

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

September 2020

Worship Services: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am
Sunday School: Online

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We have certainly seen many changes all around us this year and with the month of September, we will see even more changes as the season of fall brings cooler temperatures, new Christian Education opportunities, and new people to our church. This month we will begin our Sunday School classes for children, Wednesday night studies for middle and high school students, and a new Adult Bible study, but they will all have changes from previous years. Sunday School for children will be done online with a series of excellent videos produced by our teachers; and confirmation and high school students will meet on Wednesday nights through Zoom. (Please see page 5 in our newsletter for more information about these classes.)



I will lead a new adult Bible study titled, "Who Is This Jesus" that will be live streamed on Tuesdays. This study is based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which record about 270 events, miracles, and teachings from Jesus' life. As a result, they all paint different pictures of Jesus. However, when you study all four Gospel accounts together it creates a beautiful picture of Jesus. Therefore, we will go through the events of Jesus' life using all four Gospels to better understand who they were writing to and why they included or excluded certain events of Jesus' life in their books.

The Bible study will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube on Tuesdays, starting September 15, at **10:30am**. If you cannot attend the study during the day, it will be recorded and posted on Facebook and YouTube so you can view it at your convenience. Each lesson is a stand-alone study that is not dependent on the previous lessons so that anyone can join the class at any time. Everyone is invited to join us as we study the following topics:

- September 15: Christ, The Word - John 1:1-18
- September 22: Jesus' Miraculous Birth - Matthew 1:18-2:12; Luke 2:1-20
- September 29: John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus - Luke 3:1-20; Matthew 3:13-17
- October 6: Jesus' Healing Ministry - Mark 1:40-45; Luke 7:1-9, 11-17; Matthew 8:11-13
- October 13: Parables On The Kingdom of Heaven - Matthew 13:1-50; Mark 4:21-29
- October 20: Jesus, The Bread of Life - John 6:22-71
- October 27: Jesus, The Good Shepherd - John 10:1-21
- November 3: Jesus' Identity Is Questioned - John 10:22-42
- November 10: The Lord's Supper - Luke 22:1-30
- November 17: The Crucifixion - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- November 24: The Resurrection - Matthew 27:62-28:15; John 20:1-18

The other change we will see this month involves people. While we have some new people worshipping with us and several members who have moved away, there is a new person who is joining our church staff. **Cassy Welch** has faithfully served as our administrative assistant for eight years, but she has decided to move on to a new job. However, her service at Holy Cross will continue in different ways as she plans to worship with us on a regular basis. On September 8 we will welcome **Sarah Elliott** as our new administrative assistant. So please join me in extending a special "thank you" to Cassy for all of her support, and a special "welcome" to Sarah as she joins our staff.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill Feyer
Pastor Bill



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Lutheran Women in Mission

After much prayer and discussion, the LWML board has decided to revise the events scheduled through the end of the year as follows:

- **August 23, 2020 LWML General Meeting** – canceled and will not be rescheduled for this year.
- **October 11, 2020 LWML General Meeting** – canceled and will not be rescheduled for this year. Voting for the open LWML board positions will be done by e-mail. Information will be e-mailed to you the beginning of October.
- **October 24, 2020 LWML One-day Fall Retreat** – canceled and will be rescheduled for fall 2021.
- **December 5, 2020 LWML Cookie Walk/Craft Fair** – canceled and will be rescheduled for December 2021.
- **December 13, 2020 LWML Christmas Luncheon** – canceled and will be rescheduled for December 2021.

Although we will miss the opportunities for fellowship with you, in light of the seriousness of the pandemic we feel the most important things to consider are the safety and well-being of each other. You are still a part of a wonderful body of sisters in Christ so please reach out to each other and lift one another up. Only by trusting in the Lord and keeping strong in our faith will we get through this together.

LWML Board

"But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me." John 16:32



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Here at Holy Cross we have Stephen Ministers who are here to care for people going through life struggles. If you are going through a struggle and would like someone to walk with you on this journey please contact Rebekah.Bajwa@holycrossclayton.com.

What is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister is a person who offers one-to-one lay caring where they listen to their care receiver. Each Stephen Minister can have one care receiver at a time. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

MATTHEW Ministry

"SERVING the HOMELESS in our area"

MATTHEW 20:28 (JESUS Said) "... the SON of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." (We serve HIM by serving others)

MATTHEW 25:40 "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."



**We are in a National and Global crisis.
All of us have had to make changes to our lives.**

**The Homeless have been affected dramatically.
Many of the support groups helping them have had to cut back
or entirely eliminate services to them.**

The main meeting place where MATTHEW Ministry served them, Oak City Cares, has cut back its operations to ONLY allow them to pick up "To Go" food on Saturday and Sunday AM.

**MATTHEW Ministry continues to serve 15 homeless with supplies.
We serve Dallas (pictured on right) and the 12 others
he serves in the SE Raleigh area.**



Also Melanie in the Garner area

**We have been working
with Melanie (pictured left)
for many years now. She lives deep
in the woods in Garner.**



****We REALLY NEED your help!!****

**We NEED Monetary donations to continue
to serve them with needed supplies.**

Any amount will help

(Make checks payable to HCLC, put Matthew Ministry in remarks and mail or bring it to Holy Cross)

We are NOT ACCEPTING any clothes donations at this time.

**For more info
contact John or Linda Miesch 919-553-3579 or email Eagleprod@mindspring.com**

Thank
you

To my Caring Church Family,

I wish to express my deep appreciation for your prayers, calls, cards of encouragement, well-wishes and visits throughout my recovery time.

With heartfelt Thanks and Love in Christ,
Elisabeth Junker



Confirmation

On **Sunday, September 20**, we will have the joy of seeing 7 students confirm their faith in God. Our confirmation students are a tremendous blessing to our church and Confirmation Sunday is always a very special worship service for our church family. The students will publicly acknowledge the gifts of forgiveness, faith, and eternal life that God gave them in their Baptism and will promise to:

- *Conform their lives to the Word of God.*
- *Remain faithful to God.*
- *Suffer death rather than fall away from God.*


These are impressive promises that the students will make before God, their families, and our congregation. I realize all of you will not be able to attend this exciting worship service in person due to social distancing requirements, but the service will be streamed live and will be recorded for everyone to enjoy on Facebook and YouTube.

The whole confirmation process involves many people and actually begins for the students at their baptism. When parents bring their children to church for baptism, they promise to raise their children in the Christian faith, pray for them, and bring them to worship on a regular basis. In order to assist parents, the church has designed a period of instruction to help students identify with the life and mission of the Christian Church. This process includes not only 3 years of classroom instruction, but also service projects in the community, a retreat weekend in which they design their own worship service, and a final paper based on a Bible verse (listed below) that they choose on their own. Please pray with me for the following students and their families as they celebrate this special milestone in their lives:

Dayna Victoria Hansen – *Psalm 118:8*
Parker Ross Mann – *Jeremiah 29:11*
Ethan John Bruns – *Job 28:28*
Isabella Grace Houston – *Psalm 5:3*
Jillian Alessandra Tanner – *Matthew 17:20*
Lexi JoAnn Roe – *Isaiah 40:29-31*
Avery Reese Gilbert – *1 Corinthians 13:13*

A special thanks to *Gene Gevers, Ron Harrison, Chuck Fox, Rebekah Bajwa, Troy Hirt, and BJ Johns* for teaching the students over the past three years. I thank God for the privilege of having a part in teaching our confirmation students and seeing them profess their faith before others. Thank you for the support you have given our confirmation students throughout the year and I would ask that you please continue to encourage them during these challenging days.

In God's Service,



Pastor Bill



Holy Cross Youth



CONFIRMATION

****Confirmation Class of 2020:** Your Confirmation will be Sunday, September 20th at 10:00am!

Year 1 Students (CY1): Classes start on September 10th at 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Check your email for the ZOOM link.

Year 2 Students (CY2): Classes start on September 9th at 6:30 – 7:30pm. Check your email for the ZOOM link.

Year 3 Students (CY3): Classes start on September 9th at 6:30 – 7:30pm. Check your email for the ZOOM link.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Magnify:** Outdoor Fun! Sunday September 27th 6:30 – 8:00PM at the Bjorklund's Home. Their address is 1590 Lee Rd. Clayton, NC 27520. Bring a water bottle and a mask with you. Please wear bug spray.
- **Youth Group:** Picks back up on Wednesday, September 9th with Shaunna at 6:45PM on ZOOM. Check your email for the link each week.
- **Sunday Mornings with BJ:** Starts on Sunday, September 13th from 11:30-12:15PM. Check your email for the ZOOM link.
- **NYG Online Fundraisers:** Check your email for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For children's education we are going to offer videos online starting Sunday, September, 13th. Each video will take you through a Bible Story, show you a short movie, and have a craft or activity you can do at home. The videos will come out once a week on the church's YouTube page. Please go to the church website under "Ministries" select "Bible Study", and find the title Children's Sunday School Lessons to find handouts and coloring sheets to go along with each lesson. We hope your children enjoy them.

We can't wait to meet you.

Come Pray with Us!

Find Community. Find Purpose.

We are moms just like you who have concerns about our kids and the influences around them.

In prayer, we know we're not alone and this gives us reassurance and hope.

MomsInPrayer.org

Impacting children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray



We are meeting by phone the last Friday of the month. We hope to resume

normal Friday prayer time after Labor Day

at 9 AM by phone or zoom until we can meet again in person



Moms
in Prayer
INTERNATIONAL™

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HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY



“YEAR of PRAYER 2020”

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.”*

Together as a “Church Family” we are continuing to make 2020 a “YEAR of PRAYER”

In September we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “homeless”

In this stressful time of uncertainty and fears over the Coronavirus 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.

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, 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.

the.prayer wall

B E C A U S E P R A Y E R M A T T E R S

We are praying for—Those receiving cancer care:

- ♥ Jerry Uphold
- ♥ Reid Yapple, brother of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Kris, mother of Travis Bjorklund
- ♥ David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ James Atkins
- ♥ Deshawna Zazueta, friend of Dale & Ashley Cranford
- ♥ Roger Hamann, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Judy Tenenbaum, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
- ♥ Dave Zimmerman, cousin of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Paul, brother of Chris Urban
- ♥ “Sonny” Edward C, Leigh, Sr., father of Ed Leigh
- ♥ Lois DiFruscio, friend of the Janowski Family
- ♥ Joanne Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
- ♥ Tim Ziezula, relative of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Mark, brother of Todd Samsa
- ♥ Bettina, daughter of Christa Schroeder
- ♥ Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Luke Boyd
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Nancy Studley
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Lanny Scroggs
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Shirley Van Gilder
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Barbara Denning
- ♥ Werner & Ursula Fick
- ♥ Arlene Behr
- ♥ Jo Abma
- ♥ Lucille Nicklow
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Peggy Lorton
- ♥ Betty Jo Pitcher
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Lillian Lundoy
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Betty Winkle
- ♥ Edward Dewilde, brother-in-law of Lawrence & Christine Reagan
- ♥ Nicholas & Family, grandson of Christa Schroeder
- ♥ Amanda Kearney, friend of Tara Webb
- ♥ Sue, grandmother of Brian Lawrence
- ♥ Lois Lintner, mother of Madonna Bennett
- ♥ Lee Hartman, Open Arms parent
- ♥ Sherry Whalen, friend of Judy Fowler
- ♥ Little Ester, needing heart surgery
- ♥ Josiah Miller, Open Arms parent
- ♥ Spenser Goldman, grandson of Penny Schneider
- ♥ Sandy & Bill, friends of Edie Voorhees
- ♥ Payton Hudson, friend of Sarah Beyer
- ♥ Donnie Whitman, brother-in-law of Robert Bennett
- ♥ Wayne Ausley, step-father of Brandy Bjorklund
- ♥ Allan Williams, coworker of Dawn Hansen
- ♥ Joseph & Mary Littleton
- ♥ Elihu Biggers, father of Shaunna Voorhees
- ♥ Charlotte Bucklen & Steven Kelley, friends of the Coleman Family
- ♥ Craig Drenkow and Family, friends of Rebekah Bajwa
- ♥ Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
- ♥ Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
- ♥ Donna, daughter of Caroline Schust
- ♥ Patty, daughter of Gayle Keen, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Barbara Ekerdt Creecy, niece of Herman & Donna Steele
- ♥ Thomas Craig, brother of Caroline Shust
- ♥ Martha Gale, mother of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ James Norris, father of Meredith Marsh
- ♥ Danny McCarthy, friend of Michele Capozzi
- ♥ Stevie Tibbett, friend of Eunice Burch
- ♥ Bertha Crabtree, mother of Nancy Burgart
- ♥ James Fowler & Ryan Hudson, friends of Robin Oelrich
- ♥ Monica Clonts, sister of Blake Ball
- ♥ Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
- ♥ Charlie & Joyce Pike, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Janie Bruton, friend of Bob Lotter
- ♥ Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
- ♥ Natalie, niece of Jerry & Karen Benditz
- ♥ Joyce Moore
- ♥ Gretchen Sneider & Heidi Goldman, daughters of Penny Schneider
- ♥ Evelyn Goldapple, mother of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ Matthew Marek, cousin of Robert McNally
- ♥ Amy, step-mother of Marvin Fordham
- ♥ Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Patricia, mother of Kurt Miller

We are praying for—Those with other prayer needs:

- ♥ Lexi, friend of Olivia Bishop
- ♥ Ryan Underwood, nephew of Beth Otto

Vital Stats

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
7/5	426 views	\$ 10,113
7/12	601 views	\$ 6,958
7/19	472 views	\$ 4,880
7/26	468 views	\$ 5,525
Direct Deposit Offering (June):		\$ 13,913
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 41,389
Total offerings received thru 7/31/20:		\$313,857
Total projected offerings thru 7/31/20:		\$339,180
*Total revenue thru 7/31/20:		\$347,686
Total expenses thru 7/31/20:		\$339,953
(*Revenue=Offerings + CDC Contributions + Misc. Income + Interest)		
Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2019:		\$ 11,551
Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2020:		\$ 10,462
Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):		
Building Fund		\$ 5,423
MATTHEW Ministry		\$ 380
2020 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):		
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:		\$ 1,750
Southeastern District—LCMS		\$ 25,104



Your Ministry Team



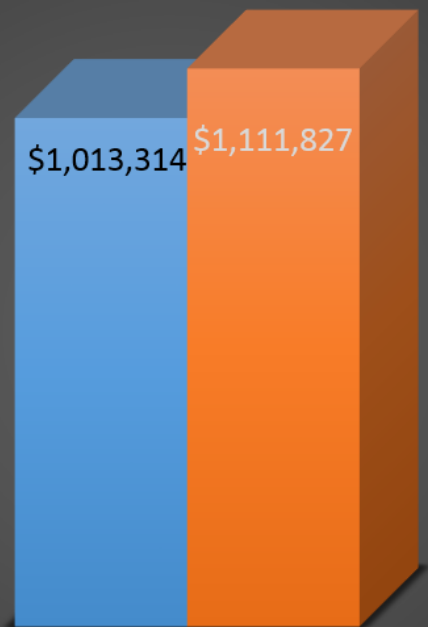
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Building To Serve UPDATE

as of July 31st

To prepare God's people for
works of service, so that the
body of Christ may be built up.

—Ephesians 4:12



■ Amount Received
■ 3 Year Total Pledge