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M-FRI 8am-12pm

**Worship Every Sunday at 9am
Fellowship at 10am**

**Food Pantry
Wednesdays 9-11am, 1-3pm**

August Newsletter
deadline is July 24th.

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

Matthew 6:25-34 'Do Not Worry':

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Please read [Exodus 14:1-14](#) which is the leading of God's people to the place before the crossing of the Sea and inspired this devotional.

Most of us worry, don't we? Worrying itself takes an emotional toll. I do not remember the statistical number but I heard on a radio program that studies show a very large percentage of what we worry about never becomes a reality. Dealing with our worries is not always easy and some do need serious attention yet much of it we need to let go as unnecessary burden. Hence the popularity of the song 'Don't Worry, Be Happy.'

There are numerous scripture verses that repeat encouragement for us not to worry and to have a peace in our hearts and minds even though there is real basis for concern. We continually need God's assurance as we continually are confronted with fears. Today's troubles can seem more than enough to deal with. If you watch any news or advertisements on television or online you will be fed more than enough to be worried and fearful about.

In the story of the Exodus and crossing the sea (Exodus 14:1-14) we see the enemy war machine bearing down on God's people. It was an amazing miraculous escape up to this point but then it was not looking hopeful with the prospect of being slaughtered in the wilderness. People wanted to give up and go back into slavery. They made a good run of it getting out of Egypt but then it came to a decision to give up or go down fighting to the last man, woman, and child. Neither choice is attractive but given a choice, living even in slavery is preferable over being slaughtered. There was a sign in Mountain Home a few weeks ago for which I do not remember the exact wording but expressed that thought that despite the high cost of living, living is still popular. Our prayers and outreach for those dealing with depressions and fears or feelings of suicide. May all know there are other choices than resigning to helplessness in the face of the suffering slavery of fears or to be slaughtered by an enemy army.

Israel had very real cause to be fearful and worried with their two options, surrender or die. What does God tell them? It turns out God gave people a third choice. "...Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish...you only have to be still." (vv.13-14)

There are times to be still and let God handle the enemy. Times to give love and compassion for both self and others and times to fight for justice. We do not live fearfully surrendering to slavery nor to die by an enemy army. We surrender only to God and let God tame our fears.

'Fear not little flock.'

Pastor Sherman

A Note from Pastor

Thank you, Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake, for your approval of revisions to the terms of my Call of Ministry. In general, I will be focusing Tuesdays and Thursdays for Holy Cross and Wednesdays and Fridays for Christ by the Lake plus I plan on Monday afternoons to be open. Please call me with any concern any day of the week no matter whichever congregation you or I may be at. Blessings,



**Food Pantry
Needs**

**CEREAL
OATMEAL**



**JULY LOVE OFFERING
Meals On Wheels**

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



In May, the food pantry served 15 households. There were 33 clients, 8 between the ages of 0-18; 22 between the ages of 19-64; 3 at 65 or older.

Our volunteer food pantry staff worked a total of 65 hours during the month of May. Our food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 9-11am and 1-3pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering for just two hours in the morning or afternoon please contact Barb Kampen at 870-405-0776. Our staff consists of five volunteers and when a few are absent due to illness, surgery or vacation, we are short handed.

All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue serving Baxter county families in need. For the month of July, the food donation item will be Cereal/Oatmeal. The Love Offering for July will go to Meals On Wheels.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas was \$452.32. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$7, 928.34 as of 5/31/22. The expenses were \$4, 450.48 with deposits of \$520.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Men's fellowship

Men of Holy Cross: Meeting 6/18/22

There were 6 members and 1 guest present, and everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

We discussed the results of Spaghetti Dinner we held April 23rd and are grateful to everyone who helped out as well as to all the congregation members who came out to share the meal. We made a profit of \$930.00. We talked about having another one sometime this fall.

We still have not decided whether or not to have a garage sale this year. The WELCA will discuss their sale at their August meeting and let us know what they are planning. We will discuss our options at our next meeting to be held at 9:00am on Saturday, July 16th here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



It's hard to believe, but it's time to mark your calendars for our August quarterly W.E.L.C.A. meeting!

At our May meeting, it was decided that we should go out to lunch in August and our business meeting would follow. Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch.

When: August 11, 2022
 Where: El Chlco Café (On the By-pass)
 Time: 12:00 P.M.

For planning purposes, please let us know if you can attend. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex.

Top of the agenda will be picking the date for the bazaar. Everyone is invited. See you there!

Kathy Arnold, Pres.



July 3rd -4th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14
 Psalm 66:1-9
 Galatians 6:1-16
 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

July 10th- 5th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
 Psalm 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 17th- 6th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a
 Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 24th- 7th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Genesis 18-:20-32
 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-19
 Luke 11:1-13

July 31st- 8th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23
 Psalm 49: 1-12
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21



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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

- President.....Judy Hoover
- Vice President.....Dan Schmlidt
- 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 Schmlidt



CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 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, Charles Polacek, and Susan Czaja.

Excused Absence: Wanda Soutter, Kathy Owen, and Dan Schmidt.

Visitor: Barb Kampen

Mike Baker resigned from council.

DEVOTION: Judy Hoover

Steve Kampen will do Devotion for August and September.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial Secretary....Report given by Steve Kampen

Treasurer..... Report given by Charles Polacek

Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept the financial reports, Kathy Scott seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from April 14, 2022 HCLC Council meeting were reviewed. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the minutes, Kathy Arnold seconded and the motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Sherman provided a printed report for the council to review.
- Pastor expressed the need for two Lay Delegates for next year's Synod Assembly which is also the Bishop Election and RIC (Resolution in Christ).
- 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. Council decided to have the Holy Cross Lutheran congregational meeting on May 29, 2022 giving the congregation a two week prior notice- One Call by Keisha, church secretary and a notice in the church bulletin. Christ by the Lake will have their congregational meeting in early June. Pastor Sherman would like the Interim contract effective on July 1, 2022.

VISIONING: See Evangelism Projects under-New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Pastor Becca visit update for May 21 & 22. There will be a pot luck dinner following the meet and greet on Saturday at Holy Cross. A pot luck sign-up sheet has been provided in the Narthex. Kathy Scott has kindly provided her home for Pastor Becca to stay overnight on May 21. Christ by the Lake is invited to meet Pastor Becca and also provide food at the pot luck on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need a new Vice President on HCLC Council. Dan Schmidt volunteered to take the position on council. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept Dan Schmidt as the new HCLC Council Vice President, Kathy Arnold seconded, the motion carried.
- Need a new council member to fill a vacancy, since Mike Baker resigned. President Judy Hoover will mention before the Sunday service the need for a new council member.
- Evangelism Projects:
Kathy Scott mentioned having a- *Blessing of the Animals*, which HCLC did a few years ago in October that included the community bringing their pets. It was a success. It would be ideal if we had Pastor Sherman, Mike Clark and Jamie Scott to help bless the animals. A program brochure could be written and certificates passed out where the animal's name and owner is written on it. It only takes a half an hour or so for the blessing, pictures and a prayer. Kathy Scott will get in touch with Mike Clark and Jamie Scott what date in October would work for them.
Another idea would be to have Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA license plates made up for those interested to put on the front of their cars to educate the community that our church is here in Mountain Home.
Steve Kampen will check with the Park District about Holy Cross Lutheran Church sponsoring a local sports team.

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

Education- Susan Czaja

Evangelism- Kathy Scott

Financial- Charles Polacek, printed report

Food Pantry- Barb Kampen, printed report

Property-Kathy Arnold

Social Ministry-Kathy Owen

Men of Holy Cross-

Stewardship-Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek

Worship & Music- Dan Schmidt

Motion to accept the reports were made by Kathy Scott, seconded by Susan Czaja, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Charles Polacek; the motion carried, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be on the following date- June 9, 2022.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 29, 2022

HCLC Council President Judy Hoover and Treasurer Charles Polacek addressed the congregation following the worship service to approve Pastor Sherman's Interim Contract. A copy of the Interim Contract was provided for the congregation to review and discuss. An attendance sheet was passed around to congregation members present at the congregational meeting.

Mike Clark offered to pastor one discretionary Sunday worship service per year and will discuss it with Pastor Sherman,

Roberta Dulaney made a motion to accept Pastor Sherman's Interim Contract, Louise Sellenriek seconded, and the motion carried.

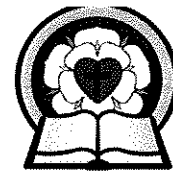
Steve Kampen
HCLC Council Secretary



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



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.

Hawaii

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 48 letters spell a secret message.

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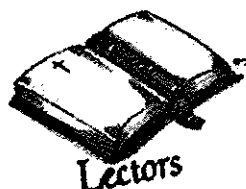
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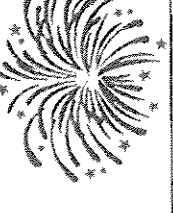

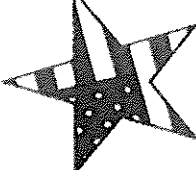
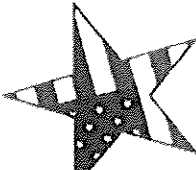
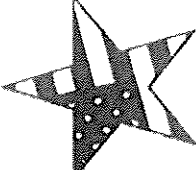
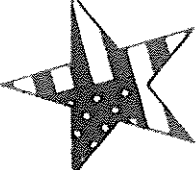
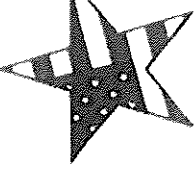
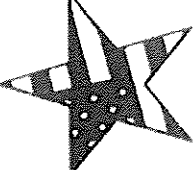
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JULY 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



| DATE | USHERS | LAY ASSTS. | ALTAR GUILD | COUNTERS |
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| 7/3/22 4 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am | Dean & Jane Smith | Kathy Scott & Kathy Arnold, chalice | Lisa Streu | Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren |
| 7/10/22 5 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am | Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott | Rosalee St. Clair & Roberta Dulaney, chalice | Jane Smith | TBD |
| 7/17/22 6 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am | Rosalee St. Clair & Eileen DeMoupled | Charles Polacek & Carol Wheeler, chalice | Kathy Scott | Kathy Arnold & Judy Hoover |
| 7/24/22 7 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am | Judy Hoover & Roberta Dulaney | Carol Wheeler & Kathy Scott, chalice | Roberta Dulaney | TBD |
| 7/31/22 8 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am | Rosalee St. Clair & Eileen DeMoupled | Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Arnold, chalice | Carol Wheeler | Kathy Arnold & Judy Hoover |
| | 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 |

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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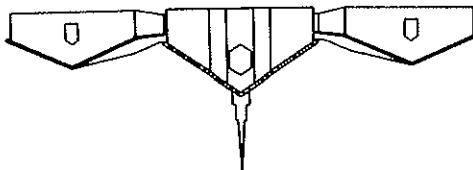
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| 3 rd Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship | 4 Independence Day 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop  | 5 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class | 6 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry | 7 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office | 8 8am-12pm Office Open | 9 |
| 10 th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Meals on Wheels</i> | 13 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop | 14 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class | 15 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry | 16 8am-12pm Office Open 9:30 am Church Council 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office | 17 8am-12pm Office Open | 18 9am Men's Group Mtg. |
| 17 th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship | 20 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop | 21 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class | 22 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry | 23 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office | 24 8am-12pm Office Open | 25 |
| 24 th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline* | 25 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop | 26 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Pstr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class | 27 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry | 28 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Pstr. In Office | 29 8am-12pm Office Open | 30 |
| 31 st Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship |  |  |  |  |  |  |



Rosalee St. Clair 7/4
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 Janet Cryts 7/15

Charlie & Janet Cryts 7/3
 Pete & Fritzie Cvengros 7/25

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



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