

# 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

Food Pantry:

Wednesdays 9-11am, 1-3pm

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## November Newsletter

deadline is October 25th.

**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.**



*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42:1*

*<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. James 5:7-11*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross,

We have many wants in our lives. Some are stronger than others and we may describe those feelings of want in stronger terms such as 'yearning' or 'long for.' The beautiful Psalm verse cited above uses an emotionally powered image of thirst, 'As a deer **longs for** flowing water' then reads 'so my soul **longs for** you, O God.'

We know God is present with us all the time but there are times we feel a need to know God's presence even stronger. In these times of pandemic, more isolation, and more political turmoil our self defense mechanisms may kick in. Flight, fight, or freeze. For us in faith, we turn to the Lord. We **long for** God's intervention.

Some may 'fight' in verbal or physically violent ways. Some may try to run away and hide and deny. We resign to thinking 'well, 'que sera, sera; what will be, will be' and go on as if no danger exists or just ignore because we think we are immune to the danger. Some may freeze. Go into an isolation, 'frozen in fear,' until the plague passes over and we can feel safe enough to come out.

I am pleased to see in our congregations and congregations around the world with yet another kind of response to our changing hurting world. In the world, we humbly acknowledge we have our sin and sickness and that there are all sorts of changes and challenges but also God is with us. God inspires us to 'fight' not in fearful mean-spirited ways, not to take flight, nor go into a freeze mode. Some examples. We still yearn to come together for worship but with great care, especially when for 'in-person' worship. Be it 'in-person' in the pew with a bunch of safety guidelines or online on the couch or in a chair, we yearn for and recognize that we are together as the spiritual body of Christ which is called 'the church.'

We yearn for continuing God's works of compassion. We do not shut down and hide but are determined to meet greater challenges with greater resolve and creativity in our yearning to make a difference. Food Pantries have new procedures to deal with but we change and continue to go on with compassion by reaching out. The Holy Cross Fall Festival and Garage Sale will have to make changes but it will still happen. The Blessing Box at Christ by the Lake had some issues but it was not simply shut down and removed but rather we looked at new options and are in the process of setting up a new Blessing Box. The Soup Sisters 'Crazy Bowl' event will have to make changes but are determined to make those changes in order to go on. Our Sunday worship has changed but we have added Facebook which reaches some people the in-person services never reached.

We yearn to serve our Lord so our ministries go on. We 'long for' all to know the Lord and his goodness.

'For I was hungry and you' ... did not take a break to wait until the storms passed but stepped forward into the storms in faith.

Longing with you we are patient and endure the difficulties for our Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Pastor Sherman



**REFORMATION  
-Sunday-**

Reformation Sunday is  
October 25th!

You are encouraged to wear the liturgical  
celebration color RED to service.



All Saints Sunday is November 1st. If you want to add a name of a loved one who has passed to commemorate in the bulletin, please get that information to me by October 28th.

-Keisha, Office Secy.



The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for November 22nd, immediately following worship. If you have a report to add to the Annual Report, **please** turn it in to the office no later than October 31st.



Daylight Savings Ends November 1st, so make sure to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on **October 31st!**



**CANS**

Men of Holy Cross.

The Men of Holy Cross will no longer be collecting cans due to the low price being paid. We will inform you if we decide to collect them again in the future. We will continue to collect tabs at this time. Thank you for all the cans you have given to the

-Bob Hamilton



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE  
OCTOBER**

**ALTAR GUILD** October 4-Jane Smith  
October 11-Kathy Scott  
October 18-Eva Apel & Roberta Dulaney  
October 25 (Reformation)-Carol Wheeler

**Reformation Day** occurs on October 31, but it may be observed on the Sunday preceding that date. It is a day for giving thanks for Martin Luther and the other reformers, but much more, it calls attention to the ongoing need for the ecumenical growth and renewal of the church. Paraments are bright red, the color of the church.



Thank you to my "Holy Cross Church Family" for all your prayers, visits, cards, and calls.

Thank you to Wanda for bringing me home from the hospital, to Sandy Maier, Paula, Phyllis & Bob for the wonderful food, Louise for the low-cal chocolates, Joyce for the taxi service for my doctor appointments and Nancy for getting my newspaper and mail.

I miss you and my love to all with God's riches blessings.

Dorothy Meyer

P.S., Thank you to the anonymous person for the envelope with money in it.



**Food Pantry  
Needs**

**Cereal**

**Food Pantry Donation Item:**



## WELCA

### Mission Statement

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

As this newsletter comes out, we are getting ready for the combined bazaar/garage sale with the men on Oct. 2nd and 3rd. We need workers in every area, so if you can help any-time, it would be appreciated. We also need pies and cakes for the lunch served by the women and also goodies for the bake sale.

Our next general meeting will be Nov. 12th where we will discuss and approve the budget for 2021 and also elect new officers. All of the current officers are not returning after serving 4 years so we will need new people. Please consider volunteering for a position or our WELCA will have to be disbanded.

Stay well.

Roberta Dulaney, vice president

Roberta Dulaney  
V. President



## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

In August, we served 11 households (22 clients) which included 5 new families. Six were between the ages of 0-18; 14 between the ages of 19-24; and 2 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 113 hours.

The Food Bank of Norfolk provided fresh produce and dairy products free of charge during the month of August which were distributed to our clients and congregation. On August 12, in partnership with Ozark Center of Hope, the Engage Church of Mountain Home distributed free dairy and produce items to food agencies and the public, HCLCFP included.

Barb Kampen participated in three Zoom sessions with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas during the month of August. As a result, the HCLC Food Pantry will receive a one year membership with the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and a capacity building grant opportunity in January 2021. Marita Stanford attended an 8 hour ServSafe manager's training on August 18 in Mountain Home. All food agencies are required to receive certification.

The Food Pantry expenses in August were \$95.24 and deposits totaling \$100 were given to the HCLC Food Pantry. The food pantry's current checking account balance as of 8/31/2020 is \$3,514.02. The current credit balance available on our Food Bank of North Central Arkansas account as of 8/28/2020 is \$829.15.

We received 64.23 pounds of donated food from individuals and 21.26 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps. The food donation item for the month of October will be cereal.

Barb Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



### Meeting & Breakfast September 19, 2020

#### Men's fellowship

There were 5 members and 1 guest present. We made final plans for the Men's Garage Sale/Women's Bazaar on October 2nd & 3rd. The sale will be held from 8am-2pm both days. Coffee and cinnamon buns will be served in the morning and hot dogs, sloppy joes, and chicken salad for lunch.

We decided that we will no longer collect aluminum cans. The low price being offered does not justify the work we put into preparing and transporting them.

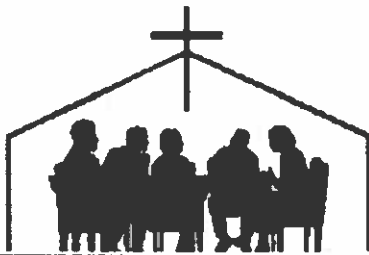
We voted to help defray the cost of renovating the ladies bathroom, so when the full cost is determined, we will pay the final installment.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 17 at 9:00am. All men are welcome.

# CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES WERE UNAPPROVED AT LAST MEETING.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MINUTES ARE EXPECTED IN  
NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER.



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



**TITHE.LY**

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



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

Holy Cross Members  
in Assisted Living or Homebound

Mark Hunt  
Dar Wiggers

#### Family & Friends

Jack Hollingsworth  
Wanda Sanders  
Carl Stratton



## **October**

### **October 4-18th Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

### **October 11-19th Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

### **October 18-20th Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-13  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 25- Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36



# 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:

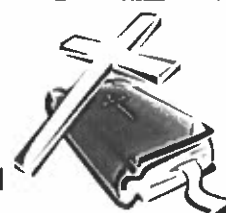
Altar Guild.....Carol Wheeler, 488-5044  
 Building / Property...Dale Wheeler, 488-5044  
 Dean Smith, 424-8707  
 Choir ..... Dan Schmidt, 404-8456  
 Counting..... Kathy Scott, 492-2155  
 Fellowship Hour.... Phyllis Hamilton, 425-9546  
 Food Pantry .....Barb Kampen, 405-0776  
 Bob Hamilton, 425-9546  
 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!

## 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






## October 2020



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
<b>10/4/20</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Eileen DeMoulpied & Kathy Scott	Frank Fusco & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Jane Smith	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
<b>10/11/20</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Joyce Hahn & Charles Polacek	Kathy Scott & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Kathy Scott	TBD
<b>10/18/20</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>9:00am</b>	Eva Apel & Pete Cvengros	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott, chalice	Eva Apel & Roberta Dulaney	TBD
<b>10/25/20</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Carol Wheeler	TBD
	<b>Questions?</b> <b>Willing to Serve?</b> <b>Call Fritzie @492-2020</b>	<b>Questions?</b> <b>Willing to Serve?</b> <b>Call Roberta @ 870-424-3976</b>	<b>Questions?</b> <b>Willing to Serve?</b> <b>Call Carol @488-5044</b>	<b>Questions?</b> <b>Willing to Serve?</b> <b>Call Kathy @492-2155</b>



# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 9am Worship	5 8am-2pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	6 8am-2pm Office Open 1pm Chair Yoga	7 8am-2pm Office Open 10am Bible Study 9-11am Food Pantry 1-3pm Food Pantry	8 8am-2pm Office Open	9 Church Office Closed	10
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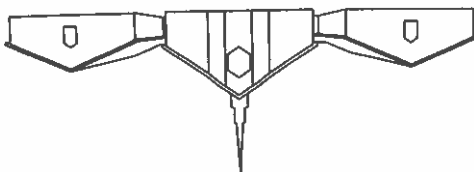


10/9 Eva Apel  
 10/11 Madeline Schmidt  
 10/14 Jan Liston  
 10/17 Marita Stanford  
 10/21 Dar Wiggers  
 10/26 Frank Fusco

10/6 Ken & Eva Apel  
 10/21 Bob Singley & Dar Wiggers

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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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