

# THE GOOD NEWS

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***“ALL ARE WELCOME HERE”***

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M-FRI 8am-12pm

Worship Every Sunday at 9am

Food Pantry:

Wednesdays 9-11am, 1-3pm

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## February Newsletter

deadline is January 24th.

**Sunday Bulletin** announcements are due  
by noon on Thursdays.

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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Contact Dan Schmidt  
or Charlie Newsom

Visit our website at  
**holycrossmtnhome.com.**



# FROM THE PASTOR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The transition from the last calendar year to the new 2021 calendar year, even from last week to the next week and one day to the next, can see major changes. A familiar phrase is "What a difference a day makes." Hopefully, we can be confident that by the time we welcome the new 2022 year we can say what a difference the past 2021 year made. It was the year that the COVID-19 world pandemic ended or at least largely diminished and no longer has such a grip on our lives. But for now, as we have gone into January 2021, it looks like the pandemic of 2020 will continue and maybe even worsen for a while before major improvement.

For many of us we have been observers watching and following the news which has increased our anxiety levels. For months we in Baxter and Marion Counties have been much less impacted than other parts of the nation and world. During the last few weeks our local situation has seen a major increase of our positive cases and even related deaths. During the last week of December Vicki and I have transitioned from being concerned observers of the Covid-19 situation in our congregations and community. Covid-19 is not just an inconvenience to our daily routine. We both tested positive. As of New Year's Eve, we thankfully are able to be at home rather than hospital. Thank you for your mutual prayers for us and we pray for your health.

I will continue to be in communication with you through emails and phone calling. Worship will be further impacted but continue. The Holy Cross worship team will not be meeting to record services. You are invited to the Facebook recording on the Christ By The Lake site which I can do safely without anyone else present. I sure miss in-person worship with you!

Also I am glad to be able to forward a link for a service by our Synod Bishop Michael Girlinghouse. For those who do not have an email address and do not have other technology access we/I will try to keep in touch. I invite members with technology to reach out to those without.

Whatever transitions we may experience from one year to the next or one day to the next God is with us. God is not just an observer of our human condition. At Christmas and Good Friday as well each day we can know God has chosen to come into our human condition. In God's love we all will have a final life transition made possible through the Easter resurrection.

Happy New Year blessings for you,  
Pastor Sherman

Some other notes for January. More information on some of these events will be sent out.

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism of Our Lord
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Right to Life Sunday
January 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	ELCA Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Eaton, 11:30am



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Due to rising cases of COVID-19, 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 the bulletin, to both ours and Christ by the Lake's Facebook and webpages.

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. You may mail in your offerings or use the direct link below.

Stay healthy and know that you all are in our prayers!



## TITHE.LY

Our direct giving link:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=558114>



Thank you to ALL who sent me Christmas cards. They were deeply appreciated, and I can not thank you enough for your love. Remember God

loves You and so do I, very much. Thanks again everyone, and I hope you ALL had a very Merry Christmas and have a Healthy and Happy New Year too. God's Blessings,-Eileen DeMoulied



**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
HOURS HAVE  
CHANGED TO  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8AM-12PM.  
CLOSED ALL MAJOR  
HOLIDAYS.**



In November, we served 16 households(53 clients) which included 8 new families. Twenty-three between the ages of 0 -16; 29 between the ages of 19 -64; and one over the age of

65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 39 hours. We appreciate all the help we receive from our current food pantry volunteer staff: Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Eileen DeMoulied, Charlie & Cheryl Newsom, Stan Scott, Wanda Soutter, and Barb Kampen.

On Friday, November 20th, the North Central Board of Realtors partnered with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas to provide in Baxter and Marion counties and Calico Rock with 60,000 meals at no cost to the food pantries. Marita Stanford, Barb Kampen, and Dean Smith distributed food to our congregation and to our food pantry clients. Thank you to Dean Smith for providing the use of his truck and trailer that day.

Our food pantry was closed November 11 and 18 due to some of our volunteers being quarantined for Covid-19 exposure, being tested and then waiting for results. Another volunteer was hospitalized with other medical concerns.

We received 41.13 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps. The food pantry donation item for January will be **Cereal**. We appreciate all food donations that have been given in the past.

Our expenses for the food pantry in November totaled \$572.15 and deposits totaled \$100. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 11/30/20 is \$5,248.03. The current credit balance available on our Food Bank of North Central Arkansas account is \$919.62.

Barb Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Food Pantry  
Needs**

**CEREAL**

# 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'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, and Joyce Hahn.

Observers: Bob and Phyllis Hamilton

**DEVOTIONS:** Charles, "God Holds Us".

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Steve Kampen gave the financial report and Charles Polacek gave the treasurers report. Charles added that we will probably need to transfer the 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10,000.00 to get us through the end of the year. A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Dorothy, to accept the reports, motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from our meeting on August 11th were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Ron to approve, motion carried.

The minutes from our meeting on September 8th were reviewed. A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Susan to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Gordius presented written report. Still no word from synod on our constitution.

**VISIONING:** Judy brought up Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child and asked the council if that would be something we could do. This was tabled until next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Annual Meeting: Budget was discussed. A raise was discussed for Keisha. Dorothy made a motion to include in the budget a raise for Keisha in the amount of a .50 cent per hour increase. Louise seconded the motion, motion carried. We also discussed collecting for a Christmas gift. The amended budget was approved for the annual meeting by a motion made by Wanda, and seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.
- Nominating committee: Wanda, Joyce, and Louise will work to come up with names to fill the open position on the council left by Sandy's resignation.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners: After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would not have either dinner this year due to the high risk factors involved due to the pandemic. The motion to cancel the dinners was made by Charles and seconded by Dorothy. Motion carried.
- Christmas program proposal: Joyce Hahn presented. This was tabled.
- Christmas donation to employees, send card.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

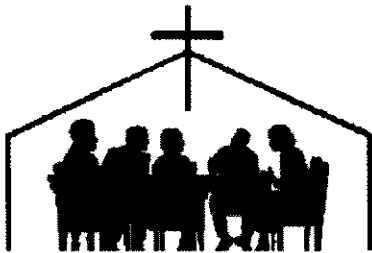
### **COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS: LIAISON'S ARE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Property: Ron presented. Ron can no longer be the contact with the cleaning group. A church property committee member should be here. Pete Cvengros has been asked to cover time while cleaning group is here, 8:30- 10:00am. Motion made by Wanda to reimburse Ron for cleaning supplies, Dorothy seconded, motion carried.
- 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 Louise and seconded by Charles. Motion carried, we closed with the Lord's prayer.

*Dan Schmidt* HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY  
12.8.2020 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



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.



**January 3-2nd Sun. of Christmas**

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:1-18

**January 10- Baptism of Our Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**January 17- 2nd Sunday After Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3: 1-20  
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**January 24- 3rd Sunday After Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5,10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**January 31- 4th Sunday After Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

**Prayer Concerns**

Holy Cross Members

Pam Munson  
Charlie Newsom

Holy Cross Members in Assisted Living or Homebound

Mark Hunt

Family & Friends

Jack Hollingsworth  
Wanda Sanders  
Carl Stratton  
Betsy Chase  
Shirley Vedope



**\*IN PERSON SERVICES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THESE LISTS WERE JUST MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF RESUMING WORSHIP\***



January 2021

Ushers

Jan. 3 Joyce Hahn & Kathy Scott  
Jan. 10 Roberta Dulaney & Eileen DeMoupiéd  
Jan. 17 Kathy Owen & Charles Polacek  
Jan. 24 Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros  
Jan 31 TBD

Lay Assistants

Jan. 3 Jami Scott & Kathy Scott, chalice  
Jan. 10 Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice  
Jan. 17 Frank Fusco & Carol Wheeler, chalice  
Jan. 24 Kathy Scott & Frank Fusco, chalice  
Jan 31 Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice

Counters

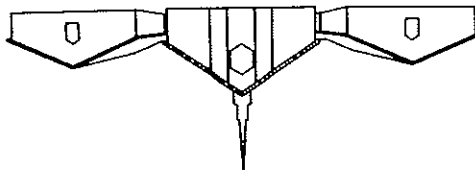
Jan. 3 Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren  
Jan. 10 Lenora Walejko & Kathy Arnold  
Jan. 17 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold  
Jan. 24 TBD  
Jan. 31 TBD



Patricia Bramblett	1/6
Phyllis Hamilton	1/15
Delores Veith	1/20
Cheryl Newsom	1/21
Roberta Dulaney	1/22
Barb Kampen	1/28
Jane Smith	1/31

Dean & Jane Smith	1/15
Jami & Rick Scott	1/16

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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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