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Office Hours M&T 9:30-3:30

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M-F 1:00 – 4:00 pm

May 2019

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DON

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 am, with
Fellowship afterward**

**Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:45
am**

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 am

Well . . . we're on our way. It's something we've been looking forward to for quite some time here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Our Call Committee has reviewed the candidates who would be willing to be considered for a call to a "new" congregation as their pastor, and now those committee members are in the process of contacting each of those three men to discuss the possibility of such a relationship.

I am excited for you – while at the same time having mixed feelings. I have been serving you as your Vacancy Pastor since last fall, and I have come to love you all as the LORD's people in this place. I have had far too much fun being here for most of the Sundays since September – the smiles, sharing Holy Communion, happy faces, times of sharing our lives with one another...

er...helping in the ministry our LORD has given here in south Minneapolis.

Selfishly – I wouldn't mind if the call process took a little bit longer. At the same time, I am hoping that the first pastor you call will accept and begin serving with you soon – *really* soon! I WANT your new pastor to arrive so that you can become accustomed to having a pastor here whenever you want to talk or visit or share a happy time or need someone to mourn with.

You have a history of outstanding pastors, and a new chapter with another terrific spiritual leader is about to begin. He will be here to celebrate with you and to cry with you. He will officiate at your weddings and your memorial services. He'll have the joy of sharing the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion with you as his brothers and sisters in Christ; and simply to be here in the daily ministry that never ceases.

This may sound like I'm leaving. Well – I'm not, at least in these next few days. I have come to be with you for a limited time, to assist you while you prepare for a "full-time guy." Whenever that day comes for me to depart, I will do so with a joy in my life that you have given me. A joy that the Holy Spirit has given to us all, as we have come together to do what He wants done.

Peace – Pastor Don

From your President

It's May and spring is pushing its way into our lives in a big beautiful way. Good things are happening here at Holy Cross. Before this month is over it should be clear



who we are calling as our new pastor. The

only regrettable part of this is we will be saying good-bye to Pastor Don. Pastor Don has truly been God's blessing on us during this time of change. His fresh, open style and inspiring sermons have been a tonic for all of our souls during the cold winter just ended. I pray that you look forward to your Sunday mornings at the Church as much as Kimberly and I do.

We had a blessed Lenten season, a moving Holy Week and a glorious Easter celebration. In between we said good-bye to our friend Trish Meyer on Palm Sunday. The dinner was a huge success and she told me she was deeply moved by the outpouring of love that she felt at the event. Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered to make it all happen, and thanks to everyone who attended these services - it is my prayer that you were blessed and enriched by your attendance.

By the time you read this we will be in the middle of our telephone conversations with our Pastoral call candidates. I look forward to these conversations because as we have been working through the process, I have been privileged to speak to six very fine pastors, any of which would have been a fine Shepard for our flock. Two of these men declined to move forward with the process, because each of them are leading successful, growing congregations and felt this would not be a good time to leave their churches. However, each of them has volunteered to provide us with ideas they have found successful in growing their congregations, and guidance and counsel if needed as we move forward with our own growth challenge.

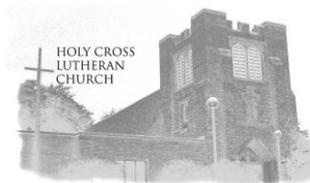
Here is what to expect in the next 30 days. I have mentioned in the past that we will be holding a congregational meeting where the Call Committee will present our choice for

the Call. The Committee's reason for the choice will be shared at that time as well as a question and answer time followed by a vote. How will you know when this will happen? We will be publishing the date of the meeting for two weeks in advance of the week the meeting will be held. The date will be in the service bulletin and on the website as well as announced at the end of each worship service. All members of the congregation are urged to attend the meeting.

Many good things are happening here at Holy Cross. It's a great time to be a member. Look for positive changes that will enhance our worship and make Holy Cross a good place to be on Sunday morning. Phil Brandvold has agreed to be the coordinator for our new Worship Arts Committee. Contact Phil with your observations and suggestions regarding your worship experience and how we might enhance that experience. The Committee's first meeting will take place in May, but no date or time has been set.

Let's keep each other in our prayers, and pray that God will guide all of us as we move forward.

Steve Blomberg



This spring has also been one of sorrow and loss at Holy Cross:

Terry Shingledecker is in our thoughts and prayers. *Beverly (Bergmann) Shingledecker age 82 of Minneapolis, passed away unexpectedly at her home on January 30, 2019. She is survived by her*

husband, Terry, of 56 years; daughters, Lee Duffy and Leslie Hellerstedt (Bill), and brother, Jim (Joan) Bergmann, numerous grandchildren, great grand-children, and nieces. Bev loved angels, butterflies and dogs. She enjoyed any activity outside including gardening, camping, fishing and horseback riding. Bev will be remembered for her warm smile and caring personality. Memorials to the family, thank you.

We put our arms around the family of Steve Brooks. Steve Brooks passed away after over a yearlong battle with cancer April 17, 2019 at the age of 62.

Steve was born on August 2nd of 1956 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Jeanette Smith Brooks and Bill Brooks. He lived in multiple places as a small child before the family settled in San Diego. Steve graduated from University of California-San Diego with a Master's degree in Fine Arts. In 1989, he moved to Minneapolis. He married Roberta Porter on June 8, 1991. They have two sons, Elliott and Paul. Steve created art in various media: oil paintings, collage, film, and music composition. He was proud of his business teaching people of all ages piano. He was a fabulous and passionate cook. In 2013, he wrote and self-published a book: *How I met Van and Numan: Future, Present and Past.*

Steve is survived by his wife, Roberta and sons, Paul and Elliott (Izahnaya); mother, Jeanette Brooks and father, Bill Brooks (Elaine); sister, Beth Brooks and niece, Meghan Brooks.

Please send memorials to Open Arms of Minneapolis, American Cancer Society and Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Thank you to everyone that supported our family through this long battle. We did not understand the word "Grace" until this year: a gift completely undeserved. You all

have been the hands of God for us the last year supporting us by feeding us, running errands, fixing things, emotional support, and prayer warriors. We are blessed to have a community like this.

We also put our arms around the family of Marilyn Risser. Marilyn (Brink) Risser, 81, passed away after a short battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 62 years, Jack; her daughters, grand-sons, great-grandsons, and grand-dog Kona, who had a special place in her heart.

Marilyn loved her family deeply and unconditionally. Nothing made her happier than knowing her family was well cared for. She was an avid gardener who could make anything she touched not only grow, but flourish – this included her family. Her African violets and orchids were things of beauty that she often shared.

Marilyn was a collector who loved the hunt! She and Jack spent countless hours combing the Twin Cities and beyond for the elusive piece to complete a collection. Her treasures included Peter Rabbit memorabilia, bells, and depression glass.

Marilyn could organize anyone or anything. She retired from the Mt. Olivet reception desk where, for many years, at the end of the day, she and Jack could be seen walking home hand in hand.

We are so very grateful for all the caregivers on "Team Marilyn"! The staff of grace Hospice and The Regent at Burnsville are all angels who provided comfort and peace to Marilyn and her family when we needed it most.

Blessed be their memories among us!



**It's that time
of year again!
The Trustees
are requesting
your help for
the Spring**

Clean Up May 4-5, details forthcoming.

April Mite offering was \$116.34, thank you.

Trish Meyer's farewell party was fun, she has made it to Missouri and is doing pretty well. Her address is 321 Poplar Forest Drive Apt B St Louis MO 63125. Her new cell phone is 314 915-0323, she's learning how to use it while she uses up the minutes on her old cell. She'll let us know when the place she is on a waiting list for opens up.

Errol and Judy Sorenson picked up \$1762.00 of baked goods from Cub last month, sharing them with CES. Thank you both for your dedication and hard work!

We appreciate the special music that enhanced our Lenten services and thank those who shared their talents with us, and we thank all who supported our Lenten Soup Suppers by cooking, baking, working and with their offerings.

Thank you all so much for planning and organizing, setting up the tables, bringing food and beverages, cooking, serving and cleaning up our Easter brunch! The generosity of our volunteers is the heart and soul of Holy Cross.

Our We Care Fund provides a way of helping the families and friends of Holy Cross with financial assistance when they need it. Please contact Pastor Don if you need assistance, all requests are confidential. If you would like to make a contribution to

the fund, please put your gift in the offering plate and mark it "We Care Fund".

You're Invited to a Party! You're too old for a sock hop - or are you? The members of our car club enjoy each other's company, and fun is a hallmark of our existence. The rock and roll of the '50s, '60s and '70s was delightful, so guys, slick your hair back, and gals, dig out your poodle skirts. You can Rock Around the Clock while you Do the Stroll, waiting for the surf in your Little Deuce Coupe!

Saturday May 18th

Gather at 5 pm, the music starts at 6 and ends at 8

Holy Cross Church Fellowship Hall
Coordinators: Kimberly and Steve Blomberg
612 869-8264

We'll have pizza and pop, bring your own beer or wine.

Dancing is optional

"I am writing to make a donation to Holy Cross church in memory of my parents, Patricia and Richard Routt, former members. Sadly, my mother passed away last year on April 11 and my father died 17 years prior in April. In wrapping up my mother's estate, a donation to Holy Cross seemed appropriate knowing how much they both enjoyed their time as members of this church family and growing in their faith. Please use this check for \$2,500 to support the ministries important to the congregation. Sincerely," *Karen Routt-Rogers*

Old towels and small blankets are needed for bedding for cats and dogs at veterinary clinics. If you have any that are worn or damaged and not being used, please bring them in and put them in the box in the narthex, thank you! If you have questions, call Errol Sorenson 612 722-1138.



Trinity First Spring Musical *Flocks, Rocks and A Giant Who Mocks* will be at Concordia University EM Pearson Theatre, 312

Hamline Ave N St Paul 55104. May 22 6:30 pm, May 23 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Questions, contact Theresa Farrand trinityfirstsecretary@gmail.com

“Around the World” is just around the corner! Redemption Lutheran Church’s Salad Luncheon and Quilt Auction is Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 am. Tickets are \$10, to support Trinity First Lutheran school. If you are interested in donating an item to the Silent Auction, items can be donated up until Monday April 29th. To donate items to the Silent Auction please contact Michelle Borchardt at 952 884-9719. Please see Doris duBois to purchase your tickets now through Sunday, May 5th.

HOLY CROSS YELLOW PAGES

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"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

"Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness, Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

"Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal, Who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness."

Apparently, the astounding miracle of freedom faded a bit into the background. Struggling on their long journey through the desert to the promised land, the Israelites fell to grumbling and complaining. They quest-

ioned Moses' leadership and began to despise the heaven-sent manna that sustained them. Conveniently forgetting the burdens of slavery, they even wished they were back in Egypt where they enjoyed all sorts of good things to eat (see Numbers 11:5-6). They seem to have lost sight of the fact that God freed them from Pharaoh's bitter yoke. Shattering the chains of slavery through His mighty acts of power, God led His people with "unmoistened foot" through the Red Sea. Jacob's sons and daughters watched from safety as the waters fell back to destroy their enemies.

We may find it difficult, if not impossible, to understand Israel's forgetfulness. Yet at times the astounding miracle that is Jesus' resurrection may fade a bit from our memories. On Easter morning we sing with triumphant gladness, but in the days that follow, the cares and worries of life threaten to overshadow the joy, or perhaps merely push it aside.

Through God's mighty acts of power—hidden beneath the suffering and weakness of the cross—we were loosed from the bitter yoke of slavery to sin, death, and Satan. Now we are united by Baptism to our Savior, whose yoke is easy and burden light (see Matthew 11:30). As He once sustained Jacob's sons and daughters, our Lord sustains us, nourishing us for life's journey with His Holy Supper. Daily we feed on the life-giving manna of the Word that is near us, in our mouths and in our hearts (see Romans 10:8).

After years of wandering, the Israelites finally stood at the Jordan River, ready to cross into the promised land. The waters of the Jordan piled up and once again God led His people with unmoistened foot across the Jordan. When our journey through this life is done, we too will prepare to cross the

Jordan. Yet we do not have to fear death's raging river, because our mighty Savior has burst the bars of His tomb, and following Him, we will cross with unmoistened foot into the promised land of life in His presence forever.

It may be that Easter joy will slip from our minds now and then, but the glad alleluias are not over. They never will be.

THE PRAYER: Mighty risen Lord, walk with us through life's journey. Nourish our faith with Your Word and Holy Supper until You bring us safely to the promised land. Amen.

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Submitted by Julie Wright



USHERS

- 5 Phelon and Lange
- 12 Oolman and Tatham
- 19 M Blomberg and Copeland
- 26 Horrman and Horrman

COUNTERS

- 6 Mand K Lange
- 13 G Klatt and Oolman
- 20 Woodraska and M Blomberg
- 27 A Horrman and G Klatt



DEACONS

Steve McConley and Becky Swenson-Dennis

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lange

WEDDINGS

Peter and Gail Klatt	5/7
Steve and Linda McConley	5/18
Keith and Mary Lange	5/19

BIRTHDAYS

Tim Phelon	5/2
Peter Klatt	5/6
Esther Witt	5/12
Thomas Kulberg	5/13
Marilyn Risser	5/14
Ken Hoffmann	5/15
Steve McConley	5/16
Roger Holland	5/17
Gloria Groenke	5/19
Harold Sand	5/20
Jan Holland	5/29
James Likely	5/29
Leo Sorenson	5/31



We are grateful to everyone who shared their Easter plants with us. In addition to the beauty they added to our service, their purchase also supplemented our We Care fund.

Dave and Barb Schlueter

Jim and Linda Scanlon *In Memory of Ed and Mary Scanlon and Leroy Steber*

Carol and Jerry Rusk *In thankfulness for all of life's blessings*

Sue Protzner

Kimberly Blomberg and Vicky Dean *In memory of Bob Dean and in thankfulness for our risen Christ*

Gail and Peter Klatt

Judy and Errol Sorenson *In memory of Harland and Evelyn Rosene and Joseph and Alda Sorenson*

Arlene Kise

Linda and Steve McConley

Milly Phelon *In memory of Phil*

Jeanne and Tim Phelon

Amelia and Anthony Erickson

Trinda and Paul Jevne

Sally Gorski *In loving memory of Mike Gorski; missing you always.*

Keith and Mary Lange

Jean Anderson *In memory of loved ones*

Donna Bristol

Deb Beiersdorf *In thankfulness for Kaitie's recovery from cancer*

Mike and Becky Dennis

Jim and Sandi Likely

Gloria Noetzelman

Darcy and Andy Tatham

Tena and Dave Ubl *In thankfulness for
God's many blessings*

Gloria Groenke

Carol and Lyle Horrmann

**And a huge thank-you to those who
cooked, baked and worked to make our
Lenten Suppers such a success.**

SOUP PROVIDED BY:

Judy Sorenson

Tena and Dave Ubl

Kimberly and Steve Blomberg

Keith and Mary Lange

Gail Klatt

Sue Protzner

Jerry and Carol Rusk

Linda and Steve McConley

SALAD PROVIDED BY:

Darcy Tatham

Trinda Jevne

Arlene Kise

Mike Dennis

Mary Lange

Judy Sorenson

Sheila Platt

Julie Wright

DESSERT PROVIDED BY:

Kimberly and Steve Blomberg

Tena Ubl

Mary Lange

Sue Protzner

Mike Dennis

Carol Rusk

Donna Bristol

Sally Gorski

**Our Anneliese Tatham earned a Briggs
Library Associates Art Award** for her
pieces *Seed Stories* and *Nourish* in the
Juried Art Exhibition at U of M Morris this
April.

**Her artwork depicts the power of food
in our lives.**



Nourish, which is an etching, shows a face
peeking out of a seed as if being born.



Seed Stories, a dry point, showcases the

three sisters of Native American agriculture: winter squash, maize, and climbing beans.

"Seeds have a deep meaning for many people and cultures," Tatham said. "They are passed down generation after generation. As someone with food allergies, food is a big part of my life."

An environmental science and environmental studies major, Tatham uses art as a way to process what she learns in class. Taking a sustainable farming internship after graduating from high school, Tatham connected with an individual there who encouraged the young artist to nurture her creative interests.

After graduation Tatham hopes to work in the food system supporting farmers and working toward food security as well as food sovereignty.



From U of M Morris website.



The Magic Carpet

Gert Grieme

I saw the pterodactyl rise
From the misty swamp below,
I sailed on seas of galaxies
That man has yet to know.

I climbed with Jack up the beanstalk,
Trode the forest with Daniel Boone,
And with Captain Kidd gold treasure hid,
By the light of a crescent moon.

I walked with Eve in the garden cool,
Heard the prophets shout of doom,
And in bleak despair with others there
I wept at the empty tomb.

I supped with the gods on Olympus,
Watched the continents change with the
years,
With the mighty Sioux I counted coup,
And I fell on the Trail of Tears.

The past and the future appear to me,
Scenes from the world unfold.
Such riches indeed from learning to read
When I was six years old.

Submitted by Shelley; my mom wrote this poem.

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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