



# *The Cross Bearer*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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*From the Pastor...*

## Jesus and My New Baseball Glove

During my childhood I spent a great deal of time playing baseball. I can remember practicing throwing, catching, and hitting. I would spend hours with my brothers and friends just throwing a ball back and forth in the front yard. I loved playing in little league where I made some great friends and learned a lot about the game. I remember when one of our teammates got a BRAND NEW bat. It was so shinny and cool looking. The bat looked like it could knock a baseball into outer space. When I got to hold that bat, I felt like I was in the major league! I'm not sure whether or not it was the bat, but our team's batting average INSTANTLY went up, as we swung the new bat with ease.

I also can remember getting a new glove. As exciting as it was, it was NOT like the bat. Unlike the bat, which was instantly helpful, my new glove was stiff and AWKWARD. It was not flexible and comfortable like my old glove which molded to my hand over time. I remember we had to oil and "work-in" the new glove which took a lot of time. Eventually I came to love this new glove even more than my old one and could catch a ball with ease.

This is the way NEW things in our lives can be. Sometimes they are INSTANTLY enjoyable and helpful like the baseball bat. Other times they take time to break in like a glove. The scriptures tell us that God is ALWAYS doing a NEW THING in our lives. That is certainly true for our church, as we continue to make changes here at Holy Cross. The prophet Isaiah tells us . . .

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## Church Council

**Chairperson:** Joey Wagoner  
**Vice Chair** Mike Wootton  
**Secretary:** Tracy Goodwin  
**Youth Rep:** TBA

Eric Anderson  
Lisa Crowder  
John Dancoff  
Daniel Hayes  
Sharon Hovis  
Nancy Melson  
Chelsea Morrow  
Brian Sigmon  
Joni Smith

## ***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 March 31.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Sunday, February 09, at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:00 or as scheduled by your chairperson.



Jim Hovis	2/3
Ruth Little	2/12
John Blackburn	2/13
Mark Hoffman	2/17
Emily Joyce	2/17
Rodney Buckner	2/19
Kevin Miller	2/19
Bryston Walker	2/24
Layla Clewell	2/26
Mike Broome	2/28



Ian Goodwin	2/2
Raleigh Huss	2/3
Lola Whiteside	2/3
Bradley Hallstead	2/4
David Waggoner	2/5
Josh Park	2/6
Misti Walker	2/16
Tracy Goodwin	2/18
Jessica Rivas	2/21
Connie Bare	2/23
Libby Garrison	2/23
Mark Hoffman	2/28

An advertisement for Pushpay. It features a person's hands holding a smartphone. The text on the ad 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](http://www.holycrosselca.org), click on "connect," then click "give."



## 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](http://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.



### LAUGHTER YOGA

**Join us for something different!**

Hosted by

**Fox Laughter Club and Holy Cross ELCA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27@ 7:00 PM**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

All ages!

## Unapproved Council Minutes

January 12, 2020

**Present:** Brian Sigmon, Nancy Melson, Mike Wootton, Daniel Hayes, Joey Wagoner, Eric Anderson, John Dancoff, Joni Smith, Tracy Goodwin, Pastor Chad **Absent:** Sharon Hovis, Chelsea Morrow, Lisa Crowder  
Joey called meeting to order; Devotions: Joey Wagoner  
With unanimous consent, 2020 Executive Leadership are as follows:

Council Chair: Joey Wagoner

Council Vice Chair: Mike Wootton

Council Secretary: Tracy Goodwin

Minutes from November council meeting and cong. meeting were approved

Deacon Committee Liaisons for reporting to Council:

Property– Daniel Hayes and Mike Wootton

Christian Education – Joni Smith and Lisa Crowder

Worship/Music – Brian Sigmon

Youth – Chelsea Morrow

Social Ministry/Evangelism – Tracy Goodwin, S. Hovis

Stewardship – John Dancoff and Eric Anderson

Fellowship – Nancy Melson

Finance – Joey Wagoner

2020 Monthly Deacon Assignments were made

Pastor's Report: Healthy mix of returning council members, first time council members, and newer members' first time council members. Reflecting on this past Christmas play – great participation, meal and fellowship. Thankful to those that stepped in to help the Gillelan family on the passing of Misty since Pastor was away. The advent worship services went well. Worship and Music committee spoke with him about a possible change to the start for the Christmas Eve service. Overall, feeling rejuvenated and refreshed after his vacation. He will work with Youth to get a new Youth representative to council.

New Business:

- Lay Pastor program needs brought back/rejuvenated
- Ceiling Fans – getting electrician's schedule
- Casey Buckner – volunteered to head up Kings Kids age group (K-5)
- Joni Smith is organizing a Women's Bible Study, inquired about using some church funds to supply material.
- Joey Reminded Council to have their respective committee chairs from 2019 to get their year end reports to Karen and Rickie by 1/31/20. Upcoming Important dates:

February 23 2020 – Semi Annual Congregational Meeting (approve 2019 reports)

Next Council Meeting: 2/9/2020 @ 7pm

Pastor Chad closed the meeting with prayer

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2/02	10 AM	Epiphany 4
2/09	10 AM	Epiphany 5
2/16	10 AM	Epiphany 6
2/23	10 AM	Transfiguration
2/26	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday

*The Eucharist is served every week.*

## JANUARY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
1/05	\$6,215.00	\$30.00	85
1/12	4,730.00	407.57	102
1/19	3,832.00	420.00	89
1/26	5,241.00	50.00	101
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AmazonSmile	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,018.00</b>	<b>\$ 907.50</b>	<b>94 (Average)</b>

Needed each week: \$5,161.00

Needed-to-date: \$20,644.00

Received-to-date: \$20,018.00

Year-to-date over/(under): \$(626.00)

## ROOF FUND PROGRESS

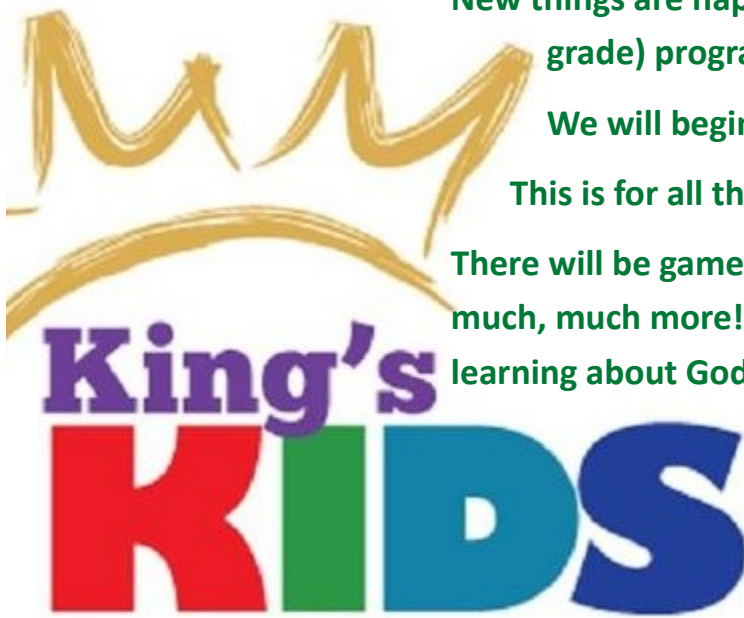
Amount to date: \$4,261.74



- **Richard Hayes** has recovered well from foot surgery.
- **Harold Price** is having knee issues and will be scheduling knee replacement surgery soon.
- **Doug Miller**, who provides lawn care for Holy Cross, badly broke his leg in will be in recovery for 6 months. Please keep **Doug and his wife, Myra** in your prayers.
- **Lola Whiteside** is having back issues. Please remember **Lola** in your prayers.
- **John Little** is scheduled for a procedure. Please keep **John and Ruth** in your prayers.
- Please remember in prayer all those with or recovering from respiratory illnesses or flu which prevail during this season.
- **Elaine Wismar** continues with health problems. Please continue to pray for her.
- Full-time Military: **Danny Nichols, 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





New things are happening at Holy Cross! Our King's Kids (K-5th grade) program is being relaunched!

We will begin on Sunday, February 2, 4-5:15 p.m.

This is for all those in Kindergarten — 5th grade.

There will be games, music, snacks, crafts, activity lessons, and much, much more! It will be a time of growing in friendships, learning about God's love and playing in grace.

Come and be a part of something new that we are starting at Holy Cross.

We will meet on Sunday, February 16 as well.

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We are in the process of revitalizing our Prayer Partner Ministry. This ministry was started a couple of years ago and paired adults who wanted to participate with children (birth-college) as prayer partners. Adults and children pray for each other and remember one another with cards, drawings, and perhaps small gifts throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner or restarting as a prayer partner, you will find a sign up list in the narthex. On Sunday, February 9, we will celebrate with Prayer Partner Sunday at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall where we will meet and get to know our prayer partners.

If you already have a special bond with your original prayer partner, no worries! You can keep them. Just let us know and we will be sure to keep you together.

# FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM King's Kids	3	4	5 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study	6 6:00 PM Ensemble	7	8
9 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship	10 10:00 AM Sassy Seniors	11	12 6:30 AM Small Group	13 6:00 PM Ensemble	14	15
16 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM King's Kids	17	18	19 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	20 6:00 PM Ensemble	21	22
23 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24	25	ASH WEDNESDAY 26 6:30 AM Small Group 7:00 PM Worship	27 6:00 PM Ensemble 7:00 PM Laugh Yoga	28	29

## Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
2/02	10:00 AM	J. Dancoff	C. Hayes	G. Broome	B. Sigmon	E. Anderson	N. Melson	J. Elmore
2/09	10:00 AM	S. Harrill	P. Joly	C. Wilson	K. Surace	H. Smith	H. Wolfe	E. Miller
2/16	10:00 AM	J. Little	L. Whiteside	C. Morrow	B. Edwards	C. Wilson	C. Wilson	J. Dancoff
2/23	10:00 AM	Jms Wolfe	Jsh Wolfe	T. Goodwin	J. Elmore	J. Payseur	K. Harrill	B. Elmore
2/26	7:00 PM	M. Miller	P. Joly		C. Wilson	M. Smith		M. Freeman

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	C. Dancoff, C. Duncan, S. Harrill, A. Lail	D. Hayes	E. Miller S. Hoffman

### 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 December 1st and 8th**. We will be taking a short break after that for Christmas and return on January 19th. 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 new unit is entitled:

### God and God's People

God and God's People explores the opening stories of Genesis, two creation accounts and a consequential decision made by the first human beings. Together, these stories tell us about who God is, God's relationship with the creation, especially human beings, and the responsibilities humans have for the care of the earth.

*Session 1 God Was Pleased Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

*Session 2 In the Image of God Genesis 1:26-31*

*Session 3 God Was Involved Genesis 2:4b-25*

*Session 4 Grace Abounding Genesis 3:1-21*



### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our February Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m. (after worship). The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2018 Annual Reports.



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 few weeks. Drop us an email at [holycrosskarenh@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosskarenh@gmail.com) with your changes.



## Youth News

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

> Meeting to **REVAMP and REPLAN** our Youth Ministry: Sunday **February 2nd, 5:15pm**

We are reimagining our youth group (Middle and High School). Come with your ideas and dreams for this short meeting

> 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.

> Interested in an afterschool weekly small group? Talk to Pastor Chad.

> **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS** – come and learn from Lee and others how to play in a Praise Band, and eventually play for some of our Sunday morning worship times.



Heart2Heart



Speak with Sonya  
Hoffman or go to:  
[Heart2heartwomen.org](http://Heart2heartwomen.org)  
For more information

**Friday February 28th**

Gourmet Cupcake Get Acquainted Gathering @ 6 PM  
Program Begins @ 7 PM

**Saturday February 29th**

Continental Breakfast @ 8 AM  
Session 1 Begins @ 9 AM

women's event  
**KEY KEEPER  
CONFERENCE**

Faith Baptist Church  
5194 Old Plank Road  
Iron Station, NC

Emulating the Proverbs 31 Woman

LET ALL  
THAT  
YOU DO  
BE DONE  
WITH  
**LOVE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



*Don't remember the prior things;*

*don't ponder ancient history.*

*Look! I'm doing a new thing;*

*now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?* Isaiah 43:18,19

So often we find ourselves wanting to go back to that "old glove" that is comfortable, but if we do, we will miss the new thing that God is doing. God is love, and love is ALWAYS growing and taking on new beauty and vibrancy. This is the continual ongoing work of God. In Revelation we see Jesus making a clear declaration from the throne of love . . .

*Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new."* Revelation 21:5

Jesus is making ALL things NEW including us. There are new ministries popping up here at Holy Cross. There are people trying new things here at church. There are new songs being sung. There are new people becoming a part of our ministry. Sometimes the newness will be like a new bat that instantly gives us that feeling of instant satisfaction. Other times it will be like an awkward glove that has to be worked in. Not matter what however, our newness will always help us to hit God's work out of the park, as well as catch God's love in new and beautiful ways. May you embrace whatever new thing God is doing in your life.

Christ Makes All things New,

*Pastor Chad*

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Grace

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