



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

Experiment Update

We began this summer by doing some experimenting with our worship life together. It's August already and much has changed as we gather as God's people to worship on Sunday mornings. The goal of experiments is to learn, and I have learned a lot about our community of faith through your feedback as well as observing our life together. Some have expressed some discomfort at times this summer, which is to be expected with change of any kind. I have also heard many of you express that you have experienced a "new spirit" in this place. I truly believe that through our openness we have made room for the Spirit to do a new thing here. It has been a blessing to see so many "new faces" this summer on Sunday mornings.

Back in the time of the prophet Isaiah, God's people were hungering to be restored. They were feeling lost and forsaken. They were uncomfortable and fearful in the times in which they were living. Underneath it all was the Spirit continually working a "new thing" that would grace their lives with joy, hope, and the presence of God experienced in new ways. Isaiah spoke these words.

*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.*

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19

Church Council

Chairperson: Joey Wagoner

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Chelsea Morrow

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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: Lee Burnette

*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**.*

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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 September 24. The book for discussion is Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet as scheduled by your chairperson.



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Brenda Edwards	8/1
Mallary Palmer	8/6
Marline Holland	8/7
Shelli Hummrich	8/7
Elaine Wismar	8/9
Joey Gillelan	8/11
Monica Allen	8/14
Debbie Sigmon	8/17
Kyler Freeman	8/23
Noah Wright	8/27
William Hovis	8/29
Rickie Allen	8/31



Reid Wagoner	8/7
Cathy Ulicny	8/14
Madison Crowder	8/17
William Hovis	8/20
Abram Hardin	8/26
Tanner Wilson	8/26
Lillian Honeycutt	8/27
Jillian Joyce	8/29
Vivienne Hardin	8/30



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

08/04	10 AM	Pentecost 8
08/11	10 AM	Pentecost 9
08/18	10 AM	Pentecost 10
08/25	10 AM	Pentecost 11

The Eucharist is served every week.

JUNE/JULY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
06/02	\$4,067.00	\$ 660.00	99
06/09	4,568.00	130.00	91
06/16	3,757.00	70.00	91
06/23	4,557.03	270.00	80
06/30	6,057.00	95.00	103
June Total	\$23,006.03	\$1,225.00	(Average) 97
07/07	\$5,544.00	70.00	128
07/14	4,572.00	50.00	85
07/21	3,312.00	356.90	90
07/28	4,000.67	10.00	98
July Total	17,428.67	486.90	100 (Average)
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Total	40,434.70	1,711.90	99 (Average)
Needed each week: \$5,492.00			
Needed-to-date: \$164,760.00			
Received-to-date: \$143,323.85			
Year-to-date over/(under): \$(21,436.15)			

ROOF FUND PROGRESS

Amount to date: \$3,109.17



- Please pray for **Steve and Karen Harrill** and the rest of the family as they grieve the death of **Steve's** mother, **Nancy Harrill**.
- Keep **Becky Rosenlieb** and family in your prayers as they grieve the death of **Becky's** brother, **Steve Falls**.
- **Caroline and Patrick Mackie** are scheduled to deliver their twin daughters on Tuesday, July 30. Please keep parents, babies, big sister Ella and grandparents **Carroll and Janice Payseur** in your prayers for a quick and safe delivery.
- Please pray for expectant parents **Chelsea and Kevin Hayes** and baby as they await an early October birth.
- 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.**



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 only need one more week for this year...
December***

AUGUST 2019

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

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
08/04	10:00 AM	B. Morrow	J. Joyce	C. Wilson	J. Payseur	H. Smith	K. Harrill	B. Elmore
08/11	10:00 AM	P. Schronce	L. Hummrich	J. Helms	S. Hovis	C. Wilson	J. Joly	M. Freeman
08/18	10:00 AM	M. Smith	C. Walker	C. Morrow	C. Duncan	J. Payseur	N. Melson	J. Elmore
08/25	10:00 AM	S. Hovis	J. Clark	T. Goodwin	E. Anderson	M. Smith	T. Whiteside	E. Miller

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	R. Hayes, L. Nelson, D. Whiteside, J. Wagoner	J. Smith	E. Miller S. Hoffman



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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.



> Thank you all for the many ways you made our mission trip to Charleston, SC such a great success. A special thanks to Leila Joyce who served that week as adult volunteer. Twelve of us went and touched the lives of others and were touched by them. We shared a great week in the RELENTLESS love of God.

> We are looking at doing youth a bit differently starting this fall. Keep an eye out for some exciting announcements!

Blessing of the Backpacks



It's almost that time... BACK TO SCHOOL! No matter how you feel about it, we know one thing: We will all fall back into the comfort of a familiar routine. Even if the kids are dreading it, there is also a sense of excitement and new beginnings!

On Sunday, **August 11**, Pastor Chad will bless the backpacks, bookbags, computer cases and satchels. Bring them with you, but if you forget, Pastor Chad can bless them anyway!

We will also bless our bookbags for our Bookbags of Love ministry.

TAKE THE WORLD,
but give me
Jesus.

BOOKBAGS OF LOVE

We will begin sending food to school for Bookbags of Love in September. We will begin by collecting monetary donations and book bag donations.

If you would like to donate money, make your check out to Holy Cross with "Bookbags of Love" in the memo, or designate it on an envelope with cash, or use Pushpay and note "Bookbags of Love" in the misc. fund.

If you can buy one or more new bookbags, you can bring them to church and put them on the narthex table.



WELCOME TO...

Lee Burnette



We want to wish a BIG Holy Cross welcome to Lee Burnette. Lee has joined the Holy Cross staff as our new worship leader. We have already been wowed by his energy and talent and pray that he will be with us for a long time. Please take some time to get to know Lee and his son, Tristan.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY for ALL AGES

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 6:30am 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.

We have a God who makes new ways in the wilderness and rivers in the deserts. It's easy to look back and think we should always go to "what worked" in the past. It's easy to keep doing what we've always done. Our natural tendency, as human beings, is to turn to what seems easiest. It is hard, however, to look to the wilderness and see hope and joy in what seems to be a forsaken place. It is hard to look to the barren desert and imagine a river where things seem dry, dusty and lifeless. It's hard to truly be open to the "new thing" God is doing in our midst. I am grateful for your openness to the changes we've experienced as a congregation.

My hope is that we will continue to always experiment as a congregation. Not just with our worship, but with all the ministry we do together. We are looking at changing things like our Youth program format and Faith Formation ministries. We are hoping to integrate more intergenerational times to our life together. Whatever ministries you are involved in, I invite you to look to the wilderness and the desert knowing that it is from places like these that God brings forth new ways, springs of life, and rivers of grace. Continue to be open to the Spirit who is always about to do a new thing.

Christ Makes All Things New,

P. Chad

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