

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's Word, Living His Love*

December 2022

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

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The first World War began in August 1914. By the time it had ended, entire cultures had changed drastically, borders had moved back and forth several times, and millions of lives had been altered forever. Within only a few months of the start of the war, the embattled sides had settled into a system of trench warfare based on a strategy of attrition (where the last person standing “won”), and the war trudged on for 4 unrelenting years.

In contrast to the brutality of the first World War, the story is told that on Christmas Day, 1914, many soldiers from both sides stepped out of their trenches in peace and spent the day mingling with each other. No one knows exactly how it started, but most accounts suggest the truce began with carol singing on the night of Christmas Eve. The next morning soldiers emerged from their trenches, calling out “Merry Christmas” in different languages. Over the course of the day, troops exchanged gifts of cigarettes, food, and hats.

However, it was only a truce, not peace, as the hostilities returned the next day. While there were occasional moments of peace throughout the rest of World War I, they never again came on the scale of the Christmas truce of 1914.

For Christians, true peace on earth started in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago as Jesus left the glory of heaven to be born as one of us so that He could endure all that living in the “mud and trenches” of a broken world could throw at Him. And then He paid the ultimate price by dying on a cross for the sins of the world so we could have everlasting peace and life.

Therefore, as you prepare for Christmas, remember that we are the instruments of peace for the Prince of Peace, and through our words and actions of caring for those in need and providing for those who suffer, we can bring Jesus’ lasting peace to a world desperate for peace.

As part of your Advent and Christmas preparations, I invite you to join us for the following worship services as we worship our Savior who brought unexpected peace to our world:

Wednesdays – 7:00pm:

December 7 – “*Unexpected Love*” – 1 John 4:15-21

December 14 – “*Unexpected Joy*” – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-10

Sundays:

December 4 – “*Peace On Earth*” – Isaiah 11:1-10

December 11 – “*Jesus is Coming*” – Isaiah 35:1-10

December 18 – “*A Sign*” – Isaiah 7:10-17

Christmas Eve – December 24

**3:00pm** – Contemporary Candle Light Worship

**5:00pm** – Contemporary Candle Light Worship

**7:00pm** – Traditional Candle Light Worship

**9:00pm** – Traditional Candle Light Worship with Communion



In God’s Service,

*Pastor Bill Feyn*

Pastor Bill

# 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.

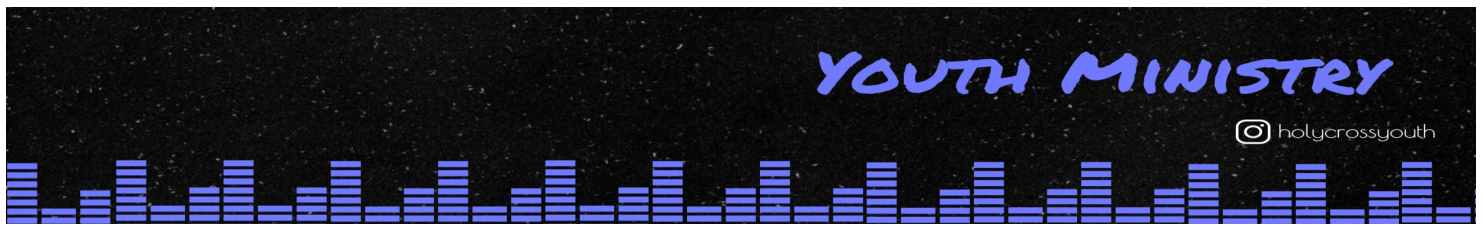
- ♥ **Nursery:** The nursery is **OPEN** at both services for children birth - 3-years-old. Lara Steele is back to work in our nursery with our little ones. We **NEED** youth and adults who would like to serve with her in ministry. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Rebekah Bajwa.
- ♥ **Children's Worship Bulletins:** Children will get a Worship Bulletin on Sunday's made for them. Plus, each bulletin comes with a secret code 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!



**Living the  
Christmas Story**  
AT-HOME FAMILY ADVENT  
DEVOTIONAL

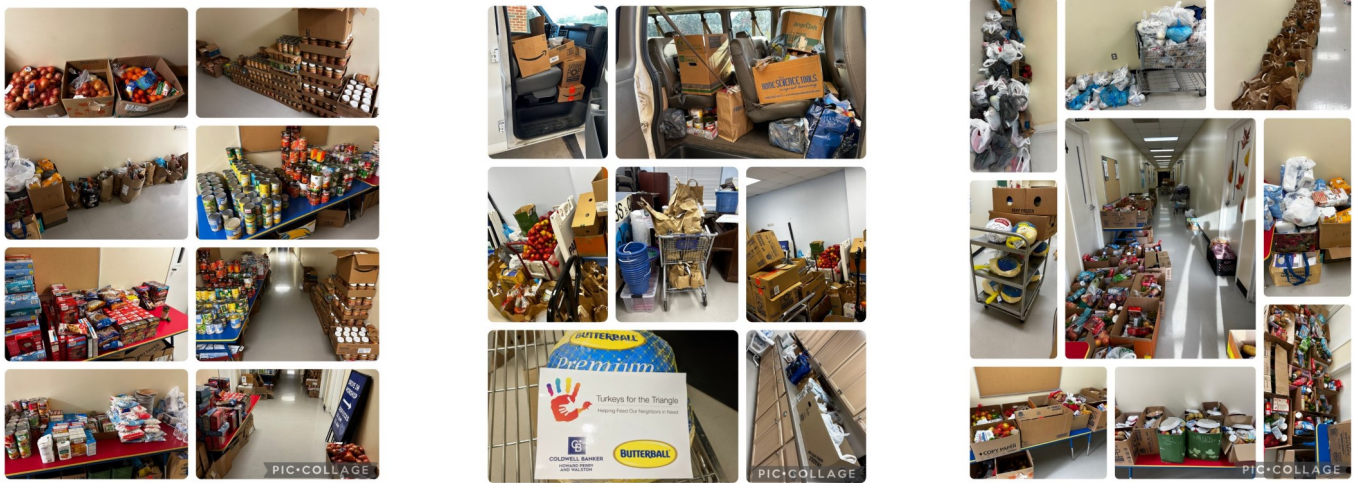
*Each week of Advent see the children's table in the Narthex. You'll receive an activity you can do at home with your family, to help focus on **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** as we prepare for Jesus' coming.*





**Confirmation: CY1, CY2, CY3** Attend Advent Services in person and complete sermon notes. You will pick up the Sermon Notes on your way into the sanctuary. After service, drop your sermon notes on the desk in Rebekah's office.

- **Thank you!** To everyone who helped donate food items for the Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. Your generosity helped to provide 110 families with a Thanksgiving meal.



## YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Lock-In Friday, 16th 7pm – Saturday, 17th 7am. You could win up to \$50 in prizes!

- \* Wear your Christmas PJ's or attire.
- \* Bring a \$5 gift for a gift exchange.
- \* Bring your knowledge of Christmas Trivia
- \* Be prepared to bake/make items related to Christmas

## 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. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for our youth at no extra cost to you. Every church member can easily earn \$1,000 or more for our youth ministry. Please contact BJ Johns for more information.

# 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**



### **Holy Cross offers online giving!**

Scan the QR code (with your phone's camera) or visit  
[www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving](http://www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving)

### **IMPROV GROUP**

Meet in between services December 4th-11th. Contact Jake Berger If you are interested, please contact Jake Berger at [jcberger3@gmail.com](mailto:jcberger3@gmail.com) or Rebekah at [rebekah.bajwa@holycrossclayton.com](mailto:rebekah.bajwa@holycrossclayton.com)



### **Ride Share Ministry**

**Do you have time to offer someone a ride to and from Holy Cross for events and/or church service. Possibly for their doctor appointments too.**

**Please contact Debbie Fick at [Debbie.fick1014@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.fick1014@gmail.com)**



### *"Seasons of Life" ~ a journey through grief!*

Have you (or someone you know) lost a spouse and would like to get together with those who are going through the same struggles?

Join us on **December 14th** in Classroom #1 from 11:00am-1:00pm (lunch & drinks provided)

For more information contact: Debbie Fick 919.632.3643 or [Debbie.fick1014@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.fick1014@gmail.com)





"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](mailto:berta37@msn.com)  
(Holy Cross Lutheran Church's "Prayer Team" Coordinator)

## Needing Visitor Outreach Volunteers



**before and after both services**

8:00-8:30am      9:30-10:15am

10:15-11:00am    12:00-12:15pm

Please contact: Debbie Fick

[debbie.fick1014@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.fick1014@gmail.com)

*To prepare God's people for  
works of **service**, so that the  
body of Christ may be **built up**.  
—Ephesians 4:12*

Collective Hope- Holy Cross Family Page on facebook. Come request to join and share prayer requests, praises, announcements and more. Please contact Terri Pelle with any questions.

**HOLY CROSS** serves the homeless  
in our area through

**MATTHEW Ministry**

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

**CANS of BEENEE WEENEE's**



**CANS of SOUP or CHILI**



**Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.**

**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 DECEMBER** we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for  
“peace on earth”

**In this stressful time of uncertainty, violence, hatred and discord  
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,** You have called us to live at Peace with each other.  
Father, Bring an end to violence, hatred and discord. Calm those of us that act in anger  
to our neighbor. Slow the feet that rush into war. Guide all those in positions of power and  
give them wisdom to use their power wisely. Enable us to show compassion to all people.  
Teach us to listen to those we disagree with and to show patience in all circumstances.  
Heal the hatred in the world around us by healing our hearts first.

**Let there be Peace on Earth AND let it begin with me!!** Peace within my home and  
family, in my community, in our Nation and throughout all Nations of the World. We ask  
this, yet we know that everlasting peace will not happen until the Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Prince of Peace Himself, returns to earth from His place in heaven, where He is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.

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

# SERVING THE CHURCH IN DECEMBER 2022

	12/4/22 8:30am	12/4/22 11:00am	ADVENT 12/7/22 7:00pm	12/11/22 8:30am	12/11/22 11:00am	ADVENT 12/14/22 7:00pm	12/18/22 8:30am	12/18/22 11:00am	12/24/22 3:00pm (Contemporary)	12/24/2022 5:00pm (Contemporary)	12/24/22 7:00pm (Traditional)	12/24/22 9:00pm (Traditional) (Communion)
Altar Guild	Betsy Harsch	Jane Wilson		Madonna Bennett	Kris Popilek		Diane Wessel	Terri Cochran				Madonna Bennett
Sound Booth	Samantha Stewart Connor Davis	Faith Skibins Ethan Skibins	Lincoln Sweazy Steven Scrofani	Ella Richards Connor Davis	Sue Beyer Sarah Beyer	Natalie Sherwin Madison Sherwin	Lincoln Sweazy	Faith Skibins Ethan Skibins		Natalie Sherwin Madison Sherwin		Sarah Beyer
Ushers	Mark Beal Robin Oelrich Robert Bennett Steve Horne	Jeff Skibins Brad deCathelineau Randy & Dee Williams	Elders	Mark Sherwin Tom Hansen Jay & Liz Greenstoc	Tony Swann Val & Wilson Feick	Elders	Brian Lawrence Robert Bennett Diane & Gary Wessel	Jeff Skibins Brett Jacobs Gary Scrofani	Diane & Gary Wessel Steve Horne	Mark Sherwin Chris Urban	Tony Swann	John Neuner Mike Schmidt Robert Bennett
Acolyte	Joe Alaniz	Zoe Skibins					Connor Davis	Kinsey Squires	Dillon Smith	Troy Sherwin		
Readers	Blake Ball	Susan Creech		Donna Ryder	Harold Winkle		Tom Schoenberg	Joan Neuner				
Greeters	Ella McBrayer Becky Matthew	Liz & Gary Scrofani		Sherwin Family	Mary Lou & Ron MacKenzie		Diane & Gary Wessel	Larry & Christine Reagan		Sherwin Family	Mary Lou & Ron MacKenzie	
Nursery	Ginger & Emma Urban			Janis Alford	Terri Cochran		Ginger & Emma Urban	Nicole Benken				

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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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee's neighbor
- ♥ Jean Barbour, Robert Bennett's aunt
- ♥ Candy Robinson, mother of Robin Oelrich
- ♥ Colleen Gilmartin, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
- ♥ Jesse Lee, friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Donna Gracey
- ♥ Chuck Munson
- ♥ Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox

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

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Werner & Ursula Fick
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Linda Elstun
- ♥ Michelle Penland
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Dennis Reese
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Wayne Ausley, step-father of Brandy Bjorklund
- ♥ Joseph & Mary Littleton
- ♥ Joyce Moore
- ♥ Charlotte Bucklen & Steven Kelley, friends of the Coleman Family
- ♥ Brian Blatchley, brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
- ♥ Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
- ♥ Donna, daughter of Caroline Schust and brother-in-law
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ David Aitken, brother of Doug Aitken

## 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](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.

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, December 10th from 10:00am until noon.** We 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



Schools are open, and each week our Backpack Buddies Ministry provides nutritional food items for 25 children in need. Your donations of the items below, are needed each week. Thank you for your continued support!

- **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**

For our November meeting, the OWLs enjoyed the comedy performance of, "Boeing Boeing," at the Little Neuse theater.

To celebrate our Christmas season, the OWLs will be attending the performance of the Raleigh Ringers on **Sunday, December 18th, starting at 4 p.m.**, located at Duke Energy Center (2200 E. Millbrook Rd., Raleigh). Tickets have been purchased and handed out.

The OWLs are looking forward to celebrating Christ's birth on Christmas and good fellowship in the New Year.

If you are interested in our senior social group, please sign up for emails that will give details of plans for the coming months.

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



### Ladies' Monthly Birthday Lunches

Meet the 2nd Thursday every month  
12:00pm-2:00pm

An email is sent out prior to with the name of the restaurant to gather at, along with a list of the birthdays for that month.

**Contact: Beverly Janowski at  
bevjan41@gmail.com**



### NEEDING VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday Morning

"Coffee and Refreshments"

10:00am (replenish)/12:15pm (cleanup)

Contact: Debbie Fick

debbie.fick1014@gmail.com

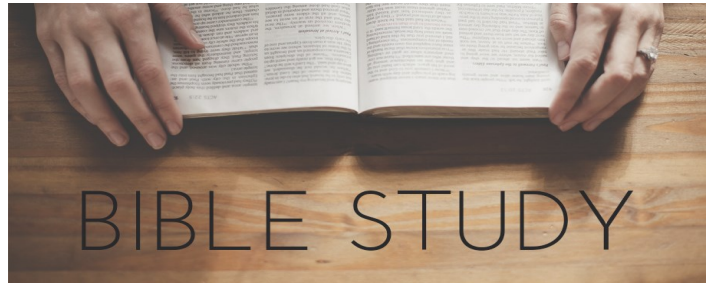


### Ruth Circle – “Ladies’ Daytime Bible Study”

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:retiredones@earthlink.net)



### Dorcas Circle – “Ladies’ Evening Bible Study”

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
7pm-8:30pm at 160 Bramble Lane in Clayton  
Debbie Fick, Coordinator [debbie.fick1014@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.fick1014@gmail.com)

**“Becoming a Woman of Excellence”**



Hannah Circle—Ladies Daytime Bible Study

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

For more information, please contact Glenda Sainz  
[gjbsainz@gmail.com](mailto:gjbsainz@gmail.com) 910.814.7996



# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Lutheran Women in Mission

*The LWML invites you to our  
annual ladies Christmas Luncheon*



Sunday, December 4, 2022  
12:30 pm in Reese Hall



A tasty cookie swap will be held after lunch.  
We are asking each person to bring two dozen  
cookies to swap with one another.

We will be supporting Matthew Ministry for our Gifts of  
the Heart.



Please join us for  
LWML Sunday  
and the LWML  
Board installation  
January 29, 2023.



## Salvation Army Angel Tree



This year, with your help, we will be making a special Christmas  
for 40 children with the angel tree.

to help, sign up at [bit.ly/3hMniLb](https://bit.ly/3hMniLb)

OR



Gifts should be brought to church December 3rd from 9:00 am-11:00 am.



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make the craft fair a success. Your help with getting the  
word out, set up, manning the craft fair, and take down made everything run smoothly.



Follow us on Facebook @

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





# Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us Wednesday nights for dinner from 5:45pm-6:30pm and Advent Church Service at 7pm. Nursery care provided.



# SCOUTS



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**Pack 57** -As we head into the holiday season, Pack 57 will be holding a Scouting for Food drive on December 4 and 11 to collect food to support Backpack Buddies. We will be donating all collected food to the church's Backpack Buddies program. The Pack is for boys and girls ages 5-11. For more information, contact [paige@lotsofsnow.com](mailto:paige@lotsofsnow.com).

**Troop 57**-Are you wondering when is the best time to join scouting? The answer is anytime your son (11-17) is ready for adventure! Scouting happens all seasons so feel free to reach out anytime. Not sure if scouting is right for you? You are welcome to come and check us out!

**Troop 58**- Troop 58 has been very busy planning their activities for next year. In December they will be having our yearly lock-in, marching in the Clayton Christmas parade, and collecting donations to fill stockings for soldiers. If you are a girl ages 11-18 and are interested in joining us, please reach out for more information to [Troop58clayton@gmail.com](mailto:Troop58clayton@gmail.com).

As we end 2022, we would like to thank Holy Cross for the support and facilities to enable our Scouting Programs.





**-Tuesdays-  
7pm –on Zoom**



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

**TUESDAYS at 7pm**

Join us at by going online at  
<https://bit.ly/3KjOg7d>

Or through zoom with Meet-  
ing ID: 898 2983 0002  
and Passcode: 182465

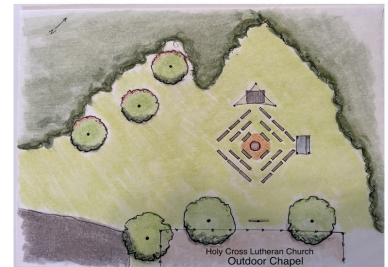
For more information and  
questions, please contact  
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Are you interested in helping create a more functional and beautiful Outdoor Chapel space?  
Wouldn't it be nice to have a space for Easter Sunrise service? A nicer space for youth and the  
scouts?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

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**Come join us for quilting and fellowship!**





# Your Ministry Team



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## Vital Stats

Date	In Person/Online Attendance	Offerings
10/2	281 (139 & 142) / 244 views	\$ 9,824
10/9	230 (125 & 105) / 176 views	\$ 7,379
10/16	233 (130 & 103) / 144 views	\$ 9,468
10/23	204 (102 & 102) / 211 views	\$ 8,221
10/30	265 (106 & 159) / 143 views	\$ 8,170
Direct Deposit Offerings (Oct.)		\$ 11,762
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 54,824
Total offerings received thru 10/31/22:		\$494,922
Total projected offerings thru 10/31/22:		\$466,312
*Total revenue thru 10/31/22: \$564,993		
Total expenses thru 10/31/22: \$503,020		
(*Revenue=Offerings + CDC Contributions + Misc. Income + Interest)		
Avg. weekly offerings 44 weeks 2021:		\$10,127
Avg. weekly offerings 44 weeks 2022:		\$11,248

## Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$ 685
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 410
Backpack Buddies	\$ 70
Outdoor Chapel	\$ 150

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

PSALM 137:1

## 2022 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 2,500
Southeastern District – LCMS	\$34,950