

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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September Newsletter
deadline is August 22nd.

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

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holycrossminhome.com.



'So Much for My Plans!'

We hear or said ourselves things like 'I have a plan;' 'so much for my plan;' 'it's back to the drawing board;' or declare a 'change of plan.' This past year the pandemic has been 'a game changer' that has fouled up everyone's plans. The Cluster Event that had been rescheduled to this month will be rescheduled again due to the resurgence of the Covid. To be on the guarded side please consider wearing a mask, sanitizer use, and distancing as much as possible. And vaccine if you have not already. For many, life's plan has been changed by far worse consequences than inconveniences like mask or schedule and travel plans.

Thankfully we are part of God's plan which will not change. God has planned for our salvation. God planned then carried out His plan by giving and then raising His Son Jesus. We make our earthly frail plans that change or just completely fail but God made the plan for the 'fullness of time' when we are gathered up in His presence.

We can make our plans but with the awareness that our plans can fail or change and or be realized to a lesser degree than planned. Whatever plans we make for our lives it is the best plan if we strive to make our plans fit into the Master Plan.

God bless you as you live in thanksgiving for the love of God through Christ Jesus. It is His plan. Amen.

Pastor Sherman

Here are a couple of many possible scripture passages for devotional reflection.

Acts 2:23-24 (NRSV)

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death,[Ⓢ] because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ[Ⓢ] before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, [Ⓢ] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this[Ⓢ] is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Attention Women of Holy Cross: Mark your calendars for our WELCA quarterly General Mtg. The date is Thursday, August 12 at 1:00 in the Social Hall. We will be discussing new officers, annual bazaar, and enjoying refreshments made by Kathy Owen. Hope to see you there!

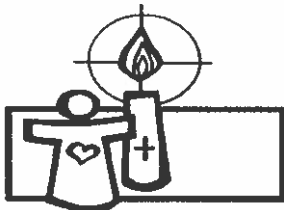
Attention Parish Members: Please take a look at the large black garbage can in the Narthex. The lid has a list of needs of our Mountain Home Humane Society Shelter and the Women's Group hope that you can occasionally drop one or more of those items in the can to help our "waiting for a forever home"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



August Love Offering

Into the Light

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



In June, we served eleven households (29) clients which included seven between the ages of 0-18, twenty between the ages of 19-64, and two at age 65 and older. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 68 hours.

Our food pantry received 39.25 pounds of baked goods from Harp's and 27.42 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. The food pantry is in need of cereal for the month of August.

The Love Offering for the month of August will go to "Into the Light", which seeks to provide refuge and restoration in minor survivors of human trafficking and helps educate communities about the issue of sexual exploitation.

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, 544.10 as of 6/30/21. There were no expenses or deposits for the month of June.

Barb Kampen



Food Pantry Needs

CEREAL



CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 13, 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, Susan Czaja, Kathy Owen, Mike Baker, Kathy Arnold, and Joyce Hahn.

Absent: Steve Kampen (excused), Ron Westergaard (excused)

DEVOTIONS: Susan: "Come away and rest a while" Balance of work and rest.

Devotion schedule for the year is as follows:

Jun. Steve
Jul. Louise
Aug. Charles
Sept Judy
Oct. Pastor Sherman
Nov. Ron
Dec. Dan

Election of officers:

Wanda made a motion for Judy Hoover to remain president. Kathy seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Louise made a motion for Wanda to remain vice president. Mike seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Joyce made a motion for Dan to remain secretary, with Charles seconding, motion carried.

With Dorothy Meyer coming off council, Kathy Owen agreed to be liaison to the council for Social Ministries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles Polacek presented the financial reports.

A motion was made by Wanda, and seconded by Louise, to accept the reports, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from our meeting on April 19th, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Louise to approve, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Gordius presented written report. Council installation will be this coming Sunday during worship following the creed. Continuing to record worship services was discussed. Dan agreed to continue to record and publish our weekly service.

VISIONING: Joyce presented. Restructuring Council committees.

OLD BUSINESS: Advertising on Mountain Home XL7: Mike presented. This has been tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter from Christ By The Lake was discussed. They had wanted us to share in the cost of Pastor Sherman's Portico Insurance which totals \$1640.80. They requested us to pay \$500.00. After discussion about what we thought would be a fair amount based on Pastor's time spent at Holy Cross, Charles made a motion that we pay Christ By The Lake \$350.00 monthly starting June 1st. Dan seconded. Motion carried. Charles and Judy will compose a letter to CBTL.
- Resuming fellowship: Charles made a motion to authorize WELCA to resume fellowship at their discretion. Mike seconded, motion carried.

- Love Offerings: Charles made a motion that we resume Love Offerings each month beginning with Pastor's discretionary fund. Kathy O. seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Parking Lot Cracks: Dean and Dale are going to research this.
- All future council meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am.

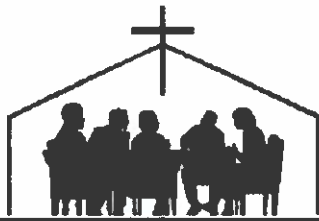
COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS: LIAISON'S ARE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 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 Susan. Motion carried.

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

Daniel R. Schmidt CLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
6-10-2021, 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.



August 1- 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15
 Psalm 78: 23-29
 Ephesians 4: 1-16
 John 6:24-35

August 8th-11th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm 34:1-8
 Ephesians 4:25—5:2
 John 6:35,41-51

August 15th-12th Sunday After Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
 Psalm 34:9-14
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

August 22nd-13th Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18
 Psalm 34:15-22
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 John 6:56-59

August 29th-14th Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9
 Psalm 15
 James 1:17-27
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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



AUGUST WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

August 1	Charles Polacek & Joyce Hahn
August 8	Dean & Jane Smith
August 15	Kathy Scott & Eileen DeMoulied
August 22	Judy Hoover & Roberta Dulaney
August 29	Joyce Hahn & Pete Cvengros

Lay Assistants

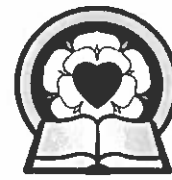
August 1	Jami Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
August 8	Carol Wheeler & Kathy Arnold, chalice
August 15	Roberta Dulaney & Carol Wheeler, chalice
August 22	Charles Polacek & Eva Apel, chalice
August 29	Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice

Altar Guild

August 1	Carol Wheeler
August 8	Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
August 15	Jane Smith
August 22	Carol Wheeler
August 29	Kathy Scott

Counters

August 1	Wanda Souther & Nancy Thoren
August 8	Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
August 15	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
August 22	Lenora Walejko & Kathy Arnold
August 29	Wanda Souther & Nancy Thoren



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.

Gardening

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 27 letters spell a Lady Bird Johnson quote.

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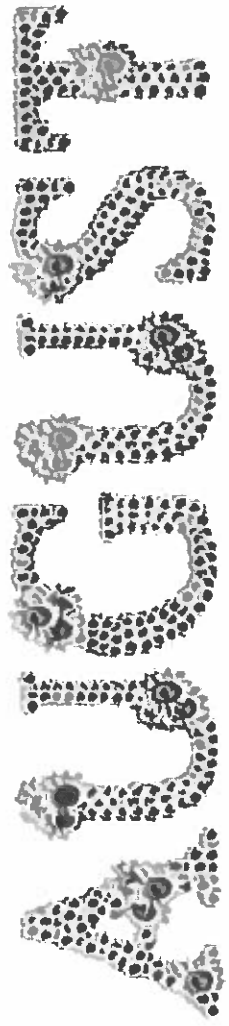
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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	2 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	3 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office 1-2pm Chair Yoga	4 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	5 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pastor in Office	6 8am-12pm Office Open	7
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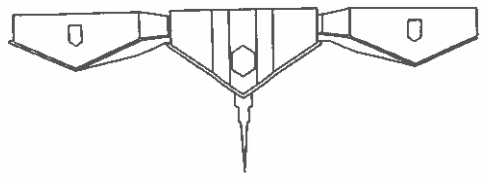




Nizhoni Munson 8/8
 Charlotte Monroe 8/9
 Fred Scott 8/11
 Alicia Copper (Munson) 8/12
 Dan Schmidt 8/19
 Ken Apel 8/27
 Mark Hunt 8/27
 Marilyn Parbs 8/30

Bill & Delores Veith 8/7
 Mike & Kathy Owen 8/9
 Dan & Donna Schmidt 8/28
 Paula & Leland Anderson 8/31

 * If your birthday or anniversary *
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