

# Cross Beams

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A. August 2018

*The purpose of  
Holy Cross Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
is to know, and joyfully  
share, the love of God  
in Christ.*

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Pianist, Joyce Bjork

## Pastor's Pulse

As I work and sort donations at my desk at Castaways, I wonder about all that I see and discover.

First of all, I wonder at some of the quality of the items that are donated. I am amazed that such items are just being cast off, discarded, abandoned and thrown away. Some of the items still have their original price tags on them.

Secondly, I am taken aback at the ridiculously low price that is then put on such items before being put out on the sales floor.

Thirdly, after one month and three weeks the price on the item is discounted by an additional 50%. If the item is not sold after 2 months it is thrown in the dumpster!

As a child of God you will never, ever have that kind of experience.

You are absolutely precious and dear to the heart of God. Regardless of your circumstances, God will never cast you aside, abandon you or throw you away. Jesus' words, "**Whoever comes to me, I will never reject.**"

You are precious and beloved in the heart and eyes of God. You will always be precious and beloved in the heart and eyes of God. Your value will never decrease. Your Heavenly Father will never turn His back on you. You will never end up in the dumpster. There is already a room reserved for you in the Father's mansion.

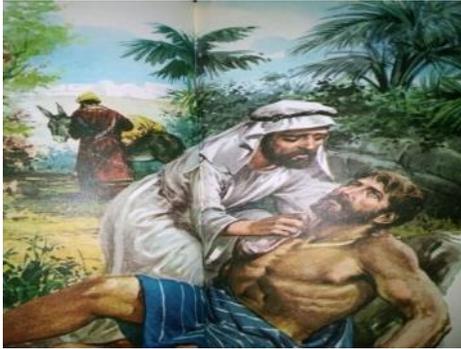


REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## The Joy of Giving

Living the life of the Good Samaritan!

While visiting friends in Florida last May I was introduced to this book and study course, "The Blessed Life, Unlocking the Rewards of Generous Living" by Robert Morris. My friends thoroughly enjoyed the course through their church and I quickly scanned the book. It reminded me of a conversation that I had with Pastor when I originally joined Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Pastor used the phrase, "the joy of giving." I never really thought about receiving joy through giving I just felt it was the right thing to do. Then one day a workman was finishing a project at my home post Harvey and he was explaining his plight of driving on our nail embedded roads and having numerous tire punctures. He said that he had gone to Good Samaritans but they did not have vouchers for tires or tire repair. I immediately went to my purse and gave him some money. This young father of five burst into tears and thanked me so graciously that I can still feel the joy that it gave me today. Since then I have remembered other times of joyful giving and they too have been filled with satisfaction. I plan to use this space in future newsletters to explore the joy of living through giving based on this book and many verses and chapters of the Bible. Come join me!

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sterling Frank : Treasurer

#### July Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Spending: \$14,898  
Operating Fund Giving: \$9,320  
2017 June Giving: \$10,944

Cash on Hand- July: \$169,470

#### Insurance Cash on Hand:

Building: \$211,939.  
Contents: \$76,607  
Rebuild Offerings: \$48,212



## Ladders

My husband always said that if you are over 60 you should not climb on a ladder. Well...

During his 45 years of medical practice he saw many instances of severe injury due to falls off ladders. If you must climb a ladder, make sure that you have someone with you holding the ladder for extra support. It just might save your life.

Be safe this summer.

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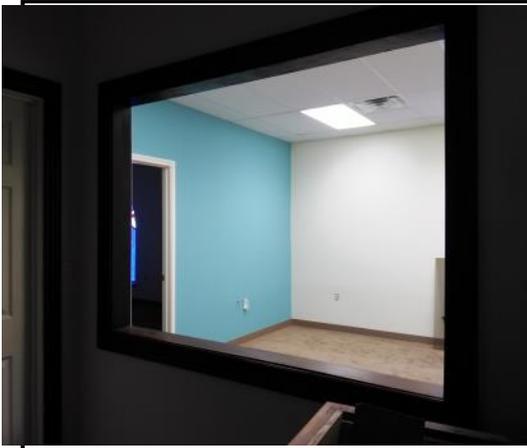
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5 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship with communion	6	7	8	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast	10	11
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19 10:30 Worship with communion at Peace Lutheran	20	21	22	23 8:00 Men's Breakfast	24	25
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Council Person of the Week: Aug. 5- Dale Schutt, Aug. 12- Monica Morris, Aug. 19- Service at Peace Lutheran, Aug. 26- Monica Morris

Assistant Ministers: Aug. 5- Toni Post, Aug. 12- Linda Haynes, Aug. 19- Toni Post, Aug. 26- Jackie Grunenwald

Worship will be held at Peace Lutheran Church (1302 W. Market St.) on August 19th



Peace Lutheran Church  
1302 W. Market St.  
Rockport, Tx.

Worship service on August 19, 2018  
10:30 am