



Holy Cross Connections

Season of Lent—Issue 5

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Birthdays in Feb

- * Audrey Henning (Mar 9)
- * Katy Paul (Mar 16)
- * David Smith (Mar 20)
- * Andrew Paul (Mar 27)
- * Keira Karns (Mar 30)



Calendar Reminders

- * Lenten Services—all month (Weds at 7pm)
- * Lutheran Social Services webinar on community property—March 17



Out of the Darkness and into the Light!

Sunday, March 7, Rev. Dominic Rivkin will be our guest preacher and will be bringing exciting news about the Mission Movement here in San Diego!

Join us on Wednesdays for Lenten Service at 7pm

Sign up for daily devotions at lhm.org/devotions

Prayer Requests

- Continued prayers for Peggy Marzano who is still recovering from jaw surgery. Pray for a full healing prior to a 2nd surgery she must undergo.
- Pray for those in Texas who are without power. Pray that it gets restored soon.
- Prayers for Jim Malwitz who was diagnosed with COVID and is battling fatigue, pain and shortness of breath.
- Prayers for Courtney McNatty & family (a neighbor living in Clairemont) who are struggling with negative influences in their lives. Please pray for deliverance.
- Poor and persecuted in India (www.persecution.com)

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Join us for our next Lenten Wednesday Word and Sacrament services on March 3, 2021 in the sanctuary.

All services will also be recorded for those wishing to view them online.

Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Devotional or have one delivered to you.



Interfaith Shelter

The Clairemont Branch has received financially to date over \$7,900 towards food and shelter for those in our community who are in need. However there is an amazing need this year and we have an opportunity to be of assistance. Interfaith Shelter could use shelf stable meals,

shelf stable milk, snacks and Visa cards for laundry. We'll be collecting these items during the month of March. Your generosity can provide much needed relief and the love of Jesus. Please refer the list below and bring in a few items if you can.



Collecting items for those in our community:

Here are the items that are needed:

- Pre-paid Visa cards in \$10 increments (for laundry)
- Powdered milk
- Macaroni & Cheese in individual microwaveable bowls
- Granola Bars
- Chips in individual bags
- Fruit in individual cups
- Trail Mix in individual bags
- Soup or Chili in individual microwaveable bowls
- Cereal in individual bowls
- Toaster pastries
- Oatmeal in individual microwaveable bowls
- Chef Boyardee in individual microwaveable cups

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Recycling Ministry

Recycling is still continuing here at the 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.

Remember to sort your cans and bottle separately to make it easier when we take them to the recycler. Thanks!



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/>



Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer need or request? We would love to join with you in prayer. Please e-mail the church office at holycrossword@gmail.com or go to our website at www.holycrossword.org/prayer

LSS Southern CA Estate Planning Class

Lutheran Social Services is offering another webinar on Estate Planning on March 17th regarding Community Property.

In CA, assets are classified depending on a variety of factors. With careful estate planning and advising tailored to your specific situation you can get a better idea of what property distinction means for you and your family.

If you are interested or want more information go to lsssc.org/estate-planning

Missions International—Latin America and the Caribbean

Rejoice with us as we spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy across Latin America. Our missionaries and partner churches support 43 church plants, giving faithful witness in 14 countries.

We give thanks for the young men training to be pastors, and who will tell the Good News to this generation. Ongoing translation and distribution of theological books, journal articles and devotional materials in digital format ensure that our pastors and seminarians have high quality resources for reaching the lost, shepherding God's people, and for continuing education.

More than 100 women across Latin

America are enrolled in the deaconess program, studying God's Word so as to be His hands of mercy alongside pastors and bringing the needy ones to His altar. Deaconess students have opportunity to serve the poor and people with disabilities in 16 different mercy houses across five countries.



Lutheran education is paramount in Latin America, reaching our young people with an incredible 155 schools in 10 countries.

Finally, we celebrate with you all, that through His Word, our dear Lord Jesus extends His church through His mighty Holy Spirit so that we might together make His Name known to those who sit in darkness.

As unthinkable as it might sound, in the Dominican Republic, a Roman Catholic country heavily influenced by Pentecostalism, people are thirsty for the Gospel,” shared Rev. Sergio Maita, a Lutheran missionary pastor from Venezuela ,”They struggle between the laxity of popular Roman Catholicism and the rigidity of a demanding, moralistic Pentecostalism with a standard which is difficult to achieve.

When they discover Lutheranism, they embrace it with such thankfulness because they find a way to live properly as Christians, with a good conscience for Jesus' sake, unwavering faith in God and active love for their neighbor, especially those at home.”
