

# Monthly Newsletter

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

## New Sermon Series: *"Praying For Keeps"*



How old were you when you learned to swim? How did you learn? Did someone push you into the water or did you gradually make your way into the deep end of a pool? When I went to parachute school with the Army, as we prepared for our first jump we were told by our instructors, "If you do not jump out of the plane when you are told to go, you will be assisted out of the plane," which meant we would be pushed out if we hesitated to jump. (And some guys had to be pushed out.) For some people, prayer makes them feel like they are in a boat in shark infested waters and they are clinging to the side of the boat.

We don't want to go overboard into the deep waters of prayer, but sometimes people need to push us in order for us to be strengthened in our prayers. This month I will start a new 4-week sermon series on prayer titled, "Praying for Keeps." The phrase, "for keeps," often means to be serious or passionate about something, and God wants us to be passionate in our prayers as He is passionate about hearing from us and caring for us. Please join us in worship for the following services.

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## Update on Hurricane Helene Flood Relief



As we continue to learn about the devastation from Hurricane Helene, our Lutheran Church Disaster Response ministries have been working to bring relief to those in need in the western part of North and South Carolina. We know there is an urgent need for 18,000 personal hygiene kits and 15,000 flood clean-up kits. The items for these kits were recently sent out in an email to all of you. We have learned

that the cost for a complete flood kit is about \$70 and a hygiene kit is about \$35. We are looking into purchasing the supplies needed for these kits and then putting them together to be taken to the western part of the state. We will let you know more details about these kits in the next few weeks. In the meantime, we are planning to take up a special offering on Sunday, October 13, to help with the flood relief efforts. The money will go directly to help those in need and to purchase supplies that are needed for the clean up efforts. Several of our members are going to the western part of North Carolina to help provide relief and when they return they will enable us to better understand what is needed on the ground to help those in need.

In God's Service,

*Pastor Bill*

Pastor Bill

### OCTOBER SERMON SERIES:

## PRAYING FOR KEEPS



October 6:  
*"The Touch Of Jesus"*  
- Mark 10:2-16

October 13:  
*"Intentional Relationships"*  
- Mark 10:17-22

October 20:  
*"Claiming Your Inheritance"*  
- Mark 10:23-31

October 27:  
*"In Christ Alone"*  
- Romans 3:19-28

# FAMILY NIGHT

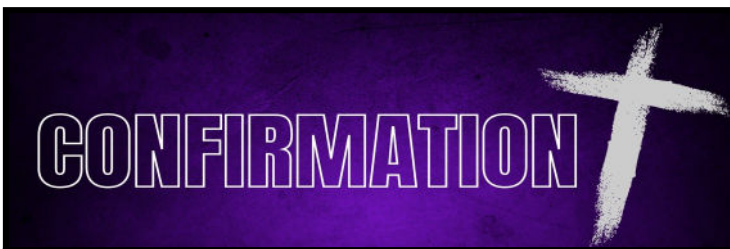
## SHARING GOD'S WORD



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



- **Gathering Youth Forms:** Are due October 6th with non-refundable deposit of \$150.
- **First Meeting Sunday 13th: 1pm – 2:30pm** (Meet your adult leaders and family groups)
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Youth Room.
- **Pumpkin Carving 10/30**



**Classes start on Wednesday @ 6:45 pm**  
*Don't forget to fill out 1 Sermon Notes each month.*  
**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



**HOLY CROSS**  
**Butter Braid**  
Youth Gathering Fundraiser  
Help our High School Youth get to New Orleans this summer!  
**BEGINS OCT. 6TH**

Come see us in the Narthex!

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS  
THE 5TH ANNUAL

# CHILI COOK-OFF AND SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOV. 3rd - 12:30-2:30 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI & GRILLED CHEESE  
\$10/Adults \$5/Kids & \$5 COMPETITION FEE w/ 6QT minimum.





# Celebrating DENNIS REESE

Dennis is celebrating his 90th birthday on November 1st.

The congregation is invited to attend a reception after the 11:00 service on November 3rd in the Narthex to honor him.

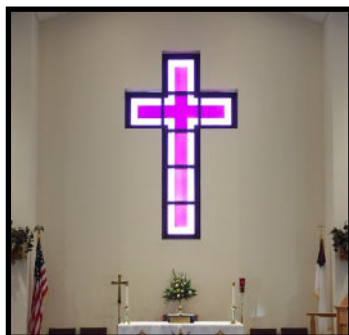
Let's surprise Dennis with a card shower for his milestone birthday.

Greeting cards can be sent to his home address:

**2009 Fox Den  
Clayton, NC 27527**

Or brought to the November 3rd reception.

Thanks to everyone for making Dennis' birthday so special and memorable.



 **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

Dear Holy Cross Family,

I sincerely wish to thank you all for your love, cards, meals and prayers over the summer. Your prayers served as reminders that God is with us and will see us through. My family and I could not have made it through the trials and tribulations without your prayers. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Sarah Elliott



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



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<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 October we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “pastors and all professional Church workers”

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, we thank YOU for the men and women YOU have called to lead Your flock in YOUR CHRISTIAN Churches, here at Holy Cross and throughout the whole earth. Protect them from the constant spiritual warfare waged against them by satanic forces, cover them with the “Full ARMOR of GOD” according to Ephesians 6:10-18. Send the Holy Spirit daily to work in their lives, that they may always act in a Christ like manner and that their words may be the words of GOD not the words of man. Also protect them and their families from the physical dangers of this world. Raise up people that will help share their burdens and let them feel YOUR love and the love of their flock EVERY day.

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



# MINISTRY EVENTS

## LIVING HIS LOVE



### “Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

**Thursday 10/3**  
Reese Hall  
(7:00pm – 8:30 pm)

Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life” ~  
our journey through grief!

**Wednesday 10/9**  
Reese Hall  
(11:00am-1:00pm)  
Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



### Quilting Ministry

**Thurs. 10/10 & 10/24**  
Classroom 1  
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &  
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis @ (919) 302-6193



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Saturday, 10/12**  
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)

**Saturday 10/12**  
Reese Hall  
**Movie Night**  
w/Popcorn, Games & Dinner.

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



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

**Monday 10/14**  
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

SAT. 10/5  
9AM-3PM

**MEN’S  
★ RETREAT ★**

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

Questions? Contact Ralph Fick @ rfick408@gmail.com or 919.429.2301

BREAKFAST &  
LUNCH  
PROVIDED!



- 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 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Contact: Lizy Coleman@ [Lizy@e-colemans.com](mailto: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  
Sarah Elliott  
David Lawrence  
Katie Copenhaver-  
Oelrich  
Joan Tucker  
Carolyn Selby*

## **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  
**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  
**Everette Kelley**, child of a friend of Tara Webb

## **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  
**Dave Aitken**, brother of Doug Aitken  
**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

# October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:30 am Bible Study	2 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group	3 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	4	5 9:00 am Men's Retreat
6 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	7 5:30 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	8 10:30 am Bible Study	9 11:00 am Seasons of Life 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group	10 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	11	12 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 pm OWL's event in Reese Hall
13 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	14 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	15 10:30 am Bible Study	16 10:00 am Ruth Circle 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group	17 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	18	19
20 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Christmas Prog. Tryouts 11:00 am Trad. Worship	21 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	22 10:30 am Bible Study	23 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group	24 9:00 am Quilting Group 6:00pm Open Arms Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	25	26
27 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	28 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	29 10:30 am Bible Study	30 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group	31 OPEN ARMS Trunk or Treat 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice		

# YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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<b>Vital Stats</b>			<b>Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):</b>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
8/4	275 (145 & 130)	\$14,862	Building Fund:	\$ 500
8/11	259 (128 & 131)	\$ 8,953	Matthew Ministry:	\$ 635
8/18	239 (144 & 95)	\$ 7,236	Backpack Buddies	\$ 255
8/25	321 (186 & 135)	\$ 9,495	Youth	\$ 140
Direct Deposit Offerings (Aug.)		<u>\$14,547</u>	JoAnn de Cathelineau Memorial	\$ 50
<b>Total Envelope/Plate Giving:</b>		<b>\$55,093</b>	Maureen McElwain Memorial	\$ 50
			Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$3,000
Avg. weekly offerings 34 weeks 2023: \$11,116			<b>2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):</b>	
Avg. weekly offerings 34 weeks 2024: \$13,131			iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$2,000
Avg. weekly attendance 34 weeks 2023: 261			Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$27,360
Avg. weekly attendance 34 weeks 2024: 286				
Total offerings received thru 8/31/24: \$446,462				
Total projected offerings thru 8/31/24: \$397,528				

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