

### 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,"

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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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# **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/4fgNYgq
- 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



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 farreaching 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.

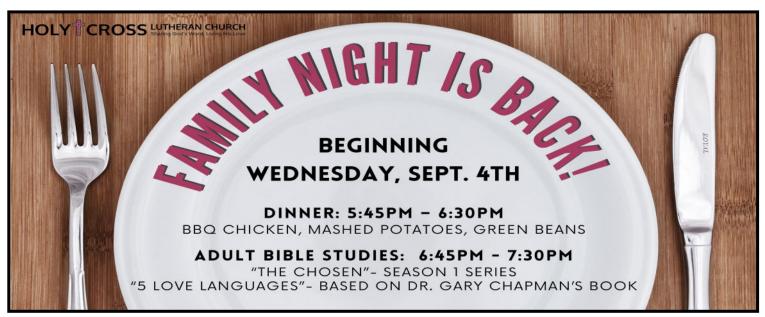
What does it *actually* mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we're going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. Which always leads us directly to Jesus.

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.





- · 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)



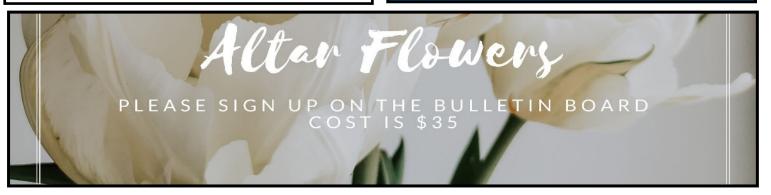
Join us **September 7th** for a Carolina Mudcats Baseball Game. All our welcome. This event is being organized by Wilson Feick. Please contact him to order tickets. For additional information about OWLS, & FRIENDS, please contact: **Debra Rayter @ 585-530-9839** 





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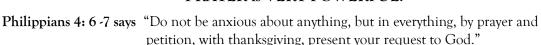




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### HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY "YEAR of PRAYER 2024"

#### PRAYER is VERY POWERFUL.



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



#### **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

Thursday 9/5 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/group s/lwmlevents



"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



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:

Tonva 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 Gavle 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

Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike, friend of Doug Aitken

Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard

Jovce 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 Lundov

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

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| 8 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 pm LWML Board Meeting | 5:30 pm Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom) | 10<br>10:30 am<br>Bible Study | 11 11:00 am Seasons of Life 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group | 12 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice             | 13  | 14 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 pm Wedding         |
| 15<br>8:30am<br>Cont. Worship<br>11:00 am<br>Trad. Worship                | 16<br>7:00 pm<br>Mom's In<br>Prayer (Zoom)                                       | 17<br>10:30 am<br>Bible Study | 18 10:00 am Ruth Circle 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group     | 6:30 pm Parkinson's Group Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice     | 20  | 21  |
| 22<br>8:30am<br>Cont. Worship<br>11:00 am<br>Trad. Worship                | 23 6:00 pm Elders' Mtg. 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)                           | 24<br>10:30 am<br>Bible Study | 25 5:30 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study & Youth Group                          | 26<br>9:00<br>Quilting Group<br>7:00 pm<br>Praise Team<br>Practice | 27  | 28  |
| 29 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship                | 30<br>7:00 pm<br>Mom's In<br>Prayer (Zoom)                                       |                               |  |  |     |   |

# YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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|  | Vital Stats   |   | Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):  |  |
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|  | In Person Attendance 270 (144 & 126) 291 (161 & 130) 243 (120 & 123) 245 (144 & 101) osit Offerings (July) lope/Plate Giving: | Offerings<br>\$10,804<br>\$12,042<br>\$ 9,362<br>\$ 8,047<br>\$11,922<br>\$52,177 | Building Fund:<br>Matthew Ministry:<br>Backpack Buddies<br>Youth<br>Vacation Bible School                                   | \$ 535<br>\$ 435<br>\$ 125<br>\$ 375<br>\$ 350 |
| Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2023:<br>Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2024: |   | \$11,163<br>\$13,046  | 2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):<br>iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:<br>Southeastern District (LCMS)            | \$1,750<br>\$27,360                            |
| Avg. weekly  | attendance 30 weeks 2023:   | 262   |   |  |
| Avg. weekly attendance 30 weeks 2024:  |   | 288   | Civing 17   |  |
| Total offerings received thru 7/31/24:                                       |   | \$391,369   |   |  |
| Total projected offerings thru 7/31/24:                                      |   | \$350,760   | Holy Cross offers online giving! Scan the QR code (with your phone's camera) or visit www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving |  |

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