

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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M-Wed	8am- 2pm
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Fri	CLOSED

Worship Every Sunday at 9am
Fellowship at 10 am

Food Pantry:
Wednesdays 1-3 pm
Thursdays 9-11am

Grief Support:
Thursdays 2pm

Kids Club:
2nd & 4th Saturdays 9:30-11:00am

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May Newsletter
deadline is April 26th.

Sunday Bulletin announcements are due
by noon on Wednesdays.

If you would like something included in the
Sunday bulletin or monthly newsletter,
please submit it by the deadline.

**Due to the health crisis, if you have an article
to submit please just call the office or send an
email. Thank you. -Office Secretary**



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Questions?
Contact Dan Schmidt
or Charlie Newsom

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." ~ Helen Keller

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

This Lent has been unlike anything any of us have ever experienced before – and hopefully will never have to experience again. Keeping “social distance” from one another has not only been hard, it has been painful! We are a social people who are called to come together for times of worship and fellowship, so not being able to do either of these callings has been trying, to say the least.

But we are not only a social people, we are an Easter people – people who believe wholeheartedly in resurrection, new life, and new beginnings. And we not only trust, we know, that our time of new beginning and rebirth is coming! We just have to continue to wait – not passively or resignedly or even resentfully, but actively, and faithfully, and hopefully – for that beautiful day to arrive when we can once again gather and hug one another and worship our Lord and share in communion and fellowship together.

So, how do we wait actively and faithfully and hopefully? We do this by continuing to care for one another, whether that means keeping at least 6 feet apart or calling to check in on one another or even doing some shopping and dropping it off for someone who is in a higher risk category than we might be. We do this by reading our Bibles and devotional materials so that we dig deeper into our faith. We do this by remembering the hope that we live in every minute of every day – the hope of knowing that God's promises to us will be fulfilled, including the hope of resurrection and new life. We do this by remembering that we are Easter people, and that means that a newer and brighter day is coming.

Right now, the world is shattered, but it is not done. God has given us the beautiful gift of Jesus, who showed us that being shattered is not the end. The darkness and separation of death and the tomb could not contain Him, and this present darkness and separation will not contain us either. As Helen Keller said, this shattered world will emerge into the light once again, and our faith will be the strength by which that happens.

It is true that God works in amazing ways, even in times of deep grief and fear, such as we are experiencing now. As most of you know, we videoed a service of the word and posted it to our Facebook and web pages so that we could worship together in our separate homes. Many other churches decided to do their online worship via livestream, or like live TV, rather than pre-recording it – and there was so much livestream worship trying to happen that, as one person posted, it “broke Facebook.” There simply wasn't enough streaming capacity to handle all of the worship services happening at the same time!

No, this is not the way I would choose to worship, either now or going forward, but it does have the advantage of reaching people we normally don't reach. My sister was able to worship with us in Issaquah, Washington, and members invited their friends and neighbors to our online worship as well. And, with Facebook being broken by the live streamers, I wonder how many people worshiped for the first time or for the first time in a long time because worship was available to them in a new way.

This is something we will want to think about when we are gathered together once again so that God's message can continue to be heard by a wider audience than those who are physically able to come to church. I don't know what that will look like – but, then, I didn't know what online worship here would look like a week ago. Let's keep our hearts and minds open to following the Spirit down whatever path we may be led.

I hope to see all of you for Holy Week and Easter, but if that is not to be, much love and many blessings to each and every one of you!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne



Due to the current health crisis, all church activities are suspended until further notice. However, the church office is still open.

We will be posting a weekly worship video, along with special worship services as well as the bulletin, to our website and Facebook pages.

We are sorry to announce that the Earth Day Celebration with the Twin Lakes Sustainability Volunteers that was scheduled for April 19th has been cancelled.

Also, The Synod Assembly has been moved to October 16-18, 2020.

Once we are able to commence our normal routine, the congregation will be notified by the One Call Tell All system as well as via our website and Facebook page. Stay healthy and know that you all are in our prayers!

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.-Isaiah 41:10



HOLY CROSS ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

-F.R.O.G. Groups (Friends Relying On God) are going strong but we would like to include more of you. Groups of 6-8 are formed and each person/couple takes turns "hosting" a get-together or special activity, usually at a restaurant or at one's home. We usually meet once a month but could be more often. Groups are switched every few months.

-Game Day is every 4th Sunday from 10:30am-1pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite games and snacks if you wish. This is a family-friendly activity.

-Chair Yoga is every Tuesday from 1-2 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a gentle form of yoga. No one has to get on the floor. This is an easier way to stretch and balance. Bring water and wear comfortable clothes. See Jane (424-3982) for more information on any of the above activities.



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Our direct giving link:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=558114>



WELCA

Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

ATTENTION HOLY CROSS WOMEN

The 2020 Cluster 6 & 7 Spring Gathering that was scheduled for Saturday, April 18th here at Holy Cross has been postponed until October. More information will be available at a later date.

Holy Cross WELCA Spring Cluster Committee



Altar Guild Schedule for April:

April 5- Easter Sunday... Carol Wheeler

ALTAR GUILD

April 9- Maundy Thursday...Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney

April 11- Easter Vigil....Carol Wheeler & Kathy Owen

April 12-Easter.....Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel

April 19.....Kathy Scott

April 26.....Carol Wheeler



Easter Flowers

EASTER FLOWERS: Our Spring season is approaching rapidly and Easter is not far away, so we are starting to think of the beautiful Spring flowers soon to be seen. We will have more information regarding flowers closer to Easter which is April 12th. If we are able to gather, bring a potted flower of your choice (no lilies please) by April 11th and take your flower home after Easter service. Those left behind will be planted on church property. If you have any ques-

tions, please contact Carol Wheeler.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter is April 12th. With the hope that we will be able to gather, our Easter breakfast is being planned. Helpers will be needed for set up of the Fellowship Hall and preparing food as well as help on Easter morning, and bakery donations for the breakfast. If we are back open, Easter breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:45am with our Easter service to follow at 9am. The remaining food from the breakfast will be served during fellowship time after service. Look for more information in the coming weeks.



Easter Breakfast



In February, we served 25 households (43 clients) which included 5 new families. 9 between the ages of 0-18; 31 between the ages

of 19-64; and 3 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 66.75 hours.

I want to thank our volunteers in the food pantry for their time and effort that they put in each week. Rosalee St. Clair has stepped down from the food pantry and we will miss having her on our team. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the food pantry, which involves working two hours each week either on Wednesdays from 1-3pm or Thursdays from 9-11am, contact Barb Kampen at 870-405-0776.

We received 83.69 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps and 23.41 pounds of donated food from individuals. The food donation item for the month of April will again be Cereal.

Our expenses for the month of February were \$550.08 and we had donations of \$241.00. HCLC Food Pantry's current checking account balance with First Security Bank was \$2,754.70 as of 2/29/20. The current credit available on our Food Bank of North Central Arkansas account is \$1,293.31.

The Love Offering for the Month of April will be for Ozark Center Of Hope.

We appreciate all donations, food and monetary, that have been made to the HCLC Food Pantry.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The Pennies, Etc. Jar was recently emptied of the \$55 that had been donated for the Ozark Center of Hope. A large bag of coins totaling \$66 was donated at the same time. The total amount of \$121 was deposited in the Social Services checking account. We will present this to the Ozark Center of Hope during their 10th Anniversary Celebration. You are welcome to attend this celebration if it takes place on April 26th from 1-3pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center located at 312 West North Street.

WELCA and the Men of Holy Cross along with our congregation have supported the Ozark Center of Hope and we look forward to their continued assistance. Thank you for all your gifts in the past and in the future.

Robert Hamilton
Social Ministries

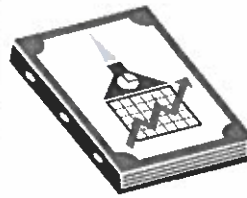


In the last newsletter, there was information about the Earth Day 50th anniversary celebration to be co-hosted by Holy Cross and the Twin Lakes Sustainability Volunteers. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health concerns, it was decided to cancel this year's event. Twin Lakes Sustainability Volunteers hope to partner with us again for next year's program.

This is a unique and challenging time for all Christians to put good stewardship principles into practice. Because of COVID-19 and the fear that has ensued with panic buying, it is up to us to be conservative with our resources.

It is hard not to fall into the panic buying, but Jesus has assured us that God will provide. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread." Martin Luther, in his small catechism, described what was daily bread. It was everything that God provides for us to sustain us every day. This can include shelter, food, water, heating and cooling, transportation, even hand sanitizer and toilet paper. So as COVID-19 continues, let us put our trust in God.

Kathy Scott
Stewardship Committee



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Council!

President's REPORT

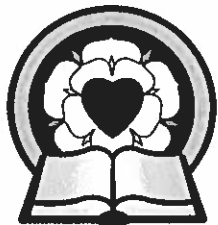
The monthly meeting was held on the March 10th where Ron Westergaard

gave an update on the repair of the church sign. The sign has been cemented back into place and Ron is working with Oxford Sign regarding scheduling the final lighting repair. We had a discussion about concerns regarding areas of the church that are not being cleaned, this will be addressed in our next meeting.

We have been working on a "**Come and See**" postcard campaign that was to be used for Holy Week and Easter Services. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 it has been put on hold for the time being. Plans are in the works for a Volunteer Appreciation Day to be held late in May. Be sure to watch for more details.

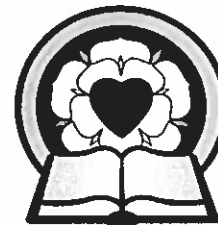
There was an additional Council meeting on March 13th to discuss what was to be the upcoming Congregational Meeting scheduled for March 29th. We are most grateful for Bishop Mike and all of his wise counsel.

Yours in Christ,
Sandy Maier
Council President



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

LUTHERAN LEARNING: THE TRIDUUM



Simply defined, The Three Days (Triduum in Latin) are the three days of Holy Week which focus intensely on Christ's passage from death to life: Maundy Thursday evening through the Easter Vigil. Although Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Vigil were observed on three days, the event was regarded as one ritual, with a greeting given only on Maundy Thursday and a dismissal given only at the end of the Easter Vigil.

The keeping of The Three Days has its roots in springtime rituals and in the Jewish celebration of the Passover. The Jewish people observed the passage from winter to spring by slaughtering a lamb and sharing a meal. This meal recalled the saving power of God and their thankfulness not only to have survived winter, but to have been freed from slavery.

Christians layered onto this practice the observation of the death and resurrection of another lamb, Christ, the Lamb of God. The date for this observation coincided with the Jewish Passover.

In the second and third centuries, this festival continued to evolve. Pascha (from the Greek, meaning "passage," as in Christ's passage from death to new life) became not only linked to the Passover as described in Exodus, but also to the waters of Baptism. Individuals or families were baptized at this time of the year. Thus what began as a Jewish celebration of the Passover became an annual celebration of the Resurrection.

This annual celebration had become a three day observance by the fourth century. After a period of preparation, Christians were welcomed into the church through baptism at the Vigil of Easter. Over time, the practice of keeping The Three Days waned and other Holy Week rituals developed. Only in the twentieth century has the church witnessed a renewal of this feast.

Some Lutheran congregations have an established practice of keeping The Three Days while others have only begun to learn about the practice. The ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship – is the first Lutheran worship book to include the service. (The LBW – Lutheran Book of Worship – included this in the Ministers Desk Edition only).

Source: <https://blogs.elca.org/worship/477/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2020

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH'S mission is to reach out to all people with the gospel of Christ.

- *through worship
- *by proclaiming God's saving grace, and
- *by serving human needs, so that all may live together in peace and the love of Christ

ROLL CALL: Pastor Lynne O'Shea, Sandy Maier, Wanda Soutter, Dan Schmidt, Dorothy Meyer, Steve Kampen, Ron Westergaard, Louise Sellenriek, Rosalee St. Clair, Charles Polacek.

Excused Absence: Susan Czaja

Unexcused Absence: Kenny Wachtel

DEVOTIONS: Steve Kampen led the devotion "First Impressions".

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen gave the financial report and Charles Polacek gave the treasurers report. A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Dorothy, to accept the reports, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Rosalee to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was discussion about signatories on the accounts at Farmer's and Merchant's Bank. Sandy said she would take minutes of the meeting to the bank today.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Lynne gave her report, and also talked about our "message boards" in the narthex, the message of what our church is, to so many people, gifts, and the positivity of it.

VISIONING: Sandy talked about "Come and See" post cards to be mailed out to residents of Mtn. Home, for Holy Week and Easter services. Pastor Lynne hopes that the "Visioning" part of our monthly council meetings become more of a "brainstorming" of ideas. The ideas must flow or we will have nowhere to go, nothing to work on or with. An Earth Day fair was brought up, Earth Day is the 21st of April.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Dorothy, to add Holy Cross to the Chamber of Commerce visitors guide. Funding to come out of the Edward Jones endowment fund.
- The following Liaisons were assigned to the following Teams: Wanda: Stewardship; Charles: Financial; Ron: Property; Louise: Worship & Music; Susan: Education; Rosalee: Evangelism; Dorothy: Social Ministry.
- After a brief discussion, A motion was made by Dan, and seconded by Charles to eliminate the building security team as this is being covered by the property team. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Ron, to accept the committee/team assignments. Motion carried.
- There was discussion of congregation members not willing to serve on the church council. There was talk about revamping the Time and Talent sheets, we are looking for people who feel "called" to serve.
- Restructuring of committees into teams.
- Committee/Team reports must be given every month.
- Pastor Lynne, mentioned the council members need to be involved more in the different things going on within our church. All were in agreement. The following assignments were adopted by council members for upcoming events: Feb. 13th WELCA meeting: Wanda, Dorothy; Feb. 15th Altar guild meeting: Pastor Lynne; Feb. 23rd, Game day: Louise, Dorothy; Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper: Dan, Ron, Louise, Dorothy (there were others).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Door lock system on hold for now.

- **Sign:** Ron gave updates and said he, Dale Wheeler, and Dean Smith would be working on straightening the sign and that the sign company was waiting on us to straighten before lighting could be fixed. A motion was made by Dorothy to accept the proposal by Oxford Sign that Ron presented to the council, this was seconded by Louise, motion carried.
- **Windows in Pastor's door and door to parlor:** Ron gave updates.
- **Appreciative Inquiry:** Sandy is planning Pour Painting classes to possibly be offered in May.

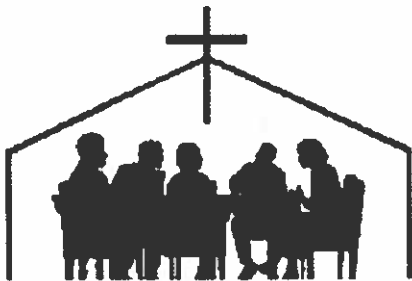
COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS: LIAISON'S ARE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Property:** Ron presented, see submitted written report for details
- **Education:** No Report
- **Evangelism:** No Report
- **Financial:** Report submitted
- **Food Pantry:** Barb Kampen submitted a written report.
- **Men's Group:** No Report
- **Social Ministries:** No Report
- **Stewardship:** No Report
- **WELCA:** No Report but meeting planned.
- **Worship & Music:** No Report but meeting planned.

A motion was made by Wanda and seconded by Charles to accept committee reports. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Rosalee and seconded by Dorothy. Motion carried, we adjourned at 12:10pm followed by the Lord's prayer.

Daniel M. Schmidt HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY
3-10-2020 DATE OF APPROVAL



COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT
 9:30 AM.

- HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL**
- President.....Sandy Maier
 - Vice President.....Wanda Soutter
 - Secretary.....Dan Schmidt
 - Education.....Susan Czaja
 - Finance.....Charles Polacek
 - Property.....Ron Westergaard
 - Stewardship.....Wanda Soutter
 - Social Ministries.....Dorothy Meyer
 - Worship & Music.....Louise Sellenriek
 - TBD.....Kenny Wachtel



We have two types of prayer lists at Holy Cross: the Prayer Concerns in the newsletter and the Prayer Chain.

If you would like someone listed in the monthly newsletter, please get that information to the office by the newsletter deadline. You can leave a note in the secretary's box, by the computer, or email it to: holycrosssecretary.1@gmail.com Be sure to let us know when that person can be taken off of the list.

The Prayer Chain is handled by the One Call Tell All System. Once a prayer has been requested, a recorded message will go out to those on the chain. No further action will be required.

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain you can do so by calling the office at 870-492-6636.



Prayer Concerns

Holy Cross Members

Dar Wiggers

Holy Cross Members in Assisted Living or Homebound

Mark Hunt
Wendell Weltzien

Family & Friends

Hope Grasso
Carl Stratton
Peggy Wright

Mission Belize Children: Patricia Westby,
Myrtle Tracy, Ashanti Obrien,
Orlando Jackson, Stephanie Logan



April

April 5-Palm Sunday

Processional: Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26: 114-27:66

April 12-Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31: 1-6
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3: 1-4
Matthew 28: 1-10

April 19-Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26-Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 13-35



Those Who Serve God by Serving Others




April 2020

Ushers & Greeters



DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LAY ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
4/5/20 Palm Sunday 9:00 am	Alice Westergaard	Charles Polacek & Kathy Owen	Kathy Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
4/12/20 Easter Sunday 9:00am	Barb Kerns	Eileen DeMoulied & Pete Cvengros	Carol Wheeler & Dale Wheeler, chalice	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel	TBD
4/19/20 Easter 2 9:00am	Kathy Arnold	Joyce Hahn & Alice Westergaard	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel, chalice	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Roberta Dulaney
4/26/20 Easter 3 9:00 am	Doris Arnold	Dean & Jane Smith	Marilyn Parbs & Kathy Arnold	Carol Wheeler	TBD
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Jami@ 920-980-8054 Or Roberta @ 870-424-3976	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Fritzie @492-2020	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Jami@ 920-980-8054 Or Roberta @ 870-424-3976	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Carol @488-5044	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Kathy @492-2155

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Due to the current COVID-19 Health Crisis, all services and activities are suspended until further notice. The events listed will resume normally as soon as we are able. Stay safe and healthy!</p>						
5 Palm Sunday 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	6 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	7 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga	8 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 1-3pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Dramatic Tenebrae Service	9 Maundy Thursday 8am-3pm Office Open 9-11am Food Pantry 11am Brown Bag Bible Study 2pm Grief Support 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	10 Good Friday Church Office Closed 6:30pm Good Friday Service	11 6:30pm Easter Vigil
12 Easter Sunday 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	13 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	14 8am-2pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council 1pm Chair Yoga	15 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 1-3pm Food Pantry	16 8am-3pm Office Open 9-11am Food Pantry 11am Brown Bag Bible Study 2pm Grief Support	17 Church Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath	18
19 Easter 2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	20 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	21 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 1pm Chair Yoga	22 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 1-3pm Food Pantry	23 8am-3pm Office Open 9-11am Food Pantry 11am Brown Bag Bible Study 2pm Grief Support	24 Church Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath	25 9-11:30am Kids Club
Newsletter Deadline					24 Church Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath	
26 Easter 3 9am Healing Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30-1pm Game Day	27 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	28 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga	29 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 1-3pm Food Pantry	30 8am-3pm Office Open 9-11am Food Pantry 11am Brown Bag Bible Study 2pm Grief Support	24 Church Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath	

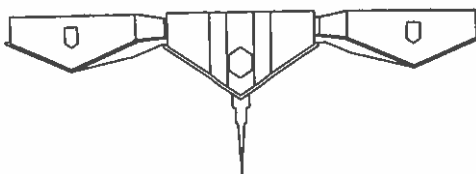


4/5 Alena Munson
4/10 Eileen DeMoulpied
4/23 Bob Singley
4/24 Dorothy Meyer

4/27 Wendell & Renata Weltzien
4/28 Earl & Jan Liston

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* If your birthday or anniversary *
* is missing or incorrect, *
* please put the information in the *
* Church Secretary box in the office. *
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