

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

January 2022

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30am and 11:00 am

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New Adult Bible Studies

“Living As Lutherans” (Lutheranism 201)

Sunday mornings, January 16 – February 13, at 10:00am
(Led by Pastor Bill)



Many of you have gone through our new member classes over the years titled, “Life With God.” This is Lutheranism 101 in which we look at who God is and how we can have a relationship with Him. Pastor Bill will be leading the next set of classes (Lutheranism 201) that will help us to grow deeper in our faith and in our service to God. Join us for the following classes as we will seek to become more spiritually mature followers of Jesus:

1. Does The Reformation Still Matter? (January 16)
2. Caring Evangelism (January 23)
3. Go and Be Reconciled (January 30)
4. Prayer Conditioning (February 6)
5. Growing as Children of a Generous God (February 13)



“Reading Isaiah With Luther”

(Led by Jeff Skibins)

Wednesday evenings, starting January 5, at 6:45pm in Reese Hall

Your conscience is that small voice inside that guides your actions and thoughts, convicting you of wrongdoing – but the conscience is more than just a guilty feeling or a moral compass. The conscience is a gift from God that is to be shaped by what is right or wrong in God’s eyes. In this study Martin Luther shows in the Old Testament book of Isaiah how God gives us a clean conscience, life, and peace through Christ.

“Why Should I Trust The Bible?”

Tuesday mornings, beginning January 11, at 10:30am, streamed live on Facebook & YouTube (Led by Pastor Bill)

For generations people have put their trust in the Bible, but many other people have done just the opposite. Countless cynics have sought to break trust in the Bible as it has been barraged, besieged, and bombarded from every side. In this study we will take the same rigorous methods used to critique the Bible to critique other well-respected texts to show how the Bible can be trusted, while other texts fall apart when examined with the same level of scrutiny.

In God’s Service,

Pastor Bill Feyn

Pastor Bill



The Krewe of LWML invites
you to a special Mardi Gras
luncheon to support the
youth attending the 2022
LCMS Youth Gathering

February 6, 2022 at 12:30 pm
in Reese Hall  RSVP by 1/23/22
on our Facebook page
or the LWML bulletin board

A big thank you to everyone that
donated to Angel Tree and
Harbor Inc. We were able to
help 30 children on our Angel
Tree and 5 families at Harbor Inc!



LWML annual ladies Christmas Luncheon



Please join us for LWML
Sunday and LWML
Board installation will be
January 23, 2022.



Follow us on Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwml events>



CONFIRMATION (CY1, CY2, & CY3)

Confirmation: Wednesdays, at 6:45pm. Masks are required.

- **CY1 Students:** Meet in Classroom 2.
- **CY2 Students:** Meet in Classroom 3.
 - **Save the Date:** Confirmation Retreat Feb. 18-20 at Camp Agape.
- **CY3 Students:** Meet in Classroom 1.
 - **Save the Date:** Confirmation Retreat Feb. 18-20 at Camp Agape.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays in the Youth Room at 6:45pm! Masks are required.
- **Youth Gathering Updates:**
 - **Meeting:** Sunday the 9th from 1pm-2:30pm in the Youth Room. Please text/call Rebekah if you will not be there.
 - **Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction:** moved to Saturday, April 30th

FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING 2022:

Get your GIFT CARDS and save with our Scrip Fundraiser

Save on Gift cards, and support our youth with Scrip! Buy gift cards through Scrip to your favorite stores and restaurants to use for your daily purchases, and to give as gifts. 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 and can be reached at bjkjohns@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

Sub Sales! Order your 6" sub by filling out the form on the bulletin board. Subs are \$8 each and come with chips and a cookie. Forms will be available 1/9/22. Place completed order forms in Rebekah's Office, or in the offering plate. The last day to order a sub is 2/6/22. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, pick up your sub meals after church.



- **Family Night** picks back up on Wednesday, the 5th at 6:45pm. Children have class in Classroom 4.
- Sunday's starting January 16th – February 13th we will have **Sunday School** in Classroom 4 from 10am – 10:45am.



*You're invited to a Baby Shower for Rebekah & Wick Bajwa
Sunday, January 30th at 2:00pm in Reese Hall*

Masks are required!

Light refreshments will be served.

*Rebekah and Wick are registered at Target. You can
search for their registry in store or view it online at:*

<https://bit.ly/3EWETX2>

Please RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/32LrYdh>

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Org Central

Planning on purchasing something from Amazon?

Earn money for Holy Cross while you shop! To sign up visit smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2223804 and fill out your information. Make sure you choose Holy Cross Clayton as your charity of choice!

After that, visit smile.amazon.com whenever you make an Amazon purchase and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the church!

If you need help, please email Sarah at Sarah.Elliott@holycrossclayton.com for instructions!

 **goodsearch**

Did you know that every time you do a search on the internet using "Goodsearch" our high school youth group can receive a penny? Just imagine how much money our youth could raise if we did 1,000, 5,000, or 10,000 searches in a month using Goodsearch. To sign up, go to www.goodsearch.com and choose "Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Clayton, NC" as your charity of choice!

You can also shop online at "Goodshop" and support our youth! When you shop online through the site www.goodshop.com, the youth will receive up to 30% of your purchase. Thank you for your support!



"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 for yourself (or your family) please email them to:

Berta Hinton at berta37@msn.com

(Holy Cross Lutheran Church's "Prayer Team" Coordinator)



**-Tuesdays-
7pm –online**



Moms in Prayer meet online weekly–

NEW DAY AND TIME!!

TUESDAYS at 7pm

<https://bit.ly/3daaMzL>

All women are invited to join us. Please contact
Lizy Coleman at:

919-455-8788 or via email Lizy@e-colemans.com

For resources and more information about Moms in Prayer, please
visit <https://momsinprayer.org/>

HOLY CROSS serves the homeless
in our area through

MATTHEW Ministry

"Serving the **PHYSICAL** and **SPIRITUAL** needs of the **HOMELESS**"



**We are collecting items that MATTHEW Ministry
uses on a regular basis to serve the HOMELESS**

**** We need a constant supply of the items below ****

Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.

NEW



White MEN'S Crew Socks



SNACK CRACKERS



Cans of Soup or Chili



Single Serve SPAM &



**Small cans of
Vienna Sausage or
Beanie Wienies**



CHICKEN & TUNA SALAD Snack Packs

**WE ALSO NEED YOUR PRAYERS
PLEASE ADD Matthew Ministry and the Homeless
To your Daily PRAYERS**

For more info contact john or linda miesch
(919-553-3579) Eagleprod@mindspring.com

HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY



“YEAR of PRAYER 2022”

We have formed one of the most powerful and important Ministries any Church can have, the **PRAYER MINISTRY**, Holy Cross is becoming a “House of Prayer” where EVERY aspect of our Church is constantly SATURATED in Prayer.

Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2022 to be another
“YEAR of PRAYER”

In January we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for
the unborn

Everyone is invited to join in. 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.
HE would like to hear from you.

**PRIORITIZE - Set a time to PRAY EVERY DAY in 2022,
with your whole family.**

Here is an idea of what you might PRAY this Month.

Dear Heavenly Father, Your WORD tells us that before we were born you knew us. Protect those helpless little ones, who YOU have given life in the womb, from the evil of the devil. Touch the hearts of those women and men facing a pregnancy in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood or fatherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in YOUR image, made for eternal life. Dispel their fears & selfishness. Give them true hearts, to love their babies, give birth to them and give them all the needed care that a mother and father can give.

Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it. **We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN**

We are becoming a “PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH”.

Ask GOD what role HE has designed for you and then contact
john & linda miesch, Prayer Ministry Leaders
at Church or at Eagleprod@mindspring.com OR call 919-553-3579

We are praying for—Those receiving cancer care:

- ♥ Reid Yaple, brother-in-law of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Kris, mother of Travis Bjorklund
- ♥ David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ James Atkins
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Monique Schroeder, 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
- ♥ Karen Gracey, Harold Gracey’s sister-in-law
- ♥ Leon Goldapple, father of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ Tom Williams, friend of Ella McBrayer
- ♥ Clyde Williams, uncle of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Cindy Huntsberry, friend of Penny Schenider
- ♥ Christopher Niewoehner
- ♥ Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee’s neighbor
- ♥ Sandy Nesselrode

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Debbie Fick
- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Luke Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Werner & Ursula Fick
- ♥ Arlene Behr
- ♥ Jo Abma
- ♥ Lucille Nicklow
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Peggy Lorton
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Herman Steele
- ♥ Dakota Davis
- ♥ Ann Marie Sten
- ♥ Linda Elstun
- ♥ Michelle Penland
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Sherry Whalen, friend of Judy Fowler
- ♥
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Barbara Ekerdt Creecy, niece of Herman & Donna Steele
- ♥ Thomas Craig, brother of Caroline Schust
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
- ♥ Heather, Charlie & Joyce Pike, friends of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Amy, step-mother of Marvin Fordham
- ♥ Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
- ♥ Joyce Moore
- ♥ Gretchen Sneider & Heidi Goldman, daughters of Penny Schneider
- ♥ Matthew Marek, cousin of Robert McNally
- ♥ Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Patricia, mother of Kurt Miller
- ♥ Linda Smith, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Alyssa, friend of Diane Wessel
- ♥ Mark Morgan, nephew of Tim & Billie Shank
- ♥ Linda Willians, aunt of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Terry Tucker, Renee Johnston’s brother
- ♥ Michael Costa, brother of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ Carol & Larry, friends of Jerry Benditz
- ♥ Marcia & Phil Riley, Blake Ball’s sister and brother-in-law
- ♥ Baby Zane
- ♥ Karen & Bob, friends of Elaine Reese
- ♥ Jack, friend of Harold Gracey
- ♥ Carlos & Yamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
- ♥ Mason Fannin, friend of Margaret Lee
- ♥ Scott Shep
- ♥ Donna Cantarella, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Traci Via, Open Arms Teacher

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.



To celebrate the birth of Jesus, the OWLs attended the Christmas show at the Rudy theater. Following the Christmas show, we concluded our day together with appetizers and cake at the Ray's. It was a memorable day of music and fun.

On **Saturday, January 8th**, the OWLs will have a potluck/planning meeting at the church, starting **at 3 p.m.** Please bring your ideas to share for our monthly events, including location, times, price, etc. Also, we would appreciate bringing a hot dish, salad, dessert or refreshment to share.

If you are 50 years or older, single/married, we invite you to enjoy the Christian fellowship of our senior group.

OWLs

We praise God for our senior monthly fellowships.

Older and Joyce & Dennis Ray
Wiser jray003@nc.rr.com
Lutherans 919-763-0668



*Because hunger doesn't
end on Friday*

What We Need:

Shelf Stable Milk



Canned Meats & Stews



100% Juice Boxes



Individual Breakfast



Packaged Noodles



Healthy Snacks



Canned Veggies & Fruits



The above items are always needed throughout the year. However, each week as we distribute food items to the school, some items get depleted faster than others. Therefore, each week we will update you online and in worship (slides, and bulletins) as to what items we are low on for that week. Your help is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your prayers over our Backpack Buddies Ministry and the children and their families that are received these food blessings. Thank you!

We need the follow service assistants:

Sound Booth: help play the slides for in-house services and/or online services.

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

Training is provided for all positions, no experience necessary!

Please contact Rebekah Bajwa with any questions or to sign up.
919.553.4784 or Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com

Thank you!

There are two needs for the new year:

1. We need anyone who has helped with the refreshments between services and anyone who would be willing to help coordinate volunteers, going forward. (We will be working on a scaled-back version, at first).
2. We also, need anyone interested in helping with “Visitor Outreach” after the first service (we have 2 couples in place, sharing the responsibility after the 2nd service). This is such a powerful ministry to make our guests (and their families) to feel welcome!

Please contact Debbie Fick at debbie.fick1014@gmail.com

Thank you!

Vital Stats

Date	In Person/Online Attendance	Offerings
11/7	245 (151 & 90)/208 views	\$ 9,206
11/14	198 (100 & 98)/206 views	\$ 5,612
11/21	195 (96 & 99)/197 views	\$ 8,007
11/28	179 (100 & 79)/216 views	\$ 6,987
Direct Deposit Offering (November):		\$ 9,139
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 38,951
Total offerings received thru 11/30/21:		\$484,537
Total projected offerings thru 11/30/21:		\$498,144
*Total revenue thru 11/30/21:		\$521,530
Total expenses thru 11/30/21:		\$514,545
(*Revenue=Offerings+CDC Contributions+Misc. Income+Interest)		
Avg. weekly offerings 48 weeks 2020:		\$10,044
Avg. weekly offerings 48 weeks 2021:		\$10,095
Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):		
Building Fund		\$ 2,027
MATTHEW Ministry		\$ 155
Backpack Buddies		\$ 70
2021 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):		
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:		\$ 2,750
Southeastern District—LCMS		\$34,401

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.
PSALM 107:1

Your Ministry Team



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Building To Serve UPDATE

as of November 30th

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

—Ephesians 4:12

