

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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

**Pastor's Office Hours:
Wed. & Fri. 10:30a-12:00p**

Worship Sunday @ 9:00a

***Holy Communion is celebrated the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month***

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



**August Newsletter
deadline is July 21st.**

**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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Questions?
Contact Dan Schmidt
or Charlie Newsom



FROM THE PASTOR

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. -Ecclesiastes 3:1

Mid-Summer Reflection

Looking at the July mid-summer schedules in the newsletters of many congregations you can see there are fewer activities going on in contrast to the other seasons. I understand we all need a season of rest from the usual level of calendar activities however any congregation that is inactive other than Sunday morning is missing out. There are community members and visitors to our area that could use words of welcome and acts of kindness from any of us.

An introduction note to Timothy in a study Bible reads "The letters to Timothy and Titus are called "The Pastoral Epistles since they deal with the qualifications and duties of church ministers."

I cite Second Timothy 4:1-5. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

While this is focused on helping young Timothy and other 'ministers' it is helpful to consider that this encouragement applies to 'the priesthood of all believers' which includes all of us, 'ordained' pastors as well as lay church members.

I urge all to be sure to find rest during this summer season (even God rested!) and also witness with God's care in all seasons to 'be

persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable.' Living in abundant grace has no off season. Thank you for carrying on with worship and various ministries and always being alert to possible moments you can influence another life with God's love.

Blessings,
Pastor Sherman



Bible Readings for the Month

July 7th– Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14th– Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21st– Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28th– Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

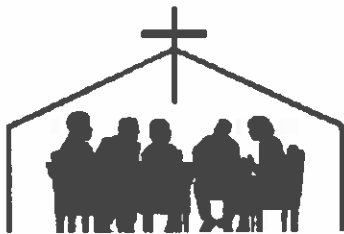
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

**HOPE CIRCLE WILL NOT MEET IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

A Narcan (naloxone) nasal spray kit containing 2 doses of intranasal naloxone, directions for use, and gloves for those administering is now available with the other emergency items (i.e. Oxygen and AED). This is available for use in suspected narcotic overdose. Training will be provided shortly. Any questions, contact Lisa Streu.



Opioid emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere.



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



**MEN OF HOLY CROSS
Meeting 6/15/2024**

Men's fellowship There were 8 members and 1 guest present and breakfast was served at this meeting. We discussed upcoming fundraisers. We will be holding another Spaghetti Dinner here on October 12th. The hours will be from 4:00-6:00pm. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. The price will again be \$10.

We also talked about the possibility of a Garage Sale, and unless circumstances change, we will not be doing one this year.

We talked about the need for an instructional class for CPR, the AED, and the oxygen tank we have. We will plan for this in the near future.

We also spoke about the possibility of getting guest speakers at our future meetings.

The next meeting will be at 9:00am on July 20th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



MAY 2024

INCOME:

This month....\$11,263
This year.....\$50,473

EXPENSE:

This month....\$7,630
This year.....\$39,376

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 9, 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, Frank Fusco, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler, Rod Zuck.

Excused absence: Pastor Sherman Gordius, Dave Hahn, Kathy Scott

Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Steve Kampen read devotions from *Our Daily Bread*. The passage was from Isaiah and spoke of God renewing the earth and we should live in harmony with the earth.

Devotions in June will be given by Charles Polacek.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Average monthly giving for April and the year are in line with the budget. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial report. There was a recent transfer of funds to the Mission Plus account, but finances are such that he will be making another transfer to Mission Plus shortly. Expenses are in line with the budget. Discussion of property valuations occurred. Kathy Scott made a motion to approve the financial reports, and this was seconded by Carol Wheeler. The motion was passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Minutes from the April council meeting were reviewed, and a typographical error was found. Frank Fusco made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, which was seconded by Steve Kampen. The motion passed unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT: A written report was sent by Pastor Sherman. Judy Hoover commented that he will see his medical providers on 5/10/24, and any further decisions on when and how he can come back after that.

VISIONING: Judy Hoover presented an idea to explore a committee that because of the age of the congregation, we should do checks on single people in the congregation and those with no relatives living close to them that haven't come to church recently. Discussion followed and the council will follow up on this idea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sign update: Property committee was contacted by the sign company, and they expected that the sign would be installed this week or next week, weather permitting.

Parcel update: A written copy of the contract drawn up and signed by the landowner was given to council. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the contract was beneficial to both the church and the landowner. The landowner would pay for all costs associated with the sale of the land (including surveyor costs) as well as costs for registering the sale and surveyor descriptions. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the contract, which was seconded by Steve Kampen. The motion passed unanimously and closing expected around July 18, 2024. Judy Hoover will sign the contract as representative of the church and contact the landowner.

The Narcan policy is being finalized, we are waiting for clarification of Good Samaritan laws.

Rod will speak with Dan regarding using hymnals rather than printing songs in bulletins. Discussion occurred regarding people being able to read hymnals, as we have no large print hymnals.

Projection screen discussion continued. The reasons for installing them would be for information in bulletins, pastor use to emphasize information and illustrate points during sermon, etc. Discussion regarding cost, need for people to staff this every Sunday, and people to put the information into a usable format to project onto the screen. Steve Kampen made a motion to table this discussion for now until a new pastor comes under contract, seconded by Rod Zuck. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding keeping the doors by the office locked when someone is in the office to reduce the need for them to keep getting up to unlock the door; decided to keep same policy.,

NEW BUSINESS: Fritzie offered to purchase and donate a seat like a walker to be used in the disabled women's stall. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the motion, seconded by Dave Deterding. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding adding personal/family mailboxes to the narthex area. This was deemed a good idea, but it will be tabled until people able to take on this project have some time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new from Synod.

EDUCATION: Written report.

EVANGELISM: No report.

FINANCE: Written reports and oral summaries.

PROPERTY: Given during old business.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: No report.

STEWARDSHIP: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Pentecost is May 19. Wear red and donate red geraniums, please.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Spaghetti supper was a success.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:30 am.

All prayed the Lord's Prayer together. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council Secretary



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
MAY 2024 REPORT



In May, the food pantry served 33 households which included 6 new families. There were 62 clients, 9 between the ages of 0-17; 37 between the ages of 18-59 and 16 at the age of 6() or older.

Our volunteer food pantry staff consists of Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Barb Kampen, Jan Pomeranke, Jan Clark, Eileen DeMoulied, Pat Jones and Sue Gust. The total volunteer hours for the month of May were 85 hours. I want to thank these volunteers for their time and help with the clients. There is a lot of work involved with keeping this food pantry open on Wednesdays. The food pantry would not exist without the help of these volunteers. We appreciate the food donations from individuals in our congregation, memorials and other monetary contributions.

Our food pantry only serves Baxter County residents. The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, cereal or jam. But any food donations are greatly appreciated. 25.78 lbs. of food was donated in May to the food pantry from our congregation.

The Love Offering for the month of July will go to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches. Since 1976, the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches have provided children a place to call home. Children often come there with a history of child maltreatment. They usually lack nurturing family relationships. The different campuses provide a transformative family-style foster care program. A healthy, emotionally-supportive home environment is provided for the children. At the ASYR, they help children learn to feel safe and trust others. Thus, children at the Ranch learn to cope with emotions while learning responsibility, gaining life skills, building healthy boundaries and improving self-confidence.

Our current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 05/31/24 is \$3,650.94. The expenses were \$548.04 with 0 deposits.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Peanut Butter
Jam
Cereal



Arkansas Sheriff's
Youth Ranch

****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 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/Lectors.....Sue Hahn, 254-768-9651
- Ushers.....Fritzie 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.



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 **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.

Astronomy

Find and circle all of the Astronomy related words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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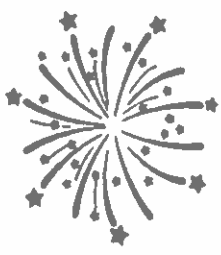


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| CRATER | MILKY WAY | SATELLITE | WHITE DWARF |

JULY 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
7/7/24 7 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott	Dean & Jane Smith	Lisa Streu	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren & Pat Jones
7/14/24 8 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Jan Pomeranke	Kathy Scott & David Deterding	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover
7/21/24 9 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Carol Wheeler & Jan Clark	Jan & Jeff Pomeranke	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover
7/28/24 10 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am	Sue Hahn	Charles Polacek & 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

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 8:30-12:30 Office Open 9:00 WELCA Workshop	2 8:30-12:30 Office Open 1:00 Senior Exercise Class	3 8:30-12:30 Office Open 9-11, 1-3 Food Pantry NO BIBLE STUDY	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5 8:30-12:30 Office Open	6	
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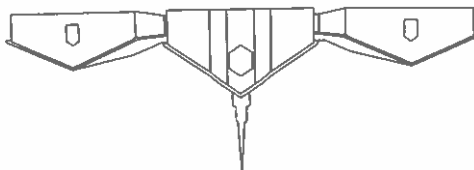


Louise Sellenriek
 Janet Cryts
 Jeff Pomeranke

7/9
 7/15
 7/25

Charlie & Janet Cryts 7/3(43 yrs.)
 Rod & Lori Zuck 7/7(45 yrs.)
 Martin & Frances Bauman 7/21(62 yrs.)
 Dan & Pat Jones 7/23(53 yrs.)
 Pete & Fritzie Cvengros 7/25(20 yrs.)

 * 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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Carol's Applesauce Cake

2 1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
3/4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. allspice
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 large eggs
2 cups applesauce
3/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream Cheese Frosting

8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
6 tbs. vanilla
3 cups confectionary sugar
1 tsp. vanilla



Cake

- Whisk cake dry ingredients for 30 seconds and set aside.
- Cream sugars and eggs 2 min.
- Add remaining liquids (applesauce, oil, vanilla) to sugar mixture until combined
- Combine wet and dry ingredients till flour is mixed in well
- Pour into 9x13 sprayed baking pan and tap to level batter
- Bake 30-40 min. till toothpick in center comes out free of batter

Frosting

Beat cream cheese, butter, confectioners sugar and vanilla at low speed until combined. Increase speed to high and whip for several minutes till light and fluffy. Spread over cooled cake. Store in fridge.

Enjoy, Carol Wheeler

