



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Treasurer: Toni Whiteside

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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 January 28 at the home of Becky Ketner. The book for discussion is The Bookish Life of Nina Hill, by Abbi Waxman.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:00 or as scheduled by your chairperson.



Dan Barker	1/1
Bill Alvey	1/2
Cindy Helton	1/5
Will Blackburn	1/7
Sydney Garrison	1/9
Janet Alvey	1/10
Cailin Walker	1/15
John Joly Jr.	1/16
Kacie Buckner	1/20
Gage Morrow	1/20
Jessica Rivas	1/22
Jack Goodwin	1/24
Brian Sigmon	1/26
Jennifer Parker	1/27
Dot Hall	1/29
Geraldine Sain	1/30
Warren Surace	1/30



An advertisement for Pushpay. It features a red background with a white diagonal stripe. On the left, there's a small logo with a red "P" and the word "Pushpay". The main text in white says "Text holycrosselca to 77977 to give!". Below this, in smaller white text, 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." At the bottom, it says "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."

John Duncan	1/1
C.J. Nelson	1/1
Kenny Mosteller	1/8
Chad Mosteller	1/9
Maggie Cook	1/11
Jeffrey Duncan	1/11
Darren Surace	1/11
Emma Hayes	1/13
Beth Marulanda	1/15
Daniel Hayes	1/19
Kevin Hayes	1/19
Jack Goodwin	1/24
Kirk Cronland	1/31

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1/05	10 AM	Christmas 2
1/12	10 AM	Baptism of Our Lord
1/19	10 AM	Epiphany 2
1/26	10 AM	Epiphany 3

The Eucharist is served every week.

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
12/01	\$3,801.00	\$65.00	78
12/08	6,104.00	3,095.00	87
12/15	3,479.00	612.00	90
12/22	4,918.00	565.00	102
12/24	2,304.00	130.00	125
12/29	3,180.00	10.00	42
Thrivent	-----	-----	-----
AmazonSmile	-----	-----	-----
Total	\$23,786.00	\$4,477.00	87 (Average)
Needed each week: \$5,492.00 Needed-to-date: \$285,565.00 Received-to-date: \$245,267.78 Year-to-date over/(under): \$(40,267.78)			

ROOF FUND PROGRESS

Amount to date: \$4,019.17



- **Misty Gillelan** died at home December 28. Please keep **Joey Sr., Joey II, Noah** and the rest of her family in your prayers as they grieve.
- **Bill Alvey** has been hospitalized with pneumonia. He is recovering at home. Please keep **Bill and Janet** in your prayers.
- **Bill Elmore** was hospitalized with pneumonia. He has recovered well. Continue to hold **Bill and Joan** up in prayer.
- **Jason Hovis and Lisa Warren** announce the birth of their daughter, **Evelyn Georgia Hovis** on December 4. **Evelyn** is the granddaughter of **Sharon Hovis**.
- **Elaine Wismar** continues with health problems. Please continue to pray for her.
- 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*
just because **HE LIVES** *WORTH THE LIVING*



Do you have a new email address, phone number or home address? Please let us know! We will be updating our church directory over the next several weeks. Drop us an email at holycrosskarenh@gmail.com with your changes.



LAUGHTER YOGA

Join us for something different!

Hosted by

Fox Laughter Club and Holy Cross ELCA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 7:00 PM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

All ages!



YEAR-END REPORTS

It's that time again! If you are chairperson or leader of any committee or group, we need a year-end report from you by January 31. We can email you a copy of last year's report if needed. Just email us your request.



JANUARY is our month to collect food for Christian Ministry. Please bring your non-perishable food items (or paper goods) to church

this month and place them in the "Feed My Sheep" box in the narthex

VIA DE CRISTO

2020 WEEKENDS

Men's—February 20-23

Women's—March 12-15

Mixed—March 26-29

Men's—September 24-27

Women's—October 8-11

Mixed —October 15-18



Cost for pilgrims is \$90. *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.

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00 PM Ensemble	3	4
5 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	6	7	8	9 6:00 PM Ensemble	10	11
12 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	13 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	14	15 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	16 6:00 PM Ensemble 7:00 PM Laugh Yoga	17	18
19 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship	20	21	22 6:30 AM Small Group	23 6:00 PM Ensemble	24	25
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Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
1/05	10:00 AM	C. Dancoff	P. Joly	D. Nichols	R. Hayes	J. Payseur	N. Melson	E. Miller
1/12	10:00 AM	M. Gillelan	C. Hayes	C. Duncan	J. Payseur	M. Smith	T. Whiteside	J. Dancoff
1/19	10:00 AM	D. Hayes	J. Joyce	T. Whiteside	S. Hovis	G. Nichols	K. Harrill	B. Elmore
1/26	10:00 AM	E. Anderson	L. Hummrich	D. Rhyne	C. Duncan	S. Johnson	J. Joly	M. Freeman

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	J. Wagoner, C. Wilson, J. Dancoff, B. Sigmon	J. Wagoner	K. Hayes N. Melson

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.



Sunday LIFT is an intergenerational (that means it's for ALL AGES) time we share on Sunday mornings. We will be meeting at **9AM** on **Sundays January 19 and 26**. Sunday lift is based on Acts 2:42 "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers." We engage in each of these four early church practices each week. Our unit is entitled:

Here Comes Jesus! Here Comes Jesus!

January 19: Here Come Anna and Simeon! Luke 2:22-38

January 26: Here Come the Magi! Matthew 2:1-12

This is a great way to learn more about preparing for and celebrating the season. We hope to see you there!

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 and schedule changes 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.

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