

**THE MONTH OF
AUGUST
2022**

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH NEDERLAND, TEXAS

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LCMS Youth Gathering 2022 – IN ALL THINGS

Last Month, 10 students and 4 adults from Holy Cross attended the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston. Almost 20,000 Lutherans from all over the nation (and from 11 other countries) descended upon Space City for Bible Study, fellowship, learning, prayer, praise, and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our party set forth from HCLC on a Saturday morning after almost three years of planning. Having made the requisite stop at Buc-ee's (try the Beaver Nuggets), we arrived at our downtown Houston hotel mid-afternoon. As with any trip, there were some travel snafus- the hotel only had a few of our rooms ready so we spent the rest of the afternoon hanging out together in one of the rooms. Come evening, we embarked upon our daily trek toward the George R Brown Convention Center and Minute Maid Park.

On the main programming days, our mornings started with Bible Study at GRB where we spent time in God's Word. The Gathering theme- In All Things- was taken from Colossians 1:15-20, in particular "In [Christ] all things hold together. . . . For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." Students were encouraged to mark their Gathering-issued Bibles with special icons to help them remember important points.

Following Bible Study, our students had options to hear dozens of speakers covering many topics throughout the day. When it was time to take a break, a large exhibit hall gave students access to games, challenges, service opportunities, crafts, and exhibitors from various organizations, including a booth featuring Concordia University-Texas. At one point, I even did an hour of live radio on worldwide KFUE!

Minute Maid was the location of our Mass Events- nightly gatherings of all 20,000 participants for singing, skits, keynote talks, and considering the problems of our world and its need for the redemptive work of Jesus. Texas District President Mike Newman was featured the first night and reminded us that “Jesus is FOR you. For your highs, for your lows, in all things. Your Savior, Jesus, gave his life for you. You are his precious child.” Following each Mass Event, we walked back to our hotel and circled up for family group time (my favorite event each day), where we reviewed the day and shared what influenced and impacted each of us the most.

In and around all of these activities were shared meals, long-ish walks around downtown Houston, inside jokes, one-on-one conversations, and lots of the general goofiness and shenanigans you get when you throw ten sleep-deprived teenagers together for a week. It was a great experience that will provide life-long memories for all involved.

I wish to personally thank everyone at Holy Cross who supported our trip to the Gathering. Your dedication to our students is unwavering and at times brings me to tears. Special thanks to our Quilters, who made limited edition pillowcases for each of our participants.

Planning is already underway for the 2025 Gathering, which will be in New Orleans. We are already lifting this event up in prayer and looking forward to the work Jesus will do there.

I'll leave you with the blessing we spoke each night at the end of our Mass Events -

This heart. This life. This story. Every story. Is held by the One who holds all things

God's peace and all the best,
Pastor Joshua Knippa



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

All ladies are invited to join us for our
LWML Luncheon on **Saturday, August 20th**
at **1pm** at the **Wheelhouse**.
Please call or text **Susan Simmon's**
cell **409-549-9023** to let her know
if you will be attending!



720 Lee Avenue
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LWML MISSION STATEMENT

Core Values

- Christian Women-we live as re-deemed children of the Triune God.
- In God's Word-We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures.
- Mission Focused-we answer God's call to share His Gospel at home and abroad.
- Embrace Diversity-we are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other.



"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.



Join us at
Fit & Fun
Tuesday, August 16th @ 1-3:30pm,

FLC foyer for food & fellowship.

Prayer Card Ministry

Tuesday, August 23rd
@ 10:30am
in the Conference Room.



Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Mission & Assimilation Meeting
Thursday, August 4th @ 6pm

Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 16th @ 6pm

Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, August 23 @ 6pm

Voters' Meeting
Sunday, August 28 after worship



Quilting News:

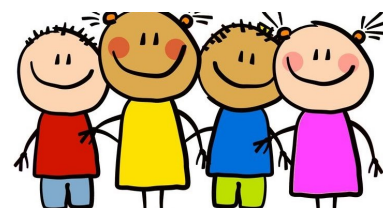
Come join us Thursdays 9:30am-3pm. The Quilters are just sewing & tacking along. Have someone that needs a quilt? Let **Rosemarie Herring** know! (#201-5710) Why not join us on a Thursday & go to lunch with us!
We are short on king or queen flat sheets for quilt backings if you have any to donate



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION NEWS

We are looking forward to meeting our new and returning students on Thursday, August 11th!

Veronica Ochoa
& the ECE Staff



AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Ron Landry
- 2—Sarah Kieschnick
James Reue
- 4—Dalton Locklear
- 5—Elizabeth Smith
- 6—Kinsley Denn
Sharon Wiley
- 7—Nathan Londenberg
Dolores Luke
Alec Torres
- 8—Nicole Arena
Kendall Gunter
Kim Howard
Jacob Rienstra
- 9—Preston DeSerrano
Brad Hopper
Dannis McCullough
Kaylie Sowarby
Keith Teinert
- 10—Jesse Barrington
Michael Boudreaux
Stewart Brown
Jennifer McKee
- 11—Kelly Brown
Ted Graeter, Jr.
- 12—James Furby
- 13—Joshua Fortune
- 14—Ty Bryson
Layne Ford
Marty Gack
Chris Harms
Craig Smithy
Brett Wehmeyer
- 16—Ronnie Gunn
- 17—Bo Smalley
- 18—Carley Erickson
Jacob Erickson
Dennis Neeb
- 19—Pat Biar
Ryan Graeter
- 20—Jacob Gunter
- 21—Baker Broussard
- 22—Laurie Mayfield
Dawson Broussard

- 23—Jaycee Collins
Kim Heisner
- 25—J.B. Ashby
- 26—Chris Peapenburg
Brody Shuford
- 27—Beth DeVillier
K'Leigh Nicks
Trey O'Connor
Scott Pinnt
- 28—Steve Derouen
Brooke (Roy) Reyes
Anna Shuford
- 29—John Mousette
- 30—Charlotte Metreyeon
- 31—Debra Odom
Ralph Odom
Spencer Singleton
Jenny Wimer
Shane Woodruff

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2—Laura & Jacob Rienstra
- 10—Sheri & Ed Furby
- 12—Debra & Ralph Odom
- 13—Suzannah & Bo Smalley
- 14—Kristen & Paul
Beckcom
- 17—Melani & Shane
Woodruff
- 21—Melinda & Derek
Landry
- 22—Jo Ann & Ronnie Vize
- 23—Dolores & Shelby Luke
- 30—Babette & Chad Ford



- *3 yrs-4th Grade
Education Big Rm
- *5th -8th Grade Upstairs
Education Building
- *High School Youth &
Adults FLC Foyer

Band Practice
Thursdays @ 6pm
**Adult Choir
Practice**
Thursdays @
7:30am
starting Aug. 18.

**Handbell Choir
Practice** at 7pm
on Wednesdays
Beginning
In September

**Lauren Millner-
Sanchez,**
Music director
409-679-6062

Please contact the church office at **722-1609** upon the illness, hospitalization, and/or death of a member or loved one. Please update us with the status of prayer requests. We try to notify members via FB



page and text messages of deaths & funeral arrangements. Please contact the church office with details.

UBM NEEDS YOU!

United Board of Missions
is in need of Volunteers
(stocking & organizing
pantries & more).



If you're interested, please contact either—
Pam or **Steve Vincent** @ 718-5767
or **Carolyn Barras** @ 963-7866 or
Lori Halbert @ 719-6235. Thanks!

*Deadline for
September Newsletter
is Monday, August 22nd!*



September
(tentative)
Schedule



9/7 Wednesday: Parents Confirmation Meeting
First day of ECE classes

9/11 Sunday: Rally Day w/ Pot Luck Luncheon
(2nd Graders will receive Bibles)

9/14 Wednesday: First Confirmation Class
Midweek Classes begin

9/23-25 Friday-Sunday: Confirmation Retreat



To: Holy Cross Memorial Fund
in memory of
Kyle Cogswell
given by:
Wendy Williams

To: Holy Cross LWML
in memory of
Johnny Krautz
given by:
Lori & Wayne Halbert

To: Johnny Krautz Scholarship Fund
in memory of
Johnny Krautz
given by:
Judy & Pat Sturgis

Blessing of the Backpacks

on Sunday, **August 7th**,
during worship service.

So, everyone plan to
bring your backpacks
& Pastor will also have a
blessing for all of our teachers.




Pastor Tom Haas will
lead an Adult Bible Study
beginning Wednesday,
September 14th @ 6pm,
& continue Wednesdays through the spring
(*except during Advent & Lent*). The study is
"The Story" getting to the heart of God's
story. Materials will be provided.



Please remember all
school children, teachers,
staff and administrators,
in prayer as the 2022-2023
school year begins.



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Elders: Bo Smalley 254.913.4205</p> <p>Altar Guild: Connie Weber Christie LeJune</p> <p>7 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service with Communion</p>  <p>Blessing of the backpacks</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30am Quilting</p> <p>6pm Board of Mission & Assimilation</p> <p>11 9:30am Quilting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>14 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Blended Worship</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 1-3:30 pm Fit & Fun Fellowship</p> <p>6pm Church Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30am Quilting</p> <p>6pm Band Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 1pm LWML Luncheon @ Wheelhouse Pt. Neches</p>
<p>21 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>22 Deadline for the September Newsletter</p>	<p>23 10:30am Prayer Card Ministry</p> <p>6pm Bd of Ed Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30am Quilting</p> <p>6pm Band Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Voter's Meeting after Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Lay Readers: To be announced</p>	<p>Ushers: 7—Jim Lavespere Ronnie Vize 14—David Prieux Daryl Williams 21—Charles Schrader Steve Vincent 28—Pat Sturgis D.W. Withrow</p>	<p>Acolytes: To be announced</p>