

# THE QUEST

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together in community,  
fellowship and faith.*



**August 2019**

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# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

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

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

The **deadline** for inclusion in the **Weekly Update** is noon on the Tuesday prior to the Sunday the bulletin will be released.

Thank you,  
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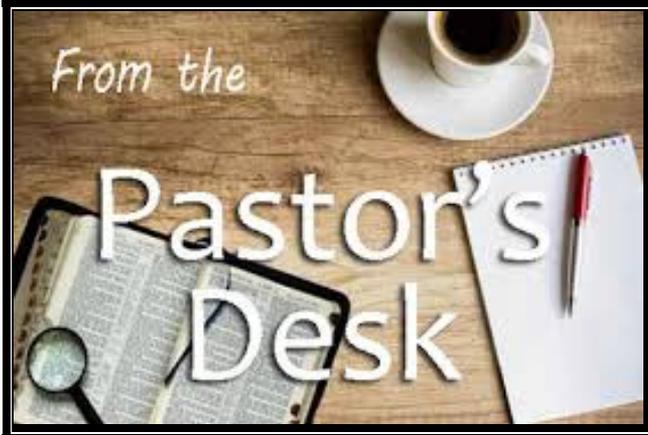


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## STAFF NEWS



**“Everyone we know, or have ever known,  
was once a stranger.”**

That quote was part of the sermon I heard recently, which stuck with me. I had never really thought of relationships in that way, but it is true. Even my children were once strangers to me, and I to them. They came out sticky and crying and probably wondering what had just happened to them. I remember when I first made eye contact with both our son and our daughter and said hello. I’m not sure if they fully comprehended what our meeting was all about and what it was going to mean for all of us. I know I didn’t, not then. All I remember is staring into each other’s eyes and thinking, “What do we do now?” Time, of course, has a way of revealing things along the way. From initial strangers to family members, we had our ups and downs during the journey but grew together in the process.

Strangers, new people change things. They bring new ideas, new ways of thinking, a new relationship to nurture or not. In that way, the new person also provides for us an opportunity to

welcome - to hear, to see, to think, and to be in a relationship in a new way.

This is my first week at Holy Cross, so we are still basically strangers to one another. We are just in the first steps of what I hope will prove a long and fruitful journey together. It will take time to get to know one another. It will take me a while to know all your names (I hope you will be patient with me on that!). It will take longer to really know one another, to trust, to laugh, to cry with one another. It will take time and it will take our walking together along the way – sharing our mutual joys and sorrow dreams and disappointments. In short, we will live life together surrounded and supported by the love we have in Jesus Christ.

As I have gone through this first week, there is a voice in the far reaches of my mind that keeps saying, “What do we do now?” You have experienced a long process waiting for a new pastor. Now that the process and preparation is over, and now that finally I’m here, you may be asking yourselves a similar “now what?” question. That’s normal. While we do trust in the One who loves us unconditionally and promises to remain with us, we don’t really know what comes next. Together, we will prayerfully go from strangers to a faith family. It will be a process. It will be a journey. It will take time.

I am profoundly honored and excited to be here as your pastor. Shelly and I both have been touched by your warmth and support, and we look forward to working with you to spread God’s good news. I look forward to the time we will have together and the process of learning from and sharing with one another.

What do we do now? Time will tell.

Peace to you all,

*Pastor Martin*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY



### Why do we ring?

Awhile back I wrote an article for the Quest titled “Why do we sing”. I thought I would follow that up with an article about handbells and why we ring them in worship.

The historical foundation for handbell ringing can be traced back to the earliest Christian Church but the handbell of today bears little resemblance to its primitive counterpart and has developed into a sophisticated instrument with its own tonal color and vast range of techniques at the disposal of the musician.

Western civilization has for many centuries associated the sound of bells with the Christian church. They are mentioned in the bible in Exodus as part of Hebrew worship and are shown decorating the robes of priests. In Zechariah bells are described as part of the war horses' equipment.

Psalms 150 says “Praise Him upon the loud cymbals, praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals.” When translated to English the word “cymbals” is used in that verse, however the original Greek literally translates to mean cup and was used to describe both cymbals and bells. The “well-tuned cymbals” are the handbells.

In Britain the first missionaries who came to spread the Christian gospel were of the Celtic church. They brought with them their handbells to which they attached great importance. They were quite rough and resembled more of a cow bell than a handbell.

Hundreds of years later in the middle ages the handbell had changed into a form more similar to what we now know. Handbells quickly became one of the basic musical instruments of the church of the day. Pictures of them in use were included in many medieval illuminated manuscripts. In these days handbells would be used to accompany chanting alongside stringed and wind instruments and small organs, or they might be used to play the tenor line which carried the melody.

The development of the organ from the small portable affairs of the day to the enormous “King of Instruments” we now know was probably one of the reasons handbells were largely relegated to cupboards and boxes at the end of the middle ages. But ringing continued to develop in the centuries that followed. By the end of last century there were numerous very large sets of handbells being used as serious musical instruments.

Today, when the move in churches is to involve people more, handbell ringing is a great instrument to use in church to promote the idea of corporate praise. Each ringer must bring their skill to the group and work together as one body to produce a song of praise to the Lord.

If you are interested in learning how to play bells or joining the bell choir, please speak with me or one of our current ringers.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Jeremy Shoop,  
Director of Music and Liturgy

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Just a few reminders. VBS will be fantastic this year. We plan for this year's theme, Miraculous Mission, to outshine last year's theme, Splash Canyon. The individuals that attended VBS last August know that it was a lot of fun! You are able to register online [vbsmate.com/HCLHerndonVA](https://vbsmate.com/HCLHerndonVA) or after each service in the Narthex.

We are also collecting items for personal care packages that we plan to put together as a group on Rally Day. If you are planning to donate items for this project, items can be placed in containers that will be in the Narthex. We are sharing this project with the Outreach Ministry. The packages will go to Lutheran World Relief. Please read the instructions about the items that we need for each kit.

We'd like to have a few more people to help on our committee. If you are approached, please think seriously about helping with at least one project. We are in need of new ideas and assistance in promoting those ideas.

Betty Skelton and the Christian Education Team

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MULTI-GENERATION Vacation Bible School

August 11-15 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*(Dinner provided first 4 Nights & Potluck the Last Night)*

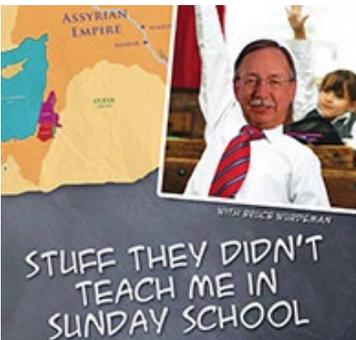
**REGISTER:** After services in the Narthex OR  
Online - [ybsmate.com/HCLCHerndonVA](http://ybsmate.com/HCLCHerndonVA)

**Fee:** \$20 Per Individual/Family



**KIDS:** Sign Up for Lift Off!

Music † Crafts † Games † Storytelling † Bible Challenges



**ADULTS:** Join Us for Intriguing Videos & Discussions:

**About:**

- ✓ The Prophets
- ✓ The Period of The Kings
- ✓ This New Thing Called Church
- ✓ Letters to This New Church



Christian Education and Outreach are compiling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on Rally Day, **Sunday, September 8.**

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. Please put the items in the correctly marked containers. This will help to make sorting easier. The kits will be compiled between services on Rally Day. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you in advance for participating in this project!



## OUTREACH

Summer isn't exactly lazy for the Outreach Ministry. Here's what's happening in the coming days.

### **Herndon Middle School Food Drive**

We will continue to collect food through August 11. We have been delivering the food once a week, and we invite you to invite your friends to contribute. The families at HMS who benefit from this are most grateful! The need is great and the supplies are low! You can drop off food in the Narthex or in the container outside the office door after Sunday church during non-service hours.



## Rally Day

Outreach will partner with Christian Education in collecting and assembling Personal Care Packages as part of our Rally Day activities.

## August Works Sunday

We will be participating again in this Ecumenical Event held each August by providing and serving lunch at the Embry Rucker Shelter on the second **Saturday, August 10**. Since we plan that menu and volunteer list well in advance, interested volunteers should contact either Jo Roe, ([ladybughoo@yahoo.com](mailto:ladybughoo@yahoo.com)) or Barb Gouldey ([barbara.gouldey@verizon.net](mailto:barbara.gouldey@verizon.net)) by July 31.

## The Closet

Holy Cross works with the Closet to serve the Community. For more information, please contact Rita Hacker or Rachel Williams or their website at <http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/>.

**A Reason to Become a Closet Volunteer.** As if helping the local community and meeting people from all walks of life isn't enough reason to volunteer at The Closet, there's a new reason. The Closet is now proud to be a Community Partner with Northwest Federal Credit Union. Volunteers and staff at The Closet are now eligible to become members at Northwest Federal Credit Union. As you know, credit unions tend to give better rates on both savings and loans than banks.

**HUGE Game and Toy Sale (plus some collectible cameras).** On Saturday, August 10, 9 am-noon at the First Baptist Church of Herndon (681 Elden St.), there will be a HUGE game and toy sale. Items for sale include games, collectible dolls, teacher supplies, LEGOs, stuffed animals, BRIO/Thomas-style train tracks,

Playmobil, building toys, marble runs, microscopes and much, much more.

Volunteers will be needed:

- ✓ Monday, August 5: 9 am – 4 pm
- ✓ Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6 & 7: 10 am – 4pm
- ✓ Saturday, August 10: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Volunteers may also be needed on Thursday and Friday. Contact Laura Greenspan [lauragreenspan@comcast.net](mailto:lauragreenspan@comcast.net), if you can help.

**Back to School.** It's back to school time. Whether you need: linens and lamps for your college student; clothes, shoes, backpacks and school supplies for your teen, pre-teen and youngster or you want your child to brush up on the basics with flashcards and books, The Closet has it all at reasonable prices. Qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items will be tax-free on Virginia's Tax-free sales weekend, August 2-4, 2019!



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Dear Suzanne,

On behalf of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County, thank you for your generous donation of \$240.01 on June 4, 2019. You are providing critical support services in the lives of abused and neglected children in our community.

The only center in Fairfax County, SafeSpot is crucial to ensuring there is a place where children who have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse or have witnessed violence have a safe, child-friendly location to receive intervention services. We put the needs of children first by coordinating with the local authorities to guarantee a joint investigation is completed. At our center, we follow the children advocacy center model to our families by providing a family advocate, forensic interview specialists and mental health clinicians so children and their families have a pathway to well-being. Due to this approach we focus on bringing the resources and services to the families in time of need instead of families having to look for these resources on their own.

Thanks to you, in 2018 we were better able to meet the needs of our community. We've added another mental health clinician to help guide families through the aftermath of abuse and conducted 484 forensic interviews. From 2015 to 2018, there has been 76% increase in forensic interviews at SafeSpot. To provide round the clock access to the center, we've trained police and child protective service workers on the standard investigative protocols. And in 2019, we will hire a second full forensic interviewer to assist with the county's high demand of child abuse reports.

We are grateful for your contribution is important to SafeSpot. By donating to fund our programs, you have become an important part of our efforts. Thank you for joining us and helping to better serve abused children in Fairfax County.

With gratitude,

Michele Thames  
Executive Director

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SafeSpot is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.  
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## HOLY CROSS' QUILTS

HCLC's quilting group is starting another session in August. 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:**

- **August 10th**
- **August 24<sup>th</sup>**

## EVANGELISM



### **Final Note about the Herndon Festival**

**Thanks again,** to everyone who helped Holy Cross be so well represented at the Herndon Festival on June 1. If interested, Herndon Parks & Recreation estimated that there were over 28,000 festival-goers on Saturday, June 1 and over 62,000 Festival-goers during the Thursday - Sunday Festival. This is more Festival-goers than were estimated at the 2018 Festival.

***Two reminders from last month. . .***

***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/experience any neat efforts or aspects at those churches (i.e. how they (hopefully) 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** and
- ✓ **The Herndon Homecoming Parade on 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*

## STEWARDSHIP

We appreciate your online giving. There are two ways to give electronically.



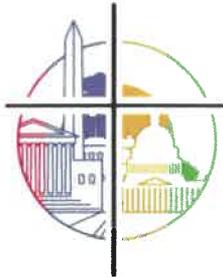
1. Go to our website, <http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net>
2. Click "Donate"
3. Fill out the safe and secure donation form

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

## SYNOD AND CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod  
of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

invites you to the

**Farewell Service and Reception**  
for  
**Bishop Richard H. Graham**

**Sunday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church**  
**9100 Colesville Road**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20910**

Please respond by August 15 at  
<https://bishopfarewell.app.rsvpify.com>  
or [jhamre@metrodelca.org](mailto:jhamre@metrodelca.org)

# STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

2018 - 2019

## VITAL CONGREGATIONS

# Sharing space, growing in faith

A growing, new worship community—ELCA Batak—is sharing space with First Lutheran Church in Redlands, Calif., and leaders say both groups are enriched by the experience.

“It’s working,” said Kamser Siahaan, president of Batak’s council. “We have a good relationship.”

The partnership began last fall, and members even celebrated Christmas together.

Siahaan’s faith community, with about 60 people, is awaiting a new pastor from ELCA companions in Indonesia, where the Batak have their roots. They have been worshipping together in Southern California for more than 10 years, originally part of a larger Batak group, said Tom Goellrich, director for evangelical mission in the ELCA Pacific Synod.

Goellrich helped match the Batak community with First and provides support. **Mission Support from the synod and churchwide organization sustain his work.**

“They’re a very enthusiastic, very energetic group who have a great faith and a great love for Jesus,” he said.

While they await a pastor, the Batak community calls on outside help to preach on Sundays, sometimes from other pastors who speak the Indonesian language. Having an Indonesian pastor helps older people in the congregation who can’t understand English as well as younger members, Siahaan said.

Kim Krogstad, pastor of First, also helps. She recently presided over the wedding of Siahaan’s daughter.

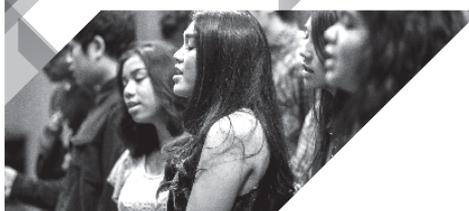


As with any new relationship, there was some “stepping on each other’s toes,” mainly involving scheduling, Goellrich said. The congregations worked it out.

First has worship services on Sunday mornings and the Batak congregation worships in the afternoons, with singing, dancing and a meal afterward.

“We have a lot of growing because members of the congregation live around here,” Siahaan said. “We’re hoping to have more than 100 people.”

Krogstad said she hopes the youth groups in the congregations can share activities. A new group of people with a different background is bringing life and joy to their congregation, she said, and the experience “has really been a delight.”



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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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

August 4	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Jo Roe Sylvia Moran	Daniel Contreras Samuel Contreras LeRoy Wallin
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Jo Roe	Samuel Contreras
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Baggett Suzanne Baggett	Mike Faulkner Roy Geiger Howard Miller

August 11	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Deb Reilly Vivian Jefferson Chip Edwards	Ben Breene Tammy Breene John Breene
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Joy Heuer	Becky Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Denise Robinson	Pam Darby
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Vivian Jefferson	Tammy Breene John Breene
<b>Ushers</b>	Sally Moser Mark Roe The Setlik Family	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

August 18	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Thomas Newcomb Chris Nelson Lori Newcomb	Katelyn Hunter LeRoy Wallin Kathy Makowski
<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	Leroy Wallin
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

August 25	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Pastor</b>	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Sarah Moran Joe Baggett Sylvia Moran	Clay Newcomb Lori Newcomb John Pinckney
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Mike Faulkner	Len Owens
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
<b>Greeters/Readers</b>	Joe Baggett	John Pinckney
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