

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

November Newsletter
deadline is October 23rd.

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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holycrossmtnhome.com.



The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.—Psalm 34:18

For the September newsletter I wrote about Holy Cross Day on the calendar and in naming congregations 'Holy Cross' we celebrate the centrality of the cross. This month Christ by the Lake celebrates its 45th anniversary so I would like to reflect with a few words on the name of the 'Christ by the Lake' congregation.

When Vicki and I first came to meet Christ by the Lake Lutheran, our phone GPS did not guide us correctly and we were driving around looking for CBL. I reasoned if the name is Christ BY THE LAKE then I should turn towards the lake. We could not find it there and eventually did manage to find it by turning the phone off and looking to the opposite side of the highway. Since then, a new bigger sign has been put up to make it easier to spot the direction.

The CBL building is close enough that including the 'by the Lake' in its name is OK to use. The name Christ by the Lake expresses not that it is located on or overlooking a lakeshore but that where we are and live our lives of worship and service is where Christ lives also. God in Christ lives in our community and hearts wherever God's people are.

God is not far away though in times and circumstances we can forget God is near. When we are brokenhearted and crushed the LORD is near and desiring to be active working healing in our lives. When we rejoice then God is here to be praised. When we are living out our routine lives God is here involved and central to our everyday being.

Wherever and whatever the circumstances are with us God goes with us. By a lake, streams, or ocean deep. On a mountain top or in desert valley, even the valley of the shadow of death, God is near to bring us life.

When we can sense God is near and desires for us then we can live in a peace despite the restlessness in the world. The Psalmist of Psalm 4 verse 8 was able to write: *"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety."* (NRSV)

Christ is here by us in our community by the lake or wherever we are. I end with this familiar sending:

God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you.

Pastor Sherman



In July, the food pantry served 24 households, six of which were new families coming to the food pantry. There were 42 clients. Five between the ages of 0-18; twenty-eight between the ages

of 19-64 and 9 at the age of 65 and older. In August, the food pantry served 53 households; twenty-two new families. There were a total of 84 clients. Eleven between the ages of 0-18; fifty-six between 19-64 and seventeen at 65 and older. Our volunteer staff worked a total of 84.40 hours for the month of July. For the month of August, our volunteer staff worked a total of 124.50 hours. In July, we received 221.75 lbs. of food donated from businesses and 50.37lbs. of food donated from individuals. In August, we received 78.28lbs. of donated food businesses and 99.60 lbs. of donated food from individuals. In July, the food pantry applied for a grant with the 2022 Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Capacity Building Grant and was awarded \$1,568.00 towards a new convertible refrigerator/freezer. One of our freezers no longer works. The food pantry volunteers—Marita Stanford, Barb Kampen, and Jan Pomeranke were trained in July and end of August on the new computer system called Oasis with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. We went live on September 7, 2022 using Oasis. The food pantry enters all existing and new clients into this tracking system and this will eliminate a lot of office paperwork. Each volunteer trained by Teresa Sutterfield from the Food Pantry of North Central Arkansas had to also sign a confidentiality form. All donated food, money, and also from memorials are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can still continue to serve families in need of food in Baxter County. The food pantry is in need of cereal/Jam or jelly for the months of September and October. The Love Offering for the month of October will go towards ELCA World Hunger. Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas as of Sept. 1, 2022 is \$465.20. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank was \$7,258.89 as of 7/31/22. Expenses were \$773.54 and deposits of \$195.00. For the month of August the current balance of the HCLCFP checking account was \$6,427.67 as of 8/31/22. The expenses for August were \$911.22 and the deposits were \$80.00.

Barbara Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Men's fellowship

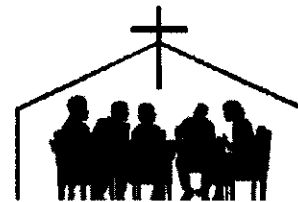
**Men of Holy Cross: Meeting
9/17/22**

There were 5 members and 2 guests present and breakfast was served at this meeting.

We finalized plans for the Spaghetti Dinner next month. The date will be Saturday, October 22nd, from 4-6pm. The price will be \$10.00 for adults and will include salad, bread, beverage and desert.

We spoke about the upcoming Men's Garage and WELCA Rummage Sale which will be held 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-2pm. The women are adding a silent auction this year in place of the White Elephant Room.

Our next meeting will be at 9:00 on Saturday, October 15th, 2022 here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



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

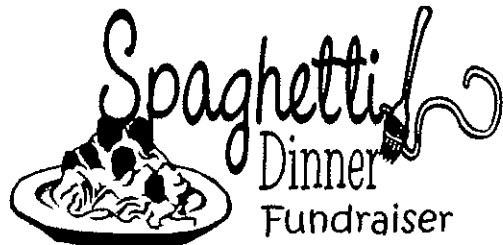
HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

- 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



The combined Garage Sale and Bazaar held by the men and women of Holy Cross will be on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th, 8am-2pm both days. Lunch will be available from 11am-1pm.

Silent auction, quilts and crafts, bake sale, raffle. Garage Sale will be inside and outside.



A spaghetti dinner served by the Men of Holy Cross will be on October 22nd, from 4-6pm. Advance tickets go on sale October 2nd. -Sold Out Last Year-



Food Pantry Needs

**CEREAL
JAM/JELLY**



**OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING
ELCA World Hunger**

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



Bible Readings for the Month

October 2nd - 17th Sunday Aft. Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9th - 18th Sunday Aft. Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16th - 19th Sunday Aft. Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23rd - 20th Sunday Aft. Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30th - Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 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, Vice-President Dan Schmidt, Secretary Steve Kampen, Kathy Arnold, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Kathy Owen, Dave Hahn, Wanda Soutter, Susan Czaja and Carol Wheeler.

Visitor: Barb Kampen

DEVOTION: Charles Polacek gave the devotion, Psalm 46.

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 Arnold, seconded by Dan Schmidt, and the motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from June 9 were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Charles Polacek, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman provided a printed report and went over it with the council. New Member Sunday for Jeff and Jan Pomeranke will be on August 28. Pastor Sherman will be on vacation on Sept. 2 to Sept. 15.

VISIONING: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kathy Scott discussed the ordering of license plates advertising Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She should have some to display in two weeks. Blessing of the Pets was discussed for first Saturday of October, 1, 2022. Kathy will make up a poster.

NEW BUSINESS: The church secretary- Keisha Henning's pay increase was discussed and the council decided to increase her hourly pay to \$16.00 per hour effective July 18, with two more paid holidays, January 1 and July 4. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept, Dan Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed.

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 & Dave Hahn, printed report

Social Ministry-Kathy Owen

Men of Holy Cross

Stewardship-Wanda Soutter & Charles Polacek

Worship & Music- Dan Schmidt

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Kampen, seconded by Charles Polacek, motion carried.

The next council meeting will be on the following date, September 15, 2022. It was decided that there would be no council meeting in August.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING-JULY 31, 2022

Attendance: Pastor Sherman, Judy Hoover, Dan Schmidt, Steve Kampen, Kathy Arnold, Kathy Scott, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, David Hahn, Wanda Soutter, and Carol Wheeler.

Absent: Susan Czaja

Kathy Scott presented 3 license plate models, one was chosen by the council that had the ELCA logo and the church name on it. 30 license plates were ordered. Each plate will sell for \$10.00 each. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept, seconded by Kathy Owen, the motion passed.

Sponsoring a soccer team with the Mountain Home Park District at a cost of \$350 for the Fall and Spring season was decided by the council. Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept, Steve Kampen seconded and the motion passed.

There was a discussion concerning the janitorial work in the church.

Motion to adjourn- Steve Kampen, seconded by Charles Polacek, motion passed.

**Special Council Meeting
August 21, 2022**

Attendance: Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Wanda Soutter, Dave Hahn, Kathy Owen, Kathy Arnold, and Carol Wheeler.

Absent: Susan Czaja

The council decided the need to add Cyber Security on the office computer. Dave Hahn made a motion to accept, Kathy Scott seconded, the motion passed.

Insurance for the church building and grounds was discussed. Since the church no longer has the Apostle statutes, it was decided to take off the insurance coverage on that but check about the coverage on the carved doors. Kathy Arnold made a motion to accept, Charles Polacek seconded, the motion passed.

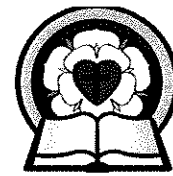
Steve Kampen- secretary



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
- 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:

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.

Trees

Find and circle all of the Trees that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Greek Proverb.

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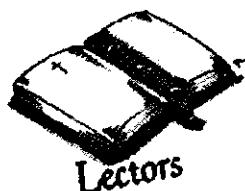
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OCTOBER 2022 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	USHERS	LAY ASSTS.	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
10/2/22 17 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Judy Hoover & Kathy Owen	Carol Wheeler & Kathy Scott, chalice	Carol Wheeler	Kathy Arnold & Nancy Thoren
10/9/22 18 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Roberta Dulaney & Eileen DeMoupled	Charles Polacek & Carol Wheeler, chalice	Lisa Streu	TBD
10/16/22 19 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Pete Cvengros	Jan Clark & Roberta Dulaney, chalice	Roberta Dulaney	Kathy Arnold & Judy Hoover
10/23/22 20 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00am	Jeff & Jan Pomeranke	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott, chalice	Kathy Scott	Phyllis & Bob Hamilton
10/30/22 Reformation Sunday 9:00am	Dean & Jane Smith	Roberta Dulaney & Jan Clark, chalice	Jane Smith	TBD
	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

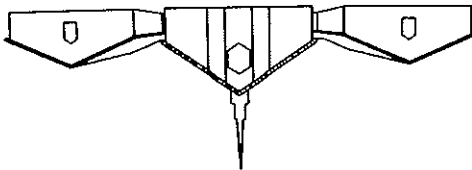
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2 17 th Sun. All. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	 3 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	 4 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	 5 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	 6 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office	 7 8am-12pm Office Open	1 2pm Blessing of the Animals
9 18 th Sun. All. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Love Offering for ELCA World Hunger	10 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	11 8am-12pm Office Open 10am Hope Circle 1pm Senior Exercise Class	12 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	13 8am-12pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council	14 8am-12pm Office Open	15 9am Men's Group Mtg.
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23 20 th Sun. All. Pentecost 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	24 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	25 8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am-12pm Psr. In Office 1pm Senior Exercise Class	26 8am-12pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry	27 8am-12pm Office Open 10am-12pm Psr. In Office	28 8am-12pm Office Open	29
30 Reformation Sunday 9am Worship 10am Fellowship *ANNUAL REPORTS DUE*	31 8am-12pm Office Open 9am WELCA Workshop	   				



Madeline Schmidt	10/1
Marita Stanford	10/1
Frank Fusco	10/2
Jami Scott	10/6

 * 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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