

# Newsletter April 3, 2022

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*Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 12:9-20*  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

## **Church Service – April 3, 2022**

New Sermon Series: *Lent: Reflection, Repentance, Renewal*

As we prepare for Easter during the season of Lent, we take time to reflect on ourselves, repent of those ways in which we have failed, and receive the renewal of life that comes through Jesus. Based on a series of readings from the Gospel of Luke, we will experience the life change that comes from these three ideals.

## **How to Stay Connected Until You're Ready to Come Back**

We know it's hard to feel connected sometimes with everything that is going on. We are working hard here at Holy Cross to keep our church family thriving as much as possible while still being responsible with our decisions about the health of our congregation and the community. Here are some ways to stay plugged in to HCLM:

*Prepare for Sunday Services* – worship song set lists, scripture readings, and questions for deeper thinking will be posted throughout the week on Facebook and Instagram

*Praying for You* – We have always believed in the power of prayer. If there is something weighing on your mind or want to submit a prayer, let us know through our [prayer request form](#) or e-mail [prayer@hclm.org](mailto:prayer@hclm.org).

*Online or In Person Services* – Sunday at 8:00am for traditional service or 10:00am for contemporary

*Holy Cross Lake Mary Podcast* – Check out and subscribe to our new podcast on iTunes or Spotify. You can also simply ask Alexa to “play the Holy Cross Lake Mary Podcast”

## **Tithes & Offerings**

We give because we recognize that God has blessed us immensely and so we honor Him by giving back to Him out of our tithes and offerings. You can give online at [hclm.org/give](http://hclm.org/give) or mail to church address at 780 N Sun Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

### **Sunday Morning Seating Arrangements**

We ask that members of households to sit together while remaining socially distant from other households with 2-3 seats between families. Thanks for keeping others safe.

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

#### **April 5 – Divine Dollies**

Gator's Dockside restaurant, 4349 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Tuesday, April 5th, 11:30 a.m., is the place and time for a gathering of the "Divine Dollies" First Tuesday Lunch Bunch. Please RSVP by 4/4 to Kathy Kassover, 247-6213, [JasonKassover@yahoo.com](mailto:JasonKassover@yahoo.com).

#### **April 6 – Lenten Bible Study & Soup Supper**

Soup Supper begins at 6PM followed by the Lenten study led by Pastor Matt at 6:30 PM in the community center.

#### **April 10 – VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 1PM!**

Only ONE week of VBS (Jun 6th – 10th), so sign your child up early. It will fill up fast! If you would like to volunteer and get the opportunity to pre-register your child early, contact Lana Wallis at [lwallis@hclm.org](mailto:lwallis@hclm.org).

#### **April 11 – Cookbook Crew (NEW L-TEAM)**

Do you like to eat? Do you find yourself in a recipe rut? Are you curious what others are putting on their tables each evening? Come join us in fellowship as we have fun sharing some of our favorites. We will have a monthly theme and wish for you to bring your favorite written recipe that fits the theme. You will leave full of ideas and hopefully inspired to try out a new dish. Sharing does not have to be overwhelming...contact Diane Culpepper with questions!

Theme for April 11: 30 Minute Meal

RSVP desired but not necessary. Diane Culpepper 407.430.5324. Meeting in the new coffee shop @ 6pm.

### **Dream Builders**

The Dream Builders team is back at it – raising funds and helping to build with Habitat for Humanity – Seminole Apopka’s Women Build project. The Women Build project means one house goes up built at least 85% by women! The Dream Builders team holds meetings together to plan group fundraisers and socialize. We will spend at least one day on a Habitat Build in Sanford during April. Open to women 16 and up! Please text Sara Russell 773-710-6871 or send an email to sarahoyer@gmail.com if you’d like to participate.

### **St. Luke’s Concert Series**

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra- Friday, April 29 @ 7 PM

## **Youth & Children’s Ministry**

### **April 3- Kids Church!!!**

Kids K-5 Join Children’s Director Emily at 10AM in the Children’s Center!

### **April 3-Youth Ministry**

Join Youth Director Blake during the 9AM Education Hour

### **Youth Group April 6th @ 6:30 pm**

Join Youth Director Blake and Pastor Chris upstairs in the youth room.

**LCMS National Youth Gathering!** – Next summer the LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) is holding their National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas! This is a youth conference that our synod puts on in a different city every three years. For the first time in a long time, we will be sending a group to attend! This conference is for those currently in 8th grade to those in 12th grade. If this is something that you or your student(s) are interested in, please let me know! For more info click [here](#)

## **L-Team News and Calendar\***

### **Sunday**

Adult Bible Study 9am

**Student Ministry 9am**

**Sunday School 9am – upstairs in the Children’s Center with Emily**

**A Fighting Chance 11:30 AM- The Studio with Will Zacharias**

**Jiu Jitsu Club 12:10 PM- The Studio with Will Zacharias**

**Monday**

**Men’s Bible Study 7am (Pastor Chris)**

**Men’s Ministry 7:30pm**

**Ladies Book Club (4th Monday only) 7pm**

**Cookbook Crew (Meets once a month. Days may vary) 6pm *\*New***

**Wednesday**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30am**

**Worship Team Practice 6:45pm**

**Thursday**

**Ladies Bible Study by LWML 6:30pm (Sharon Shyrock or Chris Jennison) – will return after Easter. Christine Jennison(jennisons2000@aol.com) or Sharon Shyrock (ssshyrock@yahoo.com).**

**\*If you are interested in starting an L-Team or your existing L-Team has resumed, please reach out to the office or one of the pastors.**

**Volunteer Spotlight: Oasis Helpers**

**For the past several years, Holy Cross has had a faithful group of servants helping the homeless with services to ease their lives. Laundry, showers, access to charging stations and more allow for a little respite from the despair of homelessness. The Oasis is located at The Sharing Center in Longwood. See Pastor Matt to find out about this and other volunteer opportunities.**

## Announcements & Updates

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Soup Supper will continue Wednesday 4/3 at 6:00PM in the Community Center. Soups will be prepared by the ladies of LWML. Please bring sandwiches to share or just for yourself. Lenten Bible Study will follow at 6:30PM.

**Youth Group or Early Communion 4/3.**

We are sending students to the National Youth Gathering! Once a month they will be providing baked goodies after service. Please consider supporting them as they raise funds for their trip! will 4/3 be the next bake sale.

There are some exciting things happening at youth group, and one of the most exciting things is that our youth group is growing! With growth, we are in need of small group adult leaders for both middle school and high school students. Being a small group leader is an incredible way to get involved in our church community as well as getting to know students who are the future of the Church! If you or somebody you know may be interested in being a part of what happens at Holy Cross on Wednesday nights, please let Blake know!

***Job openings at Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries***

Redeeming is hiring for two positions. [Click Here](#) for more information!

**Metal Collection Notes:**

Aluminum cans and any other non-serviceable metals can be recycled. Two collection points are available: the blue box in the courtyard and the other is behind the dumpster inside the enclosure. All aluminum cans and any metal objects no longer serviceable are gladly accepted.

All donations are greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. Thank you! Contact Warren Jennison @321-377-8524 with any questions/comments about the ministry. All profits go to the youth.

#### **Thrivent Scholarships:**

##### **Thrivent Charitable Community Scholarship – Two \$5,000 scholarships**

The Thrivent Charitable Community Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches and students of schools that have an active endowment fund at Thrivent Charitable. Applicants must be high school graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational opportunities to two individuals who demonstrate financial need, high academic achievement, and a commitment to sharing their blessings with the world. This scholarship program is through a Field of Interest Fund, made possible by Thrivent Charitable donors to benefit our shared community.

##### **WomenLead Scholarship – Two \$3,000 scholarships**

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead change using their talents to educate, advocate, and activate. The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Master or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.

Applications for these scholarships are due on April 29, 2022. More information is available on [our website](#). If you have any questions about the scholarships or the application process, please don't hesitate to contact our team at [TCScholarships@thrivent.com](mailto:TCScholarships@thrivent.com) or call (800) 365-4172.

#### **Communion:**

Communion is available in our in person services (1st and 3rd Sunday at 8am and 2nd & 4th Sunday at 10am). For those who are not able to get to a service or are not yet comfortable attending in person services, please contact the office or one of the pastors and we will be happy to make other arrangements.

### Prayers of the Church

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Barb Rueh – thankful for a successful surgery. Please pray for continued healing.

#### Prayers of Healing

John Williams – went to the ER Friday with possible kidney stones.

Walter Meyers – Prayer for peace and family healing

*\*Pray for all those suffering from coronavirus*

#### General Prayers

We pray today for our nation and our world. We ask that God would be with all of our leaders and elected officials; we pray that He would bring peace to the world, an end to violence and especially watch over Christians that are facing persecution.

#### Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Laken Binkley	Jerry Hoffman	John Myron
Gary Brown	Marlin Houser	Bradford Plog
Becky Burrell	Alan Kimball	Ivis Rodriquez
Kyle Corbett	Elizabeth Koob	Wayne Scheussler

<b>Deb Fadool</b>	<b>Rick Lembrich</b>	<b>Karen Schlue</b>
<b>Tosha Feldmann</b>	<b>Lori Luedtke</b>	<b>Debbie Shaffer</b>
<b>Michael Francis</b>	<b>Charaline Luna</b>	<b>Gina Shaffer</b>
<b>Pat Goodwine</b>	<b>Jean Mactye</b>	<b>Sue Stark</b>
<b>Diane Gross</b>	<b>Rick Mann</b>	<b>Scott Williams</b>
<b>Jerry Gross</b>	<b>Kathy Morgan</b>	<b>Georgene Walden</b>
<b>Todd Haynes</b>	<b>Eric Johnson</b>	<b>Mary Lee Soyars</b>

*“Casting a light to help those who are lost find their way in Christ”*  
**Sunday Services at 8:00am, and 10:00am in the Worship Center**  
*and Online on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube/hclm](#)*

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