



A Chat With Pastor...

Courageous Generosity

If there is one behavior that constantly surprises people, it is the act of generosity. At its core generosity is a lifestyle in which we share all that we have, are, and ever will become as a demonstration of God's love and a response to God's grace. What makes generosity real is our action. I think we all love to give, because it gives us an opportunity to pass along the joy of our faith in Jesus. There are six areas of generosity that I would like to focus on this year – Time, Service, Witness, Prayer, Love, and Finances – under theme of *Courageous Generosity*. Please join us for the following sermon series as we consider how we can be generous to others in response to God's generosity towards us.



February 11 – “Living Generously With My **Time**” – Mark 9:2-9,14

February 18 – “Living Generously With My **Service**” – Genesis 22:1-18

February 25 – “Living Generously With My **Witness**” – Mark 8:27-38

March 3 – “Living Generously With My **Prayers**” – Luke 6:12-19

March 10 – “Living Generously With My **Love**” – John 3:14-21

March 17 – “Living Generously With My **Finances**” – 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Crosstalks

Do you think it is possible that various people who were involved in our Lord's Passion ever had the opportunity to talk with one another about it? Could they have spoken to each other while the events were actually happening? Lent begins on February 14 and our theme for our midweek Lenten worship services will be “Crosstalks.” During these services we will listen in on conversations from people whose lives were touched and changed by the crucifixion of Jesus. On the following dates we will hear from:

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – Malchus & Andrew

Wednesday, February 21 – Barabbas & Caiphas

Wednesday, February 28 – Pontius Pilate & His Wife

Wednesday, March 6 – Simon of Cyrene & The Centurion

Wednesday, March 13 – Two Thieves

Wednesday, March 20 – Mary & John

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – Judas

Good Friday, March 29 – Joseph of Arimathea

There will be two worship services on Ash Wednesday at 5:00pm and 7:00pm, in which ashes will be placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross to remind us of our sinfulness. Worship will take place on the other dates at 7:00pm and *dinner* will be offered every Wednesday from 5:45pm – 6:30pm.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill Beyer

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Children's Ministry

Christian Education

- **Wed. Education 6:45-7:30pm:** Children meet in classrooms 4 & 5. All children are welcome to join and participate Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Children younger will need to be in the nursery
- **Sign-up you family to join us for dinner.** <https://bit.ly/41odkCQ>
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message. The children follow the cross out of Worship to the Music Room for a service on their level. The children are brought back to Worship during Sharing the Peace.
- **Nursery:** · Nursery: Open at both services on Sunday, and during Lenten Services for children birth – 3-years-old.
- **Nursery volunteers:** volunteers are needed to help in the nursery on the 4th and 5th Sundays every month. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information please contact Rebekah at Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

 [holycrossyouth](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossyouth)

Confirmation: Wednesdays

- **CY1, CY2, CY3 Students:** Attend Class on Wednesdays 6:45-7:30PM.
- **Family Dinner** will be from 5:45pm – 6:30pm in Reese Hall. Sign up here <https://bit.ly/41odkCQ>
- Starting **Ash Wednesday 2/14** fill out Sermon Notes during Lenten Services 7pm – 7:30pm. Turn the notes in on Rebekah's Desk.

Youth Ministry

- Youth Group on Wednesday's from 6:45pm – 7:30pm. Until Ash Wednesday 2/14. Then please join us for our Lenten Worship from 7pm – 7:30pm.
- **Mission Trip Participants:** Near the end of the month please check your email for an update on meetings and fundraisers.

Fundraisers for the Youth:

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.



Moms in Prayer meet every Tuesday at 7:30 via zoom. Contact Lizy Coleman for more info and the Zoom link at 919-455-8788 or e-colemans.com

thank you

Diane Reczek wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and well wishes throughout her knee surgery and recovery.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our prayer team, please email Berta Hinton at Berta37@msn.com



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, moving help, etc. **Contact:** Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643 or Marvin Fordham (919) 219-0982

"Seasons of Life" ~ a journey through grief!

Our next Lunch/Meeting is scheduled for Wed. 2/12/24, 11:00am - 1:00pm Classroom #1

~ Lunch and drinks are provided ~

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



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.



Holy Cross offers online giving!

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

"Ladies' Evening Bible Study"

1st Thursday of each month
7:00 - 8:30pm Church Library
Debbie Fick, Coordinator (919) 632-3643



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.

Quilting Group



Our quilting meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday every month, from 9am-11:30am in classroom 1.

Please contact Dewie Francis for more info and to be included in the group reminders.

Dewie.francis2@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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Holy Cross "shared the warmth" in November by delivering 50+ blankets and shawls to area nursing care facilities, the Cancer Center near the church, and the Hospice House in Smithfield.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us for fun together on February 10th from 10:00am until noon in Room #1. We will meet every second Saturday after that through May!

Questions?? Contact Joan Neuner via voice or text at 919-412-2064 or email at wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com.

HOLY CROSS serves the homeless in our area through MATTHEW Ministry

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

Beanie Wienies

Cans of Soup or Chili



Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.

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



Older and Wiser Lutherans The OWLs

Debra Rayter will now be leading our OWL's group. Several fun activities are being planned and we would love to have you join us.

Contact Debra at 585-530-9839 or at jardes2433@gmail.com

SCOUTS

This winter has been packed with fun scouting events. Troop 58 attended a winter

camp right after Christmas. They did a polar plunge and enjoyed lots of fun activities.

February sees both Troop 57 and Troop 58 going on a ski trip and going to our council's winter extravaganza, The Freezaree. The pack is working hard getting ready to battle is out at the Pinewood Derby. Are you wondering when is the best time to join scouting? The answer is anytime your child 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!



For children 5-11 reach out to Robin at:

robin.oelrich@gmail.com,

for boys 12-18 reach out to Delton Blanchard at: smtroop57@gmail.com.

For girls 12-18 reach out to Angela Post at: troop58clayton@gmail.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

HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY

“YEAR of PRAYER 2024”



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.

In February we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for ‘enemies’

We have ALL been hurt by others and it is difficult but JESUS calls us to PRAY for them.

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

JESUS, Prince of Peace, you have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who have hurt us in any way. I can’t do it on my own, I need YOUR help. YOU know the misunderstandings that exist between myself and certain people. Harsh words and thoughtless actions have been exchanged.

I do not pray for YOU to change them, BUT instead to 1stchange me. Thank YOU for YOUR example when YOU cried, “Father forgive them...” from the cross, as YOU were dying not only for me, BUT for everyone, even those who have hurt me. Forgive my enemies Lord and all those who have tried to hurt or have harmed me. Look down in pity on all those who I term “enemies” and give me the grace to show them the love of Christ in my actions and attitudes towards them. **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**



A big THANK YOU to all the ladies that served on LWML Sunday!!!



MARCH MITE MADNESS

We will be collecting mites coming in March.



Carolinas District LWML CONVENTION 2024

Women in Mission Carolinas District Convention
September 20-21, 2024

Guest Speaker: Deb Burma, author
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary NC

Save the Dates

- Women's Retreat at Camp Agape 5/4/24
- Craft Fair 11/9/24
- District Convention 9/20-21/24
- Christmas Luncheon 12/8/24



Follow us on Facebook @

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

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
- ♥ Ralph Souter, friend of Harold Winkle
- ♥ Tonya Gordon, friend of Dinae Reczek
- ♥ Leon Goldapple, father of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
- ♥ Reid Yaple, brother of Paul Coleman
- ♥ Karen, friend of Elaine Reese
- ♥ Mason Fanning, friend of Margaret Lee
- ♥ Al Carter, friend of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Gayle Keen, friend of Sue Beyer and Ellie Shep
- ♥ Terry Ward, friend of Terri Cochran
- ♥ Christy Dollar, Open Arms parent

We are praying for—Those with health issues:

- ♥ Ed Leigh
- ♥ Sonja Coull
- ♥ Jacob Boyd
- ♥ Kathy Savoy
- ♥ Rebecca Lavery
- ♥ Tom Hansen
- ♥ Judy Fowler
- ♥ Mark Wilson
- ♥ Connie Reid
- ♥ Margaret Lee
- ♥ Richard Lavery
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Dennis Reese
- ♥ Garry Bleeker
- ♥ Eric Roeser
- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ Brenda Horne
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Chuck Munson
- ♥ Bill McElwain
- ♥ Lorna Preston
- ♥ John Wood, Sr.
- ♥ John Salemo
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Mark Morgan, nephew of Tim & Billie Shank
- ♥ Linda Willians, aunt of Jamie Brannon
- ♥ Michael Costa, brother of Jennifer McNally
- ♥ Carol & Larry, friends of Jerry Benditz
- ♥ Marcia & Phil Riley, Blake Ball's sister and brother-in-law
- ♥ Carlos & Yamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Larry Wilkening, father of Dewie Francis
- ♥ Shawn Roeser, son of Julie & Eric Roeser
- ♥ David Aitken, brother of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Artie V, friend of John Lundoy
- ♥ Cora Lee Cox, niece of Carrie Benner
- ♥ Al Barabour, Robert Bennetts cousin
- ♥ Nancy Morse, friend of Ellis Shep
- ♥ Justus Epley, grandson of Manuel and Glenda Sainz
- ♥ Heidi Goldman & Gretchen Schneider, daughters of penny Schneider
- ♥ Ashley Stenger, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Deborah, daughter of Richard and Sharon Hoh
- ♥ Gene Gevers
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Cindy Zimmerman, sister-in-law of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Ervin Preston, father of Lee Preston
- ♥ Kate Loeffel, friend of Denise Sears

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Mite Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:30am Contemporary ● 11am Traditional Wo ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troc) 	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10:30am Pastor's Bibl ● 7:30pm Mom's in Pray 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm Family Night 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Ladies Evening E ● 7pm Praise Team Pra 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm OWLs Game Nigl 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Mens Breakfast
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Your Ministry Team



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Vital Stats

Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings
12/3	279 (145 & 134)	\$11,415
12/6 (Wed.)	170	\$ 2,035
12/10	255 (145 & 110)	\$ 7,084
12/13 (Wed.)	154	\$ 810
12/17 311	(157 & 154)	\$ 7,982
12/20 (Wed.)	250	\$ 3,202
12/24 (Christ. Eve)	631 (294, 164, 173)	\$12,011
12/31	248 (133 & 115)	\$ 9,550
Direct Deposit Offerings (Dec.)		\$15,947

Total Envelope/Plate Giving: \$70,036

Total offerings received thru 12/31/23: \$597,932
 Total projected offerings thru 12/31/23: \$591,000

Avg. weekly offerings 52 weeks 2022: \$ 11,519
 Avg. weekly offerings 52 weeks 2023: \$ 11,498

Avg. weekly attendance 52 weeks 2022: 229
 Avg. weekly attendance 52 weeks 2023: 264

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$ 550
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 235
Backpack Buddies	\$ 95
Youth	\$ 240

2023 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 3,000
Southeastern District – LCMS:	\$ 51,000