THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER								
2016								
PASTOR'S SEPTEMBER PROJECTS								
SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES 9:00 AM								
WEDNESDAY 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES 6:00 PM								
SUNDAY ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES 6:00 PM								
EARLY CHILDHOOD CHAPEL SERVICES								
CIRCUIT MISSION COUNCIL MEETING SEPT. 11th								
CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS MEETING SEPT. 20th								
PREPARING FOR SPECIAL FALL WORSHIP SERVICES								

PASTOR'S ARTICLE Pastor Francis L. Schroeder Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland

A LETTER JUST FOR YOU

"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2 Corinthians 3:3



Even in a culture of e-mail, tweets, messages, and texts, we still like to open the mailbox and find a letter — a real, handwritten, personal letter. The daily mail may consist more often of bills and advertisements, but we still have hope.

The mailbox may be empty but a letter is there! Christian believers served as living letters of recommendation for St. Paul. These letters were not chiseled in stone or written in ink, but rather inscribed by the Holy Spirit on human hearts.

All who trust in Christ Jesus are letters of witness to the entire world. Just as Jesus was sent to us by His heavenly Father, so also He sends us out in the power of the Spirit to proclaim and present His saving love!

May you all have a blessed September!

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

Worship services for september 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service Setting One with Holy Communion 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY DAY—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Creative Worship Service with the Band with Children's Message 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service Setting One with Holy Communion 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Creative Worship Service with Children's Message 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER?

IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS WE LIFT UP.....

September 4th Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas Pastor Richard LeBlanc

September 11th St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

September 18th Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

September 25th Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas Pastor Tom Haas

October 2nd St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas Pastor Richard Turner

October 9th Genesis Lutheran Church – Buchanan Dam, Texas Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

October 16th St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas Pastor Mark Follett

October 23rd Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas Pastor Fred Kelm

October 30th St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas Pastor Doug Rathgeber



DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN NOW ON YOUR SMARTPHONE! All you need to do is type **holycrosstexas** and you will pull up the information for worship services, events for the week, registration forms, our newsletter, and a 30 minute video from Lutheran Media Ministries. For those on laptops you may go to **www.holycrosstexas.org** for our complete website

OUR DAILY BREAD (September, October, & November) are available in the narthex. PORTALS OF PRAYERS (July, August, & September) are available in the narthex of the church.



CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE WILL BE TAKING

AUGUST OFF They will resume in September on the second Tuesday of every month at a different church in the circuit. We gather at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments, 9:00 AM for Opening Devotion, 9:15 AM for Bible Study, 10:30 AM for Topical Study, 11:15 AM for Circuit Business and Casuistry. The next Circuit Professionals Meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Orange on Tuesday, September 20th.

HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS receive on a weekly basis a CD of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services and on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

CIRCUIT 34 MISSION COUNCIL will meet at 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 11th @ St. John Lutheran Church in Beaumont.

CIRCUIT 34 YOUTH EXECUTIVE MEETING will meet at Holy Cross at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 18th in Conference Room "A". **THE CIRCUIT 34 YOUTH RALLY** will be immediately following at 3:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary.

BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

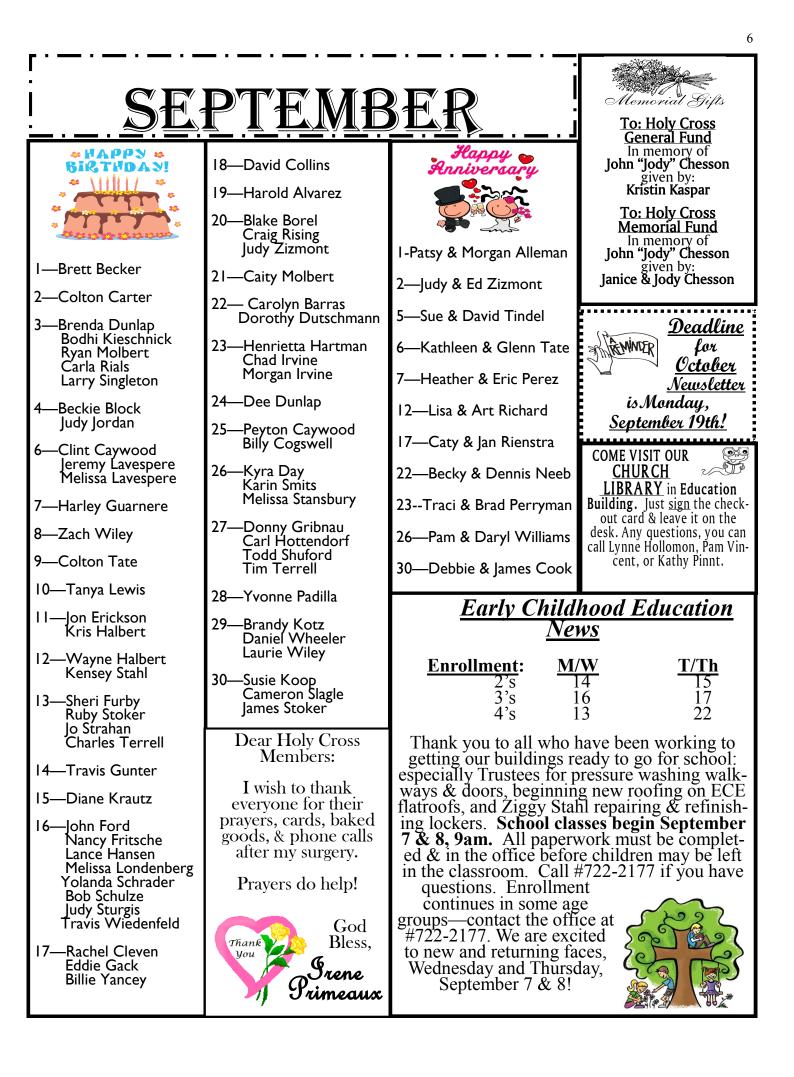
Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas

Sunday Morning Class 9:00am in conference rooms "A" & "B"

Our National Election Day on Tuesday, November 8th and we will vote for the next president. Did you ever wonder how Jesus would vote? Or would He even vote? Dr. Darrell L. Block is an Old Testament professor at Dallas Theological Seminary and has launched a book that will cause us to pause, ponder, and think.

We will share and discuss during our time together the following subjects and themes, "How It All Began: The Principles That Built America", "Loving Your Neighbor", "Economics & Poverty – Personal Wealth or Shared Resources", "Immigration – The Character of a Society", "Race – Equality, Violence, and Justice", "The Family – Sexuality and Individual Rights".

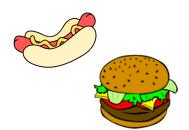
> We will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 11th in Conference Room "A" & "B"!





Rally Day

Sunday, September 11, 2016 Classes for all ages @ 9:00am Blended Worship Service @ 10:30am Hot dog & Hamburger Luncheon following our worship service *Everyone is invited to join us!*



Bibles Will Be Presented to 2nd Graders Sunday, September 11



The Bible is the living word of the living God. The Board of Christian Education will be giving each 2nd grade student their very own Holy Bible. At baptism, we as a congregation promised "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to nurture them in faith and prayer." We will be presenting a Bible to the 2nd grade students to help honor this promise. The congregation partners with the parents of these students to provide the tools they need to help their child read & study the Bible, and build a relationship with God. We will mark this faith milestone by presenting the 2nd Graders with a Bible during the **10am Worship Service** (notice time change) **on Sunday, September 11!**

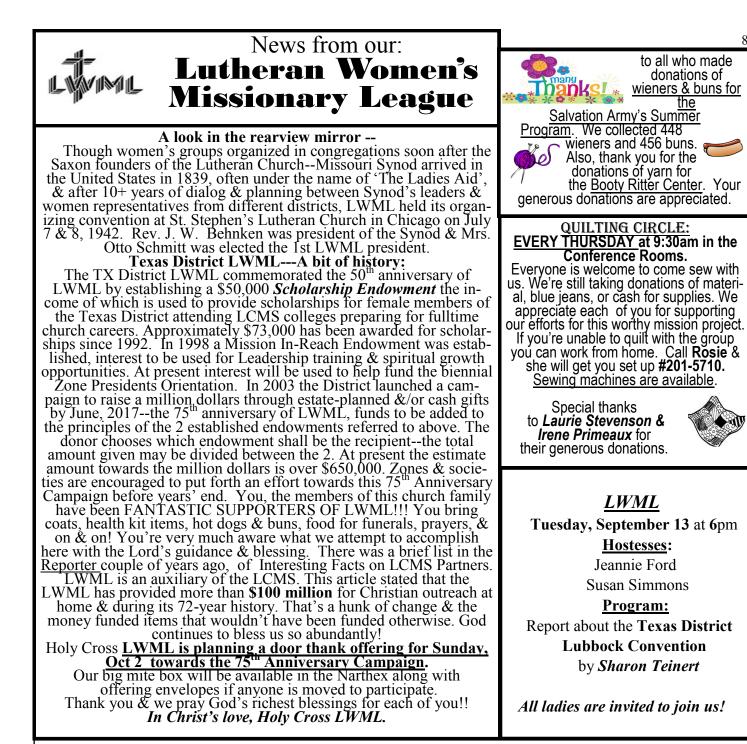
Our Second Grade Students are: Morgan Barron, Aiden Fortune, Avery Kotz, Kyle Lavespere, Landon Riley

<u>Midweek and Confirmation Classes</u> <u>Continue on Wednesdays</u> 5:30pm— Free Meal in the Family Life Center

FREE MEAL: Holy Cross is planning to serve a light supper for anyone who attends the Wednesday evening classes: kids in Weekday School and Confirmation Classes, young adults in the high school / college class, adults in the Life Light classes, and all teachers. The first meal will be served on Wednesday, September 7, from 5:30 - 6:00pm, in the Family Life Center. Even if parents are running late, the kids can take their plates to the classroom at 6:00pm. Adults and children will know ahead of time what is being served!

6:00pm—Classes for Kindergarten through Adults Midweek Superintendent—Caity Molbert Supply Coordinator—Sheri Furby Group Leader—Anita Ashby

*Change in Schedule —there WILL NOT be a Memory Work time for 5th-7th Grade Students from 5:30pm-6pm as we have had. ALL confirmation students are asked to come to class prepared to complete their memory work. They will have from 6pm-6:08pm to complete their assignment and then class will start promptly at 6:10pm.





Trash to Cash—stampsOh you heard my speech so often you may confuse me with all those campaign segments —but, please don't! Soon you will see the official amount so far from this project. I will tell you it is over \$30,000. Keep your eyes on the bulletin board in the Narthex. I'd like to share just one of my special finds while doing this project. I don't know who? But, I received 3 envelopes with what I'm sure was someone's collection. To that person it was a big gift to "Stamps for Mission". I am serious when I said "one" stamp is as valued as a bunch. I still keep the picture in my mind of "save one penny & one plus many more equal a dollar". This saving & collecting of stamps for Missions, has been great therapy for me. I. Trimming stamps has 3 effects: a. keeps me from snacking, b. relaxing, & c. great therapy for stiff joints. Z. It has taken my imagination many miles, special events, & the art work is fascinating. 3. Show & Iell—I enjoy showing them to my husband. There's so much we all take for granted. Note: On "Postcards" we will not trim stamps from the cards. There are now Postcard collectors of a time past. When was the last post card you sent?!? We take stamps. Yes, some end up in the trash, but you never know. If you do trim the stamp remember 1/4" around the stamp is the minimum & never separate stamps. **27,000 stamps equals approximately a pound, April 2-you sent 22 lbs-594,000, June 8-you sent 7 lbs-216,000** In a few weeks another package goes. "All money" is used for mailing health kits to devastated area.

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Sunday Morning Classes are in session at 9am Sundays

Holy Cross Lutheran Church has a place for everyone in your family! The material we will be using for Sunday morning children's classes is called *"What's In the Bible With Buck Denver?"*

Children will experience WHOLE story of the Bible through a fun and engaging video series. The Bible is not a book of rules, but a book of rescue – the beautiful story of the Father who longs to be in relationship with every one of us, and who went to extraordinary measures to bring us into His Kingdom! By joining us on Sunday mornings children are not only beginning a journey through the Bible, but the lifelong journey in a relationship with the Living God. Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 or email at dcekristy@sbcglobal.net for more information! Bring a friend!

Pastor Francis Schroeder's Adult and Youth (5th-12th)Bible Class

Conference Room A & B (New Office Building)

All Children (3 years old through 4th Grade)

Education Building Big Room

9am-10am 9am-9:15am 9:15am 9:30am-9:50am 9:50am Donuts and Coffee/Juice; Adult and Youth Classes Craft/Coloring Sheets and Fellowship Time (Pre-4th) Song Time for Little Lambs Choir (Pre-4th) Video: What's In the Bible with Buck Denver (Pre-4th) Wrap Up/Application (Pre-4th)

New Midweek Program for <u>K-4th Grade</u> SPARK: Activate Faith



Students will gather first for large group time

which will include the opportunity to sing and get the jiggles out, followed by class time and Memory Work time. Our Wednesday lessons correspond to the lessons Pastor will use each Sunday (from our Lectionary) helping kids get more out of both worship and mid-week classes! What we learn on Wednesday will be the highlight of our services on Sunday! We hope you will join us! Friends are always welcome!

<u>Schedule for K-4th Grade:</u> 5:30pm-Meal; 6pm-6:15pm – Opening in Sanctuary; 6:20pm-7pm – Lesson in Classrooms; 7pm-7:15pm – Memory Work Time

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

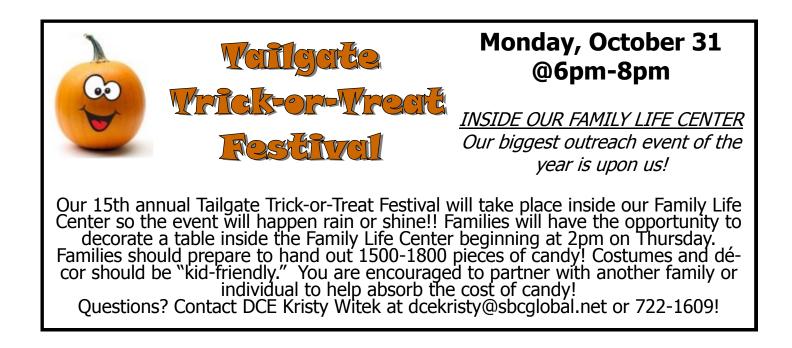


Team Name: Fight Club

On Saturday, October 22, our youth group will be participating and walking in a 5K to support the fighters, honor the survivors and remember the taken. We are asking that you help us join this fight and donate to the cause.

Cash, checks and all change welcome. Every dollar helps! All donations will be given to the American Cancer Society to help aid in the testing, prevention an research of Breast Cancer. Please see the clipboard for T-shirt sales in the near future. All orders from the shirts will go directly to donation.

Thank you for your support and if you would like to donate or join our team in the walk please see Sophie Stahl in the Narthex or check out the high school youth page at www.holycrosstexas.org.





SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS BOXES

Community-Wide Mission Project

Together with dozens of churches in our area, we will be collecting items for shoeboxes that will be given to children for Christmas! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Items We Are Collecting & Collection Dates

*Bring all items to our collection boxes in our Church Narthex and/or Church Office

Aug 14-Aug 27—School Supplies & Coloring Items

Pencils, colors, notebooks, notepads, scissors, erasers, coloring books, pens

<u>August 28-Sept 10</u>

Bars of soap and wash clothes—*place soap in zip-top baggie*

Sept 11-Sept 24 — Girls & Boys Socks

Sept 25-Oct 8 — Combs/Brushes

Oct 9-Oct 22

Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste

<u>NO-NO's</u>—NO used or damaged items, guns, military figures, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakables, aerosol cans.

<u>Oct 23-Nov 5</u>

Children's Toys-(balls, jacks, jump rope, stuffed animals, cards,

small puzzles, yo-yo's; ball caps; hair things for girls)

<u>Nov 6– Nov 16</u>

Personal Notes (photo of you/family, name & address so children can write to you.)

Monetary Donations

*If you would like to give a monetary donation you can do so to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. It costs \$7 to send each box.



Operation Christmas Child <u>Packing Party</u>

Wednesday, November 16 @6pm

All Children Kindergarten through 12th Grade and adults are encourage to join us!

You and yours are invited to a Packing Party to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts! **Our goal is to collect enough items to send 300 boxes!**

All mid-week classes (K-Adults) are encouraged to join us!



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY **End Times** Wednesday, September 7, 2016 6:00-7:15pm in the conference rooms

Sign up on clipboard sheets in August if **YOU** would like to join in this venture of an in-depth study of the "End Times". LifeLight course is designed for adults (mid-to-older teens might also be LifeLight participants) who desire a deeper study of Scriptures. LifeLight does not assume or require an existing knowledge of the Bible or special experience or skills in Bible study. However, It does assume a level of commitment that will bring participants to each of the nine weekly assemblies having read the assigned readings and attempted to answer the study questions. Each week has five (5) lessons. It takes 20-30 minutes to complete one day's lesson. Doing one lesson a day makes it manageable.

Each individual life certainly comes to a conclusion. But what about the whole thing? Is humanity doomed just to muddle along as it has in the past? Or is there a goal, a final reckoning, an ending that makes sense? Christians believe not only that the world had a beginning (Creation) and a glorious middle (our Lord's death and resurrection), but that it will also have an end.

But day after day, year after year, generation after generation, the world goes on as it has in the past. The narratives of the Bible may inspire us; the truths of our faith may encourage us; but we long for the promised ending, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Without it, even the Christian "story" makes no sense. Over the course of 9 sessions, this study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater than any of us could write or imagine, for His story ends in glory—the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

- Session 1: Last Things—Matthew 3:2, 11–12
- Session 2: Death and Dying—Romans 6:23 Session 3: Heaven and Hell—Matthew 10:28; Luke 23:46
- Session 4: Judgment in the Old Testament—Psalm 96:12–13 •
- Session 5: Judgment Day—Matthew 25:31–46 •
- Session 6: Resurrection—1 Corinthians 15:35–49 •
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- Session 7: The Last Day—Matthew 24:29–31 Session 8: Signs of the Times—Matthew 24:3–28
- Session 9: So What?—Matthew 24:42–44

The LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR will sing on the 4th Sunday of each month (usually)!

The Little Lambs Choir is for any and all children 0 years through the 4th grade. Practices are 9:15am each Sunday morning.

Sunday Morning Schedule for 0 years to 4th Grade

<u>9am-9:15am</u> - Craft/Coloring Sheets and Fellowship Time <u>9:15am</u> - Song Time for Little Lambs Choir <u>9:30am-10:00am</u> - Sunday School Classes <u>10:00am</u> - Dismiss Children



The Little Lambs Choir will be singing on the 4th Sunday of each month.

If you would like a CD of the songs so you can practice at home, please stop by DCE Kristy Witek's office or contact her at dcekristy@sbcglobal.net

Little Lamb's Choir Schedule Sunday, September 25—Jesus Loves Me Sunday, October 30—He's Got the Whole World In His Hand Sunday, November 20—This Little Light of Mine Sunday, December 18 (Christmas Program) - TBA Sunday, January 22 - Father Abraham Sunday, February 26 - I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Sunday, March 26 - The B-I-B-L-E Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday - Hosanna Rock Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday Service @10:30am Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek @722-1609 or dcekristy@sbcglobal.net.

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