

JULY 2024

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Monthly Newsletter

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



DO YOU SEE GOD?

I always enjoy it when many of you ask me questions in Scripture that causes me to take a deeper look into God's Word in order to understand what He is telling us. Someone asked me recently about whether or not people could see God and live, based on Exodus 33:20 when God said to Moses, *"But you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."* In order to understand certain verses in the Bible many times we need to look at other parts of Scripture to fully understand what God is telling us.

When God says that no one can see His face, what He is saying is that to see His face would be the same as seeing Him in His full glory. In Exodus 24 it says that Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel saw the feet of God, but they did not see God's face - meaning they did not see the full glory of God. What's interesting is that someone's feet were often considered one of the lowliest parts of their body, and yet simply seeing God's feet still caused them to be in awe. When Moses wanted to see God, he was only allowed to see God's back in Exodus 33. Isaiah had a vision of God, describing in Isaiah 6 how he saw God seated on a throne with seraphs above Him. However, I do not believe that Isaiah saw the full power and glory of God. While some people in the Bible certainly saw God, no one ever saw the fullness of God.



So what does it mean to "see God?" Can we see Him today? We may not see God face to face, but I know we definitely see Him in many places. I certainly saw Him in the children and leaders of our SCUBA Vacation Bible School a few weeks ago. I saw Him in our confirmation students as they professed their faith in Jesus last month. I see Him in the care that many of you give to our members who are experiencing some challenging health issues. I see Him in the teachers of our Open Arms center in the love they show to children every day. I see Him in the Bible as God reveals Himself to us. I see Him in worship and prayer as He speaks to us. I see Him in Baptism, where God claims us as His children, and I see Him in Communion as we receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. God is revealed to us in many ways and it is exciting to see Him with eyes of faith and to live in His presence.

In God's Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Bill".

Pastor Bill

Children's Ministry

Christian Education

- **VBS:** Thank you to all our volunteers who made Scuba VBS a splashing success! We made an impact in the 121 children's lives who attended!



- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M-3YO.
- **Wed. Education:** Starts back on 9/4 at 6:45 pm with a parent meeting about how drop off and pick up will go for the 2024-2025 year. Please save the date on your calendar. We can't wait to start up again!

Gathering Information
Meeting Sunday 21st @ 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 mountain top faith experience.

Youth Gathering

New Orleans, LA

July 18-24, 2025

Information Meeting Dates
July 21 & August 18 at 1pm



- 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

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



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



OWL's MINISTRY
 (Older, Wiser, Lutheran's)

Saturday July 20th we will have a planning event to plan the rest of the activities for 2024.

Contact: Derbra Rayter
 585-530-9839

Adult Education is taking a break and will start back on 9/4 at 6:45pm

**HOLY CROSS
PRAYER MINISTRY**

“YEAR of PRAYER 2024”



**Together as a “Church Family” we are making 2024 a
“YEAR of PRAYER”**

**In July we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for
“our government officials”**

**In this stressful time of division, turmoil and great uncertainty PRAYER
is as important than ever AND is one thing we all can and should do.**

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.**

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, You have given us a great country, founded on principles and truths from Your Word.

We PRAY for leaders, men and women who will honor You, trust You, and lead us back to You. We PRAY for servant leaders to love the things You love and who care more about others than themselves.

We pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to seek and receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives. We pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives and for our Governor as well as all our State and local **Government officials** to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word.

We Pray further for UNITY of all Your Children in this time of turmoil and change.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

We are becoming a “PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH”.



*“Seasons of Life” ~
our journey through grief!*

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

For more information:
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Join Us
7/13/24 (9-11am)
Lobby Coffee Area

Contact: Ralph Fick
(919) 429-2301



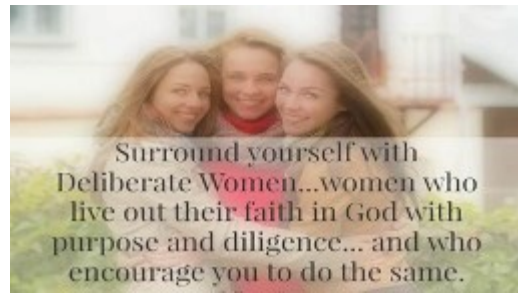
**Cancer Support
Group**
Meets the 2nd Monday
of each month.

Join us Monday
June 10th @6:30 pm
in Reese Hall

Contact Chuck Munson Jr.
@ chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com

“Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

Thursday 7/11/24
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/lwml events>



**5 Love Languages with
Gary Chapman**

Join us for a night of learning
about love and how we use it in
our relationships.

Wednesday, Aug 28th, 2024
from 6:00– 8:00pm

Contact Rebekah Bajwa for more
information and sign up by clicking
this link!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Will Meet on
Saturday, July 13th from 10:00 until noon 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)*

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

2024 July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	1	2 11:00 am Hannah Circle	3	4 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team	5	6 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
7 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 LWML Monthly Board Meeting	8 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group	9	10 11:00 am Seasons of Life	11 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Tea Practice	12	13
14 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	15	16	17 10:00 am Ruth Circle	18 6:30pm Parkinson's Group 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	19	20
21 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 1:00 pm Youth Gathering Info Meeting	22	23	24	25 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	26	27
28 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	29	30	31			

We are praying for—Those receiving cancer care:



- ♥ David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ James Atkins
- ♥ Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
- ♥ Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Peggy Davis, niece of Linda Beers
- ♥ Clyde Williams, uncle of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Ralph Souter, friend of Harold Winkle
- ♥ Tonya Gordon, friend of Dinae Reczek
- ♥ Leon Goldapple, father of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ Clyde Williams, uncle of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee's neighbor
- ♥ Jean Barbour, Robert Bennett's aunt
- ♥ Candy Robinson-, mother of Robin Oelrich
- ♥ Jesse Lee, friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
- ♥ Colleen Gilmartin, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
- ♥ Reid Yaple, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ Karen, friend of Elaine Reese
- ♥ Mason Fanning, friend of Margaret Lee
- ♥ Al Carter, friend of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Gayle Keen, friend of Sue Beyer and Ellie Shep
- ♥ Terry Ward, friend of Terri Cochran
- ♥ Christy Dollar, Open Arms parent
- ♥ Sarah Elliott
- ♥ David Lawrence, son of Brian and Martha Lawrence

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Sonja Coull
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Dennis Reese
- ♥ Garry Bleeker
- ♥ Eric Roeser
- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ Brenda Horne
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Chuck Munson
- ♥ Bill McElwain
- ♥ Carla McMullen
- ♥ John Wood, Sr.
- ♥ John Salemo
- ♥ Karla Bishop
- ♥ Caroline Schust
- ♥ Amanda Kearney, friend of Tara Webb
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Joyce Moore
- ♥ Charlotte Bucklen & Steven Kelley, friends of the Coleman Family
- ♥ Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
- ♥ Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
- ♥ Donna, daughter of Caroline Schust
- ♥ Barbara Ekerdt Creecy, niece of Herman & 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
- ♥ Janie Bruton, friend of Bob Lotter
- ♥ Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
- ♥ Heather, Charlie & Joyce Pike, friends of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
- ♥ 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, Blake Ball's sister and brother-in-law
- ♥ Carlos & Yamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
- ♥ Donna Cantarella, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Rita Giudice, friend of Penny Schenider
- ♥ Lucy Giudice, friend of Penny Schenider
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Larry Wilkening, father of Dewie Francis
- ♥ Shawn Roeser, son of Julie & Eric Roeser
- ♥ David Aitken, brother of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Artie V, friend of John Lundoy
- ♥ Cora Lee Cox, niece of Carrie Benner
- ♥ Al Barabour, Robert Bennetts cousin
- ♥ Nancy Morse, friend of Ellis Shep
- ♥ Justus Epley, grandson of Manuel and Glenda Sainz
- ♥ Heidi Goldman & Gretchen Schneider, daughters of penny Schneider
- ♥ Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Deborah, daughter of Richard and Sharon Hoh
- ♥ Gene Gevers
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Margot Coleman, mother in-law of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Kim Welch, cousin of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Katie Copenhaver-Oelrich
- ♥ Kim Helmer
- ♥ Fred Oelrich, father of Robin Oelrich

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Vital Stats			Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):	
Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings		
5/5	292 (163 & 129)	\$ 9,783	Building Fund:	\$500
5/12	282 (143 & 139)	\$ 10,646	Matthew Ministry:	\$435
5/19	271 (143 & 128)	\$ 9,820	Backpack Buddies	\$ 75
5/26	253 (142 & 114))	\$ 8,325	Youth	\$151
Direct Deposit Offerings (May)		\$ 13,350	2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):	
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 51,924	iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$1,250
Avg. weekly offerings 21 weeks 2023:		\$11,197	Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$13,680
Avg. weekly offerings 21 weeks 2024:		\$13,067		
Avg. weekly attendance 21 weeks 2023:		263		
Avg. weekly attendance 21 weeks 2024:		293		
Total offerings received thru 5/31/24:		\$274,417		
Total projected offerings thru 5/31/24:		\$245,532		

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