



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

A Season of Resurrection

Have you had that dizzy, pollen in the throat, nose stuffy feeling? If so, it may be because the season of Spring has sprung upon us. New life is happening everywhere! There are trees flowering, birds singing, and buds blooming. This is the season of new life, and like the pollen it can cause us to find ourselves a bit foggy headed and disoriented. I imagine the women at the tomb were a bit foggy headed and disoriented that first Easter morning. They may have thought, "What? I thought dead people were supposed to stay dead!" It had to be befuddling to see their beloved Jesus, whom they had witnessed dying on the cross, ALIVE and speaking with them.

That is what our God does. God bewilders us with the beautiful mystery of the greatest party of the universe we call the RESURRECTION. God declares what we thought was dead as alive. God reaches into the "dead" places of our hearts, minds, and world and brings about new life and a new season for us to discover and thrive in the love we truly are surrounded with. This new resurrection life is what we will focus on here at Holy Cross as we move through the rest of the Lenten Season, Holy Week, and into the season of the Church Year we call Easter. This is our change of season, which like the pollen in the air, can cause our faith to sneeze a bit, can fill our lives with overflowing love.

This change of church seasons from Lent to Easter can be quite disorienting. That is why we focus on the core and central story of our faith this time of year. We focus on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, because it is the story that holds our life's compass true. It is the story that keeps us focused on God's unconditional undying love for us. I invite you to take time to read this central story which can be found in Luke chapters 19-23. Here you can see for yourselves Jesus' final moments before his death. Here you can see true love laid out for all the universe. I also invite you to join us for these special events that will help you to "orient" your life to this dizzying Resurrection season of new life.

We will continue opening ourselves to this new season with our midweek Lenten evenings with a meal and worship.

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Church Council

Chairperson: Joey Wagoner
Vice Chair Cindy Dancoff
Secretary: Jennifer Burgin
Youth Rep: Jillian Joyce

Lisa Crowder
Cindy Duncan
Tracy Goodwin
Daniel Hayes
Sharon Hovis
Chelsea Morrow
Joni Smith
Craig Taylor
Mike Wootton

Non-voting positions:

Treasurer: Toni Whiteside
Financial Secretary: Karen Hayes

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Chad Walker
Parish Secretary: Rickie Allen
Communications: Karen Hayes
Worship Leader: Wade Parlier

*We are a place for **ALL**, no exceptions. We think the **TRUTH** about **LIFE** may just be **LOVE** and **LOVE** may just be the **WAY**.*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

THE KNITTING CHICS/ANNA'S ARMY—Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM. Shawls are knitted for those in crisis and in need of a tangible symbol of God's love and care. Anna's Army knits shawls and blankets for children in crisis. Peggy Schronce is available at meetings to help teach new knitters.

SASSY SENIORS—Meets on the second Monday of each month at 10 AM. This is our senior group for anyone over 55 and still young at heart.

GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY—meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m. This Bible study is led by Dorothy Carsley.

HOLY CROSS BOOK CLUB meets every other month on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is May 28 at the home of Melissa Freeman. The book for discussion is Educated, by Tara Westover.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:00 or as scheduled by your chairperson.



Easton Tapp	4/1
Heather Huss	4/3
Regina Clewell	4/4
Lauren Sloan	4/4
Sophia Lail	4/8
Rya Little	4/9
Caleb Lail	4/11
Erika Crowder	4/12
Michael Hanner	4/13
Dean Whiteside	4/14
Lauren Barker	4/16
Mark Miller	4/19
Vivienne Hardin	4/20
Jillian Joyce	4/21
Breanna Tapp	4/21
Reid Wagoner	4/26
Jennie Hanner	4/27
Cindy Dancoff	4/28
Jon Whiteside	4/29
Cindy Duncan	4/30
Susan Townsend	4/30



Lily Taylor	4/1
Bryston Walker	4/1
Gabe Lail	4/2
Remington Gee	4/6
Sharon Hovis	4/6
Geraldine Sain	4/6
McKayden Tapp	4/8
McKinley Tapp	4/8
Dorothy Carsley	4/15
Dot Hall	4/17
Debbie Sigmon	4/23
Joe Gillelan	4/24
Noah Gillelan	4/24
Layla Clewell	4/26

An advertisement for Pushpay. It shows a person's hands holding a smartphone. The background is a mix of blue and red. Text on the ad includes: "Text holycrosselca to 77977 to give!", "In a move to support your generosity, we're implementing a new way to give.", "YOU CAN GIVE WHENEVER AND WHEREVER IT SUITS YOU", "Thank you for your support as we continue to grow and impact our community together.", and "Manage your account at Pushpay.com".

PUSHPAY

Three ways to give!

- To download app: Text "pushpay" to 77977
- Quick give without app: Text "holycrosselca" to 77977
- To give from your home computer: Go to www.holycrosselca.org, click on "connect," then click "give."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/07	9 & 11 AM	Lent 6
4/14	9 & 11 AM	Palm Sunday
4/18	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
4/19	7:00 PM	Good Friday
4/21	7 & 10:30 AM	Easter Sunday
4/28	9 & 11 AM	Easter 1

9 AM Service is Praise & Worship

11 AM Service is Traditional Lutheran Worship.

The Eucharist is served at both services every week.

MARCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
3/03	\$6,356.00	4,328.00	106
3/10	3,462.00	2,110.00	105
3/17	5,786.00	437.00	99
3/24	4,551.00	381.27	97
3/31	4,081.00	508.00	94
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Total	24,236.00	7,764.27	100 (Average)

Needed each week: \$5,492.00

Needed-to-date: \$71,396.00

Received-to-date: \$62,944.10

Year-to-date over/(under): \$(8,451.90)



- **Lisa Crowder** is taking preventive chemo treatments. Please keep **Lisa** and family in your prayers.
- **Shelli Hummrich** had her gall bladder removed. She has recovered well.
- **Bryston Walker** has selected UNC-Wilmington as his school of choice! Congratulations, Bryston! We are all very proud of you!
- Full-time Military: **Danny Nichols, Lyndsey Mendenhall Clark, Kevin Sigmon, Joey Stamey, Jennifer Regan, Jed Beam, Max Fender, Jimmy Angle. Others in the Military: **William Scronce.****



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2019 WEEKENDS

Mixed September 19-22

Men's October 3-6

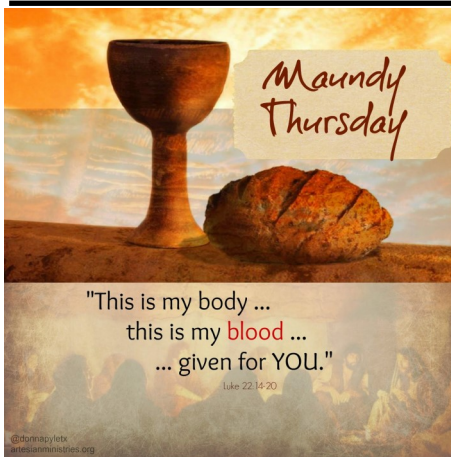
Women's October 17-20

Cost varies depending on campsite. *Holy Cross will pay the cost for all pilgrims.* After the weekend, if you can afford to reimburse all or part, you may do so. If you would like to attend one of these weekends or get more information, please speak with Pastor Chad, John Dancoff or Karen Hayes. You can also get information at www.wncvdc.org.

If you would like to help with the cost of sending pilgrims to VdC, please donate to the Holy Cross S.O.U.L. fund.



Our Wednesday night meals and Lenten worship continue on April 3 and 10. Join us at 6:15 and 7:00 and bring a guest!

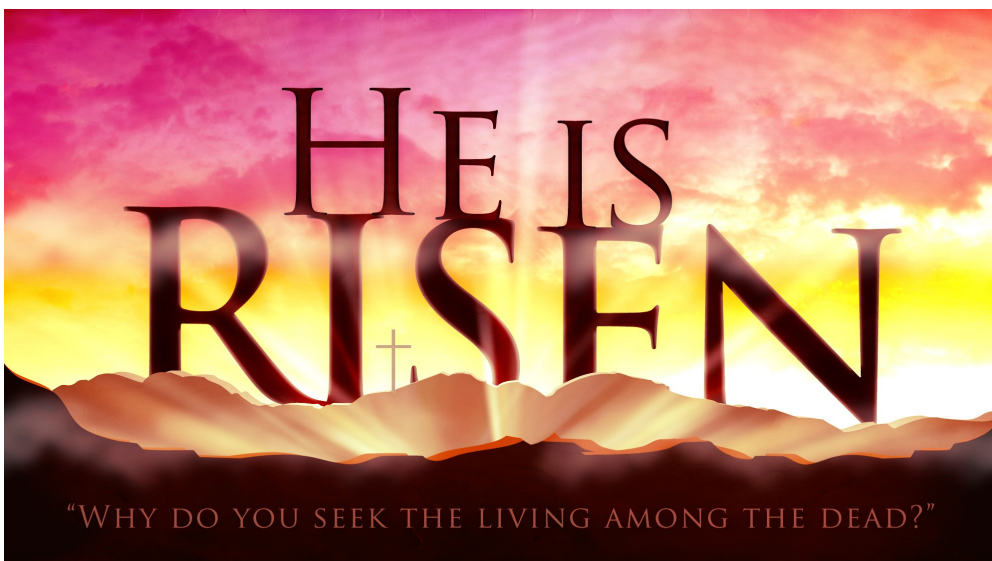


We will celebrate Maundy Thursday on April 18. This will be a worship time with a *full meal* at 7PM. We will gather to remember the

night when Jesus gave us his command to serve one another. It is also the night when Jesus gave us the gift of Holy Communion where we continue to meet him in the bread and wine. This worship ends as we remember how he was deserted by all on the night he was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.



On April 19 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for Good Friday worship as we remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



On Easter Sunday, April 21 we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Sunrise Service: 7:00 AM

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Easter Celebration: 10:30 AM

If you would like to help make breakfast, contact John Dancoff.

If you have them, please bring flowers for the cross for the 10:30 service.

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 6:15 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Worship	4 7:00 PM Ensemble	5	6
7 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Youth Night	8 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	9	10 6:30 AM Small Group 6:15 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Worship	11 7:00 PM Ensemble	12	13
14 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 6:00 PM Committees 7:00 PM Council	15	16	17 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Worship	19 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM Worship	20 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
21 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Breakfast 10:30 AM Easter Worship	22	23	24 6:30 AM Small Group	25 7:00 PM Ensemble	26	27 10:00 AM Greeting Card Ministry
28 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	29	30				

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
4/07	9:00 AM	N. Melson	J. Clark	B. Edwards	C. Duncan	G. Nichols	K. Harrill	J. Dancoff
	11:00 AM	Joshua Wolfe	E. Helms	D. Rhyne	E. Anderson	James Wolfe		
4/14	9:00 AM	J. Smith	C. Hayes	R. Ulicny	B. Edwards	J. Payseur	J. Joly	B. Elmore
	11:00 AM	D. Eurey	Joshua Wolfe	G. Broome		E. Anderson		
4/18	7:00 PM	J. Dancoff	K. Park		J. Elmore	H. Smith		E. Miller
4/19	7:00 PM	L. Hummrich	C. Walker			S. Johnson		J. Elmore
4/21	7:00 AM	E. Miller	K. Park	S. Johnson	C. Dancoff	J. Payseur		J. Dancoff
	10:30 AM	D. Whiteside	J. Joyce	M. Smith	T. Goodwin	H. Smith		
4/28	9:00 AM	M. Freeman	P. Joly	S. Harrill	C. Morrow	G. Nichols	N. Melson	E. Miller
	11:00 AM	B. Wolfe	E. Helms	J. Helms		open		

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
9:00 AM	L. Hummrich, C. Wilson, J. Dancoff, B. Sigmon	Mike Wootton	R. Allen L. Townsend
11:00 AM	S. Hovis, James Wolfe		



Toilet Paper Collection

It worked so well last year, we are doing it again! Each time you come to worship during Lent, bring one or more rolls

of toilet paper which will be given to Christian Ministry to be packed in their emergency needs boxes.



Saturday, April 20

11:00 AM

Bring a basket



**Agapé Day Camp will be
at Holy Cross again this summer!**

Who: All kids who will be in 1st-8th grade this Fall.

When: July 29-August 2 (covered-dish meet & greet on July 28)

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily

Cost: \$65 (What a deal! Holy Cross pays the other \$65!)

What: Music, crafts, Bible study, games, water day, fun, fun, fun!

****Registration forms will be in the narthex beginning April 7.***

Youth NEWS

There's a lot going on this month.

- > Please come and be part of our meals and worship on Wednesdays in Lent, as well as our Holy Week and Easter events for all generations.
- > Due to Easter and Spring Break, we will only have one **regular youth night**, on Sunday April 17th 5pm-7:30pm.
- > Also don't forget that youth are always welcome at our **Wednesday morning small group** that meets at 6:30-7:30am on Wednesdays. There's plenty of time to get to school afterwards.
- > It's also time to sign up for the **mission trip to Charleston, SC (July 7th -12th)** this month. The **cost for the trip this year is \$125** (*this is an increase from last year*). Remember you **MUST** sign up **ONLINE** to be registered (there is a link in the Holy Cross reminder emails, on the church's Facebook page, as well as a text message). We only have a few spots left so sign up soon.

Upcoming important Youth Dates:

April 17th Youth Night 5-7:30PM

May 5th & 19th Youth Night 5-7:30PM

June 2nd Graduation Sunday

June 2nd Pool Party

June 28th – July 1st VBS

July 7th -12th Mission Trip to Charleston, SC

NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY for ALL AGES for Jesus @ the Center



there I Am in the midst

Join us on Wednesdays @ 6:30AM -7:30AM where we will gather around with friends, coffee, and scripture – with Jesus at the center. Come grow in faith and Love.

If you would like to get a new small group started, and 6:30 a.m. is a bit early for you, we are looking to start additional groups. You can sign up for possible times on the bulletin board next to the pastor's office.



Please keep in mind our ongoing fundraiser to pay for our recent roof and gutter replacements. Mark your check or envelope for "roof fund." Keep your eye open for some fun fundraisers that will pop up in support of "Raise the Roof!"



Holy Cross is now on Amazon Smile! Now when you shop on Amazon, a portion of your purchase can be donated to Holy Cross. If you already have an Amazon account, simply click this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0138685> and you will be asked if you would like to support Holy Cross.

The only thing you will have to remember is to use smile.Amazon.com instead of just amazon.com. This is an easy way to help out our budget!



Come join our Holy Cross Relay team! It's as easy as clicking on this link: <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/>

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Then click "Join this relay" at the top, right corner. The Lincoln County/East Lincoln Relay will be on Saturday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School.



Maundy Thursday—April 18, 7:00 PM

Good Friday—April 19, 7:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt—April 20, 11:00 AM

Easter Sunday—Worship 7 & 10:30 AM

Relay For Life—May 18, 6:00 PM

Graduation Sunday—June 2

Vacation Bible School—June 28-July 1

Bread of Life Distribution—July 6, 7:00 AM

Day Camp—July 29-Aug. 2

Unapproved Council Minutes March 10, 2019

Present: Jennifer Burgin, Pastor Chad Walker, Sharon Hovis, Cindy Dancoff, Joni Smith, Cindy Duncan, Daniel Hayes, Mike Wootton, Tracy Goodwin, Craig Taylor, Chelsey Morrow Absent: Lisa Crowder, Joey Wagoner

Cindy Dancoff called the meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Devotions: Cindy Dancoff

Approval of minutes from February meeting by Council: Tracy Goodwin, Chelsey Morrow seconded, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Christian Ed - Sunday School attendance dropped off due to sickness. Need to begin advertising for Camp Agape. Shelli Hummrich handling Vacation Bible School. Need someone to handle Egg Hunt.

Finance - Cindy Dancoff read Joey Wagoner's report, all bills paid, struggling a little with needed weekly giving, saving fund being depleted somewhat, gutter workers are behind but will be getting it completed, picnic shelter tables are in but need to be put together, cut outs complete

Marketing - Craig Taylor reported that banners are little too expensive; looking for other ideas.

Property-Daniel Hayes reported the clean up day went exceedingly well, doorstops were installed and pews were repaired. Cindy Dancoff suggested an April outside workday as requested/discussed by church members, this will be considered and discussed at a later date, the fan in sanctuary shocked pastor possible electric line caught when repairs were made

Youth - Chelsey Morrow reported that the youth committed to do service twice a month, she & Brad will host a cookout next Sunday to encourage attendance.

Worship-Pastor Chad Walker reported that musician acquired for late service as part time help, looking into possible students at Lenoir Rhyne that may be interested in a position for more opportunities.

Pastor's Report-Pastor Chad reported looking forward to Lent theme and services, completed boundary training with Synod, asked folks to keep him accountable for fresh sermons.

Old Business-Cindy Dancoff reported gutters being put on. Council responsible for April 10 Lenten meal, pizza, salad and dessert.

New Business - Jillian Joyce will be youth representative. Cindy Dancoff suggested audit committee nominations, Pat Mosteller, Melissa Freeman and Chip Joyce and asked for any additional suggestions. Mike Wootton made a motion to approve the nominations and Craig Taylor seconded, approved unanimously.

Next Council Meeting April 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Holy Week

April 14th Passion/Palm Sunday

On this Sunday at 9 & 11AM we will focus on the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, which will ultimately end with his crucifixion.

April 18th Maundy Thursday

We will focus on the story of Jesus' final days as we observe Holy Week.

This is a worship time with a *full meal* at 7PM. We will gather to remember the night when Jesus gave us his command to serve one another. It is also the night when Jesus gave us the gift of Holy Communion where we continue to meet him in the bread and wine. This worship ends as we remember how he was deserted by all on the night he was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

April 19th Good Friday

We will gather on Good Friday to focus on Jesus' final moments with prayer, scripture, music and darkness as we give witness to true love shown for us in the cross.

April 21 Easter Sunday

We will celebrate the new season of Resurrection that is ours as God declares that love CAN NOT be killed. We will gather at 7AM for a sunrise worship followed by a breakfast. We will gather at 10:30AM for a festival worship time.

As we move into this new season of resurrection, I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities here at Holy Cross. This new season of life can be disorienting like pollen in the air. May you always be held firm in the love of our Lord Jesus that death can not destroy!

Christ Brings Us to New Seasons,

Pastor Chad

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