

JUNE 2025

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Monthly Newsletter

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



On the first two Sundays of this month, we had the joy of seeing 5 students confirm their faith in God. Our confirmation students are a wonderful blessing to our church and I think Confirmation Sunday is always one of the most enjoyable and impressive worship services. The students publicly acknowledge the gifts of forgiveness, faith, and eternal life that God gave them in their Baptism. They promise to be faithful to God and to suffer even death rather than fall away from Him. That's an impressive promise! Just think, are you willing to conform your life to the Word of God, and in words and actions remain true to God, even to death? The confirmation students all answered "yes" to that question and to many other questions that were asked of them as they stood before the entire congregation.

CONFIRMATION

Class of 2025



**CARTER
SANDERSON**

JOSHUA 1:9



**LOGAN
SWEAZY**

JOHN 14:20



**JACOB
MILLARD**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



**LYLA
KUTZ**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



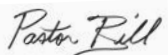
**KINSEY
SQUIRES**

PHILIPPIANS 4:1

What I find so amazing about confirmation is that it is a process and an event that you never forget. I cannot remember what I ate for dinner a few days ago, but I still vividly remember my confirmation instruction and my confirmation day in the late 1970s. I guarantee anyone who has gone through confirmation remembers the instruction, their teachers, and their confirmation day. It is truly something that God seems to engrave in our hearts and minds. I encourage you to ask people you know if they remember their confirmation. I promise you will hear some fun stories.

I thank God for the privilege of having a part in teaching our confirmation students and seeing them profess their faith before others. Thank you for the love and encouragement you give to our confirmation students throughout the year.

In God's Service,



Pastor Bill

FAMILY & YOUTH

SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Youth Group:** Goodbye Seniors! We wish you the best as you start a new chapter in your life.
- **Gathering Meeting:** Sunday, 8th 1:00pm-2:30pm. This meeting is for students and parents!



ATTN: ALL RISING 6th GRADERS

- **Please fill out a registration form for rising 6th Grade Students. The form is on our website and in the lobby. Please turn the form into Rebekah.**



- **Wed. Education:** We take the summer off. We will see you again in the fall.
- **Children's Church:** During the 8:30 am Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery: For babies 6M – 3-years-old.**
- **Young Families:** If you have a child Kindergarten or younger, this event is for you! Sunday 22nd 4:00-5:30 pm. We will have a pool party at the McCormick's. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Rebekah.



FUNDRAISERS

UPDATE

• YARD SALE FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Yard Sale! We raised \$3401.38! The items that were not purchased helped out the Vietnam Veterans as well as Habitat for Humanity!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE

Grow Spiritually
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

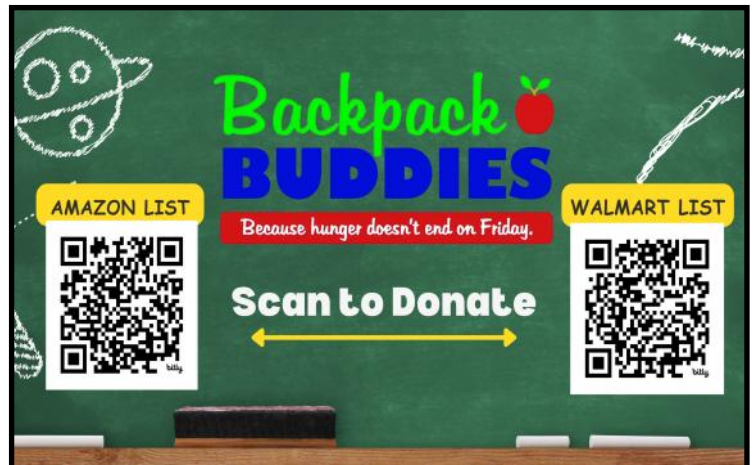


ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER?
DO YOU HAVE A CARING HEART?
DO YOU WANT TO HELP OTHERS, BUT
DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

WE ARE OFFERING A STEPHEN MINISTRY
TRAINING PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT
REBEKAH FOR DETAILS.

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM EQUIPS
EVERYDAY PEOPLE WITH THE SKILLS TO
PROVIDE EFFECTIVE, CHRIST- CENTERED,
CARING MINISTRY TO THE COMMUNITY.

REBEKAH BAJWA:
REBEKAH.BAJWA@HOLYCROSSCLAYTON.COM
OR 919.553.4784



Cancer Support Group

Meets the **2nd Monday**
of each month

Monday 6/9
Reese Hall
@ 6:30 pm

Contact: Chuck Munson Jr.
@chuckmunsonjr@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



HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY

“YEAR OF PRAYER 2025”

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 as a “Church Family” we are making 2025 a
“YEAR of PRAYER”

In this time of great stress and suffering worldwide PRAYER is as important as ever

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

**In JUNE we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for
“homebound & seniors”**

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for all who are homebound and may be facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that YOU would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them Your PEACE and comfort as they wait for the day that all their pain and suffering will be gone and they will be in Your presence for eternity.

We also pray for all seniors, those in our own family, our Church family and on all the earth. As life declines and energies decrease, more than ever hold them in Your hands, that they may always feel Your living presence, daily increase in Your Love and find PEACE in YOUR promise of Eternal life. Give them the strength to work in Your Service until the day you call them to be in your presence for Eternity.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

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

MINISTRY EVENTS

LIVING HIS LOVE



“Ladies’ Bible Study”

Saturday 6/7
Reese Hall
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:
Debbie Fick
(919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life”
our journey through grief!

Wednesday 6/11
(Library)
(11:00am-1:00pm)

Contact: Debbie Fick
drfick1014@gmail.com



MOM'S IN PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENT:

We will finish for the
school year on
May 5th and
resume after
Labor Day!



Prayer Shawl Ministry
2nd Saturday of The Month
(Library)
(10:00am– 12:00pm)

**“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)**

Contact Ella McBrayer via phone or text at 919-757-7955



OWLS & FRIENDS
A SUMMER PICNIC
Saturday, June 28th
2pm-???

125 Beverly Pl, Four Oaks, NC 27524.

Bring a dish to share. Hope to see
many of you there!

Contact: Debra Rayter
(585) 530-9839



Men's Breakfast

Meets the **1st Saturday** of
each month from
9-11 am
in the Lobby Coffee Area

For additional information
Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643

Prayer Requests

At Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing - whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart - we want to join you in prayer.

Please email your prayer requests to
GINGER.URBAN@HOLYCROSSCLAYTON.COM



LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

Please Pray For Our Holy Cross Family With Health Concerns:

Sonja Coull	Richard Lavery	Eric Roeser	Carolyn Selby	Berta Hinton
Jacob Boyd	Penny Schneider	Ernie Creech	Chris Urban	Betty Lotter
Kathy Savoy	Ed Leigh	Brenda Horne	Duane Scheller	Carol Matino
Rebecca Lavery	Connie Beal	Elisabeth Junker	Karla Bishop	Lorna Preston
Tom Hansen	John Miesch	Carla McMullen	Linda McLoughlin	Debbie Fick
Judy Fowler	Chuck Munson, Jr.	John H. Wood	James Lucas	
Mark Wilson	Dennis Reese	Caroline Schust	Lanny Scroggs	
Margaret Lee	Bill McElwain	David Lawrence	Kim Ruggero	
Connie Reid	Garry Bleeker	Joan Tucker	Paul Niewoehner	

Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross Receiving Cancer Care:

Tonya Gordon , friend of Diane Reczek	Candy Robinson , mother of Robin Oelrich
Peggy Davis , niece of Linda Beers	Colleen Gilmartin , friend of George & Donna Rossetti
Judy Evans Stoudt , cousin of Doug Aitken	Carla Barbour , daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
James Atkins	Christy Dollar , Open Arms parent
Pam Denning , friend of Candice Patterson	Angela Stancil , niece of Terri Pelle
Bill Berry , friend of Doug Aitken	Fred Oelrich , father of Robin Oelrich
Leon Goldapple , father of Jennifer McNally	Cora Lee Cox , Niece of Carrie Benner
Nathan Fannin , Margaret Lee's neighbor	Everette Kelley , child of a friend of Tara Webb
Karen , friend of Elaine Reese	Janet Crowe , mother of Ed Crowe
Mason Fannin , friend of Margaret Lee	Tammy Cochran , cousin of Annie Dull
Derryck Sauls	Donna Sappington , niece of Joyce Smith
Jean Barbour , aunt of Robert Bennett	Dave & Leslee , brother & his girlfriend of Cindy Barnes

Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross With Health Concerns:

Lois Lintner , mother of Madonna Bennett	Carlos & Tamy Garcia , friends of Sandy Nesselrode
Sherry Whalen , friend of Judy Fowler	Donna Cantarella , friend of Ellie Shep
Spenser Goldman , grandson of Penny Schneider	Rita Giudice , friend of Penny Schneider
Sandy & Bill , friends of Edie Voorhees	Lucy Giudice , friend of Penny Schneider
Joseph & Mary Littleton	David Nicols , nephew of Eunice Burch
Shirley & Brian Blatchley , sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain	William Schramm , friend of Harold Winkle
Steve Estes , husband of Gail Estes	Jim Scroggs , son of Jeanie Scroggs
Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy , niece of Donna Steele	Shawn Roeser , Son of Juie & Eric Roeser
Thomas Craig , brother of Caroline Schust	Artie V. , friend of John Lundoy
James Norris , father of Meredith Marsh	Al Barbour , cousin of Robert Bennett
Danny McCarthy , friend of Michele Capozzi	Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider , daughters of Penny Schneider
Monica Clonts , sister of Blake Ball	Nancy Morse , friend of Ellie Shep
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace , goddaughter of the Colemans	Margot Coleman , mother-in-law to Lizzy Coleman
Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike , friend of Doug Aitken	Kim Welch , cousin of Jaime Brannon
Tod & Karen , parents of Sean Pritchard	Kris Jaeckle , friend of Doug Aitken
Joyce Moore	Francis Larry Overby , friend of John Paul Keon
Matthew Marek , cousin of Robert McNally	Ralph Hendrex , father of Travis Bjorklund
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody , friends of Elisabeth Junker	Angie Bassette , friend of Jamie Brannon
Linda Williams , aunt of Jamie Brannon	Gail Estes , sister of Kathy Savoy
Michael Costa , brother of Jennifer McNally	Amy Aldinger , friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
Carol & Larry , friends of Jerry Benditz	Brian Cochran , brother of Terri Cochran
Mary Ruth Nicols , niece of Eunice Burch	Betty Begg , friend of Doug Aitken
Marcia & Phil Riley , sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball	Keith & Cynthia Brown , friends of Ed & Leslie Leigh
	Peggy & Buddy Roberts , family of Ella McBrayer

2025 June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Front Lobby) 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
8 8:30 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 1:00 pm Youth Gathering Parent Meeting	9 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group	10 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	11 11:00 am Season's Of Life (Library) 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	12	13	14 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
15 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	16 VBS WEEK	17 VBS WEEK	18 VBS WEEK 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	19 VBS WEEK	20 VBS WEEK	21
22 8:30 am Cont. Worship 10:00 am VBS Celebration (Reese Hall) 11:00 am Trad. Worship	23	24	25 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	26	27	28
29 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	30 10:00 am Mite Counting					

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Bill Beyer: Senior Pastor

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
4/2 (Wed.)	115	\$ 790
4/6	257 (138 & 119)	\$ 9,110
4/9 (Wed.)	122	\$ 1,073
4/13	366 (180 & 186)	\$ 12,347
4/17 (M. Thrs.)	141	\$ 1,364
4/19 (G. Fri.)	220	\$ 2,345
4/20 (Easter)	575 (81, 248, 246)	\$ 10,984
4/27	247 (147 & 100)	\$ 9,863
Direct Deposit Offerings (Apr.)		\$ 13,541
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 61,417
Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2024:		\$ 13,088
Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2025:		\$ 13,551
Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2024:	297	
Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2025:	302	
Total offerings received thru 4/30/25:		\$230,376
Total projected offerings thru 4/30/25:		\$202,742
<u>Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):</u>		
Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:		\$ 505
Matthew Ministry:		\$ 440
Backpack Buddies		\$ 250
Youth		\$ 270
Building Fund		\$ 8,010
<u>2025 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):</u>		
iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:		\$ 1,000
Southeastern District (LCMS):		\$ 13,954

**DID YOU KNOW
HOLY CROSS OFFERS
ONLINE GIVING?**

SCAN ME! >>>

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