

Monthly Newsletter

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



New Sermon Series: "WORDS MATTER"– Beginning January 12

In this 7-week sermon series we will look at the impact that words have in our lives. Whether spoken, written, or simply thought, words have the power to shape our lives, reveal our character, and even cause destruction. Though sometimes small or seemingly insignificant, words hold tremendous power. Throughout this series we will see why words matter in our relationship with God.

Sunday, January 12: "With You I Am Well Pleased" (Luke 3:15-22)	Sunday, January 19: "Do Whatever He Says" (John 2:1-11)	Sunday, January 26: "This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled" (Luke 4:16-30)	Sunday, February 2: "Come Out Of Him" (Luke 4:31-44)
Sunday, February 9: "You Will Catch People" (Luke 5:1-11)	Sunday, February 16: "Blessed Are You" (Luke 6:17-26)	Sunday, February 23: "Love Your Enemies" (Luke 6:27-38)	

New Adult Bible Study – "God's Love Alive In You" – Based on 1,2,3 John

Meets on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Beginning January 7

This past fall we did a Bible study on the Gospel of John titled, "I Am – Seeing Jesus As God." John wrote his Gospel to help people understand that Jesus was God in the flesh. At the end of the New Testament, John also wrote three small books appropriately titled, "1 John, 2 John, 3 John," in which John continues this "I Am" theme as he emphasizes that God is light and God is love. We will look at why John wrote these books and how they contain some of the most profound words in Scripture.

New Member Classes – "Life With God" – Beginning Sunday, January 19, at 10:00am

Sometimes people view the church like a grocery store. They come to church with a shopping list of things they want to get out of joining a church. The main concern of the church is helping people to come into a relationship with God, the owner of the grocery store, so they may live. If you are interested in knowing more about Holy Cross, I invite you to join us for the following classes:

- January 19 – "It's All About Relationships"
- January 26 – "Differences in Denominations 1"
- February 2 – "Differences in Denominations 2"
- February 9 – "Witness, Mercy, Life Together"
- February 16 – "Vision and Values of Holy Cross"
- March 2 – New Member Sunday

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

FAMILY NIGHT

SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Wed. Education: 6:45pm – 7:30pm**
Starting January 8th.
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:** Starts back January 8th @ 6:45 pm. Then will meet continually throughout January and February.
- **Gathering Meeting Dates:**
January 12th 1pm – 2:30pm



- **Classes resume on January 8th @6:45 pm**
- **Please fill out one sermon note a month from in person worship.**



- **Winter 2025: Classes resume January 8th.**
***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.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

CHURCH YARD SALE!!

Start cleaning out your attic and garage.

The Youth will have a Yard Sale on

Saturday, May 3rd.

Items can be dropped off on

Friday, May 2nd.

SPECIAL THANKS

December 14, 2024

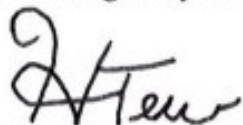
Dear Reverend Beyer and Holy Cross Lutheran Church

At this time of Advent, we are reminded of how God came down to us through His Son, Jesus. A Son who was more than just a mere baby. He is the Savior of the world! While Jesus came to save us from our sins, Holy Cross Lutheran Church has helped alleviate suffering for those in western North Carolina through your generous gift of \$20,000 to Lutheran Servants for Christ (LSC) disaster response.

During Advent, LSC has continued surveying areas affected by the hurricane and flooding in order to meet people's needs using gifts entrusted to us. In January, there will be volunteer teams deployed working to help those that so desperately need the hands and feet of Christ by their sides.

We cannot go into areas of disaster without support from churches like you. Many churches say they want to help, but few follow through. You did and it has made a wonderful difference. Thank you.

Blessings to you in Christ,



Hilary Tew

Treasurer

Lutheran Servants for Christ



Holy Cross Provides Two RVs on Christmas Day



As a result of the financial donation made by Holy Cross, Emergency RV was able to deliver 2 RVs to people in need on Christmas day. 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.



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 January we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for the unborn

Everyone is invited to join in. 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. HE would like to hear from you. **PRIORITIZE - Set a time to PRAY EVERY DAY in 2025, with your whole family.**

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

Dear Heavenly Father, Your WORD tells us that before we were born you knew us. Protect those helpless little ones, who YOU have given life in the womb, from the evil of the devil. Touch the hearts of those women and men facing a pregnancy in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood or fatherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in YOUR image, made for eternal life. Dispel their fears & selfishness. Give them true hearts, to love their babies, give birth to them and give them all the needed care that a mother and father can give. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it. We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

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

SAVE THE DATE

SWING ON BY



FOR A COUPLES SHOWER BEFORE

Sarah & Derick

SAY "I DO"

JAN 5TH  12:30-2:30 PM

In Reese Hall
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

MOM'S IN PRAYER

Resumes
Monday, January 13th @
7:00pm

Victorious
IN PRAYER
Join Us!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING



HELPING THE HOMELESS IN RALEIGH

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

MATTHEW MINISTRY



AMAZON 

WALMART 

MINISTRY EVENTS

LIVING HIS LOVE



“Ladies’ Bible Study”

Saturday 1/4
Classroom #1
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:
Debbie Fick
(919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life” ~
our journey through grief!

Wednesday 1/8
Reese Hall
(11:00am-1:00pm)
Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



Quilting Ministry

Thurs. 1/9
Classroom 1
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis @ (919) 302-6193



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, 1/4
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 McBrayer 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 1/13
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



- 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 will be
held at Camp Agape
Feb 20th-23rd, 2025

Contact: Lizy 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>Connie Reid</i>	<i>Bill McElwain</i>	<i>David Lawrence</i>	<i>Linda McLoughlin</i>
<i>Jacob Boyd</i>	<i>Richard Lavery</i>	<i>Garry Bleeker</i>	<i>Joan Tucker</i>	<i>Yvonne Chrisikos</i>
<i>Kathy Savoy</i>	<i>Penny Schneider</i>	<i>Eric Roeser</i>	<i>Carolyn Selby</i>	<i>Debbie Fick</i>
<i>Rebecca Lavery</i>	<i>Ed Leigh</i>	<i>Ernie Creech</i>	<i>James Lucas</i>	<i>Jeanie Scroggs</i>
<i>Tom Hansen</i>	<i>Connie Beal</i>	<i>Karla Bishop</i>	<i>Christopher Urban</i>	<i>Lanny Scroggs</i>
<i>Judy Fowler</i>	<i>John Miesch</i>	<i>Elisabeth Junker</i>	<i>Velvet Shank</i>	<i>Renee Johnston</i>
<i>Mark Wilson</i>	<i>Chuck Munson, Jr.</i>	<i>Carla McMullen</i>	<i>Duane Scheller</i>	<i>Kim Ruggero</i>
<i>Margaret Lee</i>	<i>Dennis Reese</i>	<i>Caroline Schust</i>	<i>Chris Frost</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	Kevin McKenzie, Sr. friend of John Paul Keon
Leon Goldapple , father of Jennifer McNally	Angela Stancil , niece of Terri Pelle
Nathan Fannin , Margaret Lee's neighbor	Fred Oelrich , father of Robin Oelrich
Karen , friend of Elaine Reese	Janet Crowe , mother of Ed Crowe
Cora Lee Cox , Niece of Carrie Benner	Everette Kelley , child of a friend of Tara Webb
Mason Fannin , friend of Margaret Lee	Cristie , neighbor of Annie & Scott Dull

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

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

2025

January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 7:00 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study	3	4 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
5 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:30 pm Beyer/Disch Shower	6 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	7 10:30 am Bible Study	8 11:00 am Seasons of Life 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	9 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	10	11 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
12 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	13 6:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	14 10:30 am Bible Study	15 10:00 am Ruth Circle 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	16 6:00 pm Open Arms Board Meeting	17	18 2:30 pm Owl's Potluck & Planning Meeting
19 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	20 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	21 10:30 am Bible Study	22 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	23 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	24	25 1:30 pm Beyer & Disch Wedding
26 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	27 10:00 am Mite Counting	28 10:30 am Bible Study	29 5:45 pm Family Night 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	30	31	

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Bill Beyer	william.beyer@holycrossclayton.com
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Vital Stats			Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):	
Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings		
11/3	327 (182 & 145)	\$ 9,543	Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:	\$ 33,311
11/10	305 (165 & 140)	\$11,464	Building Fund:	\$ 210
11/17	285 (168 & 117)	\$ 8,703	Matthew Ministry:	\$ 805
11/24	291 (152 & 139)	\$11,032	Backpack Buddies	\$ 595
11/27(Thanks. Eve)	80	\$ 768	Youth	\$ 140
Direct Deposit Offerings (Nov)		<u>\$14,979</u>	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 340
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$56,489	2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):	
Avg. weekly offerings 47 weeks 2023:		\$10,998	iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 2,750
Avg. weekly offerings 47 weeks 2024:		\$13,071	Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$ 54,720
Avg. weekly attendance 47 weeks 2023:	263			
Avg. weekly attendance 47 weeks 2024:	286			
Total offerings received thru 11/30/24:		\$614,336		
Total projected offerings thru 11/30/24:		\$549,524		



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