

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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August Newsletter

deadline is July 25th.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

For freedom Christ has set us free. ...

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ...

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Galatians 5:1a, 13-14, 22-25

In his treatise "On the Freedom of a Christian," Martin Luther writes, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Our freedom is a paradox. In the freedom God's love gives us in Christ we freely give our love and place ourselves in service to Christ. We are free slaves captive in love surrendering to serve.

As Americans we say we live in the land of the free. To an extent we do enjoy living freer than much of the world and are proud and thankful to be Americans. We thank and pray for guidance and strength for our nation as well as for the wellbeing of the world that God so loves. In Christ we are called to use our freedom with responsibility so that others can live in greater freedom from fears and hungers too.

Similar to the saying 'Freedom is not free,' we know "costly grace." The free love and salvation from God cost the earthly life of Jesus crucified so we now give our lives freely in thankful service. May we all have a safe Fourth of July celebrating our nation's freedom, praying for our nation, humbling ourselves, and serving the Lord. (We will. Thanks be to God. Amen.)

In dual citizenship with you,
Pastor Sherman Gordius

Thank you for your Love Offerings the second Sunday of each month. Thank you for the June Love Offering which went into the Pastor's Discretionary Account for help emergency or urgent needs of others. The account was getting low and this gift gave a great help.

WELCOME 'NEW' MEMBERS

On Sunday, June 27th we welcomed as new members Rod & Lori Zuck. They have been with us for more than a year however due to the pandemic we had not celebrated during a formal New Members Sunday. We welcome them and are blessed to have Rod & Lori in our fellowship and ministries. Rod & Lori both have roots in Iowa. Both are retired, Rod as an Energy Specialist and Lori an RN.

If you have not already added them into your church family directory please add their listing:

Rod & Lori Zuck	Phone: 870-491-5494
84 Bluegill Lane	Rod Cell: 319-264-0175
Mountain Home, 72653	Lori Cell: 319-240-2359
Email: rolozuck@netins.net	



Men's fellowship

Meeting 6/19/21

There were 6 members and 1 guest present and we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the church.

We voted to make three additional donations to local charities for \$100.00 each.

We set a tentative date for our annual Garage Sale of October 15th and 16th, 8am-2pm both days. We will offer WELCA the opportunity to have their own space and sell some of their own items if they wish, using their own cashier and keeping their own profits. Also, they will be invited to serve coffee and rolls as well as lunches to the workers and visitors, as in the past.

Our next meeting will be 9:00am on July 17th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



July Love Offering

Grandmas' House

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



In May, we served 15 households (36 clients) which included 12 between the ages of 0-18; 19 between the ages of 19-64; and 5 at the age of 65 and older. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 58 hours.

Our food pantry received 75.27 pounds of donated baked goods from Harps and 37.50 pounds of donated goods from individuals. All donated goods and money are greatly appreciated for our food pantry to be able to serve Baxter County families in need of food. The food pantry is in need of cereal for the month of July.

Our expenses for the food pantry in May totaled \$210.23 and we had a deposit of \$50.00. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with the First Security Bank is \$5,544.10 as of 5/30/21. The current credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$1,019.62.

The Love Offering for the month of July will go to *Grandma's House*, which is a safe place for child abuse victims and their families. It serves seven counties in Arkansas and recently opened a home here in Mountain Home. Founded in 2010, *Grandma's House* offers free forensic interviews, medical exams, therapy and step by step guidance through the healing process.

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 Sellenrick, 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.

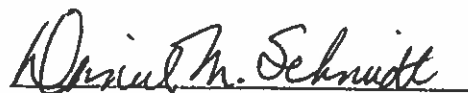
- Audit of Financial Records will be by committee
- As of this date, Church Constitution changes have not been approved by FICA legal department.
- 2 robo calls will be made to announce the Congregational meeting to be held May 2, 2021.
- The slate of council candidates was read and ballot discussed. 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

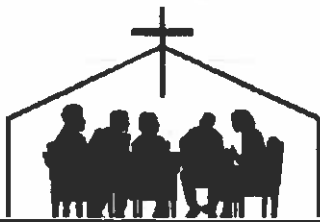
ADJOURNMENT: Wanda Soutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Charles Polacek. Meeting adjourned. Meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer".

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



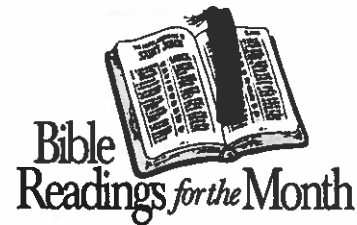
We have two types of prayer lists at Holy Cross: the Prayer Concerns in the Bulletin and the Prayer Chain.

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:
holycrossecretary.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.



July 4th- 6th Sunday After Pentecost

- Ezekiel 2:1-5
- Psalms 123
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6:1-13

July 11th-7th Sunday After Pentecost

- Amos 7:7-15
- Psalms 85:8-13
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

July 18th-8th Sunday After Pentecost

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalms 23
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34,53-56

July 25th-9th Sunday After Pentecost

- 2 Kings 4:42-44
- Psalms 145:10-18
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21



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



JULY 2021 WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

- July 4 Roberta Dulaney & Eileen DeMoulpied
- July 11 Kathy Scott & Eileen DeMoulpied
- July 18 Judy Hoover & Joyce Hahn
- July 25 Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover

Lay Assistants

- July 4 Carol Wheeler & Kathy Arnold, chalice
- July 11 Kathy Scott & Eva Apel, chalice
- July 18 Charles Polacek &
Roberta Dulaney, chalice
- July 25 Roberta Dulaney &
Kathy Arnold, chalice

Altar Guild

- July 4 Carol Wheeler
- July 11 Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
- July 18 Kathy Scott
- July 25 Jane Smith

Counters

- July 4 TBD
- July 11 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
- July 18 TBD
- July 25 TBD



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.

Fourth Of July

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.

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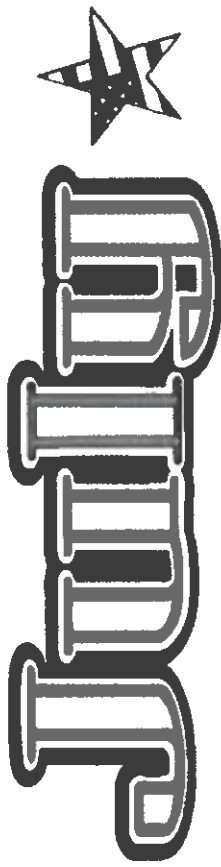
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STREAMERS
THOMAS JEFFERSON
USA
WHITE HOUSE

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 	5 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	6 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	7 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	8 8am-12pm Office Open 9-30 am Church Council 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	9 8am-12pm Office Open	10 8am-12pm Office Open
11 9am Worship 10am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Grandma's House</i>	12 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	13 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	14 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	15 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	16 8am-12pm Office Open	17 9am Men's Group Mtg.
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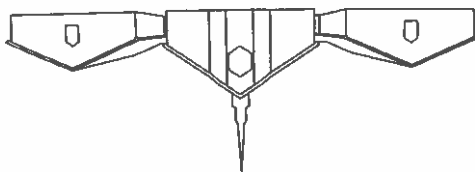




Rosalee St. Clair 7/4
 Louise Sellenriek 7/9
 Janet Cryts 7/15
 Sandy Maier 7/17
 Erika Munson 7/28
 Joyce Hahn 7/30

Charlie & Janet Cryts 7/3
 Alicia & Justin Copper 7/11
 Pete & Fritzie Cvengros 7/25

 * 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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