

**THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER**

**2014**

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

**PASTOR  
FRANCIS'  
PROJECTS**

SUNDAY MORNING  
ADULT CLASSES

PREPARATIONS FOR  
SUNDAY SERVICES

PLANNING FOR FALL  
CLASSES & STUDIES

WEEKDAY SCHOOL &  
CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES

SEPTEMBER CIRCUIT  
PROFESSIONALS  
MEETING

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CHAPEL SERVICES



**FAITH SHARED OVER A CUP OF COFFEE**

Before I come to the office in the mornings I stop by the Mc Donald's on Nederland Avenue. I handover my \$1.08 and Linda behind the counter gives me a 32 ounce McDonald's cup, a straw, and I fill it with Diet Coke and a splash of Dr. Pepper.

I settle into a chair and begin to talk to the dozen or so regulars who are sipping their coffee and going over the headlines in the Port Arthur News. Just about everyday it is the same dozen or so retirees who chew the fat and poke fun at one another. But one thing I have noticed is that these people really do care for one another.

A few weeks ago one of the retiree's had a funeral for his wife of 53 years. The group pitched in for a floral display and a memorial donation.

Privately I approached Mr. Reasons and offered him my condolences, "Sir I am sorry for the loss of your wife." Mr. Reasons looked at me, smiled over his cup of coffee, and said in his Louisianan African American brogue, "Chief," (he always calls me Chief), "Chief, I haven't lost her, I know exactly where she is! She is with Jesus!"

**Such faith shared over a cup of coffee!**

To some his statement may seem rather bold or a bit flippant. With so many after-death theories in the world of 2014, one might wonder how one can really be sure where our loved ones go after death. Yet as Christians we have confidence and assurance from the Word of the Lord. It is based on the historic reality that Jesus came and died to cancel our penalty from sin so that we may receive eternal life. Since Christ Jesus rose from the grave we too shall not be hindered from heaven. The Lord reminded His disciples and us that He is preparing a place for us.

May we share our faith so boldly with one another. May we over those simple and casual cups of coffee allow our faith to shine and the love for the Lord to be seen by all.

**Blessings!**

**Pastor Francis Schroeder**

# SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th</b>	<b>THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED</b> 10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th</b>	<b>THE 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8:00 AM Sunday Morning Matins Service in the Sanctuary Pastor Schroeder -Proclaimer 10:30 AM Traditional Service in the Sanctuary Pastor Schroeder -Proclaimer 10:30 AM Fusion Contemporary in the Family Life Center Pastor Davidson -Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st</b>	<b>THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED</b> 10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary Pastor Davidson -Proclaimer
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th</b>	<b>THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary Pastor Schroeder —Proclaimer

## **DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER?**

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

September 7th

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas

Pastor Richard Turner

September 14th

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Centerville, Texas

Pastor Jan “Trey” Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

September 21st

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas

Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas

Pastor Mark Follett

September 28th

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas

Pastor Fred Kelm

October 5th

St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas

Pastor Doug Rathgeber

October 12th

Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas

Pastor Richard LeBlanc

October 19th

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

October 26th

Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas

Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

November 2nd

Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas

Pastor Tom Haas



## DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONS (September, October, & November)** are available in the narthex of the church.

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS (July, August, & September)** are available in the narthex of the church.

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

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.

The Circuit Professionals will be off from their meeting schedules for June, July, & August. We will gather on Tuesday, September 23rd at Holy Cross—Nederland.

**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  
Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois

**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.



**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 FOOD PANTRY** 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.**



**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 Pantry Distribution on September 20th**. 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!*

# SEPTEMBER



To: Holy Cross Library Fund

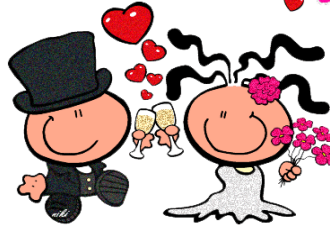
In memory of  
**Allen Furby**  
given by  
Lynne Hollomon  
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- 1—Brett Becker
- 2—Colton Carter
- 3—Brenda Dunlap  
Carla Rials  
Larry Singleton
- 4—Beckie Block  
Judy Jordan
- 6—Clint Caywood  
Jeremy Lavespere  
Melissa Lavespere
- 7—Harley Guarnere  
Susan Rozell
- 8—Zach Wiley
- 9—Colton Tate
- 10—Tanya Lewis
- 11—Jon Erickson  
Kris Halbert  
Sarah Mitchell  
Emily Rach  
Eric Rozell
- 12—Wayne Halbert  
Kensey Stahl
- 13—Sheri Furby  
Ruby Stoker  
Jo Strahan  
Charles Terrell
- 14—Travis Gunter
- 15—Dianne Krautz  
Christopher Love
- 16—John Ford  
Nancy Fritsche  
Lance Hansen  
Yolanda Schrader

- 16—Bob Schulze  
Travis Wiedenfeld
- 17—Rachel Cleven  
Eddie Gack
- 18—David Collins
- 19—Harold Alvarez
- 20—Blake Borel  
Craig Rising  
Judy Zizmont
- 21—Judy Brodeur
- 22—Carolyn Barras  
Dorothy Dutcschmann
- 23—Henrietta Hartman
- 24—Dee Dunlap
- 25—Peyton Caywood  
Billy Cogswell
- 26—Kyra Day  
Karen Smits  
Melissa Stansbury
- 27—Donny Gribnau  
Todd Shuford  
Tim Terrell
- 28—Kristin Begnaud
- 29—Brandy Kotz  
Daniel Wheeler  
Laurie Wiley  
Steve Wiley
- 30—Susie Koop  
Cameron Slagle  
James Stoker

## Happy Anniversary



- 1—Patsy & Morgan Alleman
- 2—Judy & Edward Zizmont, Sr.
- 5—Sue & Dave Tindel
- 6—Shannon & Kris Barnes  
Kathleen & Glenn Tate
- 7—Heather & Eric Perez
- 12—Lisa & Art Richard
- 17—Caty & Jan Rienstra
- 18—Bree & John Dauterive
- 22—Becky & Dennis Neeb
- 23—Traci & Brad Perryman
- 26—Pam & Daryl Williams
- 28—Kensie & Michael Monk
- 29—Shana & Brad Wiethorn
- 30—Debbie & James Cook

Dear Friends,



*Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to me following my recent hip surgery. God's blessings to each of you!*

*Sarah Kieschnick*

### MIDWEEK CLASSES

- 5:30pm Midweek Meal
- 6:00 pm Midweek Classes, Confirmation Classes, & High School Youth.

A light meal will be served on Wednesday evenings for those children, teens, & adults who are participating in any of the Wednesday night classes: Weekday School, Confirmation, high school class, and Lighthouse. The will be served from 5:30-6pm in the Family Life Center.

- Sept 3-hot dogs
- Sept 10-cheese/beef nachos
- Sept 17-pizza
- Sept 24-chicken nuggets

### COME VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



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

*Deadline for the October Newsletter September 19!*



# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SETH

## Church as Community

What does it look like to have real community? And how is it formed? Is it just something that happens when we meet together regularly with other Christians? Or is there something more to it than just meeting and gathering?

Think back to a time when you experienced deep and meaningful community. What were things that brought you together? Maybe it was a task, an ordeal or a cause that brought you together. Maybe it was an emergency, an unplanned event or a great vision of what could be.

We are to go out on a mission to reach people. We are to teach them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded. And as we are on that mission to reach and disciple people, we would naturally find other people that are on that same mission.

We would stick out because we would be some of the weirdest people on earth. We would stick out because we would be living lives that are radically different than most other Christians.

We do need each other. We would actually need brothers and sisters to come alongside us. We would need brothers and sisters in Christ to help us. We would need a community of people in order to accomplish the mission. We would need to work together and encourage each other to stay on mission. And we would even suffer together as a community.

Here are three ideas to grow deeper in our Christian faith together:

1. Hear & Obey – Everyone shares what they have heard from God in the in the chapters of Scripture we agreed to read together over the past week and how we have tried to obey. A good way to read and react to Scripture is S.O.A.P.

S = Scripture (read the text). O= Observations (What jumps out at you?).  
A=Application (how does the text apply to you?). P= Pray (Pray over what the Word is teaching).

2. Repent & Believe – We each repent of our sin, sharing how we have sinned against God this past week. Don't forget to spend time speaking out loud, to you and to one another, the good news of Jesus' work for us; this enables us to believe.
3. Pray for Unbelievers – Talk about how you've been praying for your unbelieving friends and mention them by name. Explain your plan to weave them into our community.

**Blessings!**

**Pastor Davidson**





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

We're accepting donations through **10/30/14** for **LWML's Lions Club Project**

Please drop any **hearing aids w/ chargers, cell-phones w/ chargers, eyeglasses, empty frames, readers, & lenses** you're no longer using in the basket provided in the Narthex.



The cellphones will be programmed for 9-1-1 calls to be used by the Women's Shelter for abused women & children. The hearing aids will go to the Audiology Clinic at Lamar University in Beaumont.



A huge **Thank You** to **Pastor Schroeder & Pastor Rathgeber** for manning our LWML Booth at the State Convention. We really appreciate their help in getting the word out about **Trinity's Hispanic Ministry**.

*LWML is:  
Lutheran Women who are: In  
the Word, of the Word, walk-  
ing with their Lord!*



*We have many opportunities for  
the congregation to help us with  
our worthy mission projects.*



**LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 5.**

*"And walk in love, as Christ loved  
us and gave himself up for us,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to  
God" (Ephesians 5:2).*

Our congregation will have the opportunity to join together in worship under the theme, *"Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings"* in observance of LWML Sunday, October 5, 2014. The author of this service, Rev. Victor Belton, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Decatur, Georgia, was the proclaimer of the Pittsburgh LWML Convention Sunday worship service. Our LWML looks forward to a special time of sharing with you the exciting missions of the LWML—God's ministry around the world through mites, service, prayer, and Christian fellowship.

**QUILTING  
THURSDAYS  
September  
11 & 25  
@ 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. We are still accepting donations of blue jeans. You can call or drop them at the church office. Questions, call Rosie Herring.

**LWML**

**September 9 @ 6pm  
Visit Shut-ins  
Program: God's gift  
of a secret pal.**

**LADIES BIBLE  
SMALL  
GROUP** COME JOIN OUR **BIBLE**  
 Study

will meet on  
**Thurs., September 18,**  
at **2:30pm** at  
**Laurenda Wolford's.**



**Rally**

Ladies be sure to mark your calendars for the  
**Golden Triangle LWML Fall Rally**

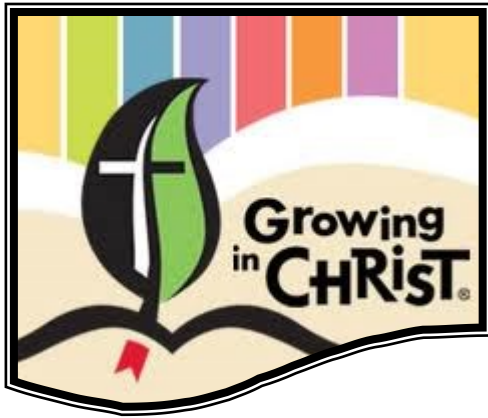
**Saturday, September 20th** at  
**Hope Lutheran Church in Winnie, TX**  
Registration begins at **9:30am**  
Program begins at **10:00am**  
Registration Fee: **\$5**

Pastor Davidson will speak regarding our role as missionaries in the community around us. During the business portion of our rally, we will hold elections for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Pastoral Counselor.

There will also be an ingathering of non-perishable food items to help local needy families.

Please **RSVP** by **September 4th** to **Roberta Heiner** at **#842-2747**  
or email **roberta.heiner@yahoo.com** with the number attending and if a babysitter is needed.  
You do not have to be in LWML to attend—this is for all ladies!





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 DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 or email at [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net) for more information!

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

## **Sunday Morning Classes**

**9am - Classes &  
10:30am - Worship**

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

**Nursery (0-4 years)**  
Nursery in Sanctuary

**Kindergarten 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—EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—NEWS!**

Welcome back to our ECE student and families! The staff is back to work and in the full swing of things as we prepare our rooms for the children who will start next Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th. Most of our classes are at full capacity and we are looking forward to a wonderful and productive year.

We also would like to welcome 2 new teachers to our staff, Tara Hoyt, 18 months class, and Joy Boyd.

We already have a lot of activities planned and can't wait to get started.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Brown, the Director, at #722-2177.



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

**5:30pm – M&M Time (“Meal & Memory Work Time)**

**Family Life Center Foyer**

**6pm-7:15 — Classes**



**FREE MEAL:** Holy Cross is planning to serve a light supper for anyone who attends the Wednesday evening classes: kids in Weekday School and Confirmation Classes, young adults in the high school / college class, adults in the Life Light classes, and all teachers.

The first meal will be served on Wednesday, August 27, from 5:30 - 6:00pm, in the Family Life Center.

Even if parents are running late, the kids can take their plates to the classroom at 6:00pm.

Adults and children will know ahead of time what is being served!

Kingdom Quest is a fabulous program for Kindergarten through 4th Grade. The GOAL of Kingdom Quest is to provide active discipleship for Kids. One thing is almost certain - 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/Gordy 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 fabulous curriculum called Faith Inkubators, which we have used for the past 7 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. 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!

We hope you will join us.

**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 the following week on Wednesday, September 3!**

More details about our Confirmation Classes, Memory Work and Class Schedules, please go to our website

**[www.holycrosstexas.org](http://www.holycrosstexas.org)**

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Midweek, Kingdom Quest and Confirmation Classes, please contact DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 [ordcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ordcekristy@sbcglobal.net)

**We can't wait to see you on Wednesday, August 27 @6pm!  
BRING A FRIEND!**

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

The Little Lambs Choir is for any and all children 0 years through the 4th grade. Practices are 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, September 28

Sunday, October 26

Sunday, November 23

Sunday, December 21 (Christmas Program)

Sunday, January 25

Sunday, February 22

Sunday, March 29 -Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Service @10:30am



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



**Middle School Youth  
Upcoming Events**

*Middle School Youth events are for  
youth who are in the  
5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade!*

Sunday School for 5th-8th Grade  
**Sundays @9am**

Confirmation Classes for 5th-8th Grade  
**Wednesdays @6pm**

Friday, September 19—Sunday, September 21—  
**8th Grade Retreat @ the Hopper's Camp**

Sunday, November 16—  
**Middle School Youth Bowling and Laser Tag**

Wednesday, December 17—  
**Kindergarten-8th Grade Christmas Cookie Service Project**

# Bibles Will Be Presented to 2nd Graders Sunday, September 7



The Bible is the living word of the living God. The Board of Christian Education will be giving each 2nd grade student their very own Holy Bible. At baptism, we as a congregation promised "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to nurture them in faith and prayer." We will be presenting a Bible to the 2nd grade students to help honor this promise. The congregation partners with the parents of these students to provide the tools they need to help their child read & study the Bible, and build a relationship with God. We will mark this faith milestone by presenting the 2nd Graders with a Bible during the **10:30am Worship Service on Sunday, September 7!**

### **Our Second Grade Students are:**

Addison Ashby, Bailey Barnes, Robert Barron, Kooper Benoit, Ty Bryson, Peyton Caywood, Taryn Dunlap, Taylor Dunlap, Addison Gillard, Timothy Lavespere, Cadence McCullough, Mackenzie Philen, Jayden Seal, Jeffrey Stone, Michael Sowarby, Nathan Wolfe, Evie Woodall

## Tailgate Trick-or-Treat Festival



**Wednesday, October 29**  
@6pm-8pm  
INSIDE OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER



### **Our biggest outreach event of the year is upon us!**

Our 13th annual Tailgate Trick-or-Treat Festival will take place inside our Family Life Center so the event will happen rain or shine!! Families will have the opportunity to decorate a table inside the Family Life Center anytime Sunday-Wednesday, so it will be "easy peasy" on Wednesday night. Families should prepare to hand out 1500-1800 pieces of candy! Costumes and décor should be "kid-friendly." Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek at [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net) or 722-1609!

### **Sign the clipboard in the Sanctuary**

if you or your family wish to set up a table and pass out candy.





## HOW THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP HOLY CROSS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE?

**This is one of the things that makes Thrivent Financial different from most other financial services companies!**

The thing you may not know about **Thrivent Financial** is we are a not for profit organization committed to giving back to the communities and congregations we serve.

One way we do this is through the **Choice Dollar program**.

Currently, members that have Insurance premiums over \$800 per year or annuity products valued over \$20,000 with Thrivent Financial are eligible to take part. These members may then allocate these Choice dollars to Holy Cross, or any of the more than a thousand of eligible 501C-3 charities we have to select at Thrivent.com, or you can nominate your favorite 501C-3 charity to become eligible.

**The church and the preschool are both listed to receive funds.**

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**\$20,000**

**YES TRASH**

**TO CASH**



4 years ago, I reported that the Texas District Lutheran Women Missionary League had made \$7,000 from used stamps.

In June, at the bi-annual **LWML Convention** it was announced that **\$20,000** has been collected from used stamps.

There are **NO** other donations in this amount except profits of used stamps.

This money is used for the cost of shipping health kits for **Lutheran World Relief.**

If you trim the stamps please allow 1/4" around the stamps but we will trim if needed, we just appreciate you help and your time. So thank you and please continue saving your stamps.

Put your used stamps 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

**Lutheran Women  
Missionary League.**

***Thank you!***

**Holy Cross** is collecting **used books** for 2 very worthy recipients.

First, we are accepting **hardback** books to be delivered to the **Anayat House** in Beaumont. This is a facility that houses family members who are in town for loved ones who are in our area hospitals due to illness or surgery.



Secondly, we are accepting **paperback** books to be delivered to **M. D. Anderson Hospital** in Houston.

We are collecting now through  
**Sunday, October 5!**

A bag will be provided in the Narthex for the donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Teinert at # 718-5906.

***Thank you in advance  
for your support!***





**High School Youth Texas District Gathering**  
 Thursday, July 16-Sunday, July 19, 2015  
 San Marcos, Texas  
 Registration: \$160 per person (non-refundable)

Deadline to register is Sunday, November 30

Eligible youth are those presently in the 8th Grade through 11th Grade.  
 Must be entering 9th-12th Grade in the fall of 2015

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## GLORYBOUND REGISTRATION FORM

Youth's/Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in fall of 2015:     9th    10th    11th    12th    Adult

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #/Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/my youth is hereby committing to attend the Glorybound Trip to San Marcos, Texas on Thursday, July 16 through Sunday, July 19, 2015 and give myself/son/daughter permission to attend. I understand that I will be responsible for paying the \$160 (non-refundable) Registration Fee for this trip.*

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church — Nederland, TX



# September 2012



\* (DCE Kristy and Pastor Francis' day off)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	*Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Elders:</u> Chris Harms-344-3173 Mike White-233-9100	<b>1</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Holiday Office Closed	<b>2</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE meeting  3pm Rumble Ball  7pm <b>Viewer's</b> Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  5:30pm <b>Midweek Meal</b> 6pm <b>Midweek Classes</b> , Confirmation, Acolyte <b>Training</b> , H.S. Youth & Lifelight begins	<b>4</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  6pm <b>Mission &amp; Assimilations</b> Mtg. 7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm <b>Fit for Life 2</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>5</b> Pastor Francis & Pastor Seth's day off	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship w/ Communion  <b>Bible Presentations</b> to 2nd graders	<b>8</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE meeting  6:30pm <b>MOAW</b> Meeting 7pm <b>ECE Board</b> Meeting	<b>9</b> 3pm Rumble Ball  6pm <b>LWML</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  5:30pm <b>Midweek Meal</b> 6pm <b>Midweek Classes</b> , Confirmation, H.S. Youth & Lifelight	<b>11</b> 9am Quilting 9:30 ECE Chapel   7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm <b>Fit for Life 2</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>12</b> Pastor Francis & Pastor Seth's day off	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8am Sunshine Serv. 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Traditional Worship ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 10:30 am Fusion ( <i>FLC</i> ) Contemporary Service	<b>15</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE meeting	<b>16</b> 3pm Rumble Ball	<b>17</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  5:30pm <b>Midweek Meal</b> 6pm <b>Midweek Classes</b> , Confirmation, H.S. Youth & Lifelight	<b>18</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  2:30pm Ladies Small Group Bible Study  7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm <b>Fit for Life 2</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>19</b> Pastor Francis & Pastor Seth's day off	<b>20</b> <b>LWML Fall Zone Event</b> at Hope Lutheran in Winnie 
<b>21</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship w/ Communion	<b>22</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE meeting	<b>23</b> 8:30am <b>Circuit Professionals</b> Meeting @ Holy Cross  3pm Rumble Ball	<b>24</b> 9:30 ECE Chapel  5:30pm <b>Midweek Meal</b> 6pm <b>Midweek Classes</b> , Confirmation, H.S. Youth & Lifelight	<b>25</b> 9am Quilting 9:30 ECE Chapel  7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> 7pm <b>Fit for Life 2</b> Harmony Exporters	<i>8th Grade Retreat @ the Hopper's</i>	
<b>28</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE meeting  7:30pm Board of <b>Elders'</b> Meeting	<b>30</b> 3pm Rumble Ball		<b>26</b> Pastor Francis & Pastor Seth's day off	<b>27</b>	
				<b>Ushers:</b> 7-Tom Canton, Bob Schulze 14-Jim Duncan, Scott Stevenson 21-Dan Gribnau, Kent Stahl 28-Steve Derouen, Charles Schrader	<b>Acolytes:</b> 7-Taylor Shuford, Keagan Derouen 14-Chloe Cannon, Cain Shaw 21-Maggie Hopper, Savannah Zizmont 28-Griffin Kieschnick, Katelee Zampini	

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