

THE QUEST

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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fellowship and faith.*



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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The deadline for inclusion in the July 2019 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, *Quest*, is Wednesday, June 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



MAHALO!

Dear Holy Cross,

Mahalo means thank you in Hawaiian. And, so I say to you "Mahalo!" My last worship service at Holy Cross on May 19th was truly special.

Many thanks as well, for the farewell reception and gathering that morning and for your cards, notes, gifts and e-mails. Your kindness and generosity continues to amaze me.

Let me add that it has been a particular joy to serve Holy Cross. Your council leadership is among the finest I have worked with. I count myself blest to have worked with council presidents Suzanne Flegal, Mike Berg and now with Deb Reilly. Holy Cross has truly outstanding leaders.

Holy Cross also has an incredible staff team. Jeremy Shoop is a true colleague in ministry. He is always willing to go the extra mile, has a gracious sense of humor and puts the needs of the congregation first. Teresa Easterly is one of the finest church administrators I have worked with. She is proactive, thoughtful,

and smart. She does an amazing job of managing the administrative affairs of the church—everything from maintaining Shepherd Staff, our church data and donor base software, to cordially dealing with contractors and vendors, volunteers and guests. Both Jeremy and Teresa are a joy to work with and I will miss them and the team we built together.

Our bookkeeper, Charlie Rothrock, and our nursery staff, Beatriz Orellana and Erika Morano, are also incredible. Charlie understands that for the church to be church, it must be about God's mission in the world. He brings this perspective to church finances, recognizing that good financial management is about resourcing the kingdom. Beatriz and Erika bring creativity and enthusiasm to their work in our nursery. They plan a variety of activities for the children and take joy in making the nursery an attractive and stimulating place for the young people in our ESOL and Sunday morning programs.

I must also mention Eve Nealon, Madeline Vargas and Anne Carpenter, all people who have served on staff. Everyone has brought a unique charism to their work. Holy Cross has a way of attracting outstanding people.

As I mentioned in my May article, I have been asked to serve as the intentional interim pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington D.C. I plan to take a few weeks off to visit family and friends. At this time, it looks like I will start at Augustana on July 1st.

I am excited for Holy Cross as you and Pastor Eldred begin ministry together. I will continue to hold you all in my prayers. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as your transition pastor and all of you will always have a special place in my heart.

Mahalo!
Pastor Kleiber

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



J.S. Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*)

"To the highest God to praise him and
to my neighbor for his self-instruction."

Kapellmeister to the Prince of Anhalt-Cöthen
(Dedication of the *Orgelbüchlein*)

The "Little Organ Book", a quite unpretentious title for on monumental collection, was conceived early in Bach's career as a series of chorale preludes appropriate for each season of the liturgical calendar and for non-seasonal topics such as the Lord's Prayer, Nicene Creed, Word of God, Baptism and Christian Life. A chorale prelude is a specific genre from Bach's time that is still composed for today. While chorale preludes have evolved over time they have maintained their purpose – to introduce a hymn tune to the congregation. Some chorale preludes are rather long and ornate while some chorale preludes are short and straightforward.

Bach's ambitious conception for this cycle is revealed in the titles (actually written out in his composition book) of 164 planned chorales with space for each on eventually to be added. The entire collection includes the seasons and topics:

Advent	Songs of Praise
Christmas	Songs of Faith
The Old Year and New Year	Baptism
Nunc Dimittis (<i>Song of Simeon</i>)	Confession
Passion	Salvation in Christ
Easter	Communion
Ascension	Thanksgiving and Praise
Pentecost	Christian Life
Word of God	Trust
Trinity	The Church

Although never completed Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* does contain forty-six chorale preludes representing some of the most beautiful in that genre. The only categories not composed for are Trinity, Songs of Praise, Baptism, Communion, Thanksgiving and Praise and The Church.

Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* was primarily composed while he was working in an appointment in Weimar as a church organist. However, the dedication of this collection is to the Prince of Anhalt-Cöthen (a member of the court Bach was later appointed to work for). The purpose of the *Orgelbüchlein* was twofold. On the title page of the collection Bach writes, "so that the organ student might learn how to develop a chorale, in various ways, and at the same time gain experience in the technique of playing the pedals, which in each of these preludes is treated as entirely obbligato." By supplying his students with an independent pedal the composer indeed promotes pedal technique. Even with the amount of technical skills gained from learning these pieces they are far from mere etudes or scale studies that most early musicians must learn. As with most of Bach's works, the amount of musicality and expression that comes from these compositions is breathtaking. For proof of the amazing success of these compositions one simply needs to look at the fact that the *Orgelbüchlein* has been the "bread and butter" of functional music within the Protestant tradition for the last two hundred and fifty years and is still used to teach organ students today.

While Bach's was concerned with teaching his students both proper pedal technique and chorale ornamentation he also stressed the importance of bringing text and music together. Bach is famous for the amount of theology portrayed in his music (I was able to take a semester and do an independent study just on the theology revealed through the music of his St. Matthew Passion). For example, in the first Advent chorale prelude included in the *Orgelbüchlein* Bach takes the tune "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ("Savior of the Nation, Come") and ornaments (embellishments and decorations, such as trills or grace notes, added to a melody) it greatly. The intent here is to veil the chorale tune as if to symbolize the mystery of the Incarnation. Underneath the ornamented chorale is a descending line meant to portray the newborn Savior coming down from the Father in heaven. A simple descending line is not enough for Bach though. He adds a rocking motion to the descending line (down a fourth, up a second, down a fourth, up a second and so on) that pass between hands and feet under the tune. This motive symbolizes not only the descent of Christ to our world, but also the rocking of a cradle since he came to us as a mere infant. All of this is portrayed in ten measures, half the length of a typical hymn we sing in worship today!

Throughout the summer months we will be focusing on how Bach reveals theology through his music. There are 13 seasons and events for which Bach composed a chorale. For 13 weeks, starting June 9, the prelude will be one chorale and will cycle through the 13 categories. The symbolism and theology hidden in Bach's music will be discussed in the weekly bulletin music notes.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop
Director of Music & Liturgy Ministries

COUNCIL NEWS



Notes from the President

Summer is here! And while our thoughts turn to long, sunny days, beach vacations and a slightly less frenzied pace in the office, Holy Cross is filled with activity and transitions.

Farewell...

We were so blessed to have shared the last three years with Pastor Kleiber. She encouraged us all to grow, developing and empowering both staff and lay leaders. She welcomed all to Holy Cross, fostering a sense of inclusion. Children were integrated into worship, Sunday School is growing, and our Vacation Bible School now has “roots”. Her delivery of the Gospel felt more like a story, bringing the history and context to life. She built a stronger relationship between our church and the Synod, encouraging members to take part in many available training seminars. She never lost sight of our CAT (Church Assessment Tool) survey goals and helped develop a stewardship mentality and program. She taught us that it’s always okay to pray and that most meetings will go better if we anchor ourselves with prayer and devotion as we begin our discussions. We will most certainly miss her many talents, but more importantly we will miss her generous smile, encouragement and warmth. We only hope her next congregation appreciates her as much as we do!

...and Welcome

In the coming weeks we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Martin Eldred (Pastor Martin, for short) to our Holy Cross family. Pastor Martin and his wife Shelly will move here from Elk River, AK (near Anchorage). We expect Pastor Martin to start with Holy Cross in the 2nd half of July. Among his many gifts, Pastor Martin shares a commitment to social justice issues, is an accomplished opera singer and loves baseball. Sounds like a perfect excuse for us to plan an outing to Nats game to convert him! We all look forward to growing in faith and love in our shared ministry.

Capital Campaign – Growing Holy Cross

Thank you, to all of you who are contributing to the capital campaign! Last month Pastor Kleiber sent a letter home asking us to all commit to praying for our capital campaign goals and to commit to bringing someone to a church event this year. We aspire to grow Holy Cross by 48 new members in the coming three years. That's a tall order, but we are off to a good start. In April, we welcomed 5 new members! The financial part of the campaign is coming along well, though we remain about \$20,000 short of our commitment goal of \$200,000. You have all been extremely generous and the campaign is off to a great start with nearly \$56,000 given so far! We have used part of that money to replace the roof on the administration wing of the church and to support some new evangelism activities, such as sponsoring a craft booth at the Town of Herndon Easter Egg Hunt. We made contact with more than 200 people at that event! Please prayerfully consider how you can support our ultimate goal of welcoming 48 new members to Holy Cross and feel free to ask Roy Geiger or me how you can help.

Wishing you many joyful moments with family and friends as your summer unfolds!

Peace,
Deb

CALL ANSWERED

We are delighted to inform you that Pastor Martin Eldred has accepted the call to the ministry of word and sacrament at Holy Cross! He and Shelly are excited to become part of the Holy Cross family. We anticipate he will start in mid-July.

Rev. Dr. Martin Eldred

Pastor Martin Eldred was born in Seattle and raised in the Puget Sound area of Washington state. He attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, earning a B.S. in Religion in 1983. While at PLU, he met Shelly Clark from Anchorage, Alaska. They were married on August 6, 1983.



On their first wedding anniversary, Shelly and Martin packed up their belongings and headed to Dubuque, Iowa where Shelly began a job in the President's Office at Wartburg Theological Seminary and Martin started his studies towards a Masters of Divinity. The summer following an internship year at University Lutheran Church in Brookings, South Dakota, Paul Eldred was born in Anchorage. The Eldred family returned to Dubuque for senior year and Martin graduated in May of 1988.

In June 1988, Martin was ordained into ministry in the newly formed ELCA and took a call to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in Stevenson, Washington. While there, daughter Katrina was born in The Dalles, Oregon. In 1994, the Eldreds moved to Enumclaw, Washington, where Martin took the call as pastor of Hope

Lutheran and in 1998, the family moved to Eagle River, Alaska to begin life and ministry with the saints at Joy Lutheran Church.

During their time in Eagle River, Martin began studies that gave him the opportunity to study at Christ Church in Oxford, England, eventually earning his Doctor of Philosophy from Graduate Theological Foundation, Mishawaka, Indiana in 2016.

Shelly is currently employed as an Instructional Coach for the Anchorage School District. Son, Paul is serving as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran in Bellevue, Washington and has been married to Ryan Moothart since 2013. Daughter Katrina works for the State of Alaska in the Division of Child Support. Her daughter, Naomi, is finishing her first-grade year in a Chinese Immersion program in Anchorage.

Pastor Martin loves opera (especially Verdi), soccer (Chelsea), baseball (Mariners) and outdoor activities.

WORSHIP



Pastor Paul Opsahl

Pastor Paul Opsahl, who is no stranger to Holy Cross, will preach and preside in worship through June 16 and again July 7 and will provide emergency pastoral care until the new pastor comes. Pastor Eva Steege will preach and preside June 23 and 30. Please contact the church office or Council President, Deb Reilly should a pastoral care emergency arise. They will put you in touch with Pastor Opsahl.

Pastor Eva Steege



The Rev. Eva Steege was born and raised in Duluth, Minnesota, and has lived in New York, Oregon, New England, and the DC area. She and her husband, Ted, are now settled in College Park, Maryland. She graduated from Carleton College (across the river from St. Olaf) and did her theological training at Gettysburg Seminary. Pastor Steege was ordained at Reformation Lutheran Church in DC. Her first call was to Grace Lutheran Church in

Hartford, CT, an inner-city congregation where she served for nine years. Since then she served as an interim minister in South Hadley, Mass., before coming back to this synod and doing additional interim work at Christ the King in Great Falls, VA, Hope Lutheran Church in Clinton, MD, and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Washington, DC. Pastor Steege and Ted have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

BISHOPS CONVOCATION

Puerto Rico

April 23-25, 2019

Some of you have asked about the Bishop's Convocation in Puerto Rico. Pastors of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod met in San Juan, Puerto Rico for worship, for reflection on the transition facing this synod and to learn from our sisters and brothers in the Caribbean synod.

On Wednesday, April 24th, we met with the pastors of the Caribbean Synod. Pastor Ivette Salgado of Iglesia Luterana Bethel was one of the presenters. Pastor Ivette leads a vibrant ministry in the city of Dorado, a short drive from San Juan.

Holy Cross partnered with Bethel last summer. Through our Vacation Bible School program, Holy Cross raised funds to assist children with backpacks and school supplies. Even though more than a year has passed since Maria, there is still much rebuilding to do.

In her talk, Pastor Ivette talks about another partnership, this with a congregation in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ministry During Times of Crisis



If there was anyone who knew how to minister in times of crisis, it was Jesus, our Savior, our Teacher, and our role model. All of us here know very well the context in which Jesus was showing the signs of the Kingdom. Signs that show us that *relationships* between human beings can be from love and that service is the path we have to move through if we want a better world.

In our community of faith, Iglesia Bethel, we have understood for a long time that the ministry is done by walking--walking the streets of our neighborhood, with our people, our country and the world. Seeing and reading the needs of our neighbor and looking for ways for them to see that Jesus is near through the service we can provide as his church, the Church of Christ.

Bethel will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2020. During those one hundred years it has been the Church of the community, the church where the people of the neighborhood know they can come for help--help in the midst of their situations: from doing a funeral to a family member who does not come to church, or paint their house and correct the leaks in their roof, make an access ramp to their homes, clean their yards, take them to a medical appointment and pray for their situations.

To do mission in times of crisis, we must look for allies, because sometimes we have the good intentions to serve, but we do not have the necessary resources. Precisely, next year we will celebrate 20 years of work for the Kingdom with Bethel Lutheran Church of Madison, Wisconsin. Every year, for 19 years, a group of brothers and sisters from Madison travel to Puerto Rico for a week and together we do community work, where they donate the money for the materials and between both churches we put the workforce free of cost. Thanks to their support we have been able to expand our temple and make great changes in the structure and in the last 10 years we chose two houses in the community and painted it inside and out and treated it against roof leaks. We offer them our delicious food, our music, our natural island beauty and our sincere friendship. We are already one family. We have a motto that says: two buildings, one Church.

On the other hand, Hurricane Maria was a great opportunity to share the grace, kindness, hope and love of God. Our neighborhood suffered greatly from the floods. The River La Plata went about 9 feet high into about 50 houses in our neighborhood, causing families to lose everything. The first time I could do anything was on the second day of the hurricane, which was when I was able to enter the neighborhood, was to visit the members of the church and other families who were affected and cry with them, hug them and pray together.

Family members that lived outside Puerto Rico began to contact us to find out how they could help us. So, with members of the Church, the first thing we did, thanks to the baseball player Edgar Martinez and his connections with Costco, was to look for articles of first necessity and food to distribute them. Then Pastor Bill White, of Madison, Wisconsin, also connected with Costco through Edgar Martinez and put his credit card so that the other Lutheran churches could go and buy basic necessities and food and also distribute them in their

communities. Bill has achieved in recent years 13 partnerships between Churches of Puerto Rico and the United States. They supported us in such a way that they sent around \$170,000 to our churches for reconstruction and the diverse needs of the communities.

Then we made a house by house census in the neighbor. By this time, we could see that the immediate need was for mattresses, beddings, refrigerators and stoves. Thanks to a \$100,000 donation from Edgar Martinez we were able to make a good arrangement with *Rooms to Go* and we were able to help 125 families for a total of 300 people.

While we placed the orders for these articles and *Rooms to Go* delivered them, our community of faith, with the help of the men and women of the Church, dedicated our time to clearing and cutting trees in the patios of people, cleaning the patios and the houses full of mud, painting houses, providing money for materials, health fair and distribution of clothing and other items, channeling the different help they sent us (flashlights, batteries, solar lamps, credit cards to make purchases at Walmart, Costco, etc.), and the strongest work, rebuilding wooden ceilings. And all this work was done voluntarily.

Finally, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are a healing community that promotes hope and helps improve the quality of life of our fellow human beings. We are not a social club that is satisfied with Sundays to meet, sing, pray, reflect and participate in the sacraments. It was what happened to Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter said, "This is good, let's stay here." Jesus said to him: "We must come down from the mountain."

In other words, we must go down and be in the midst of our other brothers and sisters, see their need, their daily life and be salt, light that helps the transformation of their

circumstances. This passage of scripture inspired Bethel, around 6 years ago to create the Integrated Arts program, our Community Service project. Our mission is: To provide integrated and accessible services to children, youth and old age, promoting a higher quality of life for the development and transformation of the community.

Doing mission in times of crisis is possible, as long as we are clear about our mission as a Church: to be salt and light of the earth. We are to embody the Gospel as good news in a world of chaos. We are to be a healing place, full of inclusive love and that can show Jesus as a visionary and a change maker. The Spirit has the capacity to motivate the members of our churches to join in that vision with us so that together we can contribute to leave a better world and invite allies to join in the task of making visible the Kingdom of God in our midst. The Spirit calls us to that task, gives us the strength and puts everything in order so that in the words of the Lord's Prayer "thy kingdom come," becomes possible.

By Pastor Ivette Salgado, Iglesia Luterana Bethel

EVANGELISM

It's Herndon Festival Time & Your Help is Needed!!



Presuming you receive this newsletter BEFORE JUNE 1st, here's your LAST CHANCE to get this Festival on your "to-do" calendar – and to OFFER TO VOLUNTEER your time and effort! This Festival is SO BIG that it deserves two announcements!

The Annual HERNDON FESTIVAL comes to life – May 30 - June 2. Holy Cross will be participating again this year and **YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED**, so we can have another very successful event!

New this year – a new location for the Festival at the intersection of Spring Street and the Herndon Parkway! In an effort to better CONNECT with neighborhood families with young children, Holy Cross will again sponsor a table in the Kid's Arts and Crafts area that will be open throughout the Festival. **We will also host a Holy Cross Exhibit all day Saturday, June 1st. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** both to help staff our exhibit and/or to provide volunteer help to Festival coordinators. Volunteering to help the Festival's coordinators is incredibly important to us because it allows Holy Cross to have our exhibit space free of charge!

Many thanks to Thrivent Financial for their \$250 Action Team Grant and to the Dulles Group of Thrivent for their very generous

\$100 donation to Holy Cross to help us successfully participate in this year's upcoming Festival.

Please help us CONNECT with thousands of our Festival – attending neighbors! Help us share with them info about all the GREAT Christ-inspired efforts that we here at Holy Cross share with our community neighbors. For more details about the Festival, please see <http://www.herndonfestival.net/> and for more details about Holy Cross' participation and to VOLUNTEER, please contact Roy Geiger @ 703-401-3934 or gei2@verizon.net.

Thanks!

Roy Geiger and the Evangelism Team

HERNDON FESTIVAL 5K & 10K RACES

The Herndon Festival 5K and 10K races will be held on Sunday morning, June 2. Although this year's races will not course on Sterling Road in front of Holy Cross, their coursing will be throughout Herndon. Please visit <https://www.herndonfestival.net/10k-5k-races.html> for more details and to plan your route and timing to and from Holy Cross that morning.

Figure 1 and 2 on the following page shows the race routes.

OUTREACH



A special thank you to all who took the Lenten challenge to help Holy Cross serve our community. Please continue to look for ways that you can give. In the Temple Talk I gave as part of the Outreach appeal, I shared this:

Years ago, as a graduate student I had to submit a paper detailing a research survey I did with my students. I don't remember what the topic was—it was a long, long time ago—but I ended the paper with the comment “I don't know how earthshaking my results are...” I will never forget my professor's response, “How much earth do you want to shake?”. As a community of faith how much earth do WE want to shake?

The ESOL classes had their last class of the winter term on May 6. I would like to thank Ellen Atwell, who coordinates this program and all of the teachers and helpers who make it so very successful. One of the students told us all that he and his wife have been attending the classes for five years and have used what they've learned to become citizens! I think that's a pretty earthshaking accomplishment.

The grand total amount for the Noisy Collection on Mother's Day is \$240.01. We thank everyone who gave noisy and quiet money (aka paper money).



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

April 30, 2019

Thank You

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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

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ESOL - English Speakers of Other Languages

We completed another successful year teaching English to immigrants at Holy Cross. We completed our fall semester just before Christmas and our spring semester on May 6th this year. We've now been teaching ESOL for 16 years!

We registered over 60 students during the two semesters created a fourth class for our beginner students. Teaching English to immigrants is very interesting and rewarding. We always learn something from each other. Just this past week, we learned that Mother's Day is on May 10th for our Salvadoran students and May 28th for our students from the Dominican Republic. That means they get to celebrate Mother's Day twice every year!

We welcome Schantal Montgomery to our staff. Schantal teaches the Basic II class. We are very happy to have her join us, especially since Jeanne Maysonett is away for medical reasons.

We had a special session with our wonderful organist, Jeremy Shoop, who explained the organ to our students and answered many questions. He also played some hymns for us. Students enjoyed the class with Jeremy very much and still talk about it with other students.



We always play Bingo with prizes and have pizza during our last class of the spring semester. This is a very fun class every year!

Free babysitting is very important for our ESOL program. Many students could not attend classes if we didn't have our nursery attendants, Beatriz Orellana and Erika Moreno.

We appreciate you, our congregation, very much for your wonderful support of our ESOL program.

A very special thanks to our teachers and assistants for their dedicated work. You are essential to our successful ESOL program.

Thank you!

God Bless,
Ellen





HOLY CROSS' QUILTS

HCLC's quilting group is starting another session in June.

Our partner, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Mission Quilts will distribute the quilts to hospitals, orphanages, schools and homes for the elderly. We invite you to join us. All are

welcome to attend. Bring your sewing machine if you have one. If not, no worries --sewing skills are not required. There are tasks for everyone on any level. The quilts will be a blessing to everyone that receives one.



Join us in classroom #202 **Saturday, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm:**

June 1st

June 15th

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to the seven “young Lutherans” who received their first communion on May 5, 2019.

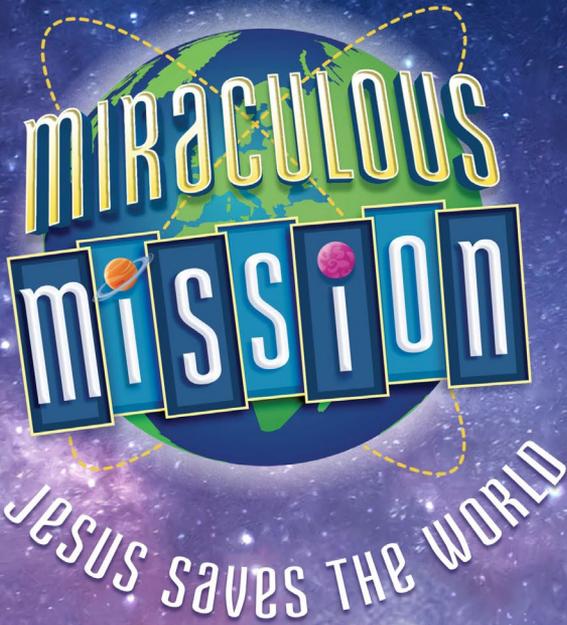
Please mark your calendars! The 4th Holy Cross Evening Vacation Bible School will be happening August 11 - 15, 2019. The theme is Miraculous Mission. Last year’s Evening Bible School was lots of fun. This year will be even better, if anything could get better! We hope to see a lot of new faces there.



Sunday, June 2nd will be the last Sunday for Sunday School this year. I hope you are able to thank your teachers and adult leadership. We appreciate all of the time that these leaders have given to children and adults to increase their faith. Pastor Kleiber had her last day with us on Sunday, May 19th. Our Sunday School participants have grown in leaps and bounds this church year with the help of her support and leadership. We will miss her immensely, but there is a great future ahead of us as we grow in numbers with our future new leadership.

Information will be coming soon concerning our project for Rally Day as we start a new church year in September. We will be making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief this year. A list of items that will be needed for each kit will be forthcoming. This project will be a multigenerational project. We plan to put the kits together between the two church services on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th.

Save the Date



VBS 2019

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOR KIDS & ADULTS

AUGUST 11-15

6-8 pm (dinner provided)

STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Appeal: Food for Neighbors



FOOD FOR NEIGHBORS®

On behalf of the Stewardship Team and the Holy Cross Council, we wish to thank the congregation for their Lenten Appeal donations of \$1,145.00 for the Food for Neighbors Organization. This will help to feed hungry middle school and high school students in the Herndon area.

Food for Neighbors began in the Herndon Middle school when parents realized the struggle of hunger among their children's classmates was an issue that they needed to address. Many of these students did not have food to eat during weekends and extended school closings. With the Holy Cross donation, we will be able to feed eight students every weekend for an entire school year.

Once again, thank you for donating to this worthy cause.

The Stewardship Team

online GIVING

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We appreciate your online giving. To give electronically:

1. Go to our website, <http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net>
2. Click “Donate”
3. Fill out the safe and secure donation form

OR

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

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, 2019

Steven Corpus and Marie Clay – July 27, 2019

YOUTH

Troop 12 News

On April 23, 2019, Scout Troop 12 celebrated the achievements of the last two years in their first official Court of Honor since Scoutmaster Down's passing.



The Scouts earned rank advancements, merit badges and some special awards. They were able to initiate their first Scout Law candle-lighting ceremony, including each Scout attempting to read the entire law that was assigned to him for the first time out loud.

The scouts wrote and choreographed the entire evening and so led the adults in accomplishing God's plan. The awards ranged from Astronomy to Cyber Chip and that was due to the dedication of the new leadership.



The leadership has taken a new direction and will now allow the troop to be Scout run. The "Scout run" motto of Scouting was welcomed by all.



The Scouts MC'ed the evening themselves and so were independently able to direct the course of events. All were very respectful and reverent and expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of this troop. The troop wishes to extend an invitation to the church to attend its next Court of Honor

scheduled for April 2020.

*By Nicholas Moore, Chaplain Aide,
BSA Troop 12 Press Correspondent*

LEADERSHIP

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 and download a copy of Stories of Faith in Action.



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June 2	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Paul Opshal	Paul Opshal
Worship Leaders	Sarah Moran Jo Roe Sylvia Moran	Daniel Contreras Samuel Contreras LeRoy Wallin
Asst. Minister	Anne Geiger	Anne Geiger
Altar Guild	Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
Greeters/Readers	Jo Roe	LeRoy Wallin
Ushers	Joe Baggett Suzanne Baggett	Mike Faulkner Roy Geiger Howard Miller Diana Virgo

June 9	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Paul Opshal	Paul Opshal
Worship Leaders	Deb Reilly John Pinckney Karen Faulkner	Kathy Makowski Samuel Contreras Daniel Contreras
Asst. Minister	Joy Heuer	Becky Morgan
Altar Guild	Denise Robinson	Pam Darby
Greeters/Readers	John Pinckney	Samuel Contreras
Ushers	Sally Moser Mark Roe The Setlik Family	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

June 16	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Paul Opsahl	Paul Opsahl
Worship Leaders	Chris Nelson Vivian Jefferson Chip Edwards	Katelyn Hunter Betty Skelton Dick Krapf
Asst. Minister	Becky Morgan	Andy Krueger
Altar Guild	Sally Moser Lynn Russo	Cathy Pfisterer Brian Virnelson Hope Russell
Greeters/Readers	Chip Edwards	Dick Krapf
Ushers	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

June 23	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Eva Steege	Eva Steege
Worship Leaders	Karen Faulkner Marcia Kratzke	Becky Morgan John Breene Tammy Breene
Asst. Minister	Mike Faulkner	Len Owens
Altar Guild	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
Greeters/Readers	Karen Faulkner	Tammy Breene
Ushers	Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Roy Geiger

June 30	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Eva Steege	Eva Steege
Worship Leaders	Sarah Moran Sylvia Moran Lori Newcomb	Kathy Makowski Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe
Asst. Minister	Anne Geiger	Andy Krueger
Altar Guild	Jo Roe	
Greeters/Readers	Suzanne Flegal Joel Flegal	Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe
Ushers	Gene Bain Sally Moser	Roy Geiger

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