



Reformation

Over the past several weeks we have been working through our sermon series titled, “Living Truth,” in which we have examined some important truths in God’s Word. This month we will continue the series by looking at *grace* on Oct. 8, *service* on Oct. 15, and *generosity* on Oct. 22. I could have extended the series one more Sunday to October 29, because on that Sunday we will celebrate the Protestant Reformation which was all about the truth of God’s Word.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed a printed sheet of 95 statements to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany with the idea that hundreds of visitors would come to the church the next day (All Saints Day), see the list, and hear the truth about God’s free forgiveness. Luther had no idea that his hammering would get the attention of people around the world. All he wanted to do was to reform the Church from within. Luther and other reformers based their work on three main ideas:

- Word Alone – meaning only God’s Word is our guide for faith and life, not any human teachings or traditions.
- Grace Alone – meaning only through God’s love are we made holy, not through any human achievement.
- Faith Alone – meaning only trust in God’s promises, not our efforts, receives God’s justification (His declaration) that we are sin-free in Christ.

As part of his efforts to illustrate the truth of God’s Word, Martin Luther developed a seal which we have in a stained glass window in the narthex (lobby area) of our church. The first thing expressed in the seal is a black cross within a red heart, to remind us that faith in Christ crucified saves us. *“For it is with your heart that you believe...and are saved”* – Romans 10:10.

Second, the heart is fixed on the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy and peace. Third, the rose lies on a blue sky-colored background, to show that faith looks ahead with hope to being with Jesus in heaven. Finally, the gold circle reminds us that the joy of heaven is endless.



As we celebrate the Reformation at the end of this month, it is a good time to reform any areas of our faith life that need some attention. If we are absent from worship, if we have gotten sloppy in our “love one another” habits, if forgiving someone has become impossible, if prayer is something we squeeze into our schedule rather than it being a regular and essential part of our schedule (and the “if” list could go on and on), then we need to reform.

In God’s Service,

Pastor Bill Beyer

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Children's Ministry

Christian Education

Wed. Education: At 6:45pm in Classroom 4 & 5.
Nursery: Open at both services for children birth – 3-years-old.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Confirmation: Wednesdays

CY1, CY2, CY3 Students: Class at 6:45pm. Bring your materials.

CY1: Meets in Classroom 3

- **First Communion Instruction:** Fri. 20th from 7pm – 11:30pm
- **First Communion:** Sun. 22nd at 8:30 Worship
- **Save the Date: Confirmation Retreat: 11/10-12/23 5pm – 12pm**

CY2: Meets in Classroom 2

- **Save the Date: Confirmation Retreat: 11/10-12/23 5pm – 12pm**

CY3: Meets in Classroom 1

- **Save the Date: Leadership Building at Camp Agape 11/18 8am – 3pm**

Youth Ministry

★ Youth Group Join us at 6:45pm in the Youth Room.

- **Pumpkin Carving** the 25th

Fundraisers for the Youth:

Butter Braids: Go to <http://bit.ly/48k7p4J> and buy some today. The money raised will go towards the Youth Gathering 2025 and the Summer High School Mission Trip to Elizabeth City, NC.



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.

Widows and Friends

October 21st @ 10am

3rd Saturday of the Month

Contact Yvonne Chrisikos at 919-585-7216

"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



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

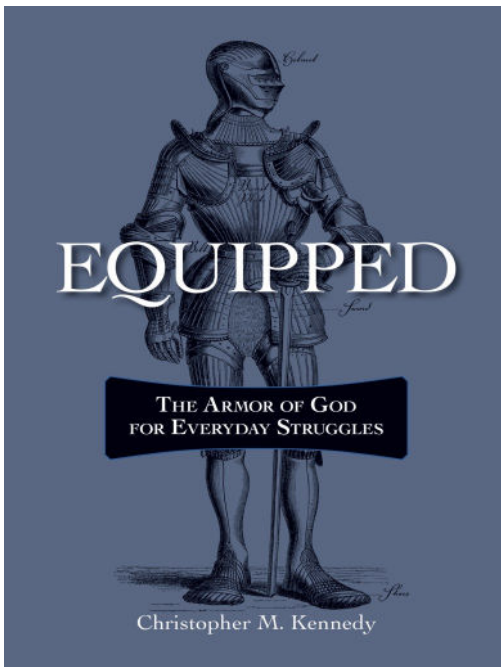


Moms
in Prayer
INTERNATIONAL™

Tuesdays @ 7pm
(on Zoom)

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

ADULT EDUCATION



Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles By: Christopher Kennedy.

The devil is working daily to make you turn away from your faith. Sometimes though, it's not in grand efforts, but in the small ones your encounter every day. The devil can work through exhaustion, anxiety, temptation, and frustration, all common daily occurrences. But God provides strength to battle the devil's ways by giving you His armor. Follow along in Ephesians 6 to see the armor God equips you with to defend yourself against Satan.

Each piece of armor—the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit—is given for you to defend yourself. They all help you in various ways during the day, such as seeing the truth through lies and walking with peace to keep stress away. Discover them all with Rev. Christopher Kennedy.



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 will meet **Saturday, Oct. 14th from 10am-Noon in Room #1**

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)

If you knit or crochet, or if you'd like to learn, we invite you to join us. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the emailed reminder list, please contact Joan Neuner at wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com or call or text 919.412.2064.



Announcing!!!

*Caryl Fuqua & Garner
First Ever Ultreya!!
November 4th 2023*

The Ultreya is open to the entire VDC community! Bring a friend & bring a dish to share

11am to 3 pm
100 Lochmere Drive West
Cary, NC 27518

Music, worship, sharing and food.

If babysitting is needed, please let us know.

Contact:

Lynn Hoffman
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Sue Campau
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Debbie Worden,
apexdebbie@alol.com

Holy Cross serves the homeless in our area through
MATTHEW MINISTRY

To serve the 20 men & women weekly, we are in need of the items below:



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**

Thank you to Joyce & Dennis Ray for leading our OWLs Group the past 17 years!

We are looking for someone or multiple people to become new leaders of the OWLs. If you are 50 years or older, please consider becoming leader(s) of this valuable ministry and contact Pastor Bill.



Holy Cross Prayer Ministry

2023 Year of Prayer

In October we encourage you to offer up prayers for **pastors and all church workers.**

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. Here is an idea of what you can pray this month:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank YOU for the men and women YOU have called to lead Your flock in YOUR CHRISTIAN Churches, here at Holy Cross and throughout the whole earth. Protect them from the constant spiritual warfare waged against them by satanic forces, cover them with the "Full ARMOR of GOD" according to Ephesians 6:10-18. Send the Holy Spirit daily to work in their lives, that they may always act in a Christ like manner and that their words may be the words of GOD not the words of man. Also protect them and their families from the physical dangers of this world.

Raise up people that will help share their burdens and let them feel YOUR love and the love of their flock EVERY day. We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN



Voting for the 2024 LWML Board vacancies was unanimous and the results are:

- Secretary: Linda Turman
- Hospitality Chair: Betsy Harsh
- Meetings Chair: Val Feick
- Communications: Donna Harlow
- Mites Co-Chair: Brenda Gay
- Mites Co-Chair: Sandy Nesselrode



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

INVITING ALL CRAFTERS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church LWML is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday November 18th** in Reese Hall.



Vendors are now being accepted. If interested, please contact Val Feick at wfeick@embarqmail.com

A big thank you to the ladies who helped serve and provide



Follow us on Facebook @

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

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE:

Sound Booth: help play the slides for in-house services and/or online services. We make the slides, you play them. Training provided. Please see Rebekah if you are interested and for more information.



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
- ♥ 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

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
- ♥ Maureen McElwain
- ♥ Penny Schenider
- ♥ Eleanor Shep
- ♥ John Miesch
- ♥ Dennis Reese
- ♥ Garry Bleeker
- ♥ Eric Roeser
- ♥ Ernie Creech
- ♥ Brenda Horne
- ♥ Connie Beal
- ♥ Beverly Janowski
- ♥ Chuck Munson
- ♥ Bill McElwain
- ♥ Lorna Preston
- ♥ John Wood, Sr.
- ♥ 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



The "Angels from Heaven" Ministry

We will be performing on Sun. Oct. 8th at the Landings Assisted Living facility in Smithfield from

2:00 – 3:00pm.



Join Churches Worldwide
Praying for Children and Schools

To bless our schools please pray ...

- **May Christian students, teachers, and staff stand firm in their faith** at school and in their homes. May they impact their campus for Christ this school year and witness revival and spiritual awakening. May God strengthen Christians serving in our schools so they will not be anxious, but filled with peace, trusting God and encouraging others.
- **Whether students are taking classes in person or online,** may they honor those around them, be diligent in their schoolwork, and stay connected with encouraging peers.
- **May there be unity and high moral standards among teachers, administration, school board, and support staff.** May all decisions be based on sound wisdom and discernment.
- **May God's hand of protection be upon the students, school, and staff** and may any plans for evil be quickly thwarted. Pray that all schools will move forward in good health and safety.



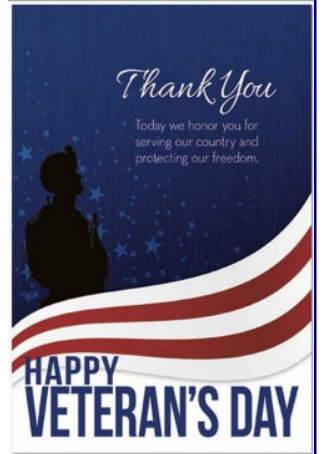
Sponsored by Moms in Prayer International
Bless Our Schools Sunday takes place at the beginning of the school year.
For more information visit MomsInPrayer.org

We want to honor all our Veterans here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with a very special Luncheon

Sunday, Nov. 12th in Reese Hall (12:30 – 2:30pm)

If you are a Veteran, please contact

Debbie Fick at (919) 632-3643



OCTOBER DINNERS

- 10/4/23- Simple Twist (Mexican)
- 10/11/23-Venero's (pasta in meat sauce w/garlic knots)
- 10/18/23- Jersey Mikes (ham & turkey subs)
- 10/25/23-Simple Twist (chicken)

SCOUTS



Pack 57, Troop 57, and Troop 58 are back in full swing for the fall. All three units participated in a Scout Fun Day to recruit new scouts. We all enjoyed getting out and interacting with the community. This fall is busy for all 3 units, They will be camping, hosting a merit badge college, canoeing, and attending our council's Centennial Camporee Celebration. 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 Paige Snow: paige@lotsofsnow.com For boys 12-18 reach out to Delton Blanchard: Smtroop57@gmail.com For girls 12-18 reach out to Troop58clayton@gmail.com



Your Ministry Team



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Vital Stats

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
8/6	205 (100 & 105)	\$ 9,775
8/13	304 (138 & 166)	\$ 8,311
8/20	235 (107 & 128)	\$ 6,418
8/27	268 (148 & 120)	\$10,404
Direct Deposit Offerings (Aug.)		<u>\$ 8,081</u>
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$42,889
Total offerings received thru 8/31/23:		\$389,043
Total projected offerings thru 8/31/23:		\$397,775
Avg. weekly offerings 35 weeks 2022:		\$ 11,260
Avg. weekly offerings 35 weeks 2023:		\$ 11,116
Avg. weekly attendance 35 weeks 2022:		218
Avg. weekly attendance 35 weeks 2023:		261

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$ 350
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 260
Backpack Buddies	\$ 50
Outdoor Chapel	\$ 50
Youth	\$ 100

2023 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 2,000
Southeastern District – LCMS:	\$ 25,500