

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**

July Newsletter

deadline is June 19th.

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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Questions?
Contact Dan Schmidt
or Charlie Newsom

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holycrossmtnhome.com.



FROM THE PASTOR

"For everything there is a season, ...a time to weep, ..."

Ecclesiastes 3:1a, 4a NRSV

The Old Testament Jeremiah has wonderful words of comfort and hope for people in exile. For Jeremiah and the people in exile, before there could be any kind of comfort and hope, it was recognized as a time to weep. Jeremiah 31:15 reads: *"Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."* Exile took a terrible toll on God's people, especially the children. For survivors it was a time to weep.

For another time of weeping, we look to Jesus on his way to the cross. There we may weep for a time for different reasons, the seeing of his suffering as he is led to the cross knowing even worse hellish suffering to come or the remembering of the cost of our sin. Luke 23:28 reports: *"But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'"*

In Paul's letter to Christians in Rome he encourages *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."* As I write this for the newsletter it is another time to weep with those who weep. We weep with the daughters of our nation (and sons, all our brother and sister sibling children of God) for their children who are no more. Also weep for modern exiles of millions who have fled their Ukrainian homeland and lost loved ones in war.

Our prayers of tears weep out to God. In 1969 there was a popular song "In the Year 2525." It may not be so inaccurate as a prophetic warning as many thought. The lyric I focus on for this writing comes towards the end of the song: "Now it's been 10,000 years Man has cried a billion tears." Even when I listened to this song back in 1969, I wished it had been only 'a billion tears' per one or so years that humankind had wept but am certain that we have wept much more. Given human brokenness due to our sin or to no fault of sin but just tragedies that happen there are billions more tears to come.

However, we not only weep with those who weep but asks God's mercy and hope and also, His Holy Spirit's strength to love. Love our children and try to help others love their children. We do that directly one on one as much as possible and by various efforts to reach children and adults. Reach to build up support for schools, teachers, parents, single parents, programs that mentor or guide others, mental health for children, youth, and adults, etc. to live knowing love and care.

May our times to weep subside and encourage our determination not so much with a hating anger response but with God's loving grace to heal and build up hearts, spirits, and lives. It is always time for God's love to be lived and shared. We do react appropriately sometimes with anger and tears (a time to hate) at evil but we also react to God's love for us and proactively work God's love for others.

We are worried and troubled and tear with much sorrow by many things (Luke 10:41) so may we continue to turn to the one we need most. The one that gives peace not as the world gives, gives love as our God the Father gives, empowers us to build up lives, enables laughter, and leads us to dance, and more. It is always time to turn to Him who loves us to the end. The Lord bless you.

Pastor Sherman



In April, the food pantry served 13 households. There were 22 clients, 1 between the ages of 0-18; 17 between the ages of 19-64; 4 at the age of 65 and older.

Our volunteer food pantry staff worked a total 67.75 hours during the month of April. Our food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Anyone interested in volunteering for just 2 hours in the morning or afternoon please contact Barb Kampen at 870-405-0776. Right now our staff consists of 5 volunteers and when a few are absent due to appointments or vacation, we are short handed.

All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue serving families in need that reside in Baxter County. The food pantry is in need of Jam/Jelly for the month of June.

The Love Offering for the month of June will go to *The Call*, which is a non profit organization that partners with the Division of Children and Family Services to recruit, train and support foster families for children and teens in foster care. *The Call* mobilizes local churches to serve local children and youth in foster care.

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 \$7,858.82 as of 04/30/22. The expenses were \$33.54 with deposits of \$50.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Food Pantry Needs

**JAM
JELLY**



JUNE LOVE OFFERING
The Call

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



Bible Readings for the Month

June 5th - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17,25-27

June 12th - Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19th - 2nd Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26th - 3rd Sunday Aff. Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1,13-25
Luke 9:51-62



Thank you to our Holy Cross family for all the prayers, cards, calls and surprise meals. We are truly blessed. And I am doing well. We love you all.

Phyllis & Bob Hamilton

Thank you for all the flowers, cards, and calls during my recent surgery. Thank you Pastor for your visits and calls, Holy Cross is lucky to have you.

Thank you
Joyce Hahn


CHURCH COUNCIL

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 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, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Dan Schmidt and Wanda Soutter.

Excused Absence: Susan Czaja

Not Excused Absence: Mike Baker

DEVOTION: Kathy Scott read Psalm 121 and from the Daily Bread- Earth Day

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial Secretary....Report given by Steve Kampen

Treasurer..... Report given by Charles Polacek

Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the financial reports, Wanda Soutter seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES:

The March 10 council minutes were reviewed. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept them, Kathy Arnold seconded, and the motion carried. The March 27 congregational meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes, Wanda Soutter seconded and the motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Interim Contract Proposal- Christ by the Lake Council and Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council has approved the contract but will need to be presented and approved by both congregations.
- Discussion of setting a date for New Member Sunday and confirm the date.
- Discussion on the final arrangements for the Synod Assembly trip.
- Council discussed that it would be beneficial to include quarterly in the monthly newsletter how much was given to the church and where the general budget stands.

VISIONING:

Council shared ideas of generating new membership at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The need to update each church member's records to include emergency phone numbers to contact relatives in case of an illness or death was discussed. It will be worked out with the church secretary. The phone numbers for the Calling List also needs to be updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pastor Becca Middeke-Conlin will be visiting May 21 & 22. On Saturday, May 21, members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Christ by the Lake are invited at 4 PM to meet and talk with Pastor Becca, followed by a pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Christ by the Lake congregation is also invited and can bring food for the pot luck. Lodging will need to be determined for Pastor Becca.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

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-no report
- Stewardship-Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek, no report
- Worship & Music- Dan Schmidt & Mike Baker

Dan Schmidt discussed about old traditions and new traditions in regards to the worship service and the loss of some of the traditions that hopefully will come back.

Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the submitted committee reports. Charles Polacek seconded and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Kathy Arnold: the motion carried, followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

The next council meeting will be on May 12, 2022.



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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

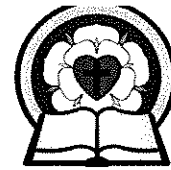
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- Vice President.....Dan Schmidt
- Secretary.....Steve Kampen
- Education.....Susan Czaja
- Evangelism.....Kathy Scott
- Finance.....Charles Polacek
- Property.....Kathy Arnold
- Social Ministries.....Kathy Owen
- Stewardship.....Wanda Soutter
- Worship & Music.....Dan Schmidt



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
 Ushers..... Fritzie 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:

holycrossecretary.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.



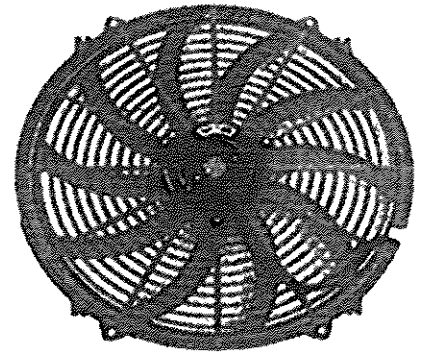
ANNUAL FAN DRIVE

Through the month of JUNE

Bring a fan to church

or drop off at

Ozark Center of Hope.



Ozark Center of Hope will distribute the fans to individuals, and organizations throughout the summer months.

(Donations also accepted)

Ozark Center of Hope is a 501c3 non-profit

For more information, please contact

your local church

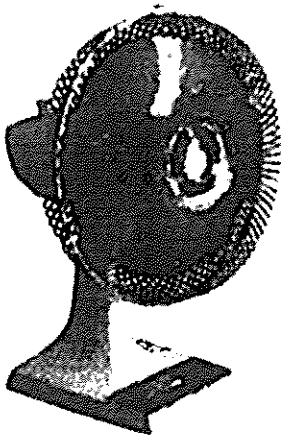
or

Ozark Center of Hope

870-508-4374

Tues. Wed. or Thurs.

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Pictured from L to R: Lisa Streu, John Eitenmiller, Sue & David Hahn taken on New Member Sunday- May 15, 2022.

Welcome Lisa, John, Sue and David! We are so glad to have you join our Holy Cross family!

Please add their information to your directories:

John Eitenmiller
161 Sycamore Springs Road
Mountain Home, AR 72653
870-491-5273
Cell: 870-404-8811
jweitenmiller@yahoo.com

David & Sue Hahn
1423 CR 502
Mountain Home, AR 72653
Home: 870-345-0971
Cell: 254-768-9651
dhahn5316@gmail.com
hahnsue9@gmail.com

Lisa Streu
2483 Marlon County Rd. 8060
Flippin, AR 72634
Cell: 920-371-7857
lisa.streu0322@gmail.com

The Beach

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The remaining letters spell an additional beach word.

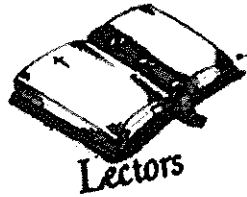
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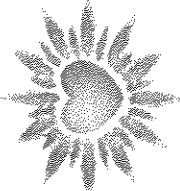
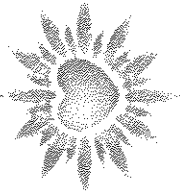
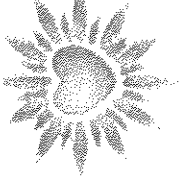
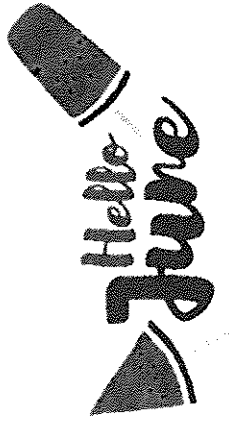
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JUNE 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSTS.	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
6/5/22 Pentecost 9:00am	Dean & Jane Smith	Sue Hahn & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
6/12/22 Holy Trinity 9:00am	Roberta Dulaney & Judy Hoover	Charles Polacek & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Kathy Scott	TBD
6/19/22 2nd Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Kathy Scott & Eileen DeMouplied	Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Roberta Dulaney	Judy Hoover & Kathy Arnold
6/26/22 3rd Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Kathy Owen & Charles Polacek	Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Jane Smith	Kathy Arnold & Lenora Walejko
	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

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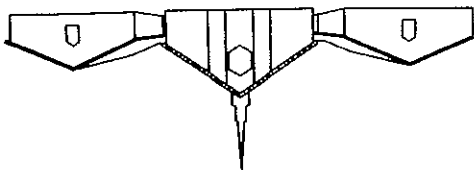
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Carol Wheeler	6/1
Kathy Owen	6/4
Barb Kerns	6/6
Cleo Holm	6/7
Charlie Cryts	6/15
George Elieff	6/19
Dale Wheeler	6/23
Nancy Thoren	6/24
Sandy Rinehart	6/26

Dave & Sue Hahn	6/6
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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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