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NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A. September 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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Pastor's Pulse

I will have to admit that there were times during these past few months that I wondered out loud, "Are we EVER going to get back into our church building.

Our days of wondering are over. We ARE going to get back into our church home. On Sunday, September 30th, we are coming home. The service of Rededication will take place on that day at the 10:30 service.

Then at 3:00 pm that afternoon we will have an Open House to which we are inviting Pastors, congregations and individuals who have so generously supported us during the interim and the community as a whole. Our Bishop has also been invited.

You will find much that is new and different. You will be moved by its beauty. You will see that we have been able to upgrade and improve our church home.

And this is precisely where I must speak a word of caution. OUR "NEW AND IMPROVED" BUILDING IS FIRST AND FOREMOST AN INSTRUMENT AND CENTER FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE. THIS IS NOT A SHOWPLACE BUT A GATHERING PLACE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TO WORSHIP OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

Please hear and take it to heart. We are so blessed to have this day finally arrive and to be able to once again worship in our church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We hope to see all of you there.



Stan's Corner: All in the Family

Yes, we're all in the family, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church family. And, what a wonderful family it is.

Have you ever wished you knew a bit more about others in the church family? Me too. Well, we're going to do a feature each month on an individual or couple who is part of the church family.

Let's have fun doing it. Each month we'll do a profile but we won't give a name. Then, during the month you can try to figure out who it is. Don't be shy, go up to folks and ask, "Was that you?" Even if you're wrong you'll get to know someone better.

Finally, in the next month's newsletter we'll give the name along with a picture. And we'll do another profile monthly. What fun it will be to get to guess at the guest and also learn more about our fellow church family members. Stay tuned!!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE RECEIVES GRANT FOR RECOVERY EFFORTS

Lutheran Disaster Response has been allocated up to 7.3 million dollars from the National voluntary Organization Active in Disaster as part of a cooperative agreement with FEMA to support the implementation of a disaster case management delivery mechanism for survivors of Harvey in Texas. The efforts will focus on ten counties, including Aransas County.



Women's Bible Study update

Thanks so much to all of you who participated in the summertime study of the "Draft Social Statement of Women and Justice." We had a comprehensive discussion of our various views at our August meeting. Our input has been mailed off to the ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice in Chicago.

It is time to return now to Persia in the days of 478 B.C., and the intertwining lives of Ester, Xerxes, Mordecai, Haman and all the many Jewish people living there. Please read and prepare your lesson using pages 154-173. We will start with a short review of what has already taken place, so please be prepared to tell us your favorite part or passage so far. After that, we will review the above pages and share our video entitled, 'Where is the Man?'

Our meeting will need to be at my home again in September. Please come and join us on Thursday, September 13th, at 9:30. See you there for the continuation of this saga on the perils of the Jewish people.



Ann Schutt with the Holy Cross Stitchery Ministry presented Helen Hartman with a quilt as comfort and as well wishes as she prepares to enter the next phase of her life. Helen will be attending Texas A & M in College Station as she begins her college career. We wish her much success and God's blessings.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sterling Frank :

JULY Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Spending: \$12,623
Operating Fund Giving: \$13,541
2017 July Giving: \$12,953

Cash on Hand- JULY: \$169, 522.

Insurance Cash on Hand:

Building: \$211,625
Contents: \$65, 935
Rebuild Offerings: \$44,409



Work day at Holy Cross Lutheran

A team from Gethsemane Lutheran in Austin, Tx. along with member of our congregation spent Sat. Aug. 18th unloading pods and assembling furniture for our eventual move-in. The group gave such moral support and really lifted our spirits. A good time was had by all and much needed work was accomplished. We are so blessed and thankful to have such dedicated volunteers who have extended themselves so graciously to our needs. We thank you so much



God's Work Our Hands in Motion

September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 9:00 Bible Class 10:30 Worship with communion at Yacht Club	3	4	5	6 8:00 Men's Break- fast	7	8
9 9:00 Bible Class 10:30 Worship at Yacht Club	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting Place to be deter- mined	11	12	13 8:00 Men's Break- fast 9:30 Women's Bible Class At home of Toni Post	14	15
16 9:00 Bible Class 10:30 Worship with communion at Yacht Club	17	18	19	20 8:00 Men's Break- fast	21	22
23 9:00 Bible Class 10:30 Worship Place to be deter- mined	24	25	26	27 8:00 Men's Break- fast	28	29
30 9:00 Bible Class 10:30 Rededication Worship Service at Holy Cross Lutheran						

Council Person of the Week: Sept. 2: Dale Schutt, Sept 9: Debbie Outten, Sept 16: Craig Brown, Sept 23:

Monica Morris, Sept. 30: All

Assistant Ministers: Sept. 2: Toni Post, Sept. 9: Linda Haynes, Sept. 16: Linda Haynes, Sept. 23 Jackie

Gruenwald, Sept. 30: Mary McMurry

Communion Assistants: Sue and Wayne Green

