

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

April Newsletter

deadline is March 27th.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



The Lent worship schedule will be a 4pm service at Holy Cross and a 6pm service at Christ by the Lake. We begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd with making the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ash and Holy Communion. and the services at Christ by the Lake will be 6pm. We begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd with the making the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ash and Holy Communion. The services at Holy Cross will follow with a simple soup supper beginning March 9th, with the last meal served on April 6th.

The Wednesday services of March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 will be very informal with the following themes and scriptures:

March 9 – Faithfulness; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 The temptation of Jesus

March 16 – Mercy; Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 Lament over Jerusalem

March 23 – Compassion; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 The barren fig tree

March 30 – Forgiveness; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The prodigal son

April 6 – Love; Gospel: John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus



Holy Week begins April 10 with Passion/Palm Sunday. For Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 14th & 15th, the services are also 4pm at Holy Cross and 6pm at Christ by the Lake. The Easter celebration is Sunday, April 17th!

Watch Sunday bulletins for announcements with more details.

Pastor Sherman



Evangelism Report

There Is More To It Than
Just A Name

This year I was again elected to council. In the past when I was on council, I was the stewardship liaison. This time around I am the evangelism liaison.

In working with stewardship, there are times that some parts of stewardship would include education or evangelism, or maybe both. The same is true with evangelism. It does not always stand alone.

I hope we learned that stewardship was more than just giving money. The same is with education; it is more than just books and evangelism is more than just standing on the street corner thumping a Bible.

I do hope that you will explore evangelism with me (along with a little bit of stewardship and education) as I do some research and pen a few more articles for the newsletter.

Kathy Scott
Evangelism



Men of Holy Cross: Meeting 2/19/22

There were 6 members and 2 guests present. We all enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the church.

We voted to donate an additional \$400 from our treasury to charitable organizations. We approved \$100 each to Mountain Home Police Department, Mountain Home Fire Department, Salvation Army and Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

At this time we are thinking of discontinuing our annual garage sale. Our workers are getting fewer as well as older and less able to do the heavy physical work it takes to bring in, set up and sell everything. We are advised that WELCA still intends to hold their Bazaar no matter the Men's decision on our sale.

As a fundraising project, we are planning a Spaghetti meal. The date will be Saturday, April 23rd from 4-6pm. The meal will be offered as either Dine-in or Carry-out and priced at \$10.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 19th at 9am here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



In January, the food pantry served 19 households which included 2 new families. There were 40 clients, six between the ages of 0-18; thirty between the ages of 19-64; and four at 65 or older.

Our food pantry volunteers worked a total of 66.75 hours during the month of January. I want to thank our food pantry volunteer staff for their time and effort.

All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can serve Baxter county families in need. For the month of March, the food pantry is requesting dry, packaged spaghetti and ramen noodles.

The Love Offering for the month of March will go to *Into the Light*, a 501c3 non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of people to give to help children victimized by sex trafficking. The vast majority of the children that *Into the Light* helps are Arkansans. Their main office is located in Mountain Home, AR.

Our current credit balance with the Food Pantry of North Central Arkansas is \$574.82. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$7,590.92 as of 1/21/22. Our expenses were \$199.34 with deposits of \$870.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**DRY PKG. SPAGHETTI
RAMEN NOODLES**



March Love Offering

Into the Light

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



W.E.L.C.A. held their first General meeting on Feb. 10, 2022. There were 13 women in attendance. It was great getting together again!

Wanda Soutter reported on what has happened to all the quilts that the Monday morning group has made. They sold 14 quilts, gave 4 to the Center of Hope and 3 to the American Legion. They still have some quilts for sale, check them out in the fellowship hall. Thank you ladies for sharing your gifts with the community.

Our major goal for the day was to come up with ideas for fundraising, so we can continue to work for our church and our community. We voted to continue the bazaar in the Fall, although there will be some changes. We are also exploring some smaller projects, watch for more information. If you have any ideas, please share them with us.

Come and join us at our next General Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Kathy Arnold, Pres.

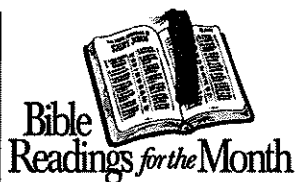


HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

- 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.



March 6th-1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2,9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13
 Luke 4:1-3

March 13th-2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17—4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

March 20th-3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9

March 27th-4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

MARCH WORSHIP ASSTS.



Ushers

- Worship Assistants* Mar.6 Dean & Jane Smith
- Mar.13 Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek
- Mar.20 Rosalee St. Clair & Eileen DeMoulied
- Mar.27 Roberta Dulaney & Pete Cvengros

Lay Assistants

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

Altar Guild

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

Counters

- Mar.6 Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
- Mar.13 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
- Mar.20 Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
- Mar.27 Kathy Arnold & Lenora Walejko



CHURCH COUNCIL

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Jan 13, 2022

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, Kathy Arnold, Mike Baker, Susan Czaja, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Wanda Soutter.

Excused absence: Dan Schmidt

Absent: Kathy Owen

Visitor: Bob Hamilton

DEVOTIONS: Wanda Soutter book-"Mornings with Jesus".....We need to be patient with one another – Romans 15: 5 'We are a test in progress'

February....Mike Baker

March....Steve Kampen

April....Kathy Scott

May....Kathy Owen

June....Kathy Owen

July....Charles Polacek

August....Steve Kampen

Sept....Mike Baker

October....Judy Hoover

November....Pastor Sherman

December....Dan Schmidt

OFFICER ELECTIONS: President...Judy Hoover V.P...Mike Baker
Secretary...Steve Kampen

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial secretary...Steve Kampen

Treasurer...Charles Polacek.

Charles is filling out a congregational report for 2021 that goes to ELCA Synod/Chicago.

He needed to ask the questions:

1. Did we complete a God's work/our hands project? NO
2. Do we have a disaster preparedness program? NO

Charles Polacek wanted to know if we wanted to renew our membership in the Mt. Home Chamber of Commerce for \$150 for one year. After a brief discussion, the motion to renew our membership was made by Charles, seconded by Kathy Scott and the motion carried.

MINUTES:

Oct 17, 2021-Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Wanda Soutter to approve; seconded by Steve Kampen; motion carried.

Dec 16, 2021- Minutes were reviewed; Steve Kampen made motion to approve; Mike Baker seconded; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman presented his written report. Pastor Becca Middeke-Conlin will be visiting on May 21 or 22. We will work on the details at a later date. Lent will be here soon. Do we want a midweek service? The pastor would like the Gideons to make a visit on a Sunday...The visit was not scheduled at this time.

VISIONING: Nothing discussed at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

God's Work, Our Hands- Meals to staff at hospital still being worked out. Kathy Arnold will help Judy Hoover find a restaurant to do the meals.

Constitution update for 2020- Legal department has it. Waiting for Bishop's response.

Love offering for 2022...After much discussion the motion was made by Wanda Soutter to let the Social Services select the recipients of the Love Offerings. The motion was seconded by Charles Polacek; the motion passed with one opposing vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint new council member – We will keep the council at 10 members unless someone volunteers...Regarding COVID, the pastor will address the congregation at the next Sunday service.

...Committee liaison assignments- No comments

...Feedback from Bishop Mike visit- Pastor Sherman and Council President Judy Hoover will meet with Christ by the Lake leaders about sharing a pastor which seems to be our only option for the future

COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS: All liaisons are expected to submit printed reports prior to council meetings.

Education: Susan Czaja

Evangelism: Kathy Scott

Financial: Charles Polacek

Food pantry: Social Services

Property: Kathy Arnold

Social ministry: Kathy Owen

Stewardship: Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek

Worship and music: Dan Schmidt & Mike Baker

Motion to accept the liaisons for 2022 was made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Steve Kampen; the motion carried

ADJOURMENT: motion to adjourn was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Wanda Soutter; the motion carried, followed by the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be February 10, 2022

 HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY

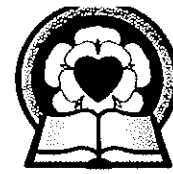
10 Feb, 2022 DATE OF APPROVAL



We are always looking for new people to help with our ministries. Some jobs are "behind-the-scenes" — Altar Guild, Counting, Food Pantry, and Prayer Chain. Some jobs are an integral part of the service — Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants, and Choir Members.

For more information contact:

- Altar Guild Carol Wheeler, 488-5044
- Building / Property.....Dean Smith, 424-8707
- Choir.....Dan Schmidt, 404-8456
- Counting Kathy Scott, 492-2155
- Fellowship Hour.....Phyllis Hamilton, 425-9546
- Food Pantry..... Barb Kampen, 405-0776
Bob Hamilton, 425-9546
- Greeters.....Roberta Dulaney, 424-3976
- Prayer Chain..... Kelsha Henning, 492-6636
- Readers & Communion Assistants.....Roberta Dulaney, 424-3976
- UshersFritzie Cvengros, 492-2020



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.



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.



- ◆ 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.

Birds

Find and circle all of the birds that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional bird.

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FLAMINGO
GOOSE
HAWK
HERON
JAY
MAGPIE

MARTIN
MOCKINGBIRD
MYNA
OSTRICH
OWL
PARAKEET
PARROT
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SPARROW
SWAN
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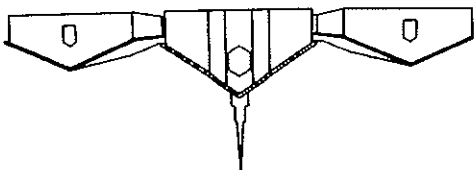
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 First Sunday in Lent 9am Worship 10am Fellowship</p> 	<p>7 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>8 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p>9 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 4pm Lent Worship 5pm Soup Supper</p>	<p>10 8am-12pm Office Open 9:30 am Church Council 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office</p>	<p>11 8am-12pm Office Open</p>	<p>12 </p>
<p>13 Second Sunday in Lent 9am Worship 10am Fellowship</p> <p><i>Love Offering for into the Light</i></p>	<p>14 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>15 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p>16 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 4pm Lent Worship 5pm Soup Supper</p>	<p>17 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office</p>	<p>18 8am-12pm Office Open</p>	<p>19 9am Men's Group Mtg</p>
<p>20 Third Sunday in Lent 9am Worship 10am Fellowship</p> 	<p>21 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop</p>	<p>22 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p>23 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 4pm Lent Worship 5pm Soup Supper</p>	<p>24 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office</p>	<p>25 8am-12pm Office Open</p>	<p>26</p>
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Wanda Soutter	3/3
Jennifer Walser	3/11
Doris Arnold	3/15
Mary Ferron	3/20
Charles Polacek	3/25
Maylin Walser	3/25

 * 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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