

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

AUGUST 2026

Monthly Newsletter

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00AM



MISSION FAIR

Meet the missionaries your Southeastern District supports.



Rev. Ted Krey

Regional Director of Latin America and the Caribbean

Learn about mission strategy in Latin America



Rev. James Sharp

Latin America Area Facilitator

Hear about District supported mission work in Peru



Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon

Southeastern District President

Discover mission efforts from South Carolina to Maryland

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2920 Veterans Pkwy, Clayton, NC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 10 AM – 3 PM

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| 10:00 a.m. | Opening Prayer |
| 10:15 a.m. | Plenary 1 – <i>Rev. Ted Krey</i> |
| 11:15 a.m. | Plenary 2 – <i>Rev. James Sharp</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. | Free Lunch Provided |
| 1:00 p.m. | Break Out Sessions |
| 2:00 p.m. | Plenary 3 – <i>President Bill Harmon</i> |
| 2:45 p.m. | Closing Remarks |

Discover how God is changing lives around the world!

RSVP

Please sign up for the event by **August 23rd** by

Scanning the QR Code below, clicking on the link

<https://bit.ly/4gSASth>

or on the bulletin board across from Pastor Bill's office.



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FAMILY & YOUTH

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Summer Pool Parties!** Bring a dish to share. We will grill hotdogs and have the fixin's.
Sunday, August 23rd @ 1PM
The Kelsay Cabana. 44 Annandale Drive, Clayton.
- **FUNDRAISER:** Heading to a concert this summer at Coastal Credit Union Music Park?? Please buy your beverages and snacks at the Market on the West Side. You'll see some of our parents working to raise funds for the Gathering 2028, and for Youth Ministry.

Children's Ministry

- **Children's Church:** During 8:30 am worship, after the Children's Message.
- **L.I.F.T. Kids will start 9/9 at a new time 6:30pm-7:30pm.** L.I.F.T. Kids is for children Pre K4-5th Grade. Please register your child (ren) before August 30th.

[Click Here](#)

CONFIRMATION

- **ATTN RISING 6th GRADE STUDENTS:** It's time to register for Confirmation. Registration is open Now through August 31st. [Click Here!](#)
- **CONFIRMATION PARENT & STUDENT MEETING: Sunday, Aug. 30th** @ 10:00 AM in Classroom 1. If you cannot be there but plan on participating in confirmation, please email Rebekah.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, @10:30am

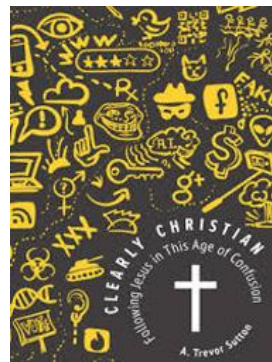


"Luke-Your Heritage, Your Story"

The Gospel of Luke is the most thorough historical account of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of

Jesus. It is the only Gospel that contains the stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, and Zacchaeus. Luke also takes special note of the importance of women in telling the story of Jesus: Elizabeth, Mary (the mother of Jesus), Mary & Martha, and many others. The book is written like a letter from a good friend who wants you to know about your heritage and the mission of the church.

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, @6:30pm



"Clearly Christian" Following Jesus in this Age of Confusion

One word that we could use to describe the essence of modern life would be "confusion." We have an excess of many things – gadgets, technology,

information, and memes – but nothing is more abundant than confusion. This confusion also seeps into the Christian faith. Non-Christians look at Christianity through layers of misinformation, and even Christians can get lost in a fog of opinions mixed with truth, confused about what they believe. In this study we will seek to dispel the falsehoods about Christianity and see more clearly how our world needs the real love and forgiveness of God.



HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY

“YEAR OF PRAYER 2026”

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. Together with PASTOR Bill, we are declaring 2026 to be another “**YEAR of PRAYER**”

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

In this stressful time of division, turmoil and great uncertainty PRAYER is as important than ever AND is one thing we all can and should do. 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.

PRIORITIZE - Set a time to do this EVERY DAY, with your whole family.

Here is an idea of what You might PRAY this month!

Dear Heavenly Father,

As a new school year begins, with much uncertainty and concern over protection from the evils of this world, 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 also 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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

POLENTA ELEMENTARY

Bubbles
Board Games
Chalk
Foam Footballs
Play doh
Soccer Balls
Kick Balls
Set of Bases
Hula Hoops
Jump Ropes
Gaga Ball Pit

CLAYTON MIDDLE

Pencils
Pens
Colored Pencils
Calculators
Foam Footballs
Tissue Boxes
Soccer Balls
Kick Balls
Single Subject Notebooks
White Printer Paper
Erasers
Highlighters

CLAYTON HIGH

White Printer Paper
Pencils
Erasers
Tissue Boxes

We will be collecting items the entire month of August. Please bring your donations into the church and drop them in the display in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US



Surround yourself with
Deliberate Women...women who
live out their faith in God with
purpose and diligence... and who
encourage you to do the same.

"Ladies' Bible Study"

Sat. 8/1/2026 (9-11am)

Reese Hall

Debbie Fick, Coordinator

919.632.3643



Men's Breakfast

Sat. 8/1/26

Lobby Coffee Area

9:00 – 11:00am

Contact: Ralph Fick

919.429.2301



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

MEETS THE 2ND SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH IN
CLASSROOM 1.
LEARNERS WELCOME!

Contact Ella McBrayer for more
information: 919-757-7955



"Seasons of Life"

Support Group

Wed. 8/12/26 (11am - 1pm)

Church Library

Charles Lorton 704.779.1799 or

Edie Voorhees 919.915.0760

Helping Hands Ministry



"Carry each other's burdens
and in this way we will be
fulfilling the law of
Christ!" (Galatians 6:2)

Are you available to provide
"tangible" help to those who
have needs for meals, rides to
appointments, simple home
repairs, etc.

Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643
or Amy Smith (919) 820-5650



JOIN US FOR

GALATIANS

THE 3RD MONDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
@ 6:30 PM IN REESE HALL



Via de Cristo

We are taking applications
for the upcoming retreat
weekend at Camp Agape
September 17-20, 2026

Please contact Lizy Coleman:

lizy@e-colemans.com

Quilting Ministry



August 13th & 27th @9:00 AM in
Classroom 1

Join us the 2nd and 4th Thursday
of each month for fellowship
while sewing.

No experience Necessary!
Supplies provided!

Contact Dewie Francis: 919-302-6193



AUG 9
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

NOV 7
CRAFT FAIR

DEC 6
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



LWML ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Who: Ladies of the Church
When: Sunday, August 9, 2026
Where: Reese Hall
Time: 12:30
Please sign up on the LWML bulletin board.

Gifts of the Heart:
Backpack Buddies
Please bring shelf stable food

- shelf stable milk
- breakfast items
- can meat like Chef Boyardee
- cans of fruit
- can vegetable



Follow us on Facebook @
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwmlvents>



Grandparent's Day Celebration

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Luncheon in Reese Hall
12:30-2:30pm

Invite all Grandparents and make some
"very special" family memories, together!



Bible

READING PROGRAM

for more information contact:
Al Popilek & Lee Quast

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Jacob Boyd
Kathy Savoy
Rebecca Lavery
Judy Fowler
Mark Wilson
Margaret Lee
Connie Reid
Richard Lavery
Penny Schneider
Ed Leigh

John Miesch
Chuck Munson, Jr.
Dennis Reese
Bill McElwain
Garry Bleeker
Ernie Creech
Brenda Horne
Elisabeth Junker
Carla McMullen
John H. Wood

Caroline Schust
Joan Tucker
Carolyn Selby
Chris Urban
Duane Scheller
Linda McLoughlin
Kim Ruggero
Berta Hinton
Donna Gracey
Elizabeth Winkle

Ellie Shep
Traci Via
Eric Roeser
Julie Roeser
Nadene Kilburn
Jane Schoenberg
Ron Harrison
Bill Sessoms
Carol Matino
Brenda Gay

Tom Hansen
Connie Swan
Ron MacKenzie
Anita McFadden
Betty Lotter
Ron Smith
Amy Smith
Sharon Fox
Janis Alford

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECEIVING CANCER CARE

Tonya Gordon, friend of Diane Reczek
Judy Evans Stoudt, cousin of Doug Aitken
James Atkins
David Coleman, brother of Paul Coleman
Bill Berry, friend of Doug Aitken
Karen, friend of Elaine Reese
Candy Robinson, mother of Robin Oelrich
Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
Fred Oelrich, father of Robin Oelrich
Cora Lee Cox, Niece of Carrie Benner
Everette Kelley, child of a friend of Tara Webb
Janet Crowe, mother of Ed Crowe
Dave & Leslee, brother & his girlfriend of Cindy Barnes

Jennifer Hawkins, sister of Victoria Sullivan
Doug Anderson, friend of Frank Daughtrey
Cheryl Webster, friend of Diane Reczek
Sue Nichols, friend of Ed Leigh
Case Belsley, child of a friend of Tara Webb
Melissa Hulland, sister of Skip Hulland
Rose Harnois, friend of the Urban family
Michael Grannis, friend of Margaret Lee
Kay Beaulieu, friend of the Popileks
Chris Dennis, friend of Ed & Lesley Leigh
Rhett Turner, friend of Ed & Lesley Leigh
Laura, friend of Diane Wessel
Cherry Marly, friend of Jamie Brannon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS

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
Steve Estes, husband of Gail Estes
Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy, niece of Donna Steele
James Norris, father of Meredith Marsh
Danny McCarthy, friend of Michele Capozzi
Monica Clonts, sister of Blake Ball
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace, goddaughter of the Colemans
Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike, friend of Doug Aitken
Joyce Moore
Carol & Larry, friends of Jerry Benditz
Carlos & Tamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
Rita Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
Lucy Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
William Schramm, friend of Harold Winkle
David Scroggs, son of Jeanie Scroggs
Shawn Roeser, Son of Juie & Eric Roeser
Artie V., friend of John Lundoy
Al Barbour, cousin of Robert Bennett
Kim Welch, cousin of Jaime Brannon
Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider, daughters of Penny Schneider
Gail Estes, sister of Kathy Savoy

Amy Aldinger, friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
Betty Begg, friend of Doug Aitken
Peggy & Buddy Roberts, family of Ella McBrayer
Kyle, son of Amy McCormick
Andrew Buskey, friend of Ed Leigh
Tim Johnson, friend of Frank Daughtrey
Dorothy Connolly, friend of the Mackenzies
Christopher, grandson of Gail Fikes
Rick Santos, brother-in-law of Doug Aitken
Jimmie Walsh, son of Betsy Harsch
Tyler, friend of Karen Harms
Ryan Burda, son of Renee Stull
Tammy Christian, friend of Ed & Leslie Leigh
Colter Codwell, child of a friend of Ed & Leslie Leigh
Christine Batton, friend of Joyce Smith
Martha Gale, mother of Jamie Brannon
Brad & Cindy Zimmerman, brother and sister-in-law of Lizzy Coleman
Francine Harvey, grandmother of Arden Vessie
Clara Murphy, daughter of friend of Ginger Urban
Johnny Dildy, fiance of Janis Alford
Mark Sherwin, father of Mark Sherwin
Margaret Kohl, friend of Harold & Betty Winkle
Eric & Gianna Heiner, grandson & wife of Jane Wilson
Jenny & Anna Francis, nieces of Rick & Dewie Francis
Jamey Gilbert, friend of Jamie Brannon
Anna Goodale, goddaughter of Lizzy Coleman

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5 5:30 pm Elders Meeting	6	7	1 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study 9:00am Men's Breakfast (LOBBY) 8 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
9 OPEN ARMS SUNDAY 8:30 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 pm LWML Ice Cream Social & Potluck	10	11	12 11:00 am Seasons of Life (LIBRARY)	13 9:00 am Quilting Ministry (Classroom 1)	14	15
16 8:30 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 am LWML Board Meeting	17 6:30 pm GAL-atians (REESE HALL)	18	19	20	21	22 10:00 am Card Making Class (Reese Hall)
23 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 1:00 pm High School Pool Party (Kelsay Cabana)	24	25	26	27 9:00 am Quilting Ministry (Classroom 1)	28	29 10 am—3 pm Mission Fair
30 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am Confirmation Meeting 11:00 am Trad. Worship	31 10:00 am Mite Counting					

MINISTRY TEAM

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
6/7	327 (163 & 164)	\$ 11,805
6/14	308 (166 & 142)	\$ 8,347
6/21	329 (172 & 157)	\$ 8,507
6/28	302 (152 & 150)	\$ 8,486
Direct Deposit Offerings (June)		\$ 20,758
Total Plate/Electronic Giving:		\$ 57,903
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2025:		\$ 13,306
Avg. weekly offerings 26 weeks 2026:		\$ 13,823
Avg. weekly attendance 26 weeks 2025:		299
Avg. weekly attendance 26 weeks 2026:		317
Total offerings received thru 6/30/26:		\$ 359,416
Total projected offerings thru 6/30/26:		\$ 340,990

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:	\$ 150
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 290
Backpack Buddies:	\$ 600
Youth:	\$ 140
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:	\$ 800
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services	\$ 35
VBS	\$ 355

2026 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 1,500
Southeastern District (LCMS):	\$ 30,690

DID YOU KNOW HOLY CROSS OFFERS ONLINE GIVING?

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