

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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July Newsletter

deadline is June 20th.

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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holycrossmtnhome.com.



Greetings Holy Cross.

As we now are transitioning to post Covid pandemic times we look forward to better times. In dark times throughout history people have tried to cope and hope for better. Whatever the bad, 'this too shall pass.' In the economic Depression of the Nineteen thirties people sang of both hardship and hope for the 'sunny side' coming. In the Old Testament times people in exile sang of home and hope for freedom. The theme is powerfully projected today when we read or hear the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his "I Have a Dream" speech. We see a future hope that is not fully realized yet today but is coming.

A hymn in the 'End Times' section of our Evangelical Lutheran Worship book is "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (ELW # 436). (If you have a computer you can search for the lyrics or see when you have a chance in the church.) Many images from the past are far more serious and tragic than the recent covid pandemic and I do not want to minimize their severity. Our covid experience has and will continue to impact us in various ways for a few short years but that is minor in comparison to the 'pandemics' of slavery and racism which have for centuries and today continue to threaten life. But to use the imagery from those experiences this covid time has been like a long night of darkness and fear but now we are coming in to the light. The watchman standing guard throughout the night can now joyfully sing to the city inhabitants to wake for the night is 'flying' and the light is coming. The real dark pandemic has been and is our sin and death but they are 'flying away.' The coming light is the bridegroom which is the "Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son."

The hymn sings of heaven and 'what joy we'll know!' The future 'we will' is not just resigned to the future. It is not only a dream for future fulfillment. While we hope for the future, we work the now even while it is still somewhat dark. We reflect the light of Christ into the world so that the darkness, be the darkness due to circumstances such as ill health with no fault or darkness the fault of sin in our hearts, is flying away now. So today is a day we can joyfully wake and give thanks. Today is a day we can share God's love with others so that whatever their darkness they will come to know the light of love.

The resuming of corporate worship and small group fellowships are like the waking stirrings from the dark slumber of the pandemic. We celebrate by praising God for the future light of heaven and we also can now work God's light in His earthly kingdom today.

The 'sunny side' has come, the light of Christ Jesus is with you now as well as awaits in the future kingdom. Praise Him today, tomorrow, and forever!

Pastor Sherman



Thank you all for the cards, gifts, and food to help me celebrate my 92nd birthday. It was greatly appreciated.

Love & Blessings to all,
Dorothy



Men's fellowship

The Men's Group will be resuming our breakfast meetings with the first one planned for Saturday, June 19th at 9am. All men are welcome. We hope to see you there.



June Love Offering

Pastor's Discretionary
Fund

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



In April, we served seven households (22 clients) which included eight between the ages of 0-18; thirteen between the ages of 19-64 and one aged 65 or older. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 63 hours.

Our food pantry received 57.87 lbs. of donated baked goods from Harps and 20.65 lbs. of donated goods from individuals. All monetary and food donations are greatly appreciated for our food pantry to be able to serve families in need in Baxter County. The food pantry is in need of cereal for the month of June.

Our expenses for the food pantry in April totaled \$99.09 and there were no deposits. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$5,704.33 as of 04/30/21. The current credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$1,019.62.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Food Pantry
Needs CEREAL**



CHURCH COUNCIL



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 19, 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, an
- By serving human needs, so that all may live together in peace and the love of Christ.

ROLL CALL: Susan Czaja, Joyce Hahn, Judy Hoover, Charles Polacek, Wanda Soutter and Financial Secretary, Steve Kampen.
Absent: Pastor Gordius, Dorothy Meyer, Dan Schmidt, Louise Sellenriek, Ron Westergaard.
Observers: Dean Smith, Mike Baker, Bob Hamilton and Nancy Thoren.

DEVOTIONS: Judy Hoover - Power of Praise

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen presented the Financial Secretary Report. Praise to the congregation for their continued support. Charles Polacek presented the Treasurers Report: Out of the approved \$50,000 the church has only used \$10,000 to date. Charles returned \$5000 to the Mission Fund. Praise to all those who have donated more than their pledge and donated their stimulus money to the church. Praise to the Estate of Lillian Rystad who bequeathed \$30,000 to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A motion was made by Wanda Soutter to accept the Financial Reports. Motion was seconded by Susan Czaja. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Organ pedal has been ordered. A motion was made by Charles Polacek to accept the Minutes of March 8, 2021. Motion was seconded by Susan Czaja. Motion carried

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor has submitted a report and it was read by the council in Pastor's absence.

VISIONING: Dean Smith submitted a request to have a Picnic in the Fall for the congregation and community. The picnic would be open to the community to come and get acquainted with Holy Cross. The request was tabled until we are fully open.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mike Baker volunteered to find the cost of a commercial on cable TV. Costs of recorded service or a screen shot advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS: May 6th is World Prayer Day - Tabled until next year.


- Audit of Financial Records will be by committee
- As of this date, Church Constitution changes have not been approved by F.I.C.A legal department.
- 2 robo calls will be made to announce the Congregational meeting to be held May 2, 2021.
- The slate of council candidates was read and ballot discussed. Election will be held May 2, 2021.
- Fully opening the church without masks and distance seating was discussed. Tabled until Congregational meeting.
- Council meetings on Tuesdays at 11:00 or Thursdays at 9:30. Vote taken. Council meetings will be 2nd Thursdays of the month unless changed by new council.

COMMITTEE REPORT was submitted by the Food Pantry.

Next Council meeting will be Thursday May 13th at 9:30 am

ADJOURNMENT: Wanda Soutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Charles Polacek. Meeting adjourned. Meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer".

Joyce Hahn
Pro-tem Secretary


Secretary


Date minutes are approved.



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**.....Ron Westergaard
- Social Ministries**.....Kathy Owen
- Stewardship**.....Wanda Soutter
- Worship & Music**.....Louise Sellenriek
Mike Baker
- TBD**.....Kathy Arnold



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.



June 6th- 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 13th-3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4,12-18

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 20th-4th Sunday After Pentecost

Job 38: 1-11

Psalms 107:1-3,23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 27th-5th Sunday After Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43



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



JUNE 2021 WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

- June 6 Joyce Hahn & Eileen DeMoulpiéd
- June 13 Charles Polacek & Judy Hoover
- June 20 Joyce Hahn & Eileen DeMoulpiéd
- June 27 Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover

Lay Assistants

- June 6 Jami Scott & Kathy Scott, chalice
- June 13 Carol Wheeler & Kathy Arnold, chalice
- June 20 Kathy Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
- June 27 Charles Polacek & Carol Wheeler, chalice

Altar Guild

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

Counters

- June 6 Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
- June 13 Judy Hoover & TBD
- June 20 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
- June 27 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.

Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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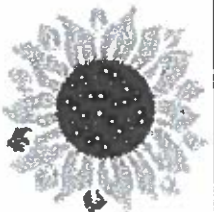
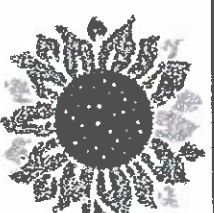
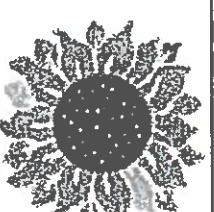
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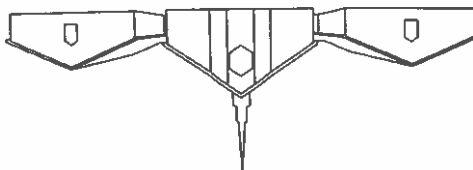
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
6 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	7 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	8 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	9 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	10 8am-12pm Office Open 9:30 am Church Council 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	11 8am-12pm Office Open	12
13 9am Worship 10am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Pastor's Discretionary Fund</i>	14 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	15 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	16 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	17 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	18 8am-12pm Office Open	19 9am Men's Group Mtg 11am Cluster Event
20 9am Worship 10am Fellowship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	21 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	22 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	23 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	24 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	25 8am-12pm Office Open	26
27 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	28 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	29 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	30 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open			



Carol Wheeler	6/1
Kathy Owen	6/4
Barb Kerns	6/6
Cleo Holm	6/7
Keisha Henning	6/9
Charlie Cryts	6/15
George Elieff	6/19
Dale Wheeler	6/23
Nancy Thoren	6/24
Sandy Rinehart	6/26

 * 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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