

# THE GOOD NEWS

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**"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"**

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M-Thurs 8am- 2pm

Fri CLOSED

Worship Every Sunday at 9am

Fellowship at 10am

Food Pantry:

Wednesdays 9-11am, 1-3pm

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**September Newsletter**  
deadline is August 23rd.

**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.

A note can be left on my desk, in my box,  
or you can call the office or send an email.  
Thank you. -Keisha Henning, Office Sec.



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or Charlie Newsom

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**holycrossmtnhome.com.**



## “Who Is That Masked Man?”

Greetings to all at Holy Cross.

When I rush out of the service, I imagine someone looking to their pew neighbor asking that famous line from *The Lone Ranger* show many of us watched as kids or as young parents with the kids. As The Lone Ranger rides off someone wonders: “Who was that masked man?” You know my name but not much else so I thought in this issue of the newsletter I would say a bit about myself. First reflect that we as Christ followers are not to be ‘lone rangers.’ As brothers and sisters in Christ we are together in God’s world and this part of God’s plan even if there is a pandemic and other stresses. I am glad and thankful for your brothers and sisters at Christ by the Lake in Bull Shoals for their thoughts, prayers, and help extended in order for you and I to minister together here. Our congregational histories are closely tied together.

At this time, I will be serving you as an Interim Pastor. That means for an unknown time I will be at Holy Cross on Sunday mornings for worship then rush off by 10 am to lead worship at Christ by the Lake at 10:30am. For parts of Tuesdays and Thursdays I will be serving Holy Cross. I will be serving Christ by the Lake Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, and the other parts of the Tuesdays & Thursdays. It is a fluid situation just as it is for Christ by the Lake, if a concern arises, no matter any day or time please know you can call upon me.

Now some biography. I was born an ‘army brat’ at Camp Roberts, California. All five of my brothers and sisters were born at various army hospitals. I did not grow up in the church. My father retired after 25 years and we lived in Bellevue, Washington from end of third grade through Jr. and Sr. High school years. In Junior High our neighbors attended a Lutheran church and they got me involved by taking me to Confirmation. Back then Confirmation was a three-year program, 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I did not go to worship however until ninth grade when sermon notes were required. A few minutes before I was confirmed I was baptized and confessed my heart of faith. I am forever thankful for my neighbors and Cross of Christ congregational family early in my faith journey.

I was active in senior high youth group then did my freshman college year at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. Despite some financial aid it was too expensive so I transferred to Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. That is a short way from the Canadian border. My major was Psychology and minor was Sociology with the intention of sociologic research and or Christian counseling. While helping with youth and other ministry at a local congregation the people encouraged me to consider becoming a pastor. I thought NO WAY! I teasingly tell people now to be careful saying no to God. Now over thirty years later I still enter the pulpit with some fear. And I am forever thankful for my congregational family during the college years of my faith journey.

After college I went to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkley, California. (Also known as ‘Berserkly’) Prior to ordination I served internships in Tacoma, WA and Redding, CA. My first call was in Grants Pass, Oregon. It was there that a member arranged for me to meet one of her hospital co-workers. She was a Baptist but in less than 8 months Vicki and I were married. She is an x-ray tech currently working at Regional Family Medicine here in Mountain Home.

After Grants Pass, we served in Southwestern Washington towns of Naselle, then as an Interim Pastor of two-point congregations in Raymond-South Bend, then Interim at Winlock. During these years we grieved the loss of failed adoptions and a child but we were finally able to adopt a four-day old girl. Our Jessica is now 27 years old living in Oregon. You would think I would have learned that lesson

about saying no to God. With a family, I ended doing Interim ministry and both of us raised on the West coast asked "Lord, Send us where you will but not east of the Rockies." Not wise to put conditions on God. We were called to a place named Brush, Colorado located east of and out of sight of the Rockies on the high desert plain flat fields of cows, sugar beets, and feed grains. God blessed us with 19 years there. Despite ourselves God is indeed watching out for us.

After 19 years and with our daughter out of the nest we prayed this time simply "Where Lord do you want us to go?" The Bishop called and said how about Bull Shoals, Arkansas? I said in a high squeaky voice "ARKANSAS? ARKANSAS? When you read that imagine my voice like that commercial for steak sauce that was "made in NEW YORK CITY!" So much for going back west!

I had in mind wanting to semi-retire and serve one or two places more before fully retiring. I think God often has plans that vary from human made plans. Thank God. I am glad to be able to step in and serve both Christ by the Lake and Holy Cross at the same time. Even though I am not a fisherman I enjoy being here in Arkansas with you and am thankful for my congregational families during the later years of my faith journey.

I look forward to visiting with you by phone or email and hopefully soon in person with mask and distance. Even now please give me a call with any concern.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Sherman Gordius



*Thank you*

God's Blessings!

Thank you to everyone who donated various items to me. Kathy Arnold, Doris Arnold, Nancy Thoren, Wanda Soutter, The Hamilton's, etc. God is Good and so are you!!

Thanks again.

Eileen DeMoulpiéd



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**  
**August**

**August 2...Carol Wheeler**

**August 9...Jane Smith &  
Carol Wheeler**

**August 16...Eva Apel & Roberta Dulaney**

**August 23...Kathy Scott**

**August 30...Carol Wheeler**

**ALTAR GUILD**

**Attention Holy Cross Ladies**

Just a reminder if you don't have your calendar marked, that our WELCA General Meeting will be held Thursday, August 13th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Our main business to discuss will be the Fall Bazaar and Fall Cluster Gathering. See you there and if you have any questions please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044.



**WELCA**  
**Mission Statement**  
*To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ*

It's Summer in Arkansas! Hope all of you are staying cool and healthy.

The ladies are busy making quilts. Check the quilts out in Fellowship Hall, there are many beautiful ones that are for sale. They make wonderful gifts!

Our next general meeting will be Aug. 13th at 1:00pm at the church. We usually go out to lunch in Aug., but with the virus so rampant, we are meeting at the church. Please plan to attend as we will be discussing combining with the men's garage sale in October.

Give some thought to new officers for next year, as all the current officers are going out of office.

Hope to see you August 13th!

And remember.....  
**Rejoice in the Lord always! Philippians 4:4**

Roberta Dulaney  
 V. President



**SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

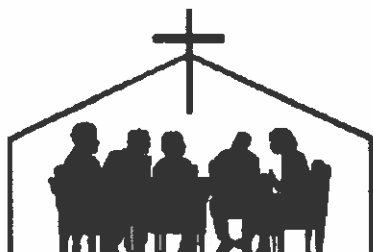
In June, we served 19 households (36 clients) which included 3 new families. Nine between the ages of 0-18; 25 between the ages of 19-64 and 2 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 81.75 hours.

The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfolk notified pantry agencies that fresh produce, pre-packed frozen chicken and USDA fresh milk was to be made available on certain dates in June at no cost. Bob Hamilton picked up the orders in Norfolk and will be distributed to our HCLCFP clients. Food Bank of North Central Arkansas gave permission to HCLCFP to give our congregation any extra donated free food.

We received 60.62 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps and 8.61 pounds of donated food from individuals during the month of June. The food item donation for the month of August will be CEREAL.

Our expenses for the food pantry in June were \$243.72 and a deposit of \$40.00 was given to the HCLC Food Pantry. HCLC Food Pantry's current checking account balance as of 6/30/20 with First Security Bank is \$3,707.32. The current credit available on our Food Bank of North Central Arkansas account is \$1,354.53 as of 6/30/20.

Barb Kampen  
 Chairperson for HCLCFP



COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE  
SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT  
 11:00 AM.

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL**

- President**.....Judy Hoover
- Vice President**.....Wanda Soutter
- Secretary**.....Dan Schmidt
- Education**.....Susan Czaja
- Evangelism**.....Joyce Hahn
- Finance**.....Charles Polacek
- Property**.....Ron Westergaard
- Stewardship**.....Wanda Soutter
- Social Ministries**.....Dorothy Meyer
- Worship & Music**.....Louise Sellenriek
- TBD**.....Sandy Maler

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 9, 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, Wanda Soutter, Dan Schmidt, Dorothy Meyer, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Ron Westergaard, Louise Sellenriek.

**Excused Absence:** Susan Czaja, Sandy Maier

**Observer:** Bob Hamilton

**DEVOTIONS:** Steve led the devotion based on Romans 11:33, from Daily readings for the entire year, Martin Luther.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Steve Kampen gave the financial report and Charles Polacek gave the treasurers report. Charles gave a comparison from last year to this year. Charles made a motion to have signature cards changed at Farmers and Merchants Bank, Edward Jones, the Safety Deposit Box, and the Mission Investment Fund, to add Judy Hoover and to remove Sandy Maier. Dorothy seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Louise, to accept the reports, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from our meeting on May 26th were reviewed. A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Ron to approve the minutes with minor corrections to be made. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Lynne gave her report.

**VISIONING:** Wanda is going to work on a stewardship letter. Pastor Lynne gave us something to think about: How can we reach out in new ways? Eddie Dry, a former member and professor at ASUMH, contacted Pastor Lynne about an education seminar about issues including welcoming, to help unify the community. Come and See Cards were tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Council Member to fill opening left by Kenny Wachtel. Several names were brought up. Joyce Hahn will be contacted first by Dorothy.
- Resuming Fellowship: Tabled
- Permanent video equipment: This was tabled as the cost would be \$4000-\$5000 dollars.
- Farewell to the Apostles: A special part in the upcoming worship service is planned to bid farewell to the Apostle wood carvings that will no longer adorn our sanctuary.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Door lock system on hold for now.
- Cleaning service: Contract for cleaning service, Ron will go over document. Keisha's mother is interested should we choose to change service.
- Mail slot: Tabled
- Volunteer recognition: tabled, maybe September
- Congregation Timeline: tabled
- Church calendar/cookbook: Louise and Judy will be the cookbook coordinators.

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

- Property: Ron presented, sign was discussed among other things. He also brought up updating the church directory and wanted to know actual number of members.
- Education: No Report
- Evangelism: No Report

- Financial: Report submitted
- Food Pantry: Barb Kampen submitted a written report.
- Men's Group: No Report
- Social Ministries: Dorothy reported.
- Stewardship: Charles reported earlier in meeting.
- WELCA: No Report.
- Worship & Music: No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Wanda and seconded by Charles. Motion carried, we closed with the Lord's prayer.

Don Schmidt HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY  
7-16-2020 DATE OF APPROVAL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
 June 26th, 2020

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After our special closed meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Bishop Mike and Pastor Liz, we were informed that Pastor Sherman Gordius has agreed to be our part time interim Pastor. The council agreed to have him as long as we need him.

Wanda made a motion to accept Joyce Hahn as a new council member to replace Kenny Wachtel. Louise seconded, motion carried.

Pastor Sherman will lead us in worship on Sundays and work one day a week in the office, which may be broken up. His pay was discussed. After Charles came up with an amount based on an average, Dan made a motion to pay Pr. Sherman 454.00 twice a month. Dorothy seconded, motion carried. Charles made a motion to not pay social security on Pr. Sherman's pay. Joyce seconded, motion carried. Joyce made a motion to not offer vacation pay. Ron seconded, motion carried. Joyce made a motion to pay Pr. Sherman 57.5 cents per mile for mileage. Louise seconded, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dan and seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Don Schmidt HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY  
7-16-2020 DATE OF APPROVAL



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](mailto: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

Family & Friends  
Wanda Sanders  
Carl Stratton



## **August**

### **August 5-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### **August 9-Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### **August 16-Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-28

### **August 23- Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### **August 30- Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 15: 15-21  
Psalm 26: 1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28



# How can YOU help?

- ◆ You can serve the church in many ways. Talk to any of the committee chairs liaisons from the list to the right.
- ◆ You can donate flowers for the altar on Sunday. It costs \$17 per bouquet. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Talk to Carol Wheeler if you have any questions.
- ◆ You can sign up to host the fellowship time after worship on Sundays. Talk to Phyllis Hamilton for more information.
- ◆ You can put your loose change in the Pennies, ETC. jar to support the Ozark Center of Hope.
- ◆ You can save your Best Choice barcodes and give them to Jane Smith.
- ◆ You can donate food to support the Food Pantry.
- ◆ You can lift up our church and its members in prayer.
- ◆ If you are the last person out of church, you can check to make sure all the lights are off, the heat set to unoccupied, and all doors are locked.



We are always looking for new people to help with our ministries. Some jobs are “behind-the-scenes” — Altar Guild, Counting, Food Pantry, and Prayer Chain.

Some jobs are an integral part of the service — Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants, and Choir Members.

### For more information contact:

- Altar Guild.....Carol Wheeler, 488-5044
- Building / Property...Dale Wheeler, 488-5044
- Choir ..... Dan Schmidt, 404-8456
- Counting..... Kathy Scott, 492-2155
- Fellowship Hour .... Phyllis Hamilton, 425-9546
- Food Pantry ..... Barb Kampen, 405-0776  
Bob Hamilton, 425-9546
- Greeters.....Roberta Dulaney, 424-3976
- Prayer Chain ..... Keisha Henning, 492-6636
- Readers & Communion Assistants ..... Roberta Dulaney, 424-3976
- Ushers .....Fritzie Cvengros, 492-2020

There is something for everyone!  
Everyone can do something!



**SERVE**  
love God, love others



# Those Who Serve God by Serving Others





## August 2020

Ushers & Greeters



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
8/2/20 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am	Dean & Jane Smith	Frank Fusco & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter
8/9/20 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel	Dale Wheeler & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Jane Smith & Carol Wheeler	Lenora Walejko & Kathy Arnold
8/16/20 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Kathy Owen & Judy Hoover	Kathy Scott & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Eva Apel & Roberta Dulaney	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
8/23/20 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am	Joyce Hahn & Eileen DeMoulpied	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel, chalice	Kathy Scott	Lenora Walejko & Kathy Arnold
8/30/20 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott, chalice	Carol Wheeler	TBD
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Fritzie @492-2020	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Roberta @ 870-424-3976	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Carol @488-5044	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Kathy @492-2155

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship	3 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	4 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga	5 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	6 8am-2pm Office Open	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 9am Worship	10 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	11 8am-2pm Office Open 11am Church Council 1pm Chair Yoga	12 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	13 8am-2pm Office Open 1:00pm WELCA Gen. Mtg.	14 Church Office Closed	15 9am Men's Group Mtg 10:30am Property Committee
16 9am Worship	17 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	18 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 1pm Chair Yoga	19 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	20 8am-2pm Office Open	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9am Worship	24 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	25 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga	26 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	27 8am-2pm Office Open	28 Church Office Closed	29
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>						
30 9am Worship						

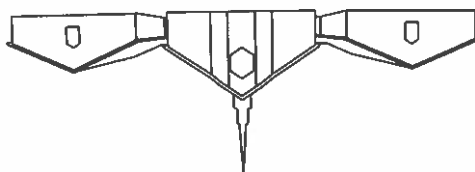


8/10 Wendell James  
 8/11 Fred Scott  
 8/12 Alicia Copper (Munson)  
 8/19 Dan Schmidt  
 8/27 Ken Apel  
 8/27 Mark Hunt  
 8/30 Marilyn Parbs

8/7 Bill & Delores Veith  
 8/9 Mike & Kathy Owen  
 8/28 Dan & Donna Schmidt  
 8/31 Paula & Leland Anderson

\* \* \* \* \*  
 \*        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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