

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

August 2021

Worship Services: Sunday's at 8:30am and 11:00 am

Sunday School: Online

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I know it is still summer, but the month of August brings about many changes for most of us as we prepare for our fall activities. While people will still enjoy trips to the beach and vacations to see extended families this month, many of us will soon be dropping off our children or grandchildren at their schools and colleges, some of us may actually head back to work in person after some time away, and at the church we are hoping to start many of our ministries once again. Here is an update on some things we are planning for the fall:

I will do a series of New Member Classes on Sunday mornings, starting on **September 12**, at **10:00am**. These classes will focus on our ministries, what makes us different from other denominations and religions, and the importance of gathering together for worship.

I would also like to offer a new adult Bible study on Tuesdays, starting on **September 14**, at **10:30am**. I don't know if we will be able to do this study in person, but it will definitely be streamed live for everyone to participate. I would like to do a study on the book of Psalms titled, *"Finding Yourself In The Psalms."* No where in the Bible will you find words expressing greater joy and deeper sorrow than in the psalms. The book is for every occasion and for every season of life. I think you will *find yourself* in the book of Psalms as you read words that express your own hurts and hopes.



We are planning to begin our **"Family Night"** ministries again on Wednesday, **September 15**, with dinner (5:45pm – 6:30pm in Reese Hall) and Bible studies (6:45pm – 7:30pm in our new education building) for adults, youth, and children. A new adult study titled, *"What On Earth Am I Here For"* will give us a chance to look at God's plan for our lives even in the midst of a pandemic. I think we all have been trying to understand our purpose as this pandemic has changed our lives. (See more about this study on p.6 of the newsletter.)



During the month of August I will continue our sermon series on the book of Ephesians, but in **September** I will begin a new series titled, *"Fresh Start."* I think we will all be looking for a fresh start in our lives during the month of September as I hope more people will be able to join us in-person for worship.

In **October** I look forward to celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation under the theme, *"20 years of Loving Our Neighbors."* I am hoping to have a special celebration on Sunday, October 31. I encourage you to set aside that date on your calendar.

In God's Service,

*Pastor Bill Feyn*

Pastor Bill



# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Lutheran Women in Mission



Greetings Sisters in Christ!

We hope that you are all enjoying your summer and staying cool.

We are planning some events for later this year so keep checking our new Holy Cross LWML face book page for details:

[facebook.com/groups/lwmlevents/](https://facebook.com/groups/lwmlevents/)

Since we are now starting to get out and meet together again in person, we wanted a special way to reconnect all the ladies at Holy Cross. We are in the process of planning a Ladies one day event on **Saturday October 23rd** in Reese Hall. We are calling it, ***"Faith, Family and Friends"***. Save the date and plan to join us for some fun,

fellowship and food. More details to come as the date gets closer or for any questions, please contact Debbie Fick, Event Coordinator at: [debbie.fick1014@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.fick1014@gmail.com)

We pray that you stay healthy, safe and remain in His loving Care.

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## HC Quilting Group



Unfortunately, at this time visitors are not allowed to be in the building due to Covid protocols within Open Arms. Therefore, we have to put a hold on the quilting group meeting at the church. We are sorry for the inconvenience, and we hope to resume again soon. Please stay tuned for more information as guidelines are updated, and call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

We are in need of service assistants.

**We need the follow service assistants:**



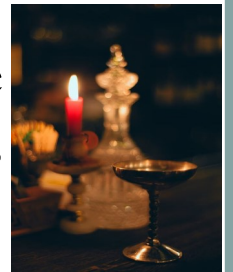
**Acolytes:** help serve by lighting the candles and assisting Pastor Bill during communion.

**Greeters:** welcome and assist visitors and members as they arrive.



**Sound Booth:** help run the slides for in-house services and online services.

**Altar Guild:** prepare for communion, change paraments, check candles



Training is provided for all positions, no experience necessary, no sign on bonus, and your “pay” is our sincere appreciation! Please contact Rebekah Bajwa with any questions or to sign up. 919.553.4784 or [Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com](mailto:Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com)

Thank you!



## **CONFIRMATION (CY1, CY2, & CY3)**

**Confirmation: For all rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Parents please sign them up for Confirmation by August 15<sup>th</sup>. You can sign them up by using this link. Find their class and please add them. <https://bit.ly/37cyw32>

**Parent and Youth Information meeting for CY1 will be on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in Reese Hall.** Come meet your teachers for the coming year, and learn what you will be doing this year.

**CY2 Students:** Parent and Youth Meeting will be **Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in Reese Hall.**

**CY3 Students:** Parent and Youth Meeting will be **Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in Reese Hall.**

**Get Connected:** Use the **Remind App** for both parents and youth to stay informed about upcoming events. Please send a text to 81010 with the message

**@cy2hcc** is for CY2 Students

**@cy3hcc** is for CY3 Students.

**Did your child just finish 5th Grade?** If yes, please sign them up for our Confirmation Program. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a 3-year program for middle school students where they learn the foundations of the Christian faith. The goal of the Confirmation process is to engage youth in a life-long journey of faith including participation in the body of Christ (the Church). The purpose of confirmation ministry is to provide an intentional opportunity for baptized Christians who desire to deepen and explore their faith, read and study scripture in community, and learn about Christ's church through the lens of the Lutheran tradition. During the first year (CY1) the students will learn about the Lord's Prayer, Sacraments, and Bible fundamentals. Second year students (CY2) learn about the 10 Commandments and the Apostle's Creed (a statement of faith). Third year students (CY3) learn how God's Word applies to their life today. In CY3 students select a Bible verse which has significant meaning to them to be their confirmation verse. At the end of Confirmation the students stand before the congregation and confirm their faith.

If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation please email Rebekah Bajwa. [Rebekah.Bajwa@holycrossclayton.com](mailto:Rebekah.Bajwa@holycrossclayton.com)





## **FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING 2022:**

### **Scrip Fundraiser**

We are starting Scrip! Scrip is a great way to help raise funds towards The Gathering without spending additional money. **Gift card fundraising is the right way to raise money.** Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for our youth. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. Every church member can easily earn \$1,000 or more for youth ministry. BJ Johns is our scrip coordinator. If you want more information or have questions please send her an email at [bjkjohns@gmail.com](mailto:bjkjohns@gmail.com).

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Get Connected:** Use the Remind App for both parents and youth to stay informed about upcoming events. Please send a text to 81010 with the message  
**@hsmhcc** for general High School information  
**@hclcnyc** for specific information regarding The Youth Gathering 2022

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Gathering Registration Meeting:** Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**Youth Group:** Will start on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room at 6:45pm!

# Children's Ministry

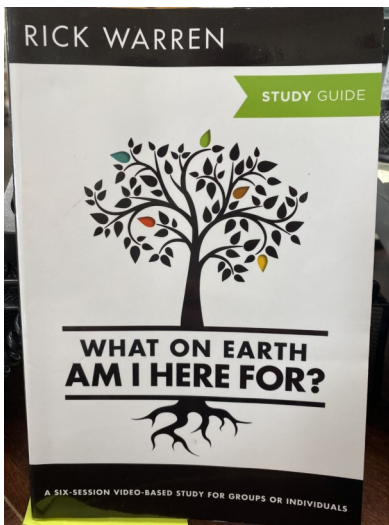
Christian Education

## SAVE THE DATE:

Family Night begins on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45pm. We will have classes for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Childcare will also be available for those attending the adult class.

Please register your child to participate in our Wednesday Night classes by using this link: <https://bit.ly/3idGpvL>

## ADULT EDUCATION:



**Wednesday Night: Starts September 15<sup>th</sup>!** Join us for our first Adult Bible study class in person. We will look at “What On Earth Am I Here For” by Rick Warren over the next 10 weeks. Join us for this video and book based study. You are about to embark on a journey of discovery. Before you were born, God already planned your life. God longs for you to discover the life he uniquely created you to live--here on earth, and forever in eternity. Let *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For* show you

how. As one of the bestselling nonfiction books in history, with more than 35 million copies sold, *The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For* is far more than just a book; it's the road map for your spiritual journey. A journey that will transform your life.



## OUR PRAISE BAND IS LOOKING FOR:

- ★ Male Singers
- ★ Drummers
- ★ Guitar Players
- ★ Bass Players

If interested, or for more information, please contact our music director—  
Melissa Sultan at: [Melissa.Sultan@HolyCrossClayton.com](mailto:Melissa.Sultan@HolyCrossClayton.com)



## Family Night on Wednesday!

5:30-6:30 Dinner is served  
6:45-7:30 Christian  
Education  
Kindergarten-Adults

Family Night starts in September.  
We need help to make it a success. If  
you are interested in helping set up,  
cook, clean up, or teach, please  
contact Rebekah Bajwa.

This year Family Night will be held in Reese Hall! We are excited to use the new building each week, but realize with more space, we need more help! We especially need volunteers to cook, and to bring desserts. If you're interested in bringing a dessert that would serve about 3 dozen or more once a month (scheduled in advance for the 1st 6 months), please contact

Stephanie Garehan at [sgarehan@gmail.com](mailto:sgarehan@gmail.com) or at 919.744.9784. Cook volunteers, please contact Blaine & Bobbi Hall at [Blaine.Hall@nc.rr.com](mailto:Blaine.Hall@nc.rr.com) or 919- 285-4576.  
THANK YOU!



**HOLY CROSS  
PRAYER MINISTRY  
“YEAR of PRAYER 2021”**



**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 making 2021 a  
“YEAR of PRAYER”**

**In August we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for  
“schools”**

**In this stressful time of uncertainty and some fear about how schools  
will operate and their safety in this time of Coronavirus, PRAYER is as  
important as ever AND 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**, as a new school year begins, with much uncertainty and concern over protection from the Coronavirus, we know YOU are in control and YOU have a plan to use everything for YOUR good.

We pray for all schools, from preschool to college. Bless our children, teachers, and staff, and keep them safe from physical and spiritual harm. Guard their hearts and minds from the devil's schemes. Fill them with compassion for their fellow students, teachers, and staff. Light their path with a passion for learning Your Word and Your will in their lives.

While it is hard to send our children out into a world that is so unstable and volatile, we know that You are bigger than all of our worries and fears. Remind us that our children are Your children, and that You love them infinitely more than we do. We give You our thanks and praise that You love them and all of us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die on a cross.

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

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



Moms in Prayer will resume meeting in August. Stay tuned and keep watch for updates

Enjoy your summer!

Thank you!

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# 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:

- ♥ Joanne & Reid Yapple, sister & brother-in-law of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Kris, mother of Travis Bjorklund
- ♥ David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ James Atkins
- ♥ Deshawna Zazueta, friend of Dale & Ashley Cranford
- ♥ Dave Zimmerman, cousin of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Paul, brother of Chris Urban
- ♥ “Sonny” Edward C, Leigh, Sr., father of Ed Leigh
- ♥ Joanne Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
- ♥ Mark, brother of Todd Samsa
- ♥ Bettina, daughter of Christa Schroeder
- ♥ Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Peggy Davis, niece of Linda Beers
- ♥ Clyde Williams, uncle of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Sonja Coull
- ♥ Ralph Souter, friend of Harold Winkle
- ♥ Tonya Gordon, friend of Dinae Reczek
- ♥ Faye Runyon, aunt of BJ Johns

## We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Luke Boyd
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Nancy Studley
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Shirley Van Gilder
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Barbara Denning
- ♥ Werner & Ursula Fick
- ♥ Arlene Behr
- ♥ Jo Abma
- ♥ Lucille Nicklow
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Peggy Lorton
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Dewie Francis
- ♥ Amanda Kearney, friend of Tara Webb
- ♥ Sue, grandmother of Brian Lawrence
- ♥ Nicholas & Family, grandson of Christa Schroeder
- ♥ Ronald Browning, friend of John & Amy Klein
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Donnie Whitman, brother-in-law of Robert Bennett
- ♥ Wayne Ausley, step-father of Brandy Bjorklund
- ♥ Joseph & Mary Littleton
- ♥ 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
- ♥ James Norris, father of Meredith Marsh
- ♥ Danny McCarthy, friend of Michele Capozzi
- ♥ Stevie Tibbett, friend of Eunice Burch
- ♥ Monica Clonts, sister of Blake Ball
- ♥ Janie Bruton, friend of Bob Lotter
- ♥ James Fowler & Ryan Hudson, friends of Robin Oelrich
- ♥
- ♥ Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
- ♥ Heather, Charlie & Joyce Pike, friends of Doug Aitken
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Patty Anderson, sister of Lanny Scroggs
- ♥ Linda Smith, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Alyssa, friend of Diane Wessel
- ♥ Sophia Allen, niece of Gene & Jeannie Gevers
- ♥ Mitch & Christy Fehr, friends of Gene and Jeannie Gevers
- ♥ Mark Morgan, nephew of Tim & Billie Shank
- ♥ Linda Willians, aunt of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Carmen Witt, Niece of Joye Fields

## We are praying for—Those with other prayer needs:

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

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Did you know...

♥ The idea for Prayer Shawl Ministry began in May, 1998 with just one shawl in a “knit three, purl three” pattern known as a “Seed Stitch” and symbolic of planting prayers as the knitting is done? You can read more about the two remarkable women who began the ministry at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)

♥ That in the past several years this active ministry at Holy Cross has provided hundreds of shawls and lap blankets to our local rehabilitation, assisted living and nursing care facilities, kidney dialysis centers, IChoose Pregnancy Support Center in Clayton, homeless individuals through the Matthew Ministry here at Holy Cross, cancer patients at the Cancer Center just down Highway 42 from the church, patients at the Hospice House in Smithfield, and of course to members of our church family.

If you knit or crochet - or would even like to learn these skills - please join us as we begin meeting again for our 2021/22 session. **Our first meeting will be Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10:00am until noon at the church.** Following that initial meeting, we will resume our regular schedule of meeting the first Saturday in each month from 10:00am until noon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joan Neuner via voice or text at 919-412-2064; or by email at [wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com](mailto:wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com)



## STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Ladies, Are you facing a mountain in life? Let a Stephen Minister walk with you on the journey.



Contact the church office  
919.553.4784.  
Ask for Rebekah.

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](mailto: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.

# SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST 2021

	8/1/2021 8:30	8/1 11am	8/8 8:30	8/8 11am	8/15 8:30	8/15 11am	8/22 8:30	8/22 11am	8/29 8:30	8/29 11am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Madonna Bennett	Kris Popilek	Brandy Bjorklund	Helen Comeford	Diane Wessel	Jeanie Scroggs	Ella McBrayer	Helen Comeford	Teresa Bauer	Kris Popilek
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Dayna Hansen	Sarah Beyer	Connor Davis	Tom Schoenberg	Madison Sherwin	Faith Skibins	Dayna Hansen	Rebekah Bajwa	Connor Davis	Ethan Skibins
	Natalie Sherwin	Faith Skibins	Wick Bajwa	Jane	Lincoln Sweazy	Ethan Skibins		Steven Scrofani	Lincoln Sweazy	Rebekah Bajwa
<b>Ushers</b>	Robert Bennett	Jeff Skibins	Mark Beal	Art Berger	Bob Metzger	Jeff Skibins	Tom Hansen	Val Feick	Gene Gevers	Jeff Skibins
	Tom Hansen	Brad deCathelineau	Gene Gevers	Brad deCathelineau	Mark Sherwin	Tony Swann	Steve Horne	Wilson Feick	Ron Harrison	Brad deCathelineau
	Robin Oelrich	Tony Swann	Ron Harrison	Tony Swann	Brad Palmer	Art Berger	Mark Beal	Art Berger	Robin Oelrich	Tony Swann
<b>Acolyte</b>	Connor Davis	Zoe Skibins	Joe Alaniz	Brittney deCathelineau	Hayden Bishop	Zoe Skibins	Dillon Smith		Jackson Otto	Kinsey Squires
<b>Readers</b>	Blake Ball	Kris Popilek	Todd Hinton	Susan Creech	Harold Gracey	Joan Neuner	Blake Ball	Harold Winkle	Todd Hinton	Jeff Skibins
<b>Greeter</b>	Ella McBrayer	Dennis & Elaine Reese	Todd & Berta Hinton	Liz & Gary Scrofani	Diane & Gary Wessel	Mary Lou & Ron Mackenzie	Todd & Berta Hinton	Liz & Gary Scrofani	Jim & Charlotte Rybinski	Lary & Christine Reagan
	Becky Matthews									

## Vital Stats

Date	In Person/Online Attendance	Offerings
6/6	257 (93 & 164) / 267 views	\$ 9,834
6/13	214 (122 & 92) / 213 views	\$ 7,768
6/20	173 (98 & 75) / 196 views	\$ 5,292
6/27	201 (135 & 66) / 213 views	\$ 5,877
Direct Deposit Offering (June.):		\$ 9,949
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 38,720
Total offerings received thru 6/30/21:		\$261,813
Total projected offerings thru 6/30/21:		\$269,828
*Total revenue thru 6/30/21: \$287,761		
Total expenses thru 6/30/21: \$286,282		
(Revenue=Offerings + CDC Contributions + Misc. Income + Interest)		
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2020:		\$10,480
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2021:		\$10,070
<b>Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):</b>		
Building Fund		\$ 3,618
MATTHEW Ministry		\$ 865
Backpack Buddies		\$ 60
<b>2020 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):</b>		
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:		\$ 1,500
Southeastern District—LCMS		\$22,934



## Your Ministry Team



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# Building To Serve UPDATE

as of June 30th

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

—Ephesians 4:12

