



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

Unlocking Change

We are experiencing a time of great change here at Holy Cross. Two of those changes are **Wade Parlier will be retiring** as our Minister of Music next month, and we will be going to a **One Worship Service Summer Schedule** with one worship time **at 10AM**. The Bible reminds us that for everything there is a season, and seasons must change in order for life to bloom, grow, and bear fruit. I find it interesting that the entire universe is in a constant state of change. Even the planet we live on is in a state of constant change. Did you know that the Earth's continents, which continue to shift and move, have been in their current configuration (what you'd see on a map) for LESS THAN one tenth of one percent of the Earth's history? One of the underlying truths of the universe is that ***all things are in a constant state of change.***

Imagine a world without change. Babies would never grow into the people they are becoming (and let's not get started on a world without diaper changes – yuck). If our very lungs didn't change several times a day we would die, because all living things must inhale and exhale. Without change healing could never happen, and we would perpetually be stuck in the same old wounds and hurts. Without change, we would never learn, grow, and bear the fruits of love and grace. Change is hard, but it is an integral part of life that allows us to enter into new seasons where life is renewed, and beauty takes on a richer tapestry of color.

Imagine if Jesus' disciples had stayed stuck and changeless behind locked doors after the crucifixion and burial of their teacher. Thanks be to the grace of the resurrected Christ, who **UNLOCKS CHANGE** for his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." He brings them a peace that runs deeper than the changes they are experiencing. He brings them a peace that runs deeper than their fears. That is what the Risen Lord continues to do for us [\(continued on page 10...\)](#)

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, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Committees will meet as scheduled by your chairperson.



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- To give from your home computer: Go to www.holycrosselca.org, click on "connect," then click "give."



Joly, Valerie	5/2	Johnson, Dave	5/22
Surace, Darren	5/4	Duncan, Chris	5/23
Broome, Gail	5/5	Nichols, Dean	5/23
Kanold, Elaine	5/6	Crowder, Lisa	5/25
Hanner, Logan	5/7	Tapp, Neill	5/25
Taylor, Noah	5/10	Wisnar, Gary	5/25
Clewell, Robert	5/12	Powers, Anthony	5/26
Crowder, Madison	5/12	Harwood, Tonya	5/27
Morrow, Bradley	5/12	Little, John	5/27
Hovis, Gabriel	5/13	Palmer, Mikey	5/27
Hovis, Jason	5/13	Nelson, C.J.	5/28
Lail, Lisa	5/13	Parker, Katelyn	5/28
Payseur, Janice	5/21	Hoffman, Sonya	5/29
Hayes, Daniel	5/22	Rosenlieb, Branden	5/31
Huss, Raleigh	5/22		



McCotter, Lauren	5/1
Taylor, Jennifer	5/1
Joyce, Emily	5/7
Powers, Anthony	5/11
Powers, Jessalyn	5/11
Mosteller, Pat	5/18
Whiteside, Dean	5/18
Whiteside, Harold	5/18
Lail, Caleb	5/19
Whiteside, Logan	5/22
Whiteside, Reese	5/22
Edwards, Natalie	5/28
Whiteside, Toni	5/30



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5/05	9 & 11 AM	Easter 2
5/12	9 & 11 AM	Easter 3
5/19	9 & 11 AM	Easter 4
5/26	9 & 11 AM	Easter 5

9 AM Service is Praise & Worship

11 AM Service is Traditional Lutheran Worship.

The Eucharist is served at both services every week.

APRIL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
4/07	\$5,238.00	430.00	78
4/14	4,531.00	165.00	Not reported
4/21	4,142.00	290.00	157
4/28	6,584.00	50.00	113
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Total	20,758.00	935.00	-- (Average)

Needed each week: \$5,492.00

Needed-to-date: \$93,364.00

Received-to-date: \$83,702.10

Year-to-date over/(under): \$(9,661.90)



Beginning June 2nd, Holy Cross will worship on a new summer schedule. We will have one worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Children and youth will not have Sunday school during the summer. Adult Sunday school will meet at 9:00 a.m.



- **Lisa Crowder** is taking preventive chemo treatments. Please keep **Lisa** and family in your prayers.
- **Joan Elmore** is recovering from ear surgery.
- **Kevin and Chelsea Hayes** are expecting a baby in October.
- **Eddie Rose** is recovering from a broken foot.
- **Karla Park** was baptized on Easter Sunday.
- 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

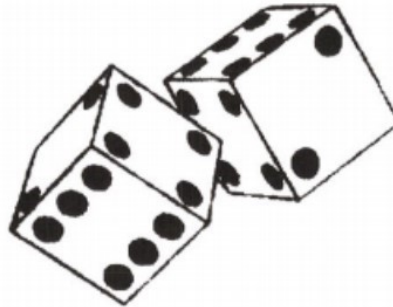
Cost varies depending on campsite. *Holy Cross will pay the cost for all pilgrims.* After the weekend, if you can afford to reimburse all or part, you may do so. If you would like to attend one of these weekends or get more information, please speak with Pastor Chad, John Dancoff or Karen Hayes. You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



Relay for Life Fundraiser

Bunko



***Prizes, Food,
Family Fun!***

**Friday, May 3, 2019
7 - 10 pm**

\$10.00 Donation (Adults) Kids 12 & under \$5

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
2639 E. Hwy. 150, Lincolnton**

*No Reservations or skills needed.
Bring all your friends, neighbors, and kids.*

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study	2 7:00 PM Ensemble	3 7:00 PM Bunko	4
5 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Youth Night	6 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	7	8 6:30 AM Small Group	9 7:00 PM Ensemble	10	11
12 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	13	14	15 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	16 7:00 PM Ensemble	17	18 10:00 AM Greeting Card Ministry
19 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 Youth Night 7:30 PM Council	20	21	22 6:30 AM Small Group	23 7:00 PM Ensemble	24	25
26 9:00 AM Praise & Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27	28	29	30 7:00 PM Ensemble	31	

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
5/05	9:00 AM	B. Morrow	L. Hummrich	J. Joly	L. Nelson	C. Wilson	T. Whiteside	J. Elmore
	11:00 AM	P. Schronce	K. Park	J. Payseur	James Wolfe	E. Anderson		
5/12	9:00 AM	M. Smith	C. Hayes	G. Nichols	C. Wilson	H. Smith	K. Harrill	J. Dancoff
	11:00 AM	S. Hovis	S. Hovis	D. Rhyne		James Wolfe		
5/19	9:00 AM	C. Dancoff	P. Joly	S. Hoffman	D. Nichols	C. Wilson	J. Joly	B. Elmore
	11:00 AM	H. Wolfe	James Wolfe	B. Sigmon		Open		
5/26	9:00 AM	D. Hayes	C. Walker	B. Morrow	T. Wilson	G. Nichols	N. Melson	E. Miller
	11:00 AM	E. Anderson	C. Hayes	J. Smith		K. Hayes		

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
9:00 AM	D. Hayes, C.J. Nelson, J. Smith, A. Lail	D. Hayes	J. Payseur T. Whiteside
11:00 AM	M. Schronce, Joshua Wolfe		



The Faith Formation Team is in need of an individual to oversee Agape Day Camp. Duties include:

- Finding volunteers to house camp counselors during the week
- Finding volunteers to feed or provide food for the evening meal on Monday-Wednesday for the counselors.
- Shopping for breakfast and lunch food for the counselors.
- Make sure craft materials are available.
- Organizing Sunday night “meet and greet” covered dish.
- Organizing Thursday night program and meal.
- Finding one volunteer per day to stay at church during each camp day to check campers in/out, set up for lunch and be a presence in case of emergency.

Day Camp is July 29– August 2 this year.

Please speak with Cindy Dancoff for further information.



**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

We will be wrapping the school year up this month as we prepare for summer.

> Join us on each of our **regular youth nights**, on Sundays May 5th & 19th 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.

> If you signed up for the **mission trip to Charleston, SC (July 7th -12th)** please don't forget to pay for. The **cost for the trip this year is \$125** (*this is an increase from last year*). You can pay with pushpay or make a check out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" and put "mission trip" in the memo line.

Upcoming important Youth Dates:

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

June 2nd Graduation Sunday

June 2nd Pool Party

June 27th – 29th 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.



Relay For Life—May 18, 6:00 PM

Summer Worship Hours—Begins June 2, 10 a.m.

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

April 14, 2019

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

Joey Wagoner called the meeting to order: 7:03 p.m.

Devotions: Mike Wootton

Special Guest: Wade Parlier announced that after much thought, consideration and prayer, he has decided to retire from music ministry. He advised council that nothing has forced him into this decision and he has been thinking about it for some time now. His retirement will be effective June 30, 2019 as the church starts a new year. Council expressed their sadness for his departure as well as appreciation for his 20+ years to the ministry at Holy Cross.

March Council minutes were approved

Committee Reports

Christian Ed - Cindy Dancoff reports Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday. Agape Day Camp is Jul 28 – Aug 2nd. We need volunteers to help execute the camp and find people willing to house and feed the staff. VBS dates are to be announced at a later time. We will do the 3 day VBS (Saturday – Monday) like last year.

Finance – Joey discussed in detail the financial reports from March as well as YTD that include the 1st Quarter results. In summary, the church is paying all its bills. However, based off budget through 3/31/19, the church is \$10,960.09 or 15% under needed giving. In addition, the church is under budget with expense by \$4598.79 or 7%. Usually our giving goes down during the summer months but our expense will relatively stay the same. Council members need to urge their committees to spend conservatively.

Property-All known repairs have been made. Will put out more straw on muddy and bald areas before the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.

Social Ministry/Fellowship- Relay for Life Fundraiser May 3 for Bunco Night. Pastor's Report-Pastor Chad reported he is extremely saddened to learn about Wade's retirement. Advises this may be a good opportunity to see how to transform the music ministry since the two paid positions are vacant. Church Services are set for Holy Week. There has been low attendance for the youth groups so he and the adult volunteers are meeting to brainstorm. Asking that everyone continues to pray for the church.

Old Business- Joey reports that the Roof Project is completed. Total spent was \$21,017 which is under budget. Raise the roof campaign was not as successful as we had hoped. Discussed doing more Stewardship campaigns to show the need to keep up with monthly expenses.

New Business – Discussed the direction of the Music Ministry. Since no mutual ministry committee exists, it was decided that per bylaws and constitution, Joey and Pastor Chad are to act as the mutual ministry. They are to come up with a job description for one paid position that will handle all the music ministry needs for the church. Council also discussed and decided to go with one worship service during the summer months starting June 2nd, 2019. Traditionally speaking, attendance goes down and this will encourage worshipers from both services to come together. Service will have both contemporary and traditional music. Service will be at 10am for worship and a 9am adult Sunday school service.

Next Council Meeting May 19 at 7:30pm (moved due to Mother's Day)

The Risen Christ speaks a peace to us as we give thanks for over 20 years of Wade's ministry with us, as we have grown in our music and worship. I am so grateful to have served with him for the past nine years. He has been a valued and appreciated teammate, as we have sought to bring excellence to our worship here. Wade will be deeply missed, and I am saddened to be losing him as a part of our church staff. At the same time, I am grateful for the new season that lies ahead. It will be an adventure filled with turns and pitfalls, but it will also bring us to whatever new place God is calling us to.

The Risen Christ speaks peace to us as we make the change of moving to a summer schedule of one service at 10am. This will mean we ALL have to make adjustments that may not be easy. This change will give us an opportunity to have our entire congregation gathered together to worship the Risen Christ who is here each week to say, *"peace be with you."* This change will also give us the opportunity to more clearly see and **"unlock"** ourselves for the future God has in store for us.

As your Pastor, it is my hope to lead us through this time of change in a way that "unlocks" each of us to a new and enriched sense of God's grace in our lives. Please feel free to talk with me about these or any other changes we make as a congregation. May you always sense the voice of the Risen Christ, that runs deeper than any change that surrounds us, and says to us, "Peace be with you!"

The Risen Christ Makes Life Exciting,

Pastor Chad

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