



# **HOLY CROSS**

## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**



# **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW LEAD PASTOR**



**Greetings people of Holy Cross! I am so very happy to be a part of your community of faith. My family and I have been blessed by your hospitality and care already and we look forward to what the future will bring. It is truly wonderful to be in your midst.**



**Since I have not had an opportunity to have in-depth conversations with many of you yet, here is a little bit about us. My wife Jessica and I have four kids--Diem (14), Isla (12), Milo (8), and Rhys (4). We recently moved into a house in central Sioux Falls and before that we lived near Wall Lake, which is just a few miles from Zion Lutheran Church, where I served for the last seven years.**

**Life this summer has been plenty busy with the kids' activities (dance for Isla, ninja for the other three), change of call, and new house. Most summers we try to spend as much time as we can on or near the water (usually at my family's little old cabin on Pickerel Lake, SD). However, this summer has been so busy, I haven't even had a chance to get my sailboat in the water or finish my nearly two-year-long wooden paddleboard project. We're hoping to change that before the colder weather comes around!**

**We moved back to South Dakota 14 years ago and before that (aka before kids!) we had stints in Southern California, the US Virgin Is-**

**lands, and Upstate New York (where Jessica is originally from). In California and New York, we both worked in various camps and congregations. My parents live near Rosholt, SD (last exit on I-29 before you hit ND) and I have one brother who lives in Western North Dakota. Jessica's parents currently live near Boston, MA, where her brother and his family also live.**

**That is just a little bit of our story. More than anything, as we share in ministry together, I look forward to getting to know you and hear your stories--stories about your church and your families, stories of struggles and joys, stories of faith and life.**

**May you be blessed with wonderful final weeks of summer!**

**Pastor Lando**





# **A MESSAGE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM**

**You are invited to join us on Sunday, Sept. 11th to help us celebrate our 35th Anniversary as we gather together to praise God for all the work He has done through the ministry of Holy Cross.**

**Our celebration will include a time to reminisce by looking at past directories, sharing memories, and celebrating with current members as we look forward in continuing our ministry.**

**We will be serving cupcakes and beverages between services. Please come and partake in this special day of celebration.**

**Fellowship Team**



# Financial Needs

**Holy Cross family,  
Unfortunately giving has not noticeably increased enough for us to meet our financial obligations. We are once again in a position where we are going to have to dip into our savings account to be able to pay our bills. Using our savings account to pay the bills is not a solution, that should always be our Plan B because what do we do when that money is gone? We are prayerfully asking you to please consider increasing the amount you give to keep your church home operating, let's do this together.**

**In Peace,  
Your Holy Cross Church Council**





# **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**(JULY)**

**Sunday July 3rd  
155**

**Wednesday July 6th  
6**

**Sunday July 10th  
122**

**Wednesday July 13th  
5**

**Sunday July 17th  
121**

**Wednesday July 20th  
5**

**Sunday July 24th  
121**

**Wednesday July 27th  
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**Sunday July 31st  
118**





# **UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS**

**Good news Holy Cross family! We have been blessed by an anonymous donation to help acquire a Kawai Baby Grand Piano for our sanctuary. Two additional donors stepped forward to cover the moving costs from Lake Shetek. This instrument will bring aesthetic beauty to both our Traditional and Contemporary worship services.**

**Please check out the Charis Ministries display in the narthex and consider supporting and donating to this important community ministry. This month we are collecting hearty soup and it can be placed in the basket next to the display.**



**Coffee Hosts are needed on Sundays. If you are interested in serving, there is a signup sheet at the coffee counter. Additionally, if you have any questions, you can reach out to Jackie Cerkowniak.**

**Join us Wednesdays, at 6:45pm in the Fireside room for Half-Truths Bible study.**

**There will be a Holy Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 16th 11am-6pm.**

**Our 8:00am traditional service is looking for a worship leader to help lead hymns and liturgy vocally alongside our pianists on Sunday mornings. If interested, please talk to our worship ministry team or Pastor Bailey.**

**Do you have extra time on your hands and enjoy tackling projects? If so, Holy Cross is looking for volunteers to complete work**

**orders for various repairs/ maintenance items around the church. If so, please contact the front office at 605-362-1947.**

**2022-2023 Confirmation Leaders and Cross Kids Teachers/Volunteers needed - See sign up genius on FB.**

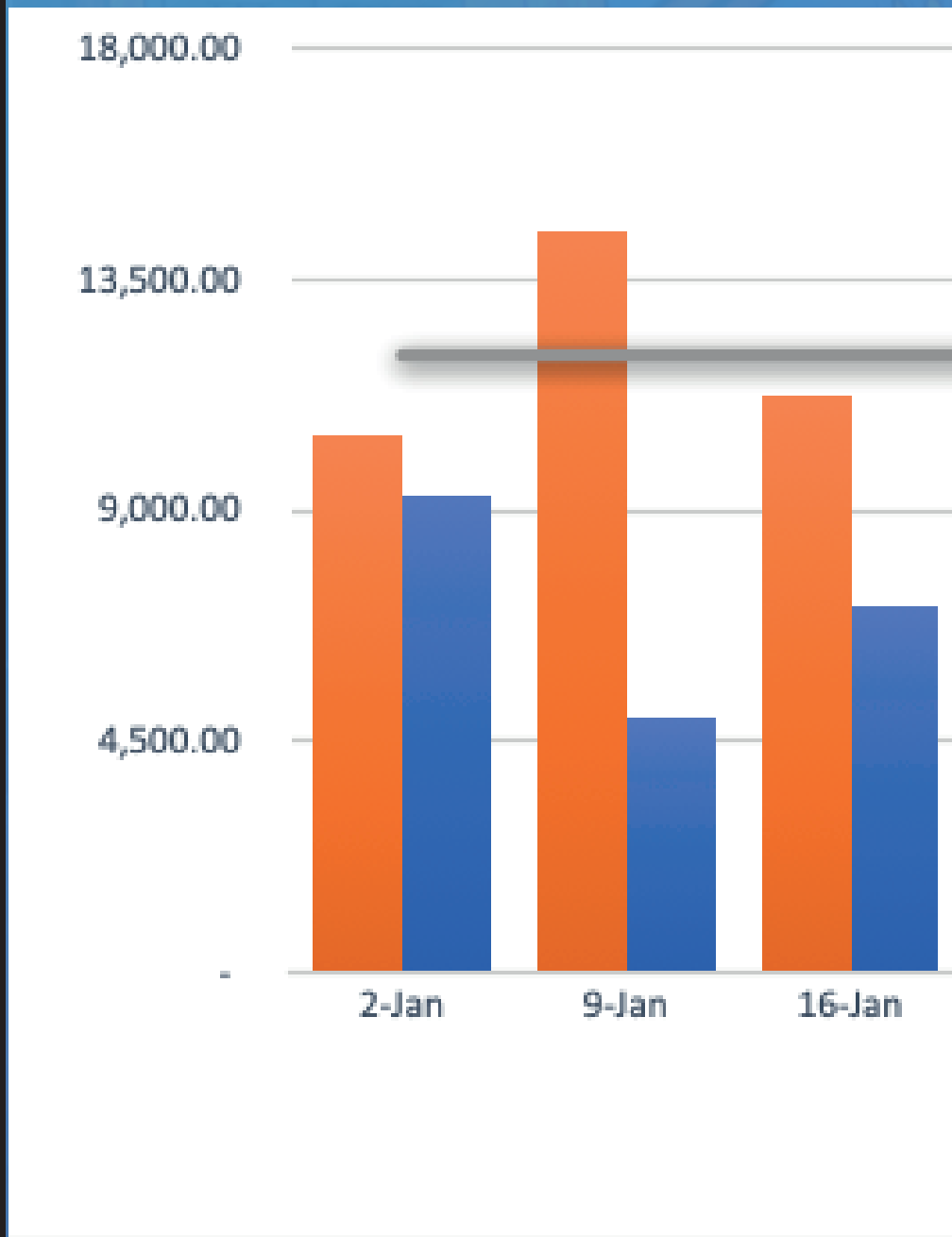
**August book club will meet August 8th at 7:00 pm at PAve. The book will be The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom.**

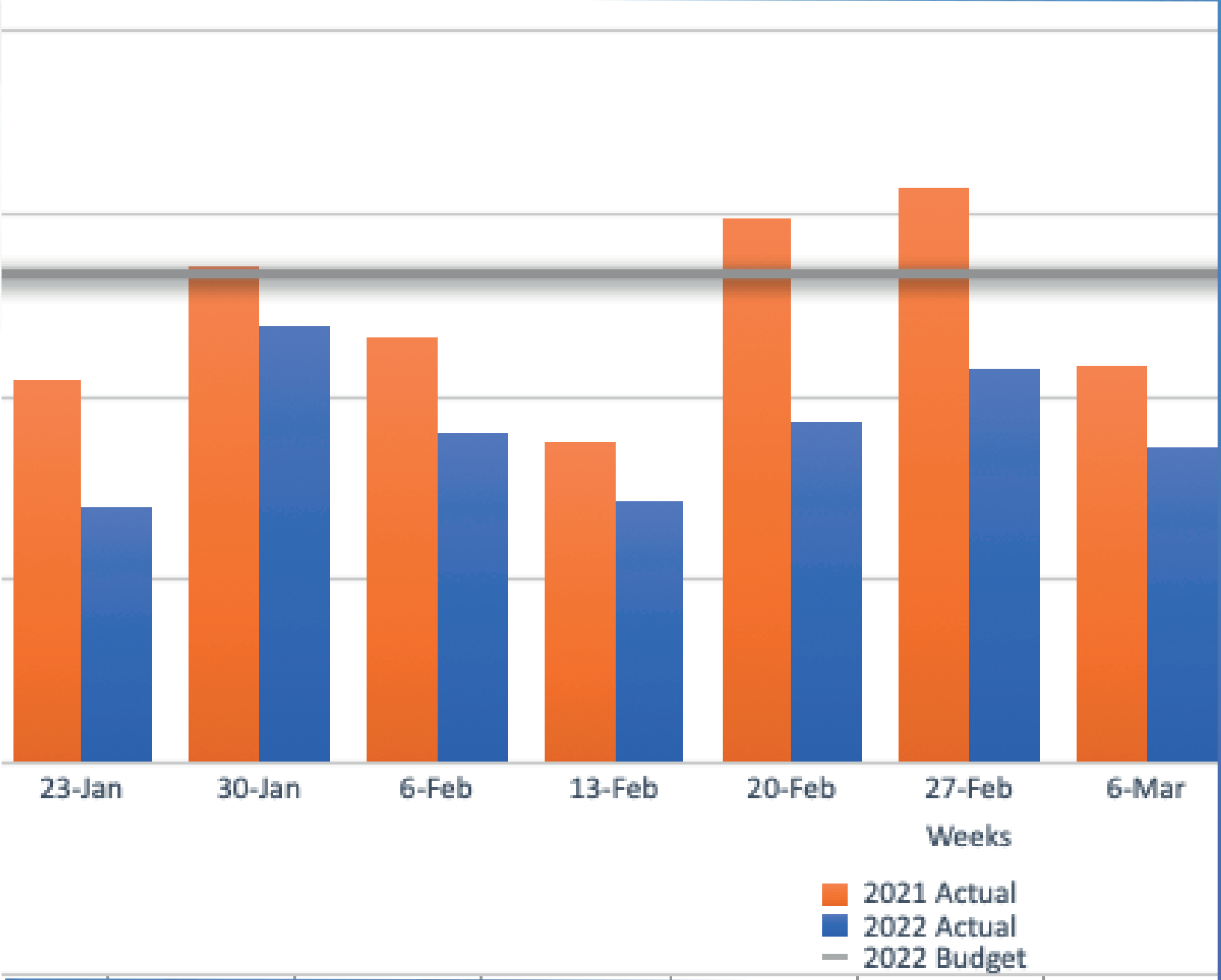
**Golf Outing at Northern Links in Renner, SD on September 11, 2022 starting at 1 pm. Registration is 30 minutes before tee time. Cost is \$25 (includes golf cart and course greens), which is payable directly to Northern Links before you tee off. Deadline for registration is Sunday, September 4, 2022. Please sign up on our website.**

**Through August there will be no more Wednesday night worship.**

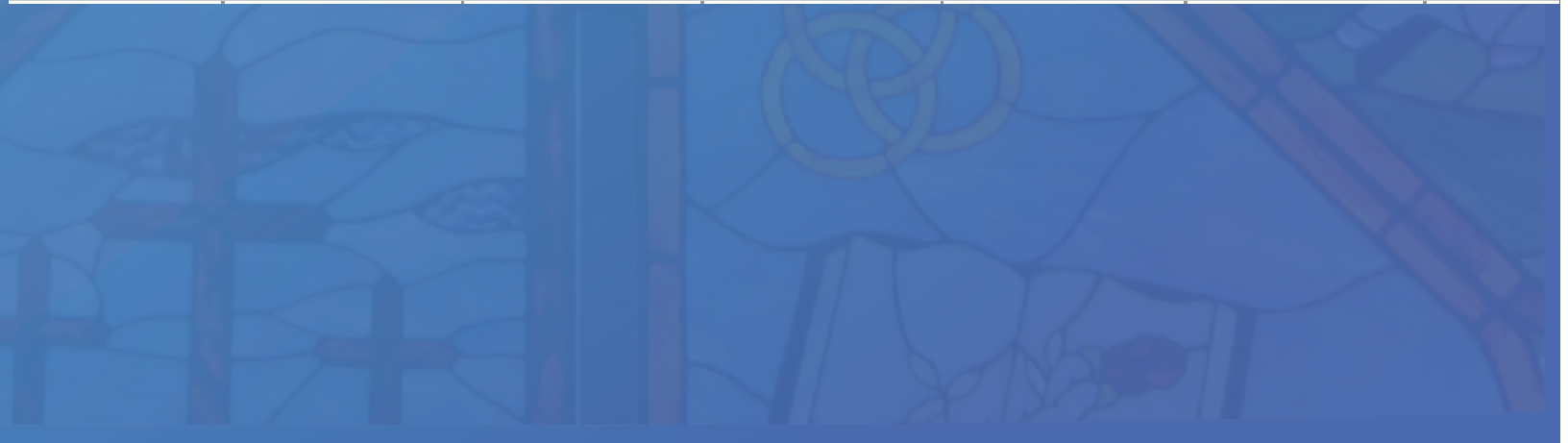
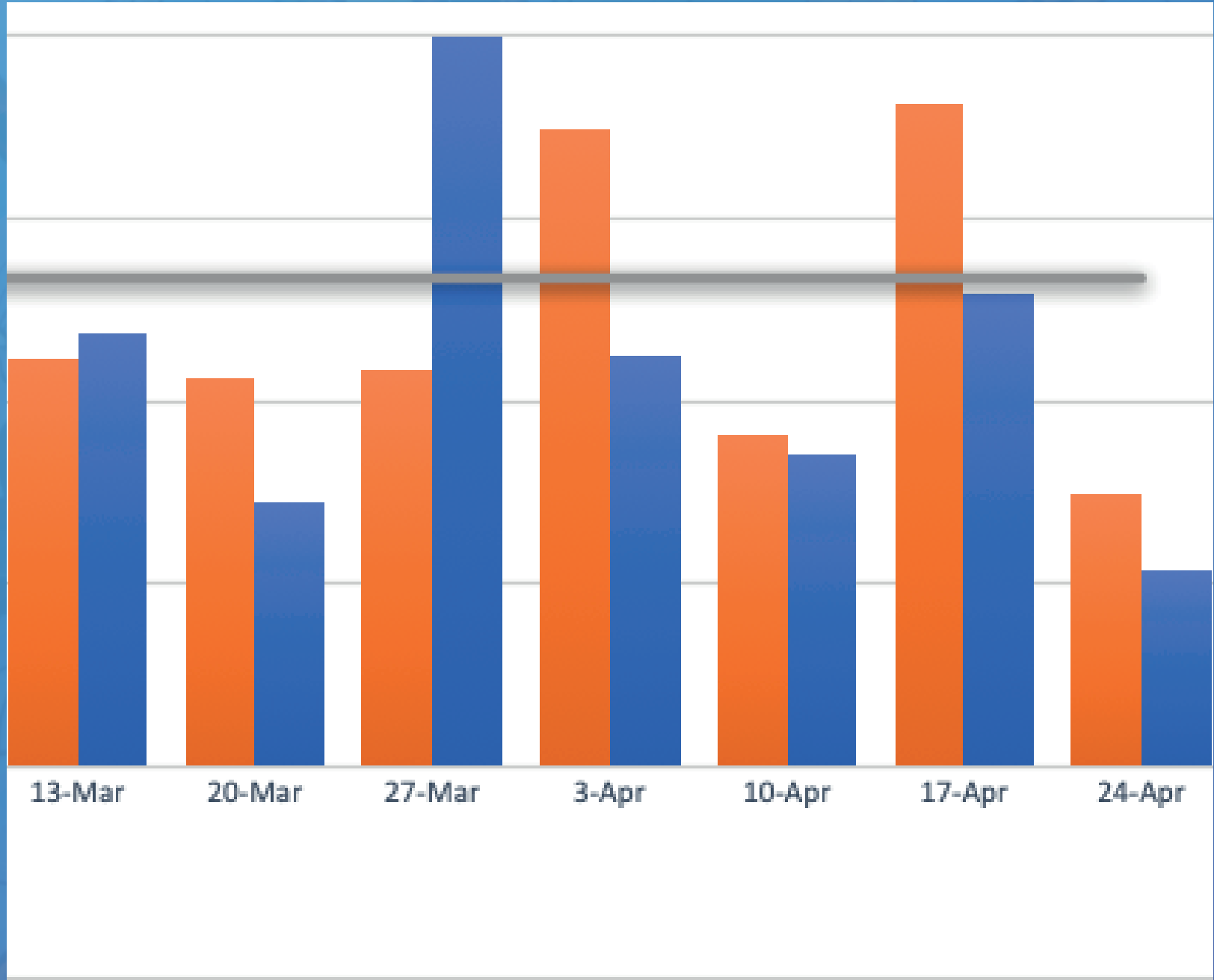


# WEEKLY COMPARATIVE GIVING 2022 VS 2021











# **A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM**

## **Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, August 16th 11am-6pm**

**Please sign-up through the SignUpGenius for your preferred time slot. This is available through the Holy Cross website and Facebook pages**

**The need for donations never stops. If you are able to donate, please consider signing up. Blood donors are critical to our community and we encourage everyone to make this a lifelong habit. Donation can begin at 16yr/old with parental consent. We also encourage everyone sharing this information as the Blood Drives are open to the community.**



**The Mission Team has new t-shirts!!  
They are \$12/ea., and proceeds from these  
sales will help support our ability to partic-  
ipate in programs like Kids Against Hunger  
as well as our very own Purse Project.  
T-shirts are located outside the church  
office. Please make checks payable to  
Penney Hovatter and contact Penney or  
Julie Graber with any questions.**

**Food to You  
September 15th**

**We are collecting Hearty Soup (NOT con-  
densed) for the Food to You distribution  
and will also be asking for volunteers to  
help at this event. A SignUpGenius will be  
made available online. This Charis program  
is a ton of fun and a great way to help the  
community and join in fellowship.**