

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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Worship Every Sunday at 9am
Fellowship at 10am

Food Pantry:
Wednesdays 9-11am, 1-3pm

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January Newsletter

deadline is December 26th.

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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Greetings this Advent-Christmas season,

Except once, I did not travel by plane until I was an adult but many times when I was an older child then teen I got to go to Seattle-Tacoma airport when my VFW/American Legion active parents delivered cookies, paperbacks and other gifts to the military servicemen's lounge. Security was not so stringent then so I could look out the big windows to watch the planes taking off and landing and to experience observing people in the arrival/departure gate areas. Travel away from loved ones can be very sad with hugs, tears, and 'I love you' good-byes and the welcoming can be very joyous with hugs, tears, 'I missed you' welcomes.

In our Advent and Christmas seasons we read in the gospel of a number of travelers arriving and welcoming. The angel Gabriel sent by God to young Mary in the Galilean town of Nazareth said: "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." After his strange visit and Mary saying: "...let it be with me according to your word," Gabriel departed. Mary then travels to Elizabeth and her greeting to Elizabeth has a strange responding greeting from Elizabeth. Elizabeth was not the only one to joyfully greet upon Mary's arrival. We learn that as soon as Elizabeth was greeted the baby John the Baptist in her womb 'leaped for joy.' In our Advent-Christmas journey are numerous travelers, greetings, and departures with more to come. The news of great joy has now come and is traveling from heart to heart throughout the world.

In Mary's heart of great joy, she is also left with a dark word that a day would come when her heart would be pierced. We know that day came to be when her son Jesus suffered and hung on a cross. We know that was not the end of life's travels for Jesus nor Mary. The journey to the tomb ended with some strange greetings from travelers from God such as 'why do you look for the living among the dead, he is not here, he is risen!'

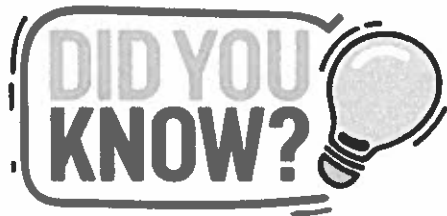
For this year's Advent-Christmas season we again celebrate double news of great joy. We celebrate the arrival of a child born and we celebrate that for us God so loved that he gave his Son to die that we may travel this life in hope and joy to eternal life. We celebrate God's love had never really departed from us but has arrived in a new way to never depart. At times we will experience tears of separations and departures however the new arrival in Christ Jesus makes way for a joy that embraces us for God's love will never depart.

May you have a blessed and merry Christmas this year.

Pastor Sherman

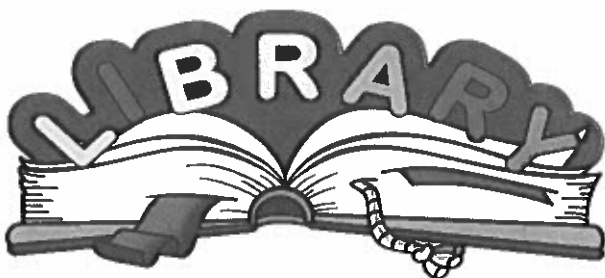


Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: You, your family and friends are invited to come and worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The service here at Holy Cross will be at 4pm. If 6pm would fit your family's schedule better, you may attend the service at Christ by the Lake. The CBL congregation is invited to attend here at Holy Cross at 4pm for those who prefer the earlier time.



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.



Thank you to all, ladies and gentlemen, who have been giving my family and I food and clothing throughout this past year. We can't thank you enough! God bless you always. God loves you and so do we!

Love always and thank you!

God's Blessings,
Eileen



ATTENTION PARISH MEMBERS:

Christmas is Coming!

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, December 18th at 1:00pm. Please try to find the to come and help with this exciting time in fellowship together decorating our church. See you then!

Also, if you would like to help in another way in decorating the sanctuary, donating a poinsettia to adorn the altar area would be a great way to help. Please bring your poinsettia of choice to the church December 17th or 18th. They will adorn the altar area until December 26th. After the church service you may take your poinsettia home.

Thank you.

Altar Guild



Garage Sale/Bazaar Report
November 5 & 6, 2021
Joyce Hahn- Bazaar General Chairman

Thank you, Kitchen Chairman Carol and her crew. Many people came just for lunch because they know it is the best in town! For \$6 you could have a Chicken Salad Sandwich, Sloppy Joe or Hot Dog complete with chips, dessert, and drink. And don't forget those homemade cinnamon rolls and coffee. Thrivent covered the food expense and WELCA had a great profit in return.

Thank you Bake Sale Chairman Doris and her bakers. It was amazing how fast your tables cleared with sales of all the goodies. One lady named Donnie, made a bee line from the front door to the Bake Sale, to buy a case of Roberta's pickles. We love repeat customers!

Thank you, White Elephant/Christmas Room Chairman Kathy Owen & Paula Anderson and friends. Your room was so decorative and inviting. People enjoyed shopping for the great deals you offer. The Christmas lights and ball ornaments that didn't sell were donated to Henderson Fire Department. They are holding a kid's event for Christmas and we are happy to help.

Thank you, Fritzie for handling the Raffle. Fritzie is a person who has never met a stranger. She did a phenomenal job selling tickets for the sewing machine donated by Dorothy and a hand embroidered quilt donated by Lenora. Pastor drew the winning tickets. The sewing machine was won by Jodi Metz and the quilt was won by Mary Bauman.

Thank you, Quilt and Craft Chairman Wanda and WELCA workshop ladies. There were 14 quilts sold totaling \$1,055.00. Many of the crafts that were donated were also sold. Not much was stored away for next year. Great Job, Santa's helpers!

Thank you, all cashiers and baggers! We had a busy Friday and Saturday was steady. Your cheerful courtesy to the customers will make repeat customers.

Thank you, Phyllis and Bob for placing our ads with KTLO and Baxter Bulletin. Judy placed the ad on What's Happening Mountain Home and with her Square Dancers. Other advertising was placed in the Mountain Home Chamber event calendar, Facebook Marketplace & Events, and Arkansas Living Magazine.

Most of all THANK YOU to the Holy Cross Men's Group. They were there to set up and clean up. Many hands made the work lighter. Within an hour after closing the sale, boxes were packed and ready for pickup. The Bargain Box came and filled 4 pickup truck loads of our left over items. It is our understanding that the Men's Group made a good profit. Fellas, you are a priceless treasure for Holy Cross. All proceeds go back to the community in the way of donations.

Thank you everyone for all your effort and support. Together Everyone Acquires More.





In October, the food pantry served ten households which included 3 new families. There were 16 between the ages of 0-18; 12 between the ages of 19-64; and 3 over the

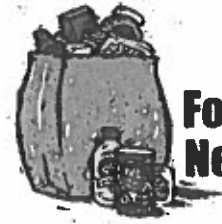
age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total 66.25 hours for the month of October.

Our food pantry is in need of saltine crackers that come in the long sleeves and stuffing mix for the holidays. All donated goods and money are greatly appreciated for our food pantry to serve families here in Baxter County. During the months of November and December, the food pantry will be giving families a turkey or ham.

The Love Offering for the month of December will be for the Mountain Home Salvation Army.

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 \$6, 740.25 as of 10/31/21. The expenses were \$387.71 and deposits of \$1,329.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Food Pantry Needs

SALTINE CRACKERS

STUFFING MIX



December Love Offering

Mountain Home Salvation Army

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



Men's fellowship

11/20/21: There were 5 members and 3 guests present. We all enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the church. The results of the Garage Sale were discussed. Our profit was \$2, 411.75. We voted to donate \$482.35 to the Holy Cross General Fund. We had the list of local donations we made last year and voted to contribute \$100 to each of the 18 local charities on our list before the end of the year.

We continued discussing ideas for additional fundraisers next year, such as a Food-to-Go project. No date or details were set at this time and we will get more information and follow up at the next meeting.

At this time, we are thinking of discontinuing the annual Garage Sale. Our workers are getting fewer, older, and less able to do the heavy physical work it requires to bring in, set up, and sell everything.

There will NOT be a meeting in December due to the closeness of Christmas. The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Saturday, January 15th, 2022, here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 11, 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 and Wanda Soutter. Excused absence: Mike Baker, Susan Czaja, Steve Kampen, Dan Schmidt and Louise Sellenriek. There were no observers.

DEVOTIONS: Were read by Kathy Owen - Entitlement vs. Thankfulness

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles presented both Financial Secretary and Treasurers reports. By the end of the year \$5000 will be moved from checking to mission fund. In 2021 we will have put back \$20,000 from checking to mission fund. The church had moved \$100,000 from the mission fund before the pandemic. Wanda Soutter made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded by Kathy Owen. The vote was favorable.

MINUTES: No minutes were presented

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Bishop will be here January 8, 2022 for the purpose of a call committee.

- January 16, 2022 Sanctity of Life Sunday. A "Baby Bottle" will be placed in the Narthex until Mother's Day. The collection in the "Baby Bottle" will be given to a local adoption agency.
- The Assistant to the Bishop, Reverend Conlin, sent Pastor Gordius and email regarding "Reconciling in Christ". Reverend Conlin was sent an email asking her to visit Holy Cross to address being "Welcoming" and a conversation on "Reconciling in Christ". Pastor Gordius will send her a responding email asking for a conversation with Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake. The conversation will be scheduled on a Saturday in the next 6 months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Judy Hoover has applied and received a card for \$250 from Thrivent to be used to purchase boxed lunches for Baxter Regional Hospital Staff. This will be a God's Work Our Hands project. Price quote letters are being sent to local businesses for pricing on 30 boxed lunches.

- The Annual Congregation Meeting was discussed. Names have been secured for the election ballot.

NEW BUSINESS: Advent services will be scheduled between Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake. There will be in person and recorded services possibly at 4 or 6 pm.

- Thanksgiving potluck was discussed. There will be Thanksgiving potluck, Thanksgiving Day at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Kathy Owen will be hostess.
- Opening fellowship after church to have home baked goods was discussed. Kathy Owen made a motion to open fellowship to home baked goods. The motion was seconded by Wanda Soutter. The vote was favorable.
- The Mountain Home Christmas parade will be December 3rd. There are magnet signs to adhere to a vehicle for the parade. Judy Hoover and Kathy Owen will be the committee for those interested in the Mountain Home Christmas Parade.
- Century Link box in the Fellowship Hall is no longer needed. The signal from the church office is working fine to reach Fellowship Hall. Discontinuing the Century Link Box in Fellowship Hall will save \$60 a month. Kathy Owen made a motion to discontinue the

Century Link box in Fellowship Hall. The motion was seconded by Kathy Arnold. The vote was favorable.

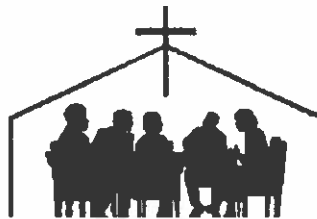
COMMITTEE REPORTS: Food Pantry and Property Committee reports were read. A motion was made by Kathy Owen to accept the Food Pantry and Property Committee reports. The motion was seconded by Charles Polacek. The vote was favorable.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Kathy Arnold. We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is December 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

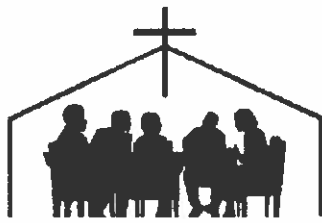
Joyce Hahn
Pro-Tem Secretary

HCLC Secretary Signature

Date minutes were 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
- TBD.....Steve Kampen



Bible Readings *for the Month*

December 5th- 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Malachi 3:1-4
- Luke 1:68-79
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Luke 3:1-6

December 12th- 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

December 19th- 4th Sunday of Advent

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Psalms 80:1-7
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-55

December 24th- Christmas Eve

- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Psalms 96
- Titus 2:11-14
- Luke 2:1-20

December 26th- 1st Sunday of Christmas

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalms 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52



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.



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



Worship Assistants

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

Dec. 5 Eileen DeMoulpied & Kathy Scott
 Dec.12 Charles Polacek & Judy Hoover
 Dec.19 Eileen DeMoulpied & Kathy Owen
 Dec.24 TBD
 Dec.26 Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover

Lay Assistants

Dec.5 Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler, chalice
 Dec.12 Frank Fusco & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
 Dec.19 Carol Wheeler & Kathy Arnold, chalice
 Dec. 24 Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott, chalice
 Dec.26 Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice

Altar Guild

Dec. 5 Kathy Scott
 Dec.12 Roberta Dulaney & Eva Apel
 Dec.19 Eva Apel
 Dec.24 Carol Wheeler
 Dec.26 Carol Wheeler

Counters

Dec. 5 Nancy Thoren & Wanda Soutter
 Dec.12 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
 Dec.19 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
 Dec.24 TBD
 Dec.26 Kathy Arnold



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.

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

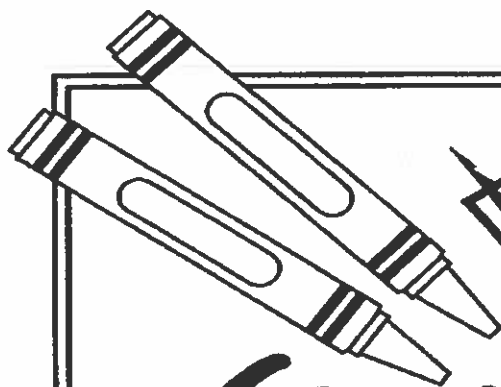
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GABRIEL
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THREE WISE MEN
TOBOGGAN
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WREATH



PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.

Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.

Cross out all words in column B that end in d.

Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.

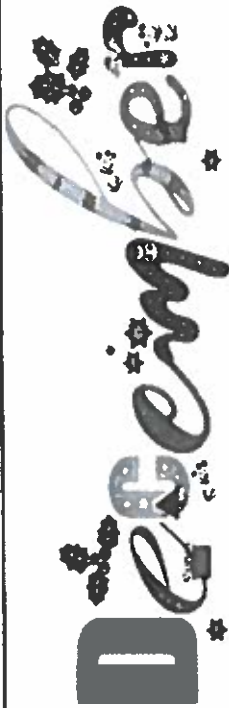

Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.

Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.

Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

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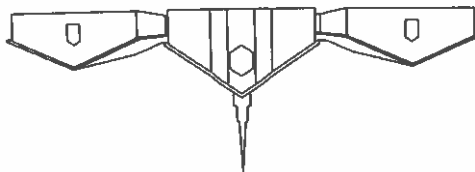
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<p>19th Sunday of Advent 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Love Offering Mountain Home Salvation Army</p>	<p>20 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>21 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p>15 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>16 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office</p>	<p>17 8am-12pm Office Open</p>	<p>18 1pm Decorating the Sanctuary</p>
<p>26th Sun. of Christmas 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*</p>	<p>27 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>28 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p>22 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>23 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 8am-12pm Office Open 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS </p>



Marilyn Sherwood 12/4
 Bob Hamilton 12/11
 Tracy Munson 12/12
 Josiah Munson 12/15
 Kathy Scott 12/15
 Fritzie Cvengros 12/19
 Susan Felker 12/20
 Ron Westergaard 12/21
 Diane White 12/29

Ron & Alice Westergaard 12/30

 * 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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