

THE GOOD NEWS

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M-FRI 8am-12pm

Worship Every Sunday at 9am
Fellowship at 10am

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

October Newsletter
deadline is September 18th.

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.



Holy Cross Day

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

On the church liturgical calendars, September 14th is noted as Holy Cross Day. I usually do not notice the various saint and feast days on the calendar however now that I am also at Holy Cross Lutheran as well as Christ by the Lake, Holy Cross Day on the calendar caught my attention. Next month when Christ by the Lake celebrates its 45th anniversary I will use its name to reflect upon for the newsletter article.

'Holy Cross Day commemorates the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross for our salvation. Some buildings were dedicated on September 14, 335 at the site in Jerusalem thought to be where Jesus was crucified on a cross and where the tomb was. Later the site was excavated and a relic thought to be the cross was found, later lost, then found again. From the fourth century on, the Church of Jerusalem celebrated the finding of the relic.' (Based on article from Internet site: holiday-scalendar.com). The splinter relic(s) today are highly doubtful or of importance for many today. I seem to remember it said that enough relic splinters of THE cross were sold by the church during the time of the Reformation that you could make all the forest that covered Europe. However, still whenever I see this day on the liturgical calendar, I pause with a sense of God's love poured out for me, for you, and for all the world. Holy Cross Day and congregations with the name like Holy Cross Lutheran helps to reflect, pray, and praise God for the sacrificial love in the death of Christ Jesus on the cross.

I invite you to set some time September 14th and anytime you see a 'Holy Cross' to worship in mind and heart on the power of God to save. Consider its power to draw us to love and live our lives with sacrificial grace. What does Mark 8:34 (same Luke 9:23) mean for you?

34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition) You may also devotionally use lyrics from our ELW hymnal Hymn #660 "Lift High the Cross" and #324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Other ways that cultures have used to celebrate Holy Cross Day include "Baked goods in the form of a cross can be made - this includes things such as Hot Cross Buns and cross-shaped cakes. Traditions state that sweet basil grew on the hill where the Holy Cross was found, so some people use basil to create a special dish for Holy Cross Day. This can include basil soups, breads or pesto dishes." (From article on Internet site: holiday-scalendar.com).

In worship there are places that you are invited to make the sign of the cross and doing so throughout the day can help remind and express God's wondrous love given to us through Christ on the cross. "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name." Hymn Refrain from "Lift High the Cross," ELW #660

God bless us as we follow our crucified and risen living Lord Jesus the Christ.
Pastor Sherman

Some other notes from Pastor Sherman

My/our thanks to Pastor Mike for being available to serve both HC and CBL during my post extraction bleeding episodes (being on blood thinners is a mixed blessing). Plus, his serving vacation coverage Aug. 28 through Sept. 11th. And we thank Pastor Becca from the Synod who was visiting CBL for Sunday, Aug. 21st and came over to Holy Cross on very short notice that morning to share the sermon with Holy Cross before going to CBL.

When I am released and back from vacation, I hope to share about being in prison - for a community tour I will take on Labor Day morning!

Special prayers for our nation on 'Patriot Day,' Sept. 11th.

A word of blessing to all grandparents on Grandparents Day also on Sept. 11th.

I will be attending the Synod Annual Pastors Theological Conference Sept. 19-21 at St. Crispin in Woweko, OK.



On August 28th, we welcomed Jeff & Jan Pomeranke to our congregation. Please add their information to your directories:

Jeff & Jan Pomeranke
2113 Norwood Drive
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Jeff: 815-257-2711
Jan: 815-863-5534

**WELCOME, JEFF & JAN!
WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Altar Flowers

Since flowers are symbolic of our joy in Christ as well as our human frailty, they are almost universally used to adorn the altar. They are often omitted, however, during penitential times of the church year.

Flower vases are either placed on the retablo or on the floor stands at the sides of the altar. Because flowers are used for their symbolism, artificial flowers have no purpose and no place in the chancel. Only the freshest flowers should be used, and their color and arrangement should be consistent with the season or festival being observed.

Flower vases should always be removed after worship; empty vases should never remain in the chancel. Flowers should never be allowed to remain until they wither.



**SELF DEFENSE:
"SOME THINGS TO KNOW"**

Would you like to listen to "Real World Self Defense" instructor Bucky Overcast, an ex-marine, as he talks about ways to keep you safe?

Well, mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 10th at 1:00pm to listen to Bucky inform us about such issues. If you have any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044.



Food Pantry Needs

CEREAL



**SEPTEMBER LOVE OFFERING
Holy Cross Lutheran
Food Pantry**

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



The council has approved a small Evangelism fundraiser. For the next several Sundays, we will be selling license plates to promote our church.

The wording on the plates is in our favorite "Holy Cross Blue" with the colorful ELCA symbol to the left. This is an easy way for us to let people know that we have a presence in community. The price of a plate is \$10.

Also, please save the date of Saturday, October 1. We will again offer a short outdoor service for the Blessing of the Animals. All are welcomed to bring their pets, large or small, for a blessing. More information to follow.

Kathy Scott
Evangelism



Men's fellowship

Men of Holy Cross: Meeting
8/20/22

There were 7 members and 2 guests present, breakfast was served at this meeting.

We decided to hold another Spaghetti Dinner this fall. The date will be Saturday, October 22nd., from 4-6pm. The price will be \$10 and include salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

We will also have a Garage Sale this year, in conjunction with the WELCA Bazaar. The date for this will be Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th, from 8am-2pm. The women will sell cinnamon rolls and coffee in the morning and lunch will be served from 11am-1pm. WELCA will also be adding a silent auction this year.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 9:00am at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



Get ready, it's time for our Fall Bazaar! When the students are back in school, we know Fall is close behind!

Twenty-one women attended our August quarterly meeting at El Chico's. It was a great time for fellowship and good food. The big item on our agenda was setting a date for the bazaar. It will be Nov. 4-5, Fri.-Sat., 8am-2pm. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm each day. We will need many workers, so mark your calendars to help set-up and work during that week. This is our big fundraiser for the year. As you know, the money is used to support local charities as well as our own church. The men will be holding their garage sale at the same time. We all work together and have fun doing it.

We will NOT have a White Elephant Room this year. It is very difficult to find enough people to help set it up because it takes so much time. Instead, we're going to try something new and have a silent auction! Kathy Owen will be in charge, so look for more information to follow.

We will continue to have our bakery. So get those favorite recipes out and put something extra in the freezer for W.E.L.C.A.

Of course, we will be selling the quilts and crafts. We will also be selling opportunity tickets for a selected quilt. We need a volunteer to do our advertising. See Kathy Arnold if you are interested.

Phyllis Hamilton thanked everyone who has helped with fellowship. Please sign-up if you can help.

Carol Wheeler has scheduled a guest speaker who will discuss self defense techniques for your personal safety. Check this newsletter for more information. Everyone, men and women, are invited to attend.

Always check your Sunday bulletin for the weekly activities. I am really excited about getting things started, I hope you will join us!

Kathy Arnold, Pres.
Rejoice in the Lord always!- Phillipians 4:4



**Bible
Readings for the Month**

September 4th -13th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 18th- 15th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Amos 8: 4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 11th- 14th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 25th- 16th Sunday Aff. Pentecost

Amos 6: 1a,4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Meet Evangeline

Evangeline was born in Cebu, Philippines, where her family lived near a dump area. She had to skip school and babysit her younger siblings while her mom worked seven days a week, providing food for the family. Evangeline received a shoebox gift when she was 13 years old. There was only one left, and they offered it to her. Its contents met many needs for Evangeline and her family. To hear more how a shoebox gift assured that God loved her and her siblings, please join for a special time of Evangeline sharing her testimony.

Friday, September 9th - Mountain Home, AR
Saturday, September 10th - Harrison, AR

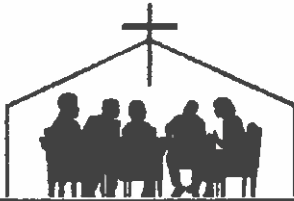
Friday- Speaker
6:30 pm 
East Side Baptist Church
718 E. 9th Street- Mtn Home, AR
Dessert Fellowship to follow
 Scan QR to register

Saturday 
Speaker and Workshop
Real Ministries
111 S. Spring Street Harrison, AR
9:30 am- Evangeline
10:30 am- Workshop
Noon- Lunch Served
 Scan QR to register

RSVP to Shari @ 870-404-1030

CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL WAS NOT HELD IN AUGUST



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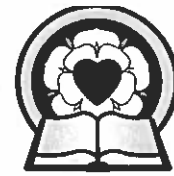
Our direct giving link:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=558114>



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 the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday along with good 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.

Back to School

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The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.

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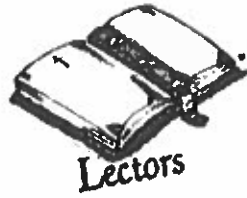
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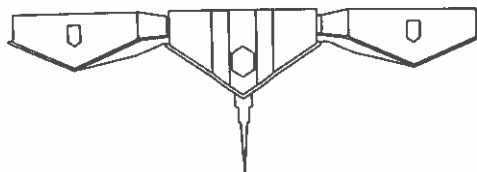
DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSTS.	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
9/4/22 13th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Jeff & Jan Pomeranke	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott, chalice	Lisa Streu	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
9/11/22 14th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Judy Hoover & Eileen DeMoulied	Carol Wheeler & Kathy Arnold, chalice	Kathy Scott	TBD
9/18/22 15th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Dean & Jane Smith	Kathy Scott & Jan Clark, chalice	Roberta Dulaney	Kathy Arnold & Judy Hoover
9/25/22 16th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Pete Cvengros	Roberta Dulaney & Carol Wheeler, 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



Paula Anderson 9/2
 Mary Hamann 9/2
 Mike Owen 9/5
 Dan Alderman 9/7
 Dean Smith 9/11

Bob & Phyllis Hamilton 9/21

 * 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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