

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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November Newsletter
deadline is October 24th.

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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Questions?
Contact Dan Schmidt
or Charlie Newsom

Visit our website at
holycrossmtnhome.com.

Keeping Things in a Majestic Perspective

A few days before writing this newsletter article four civilian space tourists landed safely back on earth. There was a little science done but there was no professional astronaut scientist with them, so they were basically just tourists. If I were in younger health and had a few million dollars to spare I would be very tempted to go in space for a few days. I would not go for two reasons. My wife would probably say no and I may feel guilty spending millions for a joy ride when I could help so many with basic life needs. The space program has resulted in science that has helped this world to be a better place, so I support space science exploration by others just not for strictly tourism. So, I will never go into space, but I do get to settle for faith exploration trips. For Sunday, October 3rd our Psalm reading is Psalm 8. I invite you to open your Bible here and read Psalm 8. The Psalm begins verse 1 with the same words that ends the Psalm in verse 9: *"O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

The Psalm gives a majestic perspective declaring God's majesty for all the world and God's glory above the heavens. The Psalmist and shepherds back then did not have modern telescopes let alone ability to travel into space, but were able to experience getting to a completely dark place away from even camp fire light where the starry night could overwhelm them in awe. The Psalmist in verses 3-5 declares: *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?"*

When our world can be messy, hurtful, and confusing it is needful to take a faith journey. 'It's a blast!' Photography from a space perspective viewpoint is beautiful and mind boggling and helpful to our journey in this world. During interviews with astronauts and space tourists after they have returned to earth, they report a wondrous feeling of awe when looking out in space, but they also say the most wondrous view of all is looking at this earth. Of all the worlds that we can see God cares for this one and on this one earth God has a special place for the human. For whatever may trouble our hearts and minds at times may our majestic God give us a faith view that puts all things in perspective. As Romans 8:38-39 concludes: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Pastor Sherman



Congregational MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for November 14th, 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 24th. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COUNCIL IS IN NEED OF SEATS FILLED AS WELL AS SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE FOR THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

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.



REFORMATION Sunday

Reformation Sunday is October 31st.

Please remember to wear red!



**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 Souther- 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 August, we served 10 households (29 clients) which included eight between the ages of 0-18; twenty between the ages of 19-64 and one over the

age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 49.75 hours.

Our food pantry is in need of cereal and 4-pack saltine crackers. All donated goods and money are greatly appreciated for our food pantry to be able to serve Baxter County families in need.

The Love Offering for the month of September went to the Bob Davis Veterans Center located here in Mountain Home. The Love Offering for the month of October will be for the Holy Cross Food Pantry.

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 \$5,975.35 as of 8/31/21. The expenses \$272.26 and deposits were \$1,125.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Food Pantry Needs

**SALTINE CRACKERS
&
CEREAL**



**October Love Offering
Holy Cross Food Pantry**

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



Men's fellowship

9/19/21: There were 6 members and 2 guests 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 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 October 23rd, here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 8, 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, Kathy Arnold, Joyce Hahn, Judy Hoover, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Wanda Soutter, Steve Kampen. Excused Absence: Susan Czaja, Louise Sellenriek and Dan Schmidt. Mike Baker is on vacation.

DEVOTIONS: Steve Kampen Psalm 135 – Thank you for our blessings

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen read his report and Charles Polacek read the Treasurer's report. A transfer of funds was made to the Mission Fund. Insurance was paid in June. Wanda Soutter made a motion to accept the reports. Motion seconded by Kathy Arnold. Vote was favorable.

MINUTES: Minutes were submitted and read. Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Wanda Soutter. Vote was favorable.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No written report submitted. "computer issues" Verbal report given. Mary and Don Almons, Don is going into hospice care from COVID. New laptop cost in the neighborhood of \$1286.00. Big screen, security, wireless mouse and blue tooth. A committee of Pastor Gordius, Charles Polacek and Joyce Hahn was made to investigate into a new laptop for Pastor. If cost is less than \$1000 no congregational meeting is needed to approve the expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS: Church Secretary wished to move her pay day. Kathy Arnold made a motion to remain the same pay day. Motion seconded by Joyce Hahn. Vote was favorable.

- Discretionary fund discussion was tabled by Charles Polacek. Seconded by Kathy Owen. Vote was favorable.
- God's work Our Hands discussion was tabled awaiting Cluster Meeting.
- Steve Kampen will fill in for vacated position of Ron Westergaard until the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY:


Property Committee
Men's Group
Food Pantry

Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the committee reports. Motion seconded by Wanda Soutter. Vote was favorable.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Kampen made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried and meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting August 12, 2021 at 9:30 am

Joyce Hahn
Pro – Tem Secretary


9-16-2021

HCLC Council Secretary
Date of Approval

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2021

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ROLL CALL: Pastor Gordius, Kathy Arnold, Mike Baker, Joyce Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Wanda Soutter. Excused Absence: Susan Czaja, Kathy Owen, Louise Sellenriek and Dan Schmidt.

DEVOTIONS: Charles Polacek, James 1-19 Quick to Listen, Slow to speak and anger.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen read his report and Charles Polacek read the Treasurer's report. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the reports. Motion seconded by Mike Baker. Vote was favorable.

MINUTES: No Minutes were submitted from July.

PASTOR'S REPORT: New Laptop was purchased for less than \$1000. Last of vacation is planned and Tim Koenig will fill in. October 31 is Reformation Sunday, wear red.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Cluster meeting is canceled. Judy has contacted Synod regarding church constitution changes. It is a work in progress. Security cameras for the church was discussed and will be discussed at the next property meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 11-month CD at .02% renewal term is coming. \$5000 with \$37.52 accrued interest. Mike Baker made a motion to rollover the CD. Motion was seconded by Kathy Arnold. Vote was favorable. Resume taping off pews for COVID was discussed. Joyce Hahn made a motion to table until next month. Motion was seconded by Mike Baker. Vote was favorable. Congregational meeting was discussed. November 14 was suggested. Committee reports need to be given to Church Secretary by October 24. Mike Baker made a motion for Congregational Meeting to be November 14, 2021. Motion was seconded by Kathy Arnold. Vote was favorable. Work day for cleaning Sunday School rooms to be discussed with property committee.

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Men's Group
Food Pantry

Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the committee reports. Motion seconded by Wanda Soutter. Vote was favorable.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Kampen made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried and meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting September 16, 2021 at 9:30 am

Joyce Hahn
Pro – Tem Secretary



9-16-2021
HCLC Council Secretary
Date of Approval



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.



Bible Readings for the Month

October 3rd- 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 10th- 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 5: 6-7,10-15

Psalms 90: 12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 17th- 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 24th- 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

October 31st- Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



TITHE.LY

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



OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

- Oct.3 Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott
- Oct.10 Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Owen
- Oct.17 Dean & Jane Smith
- Oct.24 Judy Hoover & Eileen DeMoulied
- Oct.31 Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover

Lay Assistants

- Oct.3 Jami Scott & Kathy Scott, chalice
- Oct.10 Frank Fusco & Kathy Arnold, chalice
- Oct.17 Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
- Oct.24 Kathy Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
- Oct.31 Charles Polacek & Carol Wheeler, chalice

Altar Guild

- Oct.3 Kathy Scott
- Oct.10 Carol Wheeler
- Oct.17 Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
- Oct.24 Jane Smith
- Oct.31 Carol Wheeler

Counters

- Oct.3 Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter
- Oct.10 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
- Oct.17 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
- Oct.24 Kathy Arnold
- Oct.31 Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter



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.

Halloween

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an activity played on Halloween.

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



APPLES
BATS
BLACK CAT
BROOMSTICK
CANDLE
CANDY
CEMETERY
COFFIN

COSTUME
DRACULA
FRIGHTENING
FULL MOON
GHOSTS
GHOULS
GOBLINS
GRAVEYARD

JACK O LANTERN
MASK
MUMMY
NIGHT
PUMPKIN
SCARECROW
SCARY
SCREAM

SKELETON
SKULL
SPIDERS
TOMBSTONE
VAMPIRE
WEREWOLF
WITCHES
ZOMBIE

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 2021

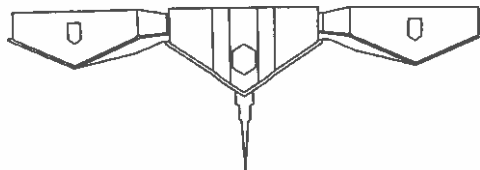
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	4 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	5 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	6 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am. 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	7 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office	8 8am-12pm Office Open	9 8am-12pm Office Open
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Madeline Schmidt 10/11
 Jan Liston 10/14
 Marita Stanford 10/17
 Frank Fusco 10/26

Ken & Eva Apel 10/6

 * 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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