

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

May Newsletter

deadline is April 17th.

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

Visit our website at
holycrossminhome.com.

FROM THE PASTOR



Wednesday of Lent

The final Wednesday service in Lent will be April 6th. The informal worship theme will be Love and the Gospel focus will be Mary's anointing of Jesus, read in John 12:1-8. A simple soup supper fellowship will be at 5pm.

If you wish a later time, you may attend a simple supper also at 5pm at Christ by the Lake and the later worship service there at 6pm.



Holy Week

Holy Week begins April 10 with Passion/Palm Sunday. For Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 14 & 15, the services will be held at 4pm at Holy Cross and 6pm at Christ by the Lake. No supper fellowship those two days.

The Good Friday service will be the Tenebrae with gradual darkening of the sanctuary by extinguishing of candles along with scripture readings and concluding with the sound of the tomb closing before leaving in silence.



Easter

The Easter celebration is Sunday, April 17th!

Worship time at Holy Cross is the usual 9am. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details of the Easter celebration fellowship breakfast that precedes the Worship.



ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Assembly

This year it looks like we will be able to have an in-person Assembly! Hooray! April 29, 30, and May 1st our delegates will be at the ministry center in Tulsa. The delegates from Holy Cross are Marita Stanford and Carol Wheeler. The Christ by the Lake lay delegates are Tim Koenig and Lynn Nickels. Our plan is to carpool together in Pastor's van. We look forward to the fellowship on the way and back as well as 'debriefing' our experience on the way home. Since our two congregations are served by one pastor the registration, room, mileage, and meals for his part are only half the cost for each congregation. For the Sunday, May 1st Holy Cross service will be led by Dan Schmidt and a sermon message from Bishop Mike will be shared.



Earth Day is April 22nd

Thank you, recyclers, for your stewardship of God's beautiful earthly world.



In February, the food pantry served 8 households. There were 14 clients which included 1 between the ages of 0-18; 8 between the ages of 19-64; and 5 at 65 and over.

Our volunteer food pantry staff worked a total of 52.25 hours during the month of February. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort serving the needs of clients that visit the food pantry each week.

All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve families in need that reside in Baxter County. The food donation item for April will be Ramen Noodles.

The Love Offering for April will go to *Grandma's House*, which provides a safe place for child abuse victims and their families. Founded in 2010, *Grandma's House* offers free forensic interviews, medical exams, therapy and step by step guidance through the healing process. It serves seven counties in Arkansas and opened a location here in Mountain Home.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$574.82. The current balance of HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$7,464.52 as of 02/28/22. The expenses were \$251.40 with deposits of \$125.00

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Food Pantry Needs

RAMEN NOODLES



April Love Offering

Grandma's House

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

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Breakfast



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Mark your calendars to gather in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30-8:45am on Easter morning for a free Easter breakfast. The menu will consist of:

- Egg Casserole
- Coffee Cake
- Muffins

- Quick breads & sweet breads
- Fruit Salad and Juice
- Coffee & Tea

There will be a sign up sheet available in the Narthex Sunday, April 3rd if you'd like to help with set-up/clean up or contribute food; as well as for attendance. Any food remaining will be served at our fellowship time after worship.

Plan to invite friends, relatives and neighbors for good food, good fellowship, and rejoicing in our Lord's resurrection!!

Please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044 if you have any questions.



Easter Flowers

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Would you like to donate Easter lilies or spring potted flowers for Easter Sunday? If so, please bring your flowers to the church on Friday, April 15th or Saturday, April 16th and put them in the Parlor. The Altar Guild will then arrange them in the altar area for our beautiful Easter Sunday worship. Any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044.



Men of Holy Cross: Meeting
3/19/22

There were 5 members present and 2 guests.

After a delicious breakfast, we reviewed the plans for our Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 4-6pm. The meal will be offered as dine in or carry out and priced at \$10 per person.



Our next meeting will be at 9:00 am on May 14th, at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



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.



April 3rd-5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

April 10th- Palm Sunday

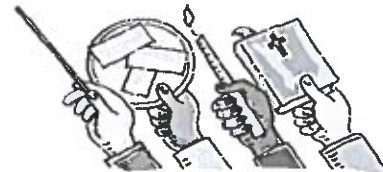
Procession: Luke 19:28-40
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 17th-Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18

April 24th-2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 150
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31



Worship Team

Ushers

- Apr. 3 Rosalee St. Clair & Eileen DeMoupiéd
- Apr.10 Charles Polacek & Pete Cvengros
- Apr.17 Dean & Jane Smith
- Apr.24 Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Owen

Lay Assistants

- Apr. 3 Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice
- Apr.10 Carol Wheeler & Kathy Scott, chalice
- Apr.14 Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler, chalice
- Apr.17 Charles Polacek & Kathy Arnold, chalice
- Apr.24 Sue Hahn & Carol Wheeler, chalice

Altar Guild

- Apr. 3 Jane Smith
- Apr.10 Kathy Scott
- Apr.17 Carol Wheeler
- Apr.24 Roberta Dulaney

Counters

- Apr. 3 Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
- Apr.10 Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
- Apr.17 Judy Hoover
- Apr.24 TBD

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 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, Dan Schmidt, Susan Czaja, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott and Kathy Owen.

Absent: Mike Baker

Visitor: Dean Smith

DEVOTION: Wanda Soutter

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial Secretary.... Report given by Steve Kampen

Treasurer.... Report given by Charles Polacek

Wanda Soutter made a motion to accept the financial reports, Kathy Scott seconded.

MINUTES: January 13, 2022- Minutes were reviewed and corrections made; There were no nominations for officer elections. People volunteered for the officer positions. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the results of the officer nominations and approval of minutes; Kathy Scott seconded; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman presented his written report. The Pastoral Ministry Call, compensation and budget related items for Pastor Sherman were discussed but are in a draft process. Judy Hoover, Pastor Sherman and the church council president from Christ by the Lake met in regards to the call process of sharing a pastor for both churches and finances. The Call process is actively moving along.

VISIONING: Nothing discussed at the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

God's Work, Our Hands- Meals to the nursing staff on the COVID floor at Baxter Regional Hospital was delivered on Jan. 28 from Subway and on February 1, from Colton's restaurant. Judy Hoover, Kathy Arnold, and Wanda Soutter organized the event. Frank Fusco, Barb and Steve Kampen helped with the delivery of meals. Photos taken by Joyce Hahn were submitted to the Baxter Bulletin. Funds from Thrivent and congregation members paid for the meals.

Constitution update for 2020- Some minor changes are being made and we can use the 2020 Constitution.

Pastor Becca Middeke-Conlin, assistant to Bishop to visit Holy Cross Lutheran Church on May 21 & 22.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Project: Dean Smith installed two additional handicap rails in the women’s bathroom. Some women in the church expressed that the handicap toilet was not high enough. Dean talked to a plumber and by adding a 2” riser would bring the height of the toilet to 19”. A few church members agreed to pay the price of the riser which was around \$85.00 instead of using money out of the church’s general fund. Dean will install another rail on the back wall of the handicap stall and a side rail in the men’s bathroom. Dean cleaned up entrances where there was ice and snow. If it would snow quite a few inches, Dean has someone in mind that would plow the church’s parking lot.

Lenten mid -week services: There was a discussion of having each Lent service every Wednesday at 4 PM Lent service at Holy Cross Lutheran and a 6 PM Lent service at Christ by the Lake. Pastor Sherman had a hymn in mind and other details drafted to share with Dan and others involved putting the services together.

President Judy Hoover read two letters from Ron Westergaard and Alice Westergaard that they are transferring their membership from Holy Cross Lutheran Church to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

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


Education: Susan Czaja	Evangelism: Kathy Scott-oral report
Financial: Charles Polacek-submitted	Food Pantry: Barb Kampen-submitted
Property: Kathy Arnold	Social Ministry: Kathy Owen
Stewardship: Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek	
Worship and Music: Dan Schmidt and Mike Baker	

Kathy Scott for Evangelism expressed that she plans on including a short article in the monthly newsletters for March, April and possibly May prior to her surgery.

Motion to accept the liaisons were made by Dan Schmidt, seconded by Kathy Arnold.

ADJOURMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Schmidt, seconded by Kathy Arnold; the motion carried, followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

The next council meeting will be on March 10, 2022.

	HCLC COUNCIL SECRETARY
_____	DATE
10 MAR, 2022	



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 Keisha Henning, 492-6636
- Readers & Communion Assistants.....Roberta Dulaney, 424-3976
- UshersFritzie Cvengros, 492-2020



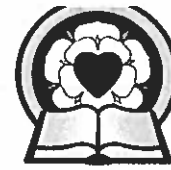
We have two types of prayer lists at Holy Cross: the Prayer Concerns in the Bulletin and the Prayer Chain.

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.

Bees

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

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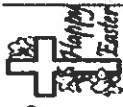

Flowers

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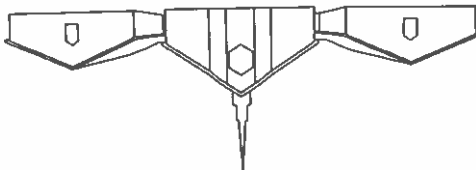
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Eileen DeMoulpied 4/10
 Dorothy Meyer 4/24
 Pastor Sherman 4/25

Tracy & Pam Munson 4/7

 * If your birthday or anniversary *
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 * Church Secretary box in the office. *



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