

THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER

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

OCTOBER CIRCUIT
PROFESSIONALS
MEETING

EARLY CHILDHOOD
CHAPEL SERVICES



THE FEAR OF MISSING THE BUS

I attended 7th and 8th grade at Lutheran school near downtown Houston during the early 1970s. The only way I could get to the school was to ride the Houston city bus system. I spent a lot of fall evenings waiting at my South Main Street bus stop after football practices. I also knew that my 5:30 PM bus was the last bus on the route for that day. If I missed it, then it would be a long 12 mile trip home somehow, someday.

One of the bitterest experiences for all city bus-dependent people is to arrive at the bus stop seconds too late and to watch the bus you needed pulling away. Perhaps that doesn't seem to be very important to you, but it is miserable at the time, especially for a 12-year old. That being left behind feeling and panic lingers in the mind.

"They left without me" means that you are not very important.

"They left without me" means they thought you were an anchor to their fun.

"They left without me" means that you do not belong.

Remember this, your God will never leave you. In Isaiah 41:13-14 we hear the Lord say, "I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WHO TAKES HOLD OF YOUR RIGHT HAND AND SAYS TO YOU, 'DO NOT FEAR; I WILL HELP YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID.'"

When those feelings of abandonment wash over you, visualize a kindly Father taking you by the hand and holding you close. Imagine how safe you are when the Lord of all walks by your side. Believe Him when He says that He is guiding your steps to the place where you will be with Him forever. The Lord stops and waits for you. He sees you running to Him. He will not pull away and leave you stranded. He gathers you safely in and takes you safely home!

Blessed October!

Pastor Francis Schroeder

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LWML SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19th

THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Davidson -Proclaimer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th

THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder —Proclaimer

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER?

Our Sunday Morning Elders' Prayers Lift Up...

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

November 9th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas
Pastor Richard Turner

November 16th
Our Savior Lutheran Church - Centerville, Texas
Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

November 23rd
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
Pastor Mark Follett

November 30th
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Fred Kelm



DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

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

PORTALS OF PRAYERS (September, October, & November) 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 gather on Tuesday, October 13th at Holy Cross.

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. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City
 Faith Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Louisiana
 Christ the King Lutheran in Kingwood, Texas
 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Sulphur, Louisiana

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN Celebrating 115 years of God's Blessings— Sunday, October 26, worship 9am with Texas Area D Vice President Ralph Hobratschk. Then join you're invited to join them for brunch.



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 October 18th**. 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. 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!

October



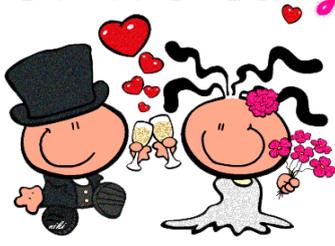
God  makes everything beautiful in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!
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- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 1—Lauri Ford
Norman Hempel
Sherry Hovey
Loretta Williams
 - 2—Neely Byrd
Blake Krukiel
 - 4—Ashley Lindsay
Alan Trojczak
 - 5—Tyler Dunlap
Christie Escobar
Kelly Meriwether
Makenzie Philen
Lillian Rodriguez
 - 6—Shele Eason
Sharon Wright
 - 7—Carolyn Hovey
Avery Kotz
Lucille Wabs
 - 8—Farrell Herring
 - 10—John Chesson
Autumn Dahl
Ronnie Vize
 - 11—Kim Barron
Dennis Becker
 - 12—Wayne Halbert
Kensey Stahl
 - 14—Jim Lavespere
Kathy Pinnt
Donna Reue
Cain Shaw
 - 15—Marion Hughes
Donna Thornton
 - 16—Dolores Hussey
Mickey Kieschnick
Kathleen Tate

- 17—Ken Ludwig
Ryan Schulze
Dan Wingate
- 18—Becky Neeb
Pam Williams
- 19—Slade Hicks
Kyler Terrell
Trina West
- 20—Josie Gunter
Helen Harbour
Renee' O'Connor
Pam Wolfe
- 21—Elaine Brandenburg
Amanda Longlet
- 22—Chelsey Gallagher
Adam Richard
Kelsea Van Brocklin
- 23—Jenny Brown
Ann Huebel
- 24—Stefanie Boudreaux
Hannah Torres
- 25—Lindsay Caswell
Jeff Louvier
- 26—Tom Fritsche
Tatum Miller
Jo Ann Vize
- 27—Bree Dauterive
Daryl Williams
- 29—Steve Vincent
- 30—Sarah Davidson
Laynie DeSerrano
Saige Kieschnick
- 31—Jody Chesson

Happy Anniversary



- 4—Kristin & Austin Begnaud
- 10—Donna & Ronnie Gunn
Jeannie & Rick Heider
- 12—Tricia & David Trevino
- 14—Pam & O.W. Withrow
- 16—Marla & Wade Kieschnick
- 20—Melody & Eddie Gack
- 22—Lauri & Troy Ford
- 31—Sheryl & Randy Vincent



Dear Holy Cross Family,
Thank you

I would like to thank each of you that sent cards, made phone calls, and most of all your prayers during my minor surgical procedure, God's blessings to all of you.

Marwin Ermel

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 meal will be served from 5:30-6pm in the Family Life Center.

- Oct 1**-pizza, fruit, & dessert
- Oct 8**-chipped beef sandwiches chips, fruit, & dessert
- Oct 15**-frito pie, fruit, & dessert
- Oct 22**-pizza, fruit, & dessert
- Oct 29**-Trick or Treat Festival
(no meal or classes)

Deadline for the November Newsletter October 20!

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.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SETH

A great question just came after a Sunday Bible class. The question was “What happened to Jesus for three days between His death and Resurrection?

“and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven.”

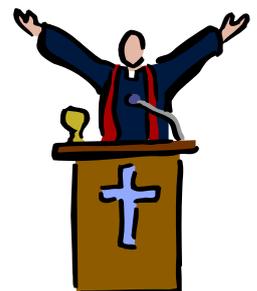
So what did Jesus do for three days? Did He suffer for three days? Did he go to Hell? When did Jesus actually suffer for the sins of the world? Or as John the Baptist rightly named Jesus at first glance, “Behold it is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world.” – John 1:29. So often we overlook the depth of this creedal statement in our weekly worship. The profound nature of what we are actually saying and believing.

Often the moments of Jesus death are misheard by many. Jesus actually suffered Hell and damnation, (which by definition is separation from the Father) on the Cross. This is evident when he cried out “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?!?” (Matt. 27:46). Jesus was actually separated from the Father on the Cross. He was suffering Hell.

What happened next is astonishing. Christ in that moment of suffering Christ took the ultimate punishment, abandonment from God. In essence, He became the most sinful person in history, bearing the punishment for you and for me on the cross. Separation from the Father! Thank God that Good Friday is Good. Jesus in His last few breaths said some amazing words, “it is finished!” The term for “finished” is amazing in the original languages. It means a past action with enduring results with a focus on connection. Translation, God actually did something for us at that specific time and place in history that we can be sure of. That action by God actually is connected to you and to me today, here and now. A beautiful thing! After His final words on the cross, Jesus breathed His last (Luke 23:46). I wonder if it was a sigh of relief, well done good and faithful servant! Sin had been atoned for. More so, that it was time for Him to finally die so that He could preach for three days to the saints who had come before awaiting the promised messiah they had so longed for (1 Peter 3:19).

I think of those who have come before me, who trusted in the promise of a Messiah (John 20:29). How blessed we are to pass this good news on to the next generation (John 20:30-31). Preaching and teaching in His Name and in His mission. We are truly blessed! Know that when times of struggle and tribulation come into your lives, you may be sitting at the very feet of Jesus on the cross. Know that in those moments it is your opportunity to come alive in the Spirit and preach to those struggling with you. They may not have the blessed assurance of knowing that “It is Finished!” and all that statement entails. May we all continue to be blessed servants going boldly into this world shouting from the rooftops to a fallen world “It is Finished!” May the Lord bless and keep you all.

**In Christ,
Pastor Seth**





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.



*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.



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.



A DOOR OFFERING will be gathered on **LWML SUNDAY (October 5)** for Mission Grants for Texas District LWML.



Holy Cross is collecting **used books** for 2 recipients. First, we are accepting **hard-back** 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, call Sharon Teinert at # 718-5906.

QUILTING THURSDAYS



October 9 & 23 @ 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.

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



Thurs., October 16, at 2:30pm at Laurenda Wolford's.

"A TREAT NO TRICK"



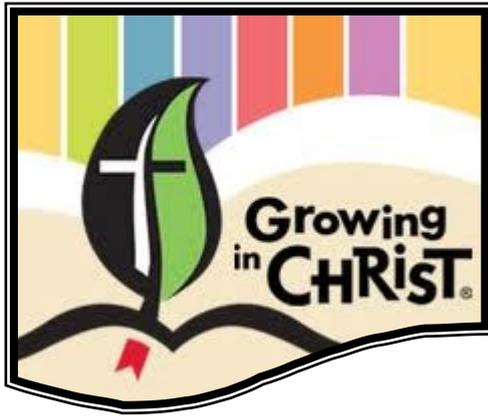
Those little stamps must keep adding up like all those calories from candy except these "treat calories" do so much good. They add up to postage used for the cost of shipping health kits for **Lutheran World Relief.** Keep those stamps coming! If you trim the stamps please allow 1/4" around the stamps but we will trim if needed, we just appreciate your help and your time. Put your used stamps in the Narthex mailbox of **Judy Alvarez or Sharon Teinert.** Any questions, Call Sharon at #718-5906.

LWML October 14 @ 6pm

Hostesses:
*Ruth Anne Perryman
Judy Sturgis*

Program:
"The Behind the Scenes Women: Dorcas & Rahab"

We will have election of officers— all ladies are invited!



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 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 (*downstairs*)
Room #4

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*)

Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 7

9am

Education Building Big Room

All children through the 8th Grade and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday on Sunday, December 7 @9am in our Education Building Big Room. It's a Birthday Party for Jesus, which will include singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, blowing out the birthday candles, cake and ice cream, the reading of the real "Christmas Story," and a Christmas craft.

You and your children will not want to miss it! Invite your friends!



**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 serves a light supper at 5:30pm 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. 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 are 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!

Pastor Schroeder leads 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 are led by Johnny Krautz & Nancy Beckcom.

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

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

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

Parents—Please drop off all children at Family Life Center, and use the covered walk-way when traveling from one building to another. K-4th Children will stay in the FLC from the time they arrive until 5:55pm and will walk together with teacher to classroom. Thank you!

The LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR
sings 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

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

Little Lamb's Choir Schedule

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



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**

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

Wednesday, December 17

Kindergarten-8th Grade Christmas Cookie Service Project

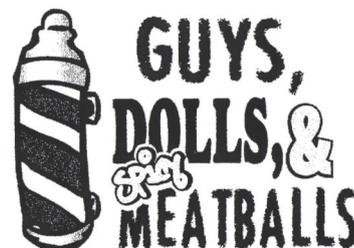
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Guys, Dolls and Spicy Meatballs

with the Spirit of Southeast Texas and Harmony Exporters

Saturday, February 28

6pm— Dinner & 7pm—Show



This will be a fundraiser for the National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans in Summer of 2016. Families who help with this even will get a portion of the funds raised! Those who do not help with this event, will not receive any funds from this event.



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 beginning at 2pm on Wednesday. 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 or 722-1609!

SET-UP—Wednesday, October 29 @2pm

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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Thrivent Financial also was again rated by Ethisphere as one of the world's most ethical companies for the 3rd year in row. If you would like to learn more about Thrivent, or have questions about your life insurance, retirement, or rollover needs. Please call and find out for yourself what sets us apart, I would be happy to talk to you and your family about any questions you might have. Call Kay Brown, Rosemarie Herring, or

Brian Orner at (713)298-9558 or email: brian.ornier@thrivent.com

Christmas Program ***“Angel, Angel!”***

Sunday, December 21 @10:30am
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Practices:

Wednesday, November 5 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Wednesday, November 12 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Wednesday, November 19 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Wednesday, December 3 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Wednesday, December 10 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room
Saturday, December 13 @10am in Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 17 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big ROOM

Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 20 @10am in Sanctuary

Christmas Program in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21 @10:30am

Practice and prepare during SS hour on Sunday, December 21 at 9am! We only have one Saturday rehearsal scheduled in addition to the Dress Rehearsal, so practices are very important! We encourage you to get a CD and practice songs at home as often as you can.

Questions call Christmas Program Director Kyra Day, 409-718-8256.

Speaking Parts Available

Roman Soldier

Registrar

Innkeeper

Angel

Mary

Joseph

Baby Jesus

Donkey

Spotted Cow

Wooly Sheep

Shepherd

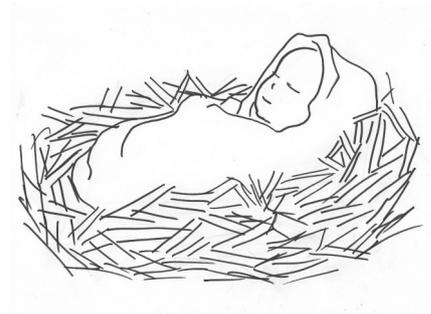
Angels

Bright Star

Wise Men

Narrator #1—High School Youth or Adult

Narrator #2—High School Youth or Adult



If you are interested in a speaking part please contact Director, Kyra Day and/or sign the clipboard sheet. Clipboard sheets will be available for signups very soon!



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

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: _____

Meet Our Sponsored Child, *Jean Yawo Atama*

Did you know that we sponsor a child from Togo, Africa, through Compassion International? We have sponsored Jean since May 10, 2012, Through our sponsorship, Jean receives, “among other things: the opportunity to hear the gospel and learn about Jesus; regular Christian training; educational opportunities and help; health care, hygiene training and supplementary food if necessary; a caring and safe Christian environment to grow in self-confidence and social skills; personal attention, guidance and love” (compassion.com) We can regularly write to Jean and his family and he regularly writes to us. Our sponsorship of \$38 a month is fully supported by our weekly Sunday School offering! *If you are interested in writing to Jean on a regular basis, we are looking for a person or a family to help us do that. You can write to Jean online, by using a username and password, or by regular mail.*



Please contact DCE Kristy Witek if interested in writing to Jean.

Here are some interesting facts things about Jean:

1. Jean is 6 years old and will turn 7 on December 31, 2014
2. He hopes to learn about playing the piano
3. He want to go to college and become a doctor
4. He likes to sing at church
5. He gets up at 6am
6. His best friend is Abalo
7. His favorite food is rice
8. His favorite toy is a plastic cup
9. His favorite sport is football (ie: soccer)
10. He has a father, mother, and a brother
11. In one letter he asked “can you visit me one day in Africa?”

ECE—EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—NEWS!

Our school continues to grow! Enrollment now stands at 70 students on Monday/Wednesday, 66 on Tuesday/Thursday. We thank all who have shared helping hands in many ways on our campus—from airing up all the bounce balls, repairing air conditioning and changing light bulbs to repairing plumbing and pressure washing exterior walls. **WOW!**

Open House will be held Tuesday, October 21 at 6pm.

A Kindermusik demonstration will begin in the Family Life Center at 6pm with the 18 months-2's. The 3's will begin at 6:10 and the 4's at 6:20.

Classrooms will be open at 6:30pm, with refreshments served in the Education Building (2's lunch/snack room) Come join us!

Mrs. Maxwell's and Mrs. Smiley's 4's & 5's will participate in carnival activities Tuesday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 29 in the Family Life Center. Chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays are special times in our days to share Jesus' love through song and puppets.

We always make a joyful noise to the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Brown, the Director, at #722-2177.



Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland, TX



OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Joel Pimnt-779-0288 Michael Rose-673-6299 Benny Elisar-722-5695	Ushers: 5—John Ford Todd Kieschnick 12—Todd Bryson Chad Kieschnick 19—Pat Sturgis Stuart Kieschnick 26—Rennie Vize, Cary E.	Acolytes: 5—Emily Albright Hannah Torres 12—Emma Bruney Amber Baral 19—Chad & Morgan Irvine 26—Kayla Stewart Karley McGill	1 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Midweek Classes, High School Youth, LifeLight	2 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm Mission & Assimilations Mtg. 7pm Fit for Life 2 Harmony Exporters	3 *DCE Kristy & Pastor Francis Day off *DCE Kristy & Pastor Francis Day off	4
5 “ LWML Sunday ” 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship with Communion	6 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting	7 3pm Rumble Ball	8 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Midweek Classes, High School Youth, LifeLight	9 9:30am ECE Chapel 7pm Fit for Life 2 Harmony Exporters	10 11	11
12 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30am Fusion Contemporary Service (FLC)	13 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting 6:30pm MOAW Mtg. 7pm ECE Board Mtg.	14 8:30am Circuit Professionals Meeting @ Holy Cross 3pm Rumble Ball 6pm LWML	15 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Midweek Classes, High School Youth, LifeLight	16 9:30am ECE Chapel 2:30pm Ladies Small Group Bible Study 7pm Fit for Life 2 Harmony Exporters	17 Bum Phillips Bowl 	18
19 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship with Communion	20 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting Deadline for the November Newsletter	21 3pm Rumble Ball 6pm ECE Open House	22 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Midweek Classes, High School Youth, LifeLight	23 9:30am ECE Chapel 9:30am Quilting 7pm Fit for Life 2 Harmony Exporters	24 25	25
26 “ Reformation Sunday ” 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship	27 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting 7:30pm Board of Elders Meeting	28 ECE Carnival (4 & 5 yr. olds) 3pm Rumble Ball	29 9:30am ECE Chapel & Carnival Trick or Treat Festival (NO Midweek Activities!)	30 9:30am ECE Chapel 7pm Fit for Life 2 Harmony Exporters	31 *DCE Kristy on Vacation	Happy Halloween
<i>DCE Kristy on Vacation</i>						

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Using this hashtag will allow us to check out the fun!

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