

THE MONTH OF  
APRIL

2014

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

**YOU CAN'T FIND THIS AT STORE FOR EASTER**

**PASTOR  
FRANCIS'  
PROJECTS**

SUNDAY MORNING  
ADULT CLASSES

CONFIRMATION CLASS  
WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM

CIRCUIT MEETINGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CHAPEL SERVICES

MIDWEEK LENTEN SER-  
VICES

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PREPARATIONS FOR  
EASTER SUNDAY



You will soon see at area retailers and grocery stores the items we all need for Easter. You know what I am talking about, Easter candy, Easter grass, Easter plastic eggs, Easter clothes, Easter hats, Easter hams, Easter bunnies, and did I mention Easter candy?

Just about anything and everything you will need for Easter is available for you. Let me share a story with you for Easter.

“Many years ago a dad and his youngest daughter were walking through a store a few weeks before Easter. “Look at all this stuff,” she said. “Nothing but candy and bunnies. I will even bet there is not a tomb for sale anywhere in this store!”

The dad thought it was odd that his daughter did not mention a cross or lilies as the symbol of Easter. She may have hit on something. Jesus was placed in a tomb, and in the minds of those closest to him that is where He was going to stay.

In Luke chapters 23 and 24, see how many times the body of Jesus and the tomb are mentioned. On that first Easter morning, the women came to the tomb to take care of the lifeless body of Jesus. They were there with spices to give His body the final items needed for embalming. They instead were stunned and surprised by the news that seemed too amazing to be true. **“He is not here! He is risen from the dead!”** (Luke 24:6)

The resurrection of Jesus from the grave changes our shattered hopes and dreams. The resurrection shouts and proclaims a victory that Christ won for us over sin and death. The great celebration of Easter is the beautiful story. Its full importance comes when we first pause at the tomb.”

Blessed Resurrection ! Blessed Easter!

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

# SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2014

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 6th</b>	<b>THE 5th SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 10:30 AM Service with Communion Pastor Francis—Proclaimer
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th</b>	<b>MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES</b> 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Service Pastor Francis-Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 13th</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY—START OF HOLY WEEK</b> 8:00 AM Sunday Morning Matins Service Pastor Francis-Proclaimer 10:30 AM Traditional Service Pastor Francis-Proclaimer 10:30 AM Second Celebration Contemporary Pastor Seth-Proclaimer
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 17th</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE</b> 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Services with Communion
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 18th</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF DARKNESS</b> 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Services
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 20th</b>	<b>EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE</b> 6:45 AM Outdoor Service Pastor Seth -Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 20th</b>	<b>EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE</b> 10:30 AM Service with Communion Pastor Francis-Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 27th</b>	<b>THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:30 AM Service Pastor Francis—Proclaimer

## **DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR APRIL?**

### **Our Sunday Morning Elders' Prayers Lift Up...**

**April 6th**

**Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas  
(vacant)**

**April 13th**

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

**April 20th**

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas  
Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas**

**April 27th**

**Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas  
Pastor Tom Haas**

**May 4th**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas  
Pastor Richard Turner**

**May 11th**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church - Centerville, Texas  
Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)**

**May 18th**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas  
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas  
Pastor Mark Follett**

**May 29th**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Fred Kelm**

**June 1st**

**St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Doug Rathgeber**



## DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONS (March, April, & May)** are available in the narthex of the church.

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS (April, May, & June)** are available in the narthex of the church.

**THE NEXT CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE** will be on the second Tuesday of every month at a different church in the circuit.

April 8th @ Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur

May 13th @ Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville

We gather at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments, 9:00 AM for Opening Devotion, 9:15 AM for Bible Study, 10:15 AM for Break, 10:30 AM for Topical Study, 11:15 AM for Circuit Business and Casuistry.

**HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS** receive on a weekly basis an audio copy of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services. They also receive on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

### **WORSHIP BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS**

St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas

Living Word Lutheran Church in Katy, Texas

Iglesia Monte Sinai Lutheran Church in Baytown, Texas

Living Word Lutheran Church in Katy, Texas

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown, Texas

Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur, Texas

New Hope Christian Church in Hutto, Texas

Hope Lutheran Church in Winnie, Texas

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Beaumont, Texas

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—PORT ARTHUR** is in need of volunteers to work in their **THRIFT SHOP** on Tuesday, Friday, & Saturdays from 8 AM until 12 Noon. Please contact Trinity Lutheran at 983-1130.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** will open its doors on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon. The doors for the pantry will open on April 19th.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST**  
**THE FOOD PANTRY**  
**AND THE RE-SELL-IT SHOP**  
**AT TRINITY LUTHERAN IN PORT ARTHUR**



**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS WELCOMED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

- 1) **TRINITY LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** is permitted to receive one pallet of food per week, on Fridays, at the Southeast Texas Food Bank on MLK Blvd in Beaumont, near Lamar University. One **full-sized pick up truck** is needed. A fork lift will drop the shrink-wrapped pallet into the back of your truck and you will need to drive it to Trinity Lutheran in Port Arthur. If you are able to assist, please call **Rosie Cabrera at 512-743-0696.**
  
- 2) **TRINITY LUTHERAN FOODPANTRY** is always looking for volunteers to help with food distribution on the 3rd Saturday of every month. If you can assist please call **Rosie Cabrera at 512-743-0696.**
  
- 3) **TRINITY THRIFT STORE** is looking for volunteers to serve. The hours are:  
**Tuesday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Friday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Saturday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
Please contact the **Church Office at Trinity Lutheran at 409-983-1130.**



*More details in boxes below!*

**CIRCUIT 34 MISSION**  
**COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY**

- We are looking for **volunteers** to help set up, box food, & distribute it on the **third Saturday of EACH month**. If anyone is available with a truck and would like to help, please contact Rosie at #(512) 743-0696—**next pick-up will be Friday, April 4th @ 8:30am, followed by April 11th (8:30-4) & April 18th (8:30-4) with Pantry Distribution on April 19th.**
- The Food Pantry is held at **Trinity Lutheran in Pt. Arthur**. Volunteers are asked to arrive around **8am** to prepare for the **distribution at 9am** which last until the food runs out (usually around one hour). If you are willing to help, please notify Trinity Lutheran Church at #983-1130 or [trinitylupa@yahoo.com](mailto:trinitylupa@yahoo.com). Please save your **Portals-of-Prayer** or any Christian devotional materials that you no longer need. Those working the **Food Pantry** will pass those out along with the food—to feed the soul as well as the body.

*Thanks in advance!*

**TRINITY THRIFT STORE**

As part of our mission work, the Churches of **Circuit 34** help to support the Thrift Store at **Trinity Lutheran in Pt. Arthur**. **Pastor Casillas** meets people each Saturday who come to the Thrift Store & then visits with them to share the message about Jesus.

The Thrift Store sells any kind of items: clothing, furnishings, dishes, tools, etc.

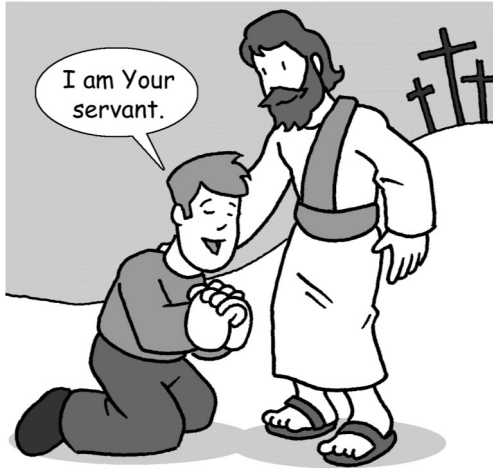
**Be sure that all your unwanted items go to the Thrift Store.**

The Thrift Store needs help from each **congregation in Circuit 34**. Members at Trinity have been operating the store, but because of some health issues they need help to operate the store.

**Store hours are:**  
**Tuesday, Friday, &**  
**Saturday 8-11:30 am**

Call or email Trinity & let them know if you will work that week. Trinity is easy to reach—get on Hwy 69 & go straight into Port Arthur, turn right on Procter & go 4 blks.

***Thanks for your help!***



## APRIL STEWARDSHIP PAGE FOR GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

### WHAT IS YOUR GIFT?

Perhaps you haven't spent much time, if any, pondering that question. God has given each of us at least one gift, though, and if even one of us does not use that gift, the Body of Christ suffers. Paul, in Ephesians 4:16 writes, *"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Christian stewards tend to have a lower opinion of themselves than they ought, denigrating their abilities and talents and even their financial capabilities. When we keep in mind that it is God Himself Who has chosen our gifts and blessed us materially, we realize that to belittle these gifts is to question God's wisdom and generosity. Again we read Paul's words, now from Romans 12:5, *". . . in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* He goes on to say that whatever our gifts are, we are to use them as effectively as we can.

Yes, it is the pastor's job to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, but we, as stewards who have received the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20, are to be obedient also to Jesus' command to tell the Good News to the whole world.

Yes, there are those in your congregation who seem to have more abilities and talents than you, and there may be members who have more money than you – perhaps may even be very wealthy. Does that exempt you from the responsibility to serve or to give? By no means! In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we're commanded, *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Each one is to give and to give cheerfully – of his time, his talents, and his treasures. God looks at the size of the heart of the giver rather than at the size of his gift. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

If you are not using your gifts, if you are not giving your money, if you are not sharing your time, then the Body of Christ suffers. We need each other and our individual gifts in order that we might carry out our responsibilities as stewards to the end that the name of Christ might be made known.

# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SETH

## A pondering thought from the Verge Network on Jesus and the Holy Spirit...

Jesus' ministry on earth began with the thundering approval and confirmation of his Father's voice, "This is my son whom I love, you bring me great joy!" And as it began for Jesus, so it begins for us. Because of the life, death and resurrection of Christ (the gospel) we too now live with our Father's approval and a new identity.

But the good news doesn't end there. We are not made new creations, given a new identity, and then shoved out the door and told to go and live this out under our own strength, power, and wisdom. God does not expect us to all of a sudden become perfect, super-Christians—always wise, always gentle, and loving miraculously overnight.

The Bible compares this new life to taking a walk, one step at a time, each new area of trust in God connected to the next, as God himself matures us on a journey in the footsteps of Jesus. As we believe more and more deeply what is now true of us in Christ, we experience that we have been made new, inside and out. It's God's work, not ours!

"It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us."

We are not filled with an emotional feeling, a hunch, or more zing. We are filled with a person.

Sometimes we never pick up that Jesus' earthly ministry was guided completely by the Holy Spirit. We usually think, "Well, Jesus is both God and man, so he knows what's up and just does everything perfectly, naturally." Well, sort of...

It's true that Jesus is both God and man, and that he lived his life without ever sinning. But as a human, like you and me, he fully submitted to and was guided by the Spirit. His life is a picture of the perfect work of the Holy Spirit in man.

Jesus was born by the work of the Spirit;  
 Jesus was led by the Spirit to suffer temptation and come out spotless;  
 Jesus was empowered by the Spirit to do the ministry he did;  
 Jesus was full of wisdom and knowledge by the Holy Spirit;  
 Jesus spoke only the words given him by the Spirit;  
 Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit.

Wouldn't it be great if we had this same Spirit living inside of us, guiding, empowering, and giving us words to say (or not say)?

Oh, wait! We do.

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

The same power that guided Jesus' life and raised him from the dead now lives in us.

**Blessings!**

**Pastor Davidson**





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

LWML is: 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 worthy  
mission projects.



We will be collecting **paperback books** to be taken to **M.D. Anderson Cancer Center** in Houston.



Please **no** children's books.

We will collect books through **Sunday, May 18, 2014**. Please place books in the basket in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, ask **Sharon Teinert**. Thanks!

**Ladies Small Group Bible Study** will **NOT** meet on Thursday, **April 17** due to



## **SAVE THOSE STAMPS**

Don't trash those envelopes that you receive with cancelled stamps on them—they will benefit our Mission Project. Don't ever think that you have **TOO FEW** stamps, any amount will help as they add up quickly. Just place in the narthex mailbox of **Judy Alvarez or Sharon Teinert**. Any questions, Call Sharon at #718-5906. This is a very important **Mission Project** of our **Lutheran Women Missionary League**.  
**Thank you!**

## **QUILTING EVERY THURSDAY**



**in April @ 9am**  
**in Conference Room A.**  
If you're unable to quilt, *with the group*, you can work on the quilts at home. Call Rosie at 201-5710, and she will give you the fabric. If you have any other ?'s, call Rosie Herring.

## **LWML MEETING**

Tuesday,

**April 8 @ 6pm**

**Program:** Bible Study  
*All ladies invited!*

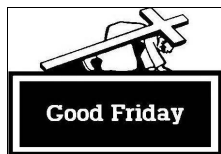


**PALM SUNDAY** 4/13 **Palm Sunday** 10:30am



4/16 **No Midweek Classes**

4/17 **Maunday Thursday**  
Service w/ Communion  
2 & 7:30pm



4/18 **Good Friday Service**  
2 & 7:30pm

4/20 **Easter Sunday Services**  
6:45am **Sunrise Service**  
10:30am **Worship w/ Communion**

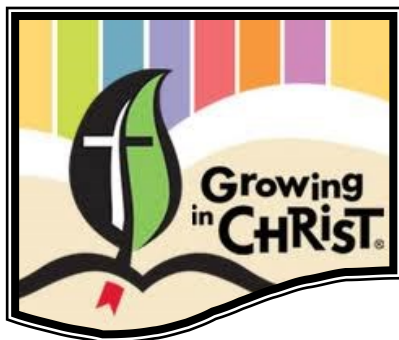


**TWO SERVICES**  
each Wednesday  
**2:00pm & 7:30pm**  
Through April 9.

A great big **THANK YOU** to all of you who **gave blood** at our **Blood Drive**. We collected **20 pints of blood**. If you weren't able to give here, you can give at a later date & tell them your donation is for Holy Cross Lutheran. Also, thanks to those who helped out as "**Buddies**" at the **A.S.K.** games.

**MAY Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Monday, APRIL 21**





## Sunday Morning Classes

**9am - Classes**

**10:30am - Worship**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is "Growing In Christ" and we have a place for everyone in your family. The material we will be using for Sunday morning children's classes is called "Growing in Christ." Growing in Christ is a traditional classroom Sunday School for all ages. This same-age classroom model helps students learn and grow in faith alongside their peers as they explore the Bible, draw connections to the Small Catechism, and learn the traditions of the Lutheran Church.

Questions? Contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Sheri Furby at 409-350-2107 or DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 or [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)

**We hope you will join us. Bring a friend!**

Please join us on Sunday mornings @9am!

**Where Do Classes Meet on Sunday Mornings?**

**Baby and Me (0-2 years) Class**

Education Building  
Room #2

**3 Years to 1st Grade Class**

Education Building  
Room #3

**2nd to 4th Grade Class**

Education Building  
Room #1

**Middle School Youth**

(5th-8th Grade) Class  
Education Building (upstairs)  
Room #15 & #16

**High School Youth**  
**(9th-12th Grade) Class**

Education Building (upstairs)  
Room #12, #13, #14  
(aka: HS Youth Room)

**Pastor Francis Schroeder's**

**Adult Bible Class**

Conference Room A  
(New Office Building)

**Pastor Seth Davidson's**

**Adult Bible Class**

Conference Room B  
(New Office Building)

## ECE NEWS

We currently have **68 children** enrolled on **Monday-Wednesday** & **81 children** enrolled on **Tuesday-Thursday**.

We will be opening **registration** to the public for the 2014-15 school year on **Monday, March 31**.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for fall, please stop by the school or call the office @ 722-2177.

You can also email us at [lutheran\\_ece@sbcg](mailto:lutheran_ece@sbcg)

This month we are having **group and individual pictures** taken with Dianne Pursch on **Monday, April 14** and **Tuesday, April 15**. The background will be a spring scene. Envelopes with picture package options will be sent home the first week of April.

Wednesday, **April 16** and Thursday, **April 17**, will be **Easter Celebrations and Pizza days**.

Our **St. Jude Trike-a-thon** will be on **Monday, April 28** and **Tuesday April 29**. More details to follow.

We want to send a big thank you to **Mr. Wolford**. He helped to display our TSR sign outside and he also helped set up our new paper shredder!

We would like to wish you all a blessed lent season as we prepare to celebrate the **resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday**.



## Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, June 1

### Classes Offered

K-4th Grade Class  
5th-8th Grade Class  
High School Class  
Adult Classes

Nursery provided for 0-4.

We ***will NOT*** have Sunday Morning classes on Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Weekend).  
*Join us for Worship @10:30am*

Donuts, kolaches, juice and coffee are provided!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is asking each family to give up the **cost of one meal** during the **40 days of the Lenten season**. The funds will given to the **Meals on Wheels** program of **United Board of Missions** in Pt. Arthur.

Meals on Wheels feeds elderly shut-ins of Mid & South Jefferson County 2 meals per week.

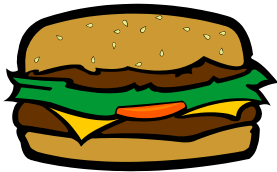
There's a container to drop you donations in.

Please make your check to **Holy Cross** & make **memo to Meals on Wheels** for **matching funds** through Southeast Texas Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans.

Any questions or comments call:

**Rosemarie Herring** at #727-0991.

*Thanks in advance for your support and generosity!*



## **HALLELUJAH HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS**



You are cordially invited to join your Holy Cross friends and family

for Hallelujah Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings! Yummy dessert, too!

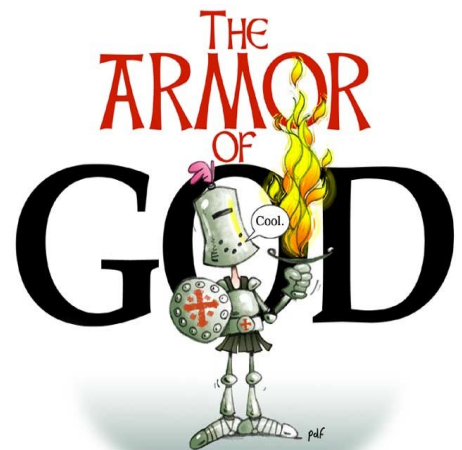
**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

in the Family Life Center after worship services  
*Hosted by the Board of Mission and Assimilation*

You are invited to a new **Wednesday Adult Bible Class** entitled **"Your Strong Suit"**, based on **Ephesians 5:10-18**.

Classes will meet in **Conference Rooms A & B** from **6:30pm to 7:15pm**.

Please come join us for just 45 minutes before Lenten services, to learn about **God's promise of protection and faithfulness**. **Put on the armour of God!**





# APRIL



## Memorial Gifts

**To: Early Childhood Education**

In memory of  
**Nell Graves**  
given by  
Laurenda & Bob Wolford  
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**To: LWML Mission Mites**

In memory of  
**Ruth Emery  
Daniel Strauss  
June McFarland**  
given by  
Pat Biar  
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**To: LWML Fund**

In memory of  
**Lucille Joyner  
Ruth Emery  
Joan Canton  
Jonathan Wolfe  
June McFarland**  
given by  
Judy & Pat Sturgis  
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**To: Youth Fund**

In memory of  
**Ruth Emery  
June McFarland**  
given by  
Laurenda & Bob Wolford  
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In memory of  
**Beryle Pulliam**  
given by  
Vera Whitley  
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**To: Memorial Fund**

In memory of  
**Ruth Emery**  
given by  
Earline Kube  
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In memory of  
**Ray Yosko  
Kris Barnes' grandmother**  
given by  
Sharon & Doug Teinert  
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- 2—Luke Day  
Zackery Odom  
Kristy Witek
- 3—Amanda McLaughlin
- 5—Christina Purgahn  
Kristen Stewart
- 6—Alice Clotiaux  
Debbie Cook  
Moni Hopper
- 7—Cadence McCullough  
Eric Ronning  
Kevin Taylor
- 8—Chris Wolfe
- 10—Keaston Benoit  
Braeden Caywood  
Jaysa Fortune  
David Prioux
- 11—Kim Carter  
Stephen Gunter  
Connie Hargraves
- 12—Brytni Borel  
Vera Canton
- 14—Amelia Davidson
- 16—Chandler Davis  
Casey Runnels
- 17—Ethan Becker  
Janna Lindsay
- 18—Jamie Reue
- 20—Brice Perryman
- 21—Mike Sturgis
- 24—Randell Howard

- 25—Emily Albright  
Rich Kihlken  
Pattie Parks  
Marilyn Sanders
- 26—Jeannie Heider
- 27—Emma Bruney  
Carol Loupe  
Lance Vincent
- 28—Paige Digiovanni  
Donna Gunn  
Will McCall
- 29—Jeff Mayfield  
Jennifer Reue  
Mary Helen Terrell
- 30—Luna Hogge  
Dane Stewart



- 4—Judy & Pat Sturgis
- 6—LuAnn & Tom Hansen
- 12—Cindy & Gil VanBrocklin
- 14—Nicole & Joey Arena
- 20—Dee & Dennis Dunlap
- 24—Laynie & Scott DeSerrano
- 26—Ashley & Tim Terrell
- 30—Sandra & Cary Erickson

COME VISIT OUR



**CHURCH LIBRARY**  
in Education Bldg.

We have new books coming in! Just sign the checkout card & leave it on the desk. Any questions, call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, Kathy Pinnt

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

for Mid-South Jefferson County will be at the **Bulldog Stadium** on Fri., **April 25th @ 6pm.** While Holy Cross doesn't have a team, we encourage you to participate or join another team.

If you would like to make a donation, you can give it to *Sharon Teinert*. Any donations, large or small are greatly appreciated (she can give a tax receipt for donations of \$25 & up).

For more information, check the flyer posted in the Narthex or talk to *Sharon Teinert*.



## We Offer 3 Worship Opportunities the Second Sunday of each Month

1. An additional Traditional Worship Service @8:00am  
Sunday Sunshine Service (*Sanctuary*) on 2nd Sundays only
2. Second Celebration Contemporary Worship  
@10:30am (*Family Life Center*) on 2nd Sundays only
3. Traditional Worship @10:30am (*Sanctuary*)  
Sunday Morning Classes for all ages @9am  
*Donuts, kolaches, coffee and juice provided before classes.*  
We hope you will join us! Invite your friends!



For more details on upcoming events go to our website:  
[www.holycrosstexas.org](http://www.holycrosstexas.org)

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the  
Guys, Dolls and Spicy Meatballs Fundraiser a success!!!!

Because of your amazing support, dedication, time,  
talents, and donations we were able to raise a total of  
\$4,784.16. This particular fundraiser is a joint  
effort. Holy Cross received \$2,392.08 (50%), Harmony  
Exporters \$1,196.04 (25%) and Spirit of Southeast Texas  
\$1,196.04 (25%)! Monies raised from this event will  
support those attending the National LCMS Youth  
Gathering in New Orleans 2016.



If you are willing to help supervise  
**Rumble Ball** and pass out water  
we would greatly appreciate your  
donation of time!

**WE NEED YOU!**

Contact **DCE Kristy Witek**  
if you are able to serve-#722-1609

*Confirmation*



**Class of 2014**

Jaycee Collins, Holly Terrell,  
Mackenzie Tindel, Alec Torres, Mia  
Woodruff

**Confirmation Presentations**

Thursday, May 1 @7pm

**Confirmation Sunday**



## Connect your faith and your finances

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is different from other financial services organizations. As a faith-based membership organization, our purpose is to strengthen Christian communities by helping members be wise with money and inspiring them to live generously. **Together we are strong** Nearly 2.5 million members turn to Thrivent Financial to help them: • Develop a financial strategy that reflects their goals, as well as their faith and values. • Protect themselves and their families from financial risks. • Demonstrate their generosity, from volunteering through their local Thrivent chapters to amplifying their financial gifts.

To learn how you can put our strength on your side, contact:

**Brian W. Orner, 12450 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77058, #(713) 298-9558**

## **The LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR will sing on the 4th Sunday of each month!**

The Little Lambs Choir is for any and all children 0 years through the 4th grade. Practices will take place at 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](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)



### Little Lamb's Choir Schedule

Sunday, April 13 -Palm Sunday—At both services!

*Hosanna Rock*

Sunday, April 20- Easter Sunday - 10:30am Service

*One, Two, Three*

Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek @722-1609 or [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)



## End of the Year

## Mid-Week Party

Wednesday, April 30@5:30pm to 7:15pm

Family Life Center and Outside (weather permitting)

5:30pm—Nachos with the fixins'! (We will be done serving by 6:30pm)

6pm-7:15pm—Fun Games and Activities for all ages

All Kingdom Quest/Weekday School /Confirmation Students (Kindergarten through 7th Grade) are invited to join us for our “End of the Year Party” which will fun games and activities for all ages.

Please be sure to wear clothes and shoes that you can get dirty!

## Mid-week/Kingdom Quest (K-4th) and Confirmation (5th-8th) Classes

**Wednesdays @6-7:15pm!**

**5:30pm – M&M Time (“Meal & Memory Work Time) Family Life Center Foyer**

Holy Cross is hosting a **light supper** for the children, teens, & adults who are attending or teaching the **Wednesday evening classes**. The meals are served in the **Family Life Center** from **5:30 - 6:00**. If a little late, participants may fix their plates and take them to their classes.

**During April,**

We will offer the following:

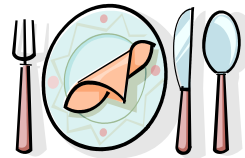
**April 2**—chicken nuggets, fruit, dessert

**April 9**—pizza, fruit, dessert

**April 16**—Holy Week (*no classes this week*)

**April 23**—hot dogs or sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert

**April 30 (End of year Party)**—nachos, fruit, dessert



**Kingdom Quest** is a program for K—4th Grade. The GOAL of Kingdom Quest is to provide active discipleship for Kids. Children WILL NOT be bored. Children will begin their Wednesday evening in their very **special small group**. There are three separate small groups for our Kindergarten through 4th Grade students. Then after small group time, students will transition to a **Large Group** setting that creatively presents the Bible event. They will get to meet our puppet, Gerdy as well as many other amazing people from the Bible! After large group time is complete, they will again return to their small groups to be challenged to take their faith into every day situations. The content is very JESUS-centered and each lesson uses active learning methods utilizing their multiple senses. Our awesome small group leaders will focus on connecting kids relationally and helping them apply God's truth in their lives.

**5th-7th Grade Confirmation classes** will be taught by **DCE Kristy Witek**. We will be using the curriculum called Faith Inkubators, which we have used for the past 6 years. Faith Inkubators' goal is Head to the Heart (H2H) - to reach kids and their families for Christ during the exciting, promising, challenging and sometimes rough and rocky teen years. Faith Inkubators' founder Rev. Richard Melheim, spent more than a decade in parish ministry wondering why Bible camp and youth group worked and confirmation didn't work. He struggled with the traditional Christian education models that graduated kids on confirmation day, three-fourths of them never to return. He wanted to do something about it. The suicides of two young men in his youth group provided him with a slap in the face and helped him create a pastoral care model that blurred the lines between youth group and youth education. Rich spent three years testing this “car load of kids” confirmation system and created something really special – Faith Inkubators!

**Pastor Schroeder** will be leading our **8th Grade Confirmation class** and he uses his own curriculum.

**Mr. Michael Rose** leads our Young Adult Class - 9th Grade through 21 years.

**Adult LifeLight Classes** will resume in the fall, led by Nancy Beckcom and Johnny Krautz.

More details about our Confirmation Classes, Memory Work and Class Schedules, please go to the following link:

[http://media1.razorplanet.com/share/511274-3189/  
resources/305774\\_HOLYCROSSWEDNESDAYWEEKDAYSCHOOLSYLLABUS.pdf](http://media1.razorplanet.com/share/511274-3189/resources/305774_HOLYCROSSWEDNESDAYWEEKDAYSCHOOLSYLLABUS.pdf)

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Midweek, Kingdom Quest and Confirmation Classes, please contact our **Mid-week Superintendent, Laurie Mayfield at 409-719-2512** or our

**DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609** or [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)

**We can't wait to see you on Wednesdays @ 6pm!  
BRING A FRIEND!**





# Camp!

## Moosefeather Falls

### Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17, 2014@6pm-8:20pm**

It will be an awesome experience for all Children 3 years old through completed 5th Grade. VBS participants will meet our friend Kody the Bear and Beez at our Meeting Hall and close the evening at Camp Fire. Children will get to choose their own cabins.

## **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN MAY 1**

*Registration will close on June 15*

*Watch the bulletin, Facebook and website for registration forms.*

### **LOTS OF HELP NEEDED!**

If you are interested in helping, please contact DCE Kristy Witek.  
Students going into the 7th-8th grade may be helpers in the preschool area only.  
Those entering 9th grade through adults may help anywhere. Thanks.

**Ideas for Cabins would be appreciated!! Let us know if you have any ideas! 722-1609**

## **Congratulations to our 2014 High School Seniors**

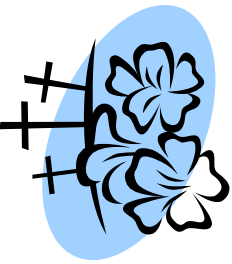
Tara Gillespie, Harley Guarnere, Slade Hicks, Douglas Kihlken,  
Kaitlyn Louvier, Katlyn Roberts, Haley Terrell, Pauline Tran,  
Kelsea VanBrocklin, Danielle Viator, Nicholas Wolfe

*A special High School Senior Dinner is in the works as well as a Recognition Sunday. Please contact Mr. Michael Rose if you have any questions.*



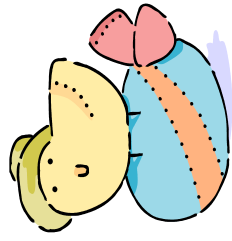






# Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland, TX

# APRIL 2014



\*Pastor Francis' & DCE Kristy's day off

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu *	Fri *	Sat
<p><b>Elders:</b> Johnny Krautz 769-1367 Steven Swango 781-2312 Dannis McCullough 239-3444</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild:</b> Joann &amp; Marvin Ermel Judy &amp; Harold Alvarez Melanie Duhe Dolores Hussey</p>	<p>1 3pm Rumble Ball</p>	<p>2 9:30am ECE Chapel 2:00 &amp; 7:30pm Lenten Services 6pm Adult Bible Class, Confirmation Classes &amp; Midweek Classes</p>	<p>3 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm Fit for Life Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>4 6pm Board of <b>Mission &amp; Assimilations</b> 6pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm Fit for Life Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>5 12-6pm Private Rental FLC</p>
<p>6 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>7 8:30am <b>Pastors &amp; DCE</b> meeting</p>	<p>8 Circuit Professionals @ Trinity, Pt. Arthur 3pm Rumble Ball 6pm <b>LWML</b> Meeting</p>	<p>9 9:30am ECE Chapel 2:00 &amp; 7:30pm Lenten Services 6pm Adult Bible Class, Confirmation Classes &amp; Midweek Classes</p>	<p>10 9:30am ECE Chapel</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 8am Sunshine Serv. 9am Sunday Classes 10:30: Traditional <b>and</b> 2nd Celebration Service</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>14 8:30am <b>Pastors &amp; DCE</b> meeting 6:30pm <b>MOAW</b> Mtg. 7pm <b>ECE Board</b> Meeting</p>	<p>15 3pm Rumble Ball</p>	<p>16 9:30am ECE Chapel <b>No Midweek Meal or Classes</b></p>	<p>17 9:30am ECE Chapel 2:00 &amp; 7:30pm Maturity Services w/ Thursday Communion 6pm <b>Fill Easter Eggs</b> 6pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>18 2:00 &amp; 7:30 pm Services</p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p>	<p>19 10am <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b></p>
<p>20 6:45 Sunrise Service 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship w/ Communion</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p>	<p>21 8:30am <b>Pastors &amp; DCE</b> meeting</p>	<p>22 3pm Rumble Ball</p>	<p>23 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm: Adult Bible Class, 8th grade <b>Confirmation Photo;</b> and Midweek classes</p>	<p>24 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm Harmony Exporters</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship <b>Hallelujah Hamburger &amp; Hot dog Lunch</b></p> <p><b>5-7pm Volleyball/ Game Night</b> in FLC</p>	<p>28 8:30am <b>Pastors &amp; DCE</b> meeting 7:30pm Board of <b>Elders</b> Meeting</p>	<p>29 3pm Rumble Ball 7pm <b>Church Council</b></p>	<p>30 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm: Adult Bible Class, 8th grade <b>Confirmation "walk-thru"</b> &amp; last session Midweek classes/ <b>End of Year Party</b></p>	<p>6-Cary Erickson, John Ford 13-Stuart Kieschnick, Todd Kieschnick 17-Todd Bryson, Thad Kieschnick 18-Steve Derouen, Jon Longlet 20-James Shipley, Pat Sturgis 27-Ronnie Gunn, Charles Schrader</p>	<p><b>Ushers:</b></p>	<p><b>Acolytes:</b> 6-Mackenzie Tindel, Cain Shaw 13-Maggie Hopper, Holly Terrell 20-Griffin K., Savannah Zizmont 27-Emily Albright, Hannah Torres</p>

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Midnight Madness Garage Sale

Saturday, June 28 @12:01am (Midnight) to 8am

*Set-Up: Tues., June 24 and Wed. June 25 @6-9pm*

You may begin bringing items to the Family Life Center  
on Sunday, June 22.

**Please MARK/PRICE all items (in \$.25 increments)**  
except clothing, toys, or shoes as they will be a set price.

\*This is a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in 2016.  
Families/Individuals who participate in this fundraiser will get a portion of the earnings from this event.  
Those who do not participate in this fundraiser will not.

T-SHIRTS FOR ALL GARAGE SALE HELPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR PURCHASE !