

**THE MONTH OF
APRIL**

2019

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Nederland, Texas

SPECIAL LENTEN MID-WEEK AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP THIS MONTH!

If you want a truly deep Easter worship experience, be sure to be with us on Wednesday nights, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, yes also every Sunday. Lent is a season of special penitence (repentance) and preparation . . . especially to gather at Christ's empty tomb on Easter morning! God's Spirit does this through the Word shared in your extended daily devotions and additional worship. Be with us for everything! . . .

Wednesday Night Lenten Worship – April 3 & April 10 at 7:30! Our worship series “At the Cross Roads” continues with a look at “Declaration” and “Obedience” . . . with the messages shared from our pulpit by two of Jesus's most prominent disciples! The Wednesday services are short (about 40 minutes) so that children can get home early on school nights. The pre-service atmosphere is more meditative and quiet – come early for personal prayer before the opening confessional hymn!

“Sunday of the Passion” – Sunday morning, April 14, at 10:30! “Holy Week” begins with a day devoted to pondering Christ's Passion (“suffering”) as He enters Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Our “Second Celebration” music transitions during the worship service from the loud shouts of children processing and singing “Hosanna!” . . . to the stark solemnity of Christ's suffering and death. A unique worship experience! Sunday School for all ages and Adult Bible Class at 9:00!

Maundy Thursday Communion – April 18 . . . at both 2:00 in the afternoon and at 7:30 that night! The Lord's Supper on the day He instituted it! We'll use some special music by the Lutheran band Koiné around the Meal – don't miss this! “At the Crossroads” continues with the first of three final messages from three of the “Mary”s in the Bible. See you either at 2:00 or 7:30!

Good Friday “Tenebrae” – April 19 . . . at both 2:00 in the afternoon and at 7:30 that night! We incorporate part of the ancient Tenebrae (Service of “Darkness”) into a final installment of “At the Crossroads” . . . as we hear the thoughts of the mother of our Lord at His cross! Join us at either hour!

“Holy Saturday”, April 20 . . . The pastor will, as much as possible, open the sanctuary for your devotion time on the solemn day when Jesus's body lay in the grave. Special readings from the Old Testament used in the ancient “Easter Vigil” may be read at the top of each hour.

Easter Sunrise Worship – Sunday morning, April 21, at 6:45 on the lawn by the statue! Before the sun rises Easter morning we gather for a brief climax of our Lent worship series “At the Crossroads” . . . with someone who was there at sunrise the first Easter morning! Afterwards, we have a free muffin breakfast (offerings support our youth ministry) – see inside this newsletter! Join us also at 9:00 for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (special Easter videos and more!), and then . . .

Holy Communion on “The Resurrection of Our Lord” – Sunday morning worship on April 21 at 10:30 on the highest feast on the church calendar! Processions and banners! Lilies and choir anthems! Triumphant Easter hymns with our full liturgy! We'll look for you! Bring family, friends, and enemies!

**NEW SUNDAY ADULT CLASS STARTS APRIL 7!
EVERYONE INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND!!!**

(YOU CAN STILL JOIN EVEN IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST CLASSES)

Are you a newcomer to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and wanting to get more involved in the congregation? Study our basic teachings in the Bible? Perhaps join as a communing member? This is for YOU!

Everyone in the congregation! You should review the “basics” of your Christian faith every seven years or so. (Think of how your life has changed from seven years ago!) Holy Cross Lutheran Church can only be stronger in Christ’s grace and guidance when we are strong in the fundamentals of His Word!

We want everyone and anyone to attend Pastor Schinnerer’s new Sunday morning “Adult Inquiry Class”. Yes, it’s the “confirmation class” whereby new Lutherans can join the church. But longtime Lutherans also need it. You’ll get the opportunity to study things in the Bible especially important to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in this “transition year” between pastors . . . What makes us a “Lutheran” Church? What’s the mission of the Church and individual followers of Jesus? Why do we have pastors and what should they be?

We provide all the materials, even a Bible if you don’t have one. (BYOB, however – Bring Your Own Bible always in this church – to add notes and make God’s Word “your own”!) There’s no testing or graded homework, and you’re never asked to read aloud or answer questions. Just come and listen . . . and grow in God’s saving Truth!

It all starts Sunday morning, April 9, at 9:00 in the conference room. If you miss the first class or two, join us when you can. (We’ll have make-up sessions.) Yes, we’re planning the first class for both sides of the “conference room” in the main office area – seating for dozens! But we’re hoping we’ll need to move it to a larger room when more attend. Watch the publicity and look for signs on doors.

Invite family, friends, and enemies! Anyone can attend! There’s never any obligation to join the church when you join the class, but it is the “next step” to getting more involved in the family of Holy Cross . . . for both newcomers and charter members!!!

By the way, if you physically cannot attend at all on Sundays, we’re looking to start a “repeat” of the class on Wednesday nights in mid-May and through the summer. Everyone should be able to attend!



Holy Week

The series continues on “Sunday of the Passion” (Palm Sunday), April 14, & in our special “Holy Week” worship on Maundy Thursday (April 18) @ 2 & 7:30pm and Good Friday (April 19) @ 2 & 7:30pm climaxing in our Easter Sunrise Worship on April 21 @ 6:45am and Easter Celebration service @ 10:30am.



WHAT IS THE “TRIDUUM”?

“Holy Week” is a remembrance of the actual eight days our Lord spent in Jerusalem – the week He suffered, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. Also called “Passion Week”, the days should be a special time of devotion to God’s Word and prayer for a believer. We encourage you to have lengthened daily devotions this week and join us for all our special worship together. The hymnal (pp. xviii-xix) has special readings for every day this week. Holy Week ends with The Easter Triduum (or The Paschal Triduum) – the “three days” of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. There are historical orders for worship on these three days – Holy Communion on the night Jesus started it, The Tenebrae (“Darkness”) on the day He died, and The Easter Vigil on the day His body lay in the tomb. Although we schedule corporate worship only on Thursday and Friday, we do try to keep our sanctuary open and silent for prayer on Holy Saturday – phone first to be sure!



EASTER PARTY & EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20, 2019
Holy Cross Family Life Center
10:00am—until!

We are looking for help with the **Easter Egg Hunt!**

We will be collecting candy (non-chocolate) and prizes—small toys, baskets, etc.

We have **plenty** of plastic eggs already. We need help filling the eggs prior to the egg hunt as well as help that Saturday. Please sign the clipboard sheet if you can help us fill plastic eggs with candy, assist with our craft project and hide eggs on Saturday morning.

We will meet **Thursday, April 18 at 6:00pm** to fill the eggs with candy. We will get started in the FLC at 9:00am on Saturday morning. Please call **Catherine Bruney** at #963-9600 for questions.

A TYPICAL "INTENTIONAL INTERIM" YEAR

- Here's a sketch of a typical year for intentional interim ministry. Please note, however, that circumstances in a particular congregation may alter this schedule in significant ways. For instance, if, during the "discovery" phase conducted by the Transition Team there are challenges in the church that are deeper or more complex than expected, that phase can be extended. The "call process" concluding the third phase can take much longer than the minimum time, and some churches choose to use this extra time for additional tasks with the interim pastor. Here's the shortest scenario! . . .
- Phase 1: Pastor's Orientation (first month)
 - Member visitations (pastoral care needs prioritized)
 - Community connections
 - Meetings with leaders and leadership groups
 - Study of meeting minutes and reports
 - Visits with individuals outside congregation
- Phase 2: "Transition Team" (second through ninth months)
 - Formation: appointed by pastor (endorsement by Church Council, Board of Elders, and/or voters), 9-12 members with training the first six weeks
 - "Mission Insite" and other reports
 - Interviews with church members (resources provided)
 - (Cottage) Meetings (small groups) ??? – three or four meetings with themed agendas
 - Report (to congregation and Call Committee)
- Phase 3: Call Committee (ninth month onward)
 - Two members of Transition Team on committee
 - Guidance from interim pastor
 - "Pastor Profile Survey" (Texas District)
 - *Miscellaneous projects during the interim*
 - *Bible study & Catechesis: What studies should we plan (for Sundays or other times)?*
 - *What is the plan for catechesis of youth?*
 - *Timeline Chart? . . . members share evaluations ("like" or "dislike") of church's historic events*
 - *Map of Members? . . . useful, but the cost is approximately \$300 and it becomes dated after a few years*

HOW TO CONTACT PASTOR CRAIG

- Pastor Schinnerer has created a special e-mail account for use for all pastoral communications (which will remain the property of the congregation after the intentional interim year is over):
HCLCpastor0@aol.com
- That's a "zero" after "pastor". **Pastor's cell phone is the best way to reach him personally – 817-874-8736.** If he doesn't answer, leave a voicemail, and he'll return the call quickly. His home landline in Fort Worth is 817-750-8344.
- Don't hesitate to call for anything!

GETTING OUR E-MAILS???

- Thank you to so many for updating your email address! One congregational challenge already identified with the arrival of a new pastor is effective communication among the entire church family. Not everyone reads the Sunday bulletin or monthly newsletter, and we're not sure we have everyone's correct email address. Our office staff has done a great job recording them in the past, but that list cannot be used to send bulk e-mails. So the pastor manages a duplicate address book and sends regular communications to the church family (around two e-mails per week, but sometimes more).
- **If you have not received an email, Pastor Schinnerer does not have your address!** Always remember to use the worship attendance book to share/update your contact information. Thank you!

PUBLIC ACTS

- *We publish all official acts of the congregation in this newsletter, the official organ of Holy Cross Lutheran Church . . .*
- **Burials:** David Thornton [February 22 (d 2/19)]; Frank Herring (non-member) [March 6 (d 2/27)]

We will have *Frank Holder*, a Thrivent Representative, available for appointments, on **Tuesday, April 2nd** in the afternoon in our conference rooms. If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please call Frank @ (832) 316-4202.



Thank you to those that donated blood (& those that tried but were unable to).
We received 16 pints to help save lives.

Mission Trip Fundraiser for Jim and Melissa Lavespere

Dear Holy Cross Family & Friends:

This is our next event to raise funds for our medical mission trip to Bethlehem. Thank you again for all your help and support. We look forward to hearing from you.

Love & Blessings,

Melissa & Jim



EASTER BAKING ORDER



PIES: TARTS- \$3/EACH, 10" DEEP DISH-\$13.50, SAMPLER BOX OF 4 MINI TARTS- \$10
FLAVORS: Key Lime, Lemon Meringue, Coconut Cream, Razzleberry, Fudge Pecan

POUNDCAKES: MINI LOAVES- \$4, FULL SIZE BUNDT CAKE \$23, SAMPLER BOX OF 4 MINI LOAVES- \$14
FLAVORS: Pineapple Upside down, Coconut, Lemon, Patron Truffle, French Vanilla Rum

CHEESECAKES: MINI CAKES-\$3.50/EACH, 6"-\$10, SAMPLER BOX OF 4 MINI CAKES-\$12
FLAVORS: Classic New York Style, Groves Pecan Festival Award winning Peach Amaretto Pecan, Port Arthur News First Grand Prize Winning Half Baked Banana Split, Y.M.C.A. Chocolate Af-fair First Place Award Winner Millionaire, Momma's Favorite Lemon Blueberry

BROWNIES/BARS: 8"X 8" PAN-\$11, 9"X 13" PAN-\$13, SAMPLER BOX OF 12-\$10
FLAVORS: Triple Chocolate, Patron Truffle, Millionaire (turtle), Lemon Bars, Lime Bars, Blood Orange

Sampler box: 2 each pies, cakes, cheesecakes & bars-\$20



Most items can be made gluten free and/or sugar free!
 You may place your order from **now until Monday April 15th**
 We plan on making deliveries **Friday or Saturday**

You may either text message me your questions or orders to **409-790-5092**
or PM me on Facebook

"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.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Mary Adix
Luke Day
Zackery Odom
- 3—Susan Simmons
- 5—Kristen Stewart
- 6—Debbie Cook
Moni Hopper
Rudy Parma
- 7—Cadence McCullough
- 8—Chris Wolfe
- 10—Keaston Benoit
Braeden Caywood
Jaysa Fortune
David Prioux
- 11—Kim Carter
Connie Weber
- 12—Brytni Borel
Vera Canton
- 14—Rachel Shuford
- 16—Casey Runnels
- 17—Ethan Becker
Janna Hall
- 18—Jamie Reue
- 20—Brice Perryman

- 21—Hugh Smalley
Mike Sturgis
- 24—Randell Howard
Cameron Oceguela
- 25—Emily Albright
Marilyn Sanders
- 26—Jeannie Heider
- 27—Emma Bruney
Carol Loupe
Lance Vincent
- 28—Paige Digiovanni
Will McCall
- 29—Jeff Mayfield
Jennifer Reue
Mary Helen Terrell
Corey Tucker
- 30—Luna Hogge
Bryson Molbert
Dane Stewart



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.**



Deadline for May Newsletter is Monday, April 22nd!

Fit & Fun Fellowship Group

April 23 @ 1-3:30pm.
Join us for food, fun & fellowship.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4—Judy & Pat Sturgis
- 6—LuAnn & Tom Hansen
- 8—Mary & Carl Adix
- 12—Cindy & Gil VanBrocklin
- 14—Nicole & Joey Arena
- 15—Kristin & Blake Foster
- 18—Jill & Beau Blackwell
- 24—Laynie & Scott DeSerrano
- 26—Ashley & Tim Terrell
- 30—Sandra & Cary Erickson



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



Little Lambs Children's Choir

resumes **WEDNESDAYS**
They are preparing to sing on **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



Memorial Gifts

To: ECE Fund
in memory of
Dayla Brown
given by:
ECE Board
Vickie & Robert Schurhart
Mary Colette & Zane Lybrand
Susan & Oliver Strohbach
Ann & Gary Kebodeaux

To: New Sign Fund
In memory of
Dave Thornton
Frank Herring
given by:
Jeannie & John Ford

Dave Thornton
given by:
Ruth Anne & Walter Perryman

To: Memorial Fund
Dave Thornton
given by:
Pat Biar



We can't do "muffin" without **Jesus!**
Join us for **Breakfast on Easter Morning** beginning at **7:30** in the **FLC** after **Easter Sunrise Service.** Our **Camp Lone Star Middle School Campers** will be providing muffins, fruit & drinks. They will be accepting a free-will offering to apply to campers expenses.

News from our: Lutheran Women's Missionary League



*LWMLer's 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.*


*will not
meet in
April due
to LWML
Spring
Zone Event*

Dear members of Holy Cross,
Thank you all so much for the love & support you have shown since Dave's death. We can truly say we have experienced the love of our Lord through the faithful brothers and sisters of Holy Cross. Thank you also for the wonderful meal after the service. It was a bright spot in an otherwise difficult day. We do continue to mourn, but are blessed by your continued prayers as we journey through the grief. God's Blessings to you all,

*Donna Thornton & family
of Dave Thornton*



*Holy Cross,
Thank you so much
for the love and prayers
you have given to me and
my family. Also, thank
you for providing a
wonderful meal. Our
hope is that God will
bless you every day
and keep you in his care.*

*Rosemarie Herring
& family*

Ladies of Holy
Cross "Cooks",

Thank you for
preparing the meal
for Dennis'
funeral. Such a
thoughtful thing to do
for church members.
God smiles on
each of you!

Dee Dunlap



ECE News

Enrollment to date: M/W=60 & T/Th=62

We welcome Pastor Craig as our chapel leader. 2019/2020 Registration continues. Contact the school office @ 722-2177 for more information and cost (registration, snack & supply fee). Enrollment is open to Children 18 months through 4's/5's (Pre-Kindergarten).

April Dates To Remember:

- April 8 & 9: Spring Pictures/Group Pictures
- April 17 & 18: Easter Celebrations/Egg Hunts, Pizza Days
- April 22: No school
- April 25: Trike-A-thon-Mrs. Smiley's 4's/5's



Prayer Card Ministry

Our Prayer Card Ministry Team meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our **NEXT** meeting is **Tuesday, April 23rd 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:

Come join us on **Thursdays 9:30am-2:30pm**. You do not have to know how to sew to join us. We make quilts for **Lutheran World Relief** to be distributed to underprivileged. We will have over 100 quilts & we will have the blessing of the quilts on Palm Sunday. We accomplish much—along with lots of fun & fellowship. We continue to collect cotton material, blue jeans, denim or cash for supplies. Any questions, please call: **Rosemarie Herring @ 201-5710**.



Will whoever borrowed the Rowenta Iron, the 2 containers & clips from the quilters' area—please return them?!!!








The **Spanish Mission** funding has dropped since #34 Mission Council has taken a hiatus from our meetings. There's not much funding left for Pastor Casillas. There's a critical need for dollars to support this mission for 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

April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Elders: Joel Pinnit (409)363-3223 Paul Nelson (608)335-1163</p>	<p>1  6:30pm Transition Team (?) 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>2 9:30am ECE Chapel Thrivent Meetings 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Meal 6pm Classes 6:30 or 7:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Little Lambs Choir 7:30pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>4 9:30am Quilting 6pm Mission & Assimilations Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/ Communion Adult Choir Practice after Worship</p>	<p>8 6:30pm Transition Team (?) 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>9 9:30am Circuit Professionals 9:30am ECE Chapel 6:30pm Elders' Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Meal 6pm Classes 6:30 or 7:15pm Handbells 7:15pm Little Lambs Choir 7:30pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>11 9:30am Quilting 6:30pm ECE Board Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Blended Worship Adult Choir Practice after Worship </p>	<p>15 Income Tax Deadline  7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>16 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>17 9:30am ECE Chapel No Midweek Meal or Classes</p>	<p>18  6pm fill Easter Eggs 2 & 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Serv. w/ Com.</p>	<p>19  2 & 7:30pm Good Friday Services</p>	<p>20 10am Easter Party </p>
<p>21 6:45am Easter Sunrise 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/ Communion </p>	<p>22 6:30pm Transition Team (?) 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>23 9:30am ECE Chapel 10:30am Prayer Card Ministry 1-3:30pm Fit & Fun Fellowship 6:30pm MDAW Meeting</p>	<p>24 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Meal 6pm Classes 6:30 or 7:15pm Handbells</p>	<p>25 9:30am Quilting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service Adult Choir Practice after Worship</p>	<p>29 6:30pm Transition Team (?) 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>30 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>Altar Guild: Rosemarie Herring Babette Ford</p>	<p>Ushers: 7—Steve Derouen, Thad Kieschnick 14—Tom Canton, Todd Kieschnick 18—David Prioux, Pat Sturgis (Maundy Thu) 19—Pat Sturgis (Good Friday) 21—Charles Schrader, Pat Sturgis 28—Jim Lavespere, Michael Rose</p>	<p>Acolytes: 7—Cadence McCullough, Dylan Spinks 14—Addison Ashby, Shawn Hottendorf 21—Robert Barron, Noah Hardy 28—Peyton Caywood, Will James</p>	