

THE GOOD NEWS

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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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March Newsletter

deadline is February 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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FROM THE PASTOR

Psalm 7 Verse 17: Plea for Help against Persecutors

Psalm 8: Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

Psalm 9 Verses 1-2: God's Power and Justice

The past couple of days verses from Psalm 8 have been on my mind and heart. It was a couple of days ago before writing this for the newsletter that the new Webb space telescope arrived into its position about one million miles away from earth. 'I can hardly wait' is the emotion thinking that in a few months from that vantage point, we hope to see more of what God has done, is doing, and will be doing as far as God's created universe.

Bible scholars often come up with a general topic title for each chapter or portion of scripture. I cited those for each chapter of Psalms 7, 8, and 9 for the New Revised Standard Version I copied from the computer. Though chapters 7 and 9 include topics that at the moment I do not want to address the last verse of chapter 7 and first two verses of chapter 9 make for a perfect framing of chapter 8. Those verses are of thanks and praise and surround chapter 8 with its awe of God and what God has done. The Psalmist did not have a telescope to give him the views we have now and hopefully will have when we get pictures from the Webb telescope but even with his direct vision of the night sky the Psalmist of long ago could be in awe of God's creation. When I see the beauty and miracle of just a small portion of the created world it about takes a deep breath. The Psalmist knew we see not only awesome beauty but some of God's glory. '...how majestic is your name...You have set your glory above the heavens.'(v.1).

The Psalmist looks at the created and praises the Creator. And the Psalmist does not stop at just looking out and upwardly at the stars to see and praise God. He sings "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of ... care for them?"(vv.3-4). Notice the God focus 'your heavens...your fingers...you have established...you are mindful,' and from v. 1 'your name...You have set...' The God focus action 'You have' and possessive 'your' is repeated throughout the Psalms and all of scripture.

With verse four the Psalmist turns from looking at the beauty of the created universe to considering the human creation, our place in His created world, and our relationship with God. Pondering the created universe including the human being the Psalmist is in awe of God and sings praises of how majestic is God's name.

We may be stuck in fear if we focus on the difficulties of our human condition but we can go forward when we gaze at God and be in awe of His majesty.

May we all sing praises of our God.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Pastor Sherman



WELCA will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 1pm here at Holy Cross.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Hope Circle will now meet on the **SECOND** Tuesday of each month. February 8th is our next meeting at the regular time of 10am.



The February Love Offering will go to **Hope For All**, an all volunteer organization formed here in Mountain Home on January 1, 2019 to help the homeless in our area. They evaluate the priorities of need and assist homeless individuals with shelter, jobs, and haircuts.

It is a 501c3 organization in Baxter County, Arkansas.



Food Pantry Needs

SALTINE CRACKERS

JAM/JELLY



February Love Offering

Hope For All

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



In December, the food pantry served 17 households which included 6 new families. There were 27 clients and that included 2 between the ages of 0-18; 19 between the ages of 19

-64; and 6 over the age of 65. Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 59.75 hours for the month of December.

During the month of December a choice of a turkey or small ham was given in addition to each family that did not come in November. Our clients can only come every other month. All donated goods and money are greatly appreciated for the food pantry to serve the needs of residents of Baxter County.

The Love Offering for the month of February will go to *Hope For All*. Our food pantry is in need of crackers that come in sleeves and jam/jelly.

Our food pantry was open on December 22 but closed on December 29.

Last January (2021), I applied for a grant with Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance which HCLCFP is a member of, for an upright refrigerator/freezer and two shelving units for our stockroom. I was contacted by CEO Jeff Quick of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in March that my grant submittal was approved. Thanks to Dean Smith, Dale Wheeler and Bob Hamilton for installing the two shelving units this summer. The convertible refrig./freezer was on back order and we finally received it just before Christmas.

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 \$6,920.26 as of 12/31/21. The expenses were \$392.76 with deposits of \$650.00.

I want to thank Charlie Newsom for adding the 2022 spreadsheets that food pantry uses to track client information, volunteer hours, business donations, individual donations and Love Offerings.

I'd also like to thank our volunteer staff for all their help with the food pantry.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 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 Sherman Gordius, Wanda Soutter, Dan Schmidt, Judy Hoover, Charles Polacek, Louise Sellenriek, Mike Baker, Kathy Arnold, and Joyce Hahn.

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

Visitors: Council member elect; Kathy Scott

DEVOTIONS: Dan "Watching and Waiting"

Devotion schedule for the coming year is as follows:

Jan: Wanda

Feb: Mike

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles presented both the Treasurers report and the Financial Secretary's report. Kathy A. made a motion to accept the reports, Wanda seconded, motion carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from our October 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Charles to approve, seconded by Mike, motion carried.

Minutes from our November 11, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kathy A., and seconded by Wanda to approve, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman presented his report. He mentioned the visit by Bishop Mike January 8th and 9th 2022. Also discussed was a visit from Pastor Becca Middeke-Conlin. We talked about the dates available to us. Mike made a motion that we contact Pr. Becca and ask her if May 22nd would work for her. Louise seconded the motion, motion carried. Dan will email Pr. Becca and ask her if she would also be available for Saturday, May 21st to meet with us and also Christ by the Lake, at Holy Cross.

VISIONING: Meals to staff at Hospital was discussed. Judy and Joyce Hahn will follow up with five restaurants to check prices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Talked about the January council meeting and when new council members will be installed. Charles Polacek, Steve Kampen, and Kathy Scott will be installed January 2nd.

Keisha's contract was discussed as far as the Friday after Thanksgiving goes. Keisha took a vacation day for the Friday after Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS: Need nominations for one council member.

Rental of Hall: Marita would like to use the fellowship hall for a Norwex party on Frb. 22nd. Charles made a motion to allow Marita to use the hall. Louise seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mike asked who decides the recipient of our love offering each month, because of the Salvation Army being on the list. The Salvation Army advocates against LGBTQIA+ rights. These recipients should be approved by council. Kathy Owen is the liaison to Social Services. Joyce made a motion that a list of potential recipients be given to the council by social services starting in January 2022, to be approved by council. Mike seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Judy brought to the council a suggestion by a church member about removing the word Interim next to Pr. Sherman's name in the bulletin. We will leave it there to not mislead anyone. Also discussed were spot lights on our sign. Our sign is already lighted.

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

- Property: See submitted report.
- Education: No Report
- Evangelism: See submitted 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 Dan to accept the committee reports and seconded by Charles, Motion carried.

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

Next Regular Meeting January 13, 2022 at 9:30am.

Steve Thompson HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
13 JAN, 2022 DATE OF APPROVAL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2021

This meeting was held after worship. A total of 32 members, (a quorum), were in attendance.

President Judy Hoover presented to the congregation three bids for the resurfacing of our parking lot.

The bids are as follows:

Asphalt Maintenance Co, (AMC): \$5574.00

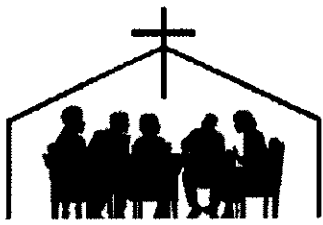
Horton: \$12,000.00

Silas Sealing and Striping: \$8925.00

After some discussion, Ken Apel made a motion to use AMC for the resurfacing of the parking lot. Louise Sellenriek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

That concluded the meeting.

Steve Thompson HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
JAN 13, 2022 DATE OF APPROVAL



HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

- President**.....Judy Hoover
- Vice President**.....Mike Baker
- Secretary**.....Steve Kampen

- Education**.....Susan Czaja
- Evangelism**.....Kathy Scott
- Finance**.....Charles Polacek
- Property**.....Kathy Arnold
- Social Ministries**.....Kathy Owen
- Stewardship**.....Wanda Soutter
- Worship & Music**.....Mike Baker
& Dan Schmidt

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
SECOND THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 AM.



Men's fellowship

There wasn't a January Men's Group meeting due to the snow storm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at 9:00am here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



TITHE.LY

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

Bible Readings *for the Month*

February 6th-5th Sunday after Epiphany

- Isaiah 6:1-13
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

February 13th-6th Sunday after Epiphany

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

February 20th-7th after Epiphany

- Genesis 45:3-11,15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

February 27th-Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
- Luke 9:28-43a





FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSTS.

Ushers

Feb.6 Charles Polacek & Rosalee St. Clair
 Feb.13 Dean & Jane Smith
 Feb.20 Roberta Dulaney & Eileen DeMoulied
 Feb.27 Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros

Lay Assistants

Feb.6 Kathy Scott & Roberta Dulaney, chalice
 Feb.13 Charles Polacek & Kathy Arnold, chalice
 Feb.20 Carol Wheeler & Kathy Scott, chalice
 Feb.27 Roberta Dulaney & Carol Wheeler, chalice

Altar Guild

Feb.6 Roberta Dulaney
 Feb.13 Carol Wheeler
 Feb.20 Kathy Scott
 Feb.27 Jane Smith

Counters

Feb.6 Wanda Soutter
 Feb.13 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
 Feb.20 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
 Feb.27 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

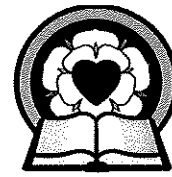
please get that information to the office by Thursday morning. You can leave a note in the secretary's box, by the computer, or email it to:

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.



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 **second 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 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 donate food to support the Food Pantry.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ You can lift up our church and its members in prayer.

Candy

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

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 E A F S R G H A A L U P A W B A A V H D O L
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 BAZOOKA GUM
 BOTTLECAPS
 BUBBLE YUM
 BUTTERFINGERS
 CANDY NECKLACE
 CHICLETS
 CHUCKLES
 CLARK BAR
 COFFEE CRISP

CRACKER JACK
 DUBBLE BUBBLE
 GOOBERS
 GUMMI BEARS
 HERSHEY KISSES
 HUBBA BUBBA GUM
 JAW BREAKERS
 JUJUBES
 KIT KAT
 LEMON DROPS
 LICORICE PIPE

LIFESAVERS
 LOLLIPOPS
 MILK DUDS
 MILKY WAY
 MOUNDS
 NECCO WAFERS
 OH HENRY
 PEPPERMINT PATTY
 PEZ
 POP ROCKS
 PUMPKIN SEEDS

RED HOTS
 SEN-SEN
 SLO-POKES
 SMARTIES
 SOUR BALLS
 SPEARMINT LEAVES
 SWEETARTS
 TOOTSIE ROLLS
 TWIX
 TWIZZLERS
 WAX LIPS

