

THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2025

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

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Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

Interim Rev. Brook Seaford

Organist: Katherine Kast

Parish Secretary: Selina Farris

Worship with us!

Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.



Hosted by the Women of the church.

All reports are ASAP.

2025 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

The next meeting of the Women of HCLC will be
January 25 at 10:30 in the
Fellowship Hall (if not available, the lounge)

Sunday School begins on
January 5th @ 9:30 a.m.

**JANUARY FOOD PANTY NEEDS
SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE
CORN**

Fellowship Hall of Holy Communion.

JANUARY



BIRTHDAY'S

- 1/7 Jamie White
 1/8 Dylan Bishop
 1/10 Spencer Broome
 Cheyenne Cearley Buckner
 1/12 Terri Bishop
 1/17 Roger Cloninger
 Gene Armstrong
 1/18 Craven Walden
 1/19 Alan Cloninger
 1/25 Davan Cloninger
 1/31 Ruth Cloninger

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/17 Lindsey & Craven Walden

FINANCIAL REPORT



	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>November (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$10,254.17	\$142,833.67
Expenditures	<u>\$10,521.91</u>	<u>\$129,692.16</u>
Net Income	-\$267.74	\$13,141.51
Checking Balance 11/01/24	\$126,058.84	
2024 Net Income	-\$267.74	
Checking Balance 11/30/24	\$125,791.10	

Audio / Video Volunteers for January 2025

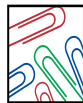
Jan. 5	Gene Armstrong
Jan. 12	James White Jr.
Jan. 19	Greg Carter
Jan. 26	James White Jr

PASTORAL CARE

Please call Pastor Seaford @ 704 577 6470, church office @, 704-922-5375, or Jeff Clemmer, church council president @ 704-349-3458, if pastoral care is needed

JANUARY COMMUNITY MEAL HOST

January 9	Dallas Methodist
January 16	Long Creek
January 23	St. Paul's
January 30	Philadelphia



Office
Hours

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Greg Carter, Jeff Clemmer, Alan Cloninger, Pastor Seaford, Harold George Clemmer Jr., Deanna Maxwell, Jamie White, Roxanna Britton, Brittany Peeler (Secretary).

Opening of Meeting “Opening Prayer” – Pastor Seaford.

Approval of Agenda – Motion Jamie White, 2nd Greg Carter – No opposed.

Approval of Minutes for October 2024 Council Meeting -Motion Greg Carter, 2nd Alan Cloninger – No opposed.

Financial Reports– Motion Greg Carter, 2nd Alan Cloninger – No opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony Story of TNZ Painting inside Sanctuary. UPDATE: Tony will be coming the week of November 25, 2024. – **Discussion:** While he is up there Jeff Clemmer to ask him to change all the lightbulbs. Jeff Clemmer reported that Tony Story will honor original price discussed.
- Bids on kitchen are being accepted. UPDATE: on hold at this moment. The fund amount as of 11/14/2024 is \$10,232.96. - **Discussion:** Jeff Clemmer is still taking bids. Asked council to send people to him if council knows people to update the kitchen.
- Homecoming: Honoring Our Elders was a success!
- Ice Maker is broken again. The upper part of the ice maker needs to be replaced. Parts and labor will be \$3000.00 per Randy Ward. UPDATE: Needs to be replaced. (Women of the church would like to purchase a new one) We have a price of \$3400.00 for another one. -**Discussion:** Council discussed icemaker location as well as purchasing a deep sink for the kitchen. Alan Cloninger made a motion for the women of the church to purchase the new icemaker and Jamie White seconded. No opposed.
- Alan Cloninger made a motion to purchase the deep sink for the kitchen and install it. Price to not exceed \$500.00. Greg Seconded. No opposed.
- Discussion Sunday School class for adults UPDATE: Seven members expressed interest in having Sunday School. Plan to begin in January. Five Sunday School books have been ordered. – **Discussion:** Gene Armstrong, Deanna Maxwell, and Jeff Clemmer to rotate and teach.
- Pastor Seaford asked for the council or church members to let him know if church members would like for him to call them and check in.
- Town of Dallas Trick or Treat event. Candy donations were a success! Thanks to everyone who helped.

- Congregational meeting to vote on LCMC. UPDATE: Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, November 10, 2024. 20 votes to leave the ELCA / 4 Votes to stay in the ELCA / 1 sustained from voting. **-Discussion:** Council discussed voting/active member rules. Council then discussed process of leaving. Currently there are 38 members eligible to vote (attend church on a regular basis, tithe, and commune).
- The community meal fund is showing a negative amount of \$298.46. **Discussion:** Jeff Clemmer suggested to move money out of the checking account to cover the balance. Alan Cloninger volunteered to cover the amount and give \$300.00.
- Poinsettias for Christmas. UPDATE: It was decided instead of placing poinsettias in the church for Christmas, to use money donations for the repairs of the church. Discussion on naming donors and who the donation is in honor/memory of in the church bulletin.
- Discuss cleaning service. Discussion: We are paying \$3900.00 annually to clean the church. Discussion on looking into other companies or doing it ourselves. To wax the floor, it was discussed to use this company maybe just 2x per year to get the floors waxed.
- Budget review – Discussion and review of budget – Alan Cloninger motion to approve 2025 budget. Harold George Clemmer Jr. 2nd and no opposed.
- The organ has a hole in the leather pump and will need to be repaired. Katherine estimated that it could cost 25k for the repair/replacement. Jeff Clemmer to get an official quote.
- Looking ahead-the wood is rotten around the door near the choir area in the Sanctuary and will need to be repaired. **Discussion:** Alan Cloninger gave an update on the prices for repair. 2 options were presented. Reggie Thompson suggested the church just let him re seal around the windows for the quotes price of \$1500. Reggie said that he would do that for free and the church will send him a letter for him to get a tax return. Greg Carter made the motion for Reggie to just reseal. Deanna Maxwell 2nd and no opposed. Alan Cloninger to contact and get the repair started.
- The bushes in front of the church will be cut down to the level of the windows. This will be done in cooler weather. UPDATE: Waiting on cooler weather.
- Voting was here at HCLC. The amount of \$400.00 was billed to the Board of Elections. An increase in price due to two days of use, power, water, and other purchases made.
- GSM invoice **UPDATE:** Paid in full \$18,475.00 (Alan Cloninger made a \$3000.00 donation toward this expense).

NEW BUSINESS

- Men of Holy Communion will put up the Nativity Scene on Saturday, November 30th @ 9:00 AM. **Discussion.**
- Christmas Eve discussion. Time of service? Pastor Seaford will be at his home church with family on this night. Pastor needed? – **Discussion:** Jeff Clemmer contacted Our Savior to ask about a joint service. Alan Cloninger to lead our service if we do not have a pastor. Alan Cloninger asked Jamie White to have Pastor Seaford to bless the sacrament ahead of time so that Jamie can give communion. Alan Cloninger talked to Katherine and the service will consist of Christmas Carols and reading of the Christmas Story. On the last song we will light candles. Service is a 7pm. Alan made a motion for service to begin at 7pm and Roxanna 2nd – No opposed.
- Roxy: Date to decorate the church for Christmas? – 11/30 at 9.

- Call congregational meeting is needed to elect new council members, vote on the 2025 budget. Date of December 8th or December 15th. – **Discussion:** Alan Cloninger made a motion for the meeting to be held on Dec. 8th and Deanna Maxwell seconded. No opposed.
- ELCA: Discuss going forward with leaving the ELCA. **Discussion:** Majority voted to leave the ELCA. Council to go over the check list and begin moving forward with process to leave the ELCA. Alan Cloninger suggested that the church go ahead and hire a lawyer. He has found the church a lawyer through the National Center for Life and Liberty out of Texas. The NALC uses them. Church to pay \$1200 for membership. Alan Cloninger made a motion to join the National Center for Life and Liberty and pay the fee. Alan will set up a conference with our assigned lawyer. Lawyer will write the letter to inform the ELCA that HCLC is leaving. Deanna Maxwell made 1st motion and Jamie White 2nd – No opposed.
- Quote for stainless steel in the kitchen. No one has come out and given a quote yet.
- Next Council Meeting – DEC. 15th, 2024.
The deacon for the month of December 2024 is Jeff Clemmer
Lay Reader is for December 2024 is Jamie White Jr.

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Our Church family: Our Church family: Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Deanna Simms; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Muriel Armstrong; Ruth Cloninger; Allen Huggins; Jerry Peeler; Deanna Maxwell; Mike Clemmer; Alan Cloninger; David Cloninger, Peggy Cearly; Carl Hoffman family.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Nancy Merck (Mary Louise sister); our country; Robbie Cearley;; Kelly Byrd (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); our church; Donnie Roberts (liver cancer-neighbor of Roxanna Britton); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Randy Yeargin (friend of Roxy); Brook Scoggins Cook; Shelvy & Rick Pasour; Captain Chris Campion (Greg & Beth's nephew); Marguerite Taylor (friend of Roxy).

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

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



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Niceville, FL 32578

Payton McKinney
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Raeford, NC 28376



Allen Huggins
Courtland Terrace
2300 Aberdeen Blvd, Room 78 B
Gastonia, NC 28054
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*We express our Christian Sympathy to
Peggy Cearley and family at the death of her
brother Carl Hoffman, who died on
December 19, 2024*



Lay Reader for January
Deacon for January
Altar Guild

Beth Carter
Greg Carter
Greg & Beth Carter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Holy Communion	3	4
5 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with communion	6	7	8	9 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Methodist	10	11 Free Clothes Giveaway 10:00 AM-12:00 noon
12 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship with communion	13	14	15	16 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Long Creek	17	18
19 <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with Communion Church Council 2-4- Baby Shower for Gracie Crawford	20	21	22	23 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: St. Paul's	24	25 10:30 a.m. Women of the church meeting
26 <i>3rd. Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 February Newsletter item deadline	28	29	30 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Philadelphia	31	



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Return Service requested