

Monthly Newsletter

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

Giving Thanks In My HOME



Do you know the difference between a HOUSE and a HOME? As you look at those two words, you notice that they both begin with the same letters: HO, but this is where the similarity ends. The first word, HOUSE, ends with the letters or the word USE, while the other word, HOME, ends with the letters or the more personal word ME. Therein lies the difference. My parents never thought about our HOUSE as just a place we would USE to eat our meals and sleep at night. It was always a HOME, which had the personality of my parents. It was in our HOME that my parents taught me lifelong lessons about things, such as sharing in the household duties and the significance of sacrificial love.



As we prepare for our national day of Thanksgiving, consider how you view your church. Is it a HOUSE that you come to USE once a week or is it a HOME where you can say, "This is where God comes to ME through others in my church family."? I am very thankful for my family - my wife, my daughter, my soon to be son in-law, and all of you who bless me in my church HOME. I am touched by your faith in God and through your generosity, especially in the special offering we gathered for Hurricane Helene relief and the gifts you presented to me during church worker appreciation month. Thank you very much! When you experience sacrificial love from your church family, as I do on a regular basis, you are truly blessed beyond words.

Therefore, as we prepare to enjoy a wonderful meal with our families on Thanksgiving, let us all pause from our busy schedules to gather together as a family in our church HOME for a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00pm** to thank God for His many blessings. I have a lot to be thankful for as God, indeed, blesses ME in my HOME every day through all of you.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

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**HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF
FUND UPDATE**

Thank you very much for your generosity towards our Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. As of November 1 we have received over \$38,000! One of our members has offered to match the funds we raise up to \$50,000. Money has already been sent to one of our relief agencies known as Lutheran Servants for Christ to help people in need in the western part of North Carolina.

VOTERS' MEETING
SUNDAY, NOV 24TH, AT 10:00AM

We will have our biannual voters' meeting on Sunday, November 24 to approve our spending guidelines for 2025. The guidelines will be emailed to you to this month. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our church council. (Their names and email addresses are located on the back of the newsletter.)

FAMILY NIGHT

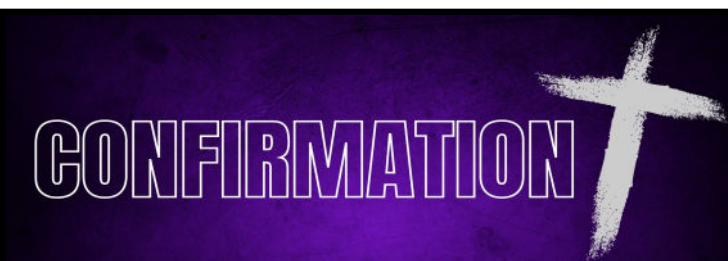
SHARING GOD'S WORD



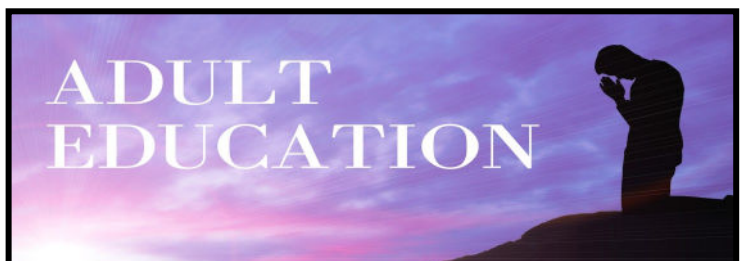
- **Wed. Education: 6:45pm – 7:30pm**
No Class Wed. 27th
K—3rd Grade: Classroom 5
4th – 5th Grade: Classroom 4
- **Christmas Program Rehearsals Sundays in Classroom 4 & 5**
10th at 10:00am Songs
17th at 10:00am Reading Lines and Songs
Dec 1st at 10:00am Songs and Costumes
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery: For babies 6M – 3-years-old.**



- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Youth Room.
No Class Wed. 27th
Save the date: Advent Devotions and Activities in the Youth Room at 6:15pm before Worship. Bring your dinner and your creative genes as we make ornaments, trees, and dive into God's Word.
- **Gathering Meeting Dates:**
Nov 3rd: 8:30 am for Worship—2:30 pm for Chili Cook-Off
Nov 17th: 1pm—2:30pm meeting for all Youth Gathering attendees. **\$500 payment due.**



- **Classes start on Wednesday @ 6:45 pm**
Don't forget to fill out 1 Sermon Notes each month.
NO CLASS WED. 27th
CY2: Will meet in Classroom 2
CY1: Will meet in Classroom 3



- **On Wednesday Nights we will offer 2 Classes starting at 6:45 pm**
The Chosen Season 1:
This Study will take place in Classroom 1.
5 Love Languages & 5 Apology Languages:
This study will take place in Reese Hall.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

**CHILI
COOK-OFF
WINNERS**



Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Chili Cook Off. We raised over \$2,000 for The Gathering.

- BEST CHILI:**
CHILI #7: Brandy Bjorklund
- MOST UNIQUE:**
CHILI #7: Brandy Bjorklund
- SPICIEST CHILI:**
CHILI #2: Matt Vessie

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us.



PACK A SHOE BOX!

Return by November 10th

Grab one today! Fill it with items a child or teen will love. Your box will help your child see God's love when they learn about Jesus.

Boxes available Oct. 20th



Last year, Johnston County contributed 11,714 shoe boxes. Holy Cross church contributed 98 shoe boxes. Our goal this year is to collect 110 shoe boxes. With each shoe box, a child gets connected to a church and receives the Greatest Gift Gospel in their language. The children are invited back to participate in a discipleship program. At the end of the program, the children receive a New Testament Bible in their language. Your gift box helps them see God's love in a tangible way.

Gift boxes are due back by November 10th.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special "Thank You" to all of you for your warm, loving, and generous gifts and cards that you gave me for "Pastor Appreciation Month." I was overwhelmed by your love and kindness. It is a tremendous joy to serve as your pastor and I thank God for the blessing of serving in ministry with all of you.

In God's Service,
Pastor Bill

Thank you very much for the appreciation gifts. I love my Holy Cross family, and it is a joy to be here. My family loved opening the cards with me and seeing the drawings children made, and caring thoughts. Your kind words and artwork warmed my heart. I look forward to the years ahead in ministry with you.

Love Rebekah and the Bajwa Family.



The LWML invites you to our annual ladies Christmas Luncheon



Sunday, December 8, 2024
12:30 pm in Reese Hall
Lunch from Carolina Braised

(Smoked honey ham, sweet potatoes w/brown sugar pecan glaze, red potatoes, green beans, succotash, and brioche rolls)

A tasty cookie swap will be held after lunch. We are asking each person to bring two dozen cookies to swap with one another.



RSVP by November 24, 2024
at <https://bit.ly/4dj3iaf> OR
scan this QR code



CHRISTMAS CRAFT
FAIR AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

9:00AM – 3:00PM

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Come shop and enjoy lunch



Follow us on Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwmlevents>

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 NOVEMBER we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “military & those who serve us”

In this stressful time of uncertainty PRAYER is as important as ever & is one thing we all can and should do.

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, thank You for our military and all first responders; men and women who protect us, our community and this nation! Father, as they protect us, protect them! You know where they will be today, and what physical and spiritual challenges they will encounter. Grant them courage when they are afraid, Godly wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work.

Many of our first responders and troops don't know You. I pray that You would provide men and women of faith to share the Good News to those who have not made Jesus their Lord and Savior. Father, may they feel Your presence today! Draw them to You! Be with all of them and their families.

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

MINISTRY EVENTS

LIVING HIS LOVE



“Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

Surround yourself with Deliberate Women...women who live out their faith in God with purpose and diligence... and who encourage you to do the same.

Thursday 11/7
Reese Hall
(7:00pm – 8:30 pm)

Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life” ~
our journey through grief!

Wednesday 11/13
Reese Hall
(11:00am-1:00pm)
Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



Quilting Ministry

Thurs. 11/7 & 11/21
Classroom 1
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis @ (919) 302-6193



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, 11/9
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



OWLS & FRIENDS
(Older, Wiser, Lutheran’s)

Friday Nov 15th
8:00pm — 10:00 pm
Neuse Little Theater
Arsenic & Old Lace

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



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

Monday 11/11
Reese Hall
@ 6:30 pm

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



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.**



“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



MOM'S IN PRAYER

Fall/Winter '24- '25 school year
Monday Nights @ 7:00pm
Starting September 9th

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO JOIN
THE ZOOM
MEETING



- 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:

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
David Lawrence
Joan Tucker
Carolyn Selby
James Lucas
Christopher Urban
Velvet Shank
Duane Scheller

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 Yaple, 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
Cora Lee Cox, Niece of Carrie Benner
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
Janet Crowe, mother of Ed Crowe
Everette Kelley, child of a friend of Tara Webb
Cristie, neighbor of Annie & Scott Dull

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
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 Schenider
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
Artie V., friend of John Lundoy
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
Priscilla Hillard, neighbor of Gene & Jeannie Gevers
Shirley & Brian Blatchley, sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
Francis Larry Overby, friend of John Paul Keon
Ralph Hendrex, father of Travis Bjorklund
Sharon Porter, cousin of Penny Schneider

2024 November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
3 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:30 pm Chili Cook-Off	4 5:30 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	5 10:30 am Bible Study	6 11:00 am Seasons of Life 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	7 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study	8	9 9:00 am LWML Craft Fair & Lunch- eon
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24 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Voters' Mtg. 11:00 am Trad. Worship	25 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	26 10:30 am Bible Study	27 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	28	29	30

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Vital Stats			Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):	
Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings		
9/1	265 (126 & 139)	\$10,587	Building Fund:	\$ 445
9/8	312 (158 & 154)	\$ 9,853	Matthew Ministry:	\$ 525
9/15	290 (162 & 128)	\$ 9,445	Backpack Buddies	\$ 2,935
9/22	264 (147 & 117)	\$ 8,446	Youth	\$ 125
9/29	261 (149 & 112)	\$11,635	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 100
Direct Deposit Offerings (Sept.)		<u>\$13,504</u>	2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):	
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$63,470	iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 2,250
Avg. weekly offerings 39 weeks 2023:		\$11,097	Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$41,040
Avg. weekly offerings 39 weeks 2024:		\$13,075		
Avg. weekly attendance 39 weeks 2023:		262		
Avg. weekly attendance 39 weeks 2024:		285		
Total offerings received thru 9/30/24:		\$509,932		
Total projected offerings thru 9/30/24:		\$455,988		



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