



The Cross Bearer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

I Have a Question for You

Questions are a funny thing. Why do we ask questions? Usually it's because we want to know something. We might ask something like "where's the restroom?" or "what time is it?" Questions mean that we are interested in something. If we want to know another human being better, we will need to ask questions. Think about the last time you met someone new. Eventually you may have asked things like, "what do you do for a living?" or "where do you live?" In relationships that go even deeper we find ourselves asking things like, "what are your hopes and dreams?" or "what do you love and treasure most in life?" We ask questions because we care and are interested.

Did you know that in the gospels Jesus asks 307 questions? He is asked about 183 questions by others. Out of all those questions Jesus answers fewer than 10 of those questions. We often like to think of Jesus as the "answer man." There are even signs that state "Jesus is the answer." The truth is Jesus asks way more questions than gives answers. I think this is partly due to the fact that Jesus is interested in us. Jesus wants to unearth new knowledge about us. Jesus wants to know us more and more, because that's what people who love us do.

One of the first things we hear in the gospels from the mouth of Jesus is when he is a child and stayed behind when his family was visiting the Temple in Jerusalem. His parents are on the way home and find that he is not with them. When they frantically go back to the Temple they find their son putting questions to the religious elders. When they question why Jesus is there he responds with the question, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?"

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Church Council

Chairperson: Joey Wagoner
Vice Chair Mike Wootton
Secretary: Tracy Goodwin
Youth Rep: Madison Crowder

Eric Anderson
Lisa Crowder
John Dancoff
Daniel Hayes
Nancy Melson
Chelsea Morrow
Pat Mosteller
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 at the home of Joan Elmore. The book for discussion is The Reckoning, by John Grisham.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, March 08, at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:00 or as scheduled by your chairperson.



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John Duncan	3/1	Jackson Clark	3/15
Susan Wagoner	3/2	Karen Hayes	3/15
Chloe Wright	3/2	Tracy Hayes	3/15
Levi Huss	3/3	Kirk Cronland	3/16
Peggy Schronce	3/3	Tanner Wilson	3/16
Kimberly Surace	3/3	Jennifer Burgin	3/17
Devon Morrison	3/4	Josh Rayfield	3/19
Caroline Mackie	3/5	Manny Escobar	3/20
Joey Wagoner	3/5	Nancy Melson	3/23
Chad Walker	3/6	Ethan Knight	3/25
Pat Mosteller	3/8	Linda Townsend	3/27
Betty Jones	3/10	Dorothy Carsley	3/28
Tyler Wilson	3/10	Chelsey Morrow	3/28
Lisa Blackburn	3/13	Kenny Mosteller	3/29
Mackenzie Goodwin	3/13	Abram Hardin	3/30
Kellie Hardin	3/14	Mike Wootton	3/30
Ben Wolfe	3/14		



Leo Hummrich	3/2
Evie Duncan	3/3
Cailin Walker	3/7
Gage Morrow	3/8
Will Blackburn	3/13
Hannah Fender	3/15
Anna Escobar	3/21
Benjamin Goodwin	3/27
Kellie Hardin	3/31
Caroline Mackie	3/31



VIA DE CRISTO

2020 WEEKENDS



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.



LAUGHTER YOGA

Join us for something different!

Hosted by

Fox Laughter Club and Holy Cross ELCA

MARCH date to be announced

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

All ages!

Unapproved Council Minutes

February 9, 2020

Present: Brian Sigmon, Nancy Melson, Mike Wooton, Daniel Hayes, Joey Wagoner, Eric Anderson, John Dancoff, Joni Smith, Chelsey Morrow, Tracy Goodwin **Absent:** Lisa Crowder
Joey called the meeting to order; Devotions: Daniel Hayes
January minutes approved.

Committee Reports:

Property— Lawncare provider, Doug Miller is taking medical leave. Mike received a couple of quotes. Doug's recommendation of Jim Rich proved to be best cost and service. Mulch needs to be redone out front. One light out at the front of the church, can be all fixed on a work day. Sanctuary door stops to be replaced by Daniel

Faith Formation – Bible Study materials to be ordered, sign up shows a lot of interest. Start date to be noted as soon as materials arrive.

Worship/Music – Discussed Lenten meals, Ash Wednesday 2/26, Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday Service discussed. Easter services to be planned next meeting

Youth – Madison Crowder: youth Council Rep. Met to discuss changes to youth program -resolved to keep doing what they're doing. King's Kids had first gathering. Thanks to Casey Buckner, Marsha Moore, and Misti Walker for volunteering. Social Ministry/Evangelism—Card Ministry provided Valentine treat bags/cards for Prayer Partner Sun.

Stewardship – reviewed the list of volunteers. Talked about education materials

Fellowship – ready to roll when we start the Lenten meals

Finance – We broke even for January (giving was down but so were expenses) Reminder to Council that the safety net of our savings account is down.

Pastor's Report: Excited for Kings Kids. Has been needed, and exciting to have someone ask to head it up. Starting to hear a little grumbling about the changes in worship, which is a good reminder about growing pains that come with change. Went to the annual Christian Ministry meeting. Last year on that board. Went to camp planning for Campfirmation. Good feedback for Sunday Lift. New faces.

New Business:

Letter of Resignation from Council from Sharon Hovis was read. Motion and 2nd, all approved.

Replacement for resigned Council member – offered to the next highest vote from last election, Pat Mosteller. She agreed to complete the term. Joey motioned to accept her as new Council member, Chelsey 2nd, all approved.

Mike Wootton motioned to hire James Rich for the lawn care at same rate we paid Doug, with knowledge that Doug will return once he has healed. Eric 2nd, all approved.

Security cameras – films for a month then restarts. All approved for Pastor Chad to get quotes

Old Business: Congregational meeting coming up on 2/23

Next Committee and Council meetings – March 8th

Pastor Chad closed the meeting with prayer

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

3/01	10 AM	Lent 1
3/08	10 AM	Lent 2
3/15	10 AM	Lent 3
3/22	10 AM	Lent 4
3/29	10 AM	Lent 5

The Eucharist is served every week.

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date	General Fund	Special Giving	Attendance
2/02	\$4,456.00	\$ 5.00	102
2/09	3,804.00	50.00	92
2/16	\$3,188.00	202.19	87
2/23			
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AmazonSmile	-----	-----	-----
Total	\$20,018.00	\$ 907.50	94 (Average)
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



- **Rickie Allen** broke her shoulder in a fall. Please keep Rickie and Robert in your prayers as she heals.
- **Harold Price** is seeing a neurologist and undergoing tests
- **Doug Miller**, who provides lawn care for Holy Cross, badly broke his leg and will be in recovery for 6 months. Please keep **Doug and his wife, Myra** in your prayers.
- **Lola Whiteside** suffered a fall and continues to experience back pain. Please remember **Lola and Harold** in your prayers.
- **Cathy Ulicny** has been having back pain issues. Please pray for **Cathy and Rick** as they seek solutions.
- **Linda Townsend** has been diagnosed with Essential Tremors. Please remember **Linda** in your prayers.
- 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



Our King's Kids(K-5th grade) had a great kickoff last month, and we look forward to lots of fun in March.

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays: March 1 & 15 at 4pm-5:15pm.

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 amazing.



The new Women's Bible Study will begin Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. while King's Kids meet. We will be doing a study on 1st and 2nd Kings by Lysa TerKeurst. Each person will need to purchase a study guide at a cost of \$17.19

LENTEN DISCIPLINE IDEAS

- Write a love letter each day of Lent to people who have had a big impact on your life. Mail them to those you can, but also consider writing to those who have passed on, or to historical figures or, of course, to God.
- Keep a gratitude jar. Write things you are grateful for each day of Lent. Read them on Easter Sunday.
- Every day of Lent, spend 10-20 minutes outside (rain or shine!) in prayer and meditation.
- Give away 40 things you don't need. Great way to declutter and brighten someone else's life!
- Fast from using your debit card and use cash instead. It will help you to become aware of how easy it is to swipe and waste and allow you to meditate on and act with better stewardship.
- Read the New Testament in 40 Days
- Go to Wednesday Lenten services.
- Go vegetarian for Lent

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Bible Study (W) 4:00 PM King's Kids 5:15 PM Youth	2	3	4 6:30 AM Small Group 10:00 AM G.S. Bible Study 6:15 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Worship	5 6:00 PM Ensemble	6	7
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29 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Lift 10:00 AM Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	30	31 7:00 PM Book Club				

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Service Time	Greeter	Aco/Crucifer	Lector	C. Assist.	Slides	Nursery	Lay Pastor
3/01	10:00 AM	M. Schronce	C. Hayes	B. Sigmon	T. Goodwin	S. Johnson	J. Joly	J. Elmore
3/08	10:00 AM	B. Sigmon	M. Crowder	L. Nelson	C. Morrow	K. Surace	N. Melson	E. Miller
3/15	10:00 AM	R. Ulicny	P. Joly	S. Hummrich	D. Nichols	J. Wagoner	H. Wolfe	J. Dancoff
3/22	10:00 AM	H. Wolfe	Jms. Wolfe	B. Edwards	C. Dancoff	E. Anderson	K. Harrill	B. Elmore
3/29	10:00 AM	M. Wootton	C. Hayes	R. Ulicny	L. Nelson	Jms. Wolfe	J. Joly	M. Freeman

Service Time	Ushers	Deacon	Altar Guild
10:00 AM	C. Hoffman, CJ Nelson, C. Payseur, C. Wilson	J. Dancoff	G. Broome C. Dancoff

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:

Jesus' Life and Ministry

Jesus' Life and Ministry explores Jesus' life as an adult prior to Holy Week and Easter. These sessions allow us to see Jesus answer his call and work in many different ways in the lives of those he encountered while on earth.

Session 1 The Test Matthew 4:1-11

Session 2 Set Apart Matthew 17:1-9

Session 3 The Teacher John 3:1-17

Session 4 The Friend to All John 4:5-42

Session 5 The Healer John 9:1-7



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- > **Youth Nights** March 1st and March 15th 5PM -7:30
- > 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 at 6:30am.
- > 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.



Each Wednesday in Lent we will share a simple Lenten meal at 6:15 p.m. A different group provides the meal each week. If you would like to help an existing group, please let Eve Miller know.

March 4—Monday Night Reunion Group

March 11—Sassy Seniors

March 18—Friday Morning Reunion Group

March 25—Men's Reunion Group

April 1—Council



Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7 before you go to bed!



Beginning Wednesday, March 4 we will meet each week at 7:00 p.m. for our mid-week Lenten Service. This year's focus will be on "Questions Jesus Asked."



**Agapé Day Camp
Is at Holy Cross
again this summer!**

Who: All kids who will be in 1st-8th grade this Fall.

When: July 27-31 (covered-dish meet & greet on July 26)

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily

Cost: \$65 (What a deal! Holy Cross pays the other \$65!)

What: Music, crafts, Bible study, games, water day, fun, fun, fun!

We will begin taking registrations in April

One of Jesus' first questions to his disciples is, "what are you looking for?" Later he will ask them, "who do you say that I am?" The list of questions goes on and on. In the gospels we encounter a Jesus who is not come to give us the answers. He is not interested in filling our minds with mere INFORMATION, but instead inspires us to TRANSFORMATION by asking questions that matter.

This Lent, we will be taking time on Wednesday nights to sit with some of Jesus' questions. We will also ask our own questions as we sing a song entitled, "How Can You Still Love Me?" Each week we will also allow God to question us in ways that will transform our lives together. I hope to see you there as you bring your own questions and an openness to God's questions.

Christ Asks the Best Questions,

Pastor Chad



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