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LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Quest

*Transforming the world & ourselves,
together in community,
fellowship and faith.*



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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The deadline for inclusion in the October 2022 edition of the Holy Cross Newsletter, Quest, is Monday, September 12.

Articles can be emailed to the Church Administrator at:
admin@holycrosslutheranchurch.net.

The deadline for inclusion in the Weekly Update is noon on Tuesday.

Thank you,
Teresa Easterly
Church Administrator

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STAFF



As summer wanes, melding into the waxing moon of Autumn, we are reminded of in-gathering, home-coming, and celebration of God's harvest goodness. The last of the hot, humid days of July and August are all too quickly making way to a cooler, far busier September. Our lives, like creation itself, are in transition - changing as the trees, a living reminder that our schedules are falling into the more ridged paths of obligation and necessity. In the dying of one season, the One who creates life breathes new, ever-eternal life into dry leaves and dry lives, as each season follows the next in the grace of love for all.

As we "fall back" together into the life of the church, we look forward to coming back into a "more normal" (whatever that is after COVID) pattern of congregational life, after over two years of fear, isolation, and uncertainty. While we remain cautious, I am hoping that we can once again embrace the life-giving patterns of gathered worship, spiritual development, fellowship, and service and there find nourishment after such a long, long time of famine.

Sunday School, for young people and adults, will start again on Sunday, September 11. We will kick off this new year with a Rally Day celebration. Although details are still being put together, I can say with certainty that there will be many, many tasty treats to eat, ample coffee/tea/juice, and plenty of wonderful activities.

In addition to Rally Day, we are doing a “Blessing of Backpacks and Workbags” during worship on September 11, so please bring all those with you on that day. Each blessed bag will also receive a laminated bag-tag to remind you of the silent prayers and love of the community that surrounds you every day at work and school.

Sunday, September 11 is also a day of remembrance – marking the 21st anniversary of the horrific attacks and the lives lost in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. As a way for us to remember, Jeremy and I are working on a litany of remembrance for worship on that day.

Other things that we are working on for the fall: Confirmation instruction, some regular youth activities for our younger members, and some possible outreach connections with Herndon Middle School.

Thank you to all who are working so hard, helping us all share that good news of God’s unconditional love for everyone. It is an honor and pleasure to work among you in Jesus’ name!

Pastor Martin

Confirmation is Back!

Note From Pastor: I LOVE Confirmation! It's one of the most fun and rewarding things I do as a pastor! Last year I had hoped to begin a new Confirmation class, but the complexities of COVID variants and trying to get our congregation's worship and programs up and running again simply overwhelmed those ambitions. This fall, we are in a very different place, and I want to offer this important opportunity to our young people and their families. I am hoping we can do this in an in-person classroom setting, but I also realize that we will likely need to have a hybrid option. The great news is that we have the experience and capabilities to do both!

This fall we will be offering Confirmation instruction. Confirmation is typically a two-year program of spiritual and faith development offered to Middle School members (7th and 8th grade, especially, although we can go younger or older, if needed) that offers a deeper exploration into the basics of Christian faith and our Lutheran heritage, expression, and worship.

The first year introduces the learners to the Bible and highlights the key stories of God and God's people, especially the central saving event of Jesus the Christ and his reconciling work for us all. Year two highlights the story of Martin Luther, a 16th century Augustinian monk who struggled to find peace with God. The story of his encounter with God's grace and unconditional love and the subsequent Reformation it began, is deeply woven into our theology and practice today. During this second year, we will use Luther's Small Catechism and his teachings on the basics of Christian faith.

If you have a young person who is ready for the journey of Confirmation instruction, please let Pastor Martin know. Details as to how we meet (virtual, in-person, or both) and when will be worked out later.

Director of Music and Liturgy

**COME JOIN THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
THIS FALL!**

**THURSDAY 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 1**



Seven great reasons YOU should join the choir:

7: YOU'LL GAIN ANOTHER FAMILY - Some of the greatest folks I know are in our choir.

6: EVERYBODY NEEDS A GOOD MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE - Don't let the words "choir rehearsal" deceive you. Yes, you WILL learn your choir part, but you'll also worship the Almighty God in the meantime and leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your week.

5: BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN AMERICAN IDOL TO BE IN THE CHOIR - One of the most amazing things about a choir ministry is how God takes a bunch of voices—some strong and some not as strong—and blends them together to create beautiful music that honors Him.

4: BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A MUSIC DEGREE TO BE IN THE CHOIR - Come to choir rehearsal and sit next to someone who reads well. All you must do then is LISTEN and you're home free. You'll be amazed what you can learn by just planting yourself in the middle of the music.

3: BECAUSE YOU'LL BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS - Some of my dearest friends are members of the choir. As you know, doing ministry with folks is one of the best ways to build great and meaningful friendships. Worshiping together has the same result.

2: THREE WORDS: CHOIR IS FUN! - We offer a 100% guarantee that you'll have a great time in rehearsal each week. I assure you that it will become your midweek pick-me-up.

1: ONE WORD: WORSHIP - There's no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to worship the One True God and singing with a room full of believers who love Him and His music as much as you do is one of greatest things you'll ever experience.

Come be a part of the choir!

Contact Director Jeremy Shoop for more information.

MusicDir@HolyCrossLutheranChurch.net

Soli Deo Gloria,

Jeremy Shoop

Director of Music and Liturgy

News From the Front Office

Welcome to Virginia Muller and Sarah Schulmeyer, our new Administrative Assistants! They will be working in the office, splitting the day between them. Virginia will cover the mornings, from 8:30 - 12:30, and Sarah will work in the afternoons, from 12:00 - 4:00. The office will now have in-person coverage Monday through Fridays from 8:30 - 4:00.

Both are members of Holy Cross, which presents some special needs for respecting boundaries. A major one for the congregation is that we need to honor their sabbath rest of Sundays when they attend worship and keep any questions or other business items to the weekdays.

While we say hello to Virginia and Sarah, we must sadly say goodbye to Teresa Easterly, our wonderful assistant these past years. Always efficient in her work and bringing her warm, positive presence every day, Teresa will be greatly missed. We wish her and Rex the very best in their home near Atlanta!

COUNCIL



Holy Cross Family –

Summer Winds Down & Fall Ramps Up!

A busy and eventful summer - We kicked summer off in earnest with a wonderful July 4th celebration, and we welcomed Pastor Martin back home with new Virginia resident, Shelly Eldred. Her recent retirement enabled them to conclude their cross-continental status.

Property Chair Gary Wolfe spearheaded the replacement of our leaking gas stove and our participation in a Dominion Energy program that heavily subsidized the complete conversion to energy efficient lighting. Perhaps the most noticeable lighting changes are that the parking lot and portico are now well lit, much safer, and far more welcoming at night!

We had another successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) thanks to Suzanne Baggett and her staff. Pastor Martin (AKA DJ Cupcake), Jeremy Shoop, Anne Geiger, Katy Moran, Beatriz Orellana, Amy McNaughton, and Chris Nelson worked directly with the participants. Sarah Schulmeyer quietly handled cleanup each evening without being asked, and Sylvia Moran donated the food for the grill and cooked it to feed the crowd. Deb Reilly coordinated the sandwich-making/lunch-bag-packing for Food for the Soul and led that activity. Thanks to these amazing people and all who

donated supplies, food, etc.; we really appreciate all you do for Holy Cross!

New Church Administrators - Special thanks to Personnel Chair, Gene Bain, and his committee of Pastor Martin, Vivian Jefferson, and Joe Makowski for their professional handling of the hiring process for our new Administrators, Virginia Muller and Sarah Schultmeier. They will share the day-to-day administrative duties and provide a full-time, in-person presence. We're sorry that life circumstances brought about a relocation of Teresa Easterly to Georgia, and we are so appreciative that she agreed to stay on long enough to train Virginia and Sarah.

Church Finances - If you've been following the comments by our Treasurer, Joe Baggett, in the Weekly Updates to our bulletins each Sunday, you've noticed that our income has dropped each month for the last three months and have been insufficient to cover expenses. This pattern used to be common during summer months, or when there was bad weather during the winter.

A couple of years ago, the issue was so acute that we were forced to adopt a budget that cut the pay of our professional staff. After that scare, and with the widespread adoption of online giving, income became more regular. That makes these recent developments of concern as we enter the budget preparation process for next year.

With online giving, fewer people fill out pledge cards, and very few choose the option to uplift their gifts to help offset the online giving processing fees. Also, we've had several strong and dependable givers move out of the area over the last year or two and giving has not increased sufficiently to offset the impact of their departures. The situation is not acute yet, but it could be if trends continue. We need to increase overall giving by ~ \$2,000/month for the remainder of the year to get things back on track. Please do what you can to get back in the habit of giving regularly and prayerfully consider making a special "catch-up" contribution.

Weekly Fresh Flowers - You may begin to notice that flowers are not in the sanctuary on some Sundays. The cost of flowers is \$65 per vase; we've been spending \$130 per week. While some have signed up to donate flowers in honor of someone or some special occasion, the majority of the cost has come from our Flower Fund. Up until a few years ago, a member who has since moved away would donate enough funds for the entire year. Those amounts combined with the other special donations allowed us to continue having weekly fresh flowers without ongoing donations...until recently. If weekly fresh flowers in the sanctuary are important to you, you might consider a special contribution to the fund. You can also just sign up to fund them for a special remembrance that's important to you.

Pledge Sunday is Approaching - When we prepare for Pledge Sunday, please prayerfully consider what you can do to help Holy Cross grow financially as well as spiritually. These entreaties are never pleasant to make nor receive; however, part of the Church Council's responsibility is to let you know where Holy Cross stands financially.

You can contribute using the Donation link on the church's website or through the Vanco Mobile app (download it and use our invite code, **24A7NT**, to ensure you are linked to the correct church). You may not have noticed we added an option a while back for you to help offset processing fees. You can also have your financial institution automatically send a check to Holy Cross on your behalf without going through Vanco. Regardless of whether you contribute through Vanco, you might want to create a login for the app as we're also working on integrating the social aspects of our online presence into it, so it will be a useful resource for you. Please feel free to call me (703-431-7457) if you have any questions about this process.

Some Great News! - I've saved some great news for last; Suzanne Baggett has graciously agreed to another term as Sunday School Superintendent! By the time you read this she will already have received a formal thank you from me and the Council. However, I

want to share with you some of the comments from various Council members:

"Suzanne, you are a phenomenal powerhouse. Even in the face of COVID restrictions, you devised clever and wonderful ways to bring Jesus alive for children. You are amazing."

"You provide a wonderful impact on the children of Holy Cross that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Don't ever doubt that your enthusiastic love and care for each and every one of those children of God is making an enduring difference for good."

"You possess a kind and generous spirit, 'let's try it' wonderful encourager, 'no worries' . . . a true servant heart."

"Thanks for all of the wonderful things you do with the HCLC children. Keep it up!"

"Suzanne has a quiet, calming way of presenting the good works of the church and accepting Jesus into our hearts. The children love her and I am grateful that she has chosen to lead the children to understanding and loving Jesus...and contributors to the community."

Suzanne, you have no idea how truly special you are. We know you are embarrassed to receive this attention, but please know that you are deserving of it and more and that we love you and appreciate you more than words can convey.

I'm looking forward to us moving our activities into high gear with the entire Holy Cross Family as summer concludes and fall begins!

Yours in Christ,
Sam

Mask Guidance for HCLC



At the beginning of mask mandates, the Holy Cross Church Council voted to follow the guidance of the CDC and local health authorities. As circumstances have changed, the CDC has developed a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Both Loudoun and Fairfax Counties have been determined to have **Low COVID-19 Community Levels**. Accordingly, Council approved relaxing our mask requirement, and masks are now optional at Holy Cross. We will continue to monitor the situation, and we hope it will not be necessary to return to stricter policies. We are truly thankful!

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Community Burden Levels		
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines ● Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines ● Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask indoors in public Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines ● Get tested if you have symptoms ● Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

Peace at the Last

A look at Loss, Grief, Death, and Life as People of Faith

Tuesday Evenings: September 13, 20, and 27
7:00 pm



Peace at the Last

*I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. Ps. 4:8*

A few members have expressed an interest in a class about loss and grief, and some ideas about planning a funeral service. Pastor Martin will lead such a class on three successive Tuesdays in September. Titled, “Peace at the Last”, this course will examine how loss and grief impacts all our life, not just at death, and how that helps us better understand and embrace our own mortality and our connection to our Creator. The class will also look at some

helpful rituals and practices that can assist us in our final journeys from life into new life.

As always, everyone is welcome. This is open to the whole community, so feel free to invite neighbors and friends. This will be a hybrid gathering – both in-person and on-line.

Gathering 1 – September 13: Embracing Our Own Mortality

The biblical witness and promise.

The Baptism connection.

Gathering 2 – September 20: Departing in Peace

Telling the story of life, faith, and hope.

Memory boxes.

Hymns, Readings, and Prayers with and for the Dying.

Gathering 3 – September 27: Celebrating New Life

Funerals, Memorials, and other rituals that tell the story.

Preparing guidance for your family for your service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Sunday Class

Do you know that there are three books in the Bible that have only one chapter? Did you also know that some of the smallest books in the Hebrew Bible served as a deep foundation for Jesus' preaching, teaching, and ministry? While often overlooked and understudied, these smaller biblical writings have some big impacts. Based on that, we could title the next series of adult education in so many ways: "Majoring in Minors"; "Big Things in Small Packages"; or even, "Judge Me My Size, Do You?" In any case, working on a suggestion from one of our members, we are going to look through some of these lesser known, smaller books in the Bible. We will begin with the so-called "Minor Prophets" of the Hebrew Bible, then move on to the lesser-known books of the New Testament.

Adult Sunday Class begins again on September 11. We will meet from 9:45 - 10:45 and will return to room 202, which gives us both an ample area for distancing and the ability to incorporate a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. *Everybody* is invited to these classes, no matter how much or how little you know about the Bible. Even if you don't have a Bible of your own, we have plenty to go around! Grab a snack, some coffee or tea and join us as we explore together.

Vacation Bible School Best Year Ever!



Our 2022 Vacation Bible School was the first in-person VBS in three years! It was amazing with the opening by DJ Cupcake (Pastor) and Food Truck Chef (Jeremy)!

There were many highlights:

- Through God's Global Barnyard Mission Offering, **the VBS Kids raised over \$500**; enough to purchase a cow, goat, chicks, honeybees, and a fish farm. These animals will provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. This in turn will help families escape the cycle of hunger and poverty.
- Tuesday night - Intergenerational prep for Food for the Soul delivery on August 3. Many thanks to Deb Reilly for organizing and coordinating this for us. The kids made sandwiches,

decorated, and packed lunch bags, and colored “LOVE” notes with Spanish messages. The adults sliced and bagged oranges, packed lunch bags, and even decorated a few notes and bags.

- The kids baked bread which was served at communion our final night. Thanks, Amy McNaughton, for teaching each kid how to make a quick bread, which was incised with a cross and baked
- Many thanks to Amy for also securing the Kona Ice Truck!! It was like kids entering Disneyland for the first time! The adults and kids were amazed to find an “icee” food truck outside – with prepaid icees you make yourself. What a way to end!

Thanks to everyone who helped made this a success!!

Intergenerational Openings Crew:

Pastor Martin as DJ Cupcake

Jeremy Shoop as Top Chef with a new food truck

Amy McNaughton – Global Barnyard fund raising coordinator

Leader crew:

Chris Nelson: Games

Anne Geiger: Bible Storyteller

Katy Moran: Science 1st 3 nights

Beatriz Orellana: Science 2nd 2 nights

Amy McNaughton: Crafts

Pastor Martin: Adult Discussion on Faith (*Animate* series)

Decorating Crew:

Jeremy Shoop, Amy McNaughton, Pastor Martin, Shelly Martin, and Deb Reilly (who graciously donated her outdoor lights).

Dinner Crew:

Sylvia Moran and Callum Bain: Grilled hamburgers and fixin's

Amy McNaughton: Made breakfast for dinner, French Toast and Egg Bale Casseroles

Jeremy, Pastor, and Amy: Walking tacos

Sarah Schulmeyer and Beatriz Orellana: Cleanup

Everyone for Thursday's Potluck!!

Thank you, Holy Cross for your support, with a special shout out to Carol Shaffer and Jo Roe who supplied bottled water, cookies, and gigantic ice pops. They really hit the spot!

Suzanne Baggett

Sunday School Superintendent

Below are some pictures that captured some highlighting moments:



Fun & games with Chris Nelson

Science fun with Katy Moran & Beatriz Orellana



Lunches packed and love notes written for "Food for the Soul"



Communion Bread and Hawaiian Ices



Baking Communion Bread with Amy McNaughton



Surprise Ending for VBS – Hawaiian Ices for everyone!!

FELLOWSHIP



Come to Holy Cross for Rally Day, September 11th and sign up for Sunday School and to also help with the church's Outreach projects. There will be plenty of food to nourish your body and soul!

Every Sunday you are invited to stop by Fellowship Hall for some coffee, tea, juice, or water and good food. There is always fruit! There is usually a quilt for Lutheran World Relief to tie if you so choose. It's a great way to meet up with Holy Cross members and visitors.

Anne Geiger
Fellowship Team

EVANGELISM

2022 Herndon Homecoming Parade - Saturday, October 8

Like past years, Holy Cross will be participating in Herndon's Homecoming parade. We'll set up a hospitality table at the start of



the parade route where we provide water and other breakfast treats to parade participants and their families. It's a great way to meet our neighbors and tell them about

the great things happening at Holy Cross. A sign-up sheet for this fun event will be available soon for those who'd like to volunteer or donate items, such as water and breakfast goodies.

2022 SterlingFest - Saturday, October 8

Yes, both events are on the same day! Holy Cross will be an official sponsor for Sterling's annual big block party. There will be lots of vendors and food booths, family activities, and local artisans and plenty of opportunities to engage with our surrounding Sterling friends and neighbors to let them know about life at Holy Cross. We will set up our popular mini-quilt project in our Holy Cross tent. After Labor Day a sign-up sheet will be available to volunteer for these events.



Trunk or Treat 2022 – Halloween Weekend

Our first-ever Trunk or Treat was such a huge hit last year that of course, we're going to do it again this year!! This year's date will probably be Sunday, October 30, in HCLC's parking lot. Now is a good time to start thinking of your best Halloween costume and decorations you'd like to display. Plan to join us for an afternoon of decorated cars, candy, and spooky fun! More details to follow. . .



Karen Faulkner
Evangelism Team

OUTREACH



weekly news.

LINK is celebrating 50 years of service in the Sterling, Herndon, and Ashburn communities this year! Mark your calendars - a special celebration to recognize LINK's 50 years of service will be held on Sunday, October 16th at Herndon United Methodist Church. As we get closer to the event more information will be published in the

In this anniversary year, LINK is improving and expanding its facilities! The pantry and distribution shed behind Herndon United Methodist Church has been expanded. Walls have been torn down, the facility painted, a new food preparation area has been built, and new industrial shelves are being added to update the distribution pantry. In addition, LINK's "deep storage" of food in the basement of Christ the Redeemer Church is also being improved, with updates to electric, lighting, and fire safety, and new industrial shelving to increase deep storage capacity.

As LINK celebrates 50 years of service in 2022, we'd like to share some history of the organization. LINK was originally established in 1972 to support the Sterling and eastern Loudoun communities. The name LINK was originally an acronym for Loudoun Interdenominational Network for Karing. The LINK organization eventually spread to Fairfax County in 1975, increasing its coverage

to the Herndon community. By combining the community resources from two great counties, LINK's vision was to increase the quantity and quality of services to the needy. LINK, Incorporated was chartered as a "Not for Profit Organization" in 1978. Now, the name LINK represents Christians linked together to provide love and support to people living in need.

In the beginning, the donated food was stored in basements or garages of LINK volunteers, when there were a small number of people qualifying for assistance. Later, Good Shepherd Alliance allowed LINK to utilize space in a small building near Waxpool Road in Sterling. As the organization grew, food storage was relocated to a room in Potomac Baptist Church on Leesburg Turnpike in Sterling. When this building was slated for destruction for the development of the Potomac Run Shopping Center, the LINK food pantry was allotted free space in the Clock Tower shopping center on Centerville Road, south of Herndon. Finally, a building was constructed in 1997 for the LINK pantry on the grounds of Herndon United Methodist Church (HUMC). LINK had an agreement with HUMC to operate the food pantry for a period of five years, with an agreement to renew for subsequent five-year periods.

In 1991, LINK delivered to 575 families. LINK began to deliver furniture that was being collected. Fundraising was accomplished through co-sponsoring a Crop Walk. In 2021, LINK delivered to 2,771 families and received donations from numerous sources, with funding coming through participation in the United Way campaign, grants, charitable organizations, and individual donors.

In 1993, member churches were Community Lutheran Church, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Dranesville Church of the Brethren, Grace Baptist Church, Guilford Fellowship, Galilee United Methodist, Holy Cross, Herndon United Methodist, Oak Grove Baptist, Potomac Baptist, Rhema Faith Center, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal, Sterling Park Baptist, St. Timothy's Episcopal, Sterling United Methodist, and Trinity Presbyterian.

Thank you to all for your regular donations of food and supplies, and for volunteering in roles that allow LINK to continue its mission to the community.



Community Mission Work

In July, the Council approved the idea of engaging in Community Mission Work. We have a three-phase, multi-year effort envisioned.

In Phase 1, we plan to help congregational seniors age in place. In this phase, we will approach some of our members to see if there are minor projects and repairs, we can make to help them stay in their homes, such as installing grab bars, some yard work, and minor repairs.

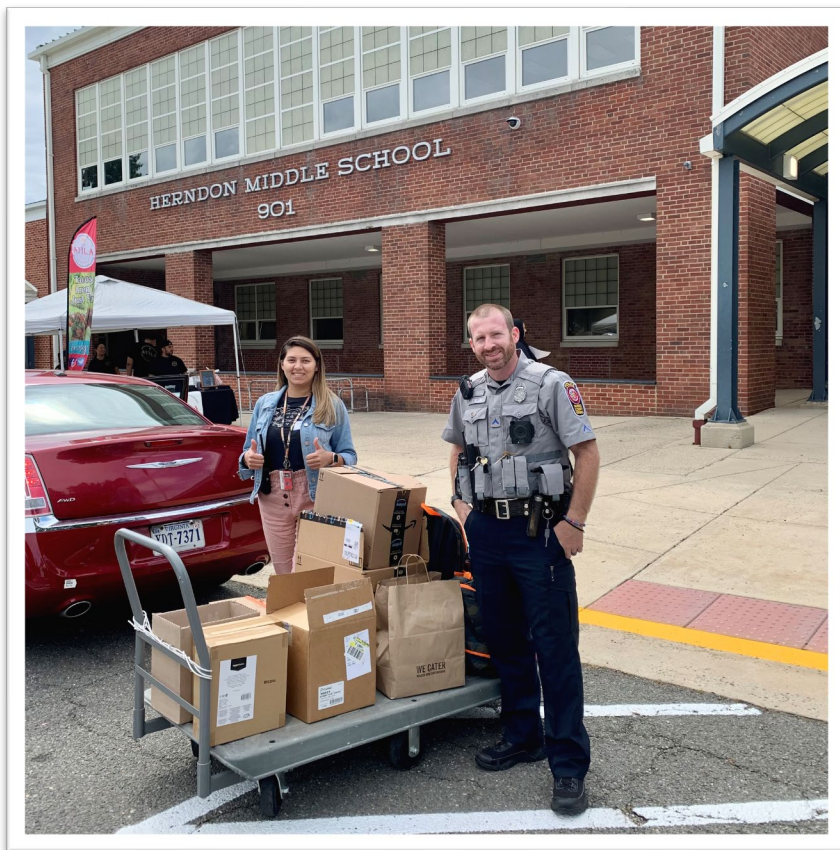
In Phase 2 (2023) we plan to partner with Habitat for Humanity to help relatively local neighbors stay in their homes. Habitat for Humanity is a well-established program. We would be adding our hands to their program.

In Phase 3 we would look at doing some international work. This is a longer-term goal, which will require substantial planning, fund-raising, and partnership.

Phase 1 has launched. Letters were sent to some of our members asking if they would like any project help at their homes. We will gather volunteers in September, and plan to work in October. We applied for and received a Thrivent “Action Grant” of \$250 to help with the costs of our program. We will use a portion of that to feed our volunteers on workday. The bulk of the money will go to supplies for the projects. Our Action Grant also include T-shirts for team members. If you are interested in joining the team, please

contact Deb Reilly (outreachchair@holycrosslutheranchurch.net) or the church office (admin@holycrosslutheranchurch.net).

The annual School Supply Drive for Herndon Middle School was, again, a wonderful success! The supplies were delivered the week of the 15th. It is such a joy to be part of our extraordinarily generous congregation! Herndon Middle School was delighted with our support.



Our **ELL Program** is entering its 20th year! How amazing is that?! We will plan a celebration of the program when they wrap up the fall session, the first week of December. We plan to invite “graduates”, current and former instructors, and former sponsor Robin Drummond to join in. Want to help plan the celebration? Please contact Deb Reilly or the Office.

The VBS Program & Lunch for the Soul partnered in August. It was such a joyful evening to have our VBS participants prepare and pack lunches for our Lunch for the Soul participants. A few VBSers joined us for distributing the lunches on Wednesday, sharing joy and God’s love for all. Special thanks to Suzanne Baggett for her consistent commitment to our children’s ministries. She’s amazing!

Thank you to all the many, many hands and gifts that continue to support the Outreach Ministry of Holy Cross.

Deb Reilly
Outreach Team

English Language Learners Fall Classes Resumes via Zoom



We completed our ELL summer semester and are ramping up for fall classes. Currently, we have two classes Basic and Intermediate English via Zoom. Our fall semester will run from Sept. 14 to Dec. 7, also on Zoom. We hope to return to in-person classrooms for our spring semester that would include a Beginner's class.

Our goal is to make the classes interesting and to keep the students engaged. The students requested to learn more idioms. For example, Suzanne taught a class on American Jazz, Ragtime, and modern music, which included a YouTube showing of John Batiste, an American singer, songwriter, musician, bandleader, and television personality. She completed the lesson with music idioms like, 'Face the Music', 'Change your Tune', 'Drum up Business', and 'Play Second Fiddle'.

Some lessons were about our national parks and oceans, which included a lesson on rip tides, how to recognize them and survive a rip tide. We continue with our Agree/Disagree lesson. Students become very animated when we have these discussions. Often, we don't finish our lessons because students' questions lead us into different areas and subjects.

Suzanne, Chip, and Jeanne, thank you very much for always being there for our immigrant students.

Ellen Atwell
ELL Coordinator

WORSHIP & MUSIC



BAKE SALE

The Altar Guild is holding a bake sale on Rally Day, September 11th. Come prepared to purchase and enjoy some home-baked treats. Sales will take place between services (around 9:30 am) and after the late service (around 12:00 pm). The proceeds will help to replenish our depleted flower fund.

If you'd like more information or find out how you can participate, please contact Carol Shafer at wandmchair@holycrosslutheranchurch.net.

Carol Shaffer
Worship and Music Team

STEWARDSHIP



We must keep the Church alive. If we aspire to keep Holy Cross Lutheran Church a thriving, serving community of God's people, we will each need to make a determined effort to ensure that our offerings can sustain us through this time. Your generosity makes all things possible. There are three ways to give.

When you're unable to attend in-person, you can mail a check to Holy Cross, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, VA 20170.

Bring your offering with you to worship service at 8:30 or 11:00 am or communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm.

Go to our website, www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net, Click "Donate" and fill out the safe and secure donation form. Download the free Vanco Mobile app. Once it's downloaded, you can use our Invite code, 24A7NT to ensure you are linked to the correct church, and login with your current Vanco credentials (whether from the GivePlus app or our website's Donation page. If you do not have an account, you will be prompted to set one up. Together, we will ride out this storm. We are not afraid. We trust in God's grace and take peace and comfort in God's promise:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; who will never leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



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