

Confirmation



On **Sunday, June 4**, at **11:00am** we will have the joy of seeing 9 students publicly confirm their faith in God and promise to be faithful to Him. This is an exciting day as the students, after three years of study, service projects, retreats, and a final paper based on a Bible verse (listed below), will make some bold promises, including being faithful to God even to the point of death.

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.

Confirmation marks a new beginning for the students to be even more involved in the church as they mature in their faith. Please pray with me for the following students and their families as they celebrate this special milestone in their lives:

Brooklyn Susan Zaske – *Philippians 4:13*
Landon Clark Stevens – *Matthew 5:16*
Payton Marie Millard – *Jeremiah 29:11*
Reese Harlan Jacobs – *Psalms 27:1*
Eleanor Grace L'Heureux – *Joshua 1:9*

Christopher John Capozzi – *John 6:35*
Nicholas Matthew Capozzi – *Psalms 119:105*
Dillon Joseph Smith – *Isaiah 40:31*
Luke Hesley Stevens – *1 Corinthians 13:13*

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Outdoor Chapel Dedication

“And in this place I will grant peace, declares the Lord Almighty.” – Haggai 2:9

This spring an outdoor chapel was built behind our church facility for everyone to use. Therefore, I would like to invite you to our special chapel dedication on **Sunday, June 11**, at **10:00am**. We will gather outside at the chapel between worship services that day to dedicate the space to the glory of God with music, prayer, and refreshments.

The chapel area includes a small shelter, 24 benches, a fire pit, and an altar (currently under construction). The chapel will be used for outdoor worship services, gatherings for different ministry groups, and a place for prayer. The chapel was built in memory of Paul Coleman, who loved outdoor ministry. Please join us for this special celebration.



In God's Service,

Pastor Bill Feyn

Pastor Bill

Children's Ministry

Christian Education

Nursery: Open at both services for children birth – 3-years-old.

Youth and adults are welcome to serve in the nursery. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Rebekah Bajwa.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Confirmation:

CY3 Students: Paper Presentation 6/3 at 7pm ; Confirmation 6/4 at 11am Worship

YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Mission Trip: Commissioning Sunday, June 25th at 8:30 Worship. We will wear our group shirts.

Pool Party: Sunday, July 2nd 1pm at the Sherwin's (260 Lancashire Run, Smithfield) This is for all rising 9th Graders and High School Students.

Fundraisers for the Youth:

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Yard Sale and Redneck BBQ Tickets Sale! Both events were a huge success!!

Scrip Fundraiser Scrip is a great way to help raise funds towards youth ministry. Every church member can easily earn \$1,000 or more for youth ministry by buying gift cards through us. BJ Johns is our scrip coordinator. If you want more information, please send her an email at bjkjohns@gmail.com.



Adult Christian Education: We are taking a break for the summer. We will pick back up classes on Wednesday Nights in September.

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 Janowksi at
bevjan41@gmail.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
Drfick1014@gmail.com**

SCOUTS

May was very busy for the scouts. The Pack's season is winding down as they take a break for the summer. They will meet a few times to spend some time together and have lots of scout fun. Troop 57 went to see the planes at Wings Over Wayne as well as working on their planning for the rest of the year. Troop 58 helped out at the Feed My Sheep Food Pantry here in Clayton. One of our Life Scouts is working on her Eagle Project, which is a donation drive to Harbor of Johnston County. Both troops will be celebrating Court of Honors in June to recognize each scout who has attained new ranks and earned new merit badges.



*"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?

For more information contact: Debbie Fick
919.632.3643 Drfick1014@gmail.com



We will resume meeting in September.
For more information and questions, please contact

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

"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)

1st Saturday each month from 9am-11am in the Narthex

Contact: Ralph Fick (919) 429-2301



"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



Wednesday Night Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped cook, prep, serve and enjoyed meals together with us. We look forward to dining together again in September.



"Coffee and Refreshments"
Sunday Mornings
9:30am-12:30pm
In the narthex

Needing Welcome Center Volunteers

before and after both services

8:00-8:30am

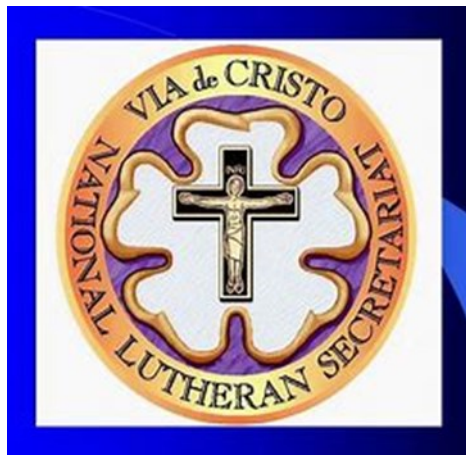
9:30-10:00am

10:30-11:00am

12:00-12:15pm

Please contact: Debbie Fick

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Ultreya
Saturday, June 24
St. James Lutheran,
Fayetteville 11AM – 3 PM

Mixed #107
September 14-17, 2023
Rector: Bonnie Clinton
Location: Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina

For more information [Eastern North Carolina Via de Cristo – Experience God's Grace \(encvdc.org\)](http://EasternNorthCarolinaVia.deCristo.org) or call Lizzy Coleman (919) 455-8788



Holy Cross serves the homeless in our area through

MATTHEW MINISTRY

We are in a need of the items below:

20oz Gatorade Bottles

Fruit Cups

New Mens white crew socks (all sizes)

Walmart gift cars and monetary donations are always needed.



Holy Cross offers online giving!

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





Holy Cross Prayer Ministry

2023 Year of Prayer

In June we encourage you to offer up prayers for **churches, missionaries, and the un-churched.**

Dear Heavenly Father, We pray for all of Christ's church here on earth. For unity amid diversity. For a hunger for following and preaching Your word and Your will. For a culture of disciplining which makes disciples is an everyday part of the Christian life. For it to grow in being distinct from the world in love and holiness, even as it engages outsiders. That it would be free from persecution worldwide.

We further pray for all Christian missionaries, for physical and spiritual protection as they live a life of following your command to "make disciples of all nations". Send the Holy Spirit to work through them daily. We also pray for the unchurched. We know your heart yearns to have all your children in your flock, we pray you will send someone to reach each and every unchurched person with the good news of Jesus Christ that they may believe and have eternal life in your glorious presence. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



We are taking a break for the summer and will resume in September. Please watch for the August newsletter for more details.



Older and Wiser Lutherans The OWLs

We will meet **Saturday, June 17th, starting at 6 p.m.** For Dinner at Lane's Seafood & Steakhouse Restaurant (275 Bowling Spring Dr., Angier, NC - 8 miles north of Benson, I-40, Exit 319). Prices on Website lists senior prices from approx \$11.50 to \$23.00. Please email number of people attending to Joyce Ray no later than **June 4th** so that I may give an accurate count to the restaurant.

Our Seniors, 50 years and older, meet monthly for fellowship. For more information, please contact Joyce & Dennis Ray at jray003@nc.rr.com or 919.763.0668

Stephen Ministry

A caring ministry.

We have trained women who enjoy helping others in the name of Jesus. These ladies share Christ's love to individuals through listening, reflecting, praying and asking questions.

If you think it would be beneficial to talk something out, please contact Rebekah Bajwa to be partnered up with one of our Stephen Ministers.



We are praying for—Those receiving cancer care:

- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Chuck Munson
- ♥ Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
- ♥ Cora Lee, niece of Carrie Benner

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Ursula Fick
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Michelle Penland
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Dennis Reese
- ♥ Garry Bleeker
- ♥ Eric Roeser
- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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
- ♥ 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 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
- ♥ Jim Scroggs, son of Jeanie Scroggs
- ♥ Shawn Roeser, son of Julie & Eric Roeser
- ♥ David Aitken, brother of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Virginia, sister of Lizy Coleman



LWML Retreat



We had a great time at the LWML annual retreat. The theme was Never Stop Growing and was led by Judy Hoffman.



Save the Dates

- General Meeting 9/13/23
- Craft Fair 11/18/23
- Christmas Luncheon 12/3/23

We will be serving the first Wednesday night dinner to members of the church. If you are interested in helping to organize the dinner being served 9/13/23, please contact Val.



Follow us on Facebook @

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



Join us for a **roaring** good time this summer at Vacation Bible School
June 12-16, 2023
9:00-12:00

Register at holycrossclsyton.com **OR**



If you would like to help with snack supplies, sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/41qsTIO> **OR**





Your Ministry Team



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Vital Stats

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person/Online Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
4/2	267 (131 & 136)	\$12,338
4/6 (M. Thurs.)	143	\$ 1,923
4/7 (G. Fri.)	200	\$ 2,297
4/9 (Easter)	550 (103, 240, 207)	\$13,110
4/16	223 (112 & 111)	\$ 6,327
4/23	274 (154 & 122)	\$ 6,869
4/30	209 (109 & 100)	\$10,717
Direct Deposit Offerings (April)		<u>\$ 8,840</u>
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$62,421
Total offerings received thru 4/30/23:		\$205,824
Total projected offerings thru 4/30/23:		\$204,570
Avg. weekly offerings 18 weeks 2022:		\$ 10,991
Avg. weekly offerings 18 weeks 2023:		\$ 11,435
Avg. weekly attendance 18 weeks 2022:	222	
Avg. weekly attendance 18 weeks 2023:	268	

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$ 610
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 535
Backpack Buddies	\$ 50
Outdoor Chapel	\$ 90
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,100
Youth	\$ 200
iChoose	\$ 50

2023 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 1,000
Southeastern District – LCMS:	\$12,750