



# Cross Beams

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

## The Pastor's Pulse

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to God for you. Those are the words of Saint Paul to members of one of the congregations that he serves. But they are my words addressed to all of you as well.

You are a magnificent people. Since the day I first began to serve you until this very moment, I found a loving and caring spirit in you. I cannot remember words of ridicule or criticism being directed toward anyone. The respect and love I see overwhelms me with joy.

Since moving into our temporary facility, I have heard nothing but appreciation that we have a place to meet for worship, study and fellowship. The gratitude and camaraderie is heartfelt. Hardly do we announce a need before someone steps forward to begin caring for it. Your support and encouragement for our ministries and missions are exemplary. People about town have all kinds of good things to say about you and I chime right in with my praise as well.

“Happy Family” is listed on the menu of every Chinese restaurant that I have ever patronized. Now when I look at the ingredients, I always add your names. You are the best of the best.

Thank you for letting me serve you.



## Castaways Thrift Shop

**On February 25th the congregation received a presentation on joining Peace Lutheran in providing one day of service per week to the operation of Castaways Thrift Shop. The service day will be Wednesday from 8:30-3:30. The preparation 1/2 day will be Mondays from 8:30-Noon. We will need 12 volunteers from our church to successfully join in the venture. All of those who are interested are asked to sign up on the designated sign up sheet. With a successful sign-up, this project will be brought before the congregation for a final vote of approval before initiating this partnership. The proceeds from Castaways will be used in our outreach ministries.**

REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**Please welcome Bobbi Miner as she has transferred her membership from Christ the Servant in Houston to Holy Cross. She and her husband reside in Aransas Pass.**



## Church rebuild update

Things are progressing in the church rebuild. The new stucco façade is completed and the roof rebuild will begin as soon as the weather permits.



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Sterling Frank : Treasurer

Operating Fund Budget January YTD	\$22,091
Operating Fund Spending January YTD	\$20,540
Operating Fund Giving January YTD	\$13,477
Cash balance January 31, 2018	\$171,075.93

## Chili Cookoff Results

Thanks to Debbie Outten we had another excellent chili cookoff.

- 1st Place winner: Karl Hoepfner
- 2nd Place winner: Sue Green
- 3rd Place winner: Donna Enga



# March 2018

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				<b>1</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Communion Sunday	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:50 Lenten Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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Assisting Ministers: Mar.4 Mary McMurray; Mar.11 Rodney Enga; Mar.18 Vickie Hingst; Mar.25 Jackie Grunenwald

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am Ann and Dale Schutt; 10:30 am Bob and Pat Reiner; Mar. 24 Warren and Jean Leith

Council Person of the Week: Mar. 4 Angela Jeschke; Mar. 11 Bob Reiner; Mar.18 Gayle Fellman; Mar.25 Monica Morris



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**Tentative Easter Sunday Schedule:** 7:00 Sunrise service at the beach provided by  
The Ministerial Alliance  
9:00 Bible Class  
10:30 Worship with Communion  
A light brunch will follow

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Emily Smith was our special guest at our February 11 worship service. She is a missionary to Japan serving the Japan Holiness Churches. She has asked for our prayers and support for this work. She can be reached at [ecsmith@wbs.edu](mailto:ecsmith@wbs.edu) or [thatgreenflamingo@yahoo.com](mailto:thatgreenflamingo@yahoo.com). Please prayerfully consider supporting Emily in her endeavors.

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**Reminder:** Lenten services are held at 5:30 pm each Tuesday through the Lenten period. Our devotion is centered on the Church. Who is the Church? What is the Church. How is the Church defined and described in the New Testament. What does the Church mean to you? Please join us for this informal presentation and discussion.