

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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

Worship Sundays @ 9:00a

**Food Pantry : NEW SCHEDULE
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9-11a, 1-3p**

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March Newsletter
deadline is February 16th.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

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	Kathy Owen
Finance	Charles Polacek
Property	Dave Hahn
Social Ministries	Steve Kampen
Stewardship	Kathy Scott
Worship & Music	Carol Wheeler
TBD	David Deterding

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 DATE: December 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, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler

Excused Absence: Kathy Scott and Rod Zuck

Absent: Frank Fusco

Observers: Wanda Soutter

DEVOTIONS: Devotions read by Carol Wheeler. They were from Our Daily Bread and were based on Luke 2. The biblical account of Jesus' birth states that there was no room available for the Holy Family in Bethlehem due to the census. Later, Jesus found a borrowed room for to celebrate the Last Supper with His followers illustrating that Jesus is with is always. The devotions ask us to always make room for Jesus in our lives and no matter where we are, Jesus will always be with us.

Steve Kampen will do January devotions and Kathy Owen will do February devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. The numbers were in line with the budget and average giving. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the treasurers' report. We have used the excess money from the Mission Plus building fund for approved projects, and the rest will be renamed the Mission Plus General Fund starting in January 2025. Another \$15,000 was moved from the checking account to the Mission Plus fund (interest bearing) and a working amount is left in the checking account. Expenses were in line with the budget. David Deterding made a motion; seconded by Steve Kampen to approve the financial reports. The motion passed.

MINUTES: There were 3 sets of minutes: The regular council meeting on November 14, 2024, the annual meeting minutes on November 10, 2024, and a special congregational meeting on December 1, 2024. Dave Hahn made a motion to accept all three sets of minutes; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed.

VISIONING: The banner will be changed to the Christmas one this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: The council received a letter from Jeff and Jan Pomeranke requesting their membership transfer to Christian Church of Mountain Home.

Discussion of having a service of Word and song for the 5th Sunday in December. Carol will discuss with Dan.

There is an invitation from the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals to attend their Christmas Eve service at noon followed by a fellowship time. This is an open invitation.

The list of 2025 Love offering recipients was given to the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: The bishop requested a few further changes in the MSP, i.e. financials which dated from 2022, etc. This will be taken care of by the call committee. Further options to have backup for conducting services were discussed and any action will be tabled until 2025.

EDUCATION: No report

EVANGELISM: No report

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Landscaping is progressing. The siding bid from Marchant's was accepted and should be started soon. The sealing of the windows will be done as well, but no start date is available.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Service at 6 pm at HCLC with communion on Christmas Eve. Pastor Mike will be presiding.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: No report.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Dave Hahn. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Steve Kampen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 9:30 am.

All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council Secretary



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY DECEMBER 2024 REPORT



In December, the food pantry served 33 households which included 6 new households. There were 73 clients, 23 between the ages of 0-17; 32 between the ages of 18-59; and 18 at the age of 60 or older. Three clients were veterans.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 68.75 hours during the month of December. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kampen, Marita Stanford, Bob Hamilton, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke, Pat Jones and Sue Gust. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort helping to assist families that come to our food pantry and inputting client information in Oasis, which is a site required by the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.

Donated Harp's baked goods have been given to us from Dennis Baker who lives in Jordan, AR. He picks up Harp's donated baked goods to deliver to the food pantry in Norfolk, AR and extra baked goods he calls Barb Kampen to pick up in Jordan, AR, which happens every couple of weeks. For the month of December, we received 47.39 lbs. of Harp's donated baked goods and 47.03 lbs. of donated goods from individuals.

The Love Offering for the month of February will go to the pastor discretionary fund.

The balance as of 12/31/24 in the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank was \$5,128.80. Expenses were \$603.74 and deposits were \$2,782.85. The remaining amount of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry- CD at the Bank OZK- \$2757.85 due for renewal on 12/16/24 was closed out and deposited in the HCLCFP account with First Security Bank.

Sincerely,
Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Pastor's Discretionary
Fund

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

thank you

I'd like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, and prayers for Donna. Also, thank you for the generous Christmas gift. The love and support is so very appreciated. -Dan Schmidt

BISHOP BECCA MIDDEKE-CONLIN WILL VISIT IN FEBRUARY

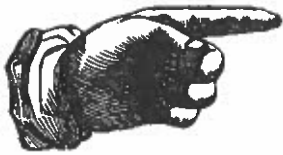
There will be a special meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Christ by the Lake, Bull Shoals. Bishop Becca will be here to discuss with both churches the SAM (Synod Authorized Minister) program. She would like from each church, the council members, call committees, and anyone who would be interested in becoming a SAM to attend. This way both congregations will know what all is involved in this program.

We will meet at Christ by the Lake at 4pm Saturday, February 22, for a potluck and then discussion will follow with Bishop Becca. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for all those interested in attending.

Bishop Becca will lead both churches' Sunday services on February 23, 2025 before heading home.

Any questions, please speak with Judy Hoover.

Please Notice This



David Deterding has offered his handyman services to any member of church who might be in need of minor household repairs.

Call him and let him know what you need done. He will inform you if he can do this type of repair.

His number is 1-319-239-4439.

Bless you David for offering your services.



HOPE CIRCLE is now meeting on the FOURTH Tuesday of each month at 10:00a.



MEN OF HOLY CROSS MEETING JANUARY 18, 2025

Men's fellowship

There were 6 members present and breakfast was served at this meeting. We had no new business to discuss at this time. The next meeting will be held at 9:00am on February 15th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

Women of the ELCA



A WELCA Meeting is set for Thursday, February 20th at 1:00p here at Holy Cross. Any questions, speak with Sue Hahn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2024

INCOME:

This month....\$9,863
This year.....\$105,404

EXPENSE:

This month....\$4,523
This year.....\$82,379





Bible
Readings *for the Month*

February 2-Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

February 9-Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 16-Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 23-Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11,15
Psalm 37:1-11,39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
Luke 6:27-38



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 12) B. Joseph
- 13) C. Canaan
- 14) C. Peter

15. Who was the third son of Adam & Eve?

- A) Micah
- B) Shem
- C) Abel
- D) Seth

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 4:25

16. Samuel was brought as a child to Shiloh to serve with this person.

- A) Eli
- B) Simon
- C) Paul
- D) John

**Need a hint? Check out 1 Samuel 1:24-25 **

17. How old was Josiah when he began his reign?

- A) Six
- B) Eight
- C) Ten
- D) Twelve

Need a hint? Check out 2 Kings 22:1

18. Which was NOT a daughter-father pair?

- A) Leah & Laban
- B) Merab & Saul
- C) Gomer & Hosea
- D) Jezebel & Ethbaal

Need a hint? Check out 1 Kings 16:31

PRAYER TEAM MESSAGE

Message from the Holy Cross Prayer Team Members: Jan Clark, Kathy Owen, Pamela Guth, John Eitenmiller, David Deterding, Fritzi Cvengros, Barbara Buffon, & Kathy Arnold

It is hoped that every member of Holy Cross has been praying for everyone concerned in the call process. This includes praying for these five entities: our congregations, our church councils, our joint call committee, the candidates involved in this process, and Bishop Becca (including the synod office staff.)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Call Committee Members

Lori Zuck

Sue Hahn

Wanda Soutter

Christ-by-the-Lake

Call Committee Members

Marilyn Pool

Anna Mattson

Tim Koenig

The Prayer Team first met on Sunday, April 23, 2023. The following is a prayer that we have been using in addition to our own individual prayers. This prayer was developed after reviewing the information in the Handbook for the Call Committee provided by Bishop Mike Girlinghouse.

Each of us plans to pray every day. We can choose to pray our own prayers or use the prayer below or use both according to our individual prayer times and places. We do plan to try to pray the prayer below on Fridays at 9:30 AM. The goal is to be able to pray "together" even though we are in different locations.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We give you thanks for the prayer from page 4 of the Lutheran Book of Worship, as we seek our path toward calling a new pastor. "Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a pastor for Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Christ by the Lake Lutheran Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Bless our call committee, our congregations, our church councils, the candidates applying to be our pastor, and Bishop Becca (including her office staff.) Help us all to remember that what we say and do should be for the glory of God. Help us to put aside our individual agendas and remember the mission of our church body as we journey through our call process.

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- *by serving human needs*

so that all may live together in peace and the love of Christ.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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:

- ALM/LectorsSue Hahn, 254-768-9651
- 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
- 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 **fourth 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.

Delicious Desserts

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

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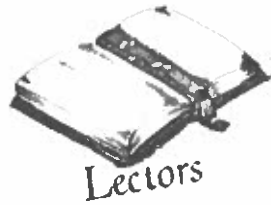
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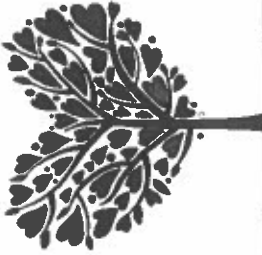


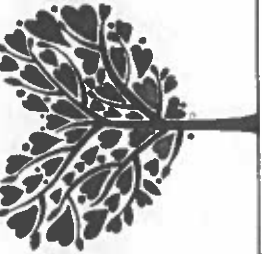
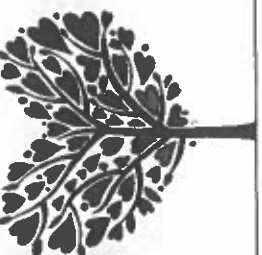
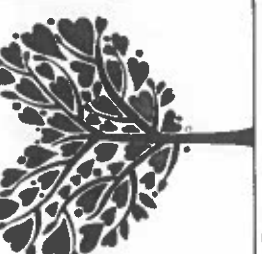
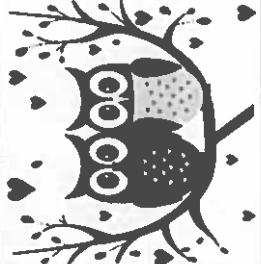
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 TIRAMISU
 TORTES
 TRIFLE

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
2/2/25 Presentation of Our Lord	Carol Wheeler & Sue Hahn	David Deterding & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	Nancy Thoren & Dan Alderman & Marita Stanford
2/9/25 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany *HC*	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
2/16/25 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	Kathy Owen & Kathy Scott	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
2/23/25 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany	Sue Hahn & Mark Guth	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

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2 Presentation of Our Lord 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship	 3 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop	 4 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p Senior Exercise Class	 5 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 10-11a Bible Study	 6 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	 7 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	8 9:00a Men's Group Mtg.
5th Sun. After Epiphany 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship Love Offering for Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop	11 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p Senior Exercise Class	12 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9-11a.1-3p Food Pantry 10-11a Bible Study	13 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:30a Church Council	14 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	15 9:00a Men's Group Mtg.
Holy Communion 16th Sun. After Epiphany 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship	17 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop	18 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p Senior Exercise Class	19 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 10-11a Bible Study	20 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p WELCA Meeting	21 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	22 4:00p SAM Potluck & Meeting w/ Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin @ Christ by the Lake
Newsletter Deadline 23rd Sun. After Epiphany 9:00a Worship w/Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin 10:00a Fellowship	24 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop	25 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 10:00a Hope Circle 1:00p Senior Exercise Class	26 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9-11a.1-3p Food Pantry 10-11a Bible Study	27 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	28 8:30a-12:30p Office Open	



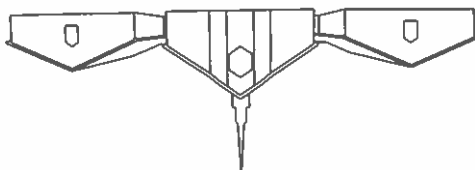
Mike Clark
Kathy Arnold

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Steve & Barb Kampen
Dan & JoAnn Alderman

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 * the information in the Church *
 * Secretary box in the office. *



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