



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

Sunday Lift

Have you heard about SUNDAY LIFT? No, it's not an app on your phone that will get you a ride like Uber. Sunday Lift is something new we are trying at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. It is a time for children, teenagers, and adults to come together. For many years most churches have separated folks by age group for an hour of education time called Sunday School. I have often wondered why it is we do that. Most people I ask will usually respond with something like, "we've always done it that way;" or "that's what they do in school." When we separate the generations from each other, I am convinced that we are missing out on a tremendous gift that comes from gathering folks of various ages.

I am convinced that gathering people of different generations energizes congregations. It empowers those who gather to invest in God, their faith, and the faith of others. This investment is mutual. It allows people of different generation to experience how people of different ages think differently. This allows younger participants to become "generationally literate," which will serve them as they enter into adulthood and must know how to relate to people who are older than them. It also allows older participants to experience the real gifts that those who come after them have, and help to feel more hopeful about the future. Faith is truly passed on again and again throughout the generations.

Another truth is that gathering generations together is Biblical. There are family meals like the Passover and various feasts in the Old Testament at which the stories of God and God's people were passed on. When it comes to our most sacred meal, holy communion, Paul in the New Testament says that he is "passing on what was given to him." That is what Sunday Lift is all about. We will be sharing the stories, faith, and experiences of God across generations.

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Church Council

Chairperson: Joey Wagoner
Vice Chair Cindy Dancoff
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Non-voting positions:

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Staff

Pastor: Rev. Chad Walker
Parish Secretary: Rickie Allen
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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**.*

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 at the home of Linda Wootton.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet as scheduled by your chairperson.



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Steve Harrill	9/1	Denise Eurey	9/15
Laurie Nelson	9/1	Nick Lowe	9/16
Sandy Johnson	9/3	David Rhyne	9/16
Paige Walker	9/4	Jessalyn Rivas	9/19
Eric Anderson	9/5	Evie Duncan	9/20
Noel Palmer	9/5	Evelyn Helms	9/20
Allie Blackburn	9/7	Cathy Ulicny	9/21
Richard Hayes	9/8	Jeffrey Duncan	9/26
Joan Elmore	9/9	Melissa Freeman	9/26
Emma Hayes	9/10	Max Schronce	9/26
Beth Beam	9/13	Jim Helms	9/27
Leila Joyce	9/13		



Mary Garrison	9/2
Megan Garrison	9/2
Sydney Garrison	9/2
Rob Allen	9/10
Sophia Lail	9/13
Warren Surace	9/15
Max McCotter	9/20
Manny Escobar	9/26
Jon Whiteside	9/28
Tyler Wilson	9/29



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

09/01	10 AM	Pentecost 12
09/08	10 AM	Pentecost 13
09/15	10 AM	Pentecost 14
09/22	10 AM	Pentecost 15
09/29	10 AM	Pentecost 16

The Eucharist is served every week.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
08/04	\$5,422.00	\$56.00	110
08/11	4,625.00	10.00	106
08/18	5,508.00	60.00	103
08/25	4,289.00	265.00	105
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Total	19,844.00		(Average)
<p>Needed each week: \$5,492.00</p> <p>Needed-to-date: \$186,728.00</p> <p>Received-to-date: \$163,167.85</p> <p>Year-to-date over/(under): \$(23,560.15)</p>			

ROOF FUND PROGRESS

Amount to date: \$3,309.17



- **Richard Hayes** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- **Caroline and Patrick Mackie** are the proud parents of twin girls, **Brynn Elizabeth and Olivia Grace**. Parents, babies, big sister Ella and grandparents **Carroll and Janice Payseur** are all doing well.
- Please pray for expectant parents **Chelsea and Kevin Hayes** and baby as they await an early October birth.
- **Elaine Wismar** is currently at Lincoln Rehab. She is suffering from congestive heart failure
- 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.**

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.

SEPTEMBER 2019

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

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
09/01	10:00 AM	C. Dancoff	C. Hayes	J. Smith	B. Edwards	G. Nichols	K. Harrill	J. Dancoff
09/08	10:00 AM	M. Gillelan	J. Joyce	L. Nelson	E. Helms	S. Johnson	J. Joly	B. Elmore
09/15	10:00 AM	D. Hayes	C. Hayes	B. Sigmon	J. Elmore	E. Anderson	N. Melson	M. Freeman
09/22	10:00 AM	E. Anderson	C. Walker	S. Hummrich	C. Dancoff	H. Smith	T. Whiteside	J. Elmore
09/25	10:00 AM	A. Lail	P. Joly	B. Edwards	T. Goodwin	J. Payseur	K. Harrill	E. Miller

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	L. Hummrich, C. Wilson, J. Dancoff, B. Sigmon	S. Hovis	R. Allen L. Townsend

NEW THINGS HAPPENING THIS FALL



> We will be shaking things up a lot this year with big changes in our usual schedule. We hope to have ONE YOUTH NIGHT each month that will be much like you have seen in the past. We are then adding numerous FUN OUTINGS and SERVING opportunities each and every month. WATCH THE CALENDAR closely so you don't miss out on all these great things.

> We are asking parents to help with 1 or 2 meals this year, as an opportunity to serve our youth. There will be an opportunity to sign up at the Potluck September 15th.

> **September 15th YOUTH NIGHT** 5pm-7:30pm(3rd-12th grade): We will begin with a **POTLUCK** dinner **WITH PARENTS AND FAMILIES**. We will eat, play, worship and learn. Parents are welcome to stay or can leave after the meal and information time around 5:45pm and come get their kids at 7:30pm.

> **October 6th** 3pm-5pm **SERVING: The Amazing Race Against Hunger** where we will be in Downtown Lincolnton with other youth groups in the area to race against hunger. We will be raising money this month to bring to this event.

> **October 19th YOUTHQUAKE(3rd-5th grade)** This is a Saturday 10am-3PM with other Lutheran Youth at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran in Hickory. This event is hosted by the NC Synod. (***We are looking for volunteers to chaperone this trip.***)

> **October 26th** OUTING: a Halloween themed outing (**Middle School and High School**)

> **October 27th** OUTING: **dinner and Reformation Day worship** at The Laboratory Mill.

> **November 3rd** Serving event TBA

> **November 17th** YOUTH NIGHT

> **December 1st** OUTING TBA

> **December 15th** YOUTH NIGHT

> Don't forget to come to **SUNDAY LIFT** on **Sundays at 9am.**

> Youth are also welcome at our Jesus @ the Center Small group on Wednesday mornings.

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.



BOOKBAGS OF LOVE

We begin sending food to school for Bookbags of Love this month.

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. We need \$100 a week to do this ministry.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer to pack and/or deliver bags.



Rally Day is scheduled for September 8, beginning at 9 a.m. Come be a part of the new **SUNDAY LIFT program including gathering time, breaking bread together, studying God's Word together, playing together and praying together. **COME!****



Project Matthew

It's time to begin collecting for Project Matthew 2019! Money will also be collected throughout the next couple of months for the purchase of turkeys. If you feel led to donate, you can do so through PushPay, or note it on your check or cash donation as "Project Matthew."

*We will be having the COAT CLOSET again this year, so please remember this ministry as we go through our closets in preparation for Fall. We will be accepting new or gently used: **blankets, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, and coats as well as children's books for our Book Nook.***

September 29:	Family size cans of CORN
October 6:	Family Size can of GREEN BEANS
October 13:	Family Size cans of YAMS/SWEET POTATOES
October 20:	Cans of CRANBERRY SAUCE
October 27:	STUFFING (bags or Stove Top mix)
November 3:	16 oz. boxes of INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
November 10:	Frozen PIES
November 17:	Make up week

Distribution: November 23, 1:00-3:00 PM



If you know a family that would benefit from receiving the groceries for a Thanksgiving meal, please put the name and a contact phone number—either yours or theirs, in the offering plate, or let the office staff know. We will have coupons available so that we can have a better count on how many families to expect, and have an easier time at the registration table.

Get the word out! We want those in need in our community to know where they can get their holiday groceries.

Ministry Leaders: You are invited to prepare flyers with info about your ministry (church or community) to be added to the bags.

The Sunday Lift program is based on the four components by which the early church operated. Acts 2:42 says, “The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching**, to the **community**, to their **shared meals**, and to their **prayers**” (CEB).

1. “the apostles’ **teaching**”: The apostles’ studied the Scriptures to learn about God and grow in their faith. In Sunday LIFT: Studying God’s Word Together, we learn from each other as we study God’s word.
2. “the **community**”: The apostles cared for each other and their community. In Sunday LIFT: Playing Together, we make time for fellowship by playing games, doing hobbies, enjoying other activities that are fun to do together.
3. “their **shared meals**”: The apostles broke break together by sharing meals. In Sunday LIFT: Breaking Bread Together, we grow relationships around tables as we eat together.
4. “their **prayers**”: The apostles worshipped God through prayer and praise. In Sunday LIFT: Praying Together, prayer is experienced through a simple worship experience. Each Sunday LIFT session begins with Gathering Together and then moves through the four components of the first church, with all parts connected by a common theme.

We will begin on Rally Day, September 8th at 9am, with food, fun, and more information about Sunday Lift. Our first official day of Sunday Lift will be Sunday, September 15th at 9am. All generations are invited (there will be a nursery provided for our littlest ones). I pray you will consider giving this new and exciting opportunity a try. May God bless us as we continue to share and grow faith!

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