

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

September 2022

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

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"Back To Church Sunday" September 11, 2022

If you haven't been to church in a while or if you know someone who doesn't attend a church, Sunday, September 11, would be a great time to come back to church or to invite a friend or neighbor to church. We will begin a new sermon series titled, **"Hope Happens Here."** In a world filled with challenges and hardships, we have a Savior in Jesus who always gives us hope in all circumstances. Please join us for the following worship services:

- Sep. 11 – *"Found and Forgiven"* – Luke 15:1-10
- Sep. 18 – *"Passion, Ambition, Dedication"* – Luke 16:1-15
- Sep. 25 – *"Surprised By Hope"* – Luke 16:19-31
- Oct. 2 – *"You're Asking The Impossible"* – Luke 17:1-10
- Oct. 9 – *"The Grace of Gratitude"* – Luke 17:11-19
- Oct. 16 – *"Persistent Hope"* – Luke 18:1-8
- Oct. 23 – *"Humble Hearts"* – Luke 18:9-17



Bible Studies & Family Night Ministries Begin Again in Person!!

New Member Classes: "Life With God"

Sunday, September 11, at 10:00am



Many people view the church like a grocery store. Before people set out to shop they make a list of things they want to buy. People also come to church with a shopping list of things they want to get out of joining a church. The main concern of the church is helping people to come into a relationship with God, the owner of the grocery store, so they may live. If you are interested in knowing more about

Holy Cross, I invite you to join us for the following classes:

- September 11 – "It's All About Relationships"
- September 18 – "Differences In Denominations"
- September 25 – "Witness, Mercy, Life Together"

- October 2 – "Contagious Generosity"
- October 9 – "Vision and Values of Holy Cross"

Pastor Bill's Daytime Bible Study – "Ecclesiastes: Meaningless to Meaning" Tuesday, September 13 @ 10:30am



A wealth of divine wisdom for daily living is available in Ecclesiastes. In this study we will learn what God teaches us about living life in a sinful world, dealing with the good and bad in life, and using the gifts God has given to us to His glory. This study will meet in person and will be streamed live each Tuesday.

"Family Night" – Dinner (5:45pm – 6:30pm) & Bible Study (6:45pm – 7:30pm) Wednesday, September 14



Join us every Wednesday night as we gather together as a church family to enjoy dinner and study God's Word. Bible studies will be available for children, youth, and adults. Jeff Skibins will lead an adult study on the book of Galatians, looking at grace verses works. See why Martin Luther loved this book as he did his own wife.

Children's Ministry

Christian Education

We are very excited for all of our upcoming events and opportunities within Children's Ministry. Please be sure to read about our ministry opportunities below and invite your friends, family, and neighbors too.

- ♥ **Family Night:** Starts Wednesday September 14th at 6:45pm. Dinner is served between 5:30 – 6:30pm. Children Preschool – 5th Grade will meet in Classroom 2. Babies – Pre-K will meet in the Nursery. Please make sure you do not drop off your child in the Nursery until the adult is there to watch them.
- ♥ **The Skit Guys Movie!** We will watch “Family Camp” (PG) on September 18th in Reese Hall, at 12:30pm. Bring your blow-up air mattress or a comfy chair to watch the movie. Pizza will be served. This is for you, your family, and friends. Please sign up online with a headcount. This is a FREE event Thanks to Thrivent! <https://bit.ly/3QRuT8c>
- ♥ **Nursery:** The nursery **OPENS Sunday, September 11th** at both services for children birth – 3-years-old. Lara Steele is coming back to work in our nursery with our little ones. We **NEED** youth and adults who would like to serve with her in ministry. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Rebekah Bajwa.
- ♥ **Children's Worship Bulletins:** Children will get a Worship Bulletin on Sunday's made for them. Plus, each bulletin comes with a secret code on the front of the bulletin that unlocks hours of fun learning at home. This secret code is unique to our church and allows SAFE and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. Several games are rotated - Memory Match, Word Search, Gems of the Bible and Coloring Book - so each week kids will have something new to play. The games are geared toward all age levels so everyone can join in the fun!

To sign your child up for Wednesday Nights, please scan the QR code below

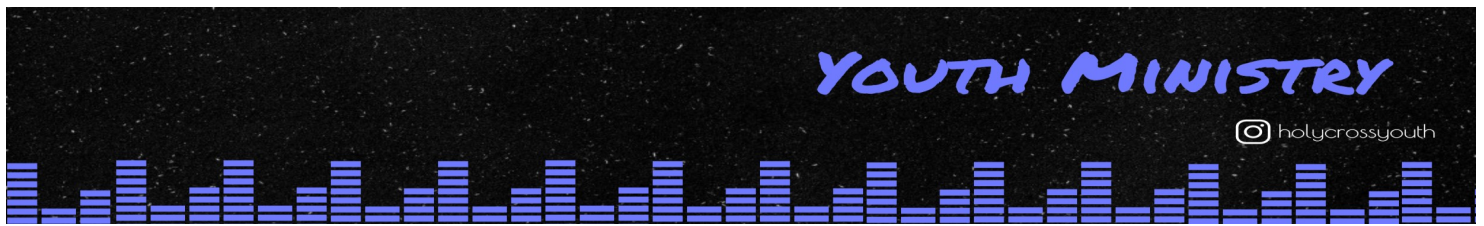


To sign your child up for Sunday mornings, please scan the QR code below



To sign your family up for movie night, please scan the QR code below





Confirmation: Starts Wednesday the 14th at 6:45pm Dinner is served prior to from 5:30-6:30pm in Reese Hall.

- ★ CY1: Meet in Classroom 2
- ★ CY2: Meet in Classroom 3
- ★ CY3: meet in Classroom 1

Butterbraid Fundraiser: will come back in October. Please let Rebekah know if you are interested in selling. This is a great way to raise funds the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans 2025. You are all able to attend this mountain top faith experience!

YOUTH MINISTRY

- ♦ **Youth Group** starts back Wednesday, September 14th with Martha and Drew! Many of you know Martha from last year, and some of you know Drew from the Gathering...they both are thrilled to hang out with you Wednesday nights!! Join them in the Youth Room at 6:45pm.
- ♦ **Butterbraid Fundraiser:** will come back in October. Please let Rebekah know if you are interested in selling. This is a great way to raise funds for the High School Trip this summer, or for the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans 2025.
- ♦ **The Skit Guys Movie!** We will watch “Family Camp” on September 18th in Reese Hall at 12:30pm. Bring your blow-up air mattress or a comfy chair to watch the movie. Pizza will be served. This is for you, your family, and friends. Please sign up online with a headcount. This is a FREE event Thanks to Thrivent! <https://bit.ly/3QRuT8c>



“Family Camp” (PG)
 Sunday September 18, at
 12:30pm.
 Bring a comfy chair/bed to
 watch the movie on!!
 Pizza for lunch!
 This is a FREE event.
 Sign Up Today!



Fundraisers for the Youth:

Buy a gift card, and a donation is made to our youth!

- **Support our youth with Scrip!** Buy gift cards through Scrip to your favorite stores, restaurants, and grocery stores to use for your daily purchases, and to give as gifts. Please contact BJ Johns for more information.

A banner for Men's Breakfast featuring a background of waffles and a cup of coffee. The text is overlaid on the image.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Let us not give up meeting together and let us encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

1st Saturday each month from 9am-11am in Reese Hall *except September will be on 9/10*



One Day Retreat “Making a Difference”

**Sat. 11/5/22
9:00am-4:00pm
Reese Hall**



"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)



"Family Oktoberfest"
Saturday, October 15th
3:00pm-6:00pm
Reese Hall
Fabulous food, music,
games, and surprises!

Widows and Friends

We meet monthly, on the **3rd Saturday** from **10am-noon** in classroom #1.
All widows and singles are invited for fellowship, discussions, and prayer.

Our next meeting will be on:

Saturday, September 17th

Please contact Yvonne Chrisikos at 919.585.7216 with any questions.

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 MEN'S  WHITE Crew Socks



SNACK CRACKERS



Cans of Soup or Chili



Smallcans of
Single Serve SPAM &



Vienna Sausage or
Beanie Wienies



CHICKEN & TUNA SALAD Snack Packs

**WE ALSO NEED YOUR PRAYERS and
MONETARY DONATIONS**

**PLEASE Consider a DONATION &
ADD Matthew Ministry 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"



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 2022
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 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

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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
- ♥ Joanne Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Pam Denning, friend of Candice Patterson
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee's neighbor
- ♥ Jean Barbour, Robert Bennett's aunt
- ♥ Candy Robinson, mother of Robin Oelrich
- ♥ Lilian Blackman, child at Open Arms
- ♥ Colleen Gilmartin, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
- ♥ Jesse Lee, friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Matthew Burroughs, nephew of David Burroughs

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Werner & Ursula Fick
- ♥ Arlene Behr
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Linda Elstun
- ♥ Michelle Penland
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Amanda Kearney, friend of Tara Webb
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Joyce Moore
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Tod & Karen, parents of Sean Pritchard
- ♥ Gretchen Sneider & Heidi Goldman, daughters of Penny Schneider
- ♥ Matthew Marek, cousin of Robert McNally
- ♥ Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Jack, friend of Harold Gracey
- ♥ Carlos & Yamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
- ♥ Mason Fannin, friend of Margaret Lee
- ♥ Donna Cantarella, friend of Ellie Shep
- ♥ Rita Giudice, friend of Penny Schenider
- ♥ Lucy Giudice, friend of Penny Schenider
- ♥ Mary Ruth Nicols, niece of Eunice Burch
- ♥ David Nicols, nephew of Eunice Burch
- ♥ William Schramm, friend of Harold Winkle
- ♥ Lillian Hendren, mother of Liz Scrofani
- ♥ Jim Scroggs, son of Jeanie Scroggs
- ♥ Larry Wilkening, father of Dewie Francis
- ♥ Shawn Roeser, son of Julie & Eric Roeser

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.

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting is **Saturday, September 10th from 10:00am until noon**. We will then meet the 2nd Saturday of each month in Room #1.

We enjoy a great time of fellowship together while we work on individual projects - some knit, some crochet, some do both! If this is not a skill you have, come and let someone teach you!

"She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31:13 & 20 - ESV



- **100% Juice Boxes**
- **Shelf Stable Milk** (*Dollar Tree sells qt. size!*)
- **Ind. Breakfast Items** (*Cereal, Oatmeal, etc.*)
- **Canned Fruits & Veggies**
- **Healthy Snacks** (*Granola Bars, Pretzels*)
- **Canned Meats & Stews** (*Chef Boyardee, Tuna, Chicken*)
- **Individual Pasta** (*Mac 'n Cheese, Ramen, Rice*)

BECAUSE HUNGER DOESN'T END ON FRIDAY



Older and Wiser Lutherans

The OWLs will skip our monthly meeting in August, but we will resume again with a planning meeting at the church in Reese Hall on Saturday, September 10th, starting at 3 p.m. We will discuss new events for the months ahead. Please bring your ideas along with info, such as location, dates, time, prices, etc. Of course, we can't end our meeting without refreshments. Please bring one item to share of hors d'oeuvres sweets or drinks.

Joyce & Dennis Ray
919-763-0668
jray003@nc.rr.com

On Sunday, August 14, the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Holy Cross presented blankets, shawls, hats, and baby sweaters to be blessed in our worship services that morning. Soon these items will be shared at several different agencies in and around our community.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, we will begin meeting again very soon! **Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th from 10:00am until noon.** We will then meet every 2nd Saturday of each month. We meet in Room #1 in the Education wing. We enjoy a great time of fellowship together while we work on individual projects - some knit...some crochet...some do both! If this is not a skill you have, come and let someone teach you!

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Joan Neuner via voice or text at 919-412-2064; or by email at wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com.

*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)*



Hannah Circle—Ladies Daytime Bible Study

1st Wednesday of every month, begins
October 5th.

For more information, please contact Glenda Sainz
gjbsainz@gmail.com 910.814.7996

Ruth Circle – “Ladies’ Daytime Bible Study”

3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am starting 9/21/22 in Classroom #1

Our study this year is the book *FINDING I AM*. How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart, by Lysa TerKeurst. We invite all women who are interested to join us!!

Jane Wilson, Coordinator retiredones@earthlink.net



Dorcas Circle – “Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

1st Thursday of each month starting 8/4/22

7pm-8:30pm at Debbie Fick’s house

Debbie Fick, Coordinator debbie.fick1014@gmail.com

“Becoming a Woman of Excellence”

“Getting Your Important Documents – in Order”

(presented by Wilson Feick and Debbie Fick)

When: Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

Where: Reese Hall

Time: 12:30pm

Contact: Debbie Fick at (919) 632-3643

(Lunch will be provided)

Wilson will be helping all of us understand exactly what an estate plan is and how incredibly important it is, to have all of your wants and desires properly (and legally) documented! This will prevent your families from having to make some very difficult or rash decisions, during any one of life’s unexpected emergencies.

Having a plan in place will also prevent making any financial mistakes, due to possibly not having adequate (or complete) information for your family - during the crisis.

LWML Eastern Zone Rally

80th Anniversary Celebration Hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sharing our gifts as we work for the Lord.

October 1, 2022 9:00-2:00

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2920 Hwy 42 East
Clayton, NC 27527



Contact: Val Feick
wfeick@embarqmail.com

Gifts of the Heart: ichoose
Lunch will be provided

Cost \$10.00



RSVP by September 24, 2022 at <https://bit.ly/3QMWCqv> or



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR

INVITING ALL CRAFTERS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church LWML is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday November 19th in Reese Hall.

If you have know of friends or family that would like to be a vendor, please contact Val Feick at wfeick@embarqmail.com or go to the LWML facebook page and download an application.



Follow us on Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwmlevents>



Southeastern District, LCMS

SED Disaster Response and Recovery

The Southeastern District Disaster Response Team has coordinated a work week in Lumberton NC. Hurricane Florence hit the Lumberton area in September of 2018. The Work dates are September 18th through the 23rd, 2022. For more information please contact Al Popilek (810) 730-0457

COLUMBARIUM STATUS – September, 2022

There have been several updates to the columbarium over the past year and there have been some changes to the Columbarium Committee as well.

The initial columbarium was built in 2011 with 36 niches and was located against the church front wall below the stained glass cross. Those niches have all been sold. The second phase of the columbarium was constructed in two parts. The first part was completed in 2021 and it included doubling the size of the courtyard to nearly 1000 square feet, added lighting and a brick enclosure which could contain 64 niches. It was built across the courtyard from the initial section. 32 niches were installed at that time. A price adjustment was also included starting with Phase 2. The balance of phase 2 was completed in early August of 2022. It added an additional 32 niches. There are now a total of 100 niches in the columbarium. Future additions will be constructed as needed. It will likely be a decade or more before any further additions are required.

If you have any questions about the columbarium, contact any member of the Columbarium Committee. The committee is composed of:

Dennis Reese - chairman, Wilson Feick, Gene Gevers, John Neuner, and Gary Scrofani – (Vice President of Holy Cross)



Entrance to Columbarium courtyard (with your back towards the parking lot) Initial columbarium on the left, second columbarium on the right.



Initial columbarium and memorials (located under the cross as seen in the sanctuary and from the road)

Second columbarium with 64 niches. The backside of this wall faces the road and is directly across from the initial columbarium

Entrance to Columbarium courtyard (with your back towards the tree line/woods) Initial columbarium on the right, second columbarium on the left.





Fire Safety Week is the last week in September, and Community Helper week is the first week in October. We're looking for volunteers to come and speak with our classes.

Are you or someone you know a fireman/woman, a police officer, EMS, Nurse, Doctor, Dentist or other that works within our community? If so, please contact Star or Carrie at: openarms@HolyCrossClayton.com or 919.553.7227 for more information and to be scheduled to come speak to our classes.

Thank you!





ENROLLING:

1/2 day Pre-k 3 year old's

WE'RE HIRING:

Van Drivers (approx. 2.5 hours/day)

Assistant Teacher: 2 year old room

Assistant Teacher: 4 year old room

Lead Teacher: Toddler room



-Tuesdays- 7pm –on Zoom



ALL women are invited to attend.
Moms in Prayer meet online weekly

TUESDAYS at 7pm
Starting, Tuesday, September 6th

Join us at by going online at <https://bit.ly/3KjOg7d>
Or through zoom with Meeting ID: 898 2983 0002
and Passcode: 182465

For more information and questions, please contact
Lizy Coleman at:
919-455-8788 or via email
Lizy@e-colemans.com

Hello all!

This is Jake Berger. I'm writing to see if you are interested in joining an Improv Group! Improvisation (improv) is an acting technique that doesn't require any line memorization! The main goal of improv is to listen to your scene partner. As Christians, we know how important (and difficult!) it is to listen to others while sharing the love of Christ. So improv is a fun, productive way to learn listening skills and "being in the moment."

My background: I studied theatre in college, taken improv classes, and performed in stage productions in the triangle. I'd love to grow in faith through improv with you all! The improv group would take place in between church services from Nov. 6th-20th and Dec. 4th-11th. You would not need to attend every session.

If you are interested, please let me know (jcberger3@gmail.com) or Rebekah (rebekah.bajwa@holycrossclayton.com). No need to make any commitments, simply say if you're interested or if you have questions.

Hope to hear from you soon!



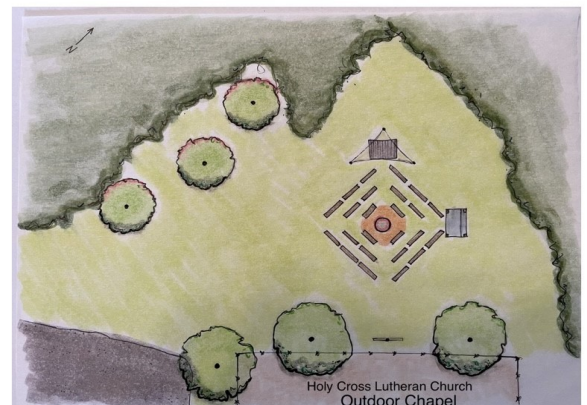
Are you interested in helping create a more functional and beautiful Outdoor Chapel space? Wouldn't it be nice to have a space for Easter Sunrise service? A nicer space for youth and the scouts? What if you just want a place of peace and tranquility to meditate in today's crazy world?

Donations still being accepted, and we're looking for more volunteers for upcoming work days.

Contact Lizy Coleman at:

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Vital Stats

Date	In Person/Online Attendance	Offerings
7/3	200 (102 & 98) / 183 views	\$ 8,206
7/10	147 (68 & 79) / 203 views	\$ 5,771
7/17	203 (103 & 100) / 186 views	\$ 7,301
7/24	185 (100 & 85) / 195 views	\$ 7,520
7/31	221 (120 & 101) / 163 views	\$ 10,772
Direct Deposit Offerings (July)		\$ 11,630
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 51,000
Total offerings received thru 7/31/22:		\$348,528
Total projected offerings thru 7/31/22:		\$321,718
*Total revenue thru 7/31/22: \$394,345		
Total expenses thru 7/31/22: \$349,699		
(*Revenue=Offerings + CDC Contributions + Mis. Income + Interest)		
Avg. weekly offerings 31 weeks 2021:		\$10,134
Avg. weekly offerings 31 weeks 2022:		\$11,243

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$ 1,217
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 660
Backpack Buddies	\$ 55
Jeanne Tharrington Memorial	\$ 35

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 to the LORD.
 FOR HE IS GOOD;
 HIS LOVE endures
 forever.

PSALM 137:1

2022 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 1,750
Southeastern District – LCMS	\$23,300