



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

Wet Cement

I remember being a kid, when the elementary school I was attending poured cement for new sidewalks. Me and some of my friends decided it would be a good idea to put our marks in that beautiful gray wet stuff. I can almost feel the coolness of this substance that could be written on. I inscribed a symbol from my favorite rock band at the time. I messed it up the first time, but that didn't matter. The fresh cement was easily brushed over, so that I could start again. I recall being fascinated by the way I could "experiment" with this adaptable matter that could be used to create something neat and beautiful.

This summer we are experimenting with our worship together as a congregation. We will be trying new things together with the hope that we will give birth to a worship that is even more authentic to who we are as a congregation. My greatest hope is that it will be an experience on Sundays that will allow people, who are not currently worshipping in our area, to come and know the love of Christ who welcomes all.

We all are creatures of "habit." We tend to get used to doing things in a certain way. This is especially true for worship. Change is never easy, however I invite you to see this summer experiment as "wet cement." Let's have fun together discovering ways in which we can celebrate God's presence among us. I promise you that some of the things we will try will not go so well. Other things will go great. Some things will be liked by some and not by others. This is the journey of discovery. It is always by trial and error; success and failure, that we move forward as a congregation.

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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 July 30 at the home of Vivian Hodges. The book for discussion is Necessary Lies, by Diane Chamberlain.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet as scheduled by your chairperson. There will be no regular council meeting in July.



JUNE

Pat Mosteller 6/1
Ben Goodwin 6/2
Penelope Joly 6/3
Amanda Brace 6/5
Carson Harwood 6/5
Frances Rhyne 6/6
John Dancoff 6/8
Ethan Miller 6/9
Karen Miller 6/12
Craig Taylor 6/13
Gabriel Mosteller 6/16
Phillip Broome 6/17
Karen Harrill 6/19
Audrey Hudson 6/19
Dale Burgin 6/20
Rob Allen 6/24
Joni Smith 6/25
James Wolfe 6/30

JULY

Jada Brace 7/1
Becky Rosenlieb 7/1
Audie Lail 7/6
Kendall Harwood 7/7
Beth Marulanda 7/7
Joe Gillelan 7/11
Harold Price 7/12
Alyssa Sronce 7/12
Karla Brace 7/13
Monte Lail 7/13
Mary Garrison 7/14
Remington Gee 7/14
Logan Whiteside 7/15
Leo Hummrich 7/18
Megan Garrison 7/21
Gerry Nichols 7/21
Heather Wolfe 7/21
Evan Hayes 7/25
Sharon Hovis 7/25
Linda Wootton 7/25
Pam Link 7/26
Carolyn Jones 7/29
Eddie Rose 7/29



JUNE

Jenny Rickard 6/2
Lauren Link 6/8
Jennifer Parker 6/8
Heather Huss 6/9
Breanna Tapp 6/12
Quentin Surace 6/13
Easton Tapp 6/15
Rya Little 6/18
Kevin Miller 6/19
Lauren Barker 6/20
Jennifer Burgin 6/20
Pam Link 6/24
Max Schronce 6/24
Lisa Blackburn 6/25
Chelsey Morrow 6/26
Kevin Sigmon 6/27
Susan Townsend 6/28

JULY

Levi Huss 7/9
Alyssa Sronce 7/13
Phillip Broome 7/17
Jackson Clark 7/17
Branden Rosenlieb 7/19
Daniel Rosenlieb 7/19
Cindy Helton 7/24



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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

06/02	9 & 11 AM	Easter 7
06/09	9 & 11 AM	Day of Pentecost
06/16	9 & 11 AM	The Holy Trinity
06/23	9 & 11 AM	Pentecost 2
06/30	9 & 11 AM	Pentecost 3
07/07	9 & 11 AM	Pentecost 4
07/14	9 & 11 AM	Pentecost 5
07/21	9 & 11 AM	Pentecost 6
07/28	10:30 AM	Christmas in July

*During the summer
we will worship at one service at 10:00 a.m.
The Eucharist is served every week.*

MAY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
05/05	\$4,673.00	\$ 165.00	89
05/12	4,608.00	65.00	89
05/19	5,785.00	416.00	87
05/26	3,694.00	155.00	94
Thrivent	413.00	-----	-----
Amazon	14.08	-----	-----
Total	\$19,187.08	\$801.00	90 (Average)
Needed each week: \$5,492.00 Needed-to-date: \$115,332.00 Received-to-date: \$102,889.18 Year-to-date over/(under): \$(12,442.82)			



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.
- A PET scan for **Cindy Duncan** came back clear of cancer. Please continue to pray for **Cindy and John**.
- **Elaine Kanold's** daughter, **Susan Helms** is clear of cancer after treatment for throat cancer.
- **Susan and Joey Wagoner** are grieving the death of Susan's father, **Bobby Harris**. Please continue to pray for them as they grieve.
- Joy! The marriage of **Zach and Jasmine Mellon** and the marriage of **Melanie and Eric Coates**.
- Joy! **Ben Brooks** has graduated from Wake Forest University.
- **Wade Parlier** is retiring from his position as Worship Leader after over 20 years of service. Please pray for **Wade and Bevin** as they begin this new phase of life.
- 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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Our Grads, Then and Now...



Josh Allen is graduating from North Lincoln High School. He plans to attend Montreat College to play baseball and major in Exercise Science with certifications in Strength and Conditioning and Coaching.



Lily Taylor is graduating from North Lincoln High School and will be attending NC State this fall, majoring in Computer Science. She will be participating in the Honors College program, living in the Arts Village and hopes to study abroad in Italy at some point. Lily thanks you all for the continued love and support she has received at Holy Cross, and looks forward to the next big part of her life.



Bryston Walker is graduating from East Lincoln High School. He will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Bryston plans to study recreational therapy.

> June 2nd we will be celebrating our graduates as we wrap them with our prayers. Come and support them at worship and the reception following.

> Our annual **pool party** will be Sunday June 23rd. 4pm-6:30pm.

> If you signed up for the **mission trip to Charleston, SC (July 7th -12th)** please don't forget to pay. 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:

June 2nd Graduation Sunday

June 23rd Pool Party (note the change of date)

June 27th – 29th VBS

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



JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Graduate Reception	3	4	5 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Ensemble	7	8
9 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Committees 7:00 PM Council	10 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	11	12 6:30 AM Small Group	13 7:00 PM Ensemble	14	15 10:00 AM Greeting Card Ministry
16 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	17	18	19 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	20 7:00 PM Ensemble	21	22
23 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Pool Party	24	25	26 6:30 AM Small Group	27 5:45 PM VBS 7:00 PM Ensemble	28 5:45 PM VBS	29 9:30 AM VBS
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JULY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study	4	5 Bread of Life	6
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28 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Day Camp Dinner Newsletter Deadline	29 9:00 AM Day Camp	30 9:00 AM Day Camp 7:00 PM Book Club	31 6:30 AM Small Group 9:00 AM Day Camp			

Worship Assistants Schedule

JUNE

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
06/02	10:00 AM	A. Lail	J. Joyce	CJ Nelson	K. Park	M. Smith	T. Whiteside	J. Elmore
06/09	10:00 AM	K. Harrill	L. Hummrich	C. Ulicny	S. Harrill	J. Payseur	K. Harrill	J. Dancoff
06/16	10:00 AM	N. Melson	P. Joly	T. Wilson	R. Ulicny	H. Smith	J. Joly	B. Elmore
06/23	10:00 AM	J. Smith	C. Hayes	D. Rhyne	B. Rosenlieb	C. Wilson	N. Melson	E. Miller
06/30	10:00 AM	J. Dancoff	J. Clark	J. Elmore	J. Dancoff	M. Smith	T. Whiteside	J. Elmore

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	G. Nichols, R. Hayes, C. Duncan, T. Wilson	C. Morrow	G. Broome C. Dancoff

JULY

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
07/07	10:00 AM	L. Hummrich	J. Joyce	N. Melson	G. Nichols	G. Nichols	K. Harrill	J. Dancoff
07/14	10:00 AM	E. Miller	L. Hummrich	D. Nichols	CJ Nelson	J. Payseur	J. Joly	B. Elmore
07/21	10:00 AM	D. Whiteside	C. Hayes	J. Helms	J. Wagoner	H. Smith	N. Melson	E. Miller
07/28	10:00 AM	S. Hovis	P. Joly	T. Whiteside	R. Hayes	C. Wilson	T. Whiteside	J. Elmore

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	C. Dancoff, B. Morrow, S. Harrill, B. Rosenlieb	T. Goodwin	S. Hovis D. Sigmon G. Sain



VIA DE CRISTO 2019 FALL WEEKENDS

Mixed —September 19-22
Men's—October 3-6
Women's—October 17-20

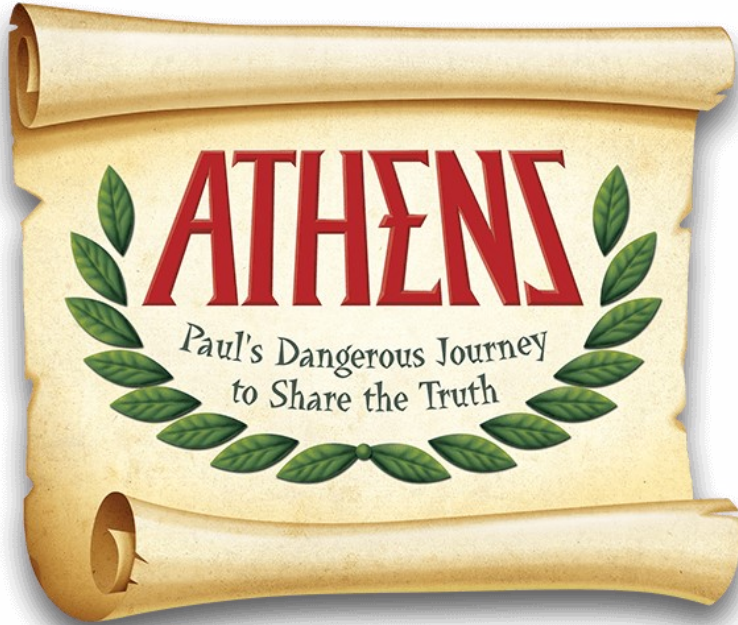
Cost varies depending on campsite. *Holy Cross will pay the cost for all pilgrims.* After the weekend, if you can afford to reimburse all or part, you may do so. If you would like to attend one of these weekends or get more information, please speak with Pastor Chad, John Dancoff or Karen Hayes. You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



The 2019 Altar Flower schedule is in need of your help. You may sign up on the Altar Flower sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$45 per Sunday. We are still in need of flowers for 5 more Sundays in 2019.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019!



June 27-29

Thursday & Friday:

5:45-8:30 PM

Saturday:

9:30 AM-2:30 PM

For more information, speak with Shelli Hummrich.



Now is the time to sign up for Day Camp! Registration and health forms are on the table in the narthex. We must have registration form, health form (including vaccination history) and \$65 payment turned in before your child can be considered registered.

Camp dates are July 28-August 1, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

We will kick off on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. with a covered-dish meal to meet the counselors.



Christmas in July

Our annual Christmas in July service is scheduled for July 28. We will continue the celebration later in the day with a covered-dish meal at 5:30 p.m. to kick off our week of Day Camp and meet the camp counselors.

We hope you will prepare your favorite Christmas recipe to share!



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

July is our month to collect food for Christian Ministry. Please bring your nonperishable food and paper goods to church and place them in the designated box in the narthex.

BREAD OF LIFE

We need your help to distribute food to the less fortunate. There is something for everyone to do... pack boxes on an assembly line, load cars with groceries, take info and prayer requests from those we are serving. More hands make the work easier and more fun. Please come out and serve God and our community in a special and satisfying way on Saturday, July 6 at 7 a.m.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Jesus @ the Center



**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 6:30am 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.

MAY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 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, Jillian Joyce

Cindy Dancoff called the meeting to order: 7:30 p.m.

Devotions: Daniel Hayes

Approval of minutes from April meeting by Council: Mike Wootton, Tracy Goodwin, seconded, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Christian Ed - Cindy Dancoff reported Kim Surace has agreed to be in charge of Day Camp, VBS dates are June 27-29, next Sunday will be graduation Sunday with a reception to follow

Finance - Cindy Dancoff read Joey Wagoner's report, good overall for April, a slight concern that giving is under expenses, giving is coming in lower than budgeted, using money from savings to cover expenses, money for roof has not been replaced, biggest savings currently will be not having musician expense

Property-Daniel Hayes reported areas treated for snakes, Dean Whitesides will be working on outside area from previous discussions, next project is to fix closet that hold choir robes, it was originally installed upside down in some areas, brackets are pulling out from the wall, AC fans need fixing, there is a short in the breaker

Youth - Chelsey Morrow reported low attendance, planning a pool party in July, thirteen will be attending upcoming mission trip, ten kids and three adults

Pastor's Report-Pastor Chad reported in transition with need to fill the music position, will change service times from two services to one service which will begin at 10 a.m., will purchase a new sign topper with this information to advertise and announce new time, Craig Taylor made a motion to introduce a new format for congregation to vote on, lots of discussion, no second to motion

Old Business - Pastor Chad reported interviews have begun for music position, possible candidate as fill in but not long term, continuing to look at options

Next Council Meeting June 9, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

I want you all to know that, as your pastor, I love and cherish every one of you. It is my deepest desire that this place we call Holy Cross will be a place where we all grow spiritually and deepen our life with God. I am asking for your feedback this summer as we engage in this experiment. I am not looking to hear about what you like or don't like. What I do want to hear is how what we are trying deepens your walk with God as well as how it is deepening the lives of those around you. One word I often hear to describe our congregation is "authentic." This will not be easy work, but I truly believe this hard work will help us to grow in the gift of authenticity that this place has. May we play in this "wet cement" together with the love and grace of God.



Christ Makes Life Authentic,

Pastor Chad

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