

THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY

2019

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Nederland, Texas

Pastor Craig Schinnerer—Our Intentional Interim Pastor

Reverend Craig Schinnerer, the son of a Lutheran pastor, was born and spent his grade school years in southern California. His high school years were spent in Phoenix, Arizona, after which he attended California Lutheran College (University) in Thousand Oaks California, graduating in 1979 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree *summa cum laude* in Philosophy. He attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating first in his class in 1983 after a vicarage at Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. Upon ordination, Rev. Schinnerer was the founding pastor of and served Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, DeSoto, Texas, which grew to over 900 members in his eighteen-year tenure as pastor. He served his second congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Azle, Texas, for sixteen years. During both of his previous callings he served long terms as circuit counselor/visitor, and it was in this capacity that he was called to help a number of congregations experiencing transitional challenges and crises. After completing training at Concordia Seminary in intentional interim ministry (see next page) in 2016, Rev. Schinnerer served eighteen months as intentional interim pastor for Grace Lutheran Church in Brownwood, Texas, when her pastor resigned suddenly. Craig and Christina (Tina) Schinnerer celebrate thirty-two years of marriage this Valentine's Day. Tina works part-time for American Airlines at DFW airport. They have been blessed with three children: Hannah (a 2015 graduate of Concordia University Texas who lives and works in Austin); Lydia (a senior biology student at Texas A&M University who serves as a part-time ministry staff member of University Lutheran Chapel); and Joseph (a freshman at University of Texas Dallas, studying computer Science, also a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do). All three of the Schinnerer offspring are musical, playing instruments and singing in their respective Missouri Synod congregations. Because of the nature of intentional interim ministry and the needs of his extended family (mother-in-law), Pastor and Tina will continue to maintain their home in Fort Worth while he "commutes" to Nederland with an apartment here, with an initial plan generally to be in town all of Sunday-Wednesday with extended daily work hours (usually twelve hours each day) before returning to Fort Worth after Holy Cross's Wednesday night ministries. However, he will always be available for any urgent needs of pastoral care. Our new pastor loves his daily devotions in Hebrew and Greek, participating and watching all kinds of sports, classic movies and good novels, cooking for his family . . . And he always carries a fly rod in the trunk of his car!

Welcome

*Installation of
Interim Pastor
Craig Schinnerer
Saturday, February 9th
@ 2pm
Reception following in
Education Building Big Room*



INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY

Intentional Interim Ministry has been around for decades and formally recognized by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod for many years. More and more of the synod's districts are using trained intentional interim ministers in various situations. Formal training for intentional interim pastors involves two weeks of intensive study at the seminary, with an intervening six-month phase applying this learning in a ministry situation. (After serving two such interims, pastors can be "certified" by the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors.) Intentional Interim Ministry is especially to be considered when a congregation 1) has had a pastor of long tenure or when a senior pastor leaves a large congregation with multiple ministry staff members, 2) when a pastor leaves a church in significant conflict or other crises, 3) when a pastor dies or leaves suddenly, 4) after a pastor who has transgressed sexual, financial, or other ethical boundaries, 5) when a congregation is dying, and/or 6) simply when a church needs new focus on her mission and vision.

The intentional interim pastor functions fully (usually fulltime) as the called shepherd of the congregation, providing all essential pastoral services – preaching, teaching, catechesis, admonition and absolution, care of the sick and dying, administrative counsel, etc. At the same time, the special focus of his ministry is to lead the congregation into a more healthy and strong understanding of the church's past, her connections with the synod and district, the workings of present relationships in the church family system and leadership, and a unified vision for the future, especially with the goal of calling a more permanent pastor to shepherd God's people in this future. Accordingly, intentional interim ministers serve, usually with a detailed "contract" attached to their call, only for a limited and short time (typically no less than one year, no longer than two), with an inviolable understanding that they will not be considered for the permanent call of the congregation. One essential characteristic of the interim is the "stirring of the pot" – the purposeful enabling of members of the church family to see themselves (first!) and the church from new perspectives and with new behaviors. Intentional Interim Ministry seeks to address the church's relationships and ministry issues acutely and quickly. A "transition team" is formed to study the congregation's past and present situations, then make recommendations to the church for her future and the call of her permanent pastor. The interim minister typically leaves the congregation just before the new pastor arrives and is installed.

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR FEBRUARY?

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

February 3rd

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

February 10th

Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas
Pastor Richard LeBlanc

February 17th

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

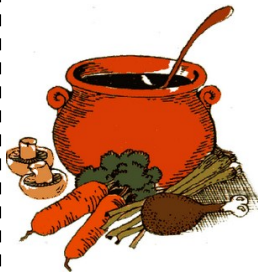


February 24th

Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas
Pastor Joe Howlett

Join us for **SOUP ON SUNDAY** February 10, 2019
after worship in the Family Life Center.

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite soup, chili, or gumbo for sampling and sharing. Bring it to the FLC before church, and we'll keep it warm until it's time to eat.



The Board of Mission and Assimilation will provide drinks, crackers, and dessert. We will also play a couple of games with prizes given.

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.

Join us for our **Annual Valentine's Tea Party!** St. John Lutheran Church, Saturday, February 9, 2019 11am–1:30pm. Hosted by St. John's Ladies Aid Finger foods-Salads-Delicious Desserts-Various Teas-Punch-Music-Valentine Bingo—Pictures. Bring a pretty Dish Towel or Tea Towel—(*Wrapped to be exchanged*) A freewill donation will be accepted. Please RSVP by 2.4.2019. Chris Heiner 409.673.1129 (*call or text*) or Church Office 409.840.9915 Childcare will be provided-however, please let us know the number & age of children at the time of your registration. Parents will need to provide lunch for their child. Dressy or Casual-it's up to you.... Just come join the fun & bring a friend!



"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 name on the card & leave it on the desk.



We are looking for people to help with donuts for Sunday school. 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, coffee, tea, etc. for adults & take some donuts over to the education building for the children. 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!

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1— Shelly Benoit
Savannah Zizmont
- 2— Sophie Stahl
Peter Wolfe
- 3— Helen Simmons
- 4— Ethan Lightfoot
Pauline Tran
- 5— Ida Trojcek
Jesse Wheeler
Pam Withrow
- 6— Michael Theriot, Jr.
- 7— Jon Longlet
Cayden Orta
- 8— Dawsen Collins
Maggi Collins
Cheryl Doyle
Will Rash
- 10— Mikal Gallagher
Mark Peapenburg
- 11— Trey Richard
Renee' Runnels
Francis Schroeder
- 12— Kyle Lavespere
- 13— Jamie Lavespere
- 14— Sharon Teinert
Dawn Tucker
- 16— Brant McCullough
Kirk Stahl
Charley Teltschik
- 18 — Amanda Neeb

- 19— Yancy Herring
Trace Holmes
- 21— Paul Beckcom
Taylor Shuford
- 22 — Gena Carter
- 23— Adam Denn
Ethan Denn
Cary Erickson
Sue Tindel
- 25— Carl Adix
Darrell Wukasch
- 26— Faye Nolan
- 28 — Amber Harms
Landon Riley
Carleen Digiovanni



**REAL.
PRESENT.
GOD.** | 20 | LCMS Youth
19 | Gathering

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.**

Fit & Fun
Fellowship Group
February 19th
@ NOON.
(Note the time change this month.)



A REMINDER

Deadline
for
March
Newsletter
is Monday,
February 18th!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3— Kelly & Justin Schrader
- 13— Robin & Pat Barrington
- 14— Lydia & Casey Gillard
Connie & Dan Weber
- 15— Janet & David Collins
- 16— Denise & James Shipley
- 19 — Vera & Tom Canton
- 21— Gisela & R.C. Gunter
- 23— Pam & Kerry Viator
- 24— Trish & Louis Sevin
- 25— Colette & Kent Stahl
- 27— Amber & Chris Harms
- 31— Cathy & Leonard Glick



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



Little Lambs Children's Choir
resumes **WEDNESDAY**
FEBRUARY 27.
(They will prepare to sing Palm Sunday.)
Lauren Millner-Sanchez,
director 679-6062



Handbell Choir
Meets on Wednesdays in
Sanctuary in the
Choir Loft
@ 6:30 or 7:15 pm
Anita Ashby,
director 201-5047



To: ECE Fund
in memory of
Dayla Brown
given by:
*Robert Gray
Phillip Gray
Kenneth Fisher
Candace Smith
Shari Shirley
Rosie & Frank Herring
Ruth Anne & Walter
Perryman*

To: Camp Lone Star Scholarships
in memory of
Dayla Brown
given by:
Nancy Beckcom

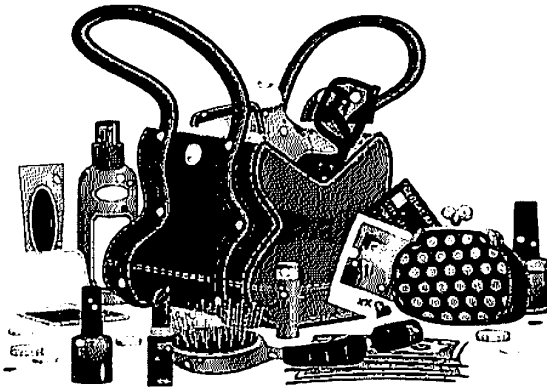
To: New Sign Fund
in memory of
Dayla Brown
given by:
Carolyn Barras

In memory of
Leonard Durow
given by:
*Ruth Anne & Walter
Perryman*

Laurenda Wolford
will be collecting
coats, sweaters,
sweatshirts & socks
through February for
the **Hospitality**
Center in Pt. Arthur.
If you have any
questions or items to
donate, please
contact her at
#722-1898. There
will be a
basket in
the
Narthex.



DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15th!



HELP US PACK A PURSE!!

Ladies, most of us have a gently used or maybe even a new purse sitting in a closet, right?

Well, the Golden Triangle Zone of the LWML wants to help you clean out those unused purses while making a difference in the lives of women affected by disaster at the same time. When Hurricane Harvey hit here, a number of purses were brought to the Nederland area by a church in Baton Rouge. We would like to pay-it-forward by collecting and filling purses for delivery to a church/churches in the Carolinas and possibly Florida affected by Hurricanes Florence & Michael. You can fill the purse with the items listed below, OR simply donate a purse, OR, if you don't have a spare purse, just donate any/all of the items needed to fill one.

Simply bring your items to your local Lutheran congregation and they will be picked up for completion and/or distribution. Thank you for joining us in blessing others.

Below is a suggested list of items to include in the purse.

Please note this is only a suggested list.

Not all items must be included and other items can be added if you so desire.

Toothpaste/toothbrush	Brush or comb
Travel size deodorant	Lip balm/lipstick
Travel size Shampoo/Conditioner	Hand sanitizer/lotion
Feminine hygiene products	Baby Wipes
Mints/gum	Travel size tissue
Notepad/pen	Compact mirror
Small coin purse	\$5 in cash
Nail file/emery board/clipper	Nail polish/remover pads
A personal note from you	

If you have a still unused Thrivent Action Team for 2018, now would be the perfect time and the perfect opportunity to use it. Please contact Roberta Heiner (409-781-9581) if you have any questions or are interested in applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars.

News from our: **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**



*LWMLers are
Lutheran Women
who are: In the Word, of the
word, walking with their Lord!
We have many opportunities
for the congregation to help us
with our mission projects.*



Our LWML ladies
will be preparing a meal
for shut ins this month.

Prayer Card Ministry

Our Prayer Card Ministry Team meets
the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our **NEXT** meeting is **Tuesday,**

February 25 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.**

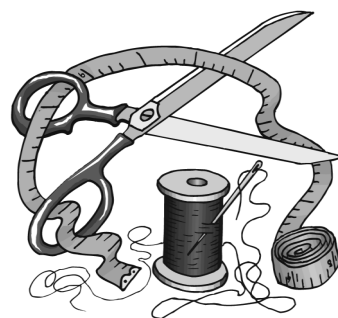


Quilting News:

Thank you to everyone for supporting our group all year. Cotton material, blue jeans, denim or cash for supplies can always be used. We are well on our way to breaking our record from last year on the number of quilts made. I know y'all can't wait to see them on the church rail!

Come join us on Thursdays 9:30am-2:30pm. You do not have to know how to sew to join us. We accomplish much—along with lots of fun! Our wish for the new year is: "May all your dreams come true and may all your quilts keep you warm". God Bless you all. *Holy Cross Quilters*

Any ?'s, please call: **Rosemarie @ 201-5710.**



ECE News

Enrollment to date: M/W=60 & T/Th=63

Our hearts are saddened as we miss Mrs. Dayla's love and care for all of us that knew her. She was called home to our heavenly Father, December 26. Her Celebration of Life was held on January 12 in the Holy Cross Family Life Center.

Dates to remember:

February 13 & 14—Valentines parties and pizza days

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us!

ECE Staff



Did You Know?

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. 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 @**

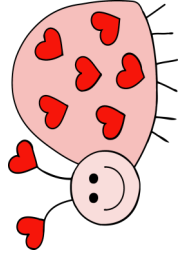
2400 5th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640 & earmark for "**Spanish Mission.**"





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



Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Nederland, TX

February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Elders:</u> Benny Elsar 504-5802 Dannis McCullough 239-3444</p>	<p><u>Altar Guild:</u> Connie Weber Maggie Hopper</p>	<p><u>Ushers:</u> 3—Bo Smalley Dub Withrow 10—Ken Ludwig Ronnie Vize 17—Kent Stahl Pat Sturgis 24—Steve Swango Steve Vincent</p>	<p><u>Acolytes:</u> 3—Peyton Laywood Olivia Harms 10—Taryn Dunlap Dylan Spinks 17—Taylor Dunlap Shawn Hottendorf 24—Addison Gillard Noah Hardy</p>		1	2
<p>3 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/ Communion Adult Choir after Worship</p>	<p>4 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>5 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>7 9:30am Quilting 6pm Board of Mission & Assimilations Meeting</p>	8	<p>9 11am-1:30pm Valentine's Tea Party @ St. John's. Bmt,  2pm Installation of Pastor Craig Schimerer Reception to follow in Education Big Room</p>
<p>10 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Blended Worship -Soup on Sunday- Lunch in FLC after Worship</p> 	<p>11 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>12 8:30am Circuit Professionals @ Redeemer 9:30am ECE Chapel NO LWML</p>	<p>13 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>14 9:30am Quilting Deadline for "Pack a Purse" </p>	15	16
<p>17 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/ Communion Adult Choir after Worship</p>	<p>18 President's Day NO School  7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>19 9:30am ECE Chapel 12 NOON - Fit & Fun (note the time change) 6:45 pm MOAW Meeting</p>	<p>20 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>21 9:30am Quilting 7pm ECE Board Meeting</p>	22	23
<p>24 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service Adult Choir after Worship</p>	<p>25 7pm Elders' Meeting Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>26 9:30am ECE Chapel 10:30am Prayer Card Ministry</p>	<p>27 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>28 9:30am Quilting</p>		<p>Private Rental FLC</p>