

# THE GOOD NEWS

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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**"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"**

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

**Worship Sundays @ 9:00a**

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

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**April Newsletter**  
deadline is March 23rd.

**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: January 9, 2025  
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, Rod Zuck.

Excused Absence: Kathy Scott

Absent: Frank Fusco

Observers: Sue Hahn, Wanda Soutter, Lori Zuck

**DEVOTIONS:** Steve read various passages from the Bible regarding the direction our paths should be directed. This includes not only just listening to His Word but obeying it to achieve God's will. The passages included verses from Psalms 16 and 25 and James Chapter 1.

Devotions for 2025:

February: Kathy Owen      March: Rod Zuck      April: Kathy Scott      May: David Deterding  
June: Carol Wheeler      July: Judy Hoover      August: Dave Hahn      September: Charles Polacek  
October: Lisa Streu      November: Frank Fusco      December: Steve Kampen

**SPECIAL CALL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Lori Zuck presented an update and request for approval on changes to the Ministry Site Profile, as requested by Bishop Becca. These included more details on the demographics of the community and our partnership with CBLC. There will be a further update in February for resubmission of the MSP to the Synod for the next year. A motion was made by Charles Polacek, seconded by Steve Kampen to accept the changes to the MSP and allow for its' submission to the Synod. The motion was approved. Discussion occurred regarding who can give Communion to shut-ins and hospitalized patients. We will be discussing further pulpit supply options following the bishop's visit in February. It was decided to place a sheet on the bulletin board in the office to track those who need contacts, visitations, Communion, etc. Anyone can add to this sheet or call the office and let Keisha know to add someone to the list. Kathy Owen will follow this list and make those who make the visitations aware of any needs.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** No new nominations were made for any officer position. All officers agreed to serve in their current positions for another year. The current slate of officers was presented to the council. Charles Polacek made a motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion was approved. HCLC council officers for 2025 will be: President: Judy Hoover; Vice President: Dave Hahn; Secretary: Lisa Streu.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Giving is relatively in line with the budget. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, presented the financial statements. He has updated the fixed asset amounts based on actual replacement costs of the property per the insurance policy. The Mission Plus account has two separate amounts within it for now. The first is the part for property improvement/maintenance and will be used up to finish paying for the improvements approved at the recent congregational meeting. At that time the rest of the fund (~\$30,000) will be renamed as Mission Plus General Fund and consist of an earlier non-designated bequest from a member. Another \$1,000 from the Ken Apel estate was sent to the church and placed in the Thrivent account dedicated to his bequest. The financial statements from banks/financial

institutions were late this month, so the balances are not completely current. Expenses remain in line except for a few exceptions from the last year: Office equipment was a new computer purchase, software licenses increased in cost, as did insurance, HVAC maintenance, the water expense went up due to a leak, and several other minor costs above budget. He also presented the finalized contributions breakdown for the church. Overall giving (regular weekly offerings only) was down about 9% with a stable number of family units, but we are still financially stable at this time. Dave Hahn made a motion to accept all the financial reports, seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed from the December 12, 2024, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kathy Owen; seconded by Steve Kampen to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

**VISIONING:** Nothing presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A packet of materials regarding the Gerald Franke estate, which is now in probate, was presented to Judy Hoover. She will sign those papers that require her signature and deliver them to the person in charge of probate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bishop Becca will be coming for a meeting with the CBLC and HCLC call committees, councils, and other interested congregation members on February 22, 2025. It will be at CBLC at approximately 4 pm with a potluck meal. The reason for the meeting is to discuss the SAM program (Synodically Authorized Ministry) to help with more thorough coverage for our churches while we are without a called pastor. Bishop Becca will then preach on Sunday at both HCLC and CBLC.

**NEW COMMITTEE LIAISONS:**

Call Committee: Lisa Streu and Frank Fusco; Education: Rod Zuck; Evangelism: Kathy Owen; Finance: Charles Polacek; Property: Dave Hahn and David Deterding; Social Ministry: Steve Kampen; Stewardship: Kathy Scott; Worship and Music: Carol Wheeler

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CALL COMMITTEE:** See special call committee report.

**EDUCATION:** Bible Study is back.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**FINANCE:** Written and oral reports given.

**PROPERTY:** The landscaping is finished. The windows are done, although 3 more were found that needed resealing and will be done shortly for \$100-200 more. The siding should start to be replaced in mid-January. The burn pile will hopefully be burnt shortly, depending on the weather.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Nothing to report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Nothing to report..

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** Christmas decorations are down. Next season to plan for is Lent.

**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 Steve Kampen and seconded by Rod Zuck. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 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**.....Rod Zuck
- Evangelism**.....Kathy Owen
- Finance**.....Charles Polacek
- Property**.....Dave Hahn
- Property**.....David Deterding
- Social Ministries**.....Steve Kampen
- Stewardship**.....Kathy Scott
- Worship & Music**.....Carol Wheeler



*Men's fellowship*

**MEN OF HOLY CROSS MEETING**  
2/15/2025

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

We began making plans for our next Spaghetti Dinner. The tentative date will be April 12th from 4:00-6:00pm. We plan to finalize plans at our March meeting.

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 offered to speak with WELCA at their meeting to suggest both groups meet with her at the same time.

The next meeting will be 9:00am on March 15th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

JANUARY 2024

**INCOME:**

This month....\$6,866  
 This year.....\$6,866

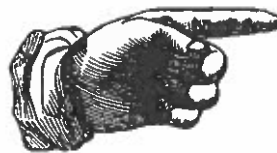
**EXPENSE:**

This month....\$5,293  
 This year.....\$5,293

**THANKY !!**

We are a unique church, full of people who help one another. When someone is in need, we all step up to the plate and are there to help. I'd like to say thank you to everyone for that. -Love, Fritzie

**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.



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOOD PANTRY JANUARY 2025 REPORT



In January, the food pantry served 17 households, which included one new household. There were 35 clients, 6 between the ages of 0-17; 19 between the ages of 18-59 and 10 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 42.25 hours during the month of January. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kampen, 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.

For the month of January, our food pantry received 64.97 lbs. of food donated from Harp's grocery store and 28.39 lbs. of food from individuals. All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve these families.

The Love Offering for the month of March will go to Care Center Ministries of Mountain Home. Care Center Ministries is a 501c3 organization and is completely privately funded. They offer a transformative one-year faith-based discipleship program dedicated to liberating men and women from the grips of addiction and life-controlling issues. The comprehensive one-year program is free to residents and is licensed by the Arkansas Community Corrections. Care Center Ministries offers the following services: lawn maintenance, general labor, cleaning services, waste & junk removal and moving.

Our current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 01/31/25 is \$4,701.80. The expenses were \$537.00 with \$110.00 deposits.

Barb Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Care Center Ministries

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



**Bible**  
Readings *for the Month*

**March 2-Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

**March 9-First Sunday in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2,9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

**March 16-Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

**March 23-Third Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

**March 30-Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



**Bible Trivia**

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 15) D. Seth
- 16) A. Eli
- 17) B. Eight
- 18) C. Gomer & Hosea

1. David's best friend was the son of King Saul.

- A) True
- B) False

\*Need a hint? Check out 1 Samuel 18:1\*

2. This king forced his son to pass through the fire.

- A) Solomon
- B) Manasseh
- C) Jehoshaphat
- D) Hezekiah

\*Need a hint? Check out 2 Kings 21:1-6\*

3. What son of King David died when he was hung on a tree by his hair?

- A) Absalom
- B) Daniel
- C) Shimea
- D) Amnon

\*Need a hint? Check out 2 Samuel 18:9-10\*

4. The Persian king Ahasuerus let the Hebrew people return to Jerusalem after exile.

- A) True
- B) False

\*Need a hint? Check out Ezra 1:1-4\*

**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/Lectors .....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
- 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.

# 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.



# St. Patrick's Day

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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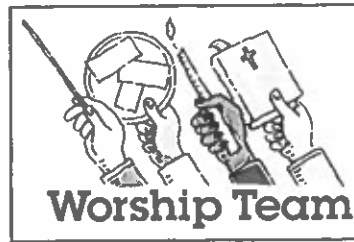
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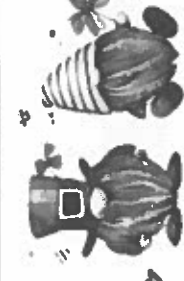
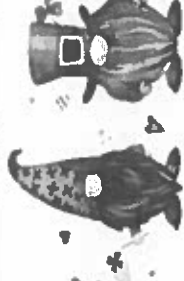

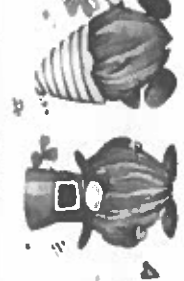

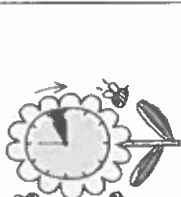

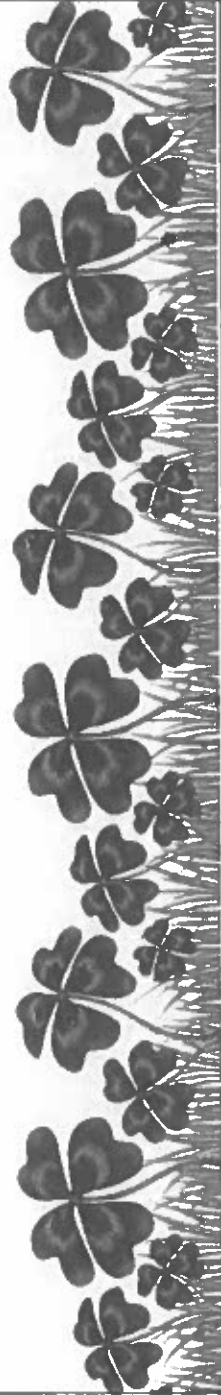
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## MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



DATE	ALM & LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
3/2/25 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Carol Wheeler & Sue Hahn	Lori Zuck & Charles Polacek	Lisa Streu	Nancy Thoren & Dan Alderman & Marita Stanford
3/9/25 Fifth Sunday in Lent  *HC*	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Scott & David Deterding	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
3/16/25 Second Sunday in Lent	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	David & Sue Hahn	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
3/23/25 Third Sunday in Lent	Tim Koenig	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	
3/30/25 Fourth Sunday in Lent		Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover	Carol Wheeler	Pat Jones
	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 March 2025

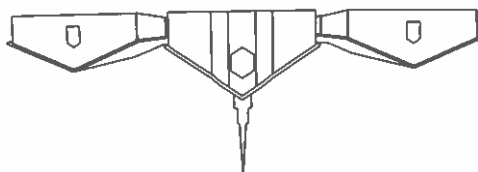
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>2 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship</p>	 <p><b>3</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop</p>	 <p><b>4</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p Senior Exercise Class</p>	 <p><b>5 Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 10-11a Bible Study 1:00p Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	 <p><b>6</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open</p>	 <p><b>7</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open</p>	 <p><b>8</b> 9:00a Men's Group Mtg.</p>
<p><b>9 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love Offering for Care Center Ministries</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Holy Communion*</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 1:00p Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9-11a, 1-3p Food Pantry 10-11a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:30a Church Council</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00a Men's Group Mtg.</p>
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<p><b>23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 10:00a Hope Circle 1:00p Senior Exercise Class</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9-11a, 1-3p Food Pantry 10-11a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>*Newsletter Deadline*</b></p> <p><b>30 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:30a-12:30p Office Open 9:00a WELCA Workshop</p>					



3-Wanda Soutter  
 10-Almayrene Reinthaler  
 15-Doris Arnold  
 20-Mary Ferron  
 22-Lisa Streu  
 25-Charles Polacek

20-Lisa & Jon Streu

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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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