

Monthly Newsletter

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



“Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

February is often considered to be a month of love, with the celebration of Valentine's day. Therefore, the verses above describe the kind of love that I'm sure we would all like to receive. The challenge for us is to read these verses and realize this is the kind of love that Jesus gives to us and that we are called to give to others. One way that has always helped me to consider my limits of loving others is by checking my love score by reading the verses from 1 Corinthians 13 and substituting my name wherever the word "love" or "it" appears. Try it for yourself and see how you score.

I'm sure none of us will score 100% when we read those verses, but the good news is that our failures of the past have been forgiven, and today and tomorrow are full of new opportunities to raise our score. Following true love means following Jesus, being transformed by His love, and being committed to His mission of loving others in the way He loves us.

One of the ways we have put the love of Jesus into action has been through our generous financial donations to the Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Our congregation has contributed \$60,000 to Emergency RV, which has directly helped to provide shelter to 90 families in western North Carolina. In addition, our quilting ministry donated several quilts to the relief efforts and every quilt brought more than a few tears to the families who received them.



Opportunities to support the relief efforts will continue throughout the year, especially at our Lutheran camp in the mountains known as Camp Linn Haven. Several members from our church have volunteered to help rebuild the camp as all of the cabins, along with the Mountainside Lutheran Church sanctuary, suffered tremendous damage. Two outside estimates indicate the recovery could be in the \$2 million range, which means many volunteers and donations will be needed throughout the year. However, we know with God nothing is impossible and He will lead us in our efforts to share His love with others in the western part of our state as communities and churches continue to recover from the hurricane damage. Thank you for all of your support.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

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FAMILY NIGHT

SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Wed. Education: 6:45pm – 7:30pm**
K—3rd Grade: Classroom 5
4th – 5th Grade: Classroom 4
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M – 3-years-old.



- **Youth Group:**
Wednesday's 6:45pm-7:30pm
- **Gathering Meeting:**
February 23rd: 1pm – 2:30pm



- **Classes Wednesday's @6:45 pm**
- **Please fill out one sermon note a month from in person worship.**



The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study led by John Michael Harlow. This is the official companion study to season 2 of The Chosen, the groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. Blessed are the Chosen parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. Please watch Episode 1 of Season 2 before the first class. [Click here](#) for the episode companion. Class will take place in Classroom 1.

Finance and Self-Control - A Christian Approach to Money Management led by Gary Scrofani. You'll be equipped with practical financial tools and a deeper understanding of self-control in managing finances, rooted in Christian principles, to make wise choices in spending, saving, investing and giving. Class will take place in Reese Hall.

FUNDRAISERS

TICKET MEAL FUNDRAISER

\$10 TICKET PULLED PORK, GREEN BEANS, SLAW, AND CORNBREAD.

REDEEM TICKETS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 4PM - 7PM

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS THE YOUTH GATHERING TO NEW ORLEANS JULY 18TH - 23RD, 2025.



CHURCH YARD SALE!!

Start cleaning out your attic and garage.
Saturday, May 3rd.
Dropoff: Friday, May 2nd.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE

HOLY CROSS is committed to assist EMERGENCY RV to do GOD's work on an ongoing basis with Financial Donations.

MORE information will follow OR Contact John & Linda Miesch: Eagleprod@mindspring.com



On **CHRISTMAS DAY**, EMERGENCY RV delivered 2RV's that the HCLC Donation enabled them to provide.

One was given to the Penley family who lost their home to Hurricane Helene. The family just celebrated the birth of their second child and was planning to move into a homeless shelter.

The other RV was given to Timothy McCord, a 70 year-old Vietnam veteran who lost the roof of his camper during Hurricane Helene, but was still sleeping in it.



To see the full story and more you can go to their facebook page at www.facebook.com/EmergencyRV or you can go to their website at www.emergencyrv.org.

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN RALEIGH

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

MATTHEW MINISTRY

AMAZON

WALMART

Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

AMAZON LIST

WALMART LIST

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HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY "YEAR OF PRAYER 2025"

We have formed one of the most powerful and important Ministries any Church can have, the **PRAYER MINISTRY**, Holy Cross is becoming a "House of Prayer" where EVERY aspect of our Church is constantly SATURATED in Prayer.



Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2025 to be another "YEAR of PRAYER"

In February we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for "enemies" (someone who hurts you)

We have ALL been hurt by others and it is difficult but JESUS calls us to PRAY for them..

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

JESUS, Prince of Peace, you have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who have hurt us in any way. I can't do it on my own, I need YOUR help. YOU know the misunderstandings that exist between myself and certain people. Harsh words and thoughtless actions have been exchanged.

I do not pray for YOU to change them, BUT instead to 1st change me.

Thank YOU for YOUR example when YOU cried, "Father forgive them..." from the cross, as YOU were dying not only for me, BUT for everyone, even those who have hurt me.

Forgive my enemies Lord and all those who have tried to hurt or have harmed me. Look down in pity on all those who I term "enemies" and give me the grace to show them the love of Christ in my actions and attitudes towards them.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

Together we are becoming a "PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH".

Ask GOD what role HE has designed for you and then contact John & Linda Miesch, Prayer Ministry Leaders at Church or at Eagleprod@mindspring.com OR call 919-553-3579



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwml events>

MINISTRY EVENTS

LIVING HIS LOVE



“Ladies’ Bible Study”

Saturday 2/1
Reese Hall
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:
Debbie Fick
(919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life” ~

our journey through grief!

Wednesday 2/12

Reese Hall
(11:00am-1:00pm)

Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick
drfick1014@gmail.com



Quilting Ministry

Thurs. 2/13 & 2/27
Classroom 1
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis
(919) 302-6193



Prayer Shawl Ministry
2nd Saturday of The Month
Room 1

(10:00am– 12:00pm)

“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)

Contact Ella McBryer via phone or text at 919-757-7955



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.



Cancer Support Group

Meets the 2nd Monday
of each month.

Monday 2/10

Reese Hall
@ 6:30 pm

Contact: Chuck Munson Jr.
@chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com



“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:
Contact: Berta Hinton @berta37@msn.com



OWLS & FRIENDS

(Older, Wiser, Lutheran’s)

Saturday, Feb 15th 8-10pm

Sunday, Feb 16th 3-5pm

The play “The Foreigner” is showing
at the Neuse Little Theatre

For additional information
Contact: Debra Rayter @ 585-530-9839



The “Angels from Heaven” Ministry

Will be performing on
Sunday, Feb 9th
At Landings Assisted Living Facility in
Smithfield from 2:00-3:00 pm

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



Mom’s In Prayer

Monday Nights @ 7:00pm

Scan the QR code
to join the
zoom meeting



Contact: Liz Coleman: lizy@e-colemans.com

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

Please Pray For Our Holy Cross Family With Health Concerns:

<i>Sonja Coull</i>	<i>Richard Lavery</i>	<i>Eric Roeser</i>	<i>James Lucas</i>	<i>Dan Swan</i>
<i>Jacob Boyd</i>	<i>Penny Schneider</i>	<i>Ernie Creech</i>	<i>Christopher Urban</i>	<i>Paul Niewoehner</i>
<i>Kathy Savoy</i>	<i>Ed Leigh</i>	<i>Karla Bishop</i>	<i>Velvet Shank</i>	
<i>Rebecca Lavery</i>	<i>Connie Beal</i>	<i>Elisabeth Junker</i>	<i>Duane Scheller</i>	
<i>Tom Hansen</i>	<i>John Miesch</i>	<i>Carla McMullen</i>	<i>Linda McLoughlin</i>	
<i>Judy Fowler</i>	<i>Chuck Munson, Jr.</i>	<i>Caroline Schust</i>	<i>Jeanie Scroggs</i>	
<i>Mark Wilson</i>	<i>Dennis Reese</i>	<i>David Lawrence</i>	<i>Lanny Scroggs</i>	
<i>Margaret Lee</i>	<i>Bill McElwain</i>	<i>Joan Tucker</i>	<i>Renee Johnston</i>	
<i>Connie Reid</i>	<i>Garry Bleeker</i>	<i>Carolyn Selby</i>	<i>Kim Ruggero</i>	

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

Tonya Gordon , friend of Diane Reczek	Derryck Sauls
Ralph Souter , friend of Harold Winkle	Jean Barbour , aunt of Robert Bennett
Peggy Davis , niece of Linda Beers	Candy Robinson , mother of Robin Oelrich
Reid Yaple , brother-in-law of Doug Aitken	Colleen Gilmartin , friend of George & Donna Rossetti
David Coleman , brother of Paul Coleman	Carla Barbour , daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
James Atkins	Gayle Keen , friend of Sue Beyer & Ellie Shep
Pam Denning , friend of Candice Patterson	Christy Dollar , Open Arms parent
Bill Berry , friend of Doug Aitken	Angela Stancil , niece of Terri Pelle
Leon Goldapple , father of Jennifer McNally	Fred Oelrich , father of Robin Oelrich
Nathan Fannin , Margaret Lee's neighbor	Janet Crowe , mother of Ed Crowe
Karen , friend of Elaine Reese	Everette Kelley , child of a friend of Tara Webb
Cora Lee Cox , Niece of Carrie Benner	Cristie , neighbor of Annie & Scott Dull
Mason Fannin , friend of Margaret Lee	Tammy Cochran , cousin of Annie Dull

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

Lois Lintner , mother of Madonna Bennett	Carlos & Tamy Garcia , friends of Sandy Nesselrode
Sherry Whalen , friend of Judy Fowler	Donna Cantarella , friend of Ellie Shep
Spenser Goldman , grandson of Penny Schneider	Rita Giudice , friend of Penny Schneider
Sandy & Bill , friends of Edie Voorhees	Lucy Giudice , friend of Penny Schneider
Joseph & Mary Littleton	Mary Ruth Nicols , niece of Eunice Burch
Charlotte Bucklen and Stephen Kelley , friends of the Coleman Family	David Nicols , nephew of Eunice Burch
Steve Estes , husband of Gail Estes	William Schramm , friend of Harold Winkle
Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy , niece of Donna Steele	Jim Scroggs , son of Jeanie Scroggs
Thomas Craig , brother of Caroline Schust	Shawn Roeser , Son of Julie & Eric Roeser
James Norris , father of Meredith Marsh	Artie V. , friend of John Lundoy
Danny McCarthy , friend of Michele Capozzi	Al Barbour , Robert Bennett's cousin
Monica Clonts , sister of Blake Ball	Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider , daughters of Penny Schneider
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace , goddaughter of the Colemans	Nancy Morse , friend of Ellie Shep
Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike , friend of Doug Aitken	Heidi Mayer , friend of Doug Aitken
Tod & Karen , parents of Sean Pritchard	Margot Coleman , mother-in-law to Lizy Coleman
Joyce Moore	Kim Welch , cousin of Jaime Brannon
Matthew Marek , cousin of Robert McNally	Kris Jaeckle , friend of Doug Aitken
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody , friends of Elisabeth Junker	Shirley & Brian Blatchley , sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
Mark Morgan , nephew of Tim & Billie Shank	Francis Larry Overby , friend of John Paul Keon
Linda Williams , aunt of Jamie Brannon	Ralph Hendrex , father of Travis Bjorklund
Michael Costa , brother of Jennifer McNally	Angie Basette , friend of Jamie Brannon
Carol & Larry , friends of Jerry Benditz	Gail Estes , sister of Kathy Savoy
Marcia & Phil Riley , sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball	Amy Aldinger , friend of Dewie Francis
	Michael Cox , friend of Denise and Andria Sears

2025 February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
2 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am New Member Class 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 pm LWML Board Meeting	3 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	4 10:30 am Bible Study	5 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	6	7	8 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
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23 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am New Member Class 11:00 am Trad. Worship	24 10:00 am Mite Counting 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	25 10:30 am Bible Study	26 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	27 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	28	

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
12/1	301 (168 & 133)	\$ 11,933
12/4 (Wed.)	119	\$ 744
12/8	303 (155 & 148)	\$ 9,025
12/11 (Wed.)	125	\$ 1,161
12/15	294 (141 & 153)	\$ 10,570
12/18 (Wed.)	178	\$ 1,076
12/22	318 (153 & 165)	\$ 8,466
12/24 (Christ. Eve)	686 (298, 205, 183)	\$ 8,457
12/29	295 (153 & 142)	\$ 11,919
Direct Deposit Offerings (Dec.)		\$ 18,274
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 81,625
Avg. weekly offerings 52 weeks 2023:		\$ 11,498
Avg. weekly offerings 52 weeks 2024:		\$ 13,384
Avg. weekly attendance 52 weeks 2023:		264
Avg. weekly attendance 52 weeks 2024:		288
Total offerings received thru 12/31/24:		\$ 695,961
Total projected offerings thru 12/31/24:		\$ 608,000
<u>Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):</u>		
Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:		\$ 5,755
Building Fund:		\$ 260
Matthew Ministry:		\$ 885
Backpack Buddies		\$ 375
Youth		\$ 365
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		\$ 100
<u>2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):</u>		
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:		\$ 3,000
Southeastern District (LCMS)		\$ 54,720

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