

**THE MONTH OF
MAY**

2018

PASTOR'S PROJECTS

9:00 AM
SUNDAY ADULT
CLASSES

9:30 AM ON TUESDAY
EARLY CHILDHOOD
CHAPEL SERVICE

8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY
MAY 6th

CIRCUIT
PROFESSIONALS
CONFERENCE
MAY 8th
@ ST. JOHN —
BEAUMONT

EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION
GRADUATION
MAY 15th & 16th

MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 28th



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland

"THE CHALLENGE OF THE STAIRCASE"

The video starts with a puppy at the top of the stairs afraid to go down. Despite much encouragement from people cheering at the bottom, Daisy can't figure it out. She wants so badly to join them, but fear keeps her pacing the landing.



Then a bigger dog comes to help. Simon runs up the steps and then backs down, showing Daisy how easy it is. Daisy is still not convinced. Simon tries again. This time more slowly. Then he watches Daisy try again. Daisy is still too scared. Once again Simon goes to the top and demonstrates the technique. Finally Daisy dares to let her back legs follow the front ones. Simon stays beside her. She makes it and everyone celebrates!

What an incredible picture of discipleship. We spend much of our time trying to teach others to climb up, but the more important, and more difficult, thing to learn is how "to go down."

Throughout Scripture we read that God expects humility of us. On numerous occasions, God demonstrated humility by coming down. Finally God sent His Son, Jesus, who spent His life teaching the technique we are to follow.

Blessed May to you my friends!
Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

Worship

SERVICES FOR MAY & JUNE AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY, MAY 6th 10:30 AM

YOUTH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 13th 10:30 AM

THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Service with the Band

SUNDAY, MAY 20th 10:30 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Service with Communion

High School Senior Recognition Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 27th 10:30 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd 10:30 AM

THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & ELDERS

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th 10:30 AM

THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th 10:30 AM

THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHER'S DAY

INSTALLATION OF CAMP MOOSEFEATHER FALLS STAFF

Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 24th 10:30 AM

THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR MAY & JUNE?

IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS WE LIFT UP.....

May 6th

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas

Pastor Richard Turner

May 13th

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas

Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas

Pastor Mark Follett

May 20th

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas

Pastor Fred Kelm

May 27th

Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas

Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas

June 3rd

St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas

Pastor Doug Rathgeber & Pastor Jim Menke (Interim)

June 10th

Genesis Lutheran Church - Buchanan Dam, Texas

Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)

June 17th

Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas

Pastor Richard LeBlanc

June 24th

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

July 1st

Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas

Pastor Joe Howlett



DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN NOW ON YOUR SMARTPHONE! All you need to do is type **holycrosstexas** and you will pull up the information for worship services, events for the week, registration forms, our newsletter, and a 30 minute video from Lutheran Media Ministries. For those on laptops you may go to **www.holycrosstexas.org** for our complete website



OUR DAILY BREAD (March, April, & May) are available in the narthex. **PORTALS OF PRAYERS (April, May, & June)** are available in the narthex of the church.

CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE will gather at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments, 9:00 AM for Opening Devotion, 9:15 AM for Bible Study, 10:30 AM for Topical Study, 11:15 AM for Circuit Business and Casuistry. The next Circuit Professionals Meeting will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Beaumont on Tuesday, May 8th.

HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS receive on a weekly basis an CD of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services and on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas
 St. John Lutheran Church in Bellville, Texas
 St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church in College Station, Texas

THE FOLLOWING CELEBRATIONS WERE HELD

The funeral for John William Shaver, Sr. on April 3rd
 The funeral for Luzie Kitchen on April 20th

MAY



- 2—Shawn Dunlap
Jesse Raposa
- 3—Ashley Beagle
Brennyn Denn
Sarah McCall
- 5—Keegan Day
Laurie Johnson
Greer Smalley
Logan Waller
- 6—Jack Matthews
Ryan Stadel
- 7—Lydia Gillard
Brooklyn Riley
- 8—Keagan Derouen
Christopher Rose
Dylan Spinks
- 10—Connie Davis
Zechariah Herring
Siegfried Stahl
- 11—Gavin Erwin-Zummo
Annette Shults
- 12—Cade Ford
Darrell Hardy
Claire Londenberg
Tricia Trevino
Alvin Wolfe
Nicholas Wolfe
- 13—Mack Schulze
- 14—Scott DeSerrano
- 15—Lora Laird
- 17—Addison Gillard
- 18—Kaylee Tate
- 19—Lori Halbert
Stuart Kieschnick
- 20—Courtney Kaspar
Evelyn Ludwig
Randy Vincent
Brandon VanBrocklin

21—Jonathan Anderson
Teresa Lemke
Isaac Prioux
Mike Tucker
DeeDee Wukasch

22—Ashley Graeter
Olivia Harms

23—Charli Collins

24—Griffin Kieschnick

25—Lucas Riley
Erin Sowarby
Ryan Terrell

27—Lisa Gonzales
Josh Matthews
Raj Robison

28—Justin Mayfield
Joel Pinnt
Chuck Schulze

29—Craig Dutschmann
Pamela Evers
Phillip Jones

30—John McCall

31—Ashtyn Philen
Alan Rising, Jr.
Ashtyn Theriot

Happy Anniversary



1—Nancy & Thomas Fritsche

3—Dianne & Johnny Krautz

5—Melissa & Jim Lavespere

7—Patrice & Rich Kihlken

8—Dedie & Johnny Orta

9—Sarah & Will McCall

11—Carla & Stephen Derouen

14—Ashlee & Josh Tindel

16—Marilyn & Larry Sanders
Erica & Jeremy Toole

17—Valerie & Ryan Graeter

19—Helen & James Simmons

24—Gail & Ronald Landry

27—Pat & James Self

28—Abbey & Ben Faith
Kathy & Joel Pinnt
Susan & Jim Simmons

29—Sandra & Mark Ludwig
Lola & Raymond Rice

31—Tanya & Richard Lewis



***Deadline
for June/July
Newsletter
is Monday,
May 21!***

Fit & Fun Fellowship Group

Tuesday, May 15
1:00-3:30,
in Conference Room.
Come join in the
Fellowship w/snacks.



Camp Moosefeather Falls Vacation Bible School June 17th-July 21st

**Tentative Date for
Midnight Madness
Garage Sale
Friday, July 27th @ 11:59**



Adult Choir:

Sundays in the
Choir Room,
Ed. Bldg. right
after church

***Lauren Milner-
Sanchez,***

director 679-6062

Handbells:

Wednesdays 7:15pm

***Anita Ashby,
director 201-5047***



To: Memorial Fund

in memory of
Billy Cogswell
given by:

Kieschnick Family
Dot Morrison

To: New Outdoor Sign Fund

in memory of
Billy Cogswell
given by:

Judy & Pat Sturgis
Pat Biar

To: Vacation Bible School Fund

in memory of
Stephen Gunter's
birthday

given by:
Mary Gunter

To: LifeLight Materials Fund

in memory of
Alice Clotiaux
given by:

Mary Helen & Charles
Terrell

News from our:
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Tuesday, May 8 @ 6pm

Hostess:

*Jeannie Heider
Laurenda Wolford*

Devotion:
"Be Faithful"
Projects:
Craft night!

*Begin
Collecting eye
glasses for
Lion's Club.*

All ladies are invited to join us!

Prayer Card Ministry

Our Prayer Card Ministry Team meets the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Our **NEXT** meeting is **Tuesday, May 22, at 10:30am** in the Conference Rooms.

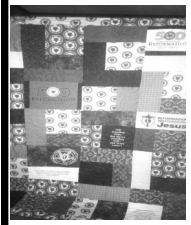
If you would like to have a card sent to a family member or friend, please let **Laurenda Wolford, 543-3555** or the church office know.

This prayer card ministry is funded by the Wolford family, in loving memory of **Bob**.



QUILTERS CORNER

The Holy Cross Quilters quilt in the conference rooms on Thursday @ 9:30am. We are learning and sewing new patterns for our use and gifts. Please join us! You don't have to know how to sew to help out. There are other things to do. We do have fun & fellowship while doing something good for someone in need. We can always use cash, denim jeans, batting or used blankets to use for batting and material (cotton).



Thank you for your help with this project! Any questions, please call **Rosie** at **201-5710**.

LWML is collecting eye glasses for the **Lion's Club**, during the months of **May & June**.

There will be a box in the Narthex to drop your donations.



LWML Bake Sale coming up on **Sunday, May 20th**, after worship service in the big room in the **Education Building**. Please come pick up some goodies & help support our many mission projects.



BAKE SALE

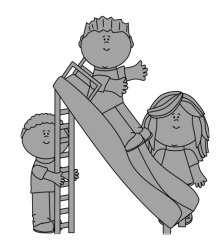
EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Have you seen the playground?! Thanks to 2 Next Steps Teams, many Holy Cross Volunteers, & the driver of a Bob-cat Volunteer, we have removed the old mulch & replaced it with new. The children are excited to have a dry play area. Our St. Jude's Hospital Trike-A-Thon raised \$690. Thanks to all who donated. Ms. Robin & Ms. Karin dropped stuffed bears & treat bags to Garth House in Beaumont: the bears were donated through the ECE fundraiser. We say "goodbye" to Ms. Kristy (*ECE Chapel times on Tuesdays*) as she leaves Holy Cross to work in Wisconsin. God has called her to new opportunities—we will miss the joy and love for Jesus she has shared with Holy Cross preschoolers for 20 years!

Dates to Remember:

May 15 & 16: Closing Programs, Graduations, & pizza lunch beginning at 10:30am.
May 23 & 24: Last class days of the school year.

We have a few openings remaining for the 2018-2019 school year. Contact the school office for more information. #722-2177. Thank you for sharing your children with us it has been an awesome year.



	Attendance/ Enrollment	
	MW	T-TH
2's	19	22
3's	15	17
4's	16	23
	50	62

"Check Out" our new books available on the red cart in the Narthex. We have some new adult & children books on **Martin Luther & the Reformation**. Please feel free to take 1 or 2—just leave check out card in the bucket provided on the cart. You can also visit our **Church Library** in the Education Bldg. If you take a book, just sign your name on the card & leave it on the desk.





Camp!

Moosefeather Falls

Vacation Bible School



Camp Moosefeather Falls VBS will take place on Sunday, June 17 through Thursday, June 21 @6pm-8:20pm.

VBS REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 29

3 years old (potty trained) through the completed 5th Grade!

We will have all ONLINE registration!
Super easy! Type in the info and
DONE!

Be watching for update on our website at
www.holycrosstexas.org and on our



VBS HELPERS NEEDED!

We are forming our Vacation Bible School Team, so if you are willing to continue serving on our team or if you are interested in joining us for the first time, please contact the church office. We are in need of Cabin Leaders, Cabin helpers, guitarists, babysitters (*for staff children*), dining hall helpers, decoration coordinator and decoration team, registration team, Preschool Leaders, Preschool Helpers, Preschool Arts and Crafts Leader, Preschool Games Leader, and Family Fun Night Helpers.

Please sign the clipboard if you can help. Every VBS helper (youth or adult) must attend at least one of the following training sessions. You choose which one works best in your schedule.

VBS Staff Training

Wednesday, May 16 OR Sunday, May 20

5pm	Opening and Closing - Activities Director, Kody the Bear (voice), Kody (costume), Beez, Music Leader, Computer Guy, Decorations Coordinator
5:30pm	Dining Hall Coordinator & Helpers
6pm	Camp Counselors (<i>ie: Helpers in Regular Cabins & Preschool Cabins</i>)
6:30pm	Cabin Leaders (<i>for K-5th Grade Cabin Leaders only</i>)
7pm	Preschool Leaders (<i>Regular Cabin Leaders and Sectional Leaders</i>)
7:30pm	Registration Team



Tuesday, May 1st @ 6:30pm
Board of Christian
Education Meeting



National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3rd @ 7:30am
at Nederland City Hall,
207 North 12th St.

National Youth Gathering Youth and adults from across the Synod will come together July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis for the next **LCMS Youth Gathering** under the theme:



The theme is rooted in **Psalm 46**. If you are eligible (*Must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR entering ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering through age 20*) & plan on attending, please sign the clipboard sign-up sheet along with your phone number. Any adults interested in putting your name in the hat to attend as a chaperone are asked to also sign the clipboard sheet with your phone number as well. We will be planning fundraisers to help with travel expenses that you will be **required** to participate in if you plan on attending the NYG. Any questions, please contact **Teresa Wolfe at #963-2923**.



Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmands:
Braeden Caywood, Keegan Day, Tyler Dunlap,
Holden Hopper, Saige Kieschnick



Confirmation Thursday, May 3 @7pm 8th grade Confirmation Presentations in the Church Sanctuary. There will be a cake & punch reception honoring our Confirmands **NEXT Sunday, May 6**, following the worship service.



Congratulations
Sunday, May
20th Senior
Recognition
during Worship

to our 2018 Graduating Seniors:
Dawson Adair, Jaycee Collins,
Logan Nelson, Holly Terrell,
Mackenzie Tindel, Alec Torres,
Mia Woodruff, Katelee Zampini

The
Future
is
Yours

April 13, 2018

Rosemarie Herring
Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Nederland
2711 Helena
Nederland, TX 77627

LifeShare
BLOOD CENTER

Dear Rosemarie:

Thank you for your efforts in hosting a Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Nederland blood drive. Our community blood supply could not exist without volunteers like you. Coordinating and planning a blood drive involves dedication and is a true team effort. I extend my gratitude on behalf of LifeShare and the community.

The primary use for donated blood is to help cancer patients; however, other needs are also common right here in our community. Blood is often life-saving during surgeries, as treatment for those with blood disorders, following a trauma accident, during childbirth, and in many more situations.

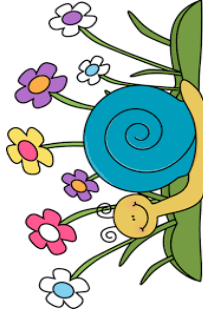
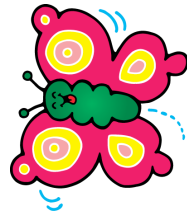
Because of your support, 12 donors selflessly came to give 11 blood products for the community supply at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Nederland blood drive on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

We look forward to this partnership in continuing to save lives together. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Heather Rushing

Heather Rushing
Account Manager
LifeShare Blood Centers
(409) 549-2705
heather.rushing@lifeshare.org



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				(Pastor's day off)	(Pastor's day off)	
Elders: Chris Harms 344-3773 Mike White 233-9100	Altar Guild: Joann Ermel Cathy Borel	1 9:30am ECE Chapel 6:30pm Board Meeting— Christian Education	2 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm 8th Grade Walk-thru Confirmation	3 7:30am National Day of Prayer , Ned. City Hall 9:30am Quilting 6pm Board of Missions & Assimilations Mtg. 7pm 8th Grade Confirmation Presentations	4	5
6 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship w/ Comm. ODE Kristy's Last Day Reception after worship in Edu. Bldg. Confirmation <i>(FLC Rental in case of rain)</i>	7 7pm Harmony Exporters	8 8:30am Circuit Professionals @ St. John, Bmt. 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm LWML	9 9:30am ECE Chapel	10 9:30am Quilting 	11	12
13 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Blended Worship 	14 7pm Harmony Exporters	15 10:30am ECE Closing Program/Graduation 1-3:30pm Fit & Fun , Conference Room	16 10:30am ECE Closing Program/Graduation 5-9pm VBS Staff Training Conference A & B	17 9:30am Quilting	18	19 1-6pm FLC Private Rental
20 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship w/ Com Senior Recognition LWML Bake Sale after Worship in Edu. Bldg. 5-9pm VBS Staff Training Conference A & B	21 7pm Harmony Exporters	22 9:30am ECE Chapel 10:30am Prayer Card Ministry	23 9:30am ECE Last Day	24 9:30am Quilting 9:30am ECE Last Day	25	26
27 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Worship	28 <i>Office Closed</i> 7pm Harmony Exporters	29	30	31 9:30am Quilting	Ushers: 6—Ken Ludwig Michael Kase 13—Bob Schulze Kent Stahl 20—David Prioux Steve Vincent 27—Chad Ford O.W. Withrow	Acolytes: 6—Taryn Dunlap Mack Schulze 13—Taylor Dunlap Kensey Stahl 20—Addison Gillard Sophie Swango 27—Timothy Lavespere Marlee Woodruff

