

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

# May 2019 Newsletter

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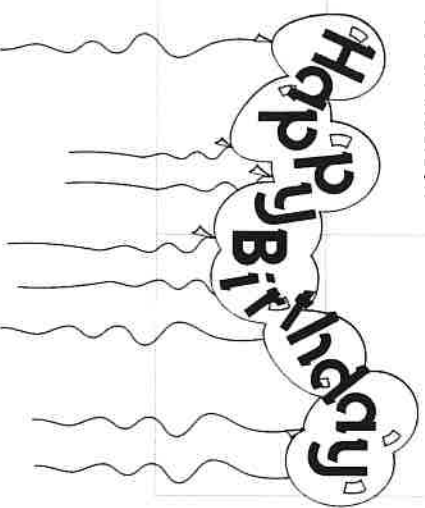
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			<b>1</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 3:30pm JAM 5:30pm Confirmation- Nerby serve 6:00pm Cherish All Children 7:00pm Youth Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>4</b> Synod assembly in Eau Claire 9:00am Craft Show 10:00am Churchyard Clean up
<b>5</b> 8:00am Choir practice 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Pancake Breakfast-Boy Scout Fundraiser	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:45pm Faith & Life 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Guatemala Pastors Visit	<b>8</b> 2:00pm Bingo at Glenhaven 2:00pm Bible Study 3:30pm JAM 5:30pm Confirmation- Larson-Jeske serve	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>13</b> 11:00am Resources Meeting 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:15am Worship at Glenhaven	<b>15</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 3:30pm JAM 7:00pm Patchouli in Concert	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Graduate Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm Threads of Love @ Glenhaven 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> Newsletter Items Due	<b>22</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm Confirmation - Lagerstrom serve	<b>23</b> 8:00am Quilters workday 1:00pm WELCA	<b>24</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>27</b> Group outing to Target Field for Twins/Brewers Baseball Game Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 2:00pm Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00pm AA	

# May 2019 — Happy Birthday!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Carlotta Anderson	2 Lisa Logghe	3 Debbie Wagner Laura Teigen	4 Bailey Britton
5 Tara Daun	6 Tara Daun	7 Janine Jeske	8 Tim Glenn Michelle Dean	9	10	11 Nancy Stack Angela Hierlmeier Kyah Daun
12 Jill Logghe Moriah Kuehndorf Peter Hill	13 Jill Logghe Moriah Kuehndorf Peter Hill	14	15	16	17	18 Ruth Huber Paul Rasmussen
19	20 LaVerne Hoitomt Roger Bonte	21 Ashley Wildenberg	22	23 Denise Jeske Tammy Oberle	24	25
26	27 Don Frieburg Jake Hierlmeier	28	29 Bob Forrest Theresa Hoffman Waylon Wagner	30 Kelsie Hoitomt	31 Jessica Anderson	



## Pastor's Ponderings

Keith Gaddy Davis, wrote a beautiful, simple story called *Oxalis: A Story of Renewal* that seems particularly poignant after this long winter. It offers an inspiring message of hope as it shares what helped him through a time of depression in his life.

In the depth of his depression, Davis tells how, "I withdrew and closed the doors of my life on any offers of help with the words, 'No, no thank you. There's nothing any one can do for me.' I stayed alive yet ceased to live," Davis writes.

"During the early spring of one of those dreadful years, a friend gave me a plant in a simple clay pot. She thrust the gift into my misery as she cheerfully said, 'I know things have been difficult for you for a long time. This is a happy springtime oxalis plant. You'll love it. It's filled with wonder.' She was gone before I could object.

"I did not want to be responsible for any living thing. I resented her cheerful investment in life... I promptly forgot the name of the plant, put it on top of a bookcase, where it sat, eventually supporting the ends of cobwebs before it drooped, turned brown, and died.

"The following spring, while walking past a local flower shop, I noticed a huge display of the same kind of plant my friend had given me. The plants were lush and green with delicate, white, trumpet-like flowers supported on slender stems."

Entering the shop, Davis is encountered by an energetic worker who asks him, "May I help you?" Something inside me moved. Time seemed to slow as I struggled with my usual response of, "No, no thank you, there's nothing anyone can do for me." Deliberately, I made the decision to say... "Yes."

"Yes. Can you tell me what kind of plant that is?"

"Sure," she said, "It's oxalis. It's really wonderful."

"Yeah, I have one." After a pause, I added, "It died."

Without stopping she asked, "Do you still have it?"

"Yes, I still have it."

"Then it's probably not dead forever."

"It died a long time ago," I said, emphasizing long.

"Cut off the dead foliage, soak it in water, set it in a sunny window.

It'll come back to life."

With that, the woman went back to work and Davis went home and several days later, he took a pair scissors to the plant and submerged it, pot and all, in water. "Nothing happened. Then, so slowly as to be almost imperceptible, it changed... It grew... It flourished. I was so sure that it was dead yet there it was vibrantly alive... As I watched that plant come to life, a part of the tangled depression inside me opened. It was clear that I, like my oxalis plant, needed help to live. If life could be renewed in that clay pot, maybe, just maybe life could be healthy, whole, healed up again for me."

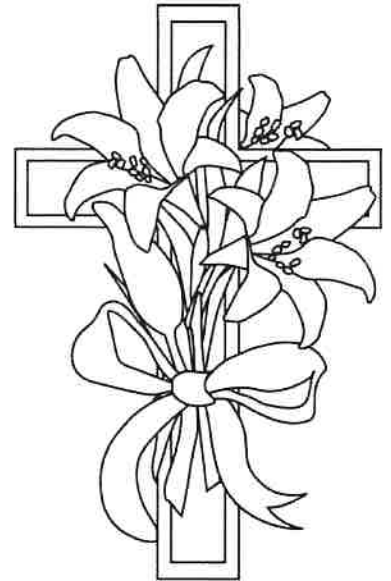
Reflecting further on this Davis writes, "The most important lesson I learned is that in this world there is a mystery that wills vital, vigorous, vibrant life with such power that even death is not the end... The oxalis plant reminds me that this is a resurrection world."

Please plan to come and celebrate Easter this month and invite someone to join you - perhaps you yourself or someone you know, who needs to hear the message that "Thanks be to God, we live in a resurrection world!"



Easter Flowers were donated by:

Velma Crosby	IMO Robert Crosby Sr.
Peg Hoiptomt	IMO Loved Ones
Norm Hagen	IMO Mary and Craig
Jan & Paul Rasmussen	IMO David & Margaret Rasmussen IMO Wayne & Alyce Bertelson IMO Amanda Beth Rasmussen
Marlys Swenby & family	IMO of Dan Swenby
Richard & Susan Kahler	IMO Kristen Kay Kahler & Morgan Kay Petersen
Lisa Berends, Emily, Connor & Logan	IMO Betty Anderson
Scott & Carol Teigen	IMO our parents IMO our grandparents IMO deceased Loved Ones In honor of our children & grand children
Dave & Joan Bartz	IMO our mothers, LouAnne Bartz & Marlys Drinkman
Jeremy & Mel Wold	IMO Loved Ones
Bill & Nancy Wold	IMO Loved Ones
Wes Booth Family Maddie, Amara, Gary & Missy	IMO Elroy & Leona Volkert IMO Cassius & Vivian Booth IMO Marie Booth
Patrick, Holly, Drew, Brody & McKinley Olson	IMO our parents & grandparents: Dave & Kay Logghe Leslie & Deb Olson
Viv & Craig Lindstrom	IMO our dads, Tom Furlong & Bob Lindstrom
Cris & Scott Thompson	IMO Cris' dad, Gerald Rath
Jerry Maske	IMO Art, Leona & Terry Maske
Karen Marlette	IMO Loved Ones
Joe, Gloria & Jordan Hill	IMO Dale Johnson, Lorraine Villman IMO Bill, Ernie & Jim Hill IMO Duane & Doug Johnson
Cheryl Hoffman	IMO Jerry Hoffman IMO All other family & friends



With the rush to print up all the bulletins etc. for Holy Week. I totally spaced about putting this insert into the Easter Bulletin. To all who purchased flowers, please accept my apologies. Missy

# Holy Cross Council Minutes

April 8th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Brian Teigen. Members present: Ben Bartz, Carol Larson, Darlene Waters, Dean Brunkhorst, Dustin Rassbach, Eric DeSmith, Gloria Hill and Pastor Jonathan Zielske. Members not present: David Anderson

Individual Check In

Devotion

Nicole Brite delivered a thank you card for allowing high school students to use the church to take their ACT testing. Along with the card was a donation from the school.

M/S/C Dean/Ben Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C Dean/Dustin Approve Secretaries' Report as printed in the newsletter

## Ministry Team Reports

### Resources

M/S/C Dean/Dustin Approve Treasurer's Report

- The family of Betty Anderson left a memorial donation for the church, thanks to Betty and her family for the generous donation
- Simply Giving – We have had a few participate but are still hoping that more will chose to direct their donations through Simply Giving. Please contact Missy at 265-4411 to get this set up.
- \$1,866.94 in Hiawatha checking account at end of February.

### FUN Committee

- Family Fun night was on April 6th, they had a smaller turnout than they were hoping but those that were able to make it really enjoyed themselves. Hopefully next time we won't have to reschedule multiple times due to bad weather.
- Busy getting things ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 13<sup>th</sup> –Thanks to those that have donated and are planning to volunteer.
- Grace Place Meal – April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - They were happy to receive our donation and thank you to those who brought items.
  - Considering if we want to also serve the meals instead of dropping them off, this may be a fun activity for the junior/senior high
- Craft Fair – May 4<sup>th</sup> – Vendor booths are all filled. Concessions will be run by Jennifer Lagerstom and they will be having a taco bar.

### Faith and Life

- VBS theme is Miraculous Mission – Jesus saves the world. They are looking for space/planet decorations
- Book Bunch will be based on the book "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind."
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Cherish All Children – meal starts at 5:30 and discussion will continue from 6-7:30
- May 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Sunday school. The average weekly attendance was 10 kids

- May 15<sup>th</sup> Patchouli concert – free will offering to benefit the confirmation class for their trip to Luther Point Bible Camp

#### Building Committee

- Spring cleanup will be May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Looking into bids for parking lot repair
- Will be replacing the siding and wall panel on the back wall by the dishwasher
- If you are interested in volunteering for mowing the church, please contact Dustin Rassbach. We are hoping to get 4 people and mow time is around 3 hours

M/S/C Dean/Ben 8:16 Adjournment

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted: Ben Bartz



## 1st Quarter Update from the Resource Team

The Resource Team wants to remind you that we have much to be thankful for as we reflect on the first quarter of the year. While our expenses for January 1st through March 31st were \$8703 more than our income for the same period, we ended the quarter with \$8,601 in the bank. Keep in mind that when giving was done from several Sunday snowstorms, we still installed and paid for 2 new furnaces, paid a higher than usual amount for snow removal services, *and* gave over \$1000 to missions outside our church. We look forward to less expensive months ahead to help rebuild our cushion in the general account.

We want to say thank you to everyone for your continued giving to the church. We appreciate every gift that comes in and we realized this winter how important the Simply Giving program is to our congregation. With the electronic giving, many of your gifts were able to make it to church when bad weather kept you away. Over the next several weeks, we will be encouraging you to sign up for Simply Giving. Please prayerfully consider this program to make giving easier for you and more predictable for the church.

We also want to say thanks to our counters who take time each week to count and record our offerings. We especially thank Geraldine Luepke and Viv Lindstrom as they step down and we welcome Darlene Waters and Lisa Berends to the counting crew.

Again, thanks to everyone for sharing your time, talents and treasures with Holy Cross. We are truly blessed.

Your Resources Team,

Joan Bartz, Brian Teigen, Carol Larson & John Logghe



# Cherish All Children

Pray + Educate + Connect + Act

## “My Neighbor is Not For Sale”

Learn how you and all of us together in faith can protect children and youth from exploitation and trafficking. This is not just an urban problem nor a somewhere, someone else’s problem. On Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30 p.m. -- starting with a meal -- we will be hosting Joy McElroy, Executive Director of Cherish All Children, to present “My Neighbor is Not For Sale.” This evening is for any and all community members but especially our confirmation students **and** parents **and** mentors to gather for this learning event. The 5:30 meal will be followed by a compelling video, discussion, and Bible Study, concluding with worship. We will wrap up no later than 7:30 p.m.

## Back... by Popular Demand: Patchouli!



Pastor’s good friends Bruce and Julie, who are the award-winning folk duo Patchouli are excited to return for a pair of concerts on Weds, May 15th. They will perform at Glenhaven at 2:00, spend time with the JAM students after school from 4:00 to 5:00, and then play a concert at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. A free-will offering will be taken to raise funds for 7th graders who will be going to Luther Point Bible Camp this summer.



## Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop #139 will be serving a pancake breakfast after church on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a free will donation and funds raised will go towards camping and other outdoor activities for the boys.



## High School Youth

April was a busy month for all of us including the Youth Group. We opened the month with the Lenten Wednesday night meal and then followed the next week with the Passion play practice. The Youth Group and a few confirmation students then performed the Passion play during the Palm Sunday service and finished up April with the annual Easter morning breakfast for the congregation. The group is working hard to raise money for the mission trip and with your help we are succeeding. Thank you to all that have helped us raise this money this year.



We have a quieter May coming up with the Youth Group meeting on May 1. We will start the evening with our first Youth Worship service at 7:00 and then go into our meeting at about 7:30.

On May 2nd we will set up for the Vendor Craft Fair that will be held on May 4th. Then clean up after the craft fair at 2:00 on the 4th. Thank you to Judi Holmquist for giving us the opportunity to help with the fair. We very much appreciate the money we earn from helping out.

Have a great May everyone.

Melanie Hill

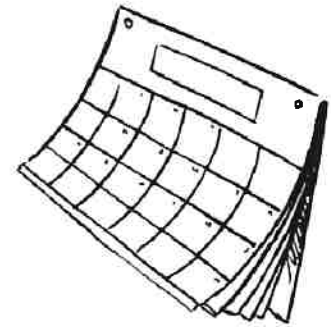
## Guatemala Pastors Visiting Holy Cross on Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m.

We have a special opportunity to meet with and learn from two key Guatemalan Lutheran Church leaders and invite you to be a part of this evening meal and program. Let's treat them to some wonderful Wisconsin hospitality!

Pastor Esther Echeverria and one of her daughters, Pastor Beatriz Castillo will be in the United States for about ten days and are graciously including Holy Cross as part of their itinerary. Since its founding in 1991, Pastor Esther, members of her family, and other leaders have been ministering and sharing the Gospel with people who live at the margins of Guatemalan society, and in particular, the indigenous poor. The Lutheran Agustinian Church of Guatemala (ILAG) has more than 2,000 members and 18 congregations. They are doing amazing work in and through these churches, in vital areas including Christian education, health care, basic development projects such as latrines, farming, more efficient stoves, and much more.



## “Mark-Your-Calendar-For-This” Upcoming Events



Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>-- Congregation Meeting The purpose of this meeting is to vote on whether to convert the 18-month term call that was extended to Pastor Jonathan Zielske back in January of 2018 to what is known as a settled call. Your elected members of the Holy Cross Church Council are in favor of doing so but to do this officially, at least a ⅔ majority vote of those present at the meeting is required. There are no proxy or absentee ballots permitted. We will also take some time to talk about the upcoming 50th Anniversary and plans to do a special appeal - we welcome your presence and input into those discussions. Brunch will immediately follow.

Monday, June 17 - June 19th -- Junior High “SonFun” Service Project Days We are going to pilot a new service/learning/fun opportunity for students currently in 6th to 8th grades. Plans for SonFun are in the works but each day’s plan will be to gather those registered in advance at 9 a.m. for a brief devotion, venture out into the community to do a service project, enjoy a bag lunch, and then do something fun together in the afternoon until 3 p.m. We will be looking for adult chaperones - please watch for more info - we anticipate being able to offer this for little cost.

Sunday - Saturday, July 7th - July 13th -- Senior High Mission Trip to Leech Lake, MN

Wednesday - Sunday, July 17th - July 21st -- Saint Croix County Fair

Sunday - Friday, July 21st - July 26th -- Confirmation Students to Luther Point Bible Camp

Sunday - Thursday, July 28th - August 1st -- Vacation Bible School

Sunday, September 22nd -- 50th Anniversary Celebration Day

### Holy Cross Church Council

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