

THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2026

OUR VISION STATEMENT

*We are grace-filled followers of
Jesus Christ who are
Equipped, Encouraged,
and Expected to use our
Heads, our Hearts, and our
Hands to go into the world.*



Holy Communion Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the North Carolina Synod, ELCA

103 West Church Street • P.O. Box 597

Dallas, North Carolina 28034

Office 704.922.5375 email: office@hclcdallas.org

www.holycommunionLutherandallas.org

Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

Rev. Brooks Seaford

Organist: Katherine Kast

Parish Secretary: Selina Farris

Worship with us!

Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:00 pm at
 Holy Communion

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
 with Imposition of Ashes
 Wednesday, February 18, 2026
 2:00 pm**

Pastor Brooks will be leading a Ash
 Wednesday Service with Imposition of
 Ashes on Wednesday, February 18th
 at 2:00pm., at Holy Communion.



**Pastor's
 Office Hours**

Pastor Brooks will be in the office of
 Holy Communion on Tuesday, February 12th and
 Wednesday, February 18th., from
 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

If you would like to make an appointment for
 either a home or office visit, please contact
 Pastor Brooks or the church office.



If pastoral care is needed, please call

- * Pastor Seaford 704 577 6470
- * church office 704-922-5375
- * Greg Carter (council president)
 704-616-3958

**FEBRUARY FOOD ITEMS:
 SOUP, MAC & CHEESE,
 LIMA BEANS**



Women's Group of Holy Communion
 Women's Group meeting
 Saturday, February 7, 2026
 10:30 am in the lounge.
 All ladies are welcome!



BIRTHDAY'S

- 2/5 Victoria Call
- 2/6 Michele Falls
- 2/9 Janna White
 Cullie Hall
- 2/14 Eric Heavner
 Leon Pasour

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEAL HOST

- February 5 Dallas Baptist
- February 12 Dallas Methodist
- February 19 St. Paul's
- February 26 HCLC



2026 Altar Flower Chart
 is posted in the hallway. If you would like
 to place flowers in the church, please sign
 up or contact the church office. Cost is
 \$61.00 from Gaston Floral



FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>November (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$14,372.57	\$157,206.24
Expenditures	<u>\$10,921.95</u>	<u>\$140,614.11</u>
Net Income	\$3,450.62	\$16,592.13
Checking Balance 12/01/25	\$156,782.93	
2025 Net Income	\$1,937.63	
Checking Balance 12/31/25	\$160,233.55	



WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Our Church family: Gene & Muriel Armstrong, Deanna Simms; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Eric Heavner; our church; church council; Reid Simms; Coleen Cloninger; Ann Collett; Nancy Pasour; Sandy Clemmer.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Robbie Cearley; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Shelvy Pasour; unspoken prayers; Gage Brown (Angela Collett); Our Country; Addie Singleton (11 yr old diagnosed with osteosarcoma); Brook Scoggins Cook; Chuck Denham; The Pierce sons (multiple health issues Pat Heavner); Patrick "pancreatic cancer & Beverly Student (Katherine's brother in law and sister.)

Our Continuing Long-Term Members: Carla Hall, Mary Rhyne

Please remember to notify the Church Office when a prayer request has been resolved



Caroline Clemmer Black
25110 Lookout Dr.
Fort Riley, KS 66442

John Henry Clemmer
267 Carolina Way
Sanford, NC 27332



Allen Huggins
Courtland Terrace
2300 Aberdeen Blvd, Room 28 B
Gastonia, NC 28054
Phone: 704-671-6875

Mary Rhyne
Lincolnton Rehabilitation Center
1410 E. Gaston St.~ room #205
Lincolnton, NC 28092

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Jan 11th, 2025, Congregation Meeting

Present: 27

Jeff Clemmer opened the congregation meeting and began discussing updates and informing the congregation on all that the church is doing in the community.

Jeff Clemmer informed congregation that he would be stepping down as Council President and endorsed Greg Carter.

Discussion: Hiring Pastor Seaford as our fulltime/parttime Pastor. Congregation informed of his availability/schedule.

*Congregation voted on hiring Pastor Seaford via ballot. (21 to 1) Motion to hire **Passed**.

Discussion: There is a pause on yoga classes due to not having an instructor.

Motion to Adjourn: Jerry Peeler 1st, David Cloninger 2nd. No opposed.

Congregation Meeting Adjourned

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 14, 2025, Council Minutes

Present: Coleen Cloninger, Jerry Peeler, Reid Simms, Deanna Maxwell, Alan Cloninger, Roxanna Britton, Harold George Clemmer Jr., Greg Carter, Jeff Clemmer, Pastor Seaford, Jamie White, and Brittany Peeler.

Opening of Meeting “Opening Prayer” – Pastor Seaford.

Approval of Agenda – Greg Carter 1st, Roxanna Britton 2nd. No opposed.

Approval of Minutes for November 2025 Council Meeting – Jerry Peeler 1st, Deanna Maxwell 2nd and no opposed.

Approval of Financial Reports– Jerry Peeler 1st, Deanna Maxwell 2nd. No opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss hiring Pastor Seaford as part time pastor. **-Discussion:** Discussed hiring, guidelines, and compensation package. Council Voted to Hire and then take vote to the congregation. (10 to 1).
- Christmas Carpet Fund collected donations as of December 10th are \$1,195.00 – Discussion on collecting money and who is picking out the carpet.
- Holy Communion will feed the homeless on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025. – **Discussion:** Discussed menu for feeding the homeless. Discussion on giving out handwarmers, ponchos, blankets, personal care items etc.
- Christmas Eve Service. **UPDATE:** Pastor Seaford will lead the Christmas Service at 5:00 pm and Amy Lewis will be playing the organ / piano. Amount to pay Amy Lewis for Christmas Eve Service? – **Discussion:** Council confirmed Christmas service @ 5pm, candlelight service.
- Discuss church website. Justin Rubow is handling our website. Issues with newsletters not being added at times and other events. Justin does a good job but understand he has a full-time job and other websites for

St. Paul's and Philadelphia Lutheran. **UPDATE:** Emailed Justin on December 3rd, concerning website. He advised he is in the process of changing things over to Holy Communion and will be in contact with me about a date he can come to the church. – **Discussion:** Website maintenance ongoing. We are grateful to Selina who has been doing a lot more with this.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parsonage downstairs bathroom repairs have been completed by plumber. Replaced valves and pipes. Also paid to have needed pressuring washing of the driveway, sidewalk. House should be available for sale or rent by November 15, 2025. –**Discussion:** Everything is repaired in the parsonage. Tabled sale vs. rent for 90 days.
- Educational building bid of \$6700.00. This amount would take care of all rooms downstairs. **UPDATE:** TNZ is the only bid received to date. – **Discussion:** Still on hold. Waiting for Dallas Christmas Ministries to finish their Christmas Season.
- Yoga Classes will begin in the fellowship of Holy Communion on Saturday's beginning on November 22, 2025, from 9am-10am. Cindy Clemmer will be renting the fellowship hall for these classes. Cost per student is \$5.00 per session. (paid to instructor) **UPDATE:** Fellowship Hall usage for the Yoga classes has been paid through December. –**Discussion:** Classes are going well. HCLC to put something on the Jumbotron to advertise the classes. Pastor Seaford to make a visit and invite them to church.
- Discuss the cost of a split AC unit for the church office. **UPDATE:** Waiting for a reply from Randy. – **Discussed:** Randy came to look at the split. They have come down on the price.
- New window A/C unit is needed for the window in the ice room. Randy Ward is checking on the price for a replacement. **UPDATE:** Waiting for a reply from Randy. – **Discussed.**

Extra:

- Discussion on council member elections. Jeff Clemmer to step out of the President role for the council. New Council to be installed next month and then the council will vote on officers.

Adjournment Prayer - Seaford


The deacon for the month of January 2026 Greg Carter

Lay Reader is for January 2026: Beth Carter

Next Meeting January 18, 2026, following worship service.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ? ?

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial** love that God shows to humanity?



A) Eros
B) Phileo
C) Agape
D) Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)



LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

Change:

C's to L Z's to H P's to R
 J's to A Q's to T X's to E
 K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L _____
 C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P

 G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

 Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C

 Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z

 J C C Y K U P M T N D J N D

 W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

_____ " . "

S Q P X N G Q Z

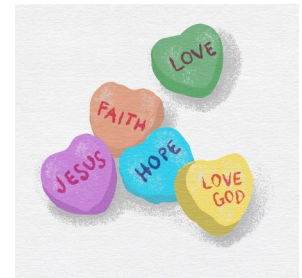
Mark 12:30

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."



Lay Reader for February
 Deacon for February
 Altar Guild

Jamie White
 Jeff Clemmer
 David & Ruth Cloninger



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4th. Sunday of Epiphany 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with communion	2 Groundhog DAY	3	4	5 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Baptist	6	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:30 a.m. Women of the church
8 5th Sunday of Epiphany 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Svr.	9	10	11	12 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Methodist Pastor in office	13	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship Service	16 Presidents Day	17 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	18 Ash Wednesday Service 2:00 pm	19 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: St. Paul's	20	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga
22 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship Service Church council meeting	23 March Newsletter item deadline	24	25 7:00 pm Lent service at Antioch	26 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: HCLC	27	28 9:30 a.m. Yoga



North Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

PHONE: 704 922 5375

Church office email: office@hclcdallas.org

Web: holycommunionlutherandallas.org

Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

Rev. Brooks Seaford

Organist: Katherine Kast

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
P. O. Box 597
Dallas, NC 28034

Return Service requested