

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Monthly Newsletter

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00AM



“At the beginning the Creator made them male and female.” – Matthew 19:4

The verse above from Matthew 19 indicates that men and women are different, so they are to treat each other differently, because they see and hear things differently. As a result, men and women communicate differently, and sometimes they speak in codes. For example, in general, when a woman says, “I have nothing to wear,” it means she has nothing new or exciting. However, when a man says, “I have nothing to wear,” it usually means he has nothing clean.

This kind of coded language is also true when it comes to love. Dr. Gary Chapman wrote a book several years ago titled, “The 5 Love Languages,” in which he explains that there are 5 types of love languages that men and women use when they communicate with each other. They are Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. These “languages” basically apply to all people – adults, teenagers, and children – in all cultures.

DISCOVER YOUR LOVE LANGUAGE
WITH AUTHOR & GUEST SPEAKER
GARY CHAPMAN

WED. AUG 28TH
7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Do you know your “love language?” To help us better understand how we communicate love to each other as God’s children, Dr. Gary Chapman will be coming to Holy Cross on **Wednesday, August 28, at 7:00pm** to tell us more about our love languages. I would like to invite you to this special event, and to help us plan appropriately I need you to sign up to attend at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3RLugj5>

We would also like to use this event to kickoff our Backpack Buddies ministry as a new school year begins. Therefore, I would ask that you please bring one of the following items with you on Wednesday, August 28, to help restock our food supplies for Backpack Buddies:

- Shelf Stable Milk
- 100% Juice Boxes
- Packaged Noodles
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned Meats and Stews
- Healthy Snacks
- Breakfast Items

During the school year we pack **30** backpacks of food each week for 30 food needy children at East Clayton Elementary School. Therefore, please join us for this special evening as we learn more about our love languages and support our Backpack Buddies ministry.

In God’s Service,

Pastor Bill

FAMILY NIGHT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4th



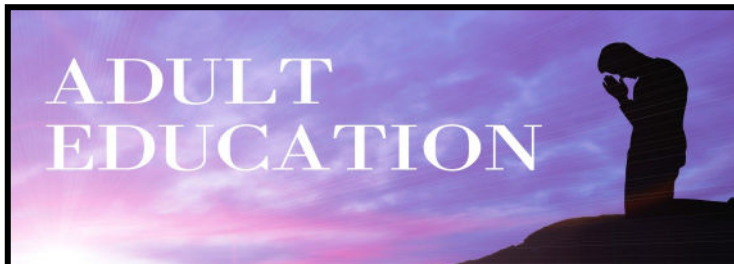
- **Gathering Information Meeting Sunday 18th at 1pm:** For all Rising 8th Grade students through High School Seniors. The information is also for adults who may want to chaperone. I will go over what the Gathering is and why it is such a big event, and a mountain top faith experience.
- **Youth Group:** Starts back up on Wednesday, September 4th @ 6:45 pm in the Youth Room.



- **Wed. Education:** Starts back on 9/4 at 6:45 pm. Register your child(ren) today by using this link: <https://bit.ly/4fgNYgq>
- **Parent Meeting:** 9/4 at 6:30pm in Classroom 5. Please save the date on your calendar. We can't wait to start!
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery: For babies 6M-3YO.**



- **CY2 & CY3 Students:** Classes will start September 4th @6:45 pm.
- **Parent and Student Meeting:** Sunday, September 1st @10am in Reese Hall.



On Wednesday Nights, we will offer 2 Classes:

1. **The Chosen Season 1:** Based off the series we will watch season 1 together and discuss it more in depth the following week. You don't need to watch it before our first meeting.

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the chooses. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen people.

What does it *actually* mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we're going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. Which always leads us directly to Jesus. **This Study will take place in Classroom 1.**

2. **5 Love Languages & 5 Apology Languages:** Falling in love is easy. Staying in love—that's the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life? In the #1 New York Times international bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, you'll discover the secret that has transformed millions of relationships worldwide. Whether your relationship is flourishing or failing, Dr. Gary Chapman's proven approach to showing and receiving love will help you experience deeper and richer levels of intimacy with your partner—starting today.

This study will take place in Reese Hall.



- Do you want to feel closer to God?
- Could your faith walk use a boost?
- Would you like to serve God more enthusiastically and intentionally?

THE NEXT EASTERN NC LUTHERAN
Via De CRISTO weekend retreat (Mixed #109) will be held at
Camp Agape September 19-22, 2024.

Contact Lizy Coleman for more info:
Lizy@e-colemans.com



MOMS IN PRAYER IS DONE FOR THE SUMMER. JOIN US AFTER LABOR DAY ON TUESDAYS ZOOM AT 7:30 PM

Check out [Moms In Prayer | Prayer Network | Christian Community](#) for podcasts, prayers sheets and other resources over the summer.

Contact Lizy Coleman for more info

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday every month, from 9 am - 12 pm in classroom #1.
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!



Please contact Dewie Francis for more info and to be included in the group reminders.
Dewie.francis2@gmail.com



Holy Cross offers online giving!

Scan the QR code (with your phone's camera) or visit www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving

Open Enrollment for our 2024 - 2025 school year.

Join us for our 3 year old program, or 4 year old program. Scan the code to access our registration packet.



Altar Flowers

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
COST IS \$35



Sunday, August 25th
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINISTRY
 FAIR

9:30 AM in Reese Hall

Come and see what our Ministries
 are all about
 and how you can get involved!
 Snacks and drinks will be provided!

HOLY CROSS serves the homeless
 in our area through

MATTHEW Ministry



"Serving the **PHYSICAL** and **SPIRITUAL** needs of the **HOMELESS**"

We are currently serving about 20 Men & Women, WEEKLY.

**** We need a constant supply of the items below ****

As the weather gets hotter **Dehydration**
 becomes a concern for the HOMELESS

We NEED DONATIONS of Sports Drinks for them

NEW MEN'S



WHITE Crew Socks



20 OZ GATORADE Bottles



FRUIT CUPS

Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR PRAYERS
PLEASE ADD Matthew Ministry and the Homeless
To your Daily PRAYERS

For more info contact john or lindamiesch
 (919-553-3579) Eagleprod@mindspring.com

HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY "YEAR of PRAYER 2024"



PRAYER is VERY POWERFUL.

Philippians 4: 6 -7 says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

In August we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for "schools"

In this stressful time of uncertainty and some fear about school safety PRAYER is as important as ever AND is one thing we all can and should do.

Everyone is invited to join in. PRAY together with your whole family. It is really simple!!

You can PRAY from home, work, in the car, anywhere and anytime the Holy Spirit leads you to PRAY. Your PRAYERS can be formal or even better just have a conversation with GOD, after all HE is your Heavenly FATHER and BEST FRIEND.

PRIORITIZE - Set a time to do this EVERY DAY, with your whole family.

Here is an idea of what you can PRAY this Month.

DEAR Heavenly Father, as a new school year begins, with much uncertainty and concern over protection from the evils of this world, we know YOU are in control and YOU have a plan to use everything for YOUR good.

We pray for all schools, from preschool to college. Bless our children, teachers, and staff, and keep them safe from physical and spiritual harm. Guard their hearts and minds from the devil's schemes. Fill them with compassion for their fellow students, teachers, and staff. Light their path with a passion for learning Your Word and Your will in their lives.

While it is hard to send our children out into a world that is so unstable and volatile, we know that You are bigger than all of our worries and fears. Remind us that our children are also Your children, and that You love them infinitely more than we do. We give You our thanks and praise that You love them and all of us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on a cross.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN.



“Seasons of Life” ~
our journey through grief!

8/14/24
in
Reese Hall
(11:00am-1:00pm)
Lunch and drinks are
provided

For more information:
Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



Join Us
8/10 (9-11am) Lobby
Coffee Area

Contact: Ralph Fick
(919) 429-2301



**Cancer Support
Group**
Meets the 2nd Monday
of each month.

Join us Monday
8/12/24 @6:30 pm
in Reese Hall

Contact Chuck Munson Jr.
@ chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com

“Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

Thursday 8/8/2024
7:00 - 8:30pm Reese Hall
Debbie Fick, Coordinator (919) 632-3643



Helping Hands Ministry

*“Carry each other’s burdens and in
this way we will be fulfilling the
law of Christ!” (Galatians 6:2)*

Are you available to provide “tangible” help to those
who have needs for meals, rides, moving help, etc?

Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643 or
Marvin Fordham (919) 219-0982.



Carolinas District LWML
Convention 2024

Women in Mission Sept 20-21

Guest Speaker: Deb Burma, author
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary NC



Follow us on Facebook @
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwmlevents>



**“I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about
anything you ask for it will be done for you by My
Father in heaven for where two or three come
together in My name, there am I with them”**
(Matthew 18:19-20)

If you have any prayer requests please email them to:
Berta Hinton at berta37@msn.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Will Meet on
Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00 -12:00
in Room 1. All are welcome!

*“She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She
opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hands to
the needy.” (Proverbs 31:13&20)*

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

Please Pray For Our Holy Cross Family With Health Concerns:

*Sonja Coull
Jacob Boyd
Kathy Savoy
Rebecca Lavery
Tom Hansen
Judy Fowler
Mark Wilson
Margaret Lee*

*Connie Reid
Richard Lavery
Penny Schneider
Ed Leigh
Connie Beal
John Miesch
Chuck Munson, Jr.
Dennis Reese*

*Bill McElwain
Garry Bleeker
Eric Roeser
Ernie Creech
Brenda Horne
Elisabeth Junker
Carla McMullen
John H. Wood*

*Caroline Schust
Sarah Elliott
David Lawrence
Katie Copenhaver-
Oelrich
Kim Helmer
Karen Hatcher*

Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross Receiving Cancer Care:

Tonya Gordon, friend of Diane Reczek
Ralph Souter, friend of Harold Winkle
Peggy Davis, niece of Linda Beers
Reid Yapple, brother-in-law of Doug Aitken
David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
James Atkins
Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken
Leon Goldapple, father of Jennifer McNally
Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee's neighbor
Karen, friend of Elaine Reese

Mason Fannin, friend of Margaret Lee
Derryck Sauls
Jean Barbour, aunt of Robert Bennett
Candy Robinson, mother of Robin Oelrich
Colleen Gilmartin, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
Gayle Keen, friend of Sue Beyer & Ellie Shep
Christy Dollar, Open Arms parent
Kevin McKenzie, Sr. friend of John Paul Keon
Angela Stancil, niece of Terri Pelle
Fred Oelrich, father of Robin Oelrich

Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross With Health Concerns:

Lois Lintner, mother of Madonna Bennett
Sherry Whalen, friend of Judy Fowler
Spenser Goldman, grandson of Penny Schneider
Sandy & Bill, friends of Edie Voorhees
Joseph & Mary Littleton
Charlotte Bucklen and Stephen Kelley, friends of the Coleman Family
Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy, niece of Donna Steele
Thomas Craig, brother of Caroline Schust
James Norris, father of Meredith Marsh
Danny McCarthy, friend of Michele Capozzi
Monica Clonts, sister of Blake Ball
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike, friend of Doug Aitken
Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
Joyce Moore
Matthew Marek, cousin of Robert McNally
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
Mark Morgan, nephew of Tim & Billie Shank
Linda Williams, aunt of Jamie Brannon

Michael Costa, brother of Jennifer McNally
Carol & Larry, friends of Jerry Benditz
Marcia & Phil Riley, sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball
Carlos & Tamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
Donna Cantarella, friend of Ellie Shep
Rita Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
Lucy Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
Mary Ruth Nicols, niece of Eunice Burch
David Nicols, nephew of Eunice Burch
William Schramm, friend of Harold Winkle
Jim Scroggs, son of Jeanie Scroggs
Shawn Roeser, Son of Julie & Eric Roeser
Dave Aitken, brother of Doug Aitken
Artie V., friend of John Lundoy
Cora Lee Cox, Niece of Carrie Benner
Al Barbour, Robert Bennett's cousin
Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider, daughters of Penny Schneider
Nancy Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
Margot Coleman, mother-in-law to Lizy Coleman
Kim Welch, cousin of Jaime Brannon
Kris Jaeckle, friend of Doug Aitken

2024

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	2	3
4 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	5 5:30 pm Council Meeting	6	7	8 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study	9	10 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	12 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group	13	14 11:00 am Seasons Of Life	15 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	16	17
18 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	19	20	21 10:00 am Ruth Circle 6:00 pm Elders Meeting	22 9:00 am Quilting Group 6:00 pm Open Arms Board Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	23	24
25 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:30 am Ministry Fair 11:00 am Trad. Worship	26	27	28 7:00 pm Gary Chapman Presentation	29 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	30	31

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Vital Stats			Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):	
<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
6/2	334 (122 & 212)	\$14,159	Building Fund:	\$ 400
6/9	301 (176 & 125)	\$10,708	Matthew Ministry:	\$ 680
6/16	272 (148 & 124)	\$10,105	Backpack Buddies	\$ 100
6/23	270 (151 & 119)	\$ 7,729	Youth	\$ 180
6/30	270 (149 & 121)	\$ 9,496	Maureen McElwain Memorial	\$1,000
Direct Deposit Offerings (June)		<u>\$12,578</u>	JoAnn deCathelineau Memorial	\$ 795
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$64,775	Vacation Bible School	\$ 425
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2023:		\$11,215	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 150
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2024:		\$13,046		
Avg. weekly attendance 26 weeks 2023:		266	2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):	
Avg. weekly attendance 26 weeks 2024:		292	iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 1,250
Total offerings received thru 6/30/24:		\$339,192	Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$13,680
Total projected offerings thru 6/30/24:		\$303,992		

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