

September 26, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of Holy Cross,

Sunday we worshipped in our new temporary building for the first time. There were fifty-four present! It was truly a special day. Everyone loved the service and Spirit in it. One long-term member said it was the most meaningful service ever attended. We'll be back this Sunday. Bible study is at 9:00 A. M. and worship at 10:30.

The Synod's Task Force for Poverty and Justice had six people in Rockport for three days. They came from Lutheran churches in Austin, Buda, Lyford and Harlingen. They worked like Trojans helping remove debris, etc. from six homes. Our members who received the help were truly grateful.

This Saturday the Lutheran Campus Minister at The University of Texas is bringing a group of students to help with cleanup of members' homes. Very special!

Speaking of special, yesterday Bishop Tiemann brought a group from Lutheran Disaster Relief to Rockport. They visited both our regular church to view damages and our temporary location. Their visit was encouraging and supportive and appreciated.

On a more somber note our claim with Texas Windstorm continues to move more slowly than we hoped. Literally every day there are more frustrations for Sterling in dealing with it. It is energy-draining, frustrating and at times almost overwhelming. We all owe Sterling a huge THANK YOU for the time and effort he is putting into this.

Now back to the positive, we continue to be showered with blessings of support. It comes in the form of items to be used for clean-up, items for home use by members who lost their homes, gift cards for Walmart, etc. And, importantly, we continue to get checks of financial support mailed to Holy Cross at P. O. Box 301, Rockport, Texas 78381. It comes from a wide range of friends, churches and at times those unknown. We are so thankful.

Blessings and peace to all.

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