

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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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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December Newsletter
deadline is November 17th.

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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or Charlie Newsom

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: September 12, 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: David Deterding, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler, Rod Zuck.

Excused Absence: Dave Hahn

Absent: Frank Fusco

Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Owen gave devotions this month from *Our Daily Bread*. The devotions used the double rainbow that appeared above Ground Zero on September 11, 2023, as an illustration of God's hope and healing and His promise to and covenant with us. He will never forsake us, even if things seem to be the worst. He is ever faithful, and we need to look to Him. Judy Hoover will have October devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Giving was down, but this is a normal giving decline at the end of summer as people are gone on vacation, etc. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the overall financial report. The Church received the share of Ken Apel's estate that was to be given back to his granddaughters. This was then deposited, and checks cut to return that money to them. The other money that the Church is to receive is in the process of being prepared for deposit in an account for the Church. Paperwork has been completed from the Church's end, so the final processing at Thrivent should be completed soon. The last payment to CBL for Pastor Sherman has been completed. Expenses were stable, so though giving was slightly down, financials are stable at this time.

Dave Deterding made a motion to accept the reports; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES: The date on the church picnic was incorrect. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the correction of the date of the picnic by Kathy Owen; seconded by Kathy Scott. The motion was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: When Pastor Sherman left, he left Judy Hoover some notes. He did try to contact George Elieff, but he was unable to talk to him. He spoke with his son, and they did not wish for a visit at this time due to several appointments. We will follow up, as George is moving to an assisted living facility soon.

VISIONING: Nothing new currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: See financial reports for follow up on Ken Apel bequest.

NEW BUSINESS: Congregational meeting date is set for Sunday, November 10, 2024, immediately following the service.

There was a request to allow Pastor Mike to provide color copies occasionally for the Bible Study group, i.e. for maps for better definition. This was agreed to, as it should not exceed our limits in the copier contract.

Budget change highlights: Guidelines came out for new pastor reimbursement schedule from the Synod after the budget was put together. The numbers have gone up significantly. This will need to be accounted for in the future. There is an increase in software and other license fees. Salary increases for Keisha and Dan were presented. Pastor supply was increased to cover costs with no pastor. We do save without paying for a part time pastor. Music supply has increased due to Dan's work with Synod Council. Convention expenses were raised. As Dan is working with Synod Council, he has expenses related to this that are included in this line item. It is important to provide some east-central Arkansas representation on Synod Council. Ideas were presented on possible future advertising. Insurance has increased as well.

Lisa Streu made a motion to approve the budget as presented by the budget committee; seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion was approved unanimously.

Please get your committee reports into Keisha for the annual report by October 20, 2024. If you have requests for additional monies for the budget, get those requests to Charles ASAP.

All council members whose terms are up at the end of this year are eligible for another term and have agreed to re-election.

Synod Convention information will be obtained prior to the Congregational meeting so HCLC congregational delegates can be found.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: They are working on the changes requested by the bishop as is CBL.

EDUCATION: Numbers have been down at Bible Study due to summer.

EVANGELISM: Nothing to report.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Nothing to report

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: There will be one last article in the newsletter highlighting the other apostles.

Thank you to Kathy Scott for providing these articles in the past months..

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing to report..

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Nothing to report.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Dave Deterding. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

The next council meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:30 am.

All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council Secretary

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 is a sign up chart in the Narthex for help needed at the Bazaar and the days prior for set up. Call Carol Wheeler at 870-488-5044 if you have any questions.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK



A Thanksgiving Potluck will be held here at Holy Cross on Thanksgiving Day at 12pm. Meat will be provided but please bring a side dish to share. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. For more information, speak with Sue Hahn.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following church service on Sunday, November 10th.



Men's fellowship

MEN OF HOLY CROSS Meeting 10/19/2024

There were 6 members and 1 guest present. Breakfast was served at this meeting.

The results of our October 12th Spaghetti Dinner are in. We made a profit of \$1,525.65. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to the men who made the dinner, the women who baked cakes for dessert, to all who helped set up and serve the dinner, and to all who came and shared a delicious meal with us. We anticipate doing it again in the Spring.

Based on the income we received from fundraising this year, we have given \$310 to the Holy Cross General Fund, and \$2,800 to 14 different charities.

1. \$200 to Food Bank of North Central Ark
2. \$200 to Mountain Home Education Fund
3. \$200 to Ozark Center of Hope
4. \$200 to Serenity, Inc.
5. \$200 to Oaks Indian Mission
6. \$200 to Friends of Norfolk Fish Hatchery
7. \$200 to Alpha House
8. \$200 to Sparks Gamma House
9. \$200 to Kindness, Inc.
10. \$200 to Meals on Wheels
11. \$200 to John 3:16 Ministry
12. \$200 to Humane Society
13. \$200 to Holy Cross Food Pantry
14. \$200 to the Salvation Army

The next meeting will be at 9:00am on November 16th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

Women of the ELCA

Attention Holy Cross Ladies

Please mark your calendars for our final General Meeting this year. This date is Thursday, Nov. 21 at 1:00pm and all women of Holy Cross are invited. The meeting will be held in the church Social Hall. We will discuss new officers to be voted on, budget & charities for 2025, Christmas cookie trays, Christmas luncheon, and enjoy fellowship with each other. Refreshments will be served by Kathy Owen and devotions presented by Carol Wheeler. Please call Carol Wheeler if you have questions at 870-488-5044.

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

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



Ozark Center of Hope

BLANKET DRIVE

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



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER 2024 REPORT**



In September, the food pantry served 25 households which included 7 new households. There were 16 between the ages of 0-17; 30 between the ages of 18-59 and 14 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 63.5 hours during the month of September. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke, Pat Jones, Eileen DeMoupiéd and Sue Gust. I want to thank our food pantry volunteers for their time and effort helping out to serve families in need of food assistance here in Baxter County.

For the month of September, our food pantry received 90.64 lbs. of baked goods from Harp's. Dennis Baker from Jordan, AR had contacted me to ask if I would like the Harp's baked goods that he picks up for the Norfolk food pantry and also serves neighbors near his residence. 77.1 lbs. of food was donated by individuals. The Love Offering for the month of November will go locally to the Salvation Army in Mountain Home. The Love Offering for the month of December will go to Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. Our HCLC food pantry purchases certain food items from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and has an shopping account with them. Please write the check out to Food Bank of North Central Arkansas or abbreviate FBNCA and in the memo area of the check- For Holy Cross Food Pantry.

Our food pantry is in need of canned green beans, canned yams, cream of mushroom soup, instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce. Any of these will be appreciated. For the month of November, the food pantry will be giving out a small turkey or boneless turkey breast to our families that come to our food pantry, along with a bag of the food items previously mentioned. For December, we plan on giving out a small boneless ham to the families that did not receive a turkey in November along with food items that go along with a ham. Place these donated food items on the black shelf unit in the Narthex to the right of the carved entrance door to the church sanctuary.

From the statement for the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank for the month of September's current balance is \$3,617.26. Deposits were \$2,065.00 and debits/checks were \$631.80.

Barbara Kampen
HCLCFP Chairperson



**Food Pantry
Needs**

Thanksgiving Meal
Items



Local Salvation Army

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



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

November 3rd– All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 10th– 25th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 17th– 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 24th–Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 3) Gabriel
- 4) False
- 5) True

6. Who was Esau's twin brother?

- A) Seth
- B) Isaac
- C) Jacob
- D) Joseph

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 25:24-26

7. Which relative intended to kill Joash as a child?

- A) Uncle
- B) Grandmother
- C) Aunt
- D) Father

Need a hint? Check out 2 Kings 11:2

8. What was Sarah's response to the news that she would bear a child in her old age?

- A) She fell down and worshipped God.
- B) She laughed.
- C) She fainted.
- D) She prayed.

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 18:12



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.



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



- ◆ 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.

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.

Things You Should Never Say to a Guest in Worship

Thom S. Rainer is a consultant to pastors and churches in matters of leadership and mission. He offers the following advice on how NOT to have visitors return to your church.

If you want to make certain guests never return to your church, say one of these sentences to them when they visit. Indeed, these unfortunate and ill-timed comments almost always guarantee that you will offend guests and make them very uncomfortable. Most of the time guests are already ill at ease since they are in a new place and a new environment.

"You are sitting in my pew/seat." This sentence was actually said to me when I was a visiting preacher in a church. The entitled church member did not realize I was preaching that day. I had the carnal joy of watching her turn red when I was introduced. And, yes, I did move. She scared me.

"Is your husband/wife with you?" This question is rightly perceived as, "We really don't want single adults in our church." Members see their church as family friendly as long as "family" meets their definition.

"The service has already begun." This sentence is rightly understood to mean, "You are late, and you will be disrupting the service." I saw that happen recently. The family left. I was late too, but I stayed since I was preaching.

"There is not enough room for your family to sit together." I was visiting a church a few weeks ago that did just the opposite. When larger families came in the service, members actually gave up their seats to accommodate them. Now that's true servanthood! I bragged on the members when I spoke that morning.

"You will need to step over these people to get to your seat." No! Please request those seated to move to the center. It's a church worship service, not a movie theater.

"That's not the way we do it here." Of course, you can't have a worship service where any behavior is acceptable. Most of the time, however, the varieties of worship expressions are absolutely fine. I heard from a lay leader recently who witnessed that sentence spoken to a guest who raised her hand during the worship music. She never returned. What a surprise.

"You don't look like you are a member here." Perhaps when this sentence was spoken, the church member meant to convey, "Are you visiting us?" But to the guest it sounded like, "You don't belong at this place."

Farm

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a common farm animal.

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BARN	FENCE	LIVESTOCK	STABLES
BUTTER	FERTILIZER	MILK	TRACTOR
CAT	GOATS	PASTURE	TROUGH
CHEESE	GRAIN	PIG	TURKEYS
CORN	HARROW	PLOW	WEATHERVANE
COW	HARVEST	PRODUCE	WEEDS
CREAM	HAY	ROOSTER	WELL
DAIRY	HEN	SEEDS	WHEAT
DOG	HORSE	SOIL	

NOVEMBER 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
11/3/24 All Saints Sunday 9:00am	Carol Wheeler & Jan Pomeranke	Sue & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren & Pat Jones
11/10/24 25th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Holy Communion	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Scott & John Eitenmiller	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
11/17/24 26th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
11/24/24 Christ the King Sunday 9:00am	John Eitenmiller & Sue Hahn	Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover	Carol Wheeler	
	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

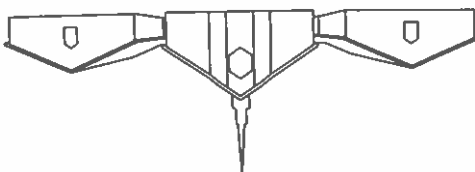
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10 25th Sun. Aff. Pentecost 9:00 Worship ANN. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING <i>Love Offering for Salvation Army</i> *HOLY COMMUNION*	11 8:30-12:30 Office Open 9:00 WELCA Workshop	12 8:30-12:30 Office Open 10:00 Hope Circle 1:00 Senior Exercise Class	13 8:30-12:30 Office Open 9-11, 1-3 Food Pantry 10-11 Bible Study	14 8:30-12:30 Office Open 9:30 Church Council	15 8:30-12:30 Office Open	16 9:00 Men's Group Mtg.
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Jan Clark	11/5
Donna Schmidt	11/10
Charlie Newsom	11/11
Jan Pomeranke	11/13
Sue Hahn	11/19
Susan Czaja	11/23
Judy Hoover	11/30

 * 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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