



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

Still Experimenting

As we began this past Summer, we chose to experiment with our worship life together. That experiment has been one that has helped to breathe new life and vibrancy into our congregation. This past Sunday, as I was distributing communion, I was overwhelmed by the volume of the voices that were singing at that time. My heart was overflowing with joy, in the way we were together and celebrating God's gifts of grace at that moment in time. That moment is what some Christians call a **"thin" place**. It is a place and time when heaven and earth seem to be touching, and the divine is felt, seen, and heard in our midst. God is truly always there with us, however "thin" places are when that presence seems clearer. I am grateful, because it is by experimenting that we have discovered many of those "thin" places.

As we officially enter the season of fall, it is my hope that we will continue to experiment and discover new "thin" places of grace together. We have been experimenting with our **SUNDAY LIFT** gatherings on **Sunday mornings at 9am**. Sunday Lift 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). We are taking an ancient practice and experimenting with it in new ways through eating, learning, sharing, playing, and praying.

During our Sunday Lift experiment, I have gotten to watch people of different generations share their lives and create "thin" places in beautiful ways. I watched a kindergartener share with someone in their late 40's about how their grandfather had passed a while ago. I've heard old family stories shared with young people. I've seen complete strangers become friends as they worked together on one of the day's activities. We have laughed, sung, learned, and eaten;

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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: 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 November 26 at the home of Janice Payseur. The book for discussion is The Pact, by Sampson Davis

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet as scheduled by your chairperson.



Gloria Parlier	10/2	Josh Allen	10/20
Wade Parlier	10/3	Harold Whiteside	10/20
Lori Duncan	10/6	Tammy Morrison	10/21
Cecelia Hayes	10/7	Michaelyn Palmer	10/21
Ian Goodwin	10/8	Lily Taylor	10/23
Darren Crowder	10/12	Lauren Knight	10/24
Carroll Payseur	10/12	Noah Gillelan	10/25
Brenda Jones	10/15	Scott Link	10/28
Tracy Goodwin	10/16	Bill Elmore	10/29
Kevin Hayes	10/16	Hunter Smith	10/29
Hannah Fender	10/18		



Monte Lail	10/4
Noah Wright	10/4
Monica Allen	10/7
Cecelia Hayes	10/12
Evan Hayes	10/12
Laurie Nelson	10/15
Amanda Brace	10/16
Brad Mosteller	10/16
Kyler Freeman	10/17
Josh Allen	10/20
Chloe Wright	10/23
Josh Rayfield	10/25
Ethan Miller	10/26

An advertisement for Pushpay. It features a person's hands holding a smartphone. The text says: "Text holycrosselca to 77977 to give!". Below that, it says: "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. 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

10/06	10 AM	Pentecost 17
10/13	10 AM	Pentecost 18
10/20	10 AM	Pentecost 19
10/27	10 AM	Reformation Sunday

The Eucharist is served every week.

SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
09/01	\$4,738.00	\$290.00	90
09/08	6,088.00	175.00	89
09/15	3,998.00	875.00	101
09/22	3,417.00	345.00	99
09/29	5,918.00	230.00	110
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Total	\$24,159.00	\$1915.00	98 (Average)
Needed each week: \$5,492.00 Needed-to-date: \$214,188.00 Received-to-date: \$163,167.85 Year-to-date over/(under): \$(23,560.15)			

ROOF FUND PROGRESS

Amount to date: \$3,619.17



- Please pray for the family of **Sue Harrill** on her September 3rd death.
- **John Dancoff** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on October 1. Please remember **John and Cindy** in your prayers.
- **Sonya Hoffman** is recovering from surgery and complications following. She is scheduled to have more surgery on October 23. Please keep her and **Mark** in your prayers.
- Please pray for expectant parents **Chelsea and Kevin Hayes** and baby as they await an early October birth.
- **Elaine Wismar** is home from rehab. Please continue to pray for her.
- **Bill Alvey** has been having heart issues and has undergone surgeries to place stents. Please keep **Bill and Janet** in your prayers.
- 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.****

BECAUSE HE
LIVES *i can face*
TOMORROW →
BECAUSE HE
LIVES *all fear is gone*
 ← **BECAUSE**
i know **HE** *holds* **THE**
FUTURE AND LIFE IS WORTH THE LIVING
just because
HE LIVES

Welcome New Members



We are pleased to welcome these new members who officially joined our Holy Cross family on September 29. Marsha Moore with Rodney and Kacie Buckner and children Haven and Adalyn have been visiting for several weeks. Please continue to make them feel welcome.

Bill and Janet Alvey have been worshipping at Holy Cross for a while. Bill (not pictured) has been ill with heart issues. Please remember him and Janet in your prayers.



VIA DE CRISTO
2019 FALL WEEKENDS
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.

OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:30 AM Small Group	3 7:00 PM Ensemble	4	5
6 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship	7	8	9 6:30 AM Small Group	10 7:00 PM Ensemble	11	12
13 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Committee Mtgs 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	15	16 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	17 7:00 PM Ensemble	18	19 10:00 AM Greeting Card Ministry
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Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the fellowship hall for Sunday Lift. It's a time for people of all ages to gather and learn about and share God's love. There is always good food, fun activities and awesome people! You don't have to have kids to be a part of Lift. Just join in! Childcare for our youngest ones is provided.



Communication Tips!

We try to get important information to you in a number of ways: monthly newsletters, weekly e-mail reminders, FaceBook posts, Sunday bulletins and announcements, phone calls and texts. Please let us know if you aren't receiving communications and we will try to help you track down the problem.

Are you on our e-mail lists for prayer requests, reminders and monthly newsletters? Keep your e-mail address current with us by sending a note to holycrosselcanc@gmail.com

Important information such as cancellations, schedule changes, and prayer requests of a serious or emergent nature are sent out by phone and/or text blasts. Please make sure we have your phone number (cell number for texts) and let us know if you prefer calls, texts or both. Update your preferences with an e-mail to holycrosselcanc@gmail.com or a phone call at 704-732-0251.

If you would like to share a prayer request with the church family via our mass email, please call, email or place your request in the prayer box in the narthex. Please be sure the subject of your prayer request approves of sharing .

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be given to Rickie no later than Tuesday of that week. Newsletter articles and info are due in the church office no later than the last Sunday of the month.

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
10/06	10:00 AM	E. Helms	J.Joyce	R. Ulicny	C. Morrow	C. Wilson	J. Joly	J. Dancoff
10/13	10:00 AM	K. Harrill	C. Hayes	S. Johnson	L. Nelson	M. Smith	N. Melson	B. Elmore
10/20	10:00 AM	M. Schronce	L. Hummrich	M. Smith	C. Wilson	G. Nichols	T. Whiteside	M. Freeman
10/27	10:00 AM	N. Nelson	J. Clark	S. Harrill	D. Nichols	S. Johnson	K. Harrill	J. Elmore

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	D. Hayes, C.J. Nelson, J. Smith, A. Lail	J. Burgin	J. Payseur T. Whiteside

NEW THINGS HAPPENING THIS FALL



> We are shaking things up a lot this year with big changes in our usual schedule. We are then adding numerous FUN OUTINGS and SERVING opportunities each and every month. WATCH THE CALEDAR 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.

> **October 5th Soup Kitchen (10am-1pm)** come directly to the soup kitchen.

> **October 6th (meet at church at 2:15pm)** 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 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 have begun sending food to school for Bookbags of Love. 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.

Unapproved Council Minutes

September 8, 2019

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

Joey Wagoner called the meeting to order:
7:08 p.m.

Devotions: Sharon Hovis

Approval of minutes from August meeting by Council: Tracy Goodwin, Cindy Duncan seconded, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Evangelism - Tracy Goodwin gave a reminder that Project Matthew begins this month

Fellowship - Joni Smith reported that Sunday Lift went well

Finance - Joey Wagoner reported revenue is 14 % under what is expected

Property - Mike Wootton reported pallets have been removed, filters have been changed, need to move dirt around sidewalk to picnic shelter to smooth out instead of having a drop off, concern about flickering light at the end of the hallway, Mike Wootton will handle, suggestion was made to discuss with Dean Whiteside

Stewardship - fundraising committee idea suggested by Tracy Goodwin a no bake, bake sale; suggestion was made to combine this with Christmas Pageant

Youth - making changes, similar format, once a month will be a fun outing and once a month will be a service project

Pastor's Report - Past Chad reported that Rally Day went well, there will be an upcoming new member class, he will be serving on upcoming Via de Cristo

Old Business - need nominees for council for 2020, vote will take place in November

New Business - none

Next Council Meeting October 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



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.

old and young together. We have enjoyed many “thin” places in these past few weeks. If you haven’t already, I would invite you to try Sunday Lift one week and join in with yet another one of our experiments in grace.

There are many opportunities here at Holy Cross for you to experiment and grow your faith. I want to be clear that **faith experiments should not just happen here**. No matter who you are, you need to try new things, meet new people, and create new beauty with your life. God has made YOU a being filled with unlimited potential to love and bring grace to this world. God has chosen YOU to be in the many places you live like school, home, work, sports, hobbies, and all the places you inhabit. God has chosen you to experiment in those places so that you might bring about some of those “thin” places where heaven and earth touch and beauty and grace abounds. May you find yourself experimenting this October, and may your moments be filled with awareness of the presence of God.

Christ Makes “Thin” Places Happen,

P. Chad

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