

THE GOOD NEWS

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Monday-Friday
8:30a-12:30p

Worship Sunday
9:00a

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

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November Newsletter
deadline is October 20th.

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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CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 8, 2024
9:30 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, Frank Fusco, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler, Rod Zuck.

Excused Absence: David Deterding

Absent: Kathy Scott

Observers: Marita Stanford

DEVOTIONS: Frank Fusco led devotions, illustrating Acts 3:8 with a personal story of God helping his doctors heal him and restore his physical health. This is illustration of how God's hand is visible in our lives. Frank gives thanks every day for that gift of healing just as the paralyzed man in the Scripture reading did after the apostles healed him.

Kathy Owen has September devotions and Carol Wheeler volunteered to take November as Pastor Sherman was scheduled for that month.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Giving was slightly above the monthly and YTD averages.

Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial report. Giving was up and expenses were normal, so the financial situation is stable and positive at this time.

He then presented an overview of the church's restricted accounts. There are 3 restricted funds dedicated to the building (additions or large maintenance/repair bills): They are Mission Plus Money Market and CD plus accounts and the ELCA Fund A which is a growth fund. The three accounts allow the church to write checks for bills and to then replenish the Money Market as needed when expenses occur, plus grow the money to fund future needs. Charles proposed that the excess \$15,000 in the Mission Plus money market be moved to the general fund. This will keep \$30,000 in that account (this is the amount of the original 2021 bequest). This item will be tabled for now.

With the upcoming bequest from Ken Apel, Charles Polacek and Kathy Scott will speak with Thrivent regarding options to open an account for that amount (with check writing privileges) so that it remains separate from other funds and can be used solely for a new pastor and increasing membership as requested by Ken and the family.

Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Frank Fusco. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Four sets of minutes were reviewed: the July 11, 2024, regular council minutes, the two sets of special council minutes from July 14, 2024, and July 28, 2024, and the joint HCLC and CBL special council meeting minutes from July 15, 2024. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept all the minutes, seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion carried unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sherman gave his review of last month's work, which included the required paperwork needed to be completed for his retirement. He is getting his offices cleaned out, as well as visiting with those who are home bound or ill. He will make sure all the records are up to date before his last date. He has resources for people to go through and take if so desired. He is available for pastoral work through August 31, 2024, if anyone needs anything.

He has some suggestions for the upcoming church holidays and ways to provide meaningful services in the absence of a regular pastor. He will leave notes for the church to help the transition. Some resources will be at CBL but are available for HCLC to use as needed. He asks that the two churches work together, especially during this time. He also suggested that a joint CBL/HCLC picture directory be considered after a new pastor is hired to help the new pastor learn the members.

Several people at CBL have been taking classes to be able to give Communion to the congregations. Due to the circumstances, the bishop has given them a special dispensation to start giving it when Pastor Sherman leaves, even though they have a year of classes left.

VISIONING: Nothing to discuss right now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Property sale is complete as of July 18, 2024. No problems with the closing. The check for the land was received and deposited.

There are issues with the banners that were purchased. As they are mesh, the sunlight can make it difficult to read the last line which contains the website. To rectify this, the property committee is going to try to place a blank banner between the two signs.

NEW BUSINESS: As stated in the financial report, information regarding setting up a new account for the upcoming bequest will be obtained. The bequest money is ready for transfer to HCLC. Thrivent is working on the mutuals that we have agreed to give back to the grandchildren as the re-titling was not completed prior to Ken's death. A separate Thrivent account will be needed as a general fund for this money, but this will be voted on once further information is obtained from Thrivent. There are also two endowment funds (one at Edward Jones and one at Thrivent) that were earmarked at inception as youth funds that need to be addressed, and information will be obtained on how to proceed with these funds.

Employee salary package: Discussed salary/benefits for church secretary. This will be addressed in the budget process.

Pastor discretionary fund: As Pastor Sherman will be gone as of August 31, 2024, he will need to be removed from this account (Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Inc.'s Pastor's Fund at Farmer's and Merchant's bank: account number 00079889) and someone else added. This account has online access only and must be accessed at least once a month. Charles Polacek made a motion to remove Pastor Sherman from the above account, keep Lenora Walejko on the above account, and add Judy Hoover as a signatory to the above account effective immediately. Also, Judy Hoover will be the contact person to address requests for funds from the account and will access the account at least monthly and provide Charles with the monthly information for his records. Rod Zuck seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Pastor Mike Clark will be conducting services with Communion at HCLC on the second Sunday of each month and at CBL on the fourth Sunday of each month for the time being. A suggestion was made to investigate asking Tim Koenig at CBL to perhaps provide another service with Communion occasionally based on his schedule.

Information needs to be gathered on how to handle the September and December 5th Sunday services.

It was asked that we consider not passing the plate as winter approaches due to more infections. This will not be changed at this time. Offering hasn't diminished and ushers are adapting to help facilitate passing the offering plate in pews that aren't full.

There was an observation from someone in the congregation that people were not signing up to do fellowship because they were worried they wouldn't provide enough as was expected. There are no expectations on what to provide—do what you can. You can also partner with someone else to help share the cost and workload plus there are funds available if you need reimbursement. Please sign up and share in this social ministry.

Marita Stanford made a request on behalf of the food pantry to remove Robert Hamilton from the Food Pantry Farmer's and Merchant's checking account number 0000349712. Marita Stanford and Barb Kampen will remain as signatories on the account.

Dave and Sue Hahn will be hosting the church picnic on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at their house. They hope to have the church service with Communion by Pastor Mike at their house as well just prior to the picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: Meeting to revise church profile will be held in September.

EDUCATION: Written report.

EVANGELISM: Frank is working to set up a committee to call those people who are alone to make certain they are well. He could use some reliable people to help him with this important ministry.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Banner information provided earlier. Claim still out on landscaping from accident. The property committee meets Saturday.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing to report.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Dave Hahn. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:30 am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

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

Submitted by Lisa Streu

HCLC Council Secretary

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

Fall Bazaar

Women's Bazaar

Our annual women's bazaar plans are being worked on so mark your calendars for Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 with shopping times from 8am-2pm each day. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm with a choice of a chicken salad sandwich or sloppy joe each served with chips, dessert, and a beverage.

Monday morning workshop ladies have been making quilts and crafts. Plans also include a silent auction, jewelry table, pet table, boutique area, bake sale, Christmas nook, and quilts. Parish members are asked to donate such items as jewelry, Christmas décor, gently used or better clothing, and bake sale items. Take a look in your closets, storage areas, and jewelry boxes for items to donate!! Thank you.

There will be a sign up chart in the Narthex for help needed at the Bazaar and the days prior for set up. Please watch for that in October. Call Carol Wheeler at 870-488-5044 if you have any questions.



Men's fellowship

MEN OF HOLY CROSS Meeting 9/21/2024

There were 9 members and 1 guest present, breakfast was served at this meeting. Plans were finalized for the upcoming fundraiser. We will be holding another Spaghetti Dinner here on October 12th. The hours will be from 4:00 to 6:00. It will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and a beverage. The price will again be \$10.00. Dale will be looking for a guest speaker for our next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 October 19th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



Church Picnic

The Hahn's are holding a Holy Cross Church Family picnic on October 6th at their home following church service at Ho-

ly Cross. Meat will be provided but please bring a dish to pass. For directions or more information speak with David or Sue Hahn.

Counters Need Your Help

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of counters. They are asking for just a little bit of help. If everyone could put the amount of their donation on the front bottom of the envelope next to the \$ sign that would help. Also your check number somewhere near the bottom of the envelope would also help. We don't need names because, with the computer program that we use, it is easier to just put in the envelope number. The counters thank you.

Kathy Scott

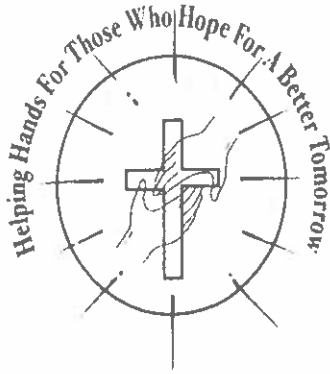


Mark your calendars for the Men's Group Spaghetti Meal fundraiser. The date for this event is Saturday, October 12th from 4-6pm. Tickets are on sale now so watch for one of the men with meal tickets! The dinner tickets are \$10 each so invite a neighbor or friend to join you!! If you have any questions talk with Dean Smith or Dale Wheeler. See you there!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following church service on Sunday, November 10th. If you have a report that you need to submit to the Annual Report please do so by **October 20th**. Thank you!



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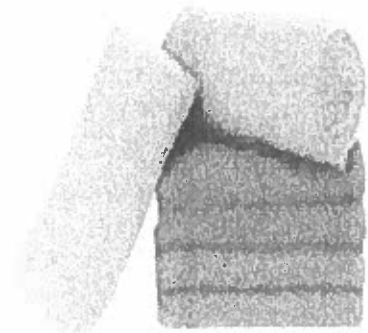
WINTER MONTHS

PLEASE HELP
OUR FAMILIES
STAY WARM

Ozark Center of Hope will be accepting NEW blankets in the winter months to be distributed to our clients during the winter months. Most needed are queens, full size, but twins will be accepted, we prefer not King. We ask that you not buy throws or rolled blankets, please.

Blankets may be dropped off at the Ozark Center of Hope or your local church. Information for drop offs or Cash donations to the Ozark Center of Hope is located at the bottom of this page.

Please call with any questions: 870-508-4374



Location: 307 West North Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1317, Mountain Home, AR 72654
Phone: 870-508-4374



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

October 6th– 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 13th– 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 20th– 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 27th– Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



Bible Trivia

Test your Bible knowledge! The answers will be revealed in next month's newsletter!

Last Month's Correct Answers:

1) C. Ishmael

2) A. Seven Sons & Three Daughters

3. Which angel announced the birth of John the Baptist?

A) Michael

B) Raphael

C) Gabriel

D) The angel isn't named.

Need a hint? Check out Luke 1:13,19

4. Abel was the first child to be born of a woman.

A) True

B) False

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 4:1-2

5. Lot was the father of two of his grandchildren.

A) True

B) False

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 19:36-38



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY AUGUST 2024 REPORT



In August, the food pantry served 25 households which included six new households. There were 60 clients. 14 between the ages of 0-17; 32 between the ages of 18-59 and 14 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 49 hours during the month of August. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Pomeranke, Jan Clark, Pat Jones, Eileen DeMoulied and Sue Gust. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort helping with the food pantry so that we can serve families in need of food assistance here in Baxter County.

For the month of August, our food pantry received 170.27 lbs. of donated food from individuals. The Love Offering for the month of October is for ELCA World Hunger and for the month of November the Love Offering is for the Salvation Army here in Mountain Home. Our food pantry received from the September Love Offering \$2,074.00 which was tremendously appreciated. Thanks to all who contributed to this Love Offering to the food pantry.

Our food pantry is in need of cereal, jam/jelly or saltine crackers that come in sleeves. If you 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 to the church sanctuary. All donated food, memorial monetary gifts and money have helped our food pantry to continue to stay open and serve our clients.

The Ozark Center of Hope located at 307 W. North St., Mountain Home contacted us that they are having a blanket drive for the winter months and in need of personal care items to give to local families. They want only new blankets and prefer the heavier-type blankets and not throws or small rolled blankets. Most needed are sizes- queen and full but twins will be accepted. For the personal care items are: shampoo, dish detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash and shaving cream. The blankets and personal care items can be dropped off at the Ozark Center of Hope or at our church and we will take it to their location.

The statement for the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank for the month of July's current balance was \$2,503.42. Deposits were \$160.00 and debits/checks were \$387.72. The current balance for August's statement was \$2,184.00. Deposits were \$87.00 and debits/checks were \$406.36.

Barbara Kampen
HCLCFP Chairperson



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



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.



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
- Building / Property.....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/LectorsSue Hahn, 254-768-9651
- UshersFritzie Cvengros, 492-2020

Faith & Fellowship

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 **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 as well as engage in good discussion and fellowship.

The Raven

Find and circle all of the words from the poem "The Raven" that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an Edgar Allan Poe quotation.

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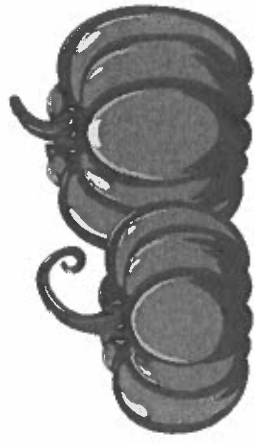
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DECEMBER	GHASTLY	NAMELESS	QUAFF	WIND

OCTOBER 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
10/6/24 20th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Carol Wheeler & Jan Pomeranke	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott	Lisa Streu	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren & Pat Jones
10/13/24 21st Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Holy Communion	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover &
10/20/24 22nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	Jeff Pomeranke & David Deterding	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover &
10/27/24 Reformation Sunday 9:00am	John Eitenmiller & Sue Hahn	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Kathy Scott	
	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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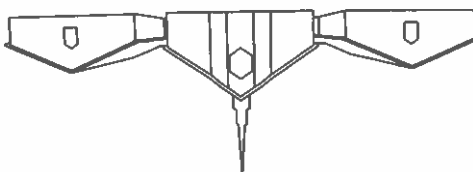
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Jami Scott	10/6
Maddie Schmidt	10/11
Dan Jones	10/12
Barbara Buffon	10/16
Marita Stanford	10/17
Frank Fusco	10/26
Pam Guth	10/27
Pat Jones	10/29

Mark & Pam Guth	10/12
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 * 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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