

JUNE 2026

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Monthly Newsletter

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

On Sunday, May 31, we had the joy of seeing 11 students publicly confirm their faith in Jesus and promise to be faithful to Him. Our confirmation students are a tremendous blessing to our church and I think Confirmation Sunday is always one of our most enjoyable and impressive worship services.

The whole confirmation process involves many people and actually begins for the students at their baptism. When parents bring their children to church for baptism, they promise to raise their children in the Christian faith, pray for them, and bring them to worship on a regular basis. In order to assist parents, the church has designed a period of instruction to help students identify with the life and mission of the Christian Church. As the students prepare for their confirmation day, after three years of instruction, they choose a Bible verse (listed below) and write a paper on what that verse means to them. Please pray with me for the following students as they become more involved in the life of the church and grow in their faith:

Gianna Mae Migliore – *Isaiah 41:10*

Nolan Charles Vaughan – *Romans 5:3-4*

Evan Lee Roe – *Philippians 4:13*

McKenzie Kaidence Munson – *Jeremiah 29:11*

Evelyn Reed Zaske – *John 13:7*

Olivia Taylor Leerkes – *Psalms 150:6*

Remy Louise Few – *John 8:12*

Maxx Robert Bosnjak – *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Brayden James Millard – *Proverbs 14:23*

Luke Crawford Ellis – *Colossians 3:23-24*

Lukas Richard Benken – *1 Corinthians 15:56-57*



In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill

FAMILY & YOUTH

SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Summer Pool Parties!** Bring a dish to share. We will grill hotdogs and have the fixin's.
Sunday, June 28th @ 1PM. Sherwin Lake: 260 Lancashire Run. Smithfield.
Sunday, July 26th @ 1PM. The Urban Oasis: 1145 Fieldtrial Circle. Garner.
- **Mission Trip Meeting: Sunday, June 28th @ 10AM.** Meet in the YOUTH ROOM! **FOR STUDENTS ONLY!**



- **Children's Church:** During 8:30 am worship, after the Children's Message.
- **VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN:** VBS is the week of June 15-19, 2026. To Sign-up, visit the well for registration info.
- **VBS CELEBRATION: Sunday, June 21st at 10:00am in Reese Hall**



DONATIONS NEEDED

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15th-19th

Please grab a sheep off the display in the Narthex! Thanks so much!



Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Neil & Sylvia Brennecke

Nick & Cassie Bradshaw

Camden & Hannah

Zach & Angelina Harrow

Aria

Austin & Taylor Hettinger

Andrea

Jason Jordan & Kennedy Keer

Phil Loseke

Marty & Andrea Kerwin

Carol Mahoney

Kris & Wendi Massey

Jonathan Massey

Kathren Massey

James & Amy Moyes

Ben

James & Mirasol Orlando

Nolan & Megan Osborn

Jack

Russ Tvede

Traci Via



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 June we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “our government officials”

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have given us a great country, founded on principles and truths from Your Word.

We PRAY for leaders, men and women who will honor You, trust You, and lead us back to You. We PRAY for servant leaders to love the things You love and who care more about others than themselves.

We pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to seek and receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives. We pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives and for our Governor as well as all our State and local Government officials to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word.

We Pray further for UNITY of all Your Children in this time of turmoil and change. We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US



"Ladies' Bible Study"

Sat. 6/6/2026 (9-11am)

Library

Debbie Fick, Coordinator 919.632.3643



Men's Breakfast

Sat. 6/6/26

Lobby Coffee Area

9:00 – 11:00am



"Seasons of Life" ~ Support Group

Wed. 6/10/26 (11:00am - 1:00pm)

~ Church Library ~

Charles Lorton 704.779.1799

Edie Voorhees 919.915.0760



Calling all Angels!

"Angels from Heaven"

Dance Ensemble

Dance Rehearsal

Sat. 6/13/26

9:00– 10:30am

Church Lobby

Debbie and Ralph Fick

Angel Ministry Directors

919.632.3643



"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, your family or your friends, please fill out one of the Prayer Cards during the Church Service and place it in the Offering Plate. (They are in the Red Friendship Pad folders)



AUG 9
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
NOV 7
CRAFT FAIR
DEC 6
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



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

Please contact Lizy Coleman:
lizy@e-colemans.com

More information can be found at encvdc.org



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
2001-2026

Celebrating 25 Years

Save The Date Upcoming events

MISSIONARY FAIR	AUGUST 29-30
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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES	SEPTEMBER 19-20
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PASTOR MIKE MERKER	OCTOBER 11
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CELEBRATION WEEKEND	OCT.-NOV. 31-1
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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 WEEKS OF
Service

As part of our 25th Anniversary, we are encouraging everyone to participate in 25 weeks of service leading up to our anniversary Sunday (November 1). Therefore, during the month of June please consider doing the following things in service to God and our neighbors:

In the week leading up to:

Sunday, June 7 - Invite a friend to worship.

Sunday, June 14 - Provide supplies for VBS (see list in narthex).

Sunday, June 21 - Text a Bible verse to a friend.

Sunday, June 28 - Pray for someone in need.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY

*Sonja Coull
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
Brian Lawrence
Ron Harrison
Bill Sessoms
Carol Matino
Brenda Gay
Tom Hansen
Connie Swann*

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
Derryck Sauls
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

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
Shirley & Brian Blatchley, sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain
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
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody, friends of Elisabeth Junker
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 Lunday
Al Barbour, cousin of Robert Bennett

Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider, daughters of Penny Schneider
Kim Welch, cousin of Jaime Brannon
Angie Bassette, friend of Jamie Brannon
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 Lizy Coleman
Avalene, granddaughter of friend of Anita McFadden
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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 5:30 pm Elder's Meeting	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (LIBRARY) 9:00am Men's Breakfast (LOBBY)
7 9:00 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	8	9	10 11:00 am Seasons of Life (LIBRARY)	11	12	13 9:00 am Angel Rehearsal (LOBBY)
14 8:30 am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	15 VBS WEEK	16 VBS WEEK	17 VBS WEEK	18 VBS WEEK	19 VBS WEEK	20 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (LIBRARY)
21 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00am VBS Celebration (REESE HALL) 11:00 am Trad. Worship	22 6:30 pm GALatians (REESE HALL)	23	24	25	26	27
28 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am Mission Trip Meeting 11:00 am Trad. Worship 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Pool Party	29 10:00 am Mite Counting 6:30 pm 25th Anniversary Committee Meeting	30				

MINISTRY TEAM

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
4/2 (M.Thrs)	127	\$ 1,089
4/3 (Good Fri.)	210	\$ 2,301
4/5 (Easter)	586 (82, 249, 255)	\$ 16,399
4/12	295 (145 & 150)	\$ 7,341
4/19	328 (167 & 161)	\$ 8,981
4/26	256 (153 & 103)	\$ 7,117
Direct Deposit Offerings (April)		\$ 19,621

Total Plate/Electronic Giving: \$ 62,849

Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2025: \$ 13,551

Avg. weekly offerings 17 weeks 2026: \$ 13,789

Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2025: 302

Avg. weekly attendance 17 weeks 2026: 316

Total offerings received thru 4/30/26: \$234,416

Total projected offerings thru 4/30/26: \$222,955

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund: \$ 350

Matthew Ministry: \$ 485

Backpack Buddies: \$ 270

Youth: \$ 295

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$ 1,500

2026 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services: \$ 1,000

Southeastern District (LCMS): \$ 15,345

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