

# 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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A Chat With Pastor...

## Courageous Generosity

I hope you have been enjoying our current sermon series on living generously and on Sunday, March 24, our series will end with a special day known as "Commitment Sunday." On that day we will all have a chance to fill out a card in which we will commit to living generously with our time, service, witness, prayers, love, and finances in ways that make the most of every opportunity to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. The card will be placed in an envelope and during worship everyone will be invited to come forward and place the card in a box. The box with the cards will remain near the altar for the rest of the year to represent a commitment that is between you and God. Please note the following dates



- March 3 – "Living Generously With My **Prayers**" – Luke 6:12-19
- March 10 – "Living Generously With My **Love**" – John 3:14-21
- March 17 – "Living Generously With My **Finances**" – 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

## Crosstalks

Our Midweek Lenten worship series titled, "CrossTalks," continues this month as we listen in on conversations from people whose lives were touched and changed by the crucifixion of Jesus. On the following dates we will hear from:

- Wednesday, March 6 – Simon of Cyrene & The Centurian
- Wednesday, March 13 – Two Thieves
- Wednesday, March 20 – Mary & John

## Holy Week Services

### Maundy – March 28 – 7:00pm



Maundy is a word that means "mandate" and in this service we will remember our Lord's last supper with His disciples in which He created Holy Communion for us. We will hear from Judas and the guilt he felt from betraying Jesus.

### Good Friday – March 29 – 7:00pm



This Tenebrae service will go through the steps of our Lord's suffering and death. "Tenebrae" is a Latin word that means "darkness" and during this service the lights and candles will slowly be put out as a reminder of our Lord's death. We will hear from Joseph of Arimathea as part of our "Crosstalks."



### Easter – Sunday, March 31

- 7:00 am – Sunrise Worship (outside chapel)
- 7:45 am – Easter Breakfast
- 9:00 am – Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am – Easter Breakfast
- 11:00 am – Traditional Worship



In God's Service,  
*Pastor Bill Beyer*  
Pastor Bill Beyer

# Children's Ministry

Christian Education

- **VBS:** Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30 am 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:** Is staffed at both services on Sunday. The nursery is open during Lenten Services.
- **Nursery volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays every month. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information please contact Rebekah at [Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com](mailto:Rebekah.Bajwa@HolyCrossClayton.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

 [holycrossyouth](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossyouth)

### Confirmation: Wednesdays

- **CY1, CY2, CY3 Students:** Attend Worship on Wednesdays 7:00 -7:30 pm. During Holy Week attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- **CY2 & CY3:** Fundraiser: Sign-up to sell Pine Straw in April. The money will go towards the Gathering 2025! <https://bit.ly/3SVit11>

### Youth Ministry

- **Movie Night:** Passion of the Christ (Rated R) Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm. The movie is 2h 10m long. This film is rated R due to violence. Mel Gibson the director does a great job portraying the final 12 hours of Jesus's life. As it is Holy Week, I thought it is important to watch this film to help us see what Christ willing endured out of love for us. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Please sign up by Mon. the 20<sup>th</sup>. <https://bit.ly/42RLNdo>
- **Mission Trip Participants:** Check your email for our next meeting.
- **Fundraiser:** Sign-up to sell Pine Straw in April. The money will go towards the Mission Trip or Gathering 2025! <https://bit.ly/3SVit11>

### Fundraisers for the Youth:

**Pine Straw Fundraiser:** Saturdays, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost per bale is: pick-up \$5.50, delivery \$7.50, and spread \$10. Email Rebekah to reserve your bales today.



Classes pick back up April 10th, in Reese Hall.

## Adult Education





Moms in Prayer meet every **Tuesday at 7:30 via zoom.**  
**Contact Lizy Coleman** for more info and the Zoom link  
 at **919-455-8788** or **lizy@e-colemans.com.**

**Holy Cross offers online giving!**  
 Scan the QR code (with your phone's camera) or visit  
[www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving](http://www.holycrossclayton.com/onlinegiving)

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**  
 Rated R

**Sunday, March 24th at 12:30pm**  
 Pizza and popcorn provided.

This event is for High School Students & their friends and family.



Scan here to sign up




**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.



**"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.



**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.



**Older and Wiser Lutherans**  
**The OWLs**

Friday **March 15th**, 8:00 pm.  
 Comedian: Cathy Ladman at "The Clayton Center" 111 E. Second Street. Tickets are \$25.00.

Contact Debra at 585-530-9839 or [jardes2433@gmail.com](mailto:jardes2433@gmail.com)



**Quilting Group**


Our quilting meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month, from 9 am - 11:30 am in classroom #1.

Please contact Dewie Francis for more info and to be included in the group reminders.  
[Dewie.francis2@gmail.com](mailto:Dewie.francis2@gmail.com)



**"Seasons of Life" ~ our journey through grief!**

Wednesday Mar. 13, 2024 11:00am – 1:00pm





"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



If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us for fun together on March 9th from 10:00 am until noon in Room #1. We will meet every second Saturday after that through May!

*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)

Questions?? Contact Joan Neuner via voice or text at 919-412-2064 or email at [wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com](mailto:wolfpackgirl518@gmail.com).



## “Family Easter Breakfasts”

Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:45 am & 9:45 am

Reese Hall

RSVP: Sign Up Genius  
<https://bit.ly/HCEasterBreakfast>



Ralph and Debbie Fick, Coordinating

[drfick1014@gmail.com](mailto:drfick1014@gmail.com)

**MIEN'S BREAKFAST**

“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)”

**FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

1st Saturday each month from 9am-11am in the Narthex

**HOLY CROSS serves the homeless in our area through:**



**MATTHEW Ministry**

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

**Bring Your DONATIONS to the Church anytime.**

**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](mailto:Eagleprod@mindspring.com)



**HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY**  
**“YEAR of PRAYER 2024”**



**HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY “YEAR of PRAYER 2024”**

Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2024 to be another “YEAR of PRAYER”. In March we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “families & neighbors”

**May we LOVE our “families & neighbors” As we LOVE ourselves!**

Here is an idea of what you might PRAY this Month:

Heavenly Father, YOU have established the family as the very foundation of society. YOU have given us all the members of our own family. YOU know each of them personally and love them. Grant that we may each feel YOUR LOVE and share it with every member of our family. May we love one another as YOU love us.

You have instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves and told us that EVERYONE is our neighbor. Today I lift them up to your loving hands and pray for physical and spiritual protection for all our neighbors; those next door, down the street, in our community AND throughout the world. You know the physical and spiritual challenges they are facing, be with them and their families.

Many of our neighbors and family members may not know You. I pray that You would provide men and women of faith to share the Good News to those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Father, may they feel Your presence. Draw them to You, TODAY! Please grant unity 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 919-553-357.



## LWML Retreat



Join us at Camp Agape

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 9:30am-3:00pm.**

\$10 includes lunch and refreshments.

RSVP by April 6, 2024 on the bulletin board or our facebook page.



### 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



Follow us on Facebook at

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



**March Mite Madness, coming soon.**



**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
- ♥ Terry Ward, friend of Terri Cochran
- ♥ Christy Dollar, Open Arms parent

**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
- ♥ Kris Popilek
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Ashley Stenger, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Heidi Mayer, friend of Doug Aitken
- ♥ Deborah, daughter of Richard and Sharon Hoh
- ♥ Gene Gevers
- ♥ Elisabeth Junker
- ♥ Cindy Zimmerman, sister-in-law of Lizy Coleman
- ♥ Kate Loeffel, friend of Denise Sears
- ♥ Kim Welch, cousin of Jamie Brannon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 Mite Sunday ● 8:30am Contemporary Worship Sen ● 11am Traditional Worship Service ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troop 58, Pack 57,	26 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	27 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	28 ● 5:45pm 5:45 Dinner ● 7pm Worship	29 ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	Mar 1 ● 9am Men's Breakfast	2 ● 9am Men's Breakfast
3 ● 8:30am Contemporary Worship Sen ● 11am Traditional Worship Service ● 12:15pm LWML Monthly Board Meet ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troop 58, Pack 57,	4 ● 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	6 ● 11am Hannah Circle ● 5:30pm Family Night ● 7pm Worship	7 ● 7pm Ladies Evening Bible Study ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	8 ● 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 ● 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10 ● 8:30am Contemporary Worship Sen ● 11am Traditional Worship Service ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troop 58, Pack 57,	11 ● 5:30pm Council Meeting	12 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	13 ● 11am Seasons of Life Meeting ● 5:30pm Family Night ● 7pm Worship	14 ● 9am Quilting Group ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	15 ● 9am Quilting Group ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	16 ● 9am Quilting Group ● 7pm Praise Team Practice
17 ● 8:30am Contemporary Worship Sen ● 11am Traditional Worship Service ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troop 58, Pack 57,	18 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	19 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	20 ● 10am Ruth Circle Meeting ● 5:30pm Family Night ● 7pm Worship	21 ● 6:30pm Parkinson's Group Meeting ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	22 ● 6:30pm Parkinson's Group Meeting ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	23 ● 6:30pm Parkinson's Group Meeting ● 7pm Praise Team Practice
24 ● 8:30am Contemporary Worship Sen ● 11am Traditional Worship Service ● 4pm Boy Scouts (Troop 58, Pack 57,	25 ● 7pm Eagle Board Review Troop 57	26 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	27 ● 9am Quilting Group ● 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship	28 ● 9am Quilting Group ● 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 ● 7pm Good Friday Worship	30 ● 7pm Good Friday Worship
31 ● 7am Sunrise Service ● 9am Contemporary Worship Service ● 11am Traditional Worship Service	Apr 1 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	2 ● 7:30pm Momm's in Prayer	3 ● 11am Hannah Circle	4 ● 7pm Ladies Evening Bible Study ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	5 ● 7pm Ladies Evening Bible Study ● 7pm Praise Team Practice	6 ● 8am Pine Straw Sale ● 9am Men's Breakfast



# Your Ministry Team



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## Vital Stats

Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings
1/7	291 (156 & 135)	\$10,468
1/14	272 (152 & 120)	\$ 8,302
1/21	235 (145 & 90)	\$ 5,421
1/28	287 (138 & 149)	\$ 9,270
Direct Deposit Offerings (Jan.)		\$ 9,455
<b>Total Envelope/Plate Giving:</b>		<b>\$42,916</b>

Total offerings received thru 1/31/24: \$42,916  
 Total projected offerings thru 1/31/24: \$46,768

## Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Building Fund:	\$535
Matthew Ministry:	\$635
Backpack Buddies	\$275
Youth	\$325
Maureen McElwain Memorial	\$100

## 2024 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services: \$250