

Newsletter April 24, 2022



Acts 5: 12-32 Revelation 1: 4-18 John 20: 19-31

Church Service – April 24, 2022

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.

Online or In Person Services – Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for traditional service or 10:00 a.m. 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 or mail to church address at 780 N Sun Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

Upcoming Events and Activities

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN – Go to <https://hclm.org/vbs2022/>

Only ONE week of VBS (Jun 6th – 10th), sign your child up early. If you would like to volunteer please register at this link [Volunteer Link](#)

May 1 – Spring 2022 Voters Meeting @ HCLM – 1 pm (Join us for an early Cinco de Mayo with a Taco and Burrito luncheon)

AGENDA

- Opening Prayer
- Approve Minutes from October Voters Meeting
- Voters Approve FY 2022-2023 Board
- Voters Approve FY 2022-2023 Budget
- Updates and Sharing
- Closing Prayer

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 p.m.

Divine Dollies – May 3rd

Join the Divine Dollies at JAX 5th Ave, 951 Greenwood Blvd, Lake Mary on May 3rd @ 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Joanne Hench at 407-322-6004 by April 29th.

Save the Date: Crawfish Boil – June 18th at 6:30 pm. Purchase your tickets @ hclm.org/crawfish. Only \$25 for All You Care To Eat Shrimp, Crawfish, Potatoes and Corn. All proceeds go to support this summer's youth group mission trip. Children UNDER 8 are FREE.

Youth & Children's Ministry

April 24 – Kids Church!!!

Kids K-5 Join Children's Director Emily at 10 am in the Children's Center!

April 24-Youth Ministry

Join Youth Director Blake during the 9 am Education Hour

Youth Group April 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

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 9 a.m.

Student Ministry 10 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m. – upstairs in the Children’s Center with Emily

A Fighting Chance 11:30 a.m. – The Studio with Will Zacharias

Jiu Jitsu Club 12:10 p.m.- The Studio with Will Zacharias

Monday

Men’s Bible Study 7 a.m. (Pastor Chris)

Men’s Ministry 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Book Club (4th Monday only) 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Worship Team Practice 6:45 p.m.

Thursday – will RESUME on April 28th

Ladies Bible Study by LWML will resume weekly starting on April 28th at 6:30 p.m. For more information 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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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 4/24 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!

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[Job openings at Holy Cross Lutheran Academy](#)

Accepting resumes for the 2022-2023 School Year for the following positions: Secondary Math Teacher, Elementary Teacher, Secondary Language Arts Teacher, Part-Time Secondary Spanish Teacher, and Substitute Teachers. (Holy Cross Lutheran Academy offers employment opportunities to qualified individuals who desire to serve Christ as well as the students, families, and staff of HCLA.) For more information go to <https://thehcla.org/careers/>

[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 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

[First communion kids-](#) Thankful for the kids that took their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

HCLA Sports Pavilion – Thankful for a great turn out at HCLA to support the new sports pavilion.

**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
Deb Fadool	Rick Lembrich	Karen Schlue
Tosha Feldmann	Lori Luedtke	Debbie Shaffer
Michael Francis	Charaline Luna	Gina Shaffer
Pat Goodwine	Jean Mactye	Sue Stark
Diane Gross	Rick Mann	Scott Williams

Jerry Gross	Kathy Morgan	Georgene Walden
Todd Haynes	Eric Johnson	Mary Lee Soyars

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

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