THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

2018

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

PASTOR'S PROJECTS

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES

EARLY CHILDHOOD CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

PREPARING FOR FALL SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES FOR FALL & ADVENT, & CHRISTMAS

> PREPARING FOR FALL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



"GEESE & DIFFICULT PEOPLE"

In this month of November people admire the geese which arrive in our area. The way they care for one another, the way they move in straight lines on the ground, and the majestic V-formations captivate people.

However; in the summertime there are some less than beautiful truths. Geese love to eat grass and they really don't care if it ruins a lawn or two. Worse, what they leave behind makes a stroll through the yard a messy adventure.



I think of geese when I am dealing with difficult people. Sometimes I wish I could shoo them out of my life. Then God reminds me there is still beauty in even the most difficult person. The Apostle Paul says in Romans, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." I ask God to help me be patient with the "hard side" of others.

As we encounter difficult people, by God's grace we can see and love them through different eyes.

> Blessed November to you! Pastor Francis L. Schroeder



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

LWML SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th

> THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM

> > Service with the Band

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st

MISSION FESTIVAL WITH DR. GERALD KIESCHNICK

THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER **28th**

> REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

> **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** 10:30 AM

> > Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

UETERAN'S DAY

THE 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM

Service with the Band

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

THE 2nd LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR

THANKSGIVING EMPHASIS 10:30 AM

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

> CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 10:30 AM

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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

November 4th
Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas
(VACANT)- Pastor Robert LeBlanc—Vacancy Pastor

November 11th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas
(VACANT) Pastor Tim Dinger—Vacancy Pastor

November 18th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
(VACANT) Pastor Tom Haas—Vacancy Pastor

November 25th Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas Pastor Fred Kelm

December 2nd Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

December 9th
St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Doug Rathgeber & Pastor Jim Menke (Interim)

December 16th Genesis Lutheran Church – Buchanan Dam, Texas Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

December 23rd Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas Pastor Robert LeBlanc

December 30th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)



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, and November) are available in the narthex. PORTALS OF PRAYERS (October, November, and December) 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 will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at Grace Lutheran Church in Orange.

BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Hope Lutheran Church in Winnie, Texas
Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur, Texas
Asbury United Methodist Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania
Atascocita Lutheran Church in Humble, Texas
Redeemer Lutheran Church in Beaumont, Texas

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES OF CELEBRATION WERE HELD

Jerry Singleton Tuesday, October 9th Don Brehm* Saturday, October 20th

We are looking for people to help with donuts for Sunday school this fall. On Sunday morning donut helpers would need to pick up the donuts at **Happy Donuts on Nederland Ave.** & bring them



to church. Then, you would set up donuts, tea, etc. for adults & take some donuts over to the education building for the children. Pastor usually makes the coffee unless he is unavailable. We will set up a schedule once we have volunteers. Please contact: **Pam & Steve Vincent**

if you are interested in helping or have any questions by email: pjvbookworm@gmail.com or phone: #(409) 727-4488. Thanks!

OUR STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY CROSS OCTOBER 2018

	ATTENDANCE	ENVELOPES	DESIGNATED	SPECIAL	
10/07	153	\$12,754.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	
10/14	135	\$14,631.25	\$ 315.00	\$.00	
10/21	147	\$ 7,719.00	\$1,406.27	\$ 15.00	
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2018 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

TOTAL SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	6,705
NUMBER OF WEEKS CELEBRATED IN 2018:	42
TOTAL MID LUCEY ATTENDANCE IN 2019.	606
TOTAL MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE IN 2018:	606
AVERAGE MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE:	73
NUMBER OF MID-WEEK WORSHIP DAYS:	008
AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR 42 WEEKS IN 2018:	160
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FOR 42 WEEKS IN 2018:	174
AVERAGE WEERLY ATTEINDANCE FOR 42 WEERS IN 2016:	1/4

2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH OF HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY BUDGETED EXPENSES:

\$ 10,444.97



HOLY CROSS YEAR TO DATE BUDGET \$438,688.74 HOLY CROSS YEAR TO DATE GIVING \$368,651.77 \$-70,036.97

NOVEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Cody Schulze Josh Tindel
- 4—Gisela Gunter Matt Parks
- 5—Dawn Graeter Leslie O' Neal Traci Perryman Larry Sanders Mackenzie Tindel
- 6-III Blackwell
- 7—Judy Alvarez Art Richard
- 8—Dillon Ford Robert Runnels
- 10—Joann Ermel Alan Rising, Sr. Kent Stahl
- I I—Whitney Kieschnick Jessica Wiedenfeld
- 12—Helga Champagne Bonnie Shaver Nathan Wolfe
- I 3—Blake Carter Alec Lewis
- 14—Brenda Bland Tatum Kieschnick Johnny Krautz Deborah Rose

- 16—John Davis Evangeline Trahan
- 17—Jarrod Brown Catherine Bruney
- 18—Holden Hopper Bobbie Loukas
- 19—Ashley Causey
- 20—Tara Gillespie
- 21—Kane Benoit Maggie Hopper Easton Smith
- 22—Todd Bryson Christie LeJune Barbara Smithy
- 24—Amber Denn Tiffany Lavespere Lee Smith
- 26—Michael Champagne
- 27—Patsy Alleman Chloe Cannon Wendy Gaona
- 28—Chad Ford Kennedy Kieschnick Tara McEachern
- 29—David Harbour
- 30—Kayli Moore James Shipley Cheryl White



Fit & Fun Fellowship Group

will <u>NOT</u> meet November and December.





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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10—Amy & Chuck Schulze Haley & Chris Vincent
- 17—Erin & David Prioux
- 18—Londin & Alvin Wolfe
- 20—Sandy & Rusty Crow
- 22—Emily & Dannis McCullough
- 23—Rita & Charles Davis
- 24-Barbara & Ron Gribnau
- 26—Mary Helen & Charles Terrell
- 27—Anita & J.B. Ashby
- 28—Wendy & Richard Gaona Barbara & Winston Newman
- 30—Tiffany & Clint Caywood



Adult Choir: Sundays in the Choir Room, Ed. Bldg. right after church



Little Lambs Children's
Choir Meets on Wednesdays
immediately after Midweek
Classes until 7:30pm
in preparation for a
Christmas pageant
held during church
on December 23.
Lauren Millner-Sanchez,
director 679-6062



Handbell Choir
Meets on Wednesdays in
Sanctuary in the
Choir Loft
@ 6:30 or 7:15 pm

@ 6:30 or 7:15 pm Anita Ashby, director 201-5047



To: Memorial Fund in memory of

Florine Green

given by: Owen Johnson (brother) Jinjer Goad (niece)

Dr. & Mrs. Jan Shook

National Youth Gathering: Youth & adults from across the Synod will come together July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis for the next LCMS Youth Gathering under the theme rooted in **Psalm 46.** Any adults interested in putting you name in the hat to attend as a chaperone are asked to notify Teresa Wolfe at the number provided below. We will be planning fundraisers to help with travel expensês that you will be <u>required</u> to participate in if you plan on at-

> contact: Teresa Wolfe at #963-5534.

tending the NYG.

Any questions, please

"Check Out"
our books available on the red cart in the Narthex.
Please feel free to take 1 or 2—just leave check out card in the bucket provided on the cart. You can also visit our Church Library in the Education Bldg.

If you take a book, just sign your



just sign your name on the card & leave it on the desk.

God's Paint Brush

Acacia (Savi' Umbrella thorn)

Wood was among gifts as offering for the Lord. Exodus 25:5, 35:7-24

And it was said to have been used when the Israelites made the Ark and poles to carry. Exodus 25:10, 35:10, 37:1, Deuteronomy 10:3

This wood was used for upright frames of Tabernacle pillars to hold curtains, separating the Holy Place from Most Hold and the bars for the frames of the Tabernacle siding.



Exodus 26:15, 20, 36

Also, used for the tables that burned incense & carrying it to the Altar. *Exodus 25:23, 27:1, 30:1, 37:25, 38:1*

Algum (Red Sandalwood)



From algum wood the King made supports for the house of the Lord, & for the King's house, lyres & harps for the singers. No such algum wood has been seen to this day.

1 Kings 10:11-12, 2 Chronicles 2:8, Judah 2, Chronicles 9:10-11

It had a strong red color and a slightly aromatic fragrance, easy to split and heavy. After it is polished it acquires a beautiful luster.

Aromatic Cane

Calamus, Sweet Cane, Ginger Grass, Camel Grass, West Indian Lemon Grass, for the holy anointing Oil, Luke used the finest spices: of liquid Myrrh, five hundred shekels.... and two hundred fifty of aromatic cane.

Exodus 30:23



You have not brought me sweet cane with money.

Isaiah 43:24, Song of Solomon 4:14, Jeremiah 6:20, Ezekial 27:19

Barley

Now the flax & the barley, were ruined for the barley was in the ear & flax was in bud.

Exodus 9:31, Leviticus 27:16, Deuteronomy 8:8, 2 Samuel 14:30, 1 Chronicles 11:13, Job 31:40 & more

News from our: Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWMLer's are <u> Lutheran Women</u> who are: <u>In</u> the Word, <u>of</u> the word, walking with their Lord! We have many opportunities for the congregation to help us with our mission projects.



Tuesday, November 13 @ 6pm

Hostesses: Pat Biar & Chris Peapenburg **Devotion:**



Bake Sale & Mission Tree Collect for Thanksgiving Baskets

All ladies are invited to join us!



THANKSGIVING BASKETS-Non-perishable food items will be collected by **LWML & ECE** through Sunday, November 18th to be distributed at Thanksgiving to the un-

derprivileged. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase the turkeys & other perishable items. A box will be in the narthex for donations!

> LWML will sponsor a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 18th, after worship in the Education

Big Room. 2/3rds of the proceeds will go to **Spanish** Missions at Trinity Lutheran & 1/3rd will go to our Seminarian, Mr. Charles Ridley.



Prayer Card Ministry

Our Prayer Card Ministry Team meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our **NEXT** meeting is **Tuesday**, November 27, at 10:30am in the Conference Rooms. If you would like to have a

card sent to a family member or friend, please let Laurenda Wolford, **543-3555** or the church office know. This prayer card ministry is funded by the Wolford family in loving memory of **Bob.**

Quilting News:

The winner of our "Sun Bonnet Sue" Quilt is Dedie Orta. The proceeds will be used to purchase supplies & material.



Quilting News:

We are announcing a fundraiser of a beautiful new quilt called "Heavenly Sunshine" that will be given away in time for Christmas. Drawing will be on Sunday, December 9th. For just \$1 or 6 chances for \$5, if

your name is chosen you have a large, beautiful quilt. All proceeds from the quilt will be given to:

Pastor Casillas & the Hispanic Ministry

(a) Trinity Lutheran Church in Pt Arthur.

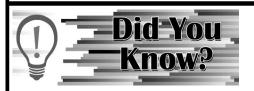
We have also received an Action Team Grant from Thrivent Financial for \$250 for supplies and fabric for the quilt. We meet on Thursdays @ 9:30am-2:30pm

& would love for you to join us.
We can always use sheets,

denim nillow cases cotton

denim, pillow cases, cotton material, blue jeans, thread, & cash if you would like to help our group. Thanks for your support. Any ?'s, please call: Rosemarie @ 201-5710.





The **Spanish Mission** funding has drastically dropped since #34 Mission Council has taken a hiatus from our meetings. There is not much funding left for Pastor Casillas. Trinity Lutheran in Port Arthur held a fundraiser & raised about \$900.00. An anonymous donor has added \$1000.00 to that

amount. There is a critical need for dollars to support this mission that is reaching the Spanish speaking community in Mid & South County. Please ask the Lord to guide you in your decision regarding support of this project Circuit wide. Any donations can be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church @ 2400 5th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640 & earmark for "Spanish Mission."

Any questions, call **Linda Turner**, Trinity Lutheran Secretary @ #(409) 983-1130.



All Saints' Sunday is November 4th.

Please let us know the name of your loved ones who passed away since All Saints

Sunday 2017 until now. You can sign up on the clipboard sheet or contact the church office at #722-1609.

Please call no later than October 31st.

Order your Christmas Poinsettias!

It's almost time to beautify our Sanctuary for the Advent Season and the birth of our Lord and Savior.

The cost per plant is \$10.

More information & order forms will be forthcoming. So be on the lookout!





ECE News

Enrollment to date: M/W=58 & T/Th=63

Thank you to all who shared our Open House night! We saw the Kindermusik curriculum in action. Cookies and punch were provided & served by the Holy Cross LWML;

other delicious finger foods were brought by ECE friends and family.

Thanks to all who provided snacks and treats for the Carnival (4's & 5's) and fun fall celebrations on the 30th & 31st. ECE and LWML will collect and distribute food and food baskets in our area for the Thanksgiving season. Non-perishable foods will be collected in all classrooms—watch for collection baskets/boxes soon!



5th—ECE is OPEN—NISD is out!

14th—Pizza Day for 2's, 3's, & 4's

15th—Pizza Day for 2's, 3's, Thankful Feast for 4's

(Mrs. Smiley's classes)

19th-22nd: Thanksgiving Holidays: NO School A great big than you to our Trustees who keep everything repaired, & working. We give thanks for you and your family every day. Thank you for sharing your child with us!



Adult Fellowship Sunday, December 2 5-8pm

7500 Twin City Hwy Port Arthur, TX 77642





If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift valued up to \$20. If anyone needs a babysitter or has any questions, please contact: **Teresa Wolfe** at 963-5534 or *Erin Prioux at* 728-5041.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Nederland, I ${\mathfrak X}$

November 2018



Advent Season is upon us 2pm FLC Foyer Private Rental 2pm FLC Foyer Private Rental Sat 24 4 Fri * Pastor's day off Church Office Clased 23 밂 鱼 0 Gpm Board of **Mission** &Thu * Pastor's day off 7pm ECE Board Meeting **Assimilations** Meeting 9:30am Quilting School's Dut for ECE & WSD 9:30am ECE Chapel 29 9:30am Quilting 15 9:30am Quilting 8 9:30am Quilting 22 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Midweek, HS Youth, Confirmation, LifeLight 6:15 & 7:30pm Handbells 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Midweek, HS Youth, Confirmation 6:15 & 7:30pm Handbells Confirmation, LifeLight 6:15 & 7:30pm Handbells 9:30am ECE Chapel Acolytes: 4—Preston Deverrano Sophie Swango 11—Olivia Harms Marlee Woodruff 18—Dylan Spinks Cadence McCullough 25—Addison Ashby 7 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal Gpm Midweek, HS Youth ND Midweek Meal or Classes Shawn Hottendorf Wed 28 4 6pm **LWML** 7pm **Church Council** Mtg 6pm Board of **Christian Education** Meeting 13 8:30am **Circuit** Professionals 🗈 Grace, 10:30am **Prayer Card Ministry** Meeting 6 9:30am ECE Chapel 27 9:30am ECE Chape Pastor's Vacation 7pm Voters Meeting 9:30am ECE Chapel ND Fit & Fun Ushers: 4—Steve Swango Steve Vincent 11—David Smalley Kent Stah 18—Ronnie Vize Daryl Williams 25—Geoffrey Kret D.W. Withrow 7pm **Elders** Meeting 7pm Harmony Exporters Judy & Harold Alvarez 7pm Harmony Exporters 7pm Harmony Exporters **7pm Harmony Exporters** ECE has school NISD is out Altar Guild: Leah Elisar Mon 28 2 S 18 9am Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/Communion **25.** 9am Classes 10:30am Worship Service Noon Adult Choir 11 9am Classes 10:30am Blended Worship Paul Nelson 608-770-1529 4 9am Classes 10:30am Morship Service Joel Pinnt 409-363-3223 w/Communion Noon Adult Choir All Saints Sunday Elders: Daylight Savings new members 2pm FLC Foyer Private Rental "Fall Back" Receiving of Noon Adult Choir Choir **Bake Sale** Veterans Noon Adult Education Big Room after serv. Sun