

THE MONTH OF
APRIL

2015

**PASTOR
FRANCIS'
PROJECTS
FOR
APRIL**

SUNDAY MORNING
ADULT CLASSES

PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY
WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

WEEKDAY SCHOOL &
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

APRIL 14th CIRCUIT
PROFESSIONALS MEETING

EARLY CHILDHOOD
CHAPEL SERVICES

ADAPTIVE SPORTS
FOR KIDS EVENT



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

"FRONT ROW SEATS FOR EASTER"

The soldiers standing guard outside of Jesus' tomb were the only eyewitnesses of the greatest miracle in history. Matthew says that when the earth shook, moved, and an angel appeared, bright as lightning, the soldiers shook and became like dead men.

It was not what they had expected. They were given grave duty out of concern that someone might steal the body of Jesus. This should have been the easiest duty of all. Just sit by the fire, tell stories, and wait until the dawn.

Little did these soldiers realize their duty roster had given them front row seats to the biggest event the world had been anticipating. In the hours before dawn a great and loud disturbance came, not from outside the tomb but from the inside.

In an instant the stone rolled, the earth shook, the bright light shone, and death breathed its last. The Rising of the Savior meant the death of death. No longer would it have the final say. "So death where is your sting? Oh grave, where is your victory?"

If Christ was not raised from the grave 2000 plus years ago then the end of watch report by those soldiers would have simply read. "Nothing happened only dead silence."

The Lord lives! This is Easter! And there is no silence.

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

HOLY WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, & SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2015

APRIL 2nd MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

2:00 PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 with Holy Communion
7:30 PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 with Holy Communion

APRIL 3rd GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

2:00 PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
7:30 PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

APRIL 5th EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:45 AM Outdoor Service in the Garden Area

APRIL 5th EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 with Holy Communion

APRIL 12th THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Blended Service with the Band

APRIL 19th THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 with Holy Communion

APRIL 26th THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER—GOOD SHEPHERD DAY

10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Blended Service with Nancy Beckcom

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR APRIL & MAY?

IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS WE LIFT UP.....

April 5th
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Fred Kelm

April 12th
St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Doug Rathgeber

April 19th
Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas
Pastor Richard LeBlanc

April 26th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

May 3rd
Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas
Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

May 10th
Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas
Pastor Tom Haas

May 17th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas
Pastor Richard Turner

May 24th
Our Savior Lutheran Church - Centerville, Texas
Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

May 31st
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
Pastor Mark Follett



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 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 next Circuit Professionals Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th @ Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville.

HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS receive on a weekly basis an CD of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services and on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

WORSHIP BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

Trinity Lutheran Church in Kissimmee, Florida
Concordia Village Retirement Center, 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 has discontinued operations due to changes in the Southeast Texas Food Bank Policy.



OUR STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY CROSS MARCH 2015

ATTENDANCE		ENVELOPES	DESIGNATED	SPECIAL
03/01	170	\$11,332.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
03/04	92	Midweek Lenten Service Two		
03/08	150	\$7,314.00	\$ 705.95	\$ 20.00
03/11	90	Midweek Lenten Service Three		
03/15	171	\$7,972.02	\$ 895.00	\$ 0.00
03/18	43	Midweek Lenten Service Four		
03/21	14	Private Baptism		
03/22	170	\$11,096.03	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
03/25	100	Midweek Lenten Service Five		
03/29		Palm Sunday—Newsletter to Print		

2015 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	2,841
NUMBER OF WEEKS CELEBRATED IN 2015:	12
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 12 WEEKS IN 2015	237
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 12 WEEKS IN 2014	227
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 12 WEEKS IN 2013	280
TOTAL MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE IN 2015:	600
AVERAGE MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE:	100
NUMBER OF MID-WEEK WORSHIP DAYS:	06

2015 FINANCIAL HEALTH OF HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$ 10,558.12
HOLY CROSS YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	\$126,697.44
HOLY CROSS YEAR TO DATE GIVING	<u>\$110,130.66</u>
	\$-16,566.78

APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 2—Mary Adix
Luke Day
Zackery Odom
Kristy Witek
- 3—Amanda McLaughlin
Susan Simmons
- 5—Christina Purgahn
Kristen Stewart
- 6—Alice Clotiaux
Debra Cook
Moni Hopper
Rudy Parma
Ken Rice
- 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—Rachel Shuford
- 16- Casey Runnels
- 17—Ethan Becker
Janna Hall
- 18—Jamie Reue
- 20—Brice Perryman

- 21—Mike Sturgis
- 24—Randell Howard
- 25—Emily Albright
Rich Kihlken
Patti 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
Corey Tucker
- 30—Luna Hogge
Dane Stewart

Happy Anniversary



- 4—Judy & Pat Sturgis
- 6—LuAnn & Tom Hansen
- 8—Mary & Carl Adix, III
- 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 the Education Building. We have new books coming in! Just sign the check-out card & leave it on the desk. Any questions, call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, or Kathy Pinnt.



*Deadline for
May
Newsletter is
Monday,
April 20th!*



Memorial Gifts

**To: Holy Cross
Early Childhood Education**

In memory of
JESSIE "RED" BROWN
given by
Laurenda & Bob Wolford

To: ECE Scholarship Fund

In memory of
MERVIN PRIMEAUX
given by
Rosemarie & Frank Her-
ring

Holy Week

NO Midweek
Classes or meal
on Wednesday, April 1.



Services
on Thursday, April 2,
at 2 & 7:30pm.



GOOD FRIDAY

Services
on Friday, April 3,
at 2 & 7:30.



Easter Sunday

Services
On Sunday, April 5, Easter
Sunrise Service at 6:45am
Easter Celebration Service
at 10:30am.



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.*



LWML
**Tuesday, April 14,
@ 6pm**

Hostesses:
**Joann Ermel
Rosemarie Herring**

Program:
**"Wants or Needs?"
Light refreshments
All Ladies are invited!**

LADIES CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY



**Thursday, April
16, at 2:30pm
at
Evelyn Ludwig's.**

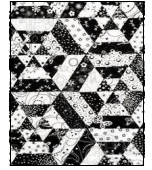
QUILTING CIRCLE: meets EVERY THURSDAY in APRIL @ 9:30am in Conference Room A.

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. **Extra sewing machines are available**, if you want to sew but do not want to haul your sewing machine to church.

With a **\$250 grant** from **Thrivent**, we were able to purchase materials for quilting. Any questions, call **Rosie**.



"Grapes of Life"



donation quilt to be raffled off on April 14th.

Proceeds received from ticket sales will be used to ship the other quilts that are made to **Lutheran World Relief**. Tickets available in the narthex or see Rosie Herring. Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

LWML Circles

A circle is a group of women who meet once a month for Bible Study, fellowship, to give their Mites, and learn about the new and exciting things that are going on with the LWML.

We have 2 Circles at Holy Cross. Each Circle meets at a different time of the month, so that hopefully, each woman can find one that works best for her.

These Circles are:

1. Ladies' Circle Bible Study—meets the 3rd Thursday at 2:30pm.
2. Women's Quilting Circle meets Thursdays at 9:30 am in the conference Room.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Holy Cross is a "Society" and meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 6pm.



Your Trash IS Cash

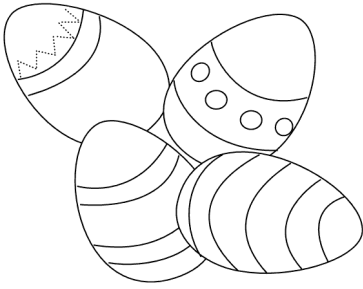


for aiding in the cost of shipping all those health kits to areas of need. June 29, 2012, we reported \$14,000 was collected from all those stamps. Today, February 19, 2015, I am telling you that we are now **over \$24,000**. That is \$10,000 just for stamps that would have been cash. I'm also excited that later this year we'll have the "**Stamp Lady**" herself to tell you everything and answer all those questions, on how "**trash can be cash**". So, be on the look out for that date. And, keep them coming—**every stamp counts**. If you just have "1" we'll take it. Just like those mites, they add up to do wonderful things. Grateful to receive your stamps, your Holy Cross LWML, **Sharon Teinert and Judy Alvarez**.



Meals on Wheels **LENTEN FAST Thrivent Financial** is asking each family to give up the cost of one meal during the 40 days of Lent. Funds will be given to the "**Meals on Wheels**" program of **United Board of Missions** in Pt. Arthur. This program feeds elderly shut-ins of Mid & South Jefferson County 2 meals per week. There is a green container in the sanctuary to place donations.

Please make your check to Holy Cross & designate on check memo to **Meals on Wheels** for matching funds through **Thrivent Financial**. ?s call **Rosie Herring** at 722-0991.



**Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4
10:00 am**



All children through the fifth grade are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am! We will make a craft, have a pizza lunch and hunt for lots and lots of eggs!

We have hundreds of plastic eggs in storage, and we need individually wrapped candy to go inside of them! In addition to the candy, we also need baskets, grass and prizes for all of the kids.

We will begin filling the eggs with candy on Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. If anyone is available to help please call Catherine Bruney.

Thank you in advance, and please bring your donations to the church office. If you have any questions please call Catherine Bruney at 963-9600.

We hope to see you there!

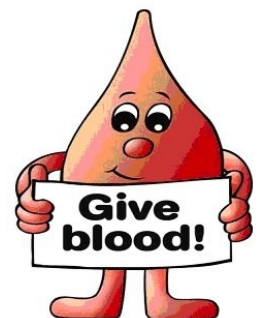
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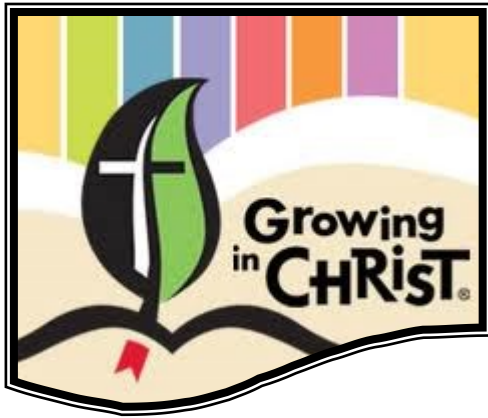
Thanks to everyone who donated
(or tried to donate)
blood for our **Thrivent Blood Drive**.

We collected **19 pints of blood** and 8 pints were collected for our own member, Donna Gunn.

If you are interested in giving, you can still donate at the **LifeShare Blood Center** on Laurel Street in Beaumont in Donna Gunn's name.

Thank you again for those who shared the gift of blood to help with the shortage in this area.





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!

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

"Regrets, Reality, & Restoration"
Adult Bible Class
Conference Room B

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, April 5—Easter Sunday Service @10:30am "1,2,3"

Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek @722-1609 or dcekristy@sbcglobal.net.





REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday, June 21—Thursday, June 25 @6pm-8:20pm

Please Print and Complete one form per camper. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for participation in VBS!
REGISTRATION BEGINS: Sunday, April 12; REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, May 10

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Provider (if you would like to receive VBS reminders via TEXT MESSAGE): _____

Email _____

Camper's Date of Birth _____

Last Grade Completed _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Food Allergies _____

Special Needs _____

Name of Camper/Friend you wish to be in cabin with: _____

Home Church (if any) _____

T-Shirt (\$10) Sizes: **Youth**— XS S M L **Adult**— S M L XL XXL

**Checks for t-shirt orders may be written to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church"
T-shirt Sizes: Children's sizes: XS (2/4); Small (6/8); Medium (10/12), Large (14/16)*

Yes, my camper's picture may be used on the Holy Cross Website and/or other publications (Photo only)

Cabin Options

Preschool (3-4 Year) Old Cabin—Divided into three rotation groups!

K-1st Cabin (check one + 2nd choice)

- GAMES Cabin
- BAKING Cabin
- CREATIVE CRAFTS Cabin
- BUBBLES GALORE Cabin
- 2nd choice: _____

2nd-3rd Cabin (check one + 2nd choice)

- SURPRISE Cabin
- SCIENCE Cabin
- GOD'S RING-A-LINGERS Cabin
- SOCCER Cabin
- 2nd choice: _____

4th-5th Cabin (check one)

- SEWING Cabin
- GOD'S GREAT OUTDOORS
- CARPENTRY Cabin
- CROCHETING Cabin
- 2nd choice: _____

**Please return REGISTRATION FORM and T-shirt Fee to Church Office or dcekristy@sbcglobal.net - Thank you!*

Welcome to CAMP Moosefeather Falls !

CAMP Moosefeather Falls offers a variety of fun for children 3 years old through the completed 5th Grade and any child/adult with special needs/disabilities. Campers will choose one cabin to attend all week. In addition to cabin fun we learn about our great and awesome God at our Assembly and Campfire!! Campers will meet Kody and Beez, our famous CAMP mascots. After Assembly, campers will travel to their cabin of choice spending about 50 minutes enjoying their specific activity. All campers will also have the opportunity to travel to the Dining Hall where they will learn some fabulous camp prayers and have a yummy DINNER (*not just a snack*). When cabin time is finished, children will return to the Family Life Center for Campfire and dismissal. Families are encouraged to join us for our Assembly & Campfire each night and will be able to pick up campers from their specific cabins after they are signed out.

Please join us for a fun week at



Vacation Bible School

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2711 Helena Avenue—Nederland
Sunday, June 21 -Thursday, June 25
@6pm-8:20pm**

FAMILY FUN DAY

**Thursday, June 25 @6-8pm
Family Fun Day Meal and Games**

We invite all campers and their family and friends to join us on Thursday, June 25 (the last night of VBS), in the Family Life Center as we celebrate and reflect on our week at Vacation Bible School. Campers will sing a few VBS songs and get to see Beez and Kody one last time. We will also show a reflection video from our awesome time at Camp Moosefeather Falls. A dinner for all of our campers and their family and friends will be provided as well as some fun games! We hope you will join us!

Important Information About CAMP

- Cabin sizes will be limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.
- “Let’s Go Change the World” Offering will be collected each day.
- Camp Moosefeather Falls is available for children 3 years (potty trained) to 5th Grade,
- CAMP activities can be messy! Please dress your campers in play clothes and “closed-toed shoes” for CAMP.
- T-shirt Sizes: Children’s sizes: XS (2/4); Small (6/8); Med (10/12), Large (14/16) *Checks for t-shirt written to “Holy Cross Lutheran Church”

Safety at CAMP

- Leaders & helpers will be identified by staff t-shirt & name tags.
- Please make sure your camper is registered and is with his/her Cabin leader before leaving the building.
- Please be sure to alert us to all allergies, especially food allergies and other special needs.
- We will be PEANUT FREE at Camp Moosefeather Falls!

Drop Off and Pick Up of Campers

- Please drop off your campers in the gym of our FLC. This will enable CAMP staff to ensure that each camper exits with the proper adult & that no camper runs into a busy parking lot.
- Campers will be picked up from their cabin. Parents/Guardians will need to sign out your child from his/her cabin.

Let’s Go Change The World

Each night our campers will be challenged to “change the world” by donating “change” to a very special mission project. *We are still in prayer about our specific mission project!*

“Let’s Go CHANGE the World” through this project!

*******A Special Note to All Parents/Guardians*******

You are welcome and encouraged to join us at 8pm each night for “Campfire,” where we will review our Bible Event, learn from Kody and Beez, and sing praises to our amazing God! For safety reasons, we will not be allowing campers to be “signed out” until they return to their Cabin’s assigned Dining Hall Table (in the Family Life Center). Each area will be clearly marked, so you are welcome to gather at that table for the closing. Checking out at the assigned location will also allow campers to pick up and bring home any special projects they worked on that day. We appreciate your support in our effort to keep all campers safe!

Schedule for Camp Moosefeather Falls 2015

5:30pm	Staff Arrives to be available to greet campers!
5:45pm	Registration Opens (Foyer of Family Life Center) *Recite Bible Memory Verse
6:00pm	Assembly (Family Life Center Gym)
6:25pm	Move to Dining Hall (Family Life Center Gym)
6:30pm	Dining Hall (Family Life Center Gym) All Cabins (including the preschool)
6:50pm	Cabin Time (all cabins meet in separate locations)
7:55pm	Travel to Campfire
8:00pm	Campfire (Family Life Center Gym)
8:20pm	Sign-Out Campers from Cabins

Preschool (3-4 Year Old)

Cabin

Each evening our three and four year olds will be separated into three separate cabins. Campers will participate in our Assembly with all of the campers, where we meet Kody the Bear and Beez the Bee, sing Camp and Praise Songs, pray and hear the Bible Event. During Cabin time the three and four year old campers travel through Dining Hall, Bible Story Time, Arts & Crafts, and Games then return for Campfire with the older campers.

K -1st Grade

Cabins

Games Cabin

Do you love to play games (indoors or outdoors)? ! Campers will spend their evenings learning and participating in games. In case of a rain out, campers will enjoy other fun, indoor games.

Baking Cabin

Campers will spend the evening learning the basics of baking and maybe even writing their own recipes! You will get to decorate cookies and cakes and then enjoy your creation!

Creative Crafts Cabin

Enjoy all of the messy and creative projects Mom won't let you do at home! This cabin is for K-1st Grade campers who want to "Get Crafty!"

Bubbles Galore Cabin

This cabin will be all about BUB-BLES! Big bubbles, little bubbles, colored bubbles, and crafts with bubbles. This cabin will be so fun, you might just bubble over with joy!

Second and Third Grade

Cabins

Surprise Cabin

You won't know what's coming each day, but it will be filled with tons of fun and lots of surprises.

Science Cabin

Calling all creative minds! Dream it, draw it and then do it. Brainstorm invention ideas, do experiments! Put on your lab coats and safety goggles and get to work!

God's Ring-a-lingers Cabin

Do you find yourself humming regularly and love music. Maybe you love numbers and love to count or love to keep the beat. If so, then this cabin is for you. Campers will join together to learn the basics of handbells and and play a few songs to boot!

Soccer Cabin

Do you love to play soccer or want to learn? Run, Kick, dribble, score! Campers will spend their evenings learning basic soccer skills and playing soccer .

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Cabins

Sewing Cabin

Sewing has almost become a lost art, but in this highly sought after cabin, campers will get the chance to learn the basics of sewing and will go home with a number of finished products !

God's Great Outdoors Cabin

This cabin is for boys and girls who love the Lord, and want to experience God's Great Outdoors. Sitting around a campfire, campers will be exposed to real, live animals and discover more of God's amazing creation.

Carpentry Cabin

Do love to build, create, pound, sand, paint or hammer? If you want to learn the basics of woodworking , pound some nails and leave with a finished product you can use, then this is your cabin.

Crocheting Cabin

Crocheting is the newest craze, so if you are kind of crafty and you are interested in learning the basics of crocheting with yarn and a crochet hook then this is your cabin. Campers will take home a finished project by the end of our time together.



Vacation Bible School

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@6pm-8:20pm

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

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

April 1-No Midweek Classes

April 8-pizza, fruit, dessert

April 15-hot dogs, fruit, dessert

April 22-variety, fruit dessert

April 29-pizza, fruit, dessert



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.

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 resume January 7th.

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

Can We Invite Friends to Church/Youth Events?



This question is asked just about every time we have a special event for youth or adults and I often wonder why?

Luke 14:23 says, *"Then the master told his servant, Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."*

So, can we invite friends, family, neighbors to functions, events, worship, Bible studies and youth or adult events at Holy Cross?

The answer is —YES!

In fact I believe, we should always, always, always be inviting someone to join us for everything we participate in at Holy Cross: Worship Services, Bible Study, Confirmation, Youth Events, Adult Fellowship Events, potluck dinners.

If our doors are open, then we should...

ALWAYS INVITE A FRIEND!



HELPERS NEEDED!

We are forming our Vacation Bible School Team, so if you are willing to continue serving on our team or if you are interested in joining us for the first time, please contact DCE Kristy Witek at dcekristy@sbcglobal.net.

We are in need of Cabin Leaders, Cabin helpers, puppeteers, guitarists, babysitters (for staff children), dining hall helpers, decoration coordinator and decoration team, registration coordinator and registration team, Preschool Leaders, Preschool Helpers, Preschool Arts and Crafts Leader, Preschool Games Leader, and Family Fun Night Helpers.

VBS Staff Training Sunday, May 17

4pm	Registration Team
4:30pm	Preschool Helpers, Leaders, & Preschool Helpers
5:00pm	Camp Counselors (ie: Helpers in Cabins)
5:30pm	Cabin Leaders
6pm	Dining Hall Coordinator & Helpers
6:30pm	Opening and Closing - Activities Director, Kody the Bear (voice), Kody the Bear (costume), Beez, Music Leader, Computer Guy, Decorations Coordinator

Dear Holy Cross,

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards after Mervin's illness—which he lost in the end.

I know he has gone to a better place. I would also like to tell everyone that I'm doing great. Thank you and God Bless you,

*Irene & Francis (son)
Primeaux.*



SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED

for our

Early Childhood Education Program.

If you're interested & would like more information or to apply, please contact Program Director,

Kay Brown

at #722-2177 or ECE

Board Chairman,

Rosemarie Herring

at #727-0991.



CIRCUIT 34 MISSION COUNCIL NEWS

We continue to move toward our goal of establishing a new Hispanic congregation in Port Arthur. Pastor Casillas comes to our area for ESL classes each Wednesday. He is present at the Thrift Store on Saturday to make contact with those who come there to shop. Sunday morning worship is held each week at Trinity at 9:00 AM.

The tentative name of the new congregation is La Trinidad. They are in the process of identifying members who could serve as officers of the congregation, so the group could apply to the Texas District for a charter. In addition to the Pastor, they would need a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

We are in need of a bi-lingual teacher! Rosie Cabrera, a member at Trinity, teaches an ESL Bible study each Tuesday from 9 AM to 10 AM. She teaches simple Bible stories using Sunday School lessons and some Arch Books.

Rosie is moving away in December, so we need someone who could work with this group. If you can help, please contact Pastor Tim Dinger at 409-983-1130 or revtdinger@gmail.com.

We thank the Texas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League for their gift to the Hispanic Mission. They have allotted \$7700 for our mission. The November issue of The Lutheran Witness has an excellent article about our work to establish this new congregation.



As always, remember The Thrift Store at Trinity. It is open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. They always need help at the store.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to serve in this way.

The Thrift Store sells any kind of items: clothing, household furnishings, dishes, tools, etc. Be sure all your unwanted items go to the Thrift Store. Proceeds from the store fund the ESL program at Trinity.

Please pray for the success of our mission outreach and consider how you and your congregation can help with this kingdom work.

To our Thrivent Financial Members

Have you allocated your 2014 choice dollars? Remember, you have to do this annually for these to go to Holy Cross or the charity you chose. The deadline to allocate you choice dollars for last year is **March, 2015.**

If you have any questions about **Thrivent Choice Dollars**, the new **Action Teams program**, or how Thrivent Financial can help you with your life insurance, retirement or investment needs.

Please call your representative or contact me and I will be happy to help with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Brian W Orner

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Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

Middle School & High School Youth Faith & Family Night

At Port Neches Riverfest
with



Micah Tyler

(6pm-6:45pm)

Hawk Nelson

(7:30pm-9:30pm)



Wednesday, April 29

(Rain or Shine)

Doors open 5:30 PM

Port Neches Riverfront Park

620 Grigsby—Port Neches

Tickets: \$5

Advanced Tickets were already purchased; but you can purchase on own at the door.

Concessions will be available at Family & Faith Night for a minimal cost.

It is suggested to bring about \$10 for food (if you plan to eat there).

All 5th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade Students are encouraged to attend.

Carpool will leave Holy Cross at 5:30pm

Adult Drivers/Sponsors are needed. Please sign clipboard if you can serve in this way.



End of the Year

Mid-Week Party

For K-4th Grade Only

Wednesday, April 29 @5:30pm to 7:15pm

Family Life Center and Outside (weather permitting)

5:30pm—Meal (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 4th Grade) are invited to join us for our “End of the Year Party” which will include fun, games and activities.

1ST ANNUAL “FLIPPING FOR JESUS”
PANCAKE RACES AND BREAKFAST

Please join the fun on **Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 am** in the **Family Life Center**. Coffee and orange juice will be served at 9:00, and breakfast will begin at 9:15.

The races will start at 9:45. The racing categories are listed below.

A free-will offering will be collected to support the **United Board of Mission**. After the races finish, we will process to the sanctuary for our worship service.

- a. ages 3 years through kindergarten
- b. grades 1 through 4
- c. grades 5 through 8
- d. grades 9 through 12
- e. college age through 35 years
- f. 36 years through 50 years
- g. 51 years and older
- h. Members of the Board of Elders



**RACERS NEED AN APRON AND A SKILLET -
PANCAKE PROVIDED!! PRIZES GIVEN!!**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION NEWS!

**Enrollment for APRIL - MW=68
TTH=70**



2015/2016 Registration continues.

Contact the school office at **#722-2177** if you have questions.

Enrollment opens to the public on Monday, April 6.

Classrooms have been so-o-o busy!

We have much energy with our many rainy days! 😊

Thank you for the many “little” tasks done on our campus: Chairs and toys are always being cleaned and wiped down; the playground is checked for debris and equipment wiped down each class day and now mulch is being raked and loosened; sidewalks, buildings, and benches have been pressure washed.

Easter celebrations will be on April 1st & 2nd in each classroom.

2015-2016 Enrollment opens to the public on April 6. Early Childhood families are invited to attend services Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday-all children will sing at each service.

Individual and classroom group pictures will be taken on **April 13th & 14th**.

Pizza Days are **April 15th & 16th**.

Mrs. Smiley's and Mrs. Maxwell's 4's & 5's, Pre-K classes will participate in the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon on **April 27th & 28th**.

Have a Blessed Easter!



A.S.K. Buddies Needed!
Saturday, April 11, @
10am-5:30pm
Doornbos Park



Please see clipboard sheet for more detailed information about what is involved. If you are interested in helping please sign the clipboard sheet or contact *Renee' O'Connor* or *Kristy Witek*.

*The family of
 Kristin Raye Paris
 acknowledges with grateful
 appreciation your kind expression
 of sympathy*



*Dear Holy Cross Family-
 Thank you so much for all
 of the meals for our family.
 During such a difficult time,
 the kind of support you all
 provided was very much appre-
 ciated.*

*Sincerely,
 Beverly Paris
 (and Josh) family*

*Thank
 You*

Holy Cross received the thank you card displayed to the left from the Paris family.

Kristin Paris was the Nederland High School student that was killed by a drunk driver.

Several of our members donated meals for the grieving family. Thank you to those who participated.



Relay For Life of South Mid Jefferson County

Friday, April 24 @6pm

Bulldog Stadium

**Opening Ceremony @6pm—followed by the Survivors Walk
 (It's awesome!)**

What is Relay for Life? It is an organized, overnight community fundraising walk. Teams of people camp out around a track. Members of each team take turns walking around the track. Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie, family-friendly environment for the entire community.

How Can You Help/Support This Event?

1. Join a Team. You can join "Camp W" in honor of Steven Wiley by going to: <http://ow.ly/KNbSZ>
2. Sign up to walk laps at Relay For Life — Contact Pam Williams at 409-540-1276
3. Make a donation for Relay for Life—Go to: <http://ow.ly/KNbSZ>
4. Dedicate a luminaria in honor or in memory of a loved one—Go to: <http://ow.ly/KNbSZ>

Questions? Contact Pam Williams at 409-540-1276



BIBLE SMUGGLING **EXPERIENCE**

DATE: FALL 2015

All ages are encouraged to join us for a fun, exhilarating and challenging Bible Smuggling Experience you will NOT want to miss!

What is the Bible Smuggling Experience? It's an EXPERIENCE that will simulate what it is like for the real people who risk their lives every day to be Christians (ie: smuggle Bibles) into countries where being a Christian is illegal.

Students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade will form teams. Adult "tour guides" will take them through 10-12 different countries (which will be set-up throughout our church grounds - both indoors and outdoors) while trying to "smuggle" Bibles. Border Patrol will be on the prowl too. The team with the most Bibles at the end of the game, wins!

Some countries are open countries where being a Christian is a freedom. But others are considered "closed" countries that have laws prohibiting even possession of a Bible or even the admittance of being a Christian. Some countries may search and interrogate while others may encourage the sharing of the Gospel.

Our hope is to also have a Missionary here to speak on the Sunday immediately after the Saturday event (during Worship).

HELP NEEDED

While this event will not take place until the Fall of 2015, our initial planning meetings to prepare for this experience will take place in April. Because of the delicacy of this topic we would like for families and individuals to have the summer to research their country (closed countries will receive a book with details and history) and make preparations so this experience can be a life-changing experience for all.

We are looking for families and individuals who would sponsor certain countries.

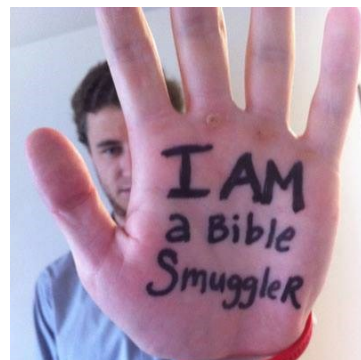
More details will be coming soon, but if you are interested in sponsoring a certain country, please contact DCE Kristy Witek.

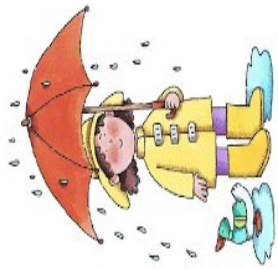
COUNTRIES

Germany (free), Philippines, China, Columbia, Iran, Egypt, India, Italy (free), Vietnam, England (free), North Korea, Sudan

We will also be in need of Adult Tour Guides, Registration Team, Border Guards, "behind the scenes" crew and more.

Contact DCE Kristy at dcekristy@sbcglobal.net for more info!




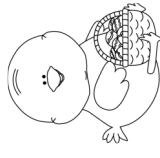
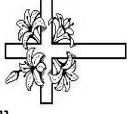






Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland, TX

April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Ken Ludwig-527-2140 Steven Swango-781-2312 Dannis McLoughlin-239-3444	Alter Guild: Leah Elisar-728-3600 Joann Ermel-980-9312	Ushers: 2-Ronnie V., Todd K. 3-Steve D., Johnny D. 5-Pat S., Kent S. 12-James S., Todd B. 19-Stuart K., Ronnie G. 26-Jim L., John F.	1 9:30am ECE Chapel  NO Lenten Services or Midweek classes	2 2 & 7:30pm Services Maundy Thursday 	3 2 & 7:30pm Good Friday Services 	4 10am Easter Egg Hunt & Party 
5 6:45am Easter Sunrise Service 10:30am Easter Celebration w/ Communion 	6 1pm Pastor & DCE Meeting	7 9:30am ECE Chapel	8 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Midweek Classes, Confirmation, & H.S. Youth	9 6pm Board of Mission & Assimiliations Meeting 7pm Harmony Exporters	10	11 10am Circuit Youth Kickball Meeting @ Holy Cross 10am Challenger Baseball Buddies
12 9am Pancake Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 	13 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 6:30pm MDAW Meeting 7pm ECE Board Meeting	14 8:30am Circuit Professionals Mtg. @ Faith Woodville 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm LWML-draw for Quilt	15 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Midweek Classes, Confirmation, & H.S. Youth	16 7pm Harmony Exporters	17	18 6:30pm Stevenson Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm Stevenson Wedding
19 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service w/ Communion	20 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting Deadline for May Newsletter	21 9:30am ECE Chapel	22 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Midweek Classes, Confirmation, & H.S. Youth	23 7pm Harmony Exporters	24 ★  Bulldog Stadium	25 1-6pm Private Rental
26 9am Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service	27 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 7pm Board of Elders Meeting	28 9:30am ECE Chapel 7pm Church Council Meeting	29 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm End of Year Midweek Party, Confirmation & H.S. Youth	30 7pm 8th Grade Presentations 7pm Harmony Exporters	April Showers <i>bringing</i> May Flowers	Acolytes: 5-Holden H., Braeden C. 12-Keegan D., Raj R. 19-Tyler D., Keagan D. 26-Taylor S., Hannah T.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Growing in Christ Jesus
and Making Him Known*