

CROSS BEAMS

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) NEWSLETTER

May 2024

The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church is to know and joyfully share the love of God in Christ.

Pastor's Lucid Ramblings

"The Church Militant"

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight for the Christian faith.

I am a proud American veteran. Therefore, when the cranberry hymnal (ELW) was introduced in 2006, I was disappointed to hear that "church militant" hymns were removed. It wasn't just because old favorites like, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (LBW #389) and "Onward Christian Soldiers" (LBW #509) weren't in the new hymnal; it was because synod leadership actually believed that these hymns were too "military" sounding. (I can't make this stuff up!)

Listen to some of the words of "Onward Christian Soldiers"

"Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus, going on before."

Brothers and sister, we are in a spiritual war. The powers of Satan have convinced many in the Church that we should be passive and allow sin to take place. This isn't anything new. When Paul wrote his letters to Timothy because of issues with the fledgling church in Ephesus, false teachers and teachings, polygamy, and various forms of Gnosticism were already being introduced into the Church. We cannot stand for this!

The old saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" applies here. While a spiritual war is in full force, God gives us everything we need. Ephesians 6:11, "Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies." God promises to not leave us to fight this battle alone. We have direct access to His power through prayer and He promises to not leave us nor forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Now is not the time to sit back and let someone fight for the Gospel. Now is the time to:

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory, His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike



Pastor Mike Giese

361-205-3317

mrgiese1990@gmail.com

www.hclcrockporttx.com

Diana Grant
Church Secretary
Secretary@hclcrockporttx.com

Inside this Edition

Pastor's Lucid Ramblings -	1
Calendar-----	2
News and Announcements-	3
Who's Who -----	5
Outreach Ministries-----	6



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

2872 FM 1781, Rockport, TX 78382 361-727-9140

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Castaways 9:00 to 3:00	2 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am LaTaqueria	3 Bible Study 10:30 am Bella La Brew Pastor Mike	4
5 Worship Communion 10:30 am ABS 9:00 am YBS 9:00 am	6 Castaways 9:00 to 12:00	7 Confirmation Class 4:30 - 5:30 pm	8 Castaways 9:00 to 3:00	9 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am LaTaqueria	10 Bible Study 10:30 am Bella La Brew Pastor Mike	11
12 Worship 10:30 am ABS 9:00 am YBS 9:00 am	13 Castaways 9:00 to 12:00 Council Meeting 6:00 pm	14 Confirmation Class 4:30 - 5:30 pm	15 Castaways 9:00 to 3:00	16 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am LaTaqueria	17 Bible Study 10:30 am Bella La Brew Pastor Mike	18 Playground Groundbreaking and Picnic 12:00 - 2:00
19 Worship Communion 10:30 am ABS 9:00 am YBS 9:00 am	20 Castaways 9:00 to 12:00	21 Confirmation Class 4:30 - 5:30 pm	22 Castaways 9:00 to 3:00	23 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am LaTaqueria	24 Bible Study 10:30 am Bella La Brew Pastor Mike	25
26 Worship 10:30 am ABS 9:00 am YBS 9:00 am Noisy Offering	27 Castaways 9:00 to 12:00	28 Confirmation Class 4:30 - 5:30 pm	29 Castaways 9:00 to 3:00	30 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am LaTaqueria	31 Bible Study 10:30 am Bella La Brew Pastor Mike Castaways Pull Day	

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROSS BEAMS EDITOR

Ephesians 5:8 - "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

If you have contributions you'd like considered for the newsletter you can send them to Beva at beva.lippe@hclcrockporttx.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Standley, Hilda	15
Crandall, David	16
Stewart, Tracy	16
Post, Jane	20
Olson-Neva, Shari	20
Kimbrow, Linda	21
Janecek, Mary Lou	31

Anniversaries

Mehre, Mark & Bridget	15
-----------------------	----

NEW LOCATION OF THE CHURCH DIRECTORY ON THE HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

Please go to the website <https://www.hclcrockporttexas.com/> and look for the new menu item "Newsletter & Directory" to access the Church Directory. Be sure to check it for any needed corrections ASAP and notify the church office if any are required or if you are a new member and have not been included yet.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE

If your bank uses Zelle as a means to transfer funds you can now give or tithe using this protocol. Simply log in to your personal bank account and select transfer using Zelle. When asked for an account to transfer funds to use the phone number (361) 244-1848 and it will go to the account of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. There will be a place to notate what funds are for such as "General Fund" or "Playground". Zelle will not charge any transfer fees so what you give is what the church receives.

STITCHERY MINISTRY

Stitchery group will be taking a break for the summer from May 1--Nov 1. We will resume meeting on Tues, Nov 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.. (Most of our group are winter Texans). Linda and Ann work independently most of the summer.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

Great news! We are well on our way of reaching our goal of \$42,200. Your gifts are very much appreciated.

Through May, 2024, members and friends of Holy Cross will be asked to contribute to the remaining cost of the project.

We will be having a **Groundbreaking & Picnic** on May 18th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and will serve a light lunch of burgers and hotdogs, outside at the picnic tables.



On Saturday, April 20th, Stan and Toni went to El Campo to attend the baptism of a great nephew at the Catholic Church. They spent the night and on Sunday morning attended worship at Christ Lutheran. It was their first visit back since being married there 58 years ago.

Pat and John Enstrom were able to spend some time with their kids and grandkids from New Braunfels recently. Pictured here are Annika and Pat enjoying the Serenity Gardens at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rockport, TX.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

2872 FM 1781, Rockport, TX 78382 361-727-9140

WHO'S WHO

THE COUNCIL CORNER - Darla Brown, Council President

Hello to All! This month we had to forego meeting together on Sunday, April 21st because of Covid cases among the staff and congregation. I'm happy to report that folks are on the mend, the church has been cleaned/sanitized and we've learned a lot from this event. The council will soon be working up an emergency procedure protocol. My thanks to everyone for your patience during this time. And my deep thanks to the folks who pulled together on very short notice to send out notices, arrange the cleaning, and get us back to normal.

And one last thing...**Psalm 107:15** "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Sterling Frank, Treasurer

March 2024 Treasurers Report

Spending:

Operating Fund spending for March 2024 was \$28,827 versus our budget of \$22,069.

Giving:

Operating Fund giving for March 2024 (5 Sundays) was \$10,988.

Operating Fund giving for March 2023 (4 Sundays) was \$8,318.

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Darla Brown—President

Sterling Frank—Treasurer

Edith Bischoff—Secretary

Rhonda Hahn

Joyce Frey

Ann Schutt

John Enstrom

Walter Laas

Mary K. Herrington



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

STITCHERY MINISTRY

The Stitchery Team are members of Holy Cross, "Winter Texans" and other friends. Everyone is welcome. We get together to sew quilts, knit or crochet, and of course, visit. Even if you do not sew, we have other things to do such as cutting and ironing fabric.

Prayers are said for the recipients of our prayer shawl, quilts, lap blankets and are blessed by our Pastor. Then they are given to anyone needing Spiritual comfort due to illness, surgery, loss of loved ones, etc. The list is endless for those needing extra prayers and support.

Items on display in Fellowship Hall are available to take anytime. Please help yourself.

The Lord Bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24

Stitchery Team meets in the Fall thru Spring on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Please join us.

GOOD SAMARITANS

Good Samaritans still need your help volunteering on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 2 1/2 hour shifts, training provided. Also, please bring your non-perishables the Second Sunday of the Month.

Items Needed: Pasta (spaghetti, elbows, noodles), Ramen noodles, canned corn, canned fruit, refried beans, canned salmon (other canned meats except tuna), boxed macaroni and cheese, individually wrapped breakfast bars, jelly.

CASTAWAYS RESALE STORE

Volunteers meet on:

Monday 9:00 TO 12:00

Wednesday 9:00 to 3:00

Last Day of the Month to Pull

See Calendar for dates.

COMMUNITY TABLE

Keep an eye out for the next time Holy Cross will host the Community Table. More information to come when we get closer to the next date.

BACKPACK KIDS

Food packs provided by the Coastal Bend Food Bank in Corpus Christi. Please consider donating any outgrown clothing for 5 to 8 year olds.

