

Cross Beams

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

Pastor's Pulse

I feel like a kid on Christmas morning. Everywhere I turn in this newly refurbished church, I am surprised by a new and different "Present."

I've just been shown the new paraments and the Christian symbols that adorn them. They will be placed on the altar, lectern, pulpit and my stole. The colors differ according to the seasons of the Church Year as do the symbols that adorn them. They are breathtaking. As each new season dawns, we will explain the meaning of the color and symbol.

The Prayer Wall in the narthex is already displaying several requests for prayers and intercessions. The Prayer Warriors, a new team of ministers, will not be lacking for requests.

The white stacked brick wall behind the altar and the new lighting truly accent the cross that hangs on the wall.

As you enter the front door into the fellowship hall, you are

struck at once by the display of crosses on both sides of the front wall. In addition many of the crosses adorn other rooms as well. They are featured according to the décor of many of the rooms.

On the south wall of the fellowship hall are special display racks depicting the various ministries of our church. A brief description of each is given along with the business card of the contact person from our church that heads each ministry.

Above and between those displays is a large television screen on which can be shown a live picture of the worship center or perhaps a visual of a Bible Study or laptop presentation. The uses are endless. The pews have been newly upholstered in an attractive turquoise. All the woodwork in the worship center has been freshly refinished. And there are many other "Presents" still to be opened. All I can say is come and take a look for yourself. We are truly blessed!!



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

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Y'LL COME

To all of our church family members from far away placeslike Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan , Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Illinois and Canada.... We've missed you! We've appreciated your prayers and support. And, we're really looking forward to your coming back to Rockport and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. You won't believe how we've redone the church for your arrival. It's beautiful and the spirit of worship and fellowship is wonderful.

You should also know that Rockport has made amazing strides in recovery from Hurricane Harvey. You'll find the town very clean and largely put back together again. There are again great restaurants galore. The beach is busy and the fishing is great!

We hope to see you soon!!!

REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



ALL IN THE FAMILY by Stan Post

Left, right, left, right.... If you were ever in the military you know what this is all about. This member sure does. After graduating from high school in Peoria, Illinois, he joined the Air Force. Twenty-four years later, in 1975, he retired with the rank of Master Sergeant. His service included a three-year stint in Bermuda and a four-year deployment to Hawaii. As he said, "Somebody had to do it"! And, incidentally, his wife also served and retired a Master Sergeant.

After the military, he and his wife had a picture frame business in the Austin and Bastrop area, Can you believe that they built over 400 thousand frames.

If you like mystery and adventure books, you may have read one of the ten books that he has written. Since he and his wife moved to Rockport in 1999 and began attending Holy Cross in 2000, there is a good chance you've sat next to this author and didn't know it. In his time at Holy Cross he has been a faithful member. While alive, his wife was also. She was active in a variety of ways and especially loved singing in the choir.

In 2010, this member and his wife were recognized as Whataburger's Biggest Fans. They submitted a four hundred word essay in the contest and noted they had eaten over 6,000 meals in the Rockport store. After being invited to the Whataburger Convention, and being recognized and given a new van, they visited all 759 Whataburger stores.

So, who is this member of our church family? Try to figure it out. In the next month's newsletter we'll reveal his name with a picture. And we will profile another member.

Stay tuned.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sterling Frank : Treasurer

August Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Spending: \$12,351
 Operating Fund Giving: \$10,112
 2017 April Giving: \$10,720

Cash on Hand- Aug. : \$174,629.

Insurance Cash on Hand:

Building: \$211,970
 Contents: \$41,492
 Rebuild Offerings: \$45,039



Preparing for Next Week

Monday (commemoration of Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179) Psalm 119:169-176.
Tuesday (commemoration of Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, 1961) Colossians 3:1-11.
Wednesday John 7:25-36. **Thursday** Psalm 54. **Friday** (Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist) Matthew 9:9-13. **Saturday** 2 Kings 17:5-18. **18th Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 11:18-20 or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

CELEBRATE September 16, 2018 (Lectionary 24)

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You will find this section on the back of the Celebrate insert. For those interested in Individual Bible Study, this guide gives you suggestions on Bible Study for the entire week. It also gives you suggestions on Bible Study in preparation for next Sunday's worship service. Please take a look at this and see how this can heighten your study of the Bible and also prepare you for Sunday Service. I have found it very useful and a wonderful addition to my current individual Bible Study.

October 2018

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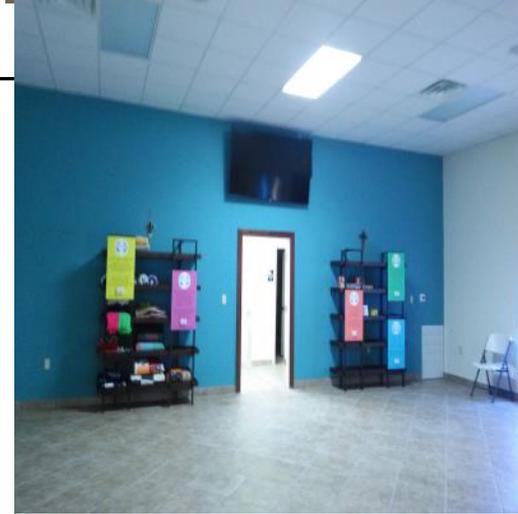
Sat

	1	2	3	4 8:00 Men's Breakfast	5	6
7 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Worship with communion	8 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9	10	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Worship	15	16	17	18 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	19	20
21 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Worship with Communion	22	23	24	25 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	26	27
28 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Worship Noisy offering	29	30	31			

Council Person of the Week: Oct. 7-Cassandra Chollet, Oct. 14-Angela Jeschke, Oct. 21-Rita Hartman,
Oct. 28-Monica Morris

Assistant Ministers: Oct. 7- Mary McMurray, Oct. 14- Toni Post, Oct. 21- Linda Haynes
Oct. 28- Jackie Grunenwald

Wrap up work on our building:



We have a new grounds crew. Joe and Lisa Gomez have been hired to keep our grounds and prayer garden and we are so thankful for them and for this new adventure that they are undertaking. Good luck and thank you so much for your diligent work!