THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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M-FRI 8:30a-12:30p

Worship Sunday @ 9:00a
*Holy Communion is celebrated the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month*

Food Pantry Wednesdays 9-11a, 1-3p

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September Newsletter deadline is August 18th.

Sunday Bulletin

announcements are due Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like something included in the Sunday bulletin or monthly newsletter, please submit it to the church office.



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...for his steadfast love endures forever.

So ends each of all twenty-six verses of Psalm 126. For a devotional time consider reading Psalm 126. Using this pattern write your own list of brief reflections to recall God's nature and actions in your life and in the world. End each short phrase with the words "...for his steadfast love endures forever."

There is much for which to give thanks and praise. At all times and especially for the difficult times in life it is comforting to know God is with us through all circumstances '...for his stead-fast love endures forever.'

House Cleaning and Memories---And Future Hope

While I did not know the date of my resignation and retirement, I had begun the process of cleaning my offices at Holy Cross and Christ by the Lake several months ago. It amazes me how much paper files, books, and stuff you can accumulate in an office. I heard of a business story that workers complained to the owner they needed more file cabinets. The wise owner said no to buying more and told them they would work one full day with pay and the only thing they were to do that day was go through their files. At the end of the day, they had so many empty file cabinets the owner had a liquidation company haul most of them away. Our thanks to our secretaries for the piles of papers they shredded (and more to go) for recycling. If your next pastor could ever know I am sure he/she would appreciate not having bulletins and other materials from the 1980's and even older.

House cleaning is a good thing to do occasionally. It can also have some touching moments when you find something that reminds you of a past blessing. You have given me blessings to remember. It has been a blessing to serve and be with you for the past several years. Thank you for your tremendous graciousness with me.

The cleaning out and memories also give way to our future hope. God in Christ Jesus our Savior is our past, present, and future hope. For our earthly temporary future hope is that the Holy Spirit will soon match a pastor to guide and serve with you here in this place and time. I think of John the Baptist declaring one greater than he is coming. Your next pastor is not your Savior but I trust that you will delight in your partnership of the Gospel with him/her.

Another blessing and hope for now and will continue after another pastor comes is the Spirit is working in you that which is pleasing to the Lord. You will continue to be a house of prayer. You will continue to be the body of Christ which gives himself to the world. You will each have your part. Some of you will help lead hearts in worship. Some will teach. Some will share with sermon messages. Some will visit the sick. And more.

And whatever may be our future take heart and know this – "...for his steadfast love endures forever."

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14



August 4th- Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

August 11th-Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25—5:2 John 6:35,41-51

August 18st– Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

August 25th – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69





CPR CLASS (Hands Only)

Review of AED, Oxygen use and use of Narcan (naloxone) kit.

Class Instructor- Cheri Smith

This class is open to anyone. This is not a certified CPR class.

Saturday, August 24th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Class will be held in the Church Social Hall.

Any questions, call Dale Wheeler at 488-5044

Attention Holy Cross Women:

Mark your calendars for our quarterly meeting which will be on Thursday, August 15th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall. Devotions will be read by Sue Hahn and refreshments will be served by Lori Zuck. Please call Carol Wheeler for questions at 488-5044. See you at the meeting.



Emergency Telephone Numbers (More effective than 911)

When....

You are sad, call John 14
You have sinned, call Psalm 51
You are facing danger, call Psalm 91
People have failed you, call Psalm 27
It feels as though God is far from you, call Psalm 139

Your faith needs stimulation, call Hebrews 11 You are alone and scared, call Psalm 23 You are worried, call Matthew 8:19-34 You are hurt and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13 You wonder about Christianity, call 2 Corinthians 5:15-18

You feel like an outcast, call Romans 8:31-39 You are seeking peace, call Matthew 11:25-30 It feels as if the world is bigger than God, call Psalm 90

You need Christ like insurance, call Romans 8:1-30

You are leaving home for a trip, call Psalm 121 You are praying for yourself, call Psalm 87 You require courage for a task, call Joshua 1 Inflation and investments are hogging your thoughts, call Mark 10:17-31

You are depressive, call Psalm 27 Your bank account is empty, call Psalm 37 You lose faith in mankind, call 1 Corinthians 13 It looks like people are unfriendly, call John 15 You are losing hope, call Psalm 126

You feel the world is small compared to you, call Psalm 19

You want to carry fruit, call John 15 Paul's secret for happiness, call Colossians 3:12 -17

With big opportunity/discovery, call Isaiah 55 To get along with other people, call Romans 12

Alternate Numbers

For dealing with fear, call Psalm 47 For security, call Psalm 121:3 For assurance, call Mark 8:35 For reassurance, call Psalm 145:18



MEN OF HOLY CROSS Meeting 7/20/2024

Men's fellowship

There were 4 members and 1 guest present, breakfast was served at this meeting.

We confirmed the upcoming fundraiser. We will be holding another Spaghetti Dinner here on Saturday, October 12th from 4:00-6:00pm. It will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. The price will again be \$10.00.

We will be holding a CPR training class on Saturday, August 24th from 9:00-1:00. It will be taught by a certified instructor, and everyone is welcome to attend. A sign up sheet will be posted.

Dale will be looking for a guest speaker for our next meeting.

The next meeting will be 9:00 on August 17th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



JUNE 2024

INCOME:

This month....\$8,337 This year......\$58,820

EXPENSE:

This month....\$10,390 This year......\$49,766



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATE: June 13, 2024 9:26 AM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church's mission is to reach out to all people with the Gospel of Christ:

- By 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, David Deterding, Frank Fusco, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler, Rod Zuck.

Absent: None Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Charles Polacek gave devotions from a devotional. The reading was from Psalm 92 and the message was about "never get old". The devotion spoke that we should be rooted in the heavenly to be reenergized in spiritual blessings. This allows us to share these blessings, so the spirit continues to be young and fruitful.

Dave Deterding will give July devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Giving in May was above the monthly average year to date. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the overall financial report. Income and expenses continue in line with the monthly and year to date budget and projected costs of a new pastor. Another \$5,000 was moved in June to Mission Plus. The major expense this month was for the payment on the new sign.

Rod Zuck made a motion, seconded by Dave Hahn to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed with no corrections. Frank Fusco made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion passed unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT: He will be back to alternating schedule (HCLC 2nd and 4th Sundays with ALM's covering 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays). He will also attend council meetings, do visitations (phone and in person) and have office hours as able. Keisha will be gone for a few days this month.

There was a discussion of organization of lay visitation for shut-ins and hospitalized/recently hospitalized members to better meet their needs. A chart will be placed in the office and visitations recorded on it so that all involved can see who has been seen, when, anything provided to person, etc. This will allow for better awareness of visitation needs among those making the visits. We have several people involved in this and are looking for more help. Pastor will have an information/training session at 10 am on 6/18/2024 at the church if interested or contact him. Please let the office, pastor, or Kathy Owen know if there is someone in need of visitation, wellness checks, or phone contact, so that contact can be coordinated. There are printed materials available for training, but they are outdated, so Augsburg Fortress will be checked for more current information.

VISIONING: Discussion was had about arranging cottage meetings. This will be tabled until the next meeting and further discussion will be had at that time.

Bible study suggested reaching out to churches in areas affected by tornados to see what help they can use on an ongoing basis. This will be explored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Judy met with the landowner regarding the small land parcel sale. He wis working on fulfilling his part of the commitment. Tentative closing date is July 18, 2024, pending all parts of the agreement are fulfilled.

A Narcan (naloxone) kit will be added to the emergency supplies at the church (i.e. AED and oxygen) for suspected overdose management until emergency personnel can arrive. Training for this and a refresher on CPR/AED will occur as soon as it can be arranged.

NEW BUSINESS: Initial discussion regarding a Unity Walk to be held October 6, to acknowledge and help dismantle racial conflict. Frank Fusco made a motion to table discussion until August, seconded by Dave Hahn. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: No suitable candidates available per the Synod.

EDUCATION: Written report. Bible study numbers lower due to summer vacations.

EVANGELISM: They have had more people decline membership on that committee. Please prayerfully consider helping with this committee.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: The sign is up but some issues are being resolved. Storms caused some minor damage: uprooted/downed trees and trim issues. These will be resolved. Discussion was had about adding additional banners to the front lawn to advertise our church. CBL has purchased some and the pictures look inviting. A motion to gather information was made by Kathy Owen, seconded by Kathy Scott and passed unanimously. Rod Zuck will investigate costs and options through Outreach.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: Monthly newsletter articles about the work of apostles who knew Jesus personally, will continue for a few more months.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Look forward to special choir music and consider joining the informal group that wants to share God's love through song during services. We are back to communion every 2nd and 4th Sundays. Bulletins will remain the same at this time.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report. **MEN'S GROUP:** Written report.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Charles Polacek and seconded by Rod Zuck. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Dave Hahn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

The next council meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 9:30 am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu HCLC Council Secretary

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE

SECOND THURSDAY

OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 AM

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATE: JUNE 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 am.

ROLL CALL: David Deterding, Frank Fusco, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen,

Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler, Rod Zuck

Excused Absence: Pastor Sherman Gordius

NEW BUSINESS:

Rod Zuck presented his findings from contacting Outreach.com regarding have banners made to supplement the new sign for advertising. He had a picture of a sample with JOIN US, our website, and service time on it with a sunflower. They cannot be made two sided, so we would want to purchase two identical ones to be placed back-to-back and positioned north south so traffic in both directions can read them.

The property committee asked that they have grommets for ease of hanging and slits to allow the wind to go through the banner to reduce wear and tear, as they would be placed with the long side receiving the brunt of the prevailing westerly winds. The committee would also make a permanent base/holder for the banners.

Kathy Scott made a motion to inquire about the grommets and slits and then order 2 sets of banners (one the sunflower Join Us and one for Christmas) from Outreach.com at the sale price of \$96 per set of 2, seconded by Frank Fusco. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.

Submitted by Lisa Streu, HCLC Council Secretary



HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Judy Hoover
Vice President	Dave Hahn
Secretary	Lisa Streu
Call Committee	Lisa Streu
Education	Kathy Owen
Education	Rod Zuck
Evangelism	Frank Fusco
Finance	Charles Polacek
Property	Dave Hahn
Social Ministries	Steve Kampen
Stewardship	Kathy Scott
Worship & Music	Carol Wheeler
TBD	David Deterding



HOLY CROSS LUTFERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY JUNE 2024 REPORT



In June, the food pantry served 30 households which included nine new households. There were 60 clients, 10 between the ages of 0-17; 34 between the ages of 18-59 and 16 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 73.75 hours during the month of June. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Bob Hamilton, Barb Kampen, Marita Stanford, Jan Pomeranke, Jan Clark, Eileen DeMoulpied, Pat Jones and Sue Gust. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort with the food pantry that serves families in need of food assistance here in Baxter County.

For the month of June, 33 lbs. of food was given from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and 29.83 lbs. of food was donated by congregation members. All donated food and money are greatly appreciated. The food pantry is in need of cereal. If any congregation member would like to donate these items or other food items, you can place these items in the Narthex on the black shelves of the small storage unit to the right of the carved entrance door of the church sanctuary.

The Love Offering for the month of August will go to Twin Lakes Literacy Council of Mountain Home, AR. The Twin Lakes Literacy Council helps individuals with reading, math, English, as well as citizenship, financial literacy and workplace skills.

The current balance of HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$2,731.14 as of 06/28/24. The expenses were \$944.80 and a deposit of \$25.00.

Barbara Kampen HCLCFP Chairperson



Cereal



Twin Lakes Literacy Council

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



STEWARDSHIP

The Apostle Lazarus

When we hear the word "apostle", we most often think of the twelve disciples of Jesus who were commissioned to spread his teachings after the ascension. The definition of apostle is: one sent to preach the Gospel. By this definition, Lazarus was a true apostle.

From many Bible texts, we know Lazarus as the brother of Mary and Martha of Bethany and has the one whom Jesus raised from the dead. Jesus was a regular visitor to their home. They were beloved by Jesus. After all, Jesus wept when he had heard of the death of his good friend. (See the various verses in the Gospel of John and Luke.)

In his second life, Lazarus became an apostle. His travels took him to the island of Cyprus and to the port town of Marseilles in France. Cyprus is in the Mediterranean Sea and Marseilles is on the southern edge of France on the Mediterranean Sea. It is a doable journey either way.

Just as the Jewish leaders had plotted against Jesus, they too plotted against Lazarus and his family. Lazarus and his sisters eventually fled to the island of Cyprus to its principal town of Citium. There is strong evidence of Lazarus founding churches in Cyprus and ministering there for many years. His tomb was in Citium; however, his bones were removed to Constantinople as were many of the other apostles.

The evidence of Lazarus's presence in Marseilles is also very compelling. The first church that Lazarus built in Marseilles has now been built into a cathedral, now called St. Victors. There are ancient religious texts, monuments and relics that show that Lazarus had a substantial following in France. He nurtured the church in Marseilles for about seven years before returning to Cyprus.



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 <u>One Call Tell All System</u>. 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.



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, and Communion Assistants.

For more information contact:

Altar Guild	Carol Wheeler, 488-5044
	Dean Smith, 424-8707
Counting	Kathy Scott, 492-2155
Fellowship Hour	.Phyllis Hamilton, 425-9546
Food Pantry	Barb Kampen, 405-0776
Prayer Chain	Church Office, 492-6636
ALM/Lectors	Sue Hahn, 254-768-9651
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.
- -Hope Circle on the <u>second Tuesday</u> 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 as well as engage in good discussion and fellowship.

Photography

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AUGUST 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS









DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
8/4/24 11 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Carol Wheeler & Jan Clark	Sue & Dave Hahn	Kathy Scott	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren & Pat Jones
8/11/24 12 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Jan Pomeranke	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover
8/18/24 13 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott	Jan & Jeff Pomeranke	Lisa Streu	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
8/25/24 14 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Sue Hahn	Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover	Jane Smith	
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Sue 254-768-9651	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Fritzie 870-492-2020	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Carol 870-488-5044	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Kathy 870-492-2155

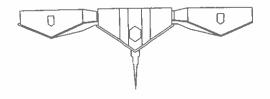
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Mark Guth	8/9	Dan & Donna Schmidt	8/28 (48 yrs.)
Fred Scott	8/11		
Lori Zuck	8/13		
Dan Schmidt	8/19		
Dave Hahn	8/21		
Mark Hunt	8/27		
Marilyn Parbs	8/30		



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