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M-FRI 8am-12pm

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

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

September Newsletter
deadline is August 21st.

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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or Charlie Newsom

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FROM THE PASTOR

A Fleeting Reflection from the Pastor

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." -1 Corinthians 12:27

Despite the connectivity made possible by our technology many studies confirm that our feelings of disconnect continue. It is not only that there is less relating but when there are human interactions it may be less than friendly. The masking and distancing during the Covid pandemic had been one accelerating influence however even as we have eased up our distancing and masking much of the social disconnect and tensions continue. The disconnect was happening long before Covid and there are various reasons it continues. Some point to the economy, education system, church attendance decline, Supreme Court, and individualism focus being among the factors. I suspect the election rhetoric over the next months and years will not be helpful for our social health. Long before Covid the popularity of television shows like Friends, Cheers, and The Big Bang Theory reflected our yearning for connection in a small intimate circle of friends. Getting connected is an ongoing challenge. Before I turn to some scriptures written about two thousand years ago, even more contemporary secular music spoke to similar sentiments of our need to let love connect us. There is a saying 'music soothes the savage soul.' If not soothes, music often at least speaks to and reflects the condition of our souls. As I was proof reading this article it was after listening to a radio program celebrating 'Shaboom Day,' the birth of Rock n Roll. If you are a fan of music from the 50's and 60's then you may recall the 1967 hit by the Youngbloods, "Get Together." These are some of the lyrics by Chet Powers: "Love is but a song we sing, Fear's the way we die...Come on, people now, Smile on your brother, Everybody get together, Try to love one another right now." You may also know the saying 'Easier said than done.' Scripture has a lot of sayings about how to reconnect and soothe our broken souls. Consider our human nature of sin and brokenness that separates from God and from one another. What, or rather Who, can restore our souls? Who can soothe our spirits when we hurt ourselves or one another? It is God in Christ Jesus who restores my soul (Psalms 23:3, 51:12). God's Holy Spirit enables us to let the old Adam and Eve self-nature be replaced by the spirit of God's agape love which connects us to God as well as with one another. This love from God comes to us through Christ Jesus. This love then connects us together as one body. Given our weakness it can be a challenge but given God's love it is also a joy as well as a debt to love one another, encourage one another, forgive one another, rejoice together, work together, ... See many other scriptures that speak to our relationships with 'one another' and 'together.' We as individuals and together we are the body of Christ. And while we are not to conform to 'the world' we are to love the world as Christ loved and gave his life for the world. How do we respond to a world that is disconnecting, breaking people apart, and doing so with seemingly so much anger and hate? Are Christians to get in a sort of shouting louder contest with the 'other' side that whoever shouts the loudest is the winner? Rather we are to be 'radicals' by not being so similar in tone and protesting tactics but living radical agape love! Consider the radical readings from Romans 12 verses 14,20-21: "*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.*" ... "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.*" *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*" Also radical is to consider while some others may seemingly hate you or at the least are very angry towards you because of whatever your views are on various topics they are not necessarily 'evil.' Consider Christ on the cross and how while yet suffering with his final breaths prayed forgiveness. Also consider their differing views come from hurts, fears, perspectives, and experiences different than what you or I may have had. You and I may have different views on different topics but we are one body connected by Christ with love and compassion for one another. In joy we certainly sing of God's great love and both individually and connected together as the church body of Christ love is also more than a song we sing.

(See also hymn 'Bind Us Together')

The love of God in our Lord Christ Jesus bless, bind, and guide us in love.

Pastor Sherman



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We will be welcoming new members to our congregation on Sunday, August 28th. Please join us in celebrating this addition to our Holy Cross Family!



I want to remind everyone that our August quarterly meeting will be held at El Chico Café on August 11,

2022 at 12:00pm. We will have lunch first and the meeting will follow. Please let us know if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Arnold.

Look forward to seeing you!

Kathy Arnold, Pres.

P.S. Stay cool!!!!



In June, the food pantry served 28 households, with a total of 67 clients. We had 12 new families sign up for food. There were 19 between the ages of 0-18; 41

between the ages of 19-64; and 7 at 65 or older. Our volunteer food pantry staff worked a total of 96.75. Our food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00am and from 1-3pm. We welcomed a new volunteer, Jan Pomeranke, this month to our staff. We appreciate what all our volunteers do involving the food pantry. Bob Hamilton is a great asset, purchasing food from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and local stores. He keeps track of the inventory and replenishes what is needed. Charlie Newsom helps with setting up our spreadsheets and if any computer problems arise which is appreciated so much. Our staff consists of Barb Kampen, Marita Stanford, Bob Hamilton, Eileen DeMoulpiéd, Rosalee St. Clair, Jan Pomeranke, and Charlie Newsom.

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 Ramen noodles and saltine crackers for the month of August.

Beginning in the month of April, our food pantry decided to participate in the Feeding America program. The Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is a member of Feeding America. Our food pantry was assigned two Dollar General Stores which donates food to our pantry and is picked up on Friday mornings by Marita Stanford and Bob Hamilton. The weight is recorded according to each type of food, for example: dairy, meat, drinks, and non-perishable food. We store the food in our freezers/refrigerator and on our shelves. The types of food and weight totals have to be emailed to the Feeding America organization by noon each Friday. This has helped our clients with a variety of additional food given to them.

The Love Offering for the month of August will go to the Humane Society of North Central Arkansas, located on Hwy. 201 North, Mountain Home, AR. It is a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Arkansas. The purpose and policy of the Humane Society is to protect, care for and reduce the population of neglected, abandoned and abuse animals within Baxter County, Arkansas with particular emphasis on the canine and feline populations. Adoption is available to these animals.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$392.82. There was a typo error in last month's report of the expense amount in our First Security Bank checking account for the food pantry. It should have been \$450.48 and NOT \$4,450.48. The current balance in our First Security Bank checking account as of 6/30/22 is \$7,837.43 for the food pantry. The expenses were \$491.91 and deposits were \$401.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Food Pantry Needs

**RAMEN NOODLES
SALTINE CRACKERS**



AUGUST LOVE OFFERING
*Humane Society of
North Central Arkansas*

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



Men of Holy Cross: Meeting 7/16/22

There were 7 members and 2 guests present and breakfast was served.

Men's fellowship

We discussed having another Spaghetti Dinner this fall. The suggested date will be sometime in October.

We also decided we will try to have another Garage Sale this year in conjunction with the WELCA Bazaar. The date for that will probably be in November depending on what the WELCA plans are.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 20th, 2022 at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

ALTAR GUILD

Article portion from *The Lutheran magazine* April 2007 issue.

The Light of Christ:

A Lesson About the Large Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Each year at Easter vigils, these words pierce the darkness as Christians gather around the lighting of a large candle. This is the paschal candle, sometimes called the Christ candle or Easter candle. Its name comes from *pesach*, the Hebrew word for Passover. Congregations may have different Easter celebrations and very different looking paschal candles, but the meaning and symbols are universal. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). After a period of darkness beginning on Good Friday, congregations first light this candle during their earliest Earlier celebration, signaling Christ's banishment of death and darkness. This tall, white candle represents Christ's steadfast presence among us, and its flickering flame dances with light and warmth, illuminating our shadowed world. We continue lighting the paschal candle throughout the Easter season. In fact, most congregations light it until Ascension Day. We also light this special candle for baptisms, signifying the Spirit and fire that John the Baptist promised to those baptized in Christ. From this flame, a member of the congregation lights another candle, which is given to the newly bap-

-tized along with these words: "Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 231) or "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Lutheran Book of Worship, page 124 and ELW page 231). Just as we light the paschal candle at the beginning of life so, too, we light it at the end of life. Its presence at the head of the casket or beside an urn reminds us again that Christ triumphed over darkness and death and that even in death, there is brilliant life.

COMMON SYMBOLS: Although paschal candles have different designs, most today share these symbols:

1. + A central cross identifies it as the Christ candle, and its flame burns despite the death Christ endured. Many paschal candles also have five nails with incense inserted into the center and four endpoints of the cross to represent Jesus' wounds.
2. ΑΩ The letters alpha and omega, which begin and end the Greek alphabet, signify that God is the beginning and the ending of all things—and that the Word of God is present from creation until the end of time.



August 7th -9th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14th- 10th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21st- 11th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-19
Luke 13:10-17

August 28th- 12th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14



CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 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, Vice-President Dan Schmidt, Secretary Steve Kampen, Kathy Arnold, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Kathy Owen and Susan Czaja.

Excused Absence: Wanda Soutter.

Visitors: Barb Kampen and Carol Wheeler.

DEVOTION: Kathy Arnold read from "Word in Season," Psalm 8, "A Bird's Eye View of Humanity," followed with a prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Financial Secretary- Steve Kampen gave a report.

Treasurer: Charles Polacek gave a report.

Motion to accept the financial reports were made by Kathy Owen, seconded by Charles Polacek, motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from May 12 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Charles Polacek, seconded by Kathy Arnold, motion carried. Minutes from May 29, congregational meeting were reviewed. Dan Schmidt made a motion to accept, seconded by Kathy Owen, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman presented a written report- Monthly Summary and Planning Calendar. CBL congregational meeting will be held in the beginning of July. Pastor Sherman will be here on Tues. & Thurs., CBL on Wed. & Fri. He will attend the annual Theological Conference at St. Crispen, Woweko, OK from Sept. 19-21. On June 26 he will take a week's vacation. Pastor Tim from CBL will cover Holy Cross also during his absence. Pastor Mike Clark will do the communion on June 26 service. Pastor Sherman discussed about both CBL and Holy Cross councils must meet once or twice a year.

VISIONING: Kathy Scott discussed about "Blessing of the Animals", to be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Oct. 1, 2022. Kathy has to confirm with Jamie Scott and Mike Clark to do the blessing. Kathy Scott looked online of license plates that could be designed for sale, advertising Holy Cross. She will meet with Keisha, our church secretary, to design a license plate that is economical that the parishioners and maybe sell some at the annual garage sale.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Two new council members were elected and voted on- Dave Hahn and Carol Wheeler. Dan Schmidt made a motion to accept these members, Kathy Owen seconded, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan Schmidt volunteered to be one of the Lay persons for next year's Synod Assembly

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

Education- Susan Czaja

Evangelism- Kathy Scott gave a verbal report

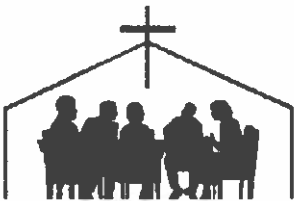
Financial- Charles Polacek, printed report

Food Pantry- Barb Kampen, printed report
 Property-Kathy Arnold
 Social Ministry-Kathy Owen
 Men of Holy Cross-no report
 Stewardship-Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek
 Worship & Music- Dan Schmidt

Motion to accept the reports submitted was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Charles, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Dan Schmidt, motion carried.

The next council meeting will be on the following date, July 14.



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 Schmidt
- Secretary.....Steve Kampen
- Education.....Susan Czaja
- Evangelism.....Kathy Scott
- Finance.....Charles Polacek
- Property.....Kathy Arnold
& Dave Hahn
- Social Ministries.....Kathy Owen
- Stewardship.....Wanda Soutter
- Worship & Music.....Dan Schmidt
- TBD.....Carol Wheeler



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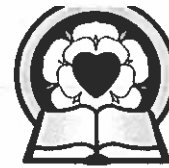
Our direct giving link:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=558114>



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 weekly Bible readings and enjoy fellowship with one another.



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.

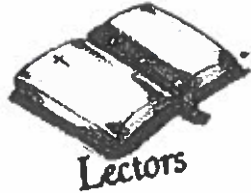
The Prayer Chain is handled by the One Call Tell All System. Once a prayer has been requested, a recorded message will go out to those on the chain. No further action will be required.

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.

AUGUST 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSTS.	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
8/7/22 9 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Jeff Pomeranke	Sue Hahn & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
8/14/22 10 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Judy Hoover & Jan Pomeranke	Carol Wheeler & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Roberta Dulaney	Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
8/21/22 11 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Rosalee St. Clair & Judy Hoover	Jan Clark & Kathy Scott, chalice	Kathy Scott	Kathy Arnold & Judy Hoover
8/28/22 12 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Dean & Jane Smith	Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Jane Smith	Kathy Arnold & Lenora Walejko
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Fritze 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

Treasure Island

Find and circle all of the words and names from the book *Treasure Island*.
The remaining 46 letters spell a secret message.

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CAPE
 CAPTAIN FLINT
 CAPTAIN SMOLLETT
 CHEST
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 COMPASS
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 CREW
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 DR. LIVESEY
 GUINEAS
 HISPANIOLA

ISLAND
 ISRAEL HANDS
 JIM HAWKINS
 JOLLY ROGER
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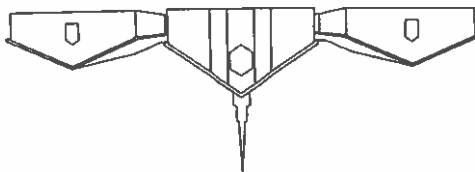
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 Lori Zuck 8/13
 Dan Schmidt 8/19
 Dave Hahn 8/21
 Ken Apel 8/27
 Mark Hunt 8/27
 Marilyn Parbs 8/30

Bill & Delores Veith 8/7
 Mike & Kathy Owen 8/9
 Dan & Donna Schmidt 8/28

 * 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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