

THE GOOD NEWS

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“ALL ARE WELCOME HERE”

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M-FRI 8am-12pm

Worship Every Sunday at 9am
Fellowship at 10am

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

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October Newsletter

deadline is September 19th.

Sunday Bulletin announcements are due
Wednesday afternoon.

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.

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." -Matthew 26:26

"It's Broken"

It made our hearts cry to see the news scenes of life-or-death desperation for many Afghans as they in mass pressed to get onto the airfield and hopefully a plane to safety. As we have seen in some other conflicts in the world, we see again a parent lose hope for themselves and hold out their child with pleading cries for an American soldier to take and save the child.

Our prayers may all American citizens in Afghanistan and Afghans who desire safety and freedom to be rescued by the looming deadline which may have passed by the time you read this newsletter. Our long-term prayers for change of hearts and societies that oppress so that people may live in their nation in safety and peace.

I do not remember the accurate details of a particular story but I think it may be a true account during WWII but I do remember the main phrase of the story. A teacher using a globe of the world that had a crack in it asked the students what was wrong with it. No one was answering then a handicapped student with difficulties stuttered 'It's broken.'

On a world scale we are broken. From the world of nations to the level of each individual heart we are broken. Approximately half of marriage relationships end with broken separation. For all, death will leave the living with broken hearts. Sin and death are certainties but so too is our faith knowledge that God enters our broken world. Christ Jesus entered the brokenness bringing the Good News that 'nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God' through Christ crucified and risen. Jesus took bread and broke it saying it was his body and then offered 'the cup of salvation.' By his brokenness Jesus heals our brokenness with God.

As we watch the news of this broken world, recall when Jesus looked out at a crowd of thousands and 'he had compassion for them as they were like sheep without a shepherd.'

May our compassion lead us in the loving care of The Good Shepherd, and may we help as best as we can for others to know the Shepherd that was broken and can heal the broken-hearted. Bless you.

Pastor Sherman

Labor Day, Sept. 6th

May all who labor find a satisfaction from their work and times of rest from their labor.

'Nine Eleven Patriot Day.'

Prayers for healing, for our nation, for end of terror attacks around the world.

Vacation Week

Pastor Sherman and Vicki will leave after worship on Sunday, Sept. 5th for a vacation week. We will be back at work on Wed. 15th. Tim Koenig will lead worship and give the sermon message at both Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake on Sunday, Sept. 12th. There will be no communion Sept. 12th.

God's Work, Our Hands' Service Project

Updates will be announced on Sundays.

Grandparents Day is Sept. 12th

God bless you and your grandchildren.

Cluster Event

The next Cluster Event is indefinitely postponed until we are more confident for safer social gatherings.



Attention Parish Members: Henderson Volunteer Fire Dept. will be having its annual Pig Roast on Sat. Sept. 4th from 3pm to 6pm at the fire house. Dine-in and curb-side will be available. Please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044 or Marita Stanford at 488-5798 with any questions. Hope to see you there.

Attention Parish Members: Please take a look at the large black garbage can in the Narthex. The lid has a list of needs for our Mountain Home Humane Society Shelter. The Women's Group hope that you can occasionally drop one or more of those items in the can to help our "waiting for a forever home" cats and dogs. Thanks a bunch.



8/21/21: There were 6 members and 1 guest present, and we enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the church. We continued our discussion about the next Garage Sale. After consulting with

WELCA, the dates are now Friday and Saturday, November 5th & 6th. Since our storage space in the garage is limited, and we do not want to fill the Fellowship Hall until closer to the sale date, we ask that people hold back on bringing items for the sale until October. If you must clear out things now, we will try to accommodate. Please speak with Dean Smith or Dale Wheeler if you need items picked up that you cannot transport yourself. PLEASE, no pianos as once was once too many. Our next meeting will be at 9:00 am on September 18th, here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



HOLY CROSS GARAGE SALE & BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH: 8AM-2PM
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

DEAN SMITH & DALE WHEELER
GARAGE SALE CHAIRMEN

Carol Wheeler-Kitchen Chair
Doris Arnold-Bake Sale Chair
Wanda Soutter- Quilt & Craft Chair
Kathy Owen- White Elephant Chair
Paula Anderson- White Elephant Co-chair
Dorothy Meyer- Raffle Chair
Lenora Walejko- Cashier & Bagger Chair
Judy Hoover- Cashier & Bagger Co-chair

Many hands make the work lighter.
Sign-up work schedules will be made available
prior to event.

Thank you chairmen/women.





In July, we served fifteen households, (34) clients, which included six between the ages of 0-18; nineteen between the ages of 19-64; and nine at 65 or older. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 74.25 hours.

Our food pantry received 25.03 lbs. of donated baked goods from Harp's and 51 lbs. of donated goods from individuals. All donated goods as well as monetary donations are greatly appreciated to be able to serve Baxter County families in need of food assistance. The food pantry is in need of 4pk saltine crackers.

The Love Offering for the month of July went to *Grandma's House*. In August, it went to *Into the Light*. The Love Offering in September will be for the *Bob Davis Veteran Center* located here in Mountain Home. This is a full service, 18 bed center that assists and supports US Veterans in various levels of need. Services include a coffee hut, game area, job placement program as well as a store open to the public selling homemade breads, pies, along with other items.

On July 31, Bob Hamilton and Charlie Newsom participated in the annual conference with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas which due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases was a three-hour virtual conference. By participating in this annual conference, our food pantry will maintain its membership standing with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas also paid our food pantry's annual membership fee of \$25.00 to the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance.

Our current balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$1,017.62. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$5,122.61 as of 7/31/21. Our expenses were \$441.49 and deposits were \$20.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Food Pantry
Needs**

SALTINE CRACKERS



September Love Offering

Bob Davis Veteran Center

****LOVE OFFERINGS ARE COLLECTED ON THE
2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH****

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2021

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, Judy Hoover, Charles Polacek, Louise Sellenriek, Mike Baker, Kathy Arnold, and Joyce Hahn.

Absent: Steve Kampen (excused), Ron Westergaard (excused), Kathy Owen (excused), Susan Czaja (excused).

DEVOTIONS: Judy H.: Navigating the storms of life. Psalm 43

Devotion schedule for the year is as follows:

Jul. Louise

Aug. Charles

Sept Judy

Oct. Pastor Sherman

Nov. Ron (Need someone here!)

Dec. Dan

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles Polacek presented the financial reports.

Charles brought us the letter and request by Christ By The Lake. (Unfinished Business) They accepted our offer of \$350.00/month towards Pastor Sherman's Portico Insurance. The first check was sent June , 2021. A motion was made by Louise, and seconded by Kathy A., to accept the reports, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from our meeting on May 13th, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Wanda to approve, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Gordius presented written report, and talked about his planning calendar. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is planned for Sept 12th 2021.

VISIONING:

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed during treasurer's report. (CBTL)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roost Protection 360 Kit from Guide One Insurance Co. After discussion, Charles made a motion to return the kit. Dan seconded the motion, motion carried with one opposed.
- New Member Sunday: Pastor will call the Zuck's about the 20th.
- Resuming Hymnal use: After discussion about possible concerns and the use of hand sanitizer and the fact that Covid cannot be contracted from hard surfaces, and that hymns would still be printed in the bulletin, Louise made a motion to resume the use of hymnals. Mike seconded, motion carried.
- All Creation Sings: The ELCA's new worship resource All Creation Sings hymnal was presented by Dan. He suggested we order 75 of the books for the introductory price of \$12.50 ea. After discussion, Mike made a motion to order the hymnals, Louise seconded, motion carried.

- **Social Distancing:** After discussion, Wanda made a motion to remove tape on the pews, Joyce seconded. More discussion followed. Motion carried.
- **Letter from Ron Westergaard:** Judy read Ron's resignation letter to the council. Kathy A. offered to fill in as liaison to the council for the property committee through the end of the year.
- **RIC (Reconciling In Christ):** Mike presented being more welcoming to LGBTQ people through becoming a RIC Congregation. Pastor Sherman expressed his feelings about what that means and reiterated the fact that he would not marry same sex couples.

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

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

Motion was made by Louise to accept the committee reports and seconded by Charles. Motion carried.

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



COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
SECOND THURSDAY

OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 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**.....Kathy Arnold
- Social Ministries**.....Kathy Owen
- Stewardship**.....Wanda Soutter
- Worship & Music**.....Louise Sellenriek
Mike Baker
- TBD**.....Steve Kampen



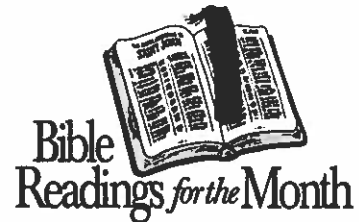
We have two types of prayer lists at Holy Cross: the Prayer Concerns in the Bulletin and the Prayer Chain.

If you would like someone listed in the weekly bulletin please get that information to the office by Thursday morning. 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.



September 5- 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 12th- 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 19th- 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 26th- 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



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



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

Sept. 5 Kathy Scott & Eileen DeMoulied
 Sept. 12 Judy Hoover & Eileen DeMoulied
 Sept. 19 Charles Polacek & Pete Cvengros
 Sept. 26 Dean & Jane Smith

Lay Assistants

Sept. 5 Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney
 Sept. 12 Mike Baker & Carol Wheeler
 Sept. 19 Charles Polacek & Roberta Dulaney
 Sept. 26 Kathy Scott & Kathy Arnold

Altar Guild

Sept. 5 Kathy Scott
 Sept. 12 Carol Wheeler
 Sept. 19 Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
 Sept. 26 Jane Smith

Counters

Sept. 5 Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
 Sept. 12 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
 Sept. 19 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
 Sept. 26 Kathy Arnold & Lenora Walejko



HOLY CROSS ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

--**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 and enjoy fellowship.



- ◆ 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.

Autumn

Find and circle all of the Autumn words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - an Albert Camus quotation.

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M S O A Y Q E N I S I A O T R W O K
R C Y H N E U V S T E R F H E O P P
C E A A C G K I A S N O A A B R S M
K N D N D S E R N E D S R N M C O U
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L O B L W E C H E S T N U T S T R D



ACORN
APPLE
BIRD MIGRATION
BLOWING LEAVES
BLUSTERY DAY
CANNING
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
COLD
CROPS

EQUINOX
FALL
FARMING
FEAST
FROST
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYSTACK
HICKORY NUTS
LONGER NIGHTS

NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
ORANGE LEAVES
PIE
PUMPKIN
RAKE
RED LEAVES
SCARECROW
SCHOOL
SEASON

SEPTEMBER
SHORTER DAYS
SQUASH
SWEET POTATOES
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
WINDY
YELLOW LEAVES

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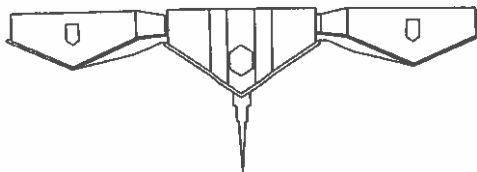
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Paula Anderson 9/2
 Mary Hamann 9/2
 Mike Owen 9/5
 Dan Alderman 9/7
 Dean Smith 9/11
 Justin Copper 9/17
 Carolyn Pyszka 9/23

Bob & Phyllis Hamilton 9/21

 * 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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