

Monthly Newsletter

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



New Sermon Series: "It's Five To..."

September marks the beginning of fall and with it comes busy days, active schedules, and new opportunities to serve God and others. Since many activities begin again this month, sometimes it seems like we are constantly on the go, checking our phones to see if we have time to do one more thing before our next activity. If we have to ask someone the time and they tell us that it is "five to," meaning 5 minutes before the next hour, that often suggests that our time is short and we need to get moving.

Earlier this year I did a sermon series on Courageous Generosity that looked at how we could be generous with our time, service, witness, prayers, love, and finances. This month I would like to take a closer look at how we can be generous with our **time** in a sermon series titled, "It's Five To..." Jesus was the most productive person who ever lived and His lifestyle and habits enabled Him to be purposeful and busy, without being rushed and overwhelmed. Join us for this special series as we consider ways to use our time wisely in doing the will of our Lord.

New Adult Bible Study: "I Am - Seeing Jesus As God,"

Tuesdays @ 10:30am, Beginning September 10



Perhaps no other book in the Bible has had such a profound effect on people as the Gospel of John. Ask someone to recite a Bible verse from memory and they will probably say John 3:16.

However, there are no parables in John and we don't see the Christmas story. John does record, though, some things not seen in the other Gospels, such as Jesus changing water into wine and several conversations with His disciples before He was crucified. In particular, Jesus made seven, "I Am," statements as a way to reveal that He was God. Without John's Gospel, it would be very difficult to understand why there was so much opposition to Jesus and why people wanted Him put to death.

If you are not able to join us in person for this study, it will be streamed live each week on Facebook and YouTube.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES:



September 8:
"Busy, But Not Rushed"
- Mark 7:24-37

September 15:
"Redeeming Your Time"
- Mark 9:14-29

September 22:
"Last But First"
- Mark 9:14-29

September 29:
"Hurry Up and Be Patient"
- Mark 9:14-29

FAMILY NIGHT



- **Gathering Information Meeting Sunday 15th at 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 a mountain top faith experience.
Youth Forms: Are due October 6th with a non-refundable deposit of \$150.
- **Youth Group:** Starts back up on Wednesday, September 4th @ 6:45 pm in the Youth Room.



- **Wed. Education:** Starts back on 9/4 at 6:45 pm. Register your child(ren) today by using this link: <https://bit.ly/4fgNYgg>
- **Parent Meeting:** 9/4 at 6:30pm in Classroom 5. Please save the date on your calendar. We can't wait to start!
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M-3YO.



- **CY2 & CY3 Students:** Classes will start September 4th @6:45 pm.
CY2: Will meet in Classroom 2
CY3: Will meet in Classroom 3

ADULT EDUCATION



Wednesday Nights beginning September 4th, we will offer 2 Classes:

1. ***The Chosen Season 1:*** Based off the series we will watch season 1 together and discuss it more in depth the following week. You don't need to watch it before our first meeting.

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the chooses. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen people.

What does it *actually* mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we're going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. Which always leads us directly to Jesus.

We have some books for sale for \$10.

This Study will take place in Classroom 1.

2. ***5 Love Languages & 5 Apology Languages:*** Falling in love is easy. Staying in love—that's the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life? In the #1 New York Times international bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, you'll discover the secret that has transformed millions of relationships worldwide. Whether your relationship is flourishing or failing, Dr. Gary Chapman's proven approach to showing and receiving love will help you experience deeper and richer levels of intimacy with your partner—starting today.

We encourage you to buy the *5 Love Languages* Book that best meets your needs and bring it to class.

This study will take place in Reese Hall.

FAMILY NIGHT IS BACK!

**BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4TH**

DINNER: 5:45PM – 6:30PM
BBQ CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: 6:45PM – 7:30PM
"THE CHOSEN"- SEASON 1 SERIES
"5 LOVE LANGUAGES"- BASED ON DR. GARY CHAPMAN'S BOOK



- 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

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

**OWLS & FRIENDS
(Older, Wiser, Lutheran's)**



Join us **September 7th** for a
Carolina Mudcats Baseball Game.
All our welcome. This event is
being organized by Wilson Feick.
Please contact him to order tickets.
For additional information about
OWLS, & FRIENDS, please contact:
Debra Rayter @ 585-530-9839

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Altar Flowers

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR **9 NOV 2024**
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

STILL ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS!
(SEE VAL FEICK)

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Thru **Matthew's Ministry**

Amazon List Walmart List

Scan the QR Codes:

Oktoberfest

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
Join us for food, music, games and surprises!
The Church will provide Bratwurst, Chicken & Hot Dogs.
Please bring your favorite side dish or a dessert

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28th (3-6PM)
Please RSVP by Thursday (Sept. 26th)
Contact Debbie Fick: (919)632-3643 or drfick1014@gmail.com

You're Invited!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 8th, 2024
from 12:30-2:30 PM in Reese Hall

RSVP: Debbie Fick @ 919-632-3643
or Scan the QR Code:

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 September we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for "homeless"

In this stressful time of uncertainty and fears over the Economy our homeless brothers and sisters are in a very vulnerable position, most services have been interrupted.

PRAYER is as important as ever & is one thing we all can and should do.

Everyone is invited to join in. Get your whole family TOGETHER to PRAY. 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, In this land of abundance, hear our prayer for all women & men, boys & girls who are homeless OR hungry. For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or in cars. For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime. For families suffering and even torn apart because they could not afford to pay the rent or buy food for the children. For those of our brothers and sisters who are hot or cold, hungry, afraid and hopeless. Father, place a hedge of protection around them and place people in their paths that will provide for their physical and spiritual needs. Let them feel YOUR LOVE every day.

We further pray for those of us with comfortable houses and beds that we will not be lulled into complacency and forgetfulness. Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless or hungry person we meet so that we may be hungry to answer the call to serve YOU by serving them, YOUR children

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



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

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

For more information:
Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



Join Us
9/7 (9-11am) Lobby
Coffee Area

Contact: Ralph Fick
(919) 429-2301

“Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

Thursday 9/5
7:00 - 8:30pm Reese Hall
Debbie Fick, Coordinator (919) 632-3643



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

Join us Monday
9/9 @6:30 pm
in Reese Hall

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.



**Carolinas District LWML
Convention 2024**

Women in Mission Sept 20-21

Guest Speaker: Deb Burma, author
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary NC



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**“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:
Berta Hinton at berta37@msn.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Will Meet on
Saturday, September 14th 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

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
Karen Hatcher
Joan Tucker

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

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
Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
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

2024 September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Cont. Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Trad. Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Night</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>2:00 pm Helmer Memorial Service</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Cont. Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Trad. Worship</p> <p>12:15 pm LWML Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 pm Council Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 pm Cancer Support Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am Seasons of Life</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Night</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>2:00 pm Wedding</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Cont. Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Trad. Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am Ruth Circle</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Night</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Parkinson's Group Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Cont. Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Trad. Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm Elders' Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Night</p> <p>6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>MITE SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am Cont. Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Trad. Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)</p>					

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Vital Stats			Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):	
Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings		
7/7	270 (144 & 126)	\$10,804	Building Fund:	\$ 535
7/14	291 (161 & 130)	\$12,042	Matthew Ministry:	\$ 435
7/21	243 (120 & 123)	\$ 9,362	Backpack Buddies	\$ 125
7/28	245 (144 & 101)	\$ 8,047	Youth	\$ 375
Direct Deposit Offerings (July)		<u>\$11,922</u>	Vacation Bible School	\$ 350
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$52,177		
Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2023:		\$11,163	<u>2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):</u>	
Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2024:		\$13,046	iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$1,750
Avg. weekly attendance 30 weeks 2023:		262	Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$27,360
Avg. weekly attendance 30 weeks 2024:		288		
Total offerings received thru 7/31/24:		\$391,369		
Total projected offerings thru 7/31/24:		\$350,760		

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