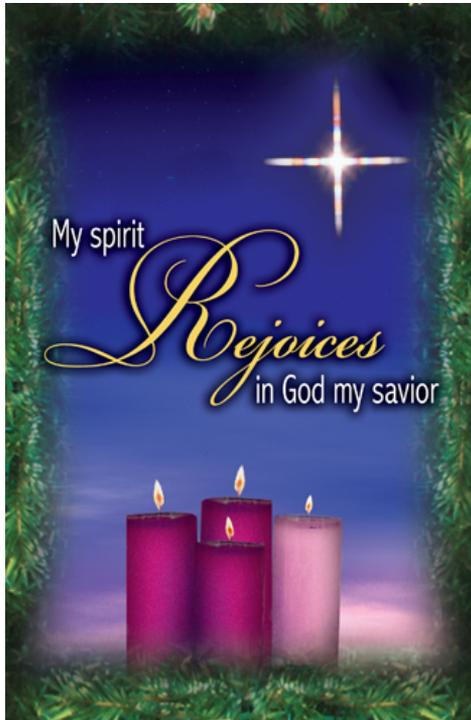


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Holy Cross Lutheran Church
*Transforming the world & ourselves,
together in community,
fellowship and faith.*



December 2019

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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The deadline for inclusion in the January 2020 edition of the Holy Cross newsletter, *Quest*, is Thursday, December 12th.

Articles can be emailed to the Church Administrator at:
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,
Teresa Easterly
Church Administrator

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STAFF NEWS



Pastor's Holiday Message



BEING GRATEFUL

Not too long ago, I was invited to speak at a Senior Center Forum on the topic, “An Attitude of Gratitude.” Gratitude, that ability to be thankful, is certainly an important and healing component of who we are as God’s people, but it can also be a difficult thing to conjure up if we are overwhelmed by other things in our lives.

What we have come to know as “the holiday season” – roughly Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day-- can be a tough time for many people. It’s a time where we often hear a lot about being grateful, or thankful or joyous. It is also a time when many of us may find it hard to feel that way. In the winter, our access to natural light gets less. Our bodies naturally react to the decreased light by slowing down – literally depressing. We may feel sluggish. We may feel sad. Being joyful or thankful does not seem like the natural thing we want to do. This time of year can also be difficult for those who have experienced loss in their lives. The memories of family members who have passed or of a family that once was whole or of people who are far away, can all make this an emotionally dark time for us as well.

When you, yourself are struggling with grief or depression or just feeling a bit overwhelmed by it all, it can be particularly

hard when there is almost a *demand* in our society that you be upbeat and joyous. The data, however, shows us that a lot more of us are hurting than we think or let on. While the society around us may *seem* to be happy, joyous and full of gratitude, it is also a fact that reports of depression, feelings of loneliness, domestic violence and even suicide all peak in the months of December and January.

So how can we can we remain grateful even in the midst of the darkness that may surround us? I suggest starting by taking stock of the gifts we have received and the people that are and have been in our lives. When people first come into a 12-Step recovery program, they are often at the lowest point in their lives. One of the very first practices they are taught is to begin to write down, each day, something for which they are grateful. It seems counterintuitive to ask people who “have hit their bottom” to be grateful, but each day is a baby-step to healing.

We can also remember to allow ourselves to feel how we feel and to remember that others we meet may also be going through a tough time. There is no need for guilt or shame. Our pain, our grief, our brokenness are real parts of who we are. But they are also not fully who we are or what we may become. As people of faith, we also trust that the Light is greater than the darkness and our dark places are not the only definition of who we are. In the dark, love remains.

For my presentation at the Senior Center, I offered up a working definition of what an “Attitude of Gratitude” might look like:

It is not the denial of the suffering, pain and loss we have experienced, but the personal decision to look through these events into a larger realization of:

what we have been given,
what we have been allowed to achieve and
the people we have loved and who have loved us
all of which has made us who we are today.

While, by no means complete, I pray that this humble attempt may help us find a new way in which we can give thanks. May we be gentle with ourselves and one another. May we be sensitive to the complexities this time of year may bring to us and to others. And may we be truly grateful for all that we have received, even if it is just one thing this day.

God's blessings and love to us all during this Advent and Christmas.

Pastor Martin

NOTE: Pastor Martin and Shelly have recently purchased a new home.

203 N. Lincoln Avenue
Sterling, VA 20164
Cell: 907-223-0519

Pastor Martin invites you to contact him any time for pastoral needs.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY



Once in Royal David's City is often overlooked as one of the standard Christmas Carols sung on Christmas Eve. However, when given a chance one quickly realizes the beauty of both text and tune of this hymn.

Frances Alexander, wife of an Irish Anglican bishop, wrote this hymn in response to listening to her godchildren complaining about the boringness of the Catechism. She decided that if the children had a more poetic version of the Catechism, they would take its message to heart more willingly. *Once in Royal David's City* is based on the clause in the Creed, "who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary." In its original form *Once in Royal David's City* has six stanzas.

The first stanza of Alexander's hymn sets out in straightforward terms the circumstances of Christ's birth. Stanza two reminds us that Christ was sent to us from heaven, not to live as a king with the rich and haughty, but to live a life of service with the poor and lowly. Alexander takes advantage of a captive audience (her godchildren) in stanza three and reminds them how good

Christian children need to be like Jesus and always obey their parents. Christ's human nature is portrayed in stanza four. She reminds the children that Jesus also experienced hardships throughout His life and he can always be there for them through prayer. The final stanzas of this hymn remind us of the end of the story of salvation. Christ is not here on earth waiting for us. He is in heaven surrounded by all who have gone before us waiting for his children to come home.

Alexander was successful in her attempts to teach her godchildren the teachings of the church this way. Part of her success was most certainly due to the beautiful tune to which her text was set. She went on and wrote other poems, not all set to music, to continue in her teachings.

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed;
Mary was the mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all;
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high
Where like stars, his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music and Liturgy



Limited Hours:

Monday, December 23rd

Tuesday, December 24th

Closed:

Wednesday, December 25th

Thursday, December 26th

Friday, December 27th

Wednesday, January 1st

COUNCIL NEWS



President's Notes

Merry Christmas, Holy Cross Family!! I don't know about you, but I LOVE the Christmas season. Yes, there's the decorating, the gifts, the parties... but here are the three things that I really love about the holidays.

Everyone tries to be a little nicer – In spite of the rush and hubbub, I'm always delighted to see people smiling a little more, offering more "thank yous", greeting each other more warmly and even, yes, letting the other guy get the primo parking spot at the mall.

Time with those we love – It's a little funny and sad, that our dance card fills up so quickly for the month of December. Why can't we do that year 'round? But what I find so satisfying is catching up with family and friends that we don't see often enough. The events run the spectrum of possibilities, but the sentiment is that we spend time with people we care about. We share a meal, exchange a gift, maybe sing a song... Hey wait? Aren't those also the things we do in worship? Why yes, yes, they are.

Worship & Music – Is there anything more wonderful than a Christmas Eve candle-light service, the retelling of the story of the Messiah's birth and the tradition of beautiful hymns that celebrate Christmas? I can't imagine Christmas Eve without *O Holy Night*, *Angels We have Heard* and *Silent Night*. All three

bring tears of joy and a renewed appreciation for the gift of the Christ child.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, surrounded by the people you love and wrapped in the warmth of Christ's love for you.

Peace, my friends.

Deb Reilly

WORSHIP and MUSIC

Preparing in Christ's Presence MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays through December 18th
Dinner at 6:00 PM – Worship at 7:00 PM



This year for mid-week Advent worship we will prepare for the birth of our Savior as we explore what we can do in our own lives to be more present during this busy season. Join us for this festival time of Advent worship!

Week 1 (12/4): Do Less

What can you let go of or erase from your to-do list in order to be more present with Christ this Advent?

Week 2 (12/11): Experience Wonder

How can we experience wonder for God's works and be fed by wonder in the midst of this busy season?

Week 3 (12/18): Hold on to Hope

How can we hold on to hope in the midst of the world's troubles?

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Jimmy's Old Town

Tavern

Present the 3rd Annual



Beer and Carols!

Tuesday, December 17th

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Come to Jimmy's Old Town Tavern on December 17th for a fun evening of drinks and singing Christmas Carols. While you must be over 21 to drink alcohol, this event is for all ages. Beer, root beer, wine, eggnog, hot chocolate...whatever you would like to drink while you sing carols.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church's Director of Music and Liturgy will be playing the keyboard while we sing and get in the holiday spirit. We will sing any kind of Christmas Carol, sacred or secular. From Joy to the World to Jingle Bell Rock, if you hear it on the radio this time of year, we will sing it at Jimmy's!

**Fabulous prizes will
be raffled off!!!**

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Armed Forces through the ELCA Chaplains Office.

**Jimmy's Old Town Tavern
697 Spring Street, Herndon, VA 20170**

Be sure to check out Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Facebook and let your friends know you are coming! For more information about Holy Cross go to www.HolyCrossLutheranChurch.net.

Holy Cross Christmas Festival Choir!



Rehearsals:

Thursday, December 5th - 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 12th - 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 19th - 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve (December 24th):

4:00 PM – Family Service
7:00 & 9:00 PM – Festival Choral
Eucharist Services

Beginning December 5th, the Holy Cross Festival Choir will be rehearsing for Christmas Eve services. To join the festival choir all you need to do is come to three rehearsals and sing with us on Christmas Eve.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys singing but, cannot commit to the regular choir schedule. The festival choir is also a great way for anyone who is considering joining the choir and simply wants to see what it is like. We always have fun in rehearsals and any extra voices add a great depth to the choir sound.

If you are interested in joining the festival choir or have any questions, please contact Jeremy Shoop at

MusicDir@HolyCrossLutheranChurch.net or call the church office at 703-437-1883.



Holy Cross
Performing Artist Series
Presents
On that Note
(Christmas Concert)

Sunday, December 15th
3:00 PM

On that Note is a musical cabaret group from the Sterling Playmakers. This performance will include all your holiday favorites and some new holiday tunes from Broadway shows you may not know.



Dessert potluck to follow the performance.

Bring your favorite holiday dessert to share!
Even if you can't bring a dessert, come listen to some wonderful Christmas music and enjoy some great holiday desserts.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations

It's not too early to consider dedicating flowers for Christmas. We will be purchasing wreaths, garlands and poinsettias. Dedications may be made in either **Memory** or **Honor** of someone special. These dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

With that in mind, Christmas decoration order forms will be appearing in the pew racks and in the Narthex. The deadline for dedications is Sunday, December 15th. The Christmas poinsettias will arrive no later than Friday, December 20th.

Help Decorate Our Church Home for Christmas

Our annual Christmas decorating party will be held on Sunday, December 16th, immediately following the 11:00 AM service (about 12:15 PM). We will be hanging bows, wreaths and garland, setting up the Nativity scene, putting the "stars" up, decorating with poinsettias and also decorating the Christmas tree with our beautiful Chrismons and tree-topper. Ladder assistance is needed for the stars and garland. Please contact Lori Newcomb - firegal12@aol.com with questions.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are collecting funds to use in decorating the sanctuary for worship. Dedications may be made in either **Memory** or **Honor** of someone special. These dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. To make a dedication, please fill in the section below and put it, along with a check or cash, in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

In order to have your dedication included in the bulletin, your completed form and funds must be received in the office no later than Sunday, December 15th.

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FELLOWSHIP

Advent Workshop



Fellowship will have an **Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 8th**. We will have a Sunday lunch followed by everyone joining their group to make a craft.

Crafts will be available for all ages! Check out the awesome crafts and please sign-up to make all of your favorite(s) at the table in the Narthex!

We would appreciate your help making snowy mason jars to be used lighting the outside of the church on Christmas Eve! It will be lots of fun!

OUTREACH

ELL – English Language Learners

We have a well-attended ELL fall semester this year. Fifty-five students from 15 different countries registered for our classes. Our students come from Afghanistan, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Honduras, Iran, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Syria, Sudan and Togo. As you can see, we have a very diverse student population and they speak many different languages. How wonderful!

We hold classes every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 pm. We teach four English classes starting with the beginners to low intermediate level. Each teacher has to work with different levels of English abilities in their classes. Three classes use textbooks. We are still looking for appropriate textbooks for the low intermediate class.

We now have a large TV mounted in classroom 202/203. We are looking forward to using the TV as a learning tool and to reinforce English lessons for our students. ELL was able to use donated funds to buy the TV, which will also benefit Christian Education, groups that meet for various reasons every week, as well as the adult Sunday classes. We are very grateful for this opportunity to give back to our congregation and are very thankful to every one of you for supporting our ELL program. A big “Thank you” to Sam Carter for procuring and mounting the TV for us.

Our nursery attendants nurture our student’s children while their parents learn English. Free babysitting is essential for our ELL program. Many students could not attend classes if we didn’t have free childcare. Thank you very much, Beatriz and Erika!

We provide food for our students because many students come straight from work and don't get to eat before class. We thank Anne and Roy Geiger for providing meals twice a month.

A big thank you to every ELL teacher, assistant and our congregation for supporting our ELL program at Holy Cross.

God Bless,

Ellen Atwell



Cocoa and Coats Supporting Herndon Middle School

This year our Fall/Advent Outreach appeal will continue our support of Herndon Middle School and its Cocoa and Coats event. The event will be held on December 11. At the event families are able to select needed winter apparel for their family.



Here's information from the Middle School about what is needed.

We accept all sizes: adults and kids. Families can shop for themselves or for items to give as gifts, so we like to offer a variety of sizes. We also accept winter accessories like gloves, scarves, hats, socks etc. We've even accepted snow boots. Any type of winter gear is appreciated. Yes, our families love hoodies! We find that students in particular tend to not wear the heavier coats because they are bulky and difficult to keep track of here at school.

The goods will be delivered to HMS on December 6. HMS could use help sorting the coat donations on December 9th and 10th anytime between 7:00 am and 2:30 pm. Please contact Suzanne Flegal, suzflegal@verizon.net, if you're able to help. Your generosity and support is always appreciated!

STUDENT PEACE AWARDS

Thank you to all who shopped at the Fair Trade Winds Market at HCLC November 9-10. Ten per cent of the profits from their sales will be given to us. In turn, we will pass that on to the Student Peace Awards given to Fairfax County High School students who create ways to foster peace and understanding in their school.

Because of other responsibilities I was late in getting this month's article submitted for the Quest deadline. Now I'm glad about that because I'm writing this after the Annual Meeting where our Council President Deb Reilly focused on what we've done this past year and where we want to go. She shared a story about an experience she had that exemplifies why we do what we do. I have been sharing Facebook posts from Herndon Middle School to publicize their efforts to support their students, the latest a food drive. Deb took a contribution to the school office and said she was from Holy Cross in response to a staff member's question. The woman replied, "Your church certainly knows how to live its faith". May that always remain true.

Herndon Women's Club Updates

The Herndon Women's Club sponsored an Inova Blood Drive at Holy Cross on November 9th. In addition to running the Blood Drive, their volunteers helped Paul Culler from Fair Trade Winds set up their merchandise displays for the sale held on the 9th and 10th. The added shoppers from their members and the donors added significantly to the sales success. We are happy to have had the opportunity to support them in their outreach to our community.

If you enjoyed shopping at Fair Trade Winds and are still looking for special gifts, you can visit their store in Fairfax in the Mosaic District, 2920 District Avenue, Suite 160, or online - FairTradeWinds.net.



November 11, 2019

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Hello from Fair Trade Winds!

Thank you once again for inviting us to have a fair trade sale at your church yesterday. We enjoyed being with you and always appreciate the opportunity to provide fair trade products to your parishoners!

Enclosed is a check for \$250 representing 10% of our sales proceeds. According to Suzanne, this money will be used to help Student Peace Awards in Fairfax County. I am sure they will appreciate it!

Thanks again for opening your doors to Fair Trade Winds!

Together in Christ,

Paul and Lois Culler
Fair Trade Winds

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2019 Quilts Ready for Use



HCLC's partnership with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) continues; however, our 2019 season has ended. HCLC's quilting team did a fantastic job with the quilts. The quilts were blessed at the November 17th worship services and are getting ready to be shipped off where they are very much needed.

LWR's Mission Quilts will be distributed to hospitals, orphanages, schools and homes for the elderly. They will be a blessing to everyone that receives one. HCLC is packing up our quilts to be shipped out in time for this cold winter season.

We will resume early next year. Join us in classroom 202 at 10:30 am. New dates will soon be available.

STEWARDSHIP

Advent Appeal



Women Giving Back (WGB) is a top-rated nonprofit Sterling based organization. Their mission is to support women and children in crisis and build their confidence and self-esteem, by providing great quality clothing at no cost, assisted

by caring and committed volunteers who offer personalized service and interaction.

WGB's mission is more than clothes – their committed volunteers provide personal service and uplifting interaction in a unique boutique-like atmosphere, focused on helping women arrive at a level of self-confidence that enables them to improve their lives and achieve independence. The increased self-esteem that comes from securing and maintaining employment not only helps individual women, but contributes to stable families, which, in turn, improves to the viability and safety of our communities.

Please consider giving to this organization for your Advent Appeal this year. If you'd like more information, visit www.womengivingback.org.



Online Giving

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

YOUTH

Youth Ministry Updates

The youth ministry got off to a late start this year but, had several fun-filled planned events. For Halloween, HCLC partnered with Herndon United Methodist Church to sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" event. Two Holy Cross' trunks were decorated. We saw over 150 kids, who stopped by for candy, stickers and to play a game of ring toss. We had a blast and were so happy to partner with other faith families in our community!

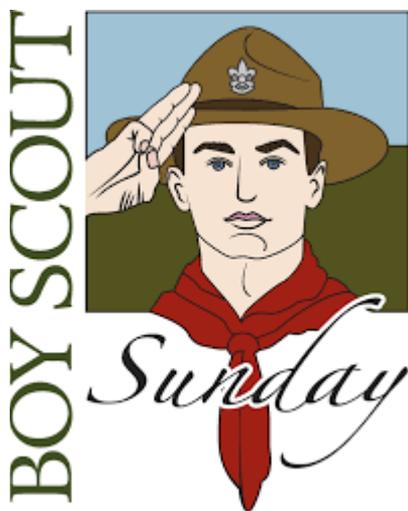
In November, we assembled 11 college final survival kits for our youth in college to help support them as they prepare for their final exams. Fundraisers are being planned for youth ministry trips and we will continue to partner with other local churches and their youth ministries for more fun-filled events.





Scout Sunday 2020 – For your calendar!

A Scout is reverent. Sunday, February 9, 2020 is Scout Sunday at Holy Cross. Please let Anne Geiger (703-437-9413 or Gei2@verizon.net) know if you are a Boy or Girl Scout or Adult Scouter who would be willing to serve in uniform at either the 8:30 am and 11:00 am service that day - we need greeters, readers, ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers and communion assistants.



EVANGELISM

Special Messages to Us This Christmas Season

This month of December and its seasons of Advent and Christmas provide us many opportunities to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, co-



workers, etc. to experience God's gifts of Christmas miracles and joy in many ways: Advent Services, Mid-Week Advent Service, "Beer & Carols" on December 17, and of course, Christmas Eve Services!

Our favorite seasonal hymns and songs even tell us how to invite folks to join us: The Angels invited the shepherds and the star inspired the Magi to ***"come and see!"***

In the song *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

The night wind asks the little lamb, ***"Do you see what I see?"***

The little lamb asks to shepherd boy, ***"Do you hear what I hear?"***

The shepherd boy asks the mighty king, ***"Do you know what I know?"***

All you have to do is ask and invite folks *you* know to join **you** as **you** participate in our activities as we celebrate, the coming of the Christ child. God will do the rest!

***Merry Christmas to All and a Happy,
Healthy 2020 filled with God's Peace!***

Your Help is Needed

Got Interest in Helping Holy Cross Become Better Known?

We need your help to become better recognized in our community. We also need marketing expertise in organizational logos, messaging, etc. As we embark on this effort, we need your help and guidance. Volunteers and/or ideas and recommendations are all greatly appreciated!

As the “Building on the Best” Capital Campaign team develops new plans for renovations, the guidance of a professional interior designer or design team experienced in churches or commercial efforts would be greatly welcome!

If you or someone you know might be interested in any of these new and exciting events and projects at Holy Cross, please contact Roy Geiger (703-401-3934 or gei2@verizon.net). Stay tuned for more information coming your way!

Thanks!

Roy Geiger and the Evangelism Team

SYNOD AND CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



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Just Love: Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering July 16-19, 2020

We've heard a lot from our youth about how inspirational they found the ELCA youth gathering to be. Do you know there is a similar opportunity for women to join together for service, study, and worship every three years?

The next Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will be July 16-19, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. More information can be found on the conference webpage:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

Early bird registration is \$325 until January 6. Contact Vivian Jefferson (vjefferson@gmail.com or 571-217-6627) if you're interested in coordinating schedules to go, together.

Breaking bread, eradicating hate



uch can happen when we gather for a meal — new understandings, new commitments, new friendships.

In May 2018, several ELCA congregations and worshiping communities discovered this when they joined their Muslim neighbors for interfaith iftars.

An iftar is the meal for which Muslims break their daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Augustana Lutheran, Sioux Falls, S.D., and the mission congregation it shares building space with, *Pueblo de Dios*, hosted their first iftar. Almost 60 people attended, including members of Augustana Lutheran and *Pueblo de Dios* and Muslims from three mosques in town.

“There was a bit of discomfort on both sides — Christian and Muslim,” said Amy Martinell, Augustana’s pastor. But “when the food came out and we sat and ate together, the discomfort melted away and we became one community.”

For two years the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) hosted regular iftars with a nearby Turkish community. Sara Trumm, interim director of A Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice at LSTC, reported that 60 to 100 people attended. Trumm said they’ve found that sharing a meal helps people feel comfortable meeting others from different backgrounds.

“Right now, with Islamophobia as strong as it is, it’s important for people to be informed about what

Islam is so they don’t fall prey to some of the negative stereotyping and falsities being shared, especially with one of the Ten Commandments telling us to not bear false witness against our neighbors,” she said.

To promote the interfaith iftars, Neighbors In Faith, a joint ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and Washington’s Muslim community, worked with Shoulder-to-Shoulder, an interreligious campaign dedicated to ending anti-Muslim sentiment. *The ELCA is a founding member of Shoulder-to-Shoulder, which receives Mission Support funding.*

“What actually changes for people who are rooted in fear is to meet a Muslim and realize they’re just human too,” said Terry Kylo, an ELCA pastor and the director of Neighbors in Faith. “The iftars are a beautiful way to begin to understand the basics of Islam and how many similarities we have. And they help our Muslim neighbors to see that they aren’t alone, that we want to learn from them and are willing to stand in solidarity with them.”



Lutherans and Muslims broke bread together at interfaith iftars in May 2018. Your Mission Support dollars boost the ministry of Shoulder-to-Shoulder, an interreligious campaign to end anti-Muslim sentiment founded by the ELCA and other ministry partners.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

December 1	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Dir. of Music & Lit	Jeremy Shoop	Jeremy Shoop
Worship Leaders	Sarah Moran Sylvia Moran Jo Roe	Daniel Contreras Samuel Contreras Marcia Kratzke
Asst. Minister	Becky Morgan	Kathy Makowski
Altar Guild	Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb	Sharon Carter Nancy Jones
Greeters/Readers	Jo Roe	Samuel Contreras
Ushers	Joe Baggett Suzanne Baggett	Mike Faulkner Roy Geiger Howard Miller

December 8	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Dir. of Music & Lit	Jeremy Shoop	Jeremy Shoop
Worship Leaders	Deb Reilly Chris Edwards Joe Baggett	Kyla Gordon LeRoy Wallin Betty Skelton
Asst. Minister	Mike Faulkner	Becky Morgan
Altar Guild	Denise Robinson	Pam Darby
Greeters/Readers	Chip Edwards	LeRoy Wallin
Ushers	Sally Moser Mark Roe The Setlik Family	Joel Flegal Suzanne Flegal Gary Wolfe Helen Wolfe

December 15	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Dir. of Music & Lit	Jeremy Shoop	Jeremy Shoop
Worship Leaders	Thomas Newcomb Lori Newcomb Chris Nelson	Becky Morgan Helen Wolfe Gary Wolfe
Asst. Minister	Anne Geiger	Andy Krueger
Altar Guild	Sally Moser Lynn Russo	Cathy Pfisterer Brian Virnelson Hope Russell
Greeters/Readers	Chris Nelson	Helen Wolfe Gary Wolfe
Ushers	Lynn Russo Vince Russo	Joe Makowski Kathy Makowski Marge Nafey

December 22	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Dir. of Music & Lit	Jeremy Shoop	Jeremy Shoop
Worship Leaders	LeRoy Wallin Vivian Jefferson Karen Faulkner	Clay Newcomb Lori Newcomb Thomas Newcomb
Asst. Minister	Joy Heuer	Len Owens
Altar Guild	Jane Pattison Karen Faulkner	Beulah Medikonda Carol Shaffer
Greeters/Readers	Vivian Jefferson	Lori Newcomb
Ushers	Jane Pattison Dennis Pattison	Roy Geiger

December 29	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Pastor	Martin Eldred	Martin Eldred
Dir. of Music & Lit	Jeremy Shoop	Jeremy Shoop
Worship Leaders	Sarah Moran Sylvia Moran Joe Baggett	Briana Fautley Tammy Breene John Breene
Asst. Minister	Anne Geiger	
Altar Guild		
Greeters/Readers	Joe Baggett	Tammy Breene John Breene
Ushers	Gene Bain Sally Moser	Roy Geiger

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