

Cross Beams

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

This week the man who was President of the congregation when I arrived in 2001 entered the Church Triumphant. His family so generously kept me apprised of his condition during the last weeks of his life. As I thought of this man, his fervent love for the Lord and for Holy Cross, I remembered my indebtedness to him as he shepherded me during my first few months of being pastor here. I also felt the indebtedness of the entire congregation for his faith and leadership during those early years. I feel that it was through his guidance, faith and dedication that this congregation was able to move forward as it did.



We are all debtors, not just to this man, but to all of those who have provided inspiration, vision and strength to Holy Cross Lutheran Church through their faith and the lives they have lived. Our church is a product not only of our current congregation and members but also of congregations and members that have gone before us which we so fondly remember as they have helped shape us into what we have become. These saints live not only in our hearts but are a part of the heavenly hosts who surround us every time we gather to worship and pray to the living God. No, we cannot actually see them but they are present. They are here as we worship and sing unending hymns of praise and adoration to our Savior, Lord and King. Thanks be to God for every last one of them. It is through their faith, witness, devotion and service along with our own that we remember the past, act in the present and have hope for the future of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in our community and in the world at large.

As All Saints Day approaches on November 4, remember to bring a picture of your loved one as you light a candle in remembrance of him/her and his/her contribution to your faith or the contribution he/she made to the faith of others and to our congregation. Praise be to our Savior and Living God!

All in the Family

Where do I start with this month's member profile, Let's do him, her and then them.

He grew up in Kingston, New York on the Hudson River. Got a degree in Aviation Administration from the University of Miami. Much later a Master's Degree in Education. Had a career of over 20 years as a Navy pilot. Out of the Navy, he formed a company cutting and polishing rocks that were used for belt buckles etc. He spent four years doing this in San Antonio and Austin. Maybe most interesting is that for fifteen years, during the summers, he did gold prospecting in California. Often he did so under water using scuba gear and, yes, he found gold!

She grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She said at times she and friends would park across from Graceland waiting to see Elvis. When you know who she is ask her how that turned out. She got a degree in Education from the University of Tennessee in Martin. In total, with breaks, she taught for fifteen years finishing her teaching career in Bloomington, Texas, just up the road from Rockport. Before that she had stints working for a book publishing company in California and a newspaper in Michigan.

In 1995 she moved to Victoria, where she had friends. And in 1999 it happened, they met. They both loved to square dance and that's where it happened. It's a wonderful story but way too long for here. Get them to tell it to you. In 2002 they moved to Rockport and mostly attended St. Mark's Lutheran in CC. In 2010 they visited Holy Cross and joined. And, by the way, the first time they met and he asked her to dance, when their hands touched the first time both said they felt a shock. They say at times they still do!!!

Check it out and see if you can guess the members this time. Their story is one for the books.

REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Back Pack Kids.

On a weekly basis 10 back packs are prepared for students who are nutritionally challenged over the weekends. We provide this assistance weekly during the school year.



Community Table

Our church along with the community alliance ministry provides an evening meal twice a month to those in need. To date we have served two meals in September with over 130 in attendance each time. We will serve again in 2019.



Good Samaritans

This is a community outreach program to assist those in need of food and other essentials in their lives. Counselling and other support is given through the agency. We have designated the second Sunday of every month as a collection Sunday to bring non-perishable food and other small essentials to the church.



Stitchery Ministry

Blankets, shawls, prayer squares are displayed in the fellowship hall for your distribution. Please take any of these to assist you in your prayer life or the prayer life of a loved one.



Castaways Resale Shop

We participate in the resale shop on Monday mornings and all day Wednesday to stock the shelves with the donations we have received. Please come join us to assist in this very worth while ministry and project. We need all of your assistance. Come join us!

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Spending: \$18,225
Operating Fund Giving: \$13,214
2017 Sept. Giving: \$10,720

Cash on Hand- Oct. : \$177,040

Insurance Cash on Hand: \$32,120

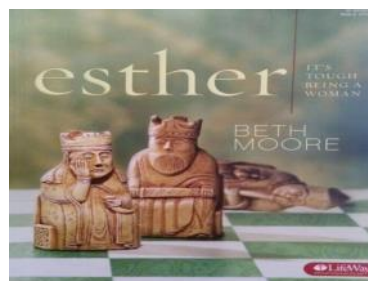
Contents: \$32,020
Rebuild Offerings: \$47,642
Rebuild: \$0 (Paid in Full)

Sterling Frank : Treasurer



Welca/Ladies' Bible Study

We have made it through the part where "the good guy wins," but Xerxes' deadly decree "cannot be re-voked." SO, will Esther, Mordecai and the Jews survive? Or will Haman's evil scheme be fulfilled even though he himself is dead? Come join us on Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 at our church to be involved in the answer. See you there!!!



November 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 8:00 Men's Breakfast	2	3
4 All Saints Day 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship with Communion	5	6 5:00 pm Choir Practice	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Women's Bible Study	9	10
11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	12 7:00 Council Meeting	13 5:00 pm Choir Practice	14	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast	16	17
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Council Person of the Week: Nov. 4: Bob Reiner, Nov. 11: Craig Brown, Nov. 18: Debbie Outten,
Nov. 25 Angela Jeschke

All Saints Day: You may bring a picture of your loved one to leave on the table as you light a candle in his/hers remembrance!

Assistant Ministers: Nov. 4: Toni Post, Nov. 11: Mary McMurray, Nov. 18: Jackie Grunenwald,
Nov. 25 : Linda Haynes



Meet Lexi Ritchey, our new person to clean and care for the interior of our church . She does a great job. She also cleans homes, if you have a need. 361-205-9279



Karl Hoepfner was the profiled member last month in the “All in the Family” selection. Check out one of his books. He’s an exceptional author!!

Some of our New Members. They may have familiar faces!!



Rhonda and Jeff Hahn



Joyce and Jerry Bjork



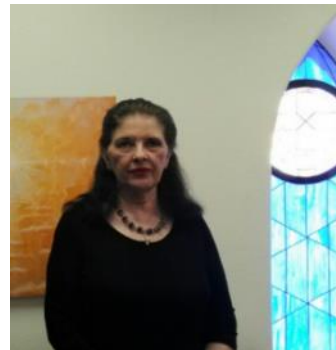
Diana Grant



Aaron Martin



Bruce Hawkins



Cheryl Carol

Sign up Board



This is our new sign up board. It is located outside of the secretary’s office. Please sign up for ushering, bringing cookies and being a reader. The flower chart is also there. You may bring one flower bouquet or two bouquets or one or two live plants. We have two floral designers in the church, Pat Enstrom and Rhonda Hahn. If you choose you can contact them through our secretary, Diana, and they will coordinate getting an arrangement for you. The usual cost of this is \$25.00 -\$30.00.

Please sign up for these services as they add so much to our Church Service and Fellowship afterwards. Thank you.