

"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

THE GOOD NEWS

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

Worship Sundays @ 9:00a

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



May Newsletter
deadline is April 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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or Charlie Newsom

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATE: February 13, 2025 9:27 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, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler.

Excused Absence: Rod Zuck Absent: None Observers: Mike Clark

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Owen gave devotions from selected verses in Matthew 10. The history behind the song "Just as I Am" was described. Jesus gave authority to His disciples "just as they were"; they were not complete and ready to take on the ministry, but His authority allowed them to mature and grow spiritually to eventually take over the fledgling Church after His death and resurrection. The message is do not be afraid to take on God's tasks, He will be with you always.

Rod Zuck has March devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, church financial secretary, gave the giving report. Giving was down in January from January 2024. Weather has kept attendance down thus giving is down.

Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the income/expense reports. Mission Plus checking account is now split into two funds in the report: building and general. The building fund is being used to pay for the final costs of the maintenance projects approved near the end of last year. Expenses were in line with the budget, taking into account not needing to spend money on a pastor, so despite lowered income, finances are stable. Dave Hahn made a motion to approve the financial reports; seconded by Dave Deterding. The motion passed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Charles Polacek made a motion; seconded by Kathy Owen to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

VISIONING: Nothing currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The bishop still is planning on attending a joint meeting with CBL and HCLC on Saturday, February 22, to discuss the SAM (Synod Authorized Ministry) program. There is still a chance this will need to be moved, as her mother passed away and funeral arrangements haven't been finalized.

The Synod offices have officially been moved to Fellowship Lutheran Church in Tulsa. Address: 6727 S. Sheridan Rd., Tulsa, OK 74133.

Tim Koenig has agreed to perform the service as pulpit supply at HCLC on the 4th Sunday of every month starting in March. He will need to be approved by the bishop to give Communion at those services. Sue Hahn will adjust the ALM schedule.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Mike agreed to perform the Ash Wednesday service for HCLC. It will be at 1 pm, on March 5, 2025, with Communion and imposition of ashes. We will not have any other

Wednesday services during Lent.

Paster Peter Olson offered to perform Holy Week services as he will be visiting. He will do Maundy Thursday, time to be determined. Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, with Communion as appropriate. He offered the first 2, but when asked, agreed to Easter as well. Pulpit supply will be paid for Easter Sunday. CBL is having an Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19. More information to come.

The fifth Sunday in March needs to be organized, i.e. type of service. Dan Schmidt will be consulted.

The Synod Assembly registration is open. Kathy Scott and Marita Stanford will be attending (Carol Wheeler is the alternate).

A Zoom meeting to discuss the synod constitution updates will be held 3/13/2025. The results will be sent out in writing following this meeting and will need to be applied to the local church constitutions. The changes in local constitutions will then need to be sent back to Synod for approval.

A request was made to potentially place a banner on the lawn (not blocking our current signage) for a short time for Sowbug advertising. Other signs have been placed in the past. Sowbug is a fly tyers/fishers show and fundraiser for North Arkansas Fly Fishers. The money raised will in part be used for scholarships for local students, educating children (and adults) about fly fishing and environmental conservation, and improving access to the local waterways for recreation. Kathy Owen made a motion; seconded by Kathy Scott to approve the placement and removal of banner by NAFF.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: New SMP will be submitted as this must be done yearly.

EDUCATION: Nothing

EVANGELISM: There was a discussion with Pastor Mike regarding making sure people are not disenfranchised when they are unable to attend HCLC (i.e. hospitalized, shut-ins, etc.). A list is available in the office for those who wish to be contacted for calls, visits, and Holy Communion. He suggested potentially forming a Deacon team to divide the church into groups with one person in charge of checking on the members in their group on a regular basis. He also offered to train and go with those assisting with administering home Communion until they feel comfortable giving Sacrament. He will also help those visiting our members in the hospital, in nursing homes/assisted living facilities, or at home and unable to attend services. Thank you for your offer, Pastor Mike.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: The siding and windows are now complete.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report. Dave Deterding has an ad in the newsletter saying he will help with odd jobs as he is able for the congregation.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing beyond previously discussed new business.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting will be held Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Charles Polacek and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2025, 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 CHURCH COUNCIL

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

**TREASURER'S
 REPORT**

FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME:

This month....\$9,085
 This year.....\$15,951

EXPENSE:

This month....\$5,386
 This year.....\$10,679

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all my "Holy Cross" family for all their cards, kind words and prayers on my continuing medical journey. My biggest desire is to come back and be with you all. Blessings to Everyone! - Almayrene Reinthaler



Men's fellowship

**MEN OF HOLY CROSS MEETING
3/15/2025**

There were 7 members and 1 guest present, breakfast was served at this meeting.

We finalized our plans for the next Spaghetti Dinner. The date will be April 12th from 4:00-6:00pm.

Ozark Center of Hope has a new director. She has offered to come out to meet with us to discuss their mission at one of our meetings. Carol Wheeler spoke with WELCA at the recent meeting and they will join us. The plan was for the April Meeting, but since it is the day before Easter, that meeting was cancelled. The next date will be May 17th. The women are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 and the presentation will begin about 9:30.

THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING

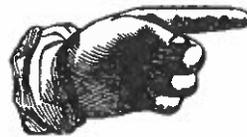
The next meeting will be at 9:00am on May 17th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

**Women of the
 ELCA**

Our quarterly general meeting of the Women of Holy Cross was held Thursday, March 6, in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed ideas for the Fall 2025 bazaar.

This will be more thoroughly discussed at the May meeting. Come with ideas and which committee you would like to help. Look for sign-up sheets for the Easter brunch. Discussion occurred regarding having more speakers at the general meetings (or other times) and inviting the entire church to some of them. Please mark your calendar for our next quarterly general meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to have an exciting speaker.

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.

4 Bless you David for offering your services.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week is April 13th-April 20th.

Listed below are services being held at Holy Cross (HC) and at Christ by the Lake (CBL).

April 13th- Palm Sunday

9:00am HC- Pastor Mike Clark Presiding

April 17th- Maundy Thursday

1:00pm HC- Pastor Peter Olson Presiding

5:00pm CBL

April 18th- Good Friday

1:00pm HC- Pastor Peter Olson Presiding

April 19th- Easter Saturday

5:00pm Easter Vigil @ CBL

April 20th -Easter Sunday

7:45am- Easter Breakfast @ HC

9:00am HC- Pastor Peter Olson Presiding

11:00am CBL Easter Worship



Easter Breakfast

Mark your calendars to gather in the Fellowship Hall from 7:45-8:45am on Easter morning, April 20th, for a free Easter breakfast. The menu will consist of: Egg Casserole, Sausage Gravy, Coffee Cake, Muffins, Quick breads & Sweet breads, Fruit Salad, Juice and Coffee. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex if you'd like to help with set-up or to contribute food; as well as for attendance. Any food remaining will be served at our fellowship time after worship. Plan to invite friends, relatives and neighbors for good food, good fellowship, and rejoicing in our Lord's resurrection!! Call Carol Wheeler if you have any questions 488-5044.



Easter Flowers

Would you like to donate Easter lilies or spring potted flowers for Easter Sunday? If so, please bring your flowers to the church on Friday, April 18th or Saturday, April 19th and put them in the Parlor. The Altar Guild will then arrange them in the altar area for our beautiful Easter Sunday worship. Any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044.



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY 2025 REPORT

In February, the food pantry served 17 households, which included two new households. There were 29 clients, 6 between the ages of 0-17; 12 between the ages of 18-59 and 11 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 33.75 hours during the month of February. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kamden, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Pomeranke, Jan Clark, and Sue Gust. I want to thank our volunteers for their time and effort helping with the food pantry so we can serve families in need of food assistance here in Baxter County.



Effective January 2025, our food pantry will be open on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our hours of operation to give food assistance to families in need will remain the same, opening from 9 A.M. to 11 A.m. and 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Cereal

Saltines

For the month of February, our food pantry received 48.50 lbs. of food donated from Harp's grocery store. All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve these families.

If anyone would like to contribute cereal or saltine crackers –(box with 4 sleeves of crackers) to the food pantry, it would greatly be appreciated.



Kindness, Inc.

The Love Offering for the month of April will go to Kindness, Inc. that's located here in Mountain Home. Kindness, Inc. provides essential services to our neighbors in Baxter County and Marion counties in Arkansas. These individuals that need a little help to remain independent while they age in their own homes. Trained volunteers provide transportation to medical and other appointments, grocery shopping, and respite for primary care givers, minor home repairs, installation of safety bars and wheelchair ramps, reassurance calls, friendly visitation and other non-medical services. All of their services are free to qualifying residents regardless of age, income, race or religion.



The current balance of HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank is \$4,486.40 as of 02/28/2025. The expenses were \$215.40 with no deposits.

Barbara Kampen
Chairperson for HCLC Food Pantry



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

April 6-Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 13-Palm Sunday

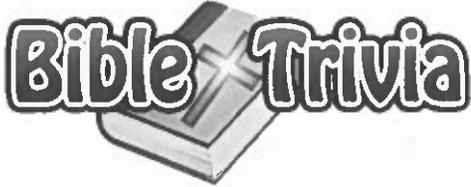
Procession Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

April 20-Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 27- Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. True
- 2) B. Manasseh
- 3) A. Absalom
- 4) B. False

1. Who was the king that ordered Daniel thrown in the lions' den?

- A) Darius
- B) Joshua
- C) David
- D) Hoshea

Need a hint? Check out Daniel 6

2. Which King ruled over Babylon?

- A) Tiberius Caesar
- B) Belshazzar
- C) Asa
- D) Herod

Need a hint? Check out Daniel 7:1

3. Solomon was the son of King David & Queen Jezebel.

- A) True
- B) False

Need a hint? Check out 2 Samuel 12:24

4. Who was a king of Salem and a priest?

- A) Sennacherib
- B) Zebedee
- C) Joshua
- D) Melchizedek

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 14:18

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

Christ-by-the-Lake

Call Committee Members

Call Committee Members

Lori Zuck

Marilyn Pool

Sue Hahn

Anna Mattson

Wanda Soutter

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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- *through worship*
- *by proclaiming God's grace, and*
- *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.



- ◆ 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:

- Worship Ldr.'s/ALM.....Sue 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

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.

Easter

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 34 letters spell a secret message.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
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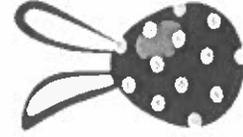
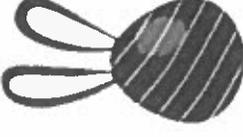
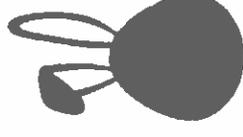
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APRIL



| DATE | WORSHIP LDR. & ALM | USHERS | ALTAR GUILD | COUNTERS |
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| 4/6/25 5 TH Sunday In Lent | Sue Hahn & Carol Wheeler | Judy Hoover & Kathy Owen | Jane Smith | |
| 4/13/25 Palm Sunday | Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark | Dave Hahn & Kathy Scott | Carol Wheeler | Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu |
| 4/20/25 Easter Sunday | Pastor Peter Olson & Charles Polacek | Dean & Jane Smith | Kathy Scott | Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko |
| 4/27/25 2 ND Sunday of Easter | Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott | David Deterding & Pete Cvengros | 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 Calendar April 2025

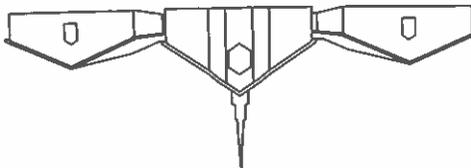
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| 13 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Kindness, Inc.</i> | 14 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop | 15 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Senior Exercise | 16 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study | 17 Maundy Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship 5:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ CBL | 18 Good Friday 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Good Friday Worship | 19 6:00pm Easter Vigil @ CBL |
| 20 Easter Sunday 7:45am Easter Breakfast 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Easter Worship @ CBL *Newsletter Deadline* | 21 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop | 22 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Senior Exercise | 23 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 10-11am Bible Study | 24 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open | 25 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open | 26 |
| 27 Second Sun. of Easter 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship | 28 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop | 29 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Senior Exercise | 30 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10-11am Bible Study |  |  |  |



8-John Eitenmiller
10-Eileen DeMoulpied
24-Dorothy Meyer

10-Mike & Jan Clark

* 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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