...

Please mark your calendars and save the dates to help Holy Cross successfully again participate in:

- ❖ **SterlingFest 2019** – an all-day Holy Cross exhibit planned for **Saturday, October 12**
- ❖ **Herndon Homecoming Parade Saturday, October 19** – hopefully with repeat appearances of our hospitality table and a return of the Internationally Acclaimed and Crowd-Pleasing **Holy Cross Kazoo Marching Band!!**

Stay tuned for more details coming your way!

- Roy Geiger and the Evangelism Team

OUTREACH



**STOP
HUNGER**

NO VACATION FOR HUNGER

During our Lenten Appeal the Congregation generously supported Food for Neighbors, the organization that provides weekend snacks for Middle and High school students during the school year. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) also provides free or reduced-price meals when schools are in session. When summer comes the hunger remains, but the kids aren't in school where they have access to these programs.

This summer Holy Cross will help Herndon Middle School meet the needs of the families who would otherwise face hunger. The Middle School maintains a Food Pantry where parents can come get food on July 3rd and 18th and August 1st and 15th. We would like to support them by collecting food to contribute to their pantry. There are containers in the Narthex and you can drop off food any Sunday.

There are lists of suitable foods in the Narthex, as well as below. We will deliver our collected food items to the pantry in time for the distribution dates. The pantry is open from 6:30 to 8:30 am, a time when parents are able to come in. Volunteers are welcome to help during the distribution time.

Note: *This food collection is in addition to our regular First and Third Sunday Food offerings for Embry Rucker and LINK.*

Please be as generous as always in supporting this effort. You will be making a huge difference to the kids in our community.

Most popular items:

- ✓ Bagged or canned beans (black, kidney or other beans)
- ✓ Packaged rice
- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce
- ✓ Canned corn
- ✓ Canned fruits
- ✓ Canned soups/ramen noodles
- ✓ Snack packs (granola bars, chips, trail mix, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks and apple sauce)
- ✓ Juice bags or boxes/milk (non-refrigerated boxes of white or chocolate)
- ✓ Oatmeal packets



We also accept Gift Cards to Giant/Safeway (other local grocery stores) in \$25 increments.

Summer Meal Sites

Riverside HS, Potomac Falls (July 1st through Aug 1st)

Leesburg ES (July 17th through August 2nd)

Sully ES, Forest Grove ES, Rolling Ridge ES, Sugarland ES, Ball’s Bluff ES (July 8th through July 26th)

Seneca Ridge ES (July 10th through August 2nd)

Sterling Library (June 10th through August 2nd)

All kids from 0 to 18 years old are welcome to receive meals!

Breakfast: 7:30 - 8:15

Lunch: 11:30 - 12:15

******Meal Times may be adjusted due to the schedules of each individual school******



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April 30, 2019

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$450.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7).*

With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response make possible short- and long-term recovery and rebuilding of lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown
Mission Funding Director, Congregations

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



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2. Click "Donate"
3. Fill out the safe and secure donation form

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1. Download the **Give+** app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. Search for Holy Cross Lutheran Church. (It will appear near the bottom of the list.)
3. Follow the prompts as desired

YOUTH



Clay Newcomb - Graduated from Northern Virginia Community College on May 17. He will be transferring to George Mason University in the fall to pursue a degree in education.

Sarah Moran - Graduated from Herndon High School on June 12, with an Applied Studies Diploma after successfully completing her individualized education program. This past year, Sarah completed an internship working at the front desk for the Worldgate Marriott Hotel.

Sarah was a proud member of the Pride of Herndon Marching Band where she marched in the televised Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, DC and the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade. Sarah recently returned from France where she and the marching band had the honor of representing the U.S. and performing in a memorial parade and public ceremonies celebrating the 75th anniversary of D-Day!

Next year, Sarah will attend South Lakes High School to participate in the Secondary Transition to Employment Program (STEP).

TROOP 12 NEWS

Court of Honor

On May 2, 2019, the Powhatan District of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America held its annual Court of Honor. At the Court of Honor, Troop 12 Scoutmaster David McDonald received the Commissioner Award and Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Smith received the Unit Scouter Award for their exceptional service to the troop.



David McDonald assumed the role of Scoutmaster, succeeding Steve Downs. When Steve passed away, the troop's plans, schedules and many of the troop's records, were either suspended or temporarily lost. Without someone to assume the vital adult leadership roles, program delivery would have been impossible. Since assuming the role of Scoutmaster, David has re-energized the

troop's advancement program placing all scouts on a clearly defined pathway to earning the Eagle rank and has organized instruction of several merit badges, including Space Exploration, Astronomy, First Aid and others.

David has also organized the troop into two patrols and re-established the troop's Patrol Leaders Council, which provides a forum for youth leadership of the troop.

These changes could not have been executed by one leader alone. Scott Smith has provided his full and enthusiastic support and has taken upon himself to assume a significant share of troop leadership responsibilities in collaboration with the Scoutmaster.



The two leaders have encouraged other adults to step forward and serve, either in troop meeting leadership or on the troop committee. The next step for the troop is to reinvigorate troop camping, efforts for which are now well underway. For all of these efforts in program development and implementation the District appropriately recognized the two leaders.

- Roger Claff

Troop 12's Leadership

The Boy Scout leadership of Troop 12 is a continuum and the advantage to this is renewed vitality. The leaders are a great source of inspiration to all of us. The advancements are a challenge for us, but they always find a way to help us master the material.

The absence of Steve Downs was deeply felt, but his work made it easier for us to meet the challenges head on and take them in stride as we work toward our goals.

The leadership of Dave McDonald and Scott Smith has been a pivotal step in the future of our troop. The troop has been blessed by these two men, as it was by those who preceded them. We have all been blessed by this troop.

Dave McDonald is a man who can see a vision and Scott Smith can envision ways to make it easier for us to be successful. Together they are a team who can change the world of Scouting and they will. The leadership of these two men is unparalleled, and we are bound for God's glory here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

- Nicholas G Moore
Troop Correspondent

SYNOD AND CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

VITAL CONGREGATIONS

A passion for justice —and Jesus

A simple pot of rice and beans originally brought Eidas Rivas to Santuario Luterano, Waltham, Mass. Rivas, who is 34, made them at her mother's request for a potluck following evening worship. She hadn't planned on getting involved at Santuario; her intention was to "just come that Sunday and be done with it."

But it was the way the community embraced her three children—all with special needs—that kept Rivas coming back. Today she's deeply invested in the new ELCA congregation and so are her children, who serve as acolytes there.

For Rivas, belonging to Santuario is important because "we do a lot of social justice." This passion for service is a common thread among the congregation's young Latino membership, said Ángel Marrero, pastor and mission developer there.

Members lead a variety of outreach efforts, including a free food pantry, GED classes and more. Last fall, in the wake of Hurricane María, Rivas and two other young adults at Santuario organized a donation drive for Puerto Rican families whose lives were devastated by the disaster.

Rivas remembers the constant flow of people and donations and calling Marrero to announce that a 24-foot truck had arrived—full of canned food for the people on the island.

"I was expecting 10 boxes," Marrero said of the effort. "We filled two airplanes (of donations) out of this mission church!"

He said the event was a turning point in his ministry with Santuario. New young people had found the congregation through it and asked him: "What's keeping you all together?"

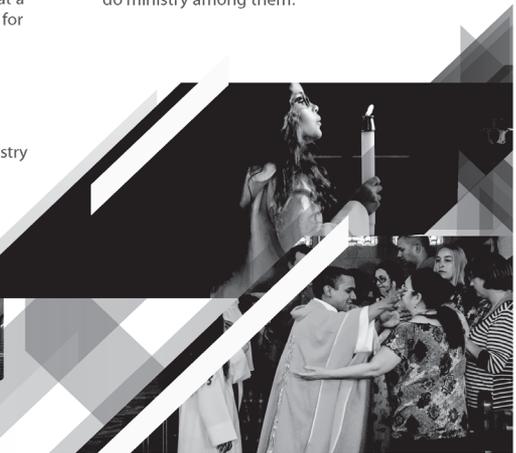
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Marrero answered,
"We do this
because of Jesus."

Now 78 people—and counting—are involved in Santuario's life and ministry, a reality that wouldn't be possible, Marrero said, without Mission Support.

Mission Support from the ELCA New England Synod and the ELCA churchwide organization fund Marrero's work with Santuario, which shares space and a partnership with First Lutheran Church of Waltham.

"The dollars you put in your offering ... is what allows me the freedom to work in Waltham [with the Latino community]," Marrero said. "Through the partnership with the larger church, it is possible to do ministry among them."



To read more stories, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA and download a copy of Stories of Faith in Action.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

July 7	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Paul Opsahl	Paul Opsahl
Worship Leaders	Sarah Moran Chris Nelson Sylvia Moran	Daniel Contreras Samuel Contreras Betty Skelton
Asst. Minister	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
Altar Guild	Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
Greeters/Readers	Chris Nelson	Samuel Contreras
Ushers	Jo Roe	

July 14	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Paul Opsahl	Paul Opsahl
Worship Leaders	Deb Reilly Vivian Jefferson Chip Edwards	Kathy Makowski Marcia Kratzke Frank Podczerviensky
Asst. Minister	Joy Heuer	Becky Morgan
Altar Guild	Denise Robinson	Pam Darby
Greeters/Readers	Chip Edwards	Frank Podczerviensky
Ushers	Sally Moser Mark Roe The Setlik Family	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

July 21	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Worship Leaders	Thomas Newcomb Joe Baggett Lori Newcomb	Katelyn Hunter Leroy Wallin Dick Krapf
Asst. Minister	Anne Geiger	Andy Krueger
Altar Guild	Sally Moser Lynn Russo	Cathy Pfisterer Brian Virnelson Hope Russell
Greeters/Readers	Joe Baggett	Leroy Wallin
Ushers	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

July 28	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Worship Leaders	Anne Geiger Dick Krapf Karen Faulkner	Sarah Moran Sylvia Moran Becky Morgan
Asst. Minister	Mike Faulkner	Len Owens
Altar Guild	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
Greeters/Readers	Dick Krapf	Sylvia Moran
Ushers	Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Roy Geiger

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