



# Holy Cross Connections

Easter Issue

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## Easter Blessings to you!

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Invite a friend to one of our Easter services.  
May Jesus' resurrection be a blessing to everyone!

### Birthdays in April

- \* Justin Smith (April 10)
- \* Bob Henning (April 15)
- \* Heidi Nelson (April 29)



### Have a Prayer Request?

Let us know so that we can be praying! Contact us by:

e-mail ([holycrossword@gmail.org](mailto:holycrossword@gmail.com))

Phone (858-273-2886)

Website ([www.holycrossword.org/prayer](http://www.holycrossword.org/prayer))

### Important Reminders

- \* Board Meeting is April 5th at 4pm
- \* 1st Sundays Mtg is April 11th after service
- \* Parking lot sale is May 1st from 7am-1pm

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**Sign up for daily devotions at [lhm.org/devotions](http://lhm.org/devotions)**

## Parking Lot Sale!

We need your assistance in selling items at our annual parking lot sale. We need to clear out all the items that we will not be needing in the future.

Can you join us from 7am-1pm on May 1st? We need help sorting, selling, set up and clean up. Let us know if you can be there to help. Thanks!



## Africa Orphanage

We are partnering with Clairemont Lutheran Church to help support an orphanage in Africa. We sent them the proceeds from the recycling (\$150). Here is their message back to us. "Thank you so much Clairemont Lutheran church and Holy Cross for the donation you sent. We got

\$900 from Clairemont Lutheran church which was used to clear fees for our kids and top up with the \$150 from Holy Cross that went direct to buy food. We are so grateful and we are waiting on God. We will have many kids at home for holiday and all of our donation will go for food.

Thank you so much and God bless San Diego!"

**See back page for more.**



## International Missions donations—LHF Match is back!

If you haven't sent a mission gift to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation in the past 12 months, you're eligible for the LHF Match - a program that matches your donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000!

No special paperwork is required. Gifts must be received by

Dec. 1, 2021, or before the \$160,000 match is exhausted

For more details and to give online go to: <https://www.lhfmissions.org/lhf-matching-gift/>



## Recycling Ministry

Recycling is still an important ministry here at our church! Bring your bottles and cans (sorted by type) to the church on Sundays or during the week on Monday or Thursday from 8am-12pm.

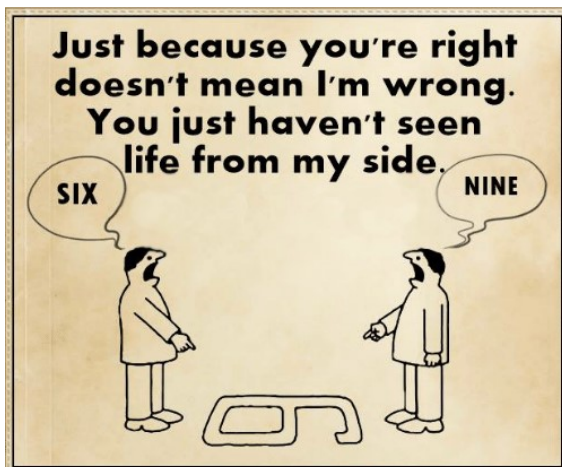
**Our last load raised \$150 that went to support an orphanage in Africa!**



## Inspiration for Easter Week

Here's a poem on motivation and our perspective.

Read the poem forward and then backward to see the blessing!



Today was the absolute worst day ever  
 And don't try to convince me that  
 There's something good in every day  
 Because, when you take a closer look,  
 This world is a pretty evil place.  
 Even if  
 Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
 Satisfaction and happiness don't last.  
 And it's not true that  
 It's all in the mind and heart  
 Because  
 True happiness can be obtained  
 Only if one's surroundings are good  
 It's not true that good exists  
 I'm sure you can agree that  
 The reality  
 Creates  
 My attitude  
 It's all beyond my control  
 And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
 Today was a good day

## Africa Empowering Children Orphanage

Africa empowering children in a non-profit organization dedicated in supporting the homeless kids find food and education in Kenya and east Africa. We have been helping the kids for many years with help of other interested partners from abroad and in the country. Clairemont Lutheran came on board in 2020 to help us and they have been doing a lot from helping us to drill water and shopping! Now we feed more than 200 kids in our locality! Many children have no place to go rather than live on the streets, they will look for plastic trash to sell them to find some food and marijuana to smoke so that they may not feel the cold when they are sleeping out at night. The photo below shows one of our kids when living on the streets looking for plastic trash to go and sell to get money to smoke marijuana at a young age. Thank you for joining us in saving kids from the drugs and giving them a home.

The care from all who sponsor and support the Africa Empowering Children's Homes in Kenya provides so much more than basic needs. In addition to a home, education, food, clothing, and healthcare the children experience a flourishing community, counseling, and a dynamic spiritual life so they can thrive.

The children have been helping with the chores and even making liquid soap for the Africa Empowering Children **Seeds of Hope** program which is distributing soap and seeds to communities in need.

