

THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 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. Brooks Seaford

Organist: Katherine Kast

Parish Secretary: Selina Farris

Worship with us!

Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY ~ SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND.



Our next Clothing Giveaway is planned for Saturday, **August 2** and will again be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church. We are asking for your help again in collecting clothing for this Giveaway. We are focusing on back-to-school clothes for all school-aged children and teens, but will accept any gently used, clean clothing you would like to donate. Please help us by getting the word out to your family and friends that we would appreciate their donations for this much needed cause.

Call Ron or Amy Holland (704.813.0103) and we will meet you at Holy Communion to drop off your donation, or we can pick it up at your home.

Thanks in advance for helping meet this need in our community.

In His Love and Service, Amy and Ron Holland (704-813-0103)
For the clothing team

Clothes Ministry Leader Needed!

Ron and Amy Holland will be stepping down from the leader duties of the Clothes Ministry. Some of the duties would include being available for drop off of donations at Holy Communion, picking up donations at other locations, sorting, setting up tables in the fellowship hall for giveaway and cleaning. If you are interested in taking over this ministry, please contact one of the council members or the church office.



Pastor Seafood will be in the office of Holy Communion on

Thursday, July 3rd, from

10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

You are welcome to drop by to see him or call the church office for an appointment or home visit



Selina will be out of the office the week of
July 14th — July 18, 2025.
She will return on July 22, 2025



Congratulations to Megan Walden
who graduated from Gaston Day School !



JULY FOOD ITEMS:

Pinto Beans,
Canned Meats
Corn

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 or
call 704 922 5375.

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.



Church office will be closed on

Friday, July 4, 2025.

Have a safe and blessed 4th of July!

JULY

AUDIO / VIDEO VOLUNTEERS

July 6 - Greg Carter

July 13- Greg Carter

July 20 -James White Jr.

July 27- Gene Armstrong

JULY COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTS

July 3 — Holy Communion Lutheran Church

July 10 — Dallas Methodist Church

July 17 — Antioch Lutheran

July 24 — St. Paul's Lutheran

July 31— Philadelphia Lutheran



We express our Christian Sympathy to....

*Brittany Peeler and family at the death of her
grandmother, Ann Ipock who died
on June 24, 2025.*

*Morgan and Austin Wilson at the death of their
father, Britt Morgan who died on
Monay, June 23, 2025.*



In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke,
someone named Lazarus features prominently
while other characters go unnamed.
Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)



7/1 Hayleigh Walden

7/2 David Cloninger

7/13 Sara Bone

7/17 Becky Shehan

Benjy Britton

William Clemmer

7/18 Phil Peach

7/24 Johnny Mack Cloninger

7/27 Taylor Scoggins

7/28 Ann Collett

Linda Wilkes

7/29 Miles Bone



7/11 Greg & Beth Carter



Women's Group Meeting
July 26, 2025 @ 10:30 am
in the ladies lounge



SHOO fly!

Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.





Thank you to everyone who donated to the Father's Day Carpet Fund.
A total of **\$1,760.00** was raised!!

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Our Church family: Gene & Muriel Armstrong, Deanna Simms; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Jerry Peeler; Alan Cloninger; Eric Heavner; our church; church council members; Devron Hoffman; Monta Lineberger; Peter Maxwell; Brittany Peeler and family.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Robbie Cearley; Steve Freestone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); Donnie Roberts (liver cancer-neighbor of Roxanna Britton); Susan Haney (Pat Heavner cousin); Randy Yeargin (friend of Roxy); Shelvy Pasour; Captain Chris Campion (Greg & Beth's nephew); Marguerite Taylor (friend of Roxy); unspoken prayers; Kelly Byrd (David & Ruth Cloninger); Tomas Doran (Jeff Clemmer), Drew Pasour; Gage Brown (Angela Collett); Our Country; Austin & Morgan Wilson (death of their father, Britt Wilson); Jan Heavner (Pat Heavner's sister in law).

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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Cherryville, NC 28021

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>May (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$12,857.73	\$59,352.97
Expenditures	\$9,606.30	<u>\$49,398.02</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3,251.43</u>	<u>\$9,954.95</u>
Checking Balance 05/01/2025	\$143,236.81	
2025 Net Income	\$3,251.43	
Checking Balance 05/31/2025	\$146,488.24	

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 4, 2025, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Jeff Clemmer, Roxanna Britton, Harold George Clemmer Jr., Greg Carter, Jamie White, Brittany Peeler (Secretary), Nick Guffey, Pastor Seaford.

Opening of Meeting “Opening Prayer” – Greg Carter

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

Approval of Minutes for Feb. 2025 Council Meeting – Jamie White 1st, Greg Carter 2nd. No opposed.

Approval of Financial Reports– Jamie White 1st, Harold George Clemmer 2nd. No opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Blood Drive? Job Fairs? Hosted at Holy Communion? UPDATE: Selina will contact Red Cross for dates available for a blood drive @ Holy Communion. – Discussed.
- Need to purchase 6 tables to replace old ones. – Discussed. Greg Carter and Jeff Clemmer to go get them next week.
- Amy Holland requested to use fellowship hall on Saturday, August 2, 2025, for the clothes drive at Holy Communion. Also, request to use the fellowship 2-3 days prior for setup. UPDATE: Request was approved – Discussed.
- VBS June 15-19, 2025 @ Bethel Lutheran Church, Long Shoals Rd., Lincolnton, NC – Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Waxing of the fellowship and downstairs hall have been complete. Gaston Janitorial will continue with the upstairs area. – Discussed.
- Organ was tuned and patch repair. Organ to get fully repaired soon. – Discussed.
- Father’s Day (Last year donations were made to the kitchen fund) Leave as last year? Suggestions. – Discussed. Donations to go towards carpeting.
- Kitchen workers will begin on Friday, May 2, 2025. – Discussed.
- Withers and Whisenant Funeral Home wrote a check for \$3000 for the kitchen remodel. Roxanna Britton to write a thank you card.
- Pastor Seaford to begin working 1 day a week at the church in case the congregation needs him during the week.
- Discussion – When kitchen work is completed will we have a rededication or grand opening?

Adjournment – Group Prayer

The deacon for the month of May is Alan Cloninger

Lay Reader is for May is Gene Armstrong

Next Meeting June 8, 2025, following worship service.

Lay Reader for July —Greg Carter

Deacon for July—James White Jr.

Altar Guild—Roxanna Britton

JULY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

Pinto Beans, Canned Meats, Corn



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: HCLC	4 	5
6 4th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30– Sunday School 10:30–Worship with communion	7	8	9	10 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Dallas Methodist	11	12
13 5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30– Sunday School 10:30–Worship Service	14 Selina will be on vacation July 14th —July 18th.	15	16	17 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Antioch	18	19
20 6th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:30– Worship with communion Church Council	21	22	23	24 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: St Paul's	25	26 Women's Group 10:30 am in the lounge
27 7th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 Sunday School 10:30– Worship Service	28 August Newsletter item deadline	29	30	31 6:-7 pm Community Meal host: Philadelphia		



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Return Service requested