

Newsletter May 15, 2022

*Acts 11: 1-18 Revelation 21: 1-7 John 16: 12-22*

## CHURCH SERVICE – MAY 15, 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 email [prayer@hclm.org](mailto: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](https://hclm.org/give) or mail to church address at 780 N Sun Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

*Confirmation Sunday* – Come to the 10 am service on May 15th and help celebrate our confirmation students!

**Graduation Sunday** – We want to personally congratulate you and your graduate on May 22nd at the 10 am service. Please **click here and fill out this form** or email [lwallis@hclm.org](mailto:lwallis@hclm.org) to tell us about your graduation!

**Mite box Sunday – May 22nd** – next Sunday, 22nd, is mite box Sunday. Bring your mites (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars).

**VBS REGISTRATION IS STILL 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](#)

**Purchase Tickets NOW for the Crawfish Boil** – June 18th at 6:30 pm. Purchase your tickets @ [hclm.org/crawfish](http://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. The event will be held in the gymnasium at HCLA, 100 Aero Lane, Sanford.

**Youth Mission Trip: July 16th – July 23rd**: The youth group is going to Avery County, North Carolina and partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Cost to be determined but check out the new coffee shop to support the youth group!

#### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***May 15 – Kids Church!!!***

Kids K-5 Join Children's Director Emily at 10 am in the Children's Center! **Great News**, the kid's church is growing and Emily could use your help. Contact [ewright@thehcla.org](mailto:ewright@thehcla.org) or [lwallis@hclm.org](mailto:lwallis@hclm.org) if you can help.

***May 15 -Youth Ministry***

Join Youth Director Blake during the 9 am Education Hour at the Mean Bean Coffee Shop.

***Youth Group May 18th @ 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

##### *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*

Ladies Bible Study by LWML will be Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. For more information

Sharon Shyrock (ssshyrock@yahoo.com).

##### *Next Week & Beyond*

3rd Tuesday Lunch Bunch – St. Johns River Steak & Seafood restaurant on Lake Monroe, 550 N.

Palmetto Ave., Sanford, 11:30 a.m., May 17th, is the place and time for gathering of the Third

Tuesday Lunch Bunch. Please RSVP by 5-15 to Chris Jennison, 321-377-8523,

[jennisons2000@aol.com](mailto:jennisons2000@aol.com).

\*If you are interested in starting an L-Team or your existing L-Team has resumed, please reach out to the office at [lwallis@hclm.org](mailto:lwallis@hclm.org) or one of the pastors.

#### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: USHERS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Holy Cross has always had a faithful group of servants helping during the 8 am and 10 am service.

We need more! Please see Pastor Matt or email him at [mwallis@hclm.org](mailto:mwallis@hclm.org) if you can help with ushering or as a communion assistant.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

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!

6/5 will 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 at [bwright@thehcla.org](mailto:bwright@thehcla.org)!

**VBS DONATIONS NEEDED** – Donations needed for this summer's VBS are posted in the Narthex.

Please select the paper with the item you wish to donate. These items need to be brought to church by June 1, 2022. Snack items will be posted for your donation selection.

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### ***Baby Bottle Campaign***

Fill a bottle, save a life. Help the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center raise awareness by supporting the baby bottle campaign. It's so easy...take a bottle home, fill it up with coins or cash, and return it back to the church. We will be collecting for the entire month of May.

### ***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.

### ***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

Sue Stark – has ONLY 2 more treatments left! One more in three weeks and then the last one on June 13. Praying for full recovery!

Confirmation Students – join us in praying for our confirmation students as they are confirmed in their faith.

#### Prayers of Healing

Coleen Sorenson – recently released from the hospital. Prayers appreciated for a full recovery.

Logan – The Litwins grandson recovering from kidney stones. Pray for relief and recovery.

Ilka Deason – Tomory – Ilka Maria Deason's mother is now in hospice. Please pray that she will come to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

*\*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  
  
Todd Haynes  
Tosha Feldmann  
Lori Luedtke  
Debbie Shaffer  
Michael Francis  
Charaline Luna

Gina Shaffer  
Pat Goodwine  
Jean Mactye  
Sue Stark  
Eric Johnson  
Rick Mann

Scott Williams  
Jerry Gross  
Kathy Morgan  
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.com/hclm](#)

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