

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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October Newsletter

deadline is September 20th.

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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To Forget and or to Remember Is the Question

Greetings Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross,

I have confessed that my memory has always been poor. I wish I could remember more of the jokes I am told so that I could retell them. Of course, I am not alone on memory lapses. Back in Deuteronomy 4:23 the verse begins "So be careful not to forget the covenant that the Lord your God made with you, ..." From Adam and Eve to the whole nation of God's people and including us today, we have needed reminders of God's steadfast love. No matter the challenges for every generation God's love is everlasting. We remember God's faithfulness throughout the past and are strengthened for the future. (For devotional reference you may also consider Isaiah 49 particularly verses 14-15)

In addition to remembering the goodness in life and giving God the primary focus, it is important to remember the dark reality of sin and hurt in our past and present. I noticed a billboard somewhere in our area with a saying that I have remembered for a long time, 'if we forget the past, we are doomed to repeat it.' Unpleasant parts of our human history should not be forgotten so that we learn from them and not repeat those sins or mistakes. The Holocaust was not once upon a time but the evil continues. Slavery was not just a past condition ending with the Civil War as the fears and hate that fueled it are still in the hearts and minds of many that pass it on from generation to generation. Human trafficking for a variety of reasons is still happening. We repeat history and relive the painful consequences.

As certain events or conditions become further in the past it is important not to forget completely. I like watching some game shows that test your knowledge. On Cash Cab a question was given about December 7th, 1941. The cab passenger did not know what happened on that day, 'a date that will live in infamy.' I wonder how well people will remember even more recent events such as this month 'Nine-eleven' Patriot Day? While we work and pray for a better nation, we also give thanks for the blessing and protection of our nation. May we remember our journey of struggling with our challenges and failures and also celebrate our justice and goodness that stands out in the history of nations.

In considering to remember or to forget things past can be a challenge. We remember that God does not forget us and remains faithfully present for us today and will be for our promised future. God has selective memory. God 'forgives our sin, removing as far as the east is from the west and remembers no more.' We remember the past so that we can both learn from as well as give thanks for. Yet for much of the past it is important that we do intentionally forget. We have God with us today to live abundantly and God leading us into our future victory. Hence the encouragement in the letter to the Philippians (3:13) "...; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Remembering the past, present, and future steadfast love of God with us and for us we go forward. Blessings to each and everyone,

Pastor Sherman

May you have a good and safe Labor Day weekend. Give a moment during the time of resting and recreation to give thanks for the wide variety of giftedness used to labor and provide for the well-being of yourself, loved ones, and our world.

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The weekend following Labor Day the ELCA invites congregations for an event called "God's Work, Our Hands." We do not have a specific service project designated for this year so I invite to you to have some reflection time and prayer for the many ways both Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake members serve throughout the year being God's hands doing God's work for others in our communities.

Pastor and Vicki on Vacation

In March, our 30th anniversary trip to Hawaii for early May was rescheduled to the end of September when I thought surely things would be open by then. Hawaii has extended its closing down through at least early October. We will be vacationing somewhere from the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 20 through Monday, Sept. 28th. Sunday the 27th worship coverage for both Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake will be provided by our gifted lay leader Tim Koenig of Christ by the Lake.

I will give a name or two of who you may call upon during my absence for emergency pastoral care to secretaries Keisha and Elaine and council presidents Judy and Tim.

*Thank
you*

Thank you to those who sent birthday wishes my way. Moving to Mountain Home was the best thing I could have done for myself. Thank you to everyone at Holy Cross for make me feel welcomed.

-Joyce Hahn

July 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a broken heart that I must write to tell you that I am resigning my call as your pastor effective July 31.

I have loved you and being your pastor, but circumstances have arisen that have made it so that I can no longer continue in that role. I just need you to know that I would never have chosen to leave this way.

I miss you terribly, and you will remain in my heart and in my prayers. Many blessings to all of you as you find new ways to move forward and continue to serve God in that place.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne



ALTAR GUILD

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

September 6-Jane Smith
September 13-Carol Wheeler
September 20-Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
September 27-Kathy Scott





WELCA

Mission Statement

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

WELCA met on August 13th with 15 ladies present.

The main topic discussed was the Bazaar. We are sharing the church with the men this year. The men will use Fellowship Hall and the garage and the women will use the Narthex and the Parlor. The women will still provide the lunch and have the bake sale. We will be selling "opportunity tickets" for the chance to win one of our beautiful quilts. The sale is October 2nd and 3rd from 8:00 to 2:00 both days with lunch being served from 11:00 to 1:00. More information will be available soon. We can always use workers so if you can help anytime, it would be appreciated.

We will be needing new officers for next year, so if you would like to volunteer, see Carol Wheeler. The Cluster meeting that we were to host last spring, and that was postponed until this fall, has been cancelled.

Since we are not sending quilts to Lutheran World Relief this year, we voted to send \$200.00 to them to help with postage when they send out the quilts to different areas. We also decided to send \$300.00 to the North Arkansas Food Bank to the Holy Cross account since there will be no Bridge Bash this year which supports the Food Bank.

Our next general meeting will be November 12 at 1:00 pm. Stay well.

Roberta Dulaney
V. President



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

In July, we served 17 households (53 clients) which included 2 new families. Twenty-two were between the ages of 0-18; 28 between

the ages of 19-64; and 3 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 96 hours.

We received 81.81 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps and 45.23 pounds of donated food from individuals during the month of July. The food donation item for the month of September will be Cereal.

During the month of July, the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas located in Norfolk notified agencies of donated fresh produce, milk, and meat at no expense. We were able to receive some of these donated items and they were distributed to our clients as well as our congregation members.

Our expenses for the food pantry in July were \$248.06 and we had a donation in the amount of \$50. HCLC Food Pantry's current checking account balance with First Security as of 7/31/20 is \$3,509.26. The current credit available on our Food Bank of North Central Arkansas' account as of 7/31/20 is \$966.57.

Effective August 5, 2020, the food pantry will be open only on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Men's fellowship

The Men of Holy Cross met on Saturday, August 15th. There were 10 members and 3 guests present. Breakfast was served.

We continued planning of our Annual Garage Sale which is being held on October 2nd and 3rd from 8am-2pm. It was decided that the sale will be combined with the WELCA Fall Bazaar. The ladies will use the narthex and the parlor and the men will use the fellowship hall and garage. Health department rules permitting, WELCA will have food available as in previous years. Canopies will be set up outdoors for dining and signs will be posted regarding state guidelines for masks and social distancing. We plan to sell masks and disposable gloves for those who wish to purchase them. If weather permits, we will have doors propped open so people aren't touching the handles. There will be people to sanitize surfaces during and after the event. Bob & Phyllis Hamilton will supervise the publicity. An announcement will be made about bringing in items for the sale. Dale Wheeler & Dean Smith will make arrangements regarding larger items.

We were asked to bring in our aluminum cans by August 30th so they can be gathered and the garage emptied to make room for the Garage Sale items.

Our next meeting will be September 19th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The logo features a circular emblem containing a detailed illustration of a church building with a steeple, set against a dark background. The emblem is centered between the words 'CHURCH' and 'COUNCIL'.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 16, 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 Gordius, Wanda Soutter, Dan Schmidt, Dorothy Meyer, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Ron Westergaard, Louise Sellenriek, Susan Czaja, Joyce Hahn, and Sandy Maier.

Observers: Bob Hamilton, Marita Sanford, and Nancy Thoren.

DEVOTIONS: Louise led us in prayer.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from our meeting on June 9th were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Joyce to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The minutes from our meeting on June 26th were reviewed. A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Louise to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Gordius presented. He talked about vacation, supply pastor, and synod assembly. He asked for prayers for Pr. Lynne.

VISIONING: Joyce will work on a Holy Cross wellness kit to be handed out next Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Charles will call synod office about grant.
- Welcome Pr. Gordius.
- Welcome new council member Joyce Hahn.
- Marita presented info about the battery in the defibrillator. Charles made the motion to spend the \$236.00 to purchase a new battery. Wanda seconded, motion carried.
- A date was set for our next council meeting. August 11th at 11am.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Congregation Timeline: tabled
- PPP loan balance (Charles)
- 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.
- 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: Charles reported earlier in meeting.
- WELCA: No Report.
- Worship & Music: No Report.

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

Dan Schmidt HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
Aug 11, 2020 DATE OF APPROVAL

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2020**

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ROLL CALL: Wanda Soutter, Dan Schmidt, Dorothy Meyer, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Ron Westergaard, Susan Czaja, Joyce Hahn.
Absent: Sandy Maier and Louise Sellenriek

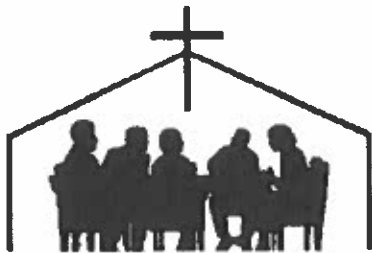
Meeting called to decide Pr. Lynne's separation pay.
After discussion, and figures given by Charles, Dan made a motion to pay Pr. Lynne her current salary, housing, and social security, for a total of \$5045.00 a month for three months. Seconded by Ron, motion carried.

Discussion continued about health insurance for Pr. Lynne. After figures were given by Charles, Ron made a motion to pay Pr. Lynne an additional \$1500.00 a month for three months for her to use for health insurance. Susan seconded, motion carried.

Ron presented that LaDonna Dobbs had resigned as our cleaning service. Ron will send termination letter via certified mail. After discussion and Susan mentioning Care Center ministries, Dan called them to set up an appointment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles, seconded by Dan, motion carried.

Dan Schmidt HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
Aug 11, 2020 DATE OF APPROVAL



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 Maier



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

Family & Friends
Wanda Sanders
Carl Stratton



September

September 6-14th Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 33: 7-11
Psalm 119: 33-40
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

September 13-15th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 50: 15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20-16th Sunday After Pentecost

Jonah 3: 10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

September 27- 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



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 PantryBarb 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
UshersFritzie Cvengros, 492-2020

There is something for everyone!
Everyone can do something!

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.



-WELCA's Monday Morning Workshop. The ladies gather every Monday morning at 9:00am to sew and share in fellowship.

-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.

-Hope Circle on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. We study the lessons in *Gather* magazine, a publication of WELCA.

-Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00am. We study Christian reading materials or use Right Now Media for its various video series.

Those Who Serve God by Serving Others

September 2020







Ushers & Greeters



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
9/6/20 13th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am	Judy Hoover & Charles Polacek	Jami Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Jane Smith	Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter
9/13/20 14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Judy Hoover & Eileen DeMoulpied	Kathy Scott & Kathy Owen, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Lenora Walejko & Kathy Arnold
9/20/20 15th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Roberta Dulaney & Eileen DeMoulpied	Frank Fusco & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
9/27/20 16th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am	Joyce Hahn & Pete Cvangros	Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Scott, chalice	Kathy Scott	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
SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9am Worship</p> <p><i>and all at once, summer collapsed into fall.</i> <i>—Sean Wilco</i></p>	<p>1 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>2 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>3 8am-2pm Office Open</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6 9am Worship</p>	<p>7 Labor Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9am WELCA Workshop</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>8 8am-2pm Office Open 11am Church Council 1pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>9 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>10 8am-2pm Office Open</p>	<p>11 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>12 1-3pm Twin Lakes Writers Club</p>
<p>13 God's Work, Our Hands 9am Worship</p>	<p>14 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>15 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 1pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>16 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>17 8am-2pm Office Open</p>	<p>18 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>19 9am Men's Group Mtg 10:30am Property Committee</p>
<p>20 9am Worship</p>	<p>21 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>22 First Day of Fall 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga</p> 	<p>23 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>24 8am-2pm Office Open</p>	<p>25 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9am Worship</p>	<p>28 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>29 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga</p>	<p>30 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>			

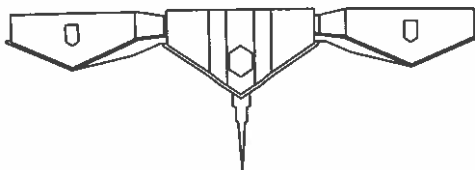


9/2 Paula Anderson
 9/2 Mary Hamann
 9/5 Mike Owen
 9/7 Dan Alderman
 9/11 Dean Smith
 9/17 Justin Copper
 9/19 Stan Scott
 9/23 Carolyn Pyszka

9/21 Bob & Phyllis Hamilton

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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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