

# THE GOOD NEWS

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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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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## June Newsletter

deadline is May 22nd.

**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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# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings to the churches! I say greetings to the churches using the plural 'churches' not only in referring to both Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake congregations but with the sense that church is not only individual congregations but the body of Christ encompassing all believers in all places.

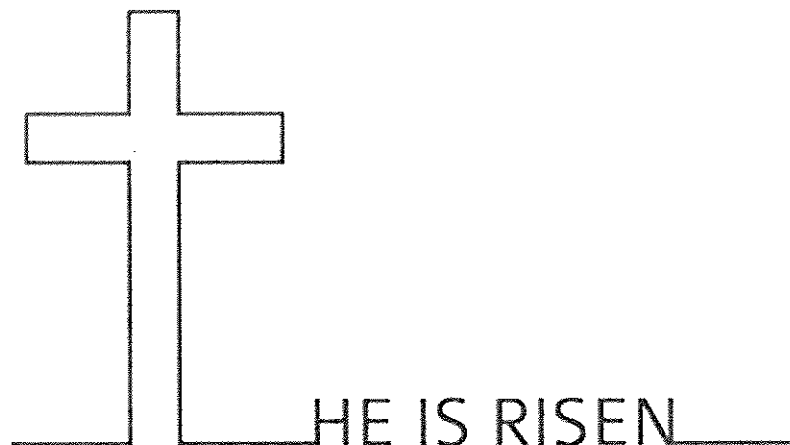
Two years ago, my newsletter was addressed to the 'in homes church' because we were trying to be Covid safe by not meeting together in a church building. The 'church' was each of us worshipping within our own homes.

Following the crucifixion and resurrection, the fearful disciples had locked themselves in a home. (John 20"19-31) Thomas was not with them until later and for a second time Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room. Thomas made his powerful simple proclamation 'My Lord and my God!' It is delightful to give our fears to God and 'go to church' gathered in a room to praise 'my Lord and my God.'

In faith and with thankful praise we then leave the gathering 'co-missioned' as the church no longer restricted to locked homes nor church buildings and be the church body of Christ in and for the sake of the world.

May we gather regularly in our church worship and also scatter to witness for others 'my Lord and my God.'

Pastor Sherman





In March, the food pantry served 15 households. There were 35 clients, 5 between the ages of 0-18; 24 between the ages of 19-64; and 6 at age 65 or older.

Our volunteer food pantry staff worked a total 73.75 hours during the month of March. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort serving the needs of our clients that come to our food pantry each week. Our food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 9-11am and in the afternoon from 1-3pm. Anyone interested in volunteering for either of these shifts, please contact Barb Kampen at 870-405-0776. Right now our staff consists of five volunteers and when someone is absent we are short handed.

All food and money donations are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue serving Baxter county families in need. The food pantry is in need of 3 oz. Jell-O packages, diced tomatoes, and 24 oz. pasta sauce.

The Love Offering for the month of May will go to *Informed Choices* which is a non-profit pregnancy resource center here in Mountain Home. The center has been open since 2007. *Informed Choices* has helped more than 25,000 women with unplanned pregnancies. Limited medical services include pregnancy testing, STD testing, and limited ultrasounds. They provide support and compassion to pregnant women and their families.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$452.32. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$7,842.36 as of 3/31/22. Our expenses were \$122.16 with deposits totaling \$500.00.

Barb Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Food Pantry Needs**

Jell-O Pkgs.  
Pasta Sauce  
Diced Tomatoes



**MAY LOVE OFFERING**  
*Informed Choices*

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



At the last council meeting, members did some brainstorming on kick starting a few evangelism projects. Many ideas

were brought up: some old, some new. We would like to start by doing some small but successful events of the past, such as the Blessing of the Animals.

In order to have several projects or events, the council suggested that a small task force be set up. Three people from council are on board. We would like one or two people from the congregation to volunteer to help. This is not a long-term commitment. It will be just long enough to implement several ideas. If you feel the Spirit move within to help, see me or phone me at 870-492-2155. Please pray for the task force that we will be successful in our endeavors.

Kathy Scott

Evangelism



**TREASURER'S TIDBIT: 1st QUARTER**

**Budget \*For a Full Time Pastor:**

**\$40,056.00**

**Income**

**\$27,888.00**

**Expense**

**\$19,985.00**



**TITHE.LY**

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



**You Are Invited- Save the Date**

Holy Cross is hosting a meet and greet at 4pm on Saturday, May 21 with Pastor Becca Middeke-Conlin followed by a pot luck dinner. Pastor Becca serves as the Director of Evangelism Missions and Associate for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Arkansas- Oklahoma Synod. She is reaching out to all the congregations in the synod to get acquainted.

Everyone from Holy Cross and Christ By The Lake is invited to attend this event. Please bring a dish to share but keep in mind that Pastor Becca follows and vegetarian diet. She does not eat eggs, cheese, and dairy products.

On Sunday, May 22nd, Pastor Becca will be preaching at Holy Cross at 9am before heading back to Tulsa.



W.E.L.C.A

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Before and after celebrating our Lord's resurrection, we were all invited to share some time in fellowship. It was so nice, to once again, to be able to celebrate with our church family and their guests on such a joyful day.

I want to thank everyone who gave of their time and those who contributed to all the food and goodies for this special occasion. We are blessed!

Reminder: Our next General Meeting will be May 12, 2022, at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is Welcome!

Kathy Arnold, Pres.



**May 1st -3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**May 8th- 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**May 15th- 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

**May 22nd- 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

**May 29th- 7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21  
John 17:20-26



Thank you for singing "Happy Birthday" and for ALL the birthday cards and gifts given-it was appreciated and a blessing. And if you really want to know, ***I love you all!!!*** Thank you again, and yes, I am 85 years old!

Eileen

Please thank the church for their cards, thoughts, and prayers. I just find it too hard to stay here in Mountain Home.

God Bless,  
Wendy Borowski



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

- 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

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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, Council President Judy Hoover, Secretary Steve Kampen, Kathy Arnold, Susan Czaja, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Dan Schmidt and Wanda Soutter.

Excused Absence: Mike Baker and Kathy Scott

Visitors: Bob Hamilton and Carol Wheeler

**DEVOTION:** Steve Kampen

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Financial Secretary....Report given by Steve Kampen

Treasurer..... Report given by Charles Polacek

Dan Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial reports, Wanda Soutter seconded and the motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

February 10, 2022- Minutes were reviewed and corrections to be made. Dan Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes and Charles Polacek seconded and the motion carried.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

- Continuing Education: Pastor Sherman registered for online access - ‘Festival of Homiletics’ which takes place May 16-20 in Denver, CO.
- Synod Assembly in Tulsa, OK- 4/29, 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1. Pastor Sherman, Marita Stanford and Carol Wheeler will attend. Holy Cross Lutheran will pay for the expenses of the pastor’s half and Christ by the Lake the other half. Since Tim K. from Christ by the Lake is a Synod delegate and usually fills in Pastor Sherman’s absence, it was suggested that the May 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship service could be a ‘Sing Sunday’ or possibly have a congregation member read a sermon prepared by Pastor Sherman.
- New Member Sunday- for John Eitenmiller, Dave and Sue Hahn will be determined at a later date. It was mentioned that an announcement should be made of anyone interested in becoming a new member to contact Pastor Sherman.

**VISIONING:** No new business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Easter Sunday- It was decided there will be an Easter breakfast prior to the HCLC worship service and Fellowship after worship. Carol Wheeler and Kathy Owen agreed to organize the meal. Kathy Arnold made a motion to have the breakfast on Easter Sunday and Charles Polacek seconded, motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Constitution Update-** Council reviewed the changes in the Constitution. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the changes, Kathy Owen seconded, the motion carried. The congregation will have two weeks to review the Constitution. On Sunday, March 27, the congregation will vote on the Constitution following the worship service.
- **Interim Contract Proposal-** The 2022 Call and Contract revisions was presented and reviewed by the church council for Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Christ by the Lake Lutheran Church, and Pastor Sherman Gordius. Charles Polacek made a motion to move forward with the contract and consult with Christ by the Lake, Kathy Owen seconded, motion carried.
- **Pastor Becca,** assistant to the Bishop will visit on May 21 & 22.

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

Education- Susan Czaja, no report

Evangelism- Kathy Scott, no report

Financial- Charles Polacek, printed report

Food Pantry- Barb Kampen, printed report

Property-Kathy Arnold, printed report

Social Ministry-Kathy Owen, no report

Men of Holy Cross-submitted a printed report

Stewardship-Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek, no report

Worship & Music- Dan Schmidt & Mike Baker- Dan expressed that he would like to work closer in the future with Pastor Sherman with Lenten services, hymnal selections and other Sunday services. Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept the submitted committee reports, Dan Schmidt seconded and the motion passed.

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

The next council meeting will be on April 14, 2022.

## **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH SECOND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 27, 2022**

HCLC Council President Judy Hoover and Treasurer Charles Polacek addressed the congregation following the worship service. A vote was needed by the congregation for approval of the new Constitution of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

After some discussion, Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the new Constitution dated March 2022. The motion was seconded by Cleo Holm and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Since this was the second vote, the new Constitution will take in effect immediately.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Charles Polacek, seconded by Dean Smith and the motion carried.

Council Secretary- Steven Kampen



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
- Ushers.....Fritzie Cvengros, 492-2020



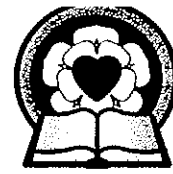
We have two types of prayer lists at Holy Cross: the Prayer Concerns in the Bulletin and the Prayer Chain.

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.

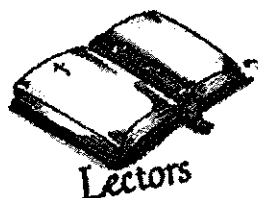
**-Hope Circle** on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 10:00am. We study the lessons in *Gather* magazine, a publication of WELCA.

**-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.

# MAY 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSTS.	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
5/1/22 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Easter 9:00am	Kathy Owen & Eileen DeMoulied	Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Kathy Scott	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
5/8/22 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter 9:00am	Kathy Scott & Judy Hoover	Charles Polacek & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Carol Wheeler	TBD
5/15/22 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Rosalee St. Clair	Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
5/22/22 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter 9:00am	Dean & Jane Smith	Rosalee St. Clair & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Kathy Arnold & Lenora Walejko
5/29/22 7 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter 9:00am	Judy Hoover & Eileen DeMoulied	Carol Wheeler & Kathy Scott, chalice	Roberta Dulaney	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Fritzie 870-492-2020	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Roberta 870-424-3976	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Carol 870-488-5044	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Kathy 870-492-2155





# Marine Life

Find and circle all of the listed words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of a sea animal.

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K E A N C H O V Y W A L R U S

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BARRACUDA	MARLIN	SEALS
CLAM	OCTOPUS	SHELLFISH
CLOWNFISH	OYSTER	SHRIMP
COD	PENGUIN	SPONGE
CRAB	PORPOISE	SQUID
DOLPHIN	PRAWN	STARFISH
HALIBUT	SARDINE	STINGRAY
JELLYFISH	SCALLOP	TUNA
LAMPREY	SEA LION	WALRUS
LOBSTER	SEA OTTER	WHALE

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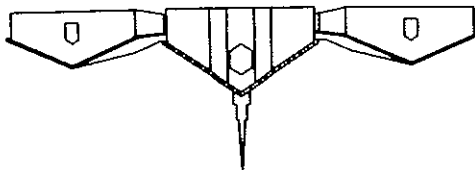
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	2 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	3 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	4 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	5 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office	6 8am-12pm Office Open	7
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15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	16 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	17 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	18 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	19 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office	20 8am-12pm Office Open	21 4pm Meet & Greet w/ Pastor Becca Middleke- Conlin
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9am Worship w/ Pastor Becca Middleke- Conlin 10am Fellowship  *Newsletter Deadline*	23 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	24 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	25 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	26 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psstr. In Office	27 8am-12pm Office Open	28
29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 9am WELCA Workshop 	31 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class				



Pete Cvengros 5/2  
 Lenora Walejko 5/4  
 Pam Munson 5/7  
 Renata Weltzien 5/9  
 Bill Veith 5/14  
 Dick Feicht 5/26

Pastor Sherman & Vicki Gordius 5/5  
 Charlie & Cheryl Newsom 5/17  
 Dale & Carol Wheeler 5/19  
 Marita & Dion Stanford 5/29

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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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