THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

2016

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

# PASTOR'S DECEMBER PROJECTS

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES 6:00 PM

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM

EARLY CHILDHOOD CHAPEL SERVICES 9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 5:00 & 11:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE 10:30 AM



# **ANYTIME & ANYWHERE**

When Mike Marolt is out of town, he remotely accesses the computer files in his Aspen, Colorado office. On a recent overseas trip, Marolt answered emails and kept in touch with his clients by using his laptop through a satellite phone hookup. This time, however; he was sitting at a base camp tent at 21,000 feet on the side of Mount Everest. With technology access we can talk to just about anyone, anywhere!

We can easily develop a similar access to God through prayer. We don't have to wait in line or wear nice clothing. We can pour out our hearts to the Lord, anytime, anywhere!

In this Advent season we hear the cry of the angels say Jesus is **"Emmanuel, God with us!"** 

Yes! He! Is!

He is the One who has come into the darkness of the world and even into the darkness of our lives to bring us hope, light, life, joy and peace.

Saint Paul says in the Book of Ephesians, "You have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to Him through Christ."

This month the Lord is just waiting and hoping for the door to your heart to be open in order for Him to enter. God would just love to be part of not only your holidays; but to be a key part of your life. Go ahead this month, open the door, go ahead; then experience the presence of God—anytime, anywhere. Amazing!

May you have a blessed Advent & Christmas!

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder



# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th**

### THE 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Creative Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th

# **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE TWO**

7:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

### THE 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th

# MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE THREE

7:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**

### THE 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT—CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

with Holy Communion
5:00 PM & 11:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

with Holy Communion 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

with Holy Communion 10:30 AM in the Church Sanctuary

# DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY?

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

December 4th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

December 11th
Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas
Pastor Tom Haas

December 18th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas
Pastor Richard Turner

December 25th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
Pastor Mark Follett

January 1st
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Fred Kelm

January 8th Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

January 15th St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas Pastor Doug Rathgeber

January 22nd Genesis Lutheran Church – Buchanan Dam, Texas Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

January 29th Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas Pastor Richard LeBlanc



# 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 (December, January, & February) are available in the narthex. PORTALS OF PRAYERS (January, February, & March) are available in the narthex of the church.

**CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE** will 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 date and location TBA.

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

# **BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS**

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kingwood, Texas Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas



# DECEMBER



- I—Britni Melancon
- 2—Troy Ford Bryan McEachern Holly Terrell
- 3—Darryl Carter Ronald Gribnau Jessica Redding Mark Winstead
- 4—Brianne Caswell
- 5—Betty Davis Stephanie Dirba
- 6—Ed Zizmont, Jr.
- 7—Monica Bresee Kyle Cogswell Greyson Elisar Florine Green Patrice Kihlken Nathan Stansbury
- 8—Chase Gordy
- 9—Erin Prioux
- 10—Dennis Dunlap Nancy Longlet David Tindel
- II—Marlee Woodruff
- 12—Jeannie Ford Heather Jones
- 13—Danielle Viator Christopher Lovelace
- 14—Bonnie Albright Clint Laird Adam Longlet Mia Woodruff
- 15—Raymond Rice
- I 6—Vic Escobar Victoria Wolfe

- 17—Brooklyn Borel Holly Heisner Hailey Zampini Carrigan McCullough
- 18—Luke Matthews Kyle Spinks
- 19—Andrew Bruney Lynne Hollomon
- 20—Whitney Broussard Tom Canton Amy Pinnt Radmon rice
- 23—Genevieve Arena Dominic Spinks
- 24—Sandy Crow Rita Davis Allison Mitcham Klara Smits
- 25—Russell West
- 26—Leah Elisar
- 28—Chase Caswell Christopher Rash Blakelynn Theriot Braxton Theriot
- 29—Owen McEachern
- 30—Carlene Singleton
- 31—Chalen Armstrong Taryn Dunlap Taylor Dunlap



Please join us for our **Wednesday Advent Services**.

On Wednesday, December 7 & 14 @ 7:30pm



- 5—Sharon & Doug Teinert
- 9—Jeannie & John Ford
- 12—Brenda & Shawn Dunlap
- 17—Cheryl & Mike White
- 20—Elna & Ron Ermel Leitha & Kevin Gunter Anna & Todd Shuford Sara & Andre' Wimer
- 23—Yolanda & Charles Schrader
- 28—Deborah & Glen Rose
- 29—Pam & Steve Vincent
- 31—Hannah & Kane Benoit Brytni & Tony Borel Janna & Brian Hall Nancy & Jon Longlet

# **COME VISIT OUR**



in **Education Building.**Just sign the checkout card & leave it on the desk.
Any questions, you can call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, or Kathy Pinnt.



To: Holy Cross
Memorial Fund
In memory of
Bob Wolford
given by:
Catherine Bruney

In memory of LeeRoy Graeter given by: Catherine Bruney

In memory of Paul Hempel given by: Catherine Bruney

In memory of Arnold Schroeder given by: Carolyn Barras Helga Champagne

In memory of Loyse Schroeder given by: Helga Champagne

> In memory of John Chesson given by: Pat Biar

To: Holy Cross
ECE Scholarship Fund
In memory of
Bob Wolford
given by:
Helga Champagne

To: Holy Cross
LWML Fund
In memory of
Bob Wolford
Paul Hempel
LeeRoy Graeter
given by:
The John Ford Family

In memory of Bob Wolford Arnold Schroeder given by: Ruth Anne & Walter Perryman

In memory of Bob Wolford Arnold Schroeder LeeRoy Graeter given by: Ida Trojcak

To: LCMS Comfort Dogs
In memory of
Arnold Schroeder
given by:
Pam & Steve Vincent
Haley & Chris Vincent

Quilting Circle
In memory of
Arnold Schroeder
Paul Hempel
given by:
Klara Smits

# News from our:

# **Lutheran Women's** Missionary League

**LWML - Christmas Partv** Tuesday, December 13, at 6pm

**Hostesses:** Executive Committee: Melissa, Nancy, Pat, Sharon

**Advent Devotion:** Learn more about Advent, its origin and the meaning of the Advent wreath!

Please bring a gift, if you wish to participate in gift exchange.



Deadline for Jan<u>uary</u> Newsletter is Monday, December 19th!



Lutheran Women who are: <u>In</u> the Word, of the Word, walking with their Lord!

We have many opportunities for the congregation to help us with our mission projects.



Fit & Fun **Fellowship Group** will not meet in December & will

resume on Tuesday, **January 17th** @ 1:00-3:30 in the FLC.

# QUILTING CIRCLE: EVERY THURSDAY



at 9:30am in the Conference Rooms. Join the fun & fellowship—you're invited to come sew with us. We're still taking donations of material, blue jeans, or cash for supplies. Thanks for supporting this mission project. Any questions, call Rosie at #201-5710.

# Lutheran World Relief

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, LASTING PROMISE.

# **Project Promise Personal Care Kits**

Join our **LWML** in collecting items for Personal Care Kits to be sent to **Lutheran** World Relief to be distributed to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence.

# Each Personal Care Kit will include the following:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27'), dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging





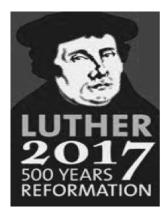
# Camp Moosefeather **Falls**

Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 (this is one week <u>later</u> than it has been)

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# Midnight Madness Garage Sale Friday Night July 28 @11:59pm

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# Sunday Morning Classes <u>are in session</u> 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 <a href="mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net">dcekristy@sbcglobal.net</a> 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 Donuts and Coffee/Juice; Adult and Youth Classes 9am-9:15am Craft/Coloring Sheets and Fellowship Time (Pre-4th)

9:15am Song Time for Little Lambs Choir (Pre-4th)

9:30am-9:50am Video: What's In the Bible with Buck Denver (Pre-4th)

Wrap Up/Application (Pre-4th) 9:50am

# Midweek Program for K-4th Grade

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!

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

Giving Tree

Bring joy to a local child by joining us along with our ECE in purchasing Christmas gifts for local, underprivileged children. Tags with a child's information & gift request are available to be taken off of the "Giving Tree" located in the Narthex.

These gifts should be returned, unwrapped by Wednesday, December 14th. They will then be delivered to the **United Board of Missions** who will distribute the gifts to an area child. Any questions—Call **Pam Vincent at 727-4488.**A collection box to place gift in is located in the Narthex!

Thanks in advance.

# What's Shoparoo?

Well it's a way you can help raise money for **Holy Cross ECE** "For Free" & "With Just a Receipt"!

There are 2 easy options:

- 1. Download the Shoparoo App on your smartphone and take a quick pic of your receipts within 14 days of a purchase.
- 2. If you do not have a smartphone bring your receipts to school within 14 days of your purchase and we will take the pic for you.

Your receipts=CASH for the school.

Please help our school by using **Shoparoo** every time you make a purchase! Thanks for your support with this project!



# Thank you for packing 348 boxes!

On November 16, we as a church family gathered together in our Family Life Center to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our goal was to pack 300 boxes to impact 300 children and their families! The Lord blessed us beyond measure and we exceeded our goal

and we officially packed <u>348 boxes</u>! We almost doubled our boxes from last year! 348 families will be impacted by these boxes!

AMAZING JOB, HOLY CROSS and community! There are so many people that made this event happen and we are ever so grateful to you for your hard work, dedication and commitment! Thank you for your support!

# #Ipackedashoebox

Many awesome pictures taken by Keagan Derouen and Karley McGill are posted on our Holy Cross Facebook







We look forward to seeing you and yours as we celebrate the coming King, the Baby Jesus, the Savior, of the World!

# 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

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

10:00am - 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, December 18 (Christmas Program) 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.

# Early Childhood Education News

Attendance: M/W-46 T/Th-58

Thank you to all who helped make Mrs. Maxwell's and Mrs. Smiley's thankful feasts a success! Special thanks to the kitchen/ Big Room/Set-up & serve volunteers we could not have done it without you ...

Thanks to all who made the 2's & 3's thankful celebrations possible.

# **Important December Dates To Remember:**

December 12 & 15: Classroom Christmas Parties & Pizza Days

December 13 & 14: Chapel with Christmas presentations

by Class-9:30am

December 15: UBM Giving Tree gifts distributed

December 19-January 2: Christmas Holidays-no school.

Have a blessed Christmas!

**ECE Staff** 



# "O Christmas Tree"

Sunday, December 18 @10:30am Holy Cross Lutheran Church Program Director Sophie Stahl 409-344-0648

# Song AND Part Practices for All Children, Singers and Soloists

Wednesday, November 30 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Saturday, December 3 @9am
Wednesday, December 7 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Saturday, December 10 @9am
No Practice on December 14—Christmas Caroling



Saturday, December 17 @9am in Sanctuary

# **Christmas Program in Sanctuary**

Sunday, December 18 @10:30am

Practice and prepare during SS hour on Sunday, December 18 at 9am! We encourage you to get a CD and practice songs at home as often as you can.

Questions call Christmas Program Director Sophie Stahl, 409-344-0648

# Family Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 14 @6pm

Market Basket in Nederland @5:30pm—Free Meal @Holy Cross FLC @5:50pm—Hayride to Market Basket in Ned @6pm—Caroling at Market Basket



All children, families, and individuals are invited to join us as we sing Christmas carols and spread some Christmas cheer with the shoppers at Market Basket on Wed., December 14 @6pm-7pm.

We will take a Hayride from Holy Cross to Market Basket @5:50pm.

# **Dress in festive Christmas attire!**

(Santa hats, red, green, reindeer antlers, etc)

We will have the carols available for you to use! We will **NOT** be having regular Mid-week Classes for the K-8th Grade. This is our event for that night!

# HELP SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

What a great opportunity to reach out to our community! We hope you will join us! All are encouraged to join us for Advent Worship at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary, following our Christmas Caroling!

Sunday, December 4 @5:30pm-8:30pm La Cantina Mexican Grill Patio 7960 Memorial Blvd - Port Arthur

Whether you've been every year or you've never been at all, whether you just turned 18 or your 78, we want to encourage you to join us! If you wish (not required), bring a \$15-\$20 gift for Chinese Auction Gift Exchange following dinner. Men bring a gift for men and women bring a gift for women.



Do you need a babysitter?

If you need a babysitter for your children we will provide that service for you.

Don't have the money to attend?

Please know that you DO NOT need to bring a gift, and if you would rather just join us for fellowship then go for it. I (DCE Kristy) have been numerous times when I didn't bring a gift and/or I didn't eat dinner. It's okay for you to join us for fellowship and everyone's company!

How do you get tickets?

Tickets are NOT required. We have made reservations and you simply show up.

What do I wear?

Wear what you would wear to church. Some people like to dress up, but you are welcome to dress casual.

What if I am not a member of Holy Cross?

You do not need to be a member of Holy Cross to attend this event or to attend any event at Holy Cross. Christ died for all, so All are invited to this party.

Questions or need a babysitter, Contact Erin & David Prioux – (748-0020) or Teresa & Peter Wolfe (963-2923)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 **EDUCATION BUILDING BIG ROOM** 

FOR CHILDREN THROUGH THE 4TH GRADE!



High School/College Youth Christmas Party Sunday, December 18 @ 6pm @ loe's Pízza & Pasta, Pt. Neches

Optional: bring a white elephant gift up to \$25.



Mark Your **Calendars**  Circuit #34 Youth Tournament

will be at Holy Cross (hosted by Trinity)
Friday, February 10 through
Sunday, February 12, 2017





# **Middle School Youth**

# HOT HEARTS & LOCK-IN

Friday, January 27 through Saturday, January 28
Ford Park—Beaumont, Texas
and Holy Cross Family Life Center

All 5th-8th Grade Students are encouraged to join us as we attend the amazing Hot Hearts event at Ford Park on the weekend of Friday, January 27—Saturday, January 28. We will also be having a LOCK-IN following the event on Friday night inside of our Family Life Center!

Adult Sponsors are needed as drivers as well as supervising the Hot Hearts event and the Lock-In.

Hot Hearts began to provide a top-quality evangelistic experience for the youth of the area. Bringing a conference close to where students live allowed more lost teenagers to attend and hear the Gospel. It's going to be a time you won't want to miss.

Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek @722-1609! 2017 Hot Hearts Line-up: Lauren Daigle, Rend Collective, Ed Newton, Kacy Benson & More.

Cost: \$40 per person (for two-day ticket)+ cost of meals

# **DEADLINE— DEADLINE— DEADLINE**

Registration form must be turned in to DCE Kristy Witek by Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

**Registration Form coming online soon!** 

# **Adult Helpers Needed for Lock-In Shifts!**

10pm-1am - 1am-4am - 4am-8am

Adult Sponsors must be 21 years old or older.



# A Contemporary Christmas Sunday, December 11 @ 10:30am

You and yours are invited to join us as we gather together to worship the coming Christ Child!

Our Second Sunday band will also lead four familiar

Christmas Hymns in a contemporary way!

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with Communion

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29 9:30am Quilting

No Midweek Classes

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Church Office Closed

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Pastor & DCE Kristy off

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