

THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 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
Dedicated, Nov. 5, 1972



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.



**Shrove Tuesday
March 4th, 2025**

We will be joining Antioch Lutheran
and Our Saviour for Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper at Antioch
from 5pm to 7pm.

Please let Reid Simms know if you plan
to attend.



This Lent we will take a walk with Nehemiah
and look through the lens of his endeavors to
rediscover Lent.

We will meet at Antioch Lutheran Church for
five Wednesdays from March 12th to April
9th at 6:30pm.

A light meal will be served and then study and
fellowship to follow.

Ash Wednesday

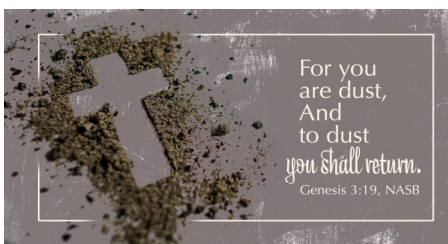


**March 5, 2025
Worship Opportunities**

The church will be open from
12 noon to 1:00 pm on Ash Wednesday
for anyone wishing to come by. Alan
Cloninger will be here to provide
Imposition of Ashes.

7:00pm

**Ash Wednesday Service @
Holy Communion Lutheran Church**



Here is the 2025 Lenten schedule:

**Ash Wednesday, March 5th
Holy Communion Lutheran Church
7:00pm**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th
Antioch Lutheran Church
7:00pm**

**Good Friday, April 18th
Our Saviour Lutheran Church
7:00pm**



Holy Communion Lutheran Church



The HCLC Women's Group will have their next meet in on Saturday, March 29, at 10:30. We will gather in the lounge first, then move to the Resource Room to begin a clean up.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising, please pass those along as well.

We look forward to seeing everyone.



MARCH FOOD ITEMS
PINTO BEANS
CANNED MEATS
BLACKEYE PEAS

MARCH COMMUNITY MEAL HOST

March 6	Holy Communion
March 13	Dallas Methodist
March 20	St. Paul's
March 27	Long Creek

AUDIO / VIDEO VOLUNTEERS - MARCH

March 2	Gene Armstrong
March 9	Greg Carter
March 16	James White Jr.
March 23	Gene Armstrong
March 30	Greg Carter



move your clocks forward on
Saturday, March 8th.
Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday, March 9, 2025

PASTORAL CARE

If you are 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 Hours:

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



3/1	Greg Carter
	Sandra Clemmer
3/7	PJ. Maxwell
3/12	Hope Aizcorbe
3/16	Casey Cearley
3/20	Mary Sue Rhyne
3/21	Carla Hall
3/25	Angela Collett
3/26	John Edison
	Allen Huggins
3/27	Janice Green
3/28	Daphene Peach
	Matthew Huggins
3/30	Ron Holland



3/26	Caroline & Seth Black
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HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ JANUARY 2025, COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Alan Cloninger, Jeff Clemmer, Harold George Clemmer Jr., Jamie White, Brittany Peeler, Greg Carter, Reid Simms, Pastor Seaford, Katherine Kast.

Opening of Meeting “Opening Prayer” – Pastor Seaford.

Approval of Agenda – Motion Alan Cloninger, 2nd Harold George Clemmer Jr. – No opposed.

Approval of Minutes for December 2024 Council Meeting -Motion Jamie White, 2nd Alan Cloninger– No opposed.

Approval of Financial Reports– Motion Harold George Clemmer Jr., 2nd Alan Cloninger – No opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bids on kitchen are being accepted. **UPDATE:** Jeff Clemmer received a bid from TNZ Tony Story. The bid is for \$12,500 with a 50% deposit. This quote does not include the floor. New American bid includes granite counter tops. Council discussed differences between 2 bids. Discussion Tabled.
- Discussion Sunday School class for adults. **UPDATE:** Sunday school is averaging between 5-6 people. Discussion on putting the Sunday school information on the sign. Discussion Tabled.
- Postcard’s reminding members of the new time and upcoming plans for Sunday School. **UPDATE:** Cards were mailed to all members.
- The community meal fund is showing a negative amount of -\$721.28. **UPDATE:** \$3000.00 donation received was deposited into this account. - Discussed
- Poinsettias for Christmas. It was decided instead of placing poinsettias in the church for Christmas, to use money donations for the repairs of the church. **UPDATE:** Donations were made in the amount of \$1,475.00 - Discussed
- Discuss cleaning service. **UPDATE:** Jeff Clemmer met with Kris Kiser of Gaston Janitorial. Will continue using services in 2025. In February they will wax the floors for \$325.
- Looking ahead-the wood is rotten around the door near the choir area in the Sanctuary and will need to be repaired. **UPDATE:** Thomas Windows completed repairs. The church was not billed but gave a donation letter for repairs. – Church to send a thank you note in the bulletin/newsletter.
- 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 until Spring to complete. To do this now would kill the bushes. - Discussed
- Voting is planned for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the fellowship hall. **UPDATE:** Received payment of \$400.00 for us of fellowship hall on January 14, 2025. – Discussed.
- Capital Improvement account current balance as of 01/15/2024, \$5,607.47. Discussed.
- Need to vote on new Ice maker in the amount of \$3400.00 installed. **UPDATE:** Council Discussed. Still Pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss Ash Wednesday Service, March 5, 2025. Lent Services. – Discussed: Previously HCLC met with other churches to have a study group every Wednesday. Discussion on if we will combine with another church. Pastor Seaford is unable to work Ash Wednesday. Roxanna Britton has the palms for the ashes. Discussion on who could do Ash Wednesday. Action Plan – Seaford to cover Palm Sunday and Easter.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner discussion. Harold George Clemmer Jr. and Greg Carter to do the dinner. Discussion on having a service before Good Friday. Jeff Clemmer to reach out to Our Savior to discuss partnering. Ash Wednesday – Alan Cloninger to do ashes at 12pm and then Jamie White will do them Wednesday night if Gene Armstrong is unable.

- A plumber will be coming to install a deep sink for the kitchen. – Discussion.
- Letter to inactive members. -Discussion.
- Deacon list for 2025. – Discussion. – Jeff Clemmer to be Deacon next month (Feb.), Reid Simms (March), Jamie White (April), Alan Cloninger (May), next meeting council will finish deacon list.
- Amy Holland requesting use of fellowship hall on January 11, 2025, for a clothes drive. Would like to use the fellowship hall January 9, 10, for setup dates as well. **UPDATE:** Due to inclement weather, the clothes drive will be held on January 18, 2025. – Discussion.
- Received \$3000.00 check from Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministries. Discussion on where the funds should be placed. **UPDATE:** Funds were deposited into the Community Meals account. – Discussion.
- Election of new church council officers for 2025. **UPDATE:** All council members who were to rotate off in 2024, have agreed to continue to serve another year. – Discussion.
- Fellowship Hall ceiling needs to be painted; broken tiles need replacing. The amount given by Tony Story is \$4500.00. He will also give a bid on kitchen updates. **UPDATE:** Pending. Discussed.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Alan Cloninger will lead the service. The reading of the Christmas Story and Christmas Carols, no communion. **UPDATE:** Christmas Eve was a success! - Discussion.
- Christmas Eve Invitations were printed and purchased by Alan Cloninger. Will be mailed to all members. Requesting all families take cards to give to family and friends. **UPDATE:** Invitations were mailed to members as well as members taking them to give to family and friends. – Discussed.
- ELCA: Discuss going forward with leaving the ELCA. Alan Cloninger can provide more info on this. **UPDATE:** A \$1000.00 membership / donation was sent to the National Center for Life and Liberty. – Discussion. Council members to meet with the legal team to discuss options. Pastor Seaford held a discussion with the council.
- Fellowship Hall Rent – Discussion. Alan Cloninger proposed a \$150 Admin Fee, and \$125 per hr. with the times to be 8am-11pm (M-SAT) and 1pm-8pm (SUN). Beer and Wine approved for M-SUN. Motion – Harold George Clemmer Jr., Jamie White second. No opposed. – Fellowship hall to be rented. If renters are having beer and wine, they will need to get an officer to be present.
- Discussion on having a group come and sing.
- Discussion on increasing membership.
- Katherine asked for guidance regarding the Church's vision for worship and bringing in people to sing. Alan Cloninger to reach out to Beth Rhyne and see if any of the students she has would want to sing.
- Alan Cloninger made a motion to hire Tony Story to begin renovations. Harold George Clemmer Jr., 2nd. No opposed. Tony Story to also install handrails.

Adjournment – Group Prayer

The deacon for the month of February 2025 is Jeff Clemmer.

Lay Reader is for February 2025 is Jamie White.

Next Meeting February 16, 2025, following worship service.

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Our Church family: Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Deanna Simms; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Muriel Armstrong; Allen Huggins; Jerry Peeler; Deanna Maxwell; Alan Cloninger; Eric Heavner; our church.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Nancy Merck (Mary Louise sister); our country; 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); Brook Scoggins Cook; Shelvy & Rick Pasour; Captain Chris Campion (Greg & Beth's nephew); Marguerite Taylor (friend of Roxy); Greg Shehan (Frank Shehan's brother); Jack Huggins (Allen Huggins brother) unspoken prayers.

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



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Courtland Terrace
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Gastonia, NC 28054
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FINANCIAL REPORT



	<u>January 2025</u>	<u>January (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$13,369.37	\$13,369.37
Expenditures	<u>\$11,461.06</u>	<u>\$11,461.06</u>
Net Income	\$1,908.31	\$1,908.31
Checking Balance 1/01/25	\$133,533.29	
2025 Net Income	\$1,908.34	
Checking Balance 1/31/25	\$135,441.60	



Lay Reader for March
Deacon for March
Altar Guild

George Kast
Reid Simms
Annette White



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	1
2 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with communion	3	4 5pm to 7pm <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Pancake Supper @ Antioch	5 12:00 noon-1:00 pm Midday 7:00 pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Service @ Holy	6 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Holy Communion	7	8 Move clocks forward
9 <i>1st. Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Daylight saving time begins</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship	10	11	12 6:30 pm Joint Lenten Study / Meal @ Antioch Lutheran	13 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Dallas Methodist	14	15
16 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with Communion Church Council following worship	17 	18	19 6:30 pm Joint Lenten Study / Meal @ Antioch Lutheran	20 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: St. Paul's	21	22
23 <i>3rd. Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 6:30 pm Joint Lenten Study / Meal @ Antioch Lutheran	27 Community Meal 6-7 pm Host: Long Creek	28	29 Women's Group meeting @ 10:30 am in the ladies lounge
30 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30- Sunday School 10:30-Worship with communion	31					



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Return Service requested