

Cross Beams

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

It is the season of Advent; it is the beginning of a whole new Church Year. It is a time of happy anticipation and celebration.

The Word Advent means "coming" or "appearance." For those of us who are Christian it is a time to celebrate the first "coming" or "appearance" of God's Messiah-the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ into our world. His coming is for the sole purpose of bringing us back into a right standing with God through the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebration is absolutely necessary. Christ's coming and His suffering and death on our behalf means we are saved from condemnation, death and hell. We are not only restored to a right standing with God but we are actually received as God's own children.

Advent as well is a season of happy anticipation. It heralds the second coming of Christ when Christ will come again to bring all of God's children home to heaven. There in heaven we will join the heavenly hosts and all of the redeemed to spend eternity.

It is a whole new Church Year and a whole new life with God through the gift of His Son.

Come join us this Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm for our initial Advent Service and activity. We will be making Advent wreaths for all to take home to make this Advent season come alive for us.



All in the Family by Stan Post

If you ask nicely this member may take you for a ride on her Harley Davidson 1450 cc Road King Touring motorcycle. Yes, she rides and has been for twenty years. Her longest ride was a 3,000 mile trip. Next year she plans to tour Big Bend. Wow!

While she was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, she has lived in three different cities in Colorado for 17 years, one being on the Western Slope at 6,500 feet. While living in Fort Collins she started a Fiber Optic Splicing Telecommunications Business. And, can you believe, she built two thirds of the country's fiber optic ring on railroad easements. She continued the business for five years after moving to Rockport.

In 2003 she moved to Rockport and Pastor Haynes married her and her husband and she began an active life in the congregation. Among other things she has served as Council President. Pastor also confirmed her two children, the first for him at Holy Cross.

Here is something I bet you didn't know. In addition to playing the guitar, piano and the clarinet, she sang for a Rock and Roll band. Cool, huh?

Before starting her fiber optics business, she was a cardiac and critical care nurse. After the sale of her business she went back into nursing and currently works at Christus Spohn Shoreline in the ER Level 2 Trauma Center. She is a certified ER nurse, certified critical care nurse and a certified Faith Community Nurse. This is also known as a Certified Parish Nurse.

So there you have it, another special part of our church family. Guess who she is. We will tell you next month!!!



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Stitchery Ministry

Stitchery committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 9:30 am. Scrap fabrics, sheets and quilt batting donations are needed. Contact Ann Schutt at 763-300-8646 if you have any questions. (Text or leave a message as I do not answer unknown calls.) Please come and join us for this fun filled morning. There are plenty of jobs for those who have limited experience in quilting.



Toys for Tots Christmas Present Drive

Please put unwrapped toys for children ages 2-14 into the collection box located in the fellowship hall. Collection will take place between now and December 15. All of the toys collected will go directly to local Rockport kids. Please give generously to this worthwhile project. Thank you so much.

Rhonda Hahn, Sponsored by Precision Pest Control

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sterling Frank : Treasurer

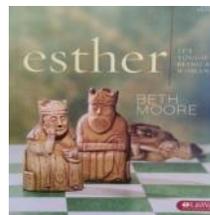
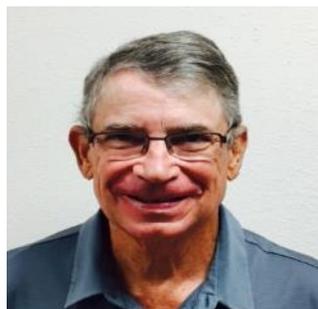
Oct. Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Spending: \$8,058
Operating Fund Giving: \$12,159
2017 October Giving: \$13,711

Cash on Hand- Oct. \$171,800

Insurance Cash on Hand:

Contents: \$22,341
Rebuild Offerings: \$43,463



WELCA/Ladies Bible Study
for December

We have come to the end of our story of Esther... or have we? Perhaps this story of a trusting woman will have a lasting impression on our lives! Be sure to join us on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 9:30 am, as we conclude this study with a discussion about culminating strengths to carry us forward in a world where "It's Tough Being A Woman."

As part of our WELCA ministry we will be contributing special Christmas gifts to our church's Backpack Kids. Mary Alice Nugent has graciously volunteered to coordinate this project with our group giving each child a \$15.00 gift. Please remember this critical need in your own prayers and giving plan.

December 2018

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2 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship with Communion	3	4 5:00 Choir Practice	5 Advent Service: 5:00 Light Supper 5:30 Wreath Project and history	6 8:00 Men's Break- fast	7	8
9 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Good Samaritan Sunday	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11 5:00 Choir Practice	12 Advent Activity: 6:00 pm Caroling	13 8:00 Men's Break- fast 9:30 Women's Bible Study	14	15
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Council Person of the Week: Dec. 2– Bob Reiner, Dec. 9– Dale Schutt, Dec. 16– Craig Brown, Dec. 23–
Angela Jeschke, Dec. 30– Mary K. Herrington

Assistant Ministers: Dec. 2– Toni Post, Dec. 9– Mary McMurray, Dec. 16– Linda Haynes, Dec. 23– Mary
McMurray, Dec. 30– Jackie Grunenwald.

Communion Assistants for December: John and Pat Enstrom and Pauline and Earl Genskow



Last month's mystery members were John and Jackie Grunenwald



We held a special candle lighting ceremony for the Celebration of All Saints Day.



"An Unclouded Day" was sung by Judy Corum and Roger Jacobsen during the lighting ceremony.



Choir

With the redesign of the sanctuary the choir is now front and center in the church. This makes for a wonderful musical experience as the choir can better lead us in song and better perform their own hymns of praise.



New Electronic Sign has been installed!!!



We now have a new and beautiful piano thanks to the wonderful and very generous gift from Butch and Lynne Porter!!!



Our old piano was donated to Gulf Pointe Plaza Nursing Home where it will now have its new and permanent home.



The Choir had a performance at the nursing home during the Thanksgiving Holiday period. All enjoyed the singing of Thanksgiving related songs.