THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

2015

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

#### PASTOR'S FALL PROJECTS

9:00 AM SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

6:00 PM SUNDAY ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION
CLASSES

9:30 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD CHAPEL SERVICES

10:30 REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE ON OCTOBER 25th

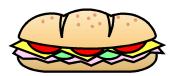
PREPARATION FOR COMING HOLIDAY SERVICES



#### "THE HEART OF THE CHURCH"

St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians these wonderful words.

"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18.



Here is your recipe for a spiritual sandwich, it is one which helped St. Paul in many difficult situations. When added with a good balanced diet of God's Word, it will work wonders in your life and benefit others too.



Take a slice of rejoicing always, put on a piece or two of praying constantly, and crown the dish with several slices of your giving thanks in all circumstances.

Paul simply says, "This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Now go and enjoy this meal with friends for even more enjoyment

Blessed October to you!

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

#### WORSHIP SERVICES OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2015

OCTOBER	4th	LWML SUNDAY	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
		with Holy Communion	
OCTOBER	11th	THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	10:30 AM	Blended Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
		with the Band	
OCTOBER	18th	THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
		with Holy Communion	
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OCTOBER	25th	REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE	
	10:30 AM	Celebration Service in the Sanctuary	
		Children's Message & Little Lambs Choir	
NOVEMBER	1st	ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE	
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		with Holy Communion	
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NOVEMBER	8th	THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	10:30 AM	Blended Worship Service with the Band	
		with Messiah's Muppets Ministry	
		with Honoring Korean & Viet Nam Vets	
NOVEMBER	15 <b>t</b> h	THE 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
HOVEMIDER	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
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NOVEMBER	<b>22nd</b>	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
		with Messiah's Muppets Ministry	
NOVEMBER	25th	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	
NOVEMBER	7:30 PM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
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NOVEMBER	29th	THE 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	

#### DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER?

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

October 4th
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
Pastor Mark Follett

October 11th
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Fred Kelm

October 18th St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas Pastor Doug Rathgeber

October 25th Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas Pastor Richard LeBlanc

November 1st St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

November 8th Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

November 15th Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas Pastor Tom Haas

November 22nd St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas Pastor Richard Turner

November 29th Our Savior Lutheran Church – Centerville, Texas Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)



#### DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO?

#### CHURCH SANCTUARY UPGRADES FOR ITS 50th BIRTHDAY!

There will be long-term audio and video upgrades for the sanctuary in the coming months to bring our sanctuary into current technology while at the same time keeping the beautiful sanctuary intact. There will be short-term upgrades including the removing of the first two rows of pews on each side. This will provide additional room for musical groups to stand, additional room for Christmas and Early Childhood programs, and additional room for motorized scooters.

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

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS (October, November, & December)** 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 at Hope Lutheran in Winnie on Tuesday, October 13th.

**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 Prescott Valley, Arizona Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas Trinity Lutheran Church in Klein, Texas St. John Lutheran Church in Beaumont, Texas St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas

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

THE LUTHERAN

WITNESS

### OCTOBER



- Lauri Ford Norman Hempel Sherry Hovey Loretta Williams
- —Neely Byrd Blake Krukiel
- —Ashley Lindsay Alan Trojcak
- 5—Tyler Dunlap Christie Escobar Kelly Meriwether Makenzie Philen Lillian Rodriguez
- -Shele Eason Kristal Spinks Sharon Wright
- 7—William Barron Carolyn Hovey Avery Kotz Lucille Wabs
- 8—Farrell Herring
- 10—John Chesson Autumn Dahl Ronnie Vize
- II—Kim Barron Dennis Becker
- 12—LuAnn Hansen Lola Rice
- -lim 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

- -Becky Neeb Pam Williams
- 19—Slade Hicks Kyler Terrell Trina West
- -Josie Gunter Helen Harbour Renee' O'Connor Kyler Spinks Pam Wolfe
- 21—Susan Cassill Amanda Longlet
- -Chelsey Gallagher Adam Richard Kelsea Van Brocklin
- 23—Jenny Brown Ann Huebel
- -Hannah Torres Stefanie Boudreaux Collin Londenberg
- 25—Lindsey Caswell Jeff Louvier
- -Tom Fritsche Tatum Miller lo Ann Vize
- 27—Bree Dauterive Daryl Williams
- 29—Steve Vincent
- 30—Laynie DeSerrno Saige Kieschnick
- 31—Jody Chesson



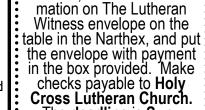


- -Kristin & Austin Begnaud
- 10—Donna & Ronnie Gunn Jeannie & Rick Heider
- 12-Tricia & David Trevino
- 14—Pam & O.W. Withrow
- 16-Marla & Wade Kieschnick
- 20—Melody & Eddie Gack
- 22-Lauri & Troy Ford



To: Holy Cross Memorial Fund

In memory of Louis Biar given by: Pat Biar



The **deadline** is **Sun.**, Oct 18th.

(with the Texas Messenger) Subscription cost for 2016 -\$12.65 (per subscription). If you would like to sub-

scribe, fill out the infor-

#### **RUMBLE BALL**

Tuesdays After School **3pm-4:15pm** 

for children in K-8th Grade Help Needed!

This ministry is growing by leaps & bounds & we're in need of extra helpers to help supervise the children. If you're available on Tuesdays from 3pm-4:15pm we need your help & would love to add you to a rotation schedule. Please prayerfully consider & contact DCE Kristy Witek if you're able



to help serve!

Congratulations to **DCE Kristy Witek** on her 15th Anniversary with Holy Cross. She is the longest female DCE at one church in the state of Texas. Thank you for all your hard-work and dedication to Holy Cross. Also, thanks to everyone who made her celebration a success.

# COME VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY in the Education Building.

Just sign the checkout card & leave it on the desk.

Any questions, call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, or Kathy Pinnt.



Deadline for <u>November</u> <u>Newsletter</u> is Monday, <u>October 19th!</u>

#### T LWML

News from our:

#### Lutheran Women's Missionary League



#### LADIES CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 2:30pm location TBA.



Tuesday, October 6

at 6pm

#### Hostesses:

Ruth Anne Perryman Jeannie Ford

Program:

"How Can I Control my Tongue?" I

Bible Study written by:

Jan Brunette

Activities: Election of Officers

All ladies are invited to join us!

Stamps... to support Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit shipping Fund, which provides funding for shipping supplies to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute postage stamps by leaving their used envelopes with cancelled stamps in Sharon Teinert or Judy Alvarez's member box in the Narthex. Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from the envelopes, but if you care to prepare them, please trim stamps from envelopes with at least 1/4" around the stamp. The perforation is the most important aspect of the stamp & shouldn't be cut or torn. Your greatest contribution is to save &

ask others to save. Any questions—contact: **Sharon Teinert** at **#718-5906**.



#### **QUILTING CIRCLE:**

EVERY THURSDAY at 9:30am in the Conf. Rms.



Everyone is welcome to come sew with us. We're still taking donations of material, blue jeans, or cash for supplies & have already made several quilts since the others were sent in April. Thank you to all who have bought chances for the donation quilt, given material, blue jeans, or cash for supplies. We appreciate each one of you for supporting our efforts for this worthwhile mission project. If you're unable to quilt, with the group, you can work on the guilts at home. Call **Rosie** & she will get you set up #201-5710. Extra sewing

machines are available.

All ladies are invited to a
Spiritual Rest & Renewal
Retreat entitled
"Created For Eternity"

Isaiah 43:1 Friday & Saturday, October 9-10, 2015 Glen Lake Camp, Glen Rose, TX

#### **Registration Options:**

Full Retreat: Friday 3pm—Saturday 3pm, Cost \$80 (included-1 night stay, 3 meals & all scheduled activities)

Saturday Only: Saturday 7am-3pm (2 meals), Cost \$55 Registration Forms are available. If you're interested, please contact Rosemarie Herring at #201-5710.

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 mission projects.





A special Worship service is planned for **Sunday, October 4,**2015, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. Authors of this service, LWML Counselors, Rev. John Heckmann & Rev.Dr. Robert Roegner, wrote on the theme, "Seek First the Kingdom of God."

"Seek First the Kingdom of God."
LWML wants all women to find joy in Bible study, mite giving, mission service, & reaching the lost & hurting for Christ. Check out our website at www.lwml.org.

#### 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



#### Little Lamb's Choir Schedule

Sunday, September 27 Sunday, October 25

Sunday, November 22

Sunday, December 20 (Christmas Program)

Sunday, January 24

Sunday, February 28

Sunday, March 20 -Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday Service @10:30am

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

#### **ECE News**

Thank you for sharing your children with us. There have been a few tears, but they do not last very far into the day. We have settled quickly into looking forward to Chapel (9:30am on Tuesday and Wednesday) with puppet friends, Ms. Kristy and Pastor Francis. Our enrollment is 50 students on M-W and 53 on T-Th.

We continue to welcome new students: #722-2177 for more information.

#### **October Dates to Remember:**

October 12—No School

October 14 & 15—Vision & Hearing Screening for the 4's & 5's (Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Smiley)

October 20-Openhouse 6:30-7:30pm.

Kindermusic Show-off in Family Life Center.

\*6-6:10pm—18 months-2's

\*6:10-6:20pm—3's

\*6:20-6:30pm—4's & 5's

October 28 & 29—Carnival with Mrs. Maxwell/Mrs. Smiley Classes

October 28 & 29—Pizza Days

Pizza Days are our monthly fundraising event. Our laminator (purchased in 1988) is no longer working and parts cannot be found. Monies raised will go toward the purchase of a new laminator (\$1900-\$2700).

Please keep student, families, and staff in your prayers!



## Mid-week/Kingdom Quest (K-4th) and Confirmation (5th-8th) Classes Wednesday, September 9

5:30pm – M&M Time (Meal & Memory Work Time)
Family Life Center Foyer
6pm-7:15 — Classes for Kindergarten—Adults



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, September 9, 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 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.

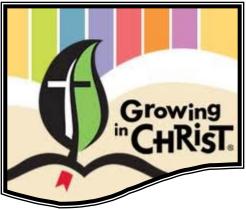
Adult LifeLight Classes meet 6:00-7:15pm in Conference rooms A and B.

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 on Wednesday, September 9 @6pm! BRING A FRIEND!



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 <a href="mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net">dcekristy@sbcglobal.net</a> for more information!

NEW Pre-K (3-4 year old class)! 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)

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)



#### Saturday, October 31 @6pm-8pm

<u>INSIDE OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER</u>

Our biggest outreach event of the year is upon us!



Our 14th 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 Saturday. 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—Thursday, Oct. 29-Saturday, Oct. 31 @5 pm

#### **ONLINE SERMON REPORTS**

Holy Cross Lutheran requires members of the 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades to complete a predetermined number of sermon reports in order to fulfill the requirements for the course. You may use the sermon reports forms at Holy Cross or any church you're visiting. While students are still allowed to use the hard copies of the sermon reports, we are trying out a "virtual" sermon report that you can find on our website. You simply access www.holycrosstexas.org, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click the "online sermon report button," complete the form on your phone, laptop or IPad and then click "submit"! Please be sure to click "submit" after you have completed your sermon report at the end of the service and then let DCE Kristy know you've completed it online!



Greetings to you this September day!

I had arranged to have Dr. Lou Jander come to Holy Cross on Saturday and Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and share with us a "live" seminar to prepare us to share copies of the Gospel of John with our friends and neighbors.

Dr. Jander has now proposed an alternate training session instead of our "live" session in October. He was wondering if Holy Cross might be a pioneer in this process. I said we are up to any new challenge and task! Here it is.

The seminar is called **"Sow the Word"** and it is an on-line training session that you can do on your own and at the time which best suits you.

Here is the link to allow you to review for yourself the training process. <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/crownpnt.org/sow-the-word/">https://sites.google.com/a/crownpnt.org/sow-the-word/</a>

Once you have completed the seminar I will have available for you copies of the Gospel of John to share with others. You will learn from the "Sowing Sessions", receive a "Sowing Starter Kit", and then be sent out to your friends and neighbors as a "Ready Sower."

Dr. Jander has also set up a blog relating stories of people just like you who have sown the seed of the Gospel. <a href="http://sowtheword-crownpoint.blogspot.com/">http://sowtheword-crownpoint.blogspot.com/</a>

May the Lord bless you my friends! Pastor Schroeder



#### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS BOXES

Community-Wide Mission Project

Together with dozens of churches in our area, we will be collecting items for shoeboxes that will be given to children for Christmas! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### **Items We Are Collecting & Collection Dates**

\*Bring all items to our collection boxes in our Church Narthex and/or Church Office

Aug 30-Sept 12—School Supplies & Coloring Items
Pencils, colors, notebooks, notepads, scissors, erasers, coloring books, pens

#### Sept 13-Sept 26

Bars of soap and wash clothes—place soap in zip-top baggie

Sept 27-Oct 10— Girls & Boys Socks

Oct 11-Oct 24—Combs/Brushes

Oct 25—Nov 7

Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste

**Nov 8—Nov 14** 

Children's Toys—(balls, jacks, jump rope, stuffed animals, cards, small puzzles, yo-yo's; ball caps; hair things for girls)

#### **Nov 15-Nov 18**

Personal Notes (photo of you/family, name & address so children can write to you.)

#### **Monetary Donations**

\*If you would like to give a monetary donation you can do so to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. It costs \$7 to send each box.



#### Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

NO-NO's—NO used or damaged items, guns, mili-

tary figures, chocolate or

food, liquids or lotions,

medications or vitamins,

breakables, aerosol cans.

Wednesday, November 18 @6pm

All Children 5th Grade through 12th Grade and adults are encourage to join us!

You and yours are invited to a Packing Party to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts!

#### Our goal is to collect enough items to send 100 boxes!

Our K-4th Graders WILL still have regular Wednesday evening classes.

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