

Monthly Newsletter

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



Lenten Recovery Support – Camp Linn Haven

The season of Lent is a special time when we usually give up something as a way to remember that Jesus gave up His life for us. This past Lenten season (March 3-April 19) our church council decided to give our midweek Lenten offerings to Camp Linn Haven, our Lutheran camp located in the mountains near Boone, to help with the rebuilding of the camp after the destruction of Hurricane Helene. Our midweek offerings during Lent totaled \$11,055 and a check was sent to them to help with the recovery efforts.

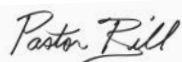
I spoke recently to Pastor Bryan Chestnutt, the pastor at Mountainside Lutheran Church located at Camp Linn Haven, and



he was very grateful for our donation, which will go towards rebuilding the cabins and helping to feed those who used to live near the camp, but lost their homes and everything in them as a result of the hurricane.

I know several of our members have gone to the mountains to help with the recovery efforts at Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church, as well as at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tryon, NC. Thank you for your generosity of time in going to the mountains to help, for sharing your talents in assisting people in the rebuilding process, and for your loving financial gifts which help tremendously with the recovery efforts.

In God's Service,



Pastor Bill

CPR & AED Training

Saturday, June 14, 2025



There will be a special CPR/AED/Stop The Bleed training session on Saturday, June 14, from 8 am – Noon at Holy Cross. There are only **5 slots** available. You must attend the entire 4-hour training block. The training will be conducted by flight paramedic Michael Gardner, who is a member of one of our Lutheran churches and works with our Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT) group. If you are interested please contact the church office at 919-553-4784 or ginger.urban@holycrossclayton.com

FAMILY NIGHT

SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Youth Group:** Wednesday's at 6:45 pm.
- **Senior Night:** Wednesday 14th. Join us for Pizza and a night of celebration as we say goodbye to our Seniors and wish them luck on their new adventures.
- **Gathering Meeting:** Sunday, 18th 1pm-2:30pm. We'll learn more about our Bible Studies, Travel in New Orleans and much more!



- **Wed. Education:** Meets at 6:45 pm. Our last one is May 21st.
- **Children's Church:** During the 8:30 am Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M – 3-years-old.



- **Please fill out one sermon note a month and turn them in on Rebekah's desk.**
- **Classes Wednesday's at 6:45 pm**
CY2 Classroom 2
CY3 Classroom 1



- **Wednesday @ 6:45 pm.**
- **The Book Of Micah:**

What does God require of us? If you ask 100 people that question, you'd get 100 answers. But the book of Micah makes it very clear what our job is while we're on this earth. Join Keith Garehan for this 4 week series.



New Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:30am

What did the disciples do after Jesus rose from the dead and then ascended into heaven? This 7-week study, beginning April 29, will go through the book of Acts to see how the disciples, along with Paul, carried out their assignments to be witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth. This study will look at how churches were started, including the joys and challenges they faced along the way.

FUNDRAISERS

UPDATE

• PINE STRAW FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Pine Straw Fundraiser. We raised \$4862.45! We could not have done it without your support. Thank you.

• YARD SALE FUNDRAISER:

Thank you for all your donations! The Yard Sale was a huge success!

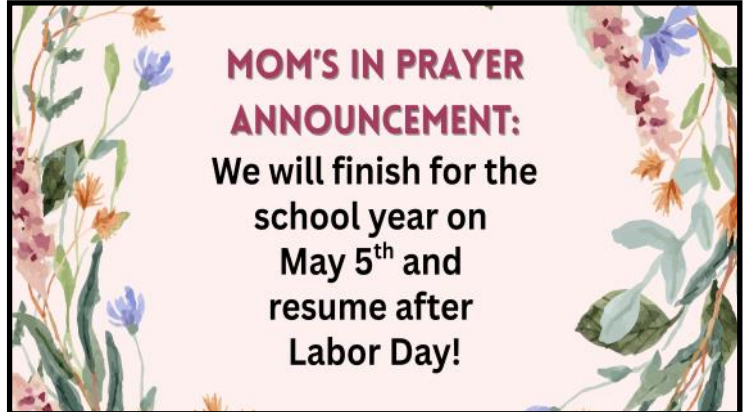
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE



YOUNG FAMILIES
KINDERGARTEN OR YOUNGER

JOIN US FOR A HOLY CROSS PLAYDATE, SUNDAY MAY 18TH FROM 3:45PM- 5:30PM. DINNER WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE RSVP TO REBEKAH BY FRIDAY, MAY 16TH. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR THE FAMILIES TO GET TO KNOW EACHOTHER.



MOM'S IN PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENT:
We will finish for the school year on May 5th and resume after Labor Day!



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

VBS 2025
JUNE 16TH - 20TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REGISTRATION
OPENS APRIL 1

SCAN HERE!



HEY Y'ALL!
(YOUNG ADULT LUTHERAN LIVING)

A CHRISTIAN SOCIAL GROUP CONSISTING OF PEOPLE IN THEIR 20S AND 30S CONNECTING ONCE A MONTH AND GROWING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACHOTHER AND CHRIST

KICKOFF JUNE 2025
Exact date TBD

Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp group or text Liz Cvelbar at 812-344-1658 if you would like more information!

YALL
WhatsApp group

VOTERS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st @6:30PM

To elect the following people to our church council and approve our elders.

President: Brett Jacobs

Vice President: Courtney Kelsay

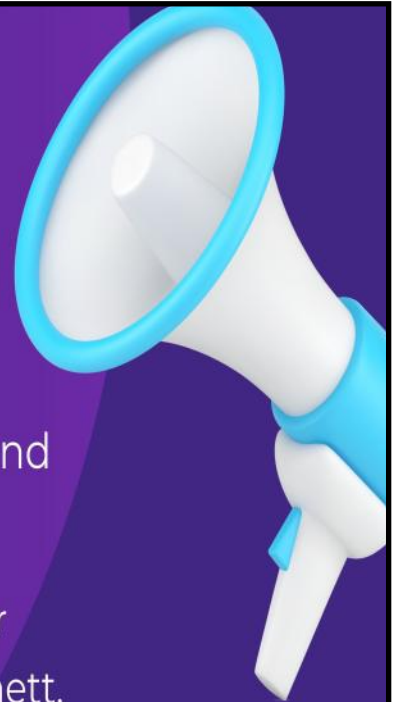
Open Arms: John Michael Harlow

Education: Tara Webb

Property: Marvin Fordham

Social: Debra Rayter

Elders: Robert Bennett,
Brian Lawrence, Gary Scrofani,
Mark Sherwin, Tony Swann,
Randy Williams



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. Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2025 to be another "YEAR of PRAYER"



In MAY we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for marriages

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

Heavenly Father, YOU have established marriage and the family as the very foundations of society. May we love one another as YOU love us.

Help us to see that marriage, the foundation of the family, does not involve only two people, but also YOU as the one who holds our marriages together. May we all recognize that and allow YOU to be at the center of every marriage so it will be as YOU intended it to be.

Protect all marriages from the physical and spiritual evils of this world that constantly undermine the family on all sides. Bless marriages that are in a state of crisis, especially those who continue to act like everything is normal. They need YOU, Heavenly Father, to rescue them from their despair. Please grant unity, reconciliation and YOUR PEACE in their home and ours, that we may be examples to the rest of the world.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

Together we are 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

WITH THE TEMPERATURES RISING, WE NEED GATORADE!

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

MATTHEW MINISTRY

AMAZON WALMART

Image shows a Gatorade bottle, a can of Campbell's Soup, and a can of Vienna Sausage.

Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

AMAZON LIST WALMART LIST

Scan to Donate

Image shows a chalkboard background with a drawing of a backpack and two QR codes for Amazon and Walmart lists.

MINISTRY EVENTS

LIVING HIS LOVE



“Ladies’ Bible Study”

Saturday 5/3
Reese Hall
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:
Debbie Fick
(919) 632-3643



“Seasons of Life”
our journey through grief!

Wednesday 5/14
@ PANERA BREAD
(11:00am-1:00pm)

Contact: Debbie Fick
drfick1014@gmail.com



Quilting Ministry **Thurs. 5/8 & 5/22**

We will be taking the month of
June & July off and resume
August 14th.

Contact: Dewie Francis
(919) 302-6193



Prayer Shawl Ministry
2nd Saturday of The Month
Room 1
(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



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



Cancer Support Group

Meets the **2nd Monday**
of each month
Monday 5/12
Reese Hall
@ 6:30 pm

Contact: Chuck Munson Jr.
@chuckmunsonjr@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 please email them to:
Contact: Berta Hinton @berta37@msn.com



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



OWLS & FRIENDS

Wednesday, May 21st @ 5:30pm
@ Panera Bread in Garner

We will each order our own food,
enjoy some fellowship, and discuss
ideas about future meetings.
Bring some ideas and your appetite!
Hope to see many of you there!

Contact: Debra Rayter
(585) 530-9839

VBS NEEDS TO BORROW: **OLD LICENSE PLATES** **& CARD TABLES**

Also, road maps that are no longer needed
that won’t be able to be returned.

Contact Donna Harlow with any questions:
harlow5@mac.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	Velvet Shank	Lorna Preston
Tom Hansen	John Miesch	Carla McMullen	Karla Bishop	Debbie Fick
Judy Fowler	Chuck Munson, Jr.	John H. Wood	Linda McLoughlin	
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	Cristie , neighbor of Annie & Scott 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	Dave Aitken , brother of Doug Aitken
James Norris , father of Meredith Marsh	Artie V. , friend of John Lundoy
Danny McCarthy , friend of Michele Capozzi	Al Barbour , cousin of Robert Bennett
Monica Clonts , sister of Blake Ball	Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider , daughters of Penny Schneider
Faith Hicks & her daughter Grace , goddaughter of the Colemans	Nancy Morse , friend of Ellie Shep
Heather, Charlie, & Joyce Pike , friend of Doug Aitken	Heidi Mayer , friend of Doug Aitken
Tod & Karen , parents of Sean Pritchard	Margot Coleman , mother-in-law to Lizzy Coleman
Joyce Moore	Kim Welch , cousin of Jaime Brannon
Matthew Marek , cousin of Robert McNally	Kris Jaeckle , friend of Doug Aitken
Rosie Villamil & Mahtob Mahmoody , friends of Elisabeth Junker	Francis Larry Overby , friend of John Paul Keon
Linda Williams , aunt of Jamie Brannon	Ralph Hendrex , father of Travis Bjorklund
Michael Costa , brother of Jennifer McNally	Angie Bassette , friend of Jamie Brannon
Carol & Larry , friends of Jerry Benditz	Gail Estes , sister of Kathy Savoy
Mary Ruth Nicols , niece of Eunice Burch	Amy Aldinger , friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
Marcia & Phil Riley , sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball	Pierette Van Wie , sister of Donna Ryder

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 7:00 am Yard Sale 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Front Lobby) 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
4 8:30 am Cont. Worship 9:45 am LWML Board Meeting 11:00 am Trad. Worship	5 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	6 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	7 5:45 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	8 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	9	10 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	12 6:30 pm Cancer Support	13 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	14 11:00 am Seasons Of Life (Panera) 5:45 pm Family Night 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	15 6:30 pm Parkinsons Group Meeting	16	17
18 8:30 am Cont. Worship 10:00 am Stephen Ministry 11:00 am Trad. Worship 1:00 pm Youth Gathering 3:45 pm Young Families	19	20 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	21 10:00 am Ruth Circle 5:45 pm Family Night 6:30 pm Voter's Meeting 6:45 pm Bible Study	22 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	23	24
25 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	26 10:00 am Mite Counting	27 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	28 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice	29	30	31

MINISTRY TEAM

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
3/2	316 (165 & 151)	\$ 13,805
3/5 (Ash Wed.)	238 (84 & 154)	\$ 1,946
3/9	264 (128 & 136)	\$ 7,713
3/12 (Wed.)	117	\$ 780
3/16	274 (156 & 118)	\$ 8,173
3/19 (Wed.)	123	\$ 1,123
3/23	284 (154 & 130)	\$ 10,277
3/26 (Wed.)	100	\$ 738
3/30	312 (177 & 135)	\$ 8,189
Direct Deposit Offerings (Mar.)		\$ 14,467
Total Envelope/Plate Giving:		\$ 67,211

Total offerings received thru 3/31/25:	\$168,959
Total projected offerings thru 3/31/25:	\$155,038

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:	\$ 1,440
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 595
Backpack Buddies	\$ 285
Youth	\$ 315

2025 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 750
Southeastern District (LCMS):	\$ 13,954

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