

SEPTEMBER 2025

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

Monthly Newsletter

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

NEW FALL BIBLE STUDIES

ROOTED & REACHING

**Wednesdays, Beginning Sept. 3,
6:45pm - 7:30pm**



Our Christian faith is rooted in six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Communion, Creeds, and Confession. In this study we will take a closer look at the meaning of these words we speak in our faith as listed in Martin Luther's small catechism and we will apply them to our Christian lives. Join us for some "R & R" on Wednesday nights as we reach deeper into our Christian faith. Led by Pastor Bill & Rebekah.

THE CHOSEN (SEASON 3)



In the third installment of this series, we will see Jesus healing the sick, preaching the Sermon on the Mount, feeding the 5000, and raising the dead. We will see His enemies grow more determined to silence Him, while His disciples struggle with their own questions and concerns about their Messiah. Led by John Michael Harlow.

LIFE WITH GOD (NEW MEMBER CLASSES)

**Sundays, Sept. 7 - Oct. 5,
10:00am - 10:45am**



Many people view the church like a grocery store. They come to church with a shopping list of things they want to get out of joining a church. The main concern of the church is helping people to come into a relationship with God, the owner of the grocery store, so they may live. This class will focus on the vision & values of Holy Cross and what makes our church different from other denominations. Led by Pastor Bill

GOD'S PRESENCE IN TIMES OF CHANGE

**Tuesdays, Beginning Sept. 9,
10:30am - 11:30am**



(A Study of 1 Samuel)

When we are going through change, sometimes we struggle and feel lost. But God does not leave us to figure things out for ourselves. He always comes to us to help us find our way through the challenges of life. Using examples from the life of Samuel, we will see how change often points us to Jesus. Led by Pastor Bill

FAMILY & YOUTH

SHARING GOD'S WORD

CONFIRMATION



- **Complete 1 Sermon Note** a month in person
- **Sign-up to serve** one Sunday a month let Rebekah know where you want to serve. Usher, Greeter, Sound Booth, Acolyte, Altar Guild)
- **Join us for L.I.F.T.** at 6:30 in Reese Hall on Wednesday's.
Breakout classes start at 6:45. Don't forget to bring your materials.



- **Family Night:** Starts in Reese Hall @6:30pm and then breaks out to the classrooms at 6:45pm.
- **Children's Church:** During the 8:30 am Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M – 3-years-old.

ELDER CARE GROUPS

Elders care for the spiritual wellbeing of our church. The Elders meet faithfully to pray for our members, especially those with health concerns. To better assist our church, they asked to form Care Groups. This way they can better pray for our congregation. Please look for their email later this month as they will be reaching out to introduce themselves to you. If you wonder who our elders are, please check the Staff page on our website.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Youth Group:**
Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Reese Hall,
Youth Room at 6:45pm

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE

Join Us MOMS IN PRAYER

Zoom Meetings
Mondays @ 7:00 PM
Starting September 8th

For More Info Contact
Lizy Coleman: lizy@e-colemans.com

Scan me



Meeting ID:
883 7635 2383

Passcode:
702958

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Saturday, October 18th
11:30 am to 3pm
at Holy Cross

We will start with a potluck lunch in Reese Hall, followed by worship then a time of sharing and connecting.

Contact Lizy Coleman or Donna Ryder with any questions

A LETTER OF THANKS

YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2920 NC Highway 42 West
Clayton, NC 27520



Heartfelt Thanks for Your Generous Support

Dear Friends in Christ:

On behalf of everyone at Mountainside Lutheran Church, again, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation in the amount of \$22,000.00 to help us help our neighbors rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. The damage from the flooding impacted our entire area.

Your support will go a long way in aiding our neighbors in their cleanup and rebuilding efforts. We are blessed to have caring individuals like you by our side as we work to help our neighbors in their restoration efforts. Through this challenging time, we've been reminded of the strength of our community and the many blessings God has provided us, including the helpers and tools needed to overcome this disaster.

We look forward to sharing progress updates and photos with you as we move forward and rebuild stronger than ever. Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment to Mountainside Lutheran Church to assist our neighbors. With your help, we are confident that we will emerge from this tragedy stronger than ever.

May God continue to bless you and our journey ahead.

Mountainside Lutheran Church


Glynis Burns
Administrative Assistant



Save the Dates

- **Craft Fair 11/8/25**
- **Christmas Luncheon 12/14/25**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

INVITING ALL CRAFTERS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church LWML is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8th in Reese Hall.



Vendor applications are now being accepted. If interested, please contact Val Feick at wfeick@embarqmail.com



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



HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY

“YEAR OF PRAYER 2025”

PRAYER is VERY POWERFUL.

Philippians 4:6-7 says: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”*

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

In September, we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for “homeless”

In this stressful time of uncertainty and fears over the Economy our homeless brothers and sisters are in a very vulnerable position, most services have been interrupted.

PRAYER is as important as ever AND is one thing we all can and should do.

Everyone is invited to join in. It is really simple!! You can PRAY from home, work, in the car, anywhere and anytime the Holy Spirit leads you to PRAY.

Your PRAYERS can be formal or even better just have a conversation with GOD,
after all HE is your Heavenly FATHER and BEST FRIEND.

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

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

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this land of abundance, hear our prayer for all women & men, boys & girls who are homeless OR hungry.

For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or in cars. For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime. For families suffering and even torn apart because they could not afford to pay the rent or buy food for the children.

For those of our brothers and sisters who are hot or cold, hungry, afraid and hopeless.

Father, place a hedge of protection around them and place people in their paths that will provide for their physical and spiritual needs. Let them feel YOUR LOVE every day.

We further pray for those of us with comfortable houses and beds that we will not be lulled into complacency and forgetfulness. Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless or hungry person we meet so that we may be **hungry** to answer the call to serve YOU by serving them, YOUR children.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

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

HELP US,
HELP OTHERS

MATTHEW MINISTRY

AMAZON WALMART

Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

AMAZON LIST WALMART LIST

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US

**SAT,
6**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00 AM Lobby Area

**CONTACT
RALPH FICK
919-429-2301**

**SAT,
6**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM Reese Hall

**CONTACT
DEBBIE FICK
919-429-2301**

**MON,
8**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

6:30 PM

**CONTACT
CHUCK MUNSON, JR.
chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com**

**WED,
10**

SEASONS OF LIFE

11:00 AM Library

**CONTACT
DEBBIE FICK
919-429-2301**

**THU,
11**

QUILTING MINISTRY

9:00 Classroom 1

**CONTACT
DEWIE FRANCIS
919-302-6193**

**SAT,
13**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

10:00 AM Reese Hall

**CONTACT
ELLA MCBRAYER
919-755-7955**

**SAT,
13**

Y'ALL (Young Adult Lutheran Living)

6:30 PM La Cocina in Clayton

**CONTACT
LIZ CVELBAR
812-344-1658**

**WED,
17**

RUTH CIRCLE

10:00 AM

**CONTACT
JANE WILSON
919-631-2628**

**THU,
25**

QUILTING MINISTRY

9:00 Classroom 1

**CONTACT
DEWIE FRANCIS
919-302-6193**

**FRI,
26**

OWL'S & FRIENDS MOVIE NIGHT

6:00 PM Reese Hall

**CONTACT
DEBRA RAYTER
585-530-9839**

LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Sonja Coull
Jacob Boyd
Kathy Savoy
Rebecca Lavery
Tom Hansen
Judy Fowler
Mark Wilson
Margaret Lee
Connie Reid

Richard Lavery
Penny Schneider
Ed Leigh
Connie Beal
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
Karla Bishop
Linda McLoughlin
Lanny Scroggs
Kim Ruggero
Berta Hinton
Carol Matino
Lorna Preston
Holly Tetzloff

Donna Gracey
Beth Szalecki
Betty Winkle
Ellie Shep
Eric Roeser
Julie Roeser

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
Nathan Fannin, Margaret Lee's neighbor
Karen, friend of Elaine Reese
Mason Fannin, friend of Margaret Lee
Derryck Sauls
Candy Robinson, mother of Robin Oelrich
Colleen Gilmartin, friend of George & Donna Rossetti
Carla Barbour, daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox

Angela Stancil, niece of Terri Pelle
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
Donna Sappington, niece of Joyce Smith
Dave & Leslee, brother & his girlfriend of Cindy Barnes
Traci Via, Open Arms teacher
Susan Schlotter, friend of the MacKenzies
Jennifer Hawkins, sister of Victoria Sullivan
Linda Kever, friend of Samantha O'Reilly

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
Linda Williams, aunt of Jamie Brannon
Carol & Larry, friends of Jerry Benditz
Mary Ruth Nicols, niece of Eunice Burch
Carlos & Tamy Garcia, friends of Sandy Nesselrode
Donna Cantarella, friend of Ellie Shep
Rita Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
Lucy Giudice, friend of Penny Schneider
William Schramm, friend of Harold Winkle
Jim Scroggs, son of Jeanie Scroggs
Shawn Roeser, Son of Juie & Eric Roeser

Artie V., friend of John Lundoy
Al Barbour, cousin of Robert Bennett
Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider, daughters of Penny Schneider
Nancy Morse, friend of Ellie Shep
Kim Welch, cousin of Jaime Brannon
Kris Jaeckle, friend of Doug Aitken
Francis Larry Overby, friend of John Paul Keon
Ralph Hendrex, father of Travis Bjorklund
Angie Basette, friend of Jamie Brannon
Gail Estes, sister of Kathy Savoy
Amy Aldinger, friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
Brian Cochran, brother of Terri Cochran
Betty Begg, friend of Doug Aitken
Keith & Cynthia Brown, friends of Ed & Leslie Leigh
Peggy & Buddy Roberts, family of Ella McBrayer
Kyle, son of Amy McCormick
Johnathan Reed, Open Arms parent
Stephen Bippes, brother of Wendy O'Brien
Robert Hosenfeld, brother of Jim Hosenfeld
Andrew Buskey, friend of Ed Leigh
Brett Springfield, friend of John Paul Keon
Mark Spinazzola, brother of Traci Via
Tim Johnson, friend of Frank Daughtrey
Connie Herzog, friend of Doug Aitken
Dorothy Connolly, friend of the Mackenzies
Houston Holcomb, friend of John Paul Keon
Glen Smith, brother of Ron Smith

2025 September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 LIFTed (Family Night) 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm LIFTed kick-off 6:45 pm Edu. Breakout	4	5	6 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Front Lobby) 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study
7 8:30 am Cont. Worship 10:00 am New Member Classes 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 pm LWML Board Meeting	8 5:30 pm Council Mtg. 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer	9 10:30 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)	10 11:00 am Seasons Of Life LIFTed (Family Night) 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm LIFTed kick-off 6:45 pm Edu. Breakout	11 9:00 am Quilting Group (Classroom 1)	12	13 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Y'ALL (Young Adult Lutheran Living) Dinner @ La Cocina Clayton
14 8:30 am Cont. Worship 10:00 am New Member Classes 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	15 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer	16 10:30 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)	17 10:00 am Ruth Circle LIFTed (Family Night) 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm LIFTed kick-off 6:45 pm Edu. Breakout	18	19	20
21 8:30 am Cont. Worship 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	22 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer	23 10:30 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)	24 LIFTed (Family Night) 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm LIFTed kick-off 6:45 pm Edu. Breakout	25 9:00 am Quilting Group (Classroom 1)	26 6:00 pm Owl's & Friends Movie Night Reese Hall	27
28 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Trad. Worship	29 10:00 am Mite Counting 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer	30 10:30 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)				

MINISTRY TEAM

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VITAL STATS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
7/6	263 (121 & 142)	\$ 12,627
7/13	288 (155 & 133)	\$ 9,089
7/20	221 (124 & 97)	\$ 9,030
7/27	276 (128 & 148)	\$ 8,358
Direct Deposit Offerings (July)		<u>\$ 12,071</u>

Total Envelope/Plate Giving: \$ 51,175

Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2024: \$ 13,046

Avg. weekly offerings 30 weeks 2025: \$ 13,238

Avg. weekly attendance 30 weeks 2024: 288

Avg. weekly attendance 30 weeks 2025: 294

Total offerings received thru 7/31/25: \$397,139

Total projected offerings thru 7/31/25: \$357,780

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund: \$ 1,750

Matthew Ministry: \$ 540

Backpack Buddies \$ 250

Youth \$ 330

2025 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services: \$ 1,750

Southeastern District (LCMS): \$ 27,908

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