

Holy Cross

Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

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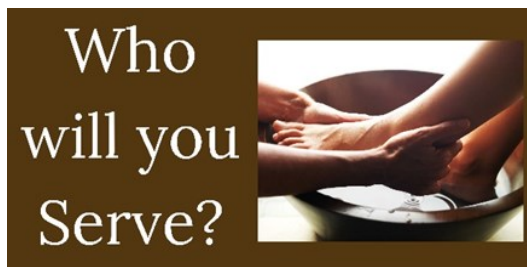


“Who Will You Serve?”

I always find it amazing how some people in the Bible had a tremendous passion to serve God despite suffering and hardships. Abraham was asked to give up his son, Isaac, in service to God. Even though that command from God did not make any sense, Abraham tied up Isaac and was prepared to kill him, but God stopped him knowing that Abraham’s love for Him was greater than his love for his son. Job lost his 10 children, along with thousands of sheep, camels, and oxen, in one day, but through it all he continued to put his faith in God. Paul

was beaten, stoned, and shipwrecked, however he viewed his suffering as a gift and was anxious to serve God.

God calls all of us to serve Him and each other, and Jesus demonstrated this service by healing people, caring for the poor, and giving His life on the cross for us. During this month we will begin a new sermon series on service titled, “Who Will You Serve?” and we will look at how God serves us and the different ways we can be generous in our service to God and each other.



June 2 – “Made For You” – Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 – “Serving With Hope” – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

June 16 – “Planting The Seeds” – Mark 4:26-34

June 23 – “Trusting Faith” – Job 38:1-11

Confirmation

What a joy it was on Sunday, June 2, to see 13 students publicly confirm their faith in God and promise to be faithful to Him. This was an exciting day as the students, after three years of study, service projects, retreats, and a final paper, confirmed the faith of their baptism. Please pray for these students and their families as they celebrate this special milestone.



Front row: Jadyynn LaGattuta, Zoe Skibins, Emma Urban, Brooke Simpson, Tommy Munson, David Lawrence, Daniel Pritchard

Back row: Nolan Jacobs, Rylee Elliott, Ella Boenker, Troy Sherwin, Hudson Benner, Ian Neuberger

In God’s Service,

Pastor Bill Feyer

Pastor Bill

OWL's at the Mudcat's Baseball Game



On Saturday May 25th, 2024

HOLY CROSS serves the homeless
in our area through

MATTHEW Ministry



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



SPORTS DRINKS

and CANS of

VIENNA SAUSAGE



NEW MEN'S WHITE Crew Socks



Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.



Save the Dates

- **Craft Fair 11/9/24**
- **District Convention 9/20-21/24**
- **Christmas Luncheon 12/8/24**



**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**



**LWML
Retreat
2024**



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Children's Ministry

Christian Education

- **VBS:** Thank you to everyone who has registered for VBS. Registration is now closed, but we are accepting donations through June 17th. They can be dropped off in the boat. Thanks.
- **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:** For babies 6M-3YO.
- **Wed. Education:** Will resume in the fall. Enjoy your summer!



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Confirmation: Wednesdays— Will resume in the fall. Enjoy your summer!

♦ **Congratulations to our Confirmation Y3 Students!**

Youth Ministry

Youth Group: Will resume in the fall. Enjoy your summer!



Fundraisers for the Youth:

Redneck BBQ Lab—TICKETS FOR SALE. Monday June 24th 4-7pm. Contact Rebekah for more information.

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.

**Together as a “Church Family” we are making 2024 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”**

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

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 loving 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**

Monday, June 24th
4-7 PM
You get: Pulled Pork, Slaw, Cornbread,
and Green Beans with each ticket.
Contact Rebekah for a ticket.

Tickets \$10



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



Cancer Support Group

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Join us Monday
June 10th @6:30 pm
in the Library

Contact Chuck Munson Jr.
@ chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com

"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.



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"

Our journey through grief!



Wednesday June 12, 2024 11:00am – 1:00pm
in the Library.



"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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry WILL NOT meet in June. We will resume our meetings on Saturday, July 13th from 10:00 until noon in Room 1. All are welcome!

"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 Joan Neuner via voice or text at 919-412-2064

2024 June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Confirmation Sunday & Trad. Worship	3	4 11:00 am Hannah Circle	5	6 9:00 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	7	1 / 8 JUNE 1st: 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
9 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	10 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group (in Library)	11	12 11:00 am Seasons of Life (in Library)	13 6:00 pm Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	14	15
16 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	17 9:00 am VBS	18 9:00 am VBS	19 9:00 am VBS	20 9:00 am VBS 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	21 9:00 am VBS	22
23 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am VBS Celebration 11:00 am Trad. Worship	24 4:00 pm Redneck BBQ Lab Dinners	25	26	27 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	28	29
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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 Yapple, 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
- ♥ Sarah Elliott
- ♥ David Lawrence, son of Brian and Martha Lawrence

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
- ♥ Carla McMullen
- ♥ John Wood, Sr.
- ♥ John Salemo
- ♥ Karla Bishop
- ♥ Caroline Schust
- ♥ 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 Williams, 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
- ♥ Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Deborah, daughter of Richard and Sharon Hoh
- ♥ Gene Gevers
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Margot Coleman, mother-in-law of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Kim Welch, cousin of Jamie Brannon



Your Ministry Team



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Vital Stats

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
4/7	245 (134 & 111)	\$14,153
4/14	338 (234 & 104)	\$ 7,840
4/21	270 (155 & 115)	\$ 6,480
4/28	245 (134 & 111)	\$10,099
Direct Deposit Offerings (Apr.)		<u>\$12,935</u>
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$51,507
Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2023:		\$11,435
Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2024:		\$13,088
Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2023:		268
Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2024:		297
Total offerings received thru 4/30/24:		\$222,493
Total projected offerings thru 4/30/24:		\$198,764

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$385
Matthew Ministry:	\$160
Backpack Buddies	\$ 75
Youth	\$125

2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$1,000
Southeastern District (LCMS)	\$13,680



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