

# THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## AUGUST 2024

### 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  
Dedicated, Nov. 5, 1972

*Worship  
WITH US*

## HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD, ELCA

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MINISTERS: ALL THE BAPTIZED OF GOD'S FAMILY

PASTOR: INTERIM BROOK SEAFORD

ORGANIST : AMY LEWIS

**9:30 A.M.**

## HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Holy Communion is offered at services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.*



*We express our Christian Sympathy to  
Deanna Maxwell and family at the death of  
Phillip Maxwell who died on July 4, 2024.*

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### **AUDIO / VIDEO VOLUNTEERS**

August 4	Gene Armstrong
August 11	Greg Carter
August 18	James White Jr.
August 25	Gene Armstrong

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### **Community Clothing Drive**

Once again we are asking for your help in gathering clothing for our next Clothes Giveaway which hopefully will be in September at Holy Communion. Many of you and your friends and families have kindly donated to our previous Giveaways, and we are very grateful. Without your help we could not provide this ministry. We will accept any gently used, clean clothing. We need both end of summer And winter clothing. If you would like to donate, please call Ron or Amy Holland. We can meet you at Holy Communion for drop off or pick them up from you if needed. Thank you very much for helping spread the word and for your donations.  
In His love and service,  
Ron (704-813-0104) and Amy (704-813-0103)  
For the Clothing Team



The Women of the Church  
are invited to a brunch and meeting on  
Saturday, August 24th at 10:30  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Items to be covered include updating officers and how to best use the money in the Women's account. I have asked the Church Council to provide a list of the church's immediate needs.



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### **AUGUST FOOD PANTRY** **Crackers** **Peanut Butter** **Lima Beans**

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*St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to invite  
your members to join us once again for Lutheridge  
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the  
Whisnant Chapel at Lutheridge.*

*Bring your favorite pot luck dish and drinks to  
share for a time of fellowship at the Lakeside Shelter  
after worship. Paper products will be provided.  
We hope you can join us!*

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If you or someone you know is in need of  
pastoral care, please call  
Pastor Seaford @ 704 577 6470,  
church office @ 704-922-5375,  
Jeff Clemmer, church council president  
@ 704-349-3458.



- 8/5 Anthony Heavner
- 8/8 Pat Dixon
- 8/9 Deanna Maxwell
- 8/16 Harmony Cloninger
- 8/19 Erin Busby  
Bryson McKinney
- 8/26 Jimmy White
- 8/27 Mary Louise Huggins  
Bobby Bishop
- 8/28 Jacob St. Laurent



- 8/8 Harold & Sandra Clemmer
- 8/9 Gene & Muriel Armstrong
- 8/16 Leon & Nancy Pasour

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please remember to inform the church office when a prayer request can be removed from the prayer list so we can keep it updated as possible.

Email: [office@hclcdallas.org](mailto:office@hclcdallas.org) or  
call 704 922 5375.

### Town of Dallas



### Tools for School Event

Please join us at Carr Elementary School

307 South Pine St.

Thursday August 1st, 2024

5:30pm-7:00pm

For FREE school supplies to school aged children!

**\*\*Children must be present to  
receive supplies\*\***



## **WE'RE PRAYING FOR...**

**Our Church family:** Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Deanna Simms; Pat Heavner; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Eric Heavner; Muriel Armstrong; Ruth Cloninger; Allen Huggins; Leon Pasour; Betty Paysour; Dee Maxwell; Martha Maxwell; Phillip Maxwell 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; June Heavner (cancer -sister in law of Pat Heavner); John Mucurdy (friend of Eric Heavner); Donnie Roberts (liver cancer-neighbor of Roxanna Britton); Peggy Nimey (sister of Mary Rhyne whose husband died); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Randy Ward; Randy Yeargin (friend of Roxy).

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



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### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$12,667.73	\$69,518.21
Expenditures	\$5,949.22	<u>\$59,873.70</u>
Net Income	<u>\$6,718.51</u>	<u>\$9,644.51</u>
Checking Balance 06/01/2024	\$107,512.16	
2024 Net Income	\$6,718.51	
Checking Balance 06/30/2024	\$114,230.67	

## **HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH—June 23, 2024, COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Present:** Jeff Clemmer, Greg Carter, Pastor Seaford, Colleen Cloninger, Jerry Peeler, Gene Armstrong, Roxy Britton, Harold George Jr., Jamie White, Deanna Maxwell, Brittany Peeler (Secretary).

Pastor Seaford opened the meeting in prayer.

Approval of minutes: Jerry Peeler 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.

Approval of the financial report: Colleen 1<sup>st</sup>, Jerry Peeler 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Cemetery Committee: Harold G. Clemmer Jr. has contacted a surveyor and reported that it would be \$3700 for a survey. The cost is higher because it will take longer to survey. Discussion on negotiating to lower the cost of the survey. Discussion on seeing if it can be considered as a donation to the church. Motion for Harold George Jr. to get it done. Colleen Cloninger 1<sup>st</sup> Motion, Jamie White 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed. Greg Carter to call 811 to see if we can find out where the lines are so that Harold George can inform the surveyor.
- LED Sign maintenance: Selina advised McLamb of some issues with the color of the sign and was told by Wade McLamb he would check it out this week (June 17<sup>th</sup>). Jeff is keeping an eye on the sign and ensuring the proper maintenance is completed. Sign currently looks good.
- Security System for church: Still researching. Gene and Greg reported issues with the cameras, and they have the provider coming out to check them.
- Tony Story of TNZ Painting inside Sanctuary, church: Discussion: We want to wait until it rains to make sure the roof issue has been corrected before any painting in the Sanctuary. There is an estimate for him to paint the doors and windows - \$4800. Holding off discussion on this until the Sanctuary is complete.
- Roof leaking is fixed per Mr. Deitz and all work is completed. Waiting until it rains to verify. Discussion to continue next month after it rains.
- Contact Cards for Holy Communion: Discussion: Cards are being put on hold until council and congregation decide on certain information to be put on the cards. IE: Are we changing service time? What time? When? Further discussion on Marketing with door hangers, robo calls, cards etc.
- Discussion on Pianist and Organist. Seaford is reaching out to contacts. Help wanted is listed on the sign.
- Discussion on making visits with congregation; especially individuals unable to come. Jeff Clemmer visited 2 families and Greg Carter visited Ms. Rhyne.
- Broadcasting the service is working. Discussion about HCLC social media presence. Pastor Seaford mentioned posting the services on our social media pages. Discussion on asking congregational member to be in charge of church social media.
- Discussion on numbers: Membership list of HCLC needs to be updated / redone.
- Beth Carter cancelled the women's group meeting. New meeting date TBD.
- Song selection: Inserts have been placed in the bulletins for congregation to list songs they would like to sing. Discussion on further sign up for song selection.
- Spectrum Discussion: Spectrum came and checked the lines and speed of internet. A new router was pur-

chased and installed. Audio live streaming is working. Gene Armstrong reported that for the last 3 Sunday's everything has worked well with no issues. Gene did report that they need assistance linking the camera to the tablet again.

- Church council to vote on leaving the ELCA. Discussion: Jeff Clemmer is still researching other associations in the area to ensure we are informed before making any decisions. Bishop sent a response back to Pastor Seaford regarding the ownership of the church. Council discussed response. There are still concerns regarding losing the church to the ELCA. Due to this fear Jamie White suggested we make sure to look at other association contracts to ensure we do not run into this in the future. Pastor Seaford informed council that all organizations will have some kind of legal structure around assets. Jeff Clemmer proposed having the LCMC come to give a talk with the congregation about their organization. Discussion tabled and will be discussed again next meeting. Motion to have Jeff Clemmer invite someone from the LCMC come to talk to congregation/council. – Jerry Peeler 1<sup>st</sup>, Jamie White 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.
- Tithing letters need to be sent out to church members **UPDATE:** Jeff Clemmer is in the process of composing. Discussion on making sure the church paperwork is up to date.
- Good Father's Day Donations: Donations in the amount of \$1,020.00 was collected in honor / memory for Father's Day.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Homecoming Discussion: Council discussed if HCLC should have a homecoming this year and if we do when will it be? Tentative Oct 2024 date. Greg Carter made a motion to make it a combined event, homecoming and a celebration of people over 80 in the congregation. Deanna Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed.
- Removal of bushes around the cemetery was completed. Council also discussed the sign and whether it needs to be updated or removed. Alan to take some time to decide what to do since his family donated it.
- Jeff Clemmer and Greg Carter got rid of 4 of the older tables due to poor shape and unable to repair. Jeff and Greg replaced them with light weight plastic tables.
- Bids on kitchen are being accepted. Bid 1 – Granite counter tops with backsplash, taking cabinets down to sand and paint them, new hardware. Ceiling and walls painted. Nothing done with the floor and original sinks - \$10,650. More bids being discussed and waiting for estimates.
- VBS Discussion
- Parsonage is officially being rented - \$1500/month.
- Jeff Clemmer opened up the floor to the council and asked if anyone had anything else to discuss.
  - Colleen and Jerry Peeler visited Leon and Nancy.
  - Gene Armstrong visited another church and discussed their communication practices. Discussion on council to do communion. Jeff Clemmer asked Roxy if the Card Group needed anything like stamps. Roxy Britton informed Council that Stamp prices will be going up. Discussion on getting stamps now before the price increase. Roxy Britton reported that she has been calling congregation members: Daphene Peach, Mary Louise, etc. anyone who has not been to church in a while.
  - Discussion on what else Pastor Seaford can provide: Sunday School? Counseling? Zoom Bible study?
  - Pastor Seaford thanked HCLC for the support we are giving him. He reported that he does not need anything currently.

## **Adjournment – Group Prayer**



**Lay Reader for August —Alan Cloninger**

**Deacon for August—Roxanna Britton**

**Altar Guild—Deanna Simms**

**AUGUST FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: HCLC	2	3
4 <i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30- Worship Service with communion	5	6	7	8 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Dallas	9	10
11 <i>12th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30- Worship Service	12	13	14	15 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Long Creek	16	17
18 <i>13th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30 Worship Service with communion 11:00- Church Council	19	20	21	22 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Finding The More Ministry	23	24 10:30 a.m. Women's Group Brunch & Meeting
25 <i>14th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30- Worship Service	26 September Newsletter item deadline	27	28	29 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Philadelphia	30	31
						



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God's work. Our hands.

**Ministers:** All the Baptized of God's Family

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
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**Pastor:** Interim Rev. Brook Seaford

**Organist:** Amy Lewis

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**Return Service requested**