

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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December Newsletter
deadline is November 21st.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Our calendar of days may be something like empty spaces in our pockets, purses, garages, or homes. If there is empty space, we tend to work to fill the space. If our calendar has some empty space then we may soon fill it with something to be busy.

Thanksgiving, hopefully, helps to remind us how blessed we are and to fill time not with just busyness but with the spiritual and emotional fulfilling. Using time for giving thanks can enrich our other time for life as we think of all the goodness of God in Christ Jesus.

Our calendar of marking time is now entering what is sometimes called 'the busy holiday season,' referring to Thanksgiving through New Year's Day and other religious or secular dates all happening within a couple of months and often include a lot of 'busyness' activity. The word 'holiday' is for 'holy day.' Holy is to dedicate to God. It is good to set a special day to celebrate our God in special ways. It is also good to remember that all days, all time is gift from God. We live every day as a 'holy day.'

May we fill our 'holy days' with an awareness and celebration of God's gift of love in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior.

Bless you these coming 'holy days' and everyday throughout all seasons. May your days not be overly busy but full of God's love and goodness,

Pastor Sherman

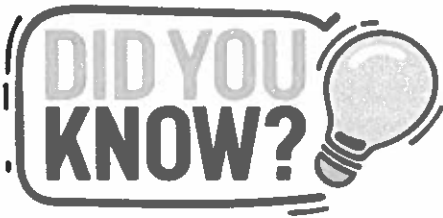




The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for November 14th, immediately following worship.

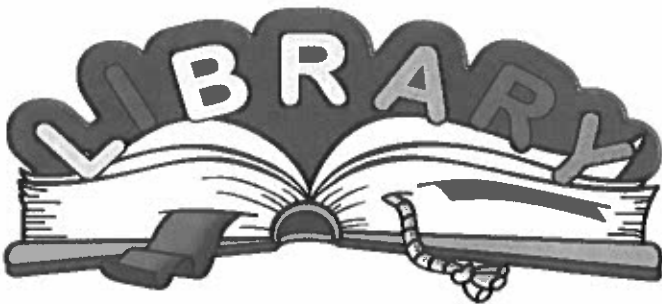
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



The church has a library located in the Parlor on the east in of the building. (Go through church office)

Thanks to some good helpers, it has been cleaned and straightened up. Check it out! Feel free to borrow any books you like but kindly return them.



**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.



Attention Holy Cross Women:

WELCA will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, November 11th at 1pm. We will be discussing budget, charity donations, and officers.



In September, we served 22 households which included seven new families. There were 48 new clients which included 10 between the ages of 0-18; 33 between the ages of 19

-64; and 5 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 75.50 hours.

Our food pantry is in need of Ramen noodles and Jell-O packages for the month of November. All monetary and food donations are greatly appreciated for our food pantry to be able to serve Baxter County families in need.

The Love Offering for the month of November will be for Serenity in Mountain Home. Serenity offers emergency shelter, free of charge, for those escaping domestic violent situations. They offer basic needs including meals and snacks. While at the shelter, clients are offered assistance and services in a structured compassionate and nurturing environment.

Our current balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$789.22. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$5,798.96 as of 9/30/21. The expenses were \$226.39 with deposits of \$50.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**RAMEN NOODLES
&
JELL-O PACKAGES**



**November Love Offering
Serenity House**

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



Men's fellowship

10/23/21: There were 6 members and 3 guests present and we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the church.

We continued our discussion about the Garage Sale. The dates have been set for November 5th and 6th. We are now preparing for the sale. If you have items you would like to add, you may do so now. If you need help transporting items, please contact Dale Wheeler or Dean Smith. Please, no pianos. One time was once too many.

We also discussed ideas for additional fundraisers next year.

The next meeting will be November 20th at 9:00am here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 16, 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, Kathy Owen, and Joyce Hahn.

Absent: Steve Kampen (excused), Susan Czaja (excused).

DEVOTIONS: Louise: Now is the time

Devotion schedule for the year is as follows:

Oct. Pastor Sherman

Nov. Steve

Dec. Dan

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles Polacek presented the financial reports.

Wanda made a motion to accept the reports, Kathy Owen seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from our July, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles, and seconded by Kathy Arnold to approve, motion carried.

Minutes from our August meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kathy O., and seconded by Louise to approve, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman presented his report.

VISIONING: Discussion on various things to make HCLC known, such as inviting to church, using grocery store bulletin boards, and hotels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Pastor's discretionary fund was discussed. It was suggested that the fund be used for members only. Charles made a motion that the fund be left up to the Pastor's discretion, member or non-member. Joyce seconded the motion, motion carried.

Taping off of the pews was discussed. Kathy A. made a motion to keep the tape off the pews, seconded by Joyce, motion carried with one objection.

God's Work, Our Hands: previously a tabled item was discussed. There was talk about furnishing a meal to a department at the hospital such as CBTL did. Joyce and Kathy O. will contact Linda Masters at CBTL for more info on how to do this and get back to the council.

Security cameras were discussed and determined to not be an option at this time.

Constitution: We still have not heard back from Holly at the Synod office.

Council went into closed session at this time to discuss employment contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council members: Joyce will not run, Steve ?, Charles will accept another term, Louise will not run. An announcement will be to church members that we need council members.
- Endowment Fund committee was discussed.
- 2 representatives for Synod Assembly are needed.

- Budget timeline starts today, Charles went over timeline.

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

- Property: Kathy A., presented a written report. Charles presented parking lot info on resurfacing/repairing, filling cracks, etc.
- Education: No Report
- Evangelism: No Report
- Financial: Report submitted
- Food Pantry: Barb Kampen submitted a report.
- Men's Group: Written report submitted.
- 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 Louise. Motion carried, we closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next Regular Meeting October 14th, 2021 at 9:30am.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 26th, 2021

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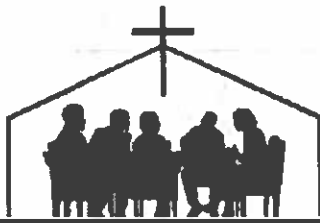
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Present: Wanda, Kathy A., Louise, Joyce, Charles, Judy, Dan.

Employment contract for secretary was discussed, and corrections/changes were made. See contract. Louise made a motion to approve contract with changes made. Charles seconded, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Dan. Motion carried.



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.



November 7th- All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 14th- 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 21st- Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 28th- 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



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



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

Nov.7 Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott
Nov.14 Dean & Jane Smith
Nov.21 Charles Polacek & Eileen DeMouplied
Nov.28 Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover

Lay Assistants

Nov.7 Jami Scott & Kathy Arnold, chalice
Nov.14 Roberta Dulaney & Carol Wheeler, chalice
Nov.21 Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott, chalice
Nov.28 Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice

Altar Guild

Nov.7 Jane Smith
Nov.14 Kathy Scott
Nov.21 Eva Apel & Roberta Dulaney
Nov.28 Carol Wheeler

Counters

Nov.7 Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter
Nov.14 Phyllis and Bob Hamilton
Nov.21 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
Nov.28 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.

-**Senior Exercise Class:** Chair Yoga on Tuesdays at 1:00pm has evolved into a gentle exercise class to accommodate senior aches and pains. Most exercises can be done sitting or standing. Join us for some fellowship, good stretching and movement. For more information, see Jane or Call 424-3982.

-**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.

Thankful For...

Find and circle all of the people and things to be thankful for.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

S E O M R A I N B O W S M E P E M U S I C O
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ACTS OF KINDNESS
A PLACE TO LIVE
BEACHES
BEAUTIFUL NATURE
BLESSINGS
BOOKS
BROTHERS
CARE GIVERS
CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS
CLEAN WATER
CLOTHING
COMPUTERS

ELECTRICITY
EYEGASSES
EYESIGHT
FAITH
FAMILY
FLOWERS
FOOD
FREEDOM
FRESH AIR
FRIENDS
FUN
GOOD HEALTH
GRANDMA

GRANDPA
HAPPY MEMORIES
HEARING
HOLIDAYS
HUMOR
INTERNET
LAUGHTER
LIFE
LOVE
MUSIC
NURSES
PARENTS
PEACE

PETS
RAINBOWS
SCHOOL
SINGING
SISTERS
SMART PHONES
SMILES
SUNSHINE
TEACHERS
TELEVISION
VOLUNTEERS
WARM SHOWERS

Recipe from the Church Kitchen

TAFFY APPLE PIZZA

INGREDIENTS:

1 pkg (18 ounces/540 g) refrigerated sugar cookie dough
1 pkg (8 ounces/250 g) cream cheese, softened
½ cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar
¼ cup (50 mL) creamy peanut butter
½ teaspoon (2 mL) vanilla
2 medium Granny Smith apples
¼ cup caramel ice cream topping
½ cup peanuts, chopped

DIRECTIONS:





Preheat the oven to 350°F. Shape the cookie dough into a ball and place the dough in the center of the Pizza Stone or round cookie sheet. Flatten the dough slightly. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out the dough into a 14" (35-cm) circle, about ¼" (6 mm) thick. Bake for 16-18 minutes or until the dough is a light golden brown. Remove the stone from the oven and let it cool for 10 minutes. Carefully loosen the cookie from the baking stone using a large spatula, let the cookie cool completely on the baking stone or cookie sheet.

Combine the cream cheese, brown sugar, peanut butter, and vanilla in a small mixing bowl and mix well. Spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the baked cookie.

Peel, core, and slice the apples. Cut the apple slices in half and arrange them evenly over the cream cheese mixture.

Microwave the ice cream topping on HIGH for 30-45 seconds or until warm; drizzle the topping evenly over the apples. Chop the peanut & sprinkle the nuts over the apples. Cut the pizza into wedges.

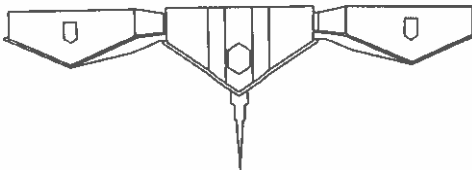
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	2 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	3 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	4 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office	5 OFFICE CLOSED 8am-2pm Garage Sale & Bazaar	6 8am-2pm Garage Sale & Bazaar 	
7 All Saints Sunday 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	8 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	9 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	10 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	11 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm WELCA Gen. Mtg.	12 8am-12pm Office Open	13
14 9am Worship 10am Ann. Congr. Mtg. <i>Love Offering for Serenity</i>	15 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	16 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	17 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	18 8am-12pm Office Open 9:30 am Church Council 10am-12pm Psr. In Office	19 8am-12pm Office Open	20 9am Men's Group Mtg.
21 Christ the King 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	22 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	23 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	24 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry Open	25 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 	26 8am-12pm Office Open	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	29 9am WELCA Workshop	30 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class				



Jan Clark	11/5
Donna Schmidt	11/10
Charlie Newsom	11/11
Susan Czaja	11/23
Judy Hoover	11/30

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 * 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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