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THE GOOD NEWS

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

Worship Sundays @ 9:00a

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June Newsletter
deadline is May 18th.

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: March 13, 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, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absence: Frank Fusco
Absent: None Observers: Sue Hahn and Pastor Mike Clark

DEVOTIONS: Judy Hoover gave devotions from *Our Daily Bread*. The reading was from Ezekial 11:19. We can find a new heart in Christ by turning to God with prayer, faith, and repentance. With changed hearts we can follow Him faithfully. He longs for this.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report for February. Giving is slightly above YTD giving.

Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Expenses were slightly above budget in a few areas, the most significant amount in pulpit supply. Synod raised the salary guidelines to \$180 per service so this will affect our expenditures. As we aren't paying for a pastor, this will not be an issue. Dave Hahn made a motion; seconded by Steve Kampen to approve the financial reports. The motion was approved.

MINUTES: The minutes from February 13, 2025, were reviewed. One correction was made. We cannot have Maundy Thursday service at 5 pm, as CBL is having its service then (Pastor Peter Olson performing both). Dave Hahn made a motion; seconded by Kathy Owen to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was approved.

VISIONING: Nothing new currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: SAM update. Sue Hahn has been approved to be a SAM for HCLC; she will be considered the worship leader for HCLC. CBL has 4 SAM personnel currently. The bishop has given her consent to all of them to perform the Sacraments and perform funerals if needed at both CBL and HCLC. They will work together to get a schedule starting April 1, 2025, to make sure one SAM covers each church every week, unless other accommodations have been made. Pastor Mike Clark will continue to preside at the second Sunday service at HCLC. He has also offered his services to help train lay people to perform hospital and home visits and give Holy Communion for those unable to attend church. He has not heard if CBL wants him to continue performing the service there on the fourth Sunday of each month. We will continue to need an ALM for each service. Please consider volunteering or accepting if invited to help. Sue will be a liaison to the council for the SAM program to ensure communication.

There will be Communion every Sunday plus festivals, starting April 1, 2025, at HCLC.

Holy Week schedule, with Pastor Peter Olson presiding, will be as follows: Maundy Thursday at 1 pm, Good Friday at 1 pm, and Easter Sunday at 9:00 am. CBL will have Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,

and an Easter Vigil on Saturday of Holy Week; all will be held at 5 pm. HCLC members are invited to attend. We will post these times in the bulletins and the newsletter to keep everyone informed. Sue will contact Pastor Peter regarding types of services and when Communion will be served and pass this information to the office and Carol Wheeler.

A regular service will be performed on the fifth Sunday in March.

NEW BUSINESS: Rod Zuck has chosen to resign from the Church council.

Almayrene Reinthaler continues to live with her daughter in Wisconsin while recuperating. She appreciates all contact from members of HCLC. She wishes to continue her membership here and requested some offering envelopes and will have Communion in Wisconsin to allow her membership to remain active.

Easter brunch plans are being made. The menu will be egg casserole, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juices, coffee, and sweet breads/muffins. There will be sign-up sheets for attendance and donations of the breads/muffins as we get closer to Easter. This will be in the newsletter.

The deacon team is being organized with Kathy Owen in charge. She has been contacting members to make calls to those unable to attend services to check on them and see if they have any needs, i.e. Communion, visits, etc. This information will be relayed to Kathy, and she will contact our outreach lay people to help keep these people involved in our church. Several people have accepted but please consider offering your time to help others.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: The changes to the Site Ministry Profile that were approved in January were submitted to Synod. Approval was received on 2/26/25. This will take the place of the normal yearly resubmission which was due in February 2025; next submission is due in February 2026.

EDUCATION: Kathy Owen will take over the education committee.

EVANGELISM: A flyer will be placed in quilting shops, etc. regarding our Monday morning workshop to advertise our church. Kathy Owen had talked to another customer in Hobby Lobby who expressed interest in being involved in a small quilting group and this idea came from that interaction.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: The work is done on the building. Mowing should start soon.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing to report in addition to that discussed in New Business.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting will be held Saturday, March 15. Spaghetti supper planned for April 12, from 4-6 pm. A proposal was made that the men's group host one Sunday fellowship each month or two to help cover some dates. This will be taken to the meeting.

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. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

The next council meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 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



Men's Group April Report

There wasn't a meeting held in April because of the Easter Holiday.

Men's fellowship We held our Spaghetti Dinner on April 12th from 4:00-6:00pm. The dinner was a big success. We made \$1,638 in profit. Many thanks to all who baked and cooked and served and to those who shared our delicious dinner with us. We expect to do it again in the fall.

Deborah Parsons, the new Executive Director of Ozark Center of Hope, has offered to come meet with us to discuss their mission at one of our meetings. Carol Wheeler spoke to the WELCA group and they will join us. The plan was for the April meeting, but since it was 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 9:00am and the presentation will begin about 9:30am. Ladies of WELCA, please sign up for this breakfast meeting with Carol.

The next meeting is 9:00am, May 17th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2025

INCOME:

This month....\$9,645
 This year.....\$25,634

EXPENSE:

This month....\$10,295
 This year.....\$20,974

THANK YOU!!

Thank you all for the phone calls, visits, food, and general care and concern for me during my recent hospital stay. I am very grateful.—
 Doris Arnold.

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.

Many, many thanks for all the Birthday cards & gifts I received for my birthday, you are terrific friends and God not only loves you, so do I!—
 Eileen DeMoulpiéd

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, set-up, and prepared the Easter Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. The breakfast was paid for from our Fellowship donations. Thank you Carol Wheeler for doing all the shopping and overseeing the preparation. The decorations were very welcoming when you walked into the Fellowship room. Happy Easter to everyone.

—Phyllis Hamilton



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



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY REPORT-
MARCH 2025**

In March, the food pantry served 13 households, which included two new households. There were 28 clients. 8 between the ages of 0-17; 13 between the ages of 18-59 and 7 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 32 hours during the month of March. Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke 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.

For the month of March, our food pantry received 35.44 lbs. of baked goods from Harp's grocery store and 4.5 lbs. of donated food from individuals. All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve these families in need of food.

If anyone would like to donate cereal or saltine crackers- (we prefer the saltine crackers that come in sleeves which we give one sleeve to each family).

The Love Offering for the month of May will go to the Twin Lakes Shrine Club, a 501c3 non-profit organization located here in Mountain Home, AR. Frank Fusco, who is a member of the Twin Lakes Shrine Club, says the monetary support through this Love Offering helps transport children to the Shrine hospital in St. Louis, MO. Twin Lakes Shrine Club provides transportation at no cost to the families for the children that have appointments at the hospital. This Twin Lakes Shrine Club has been in existence for about 50 years.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is at \$655.48. The current balance of the HCLCFP checking account with the First Security Bank is \$4,156.79 as of 03/31/25. The expenses were \$334.61 and deposits of \$5.00.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson of HCLCFP



**Cereal
Saltines**



Twin Lakes Shrine Club



Bible Readings *for the Month*

May 4-Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 11-Fourth Sunday of Easter

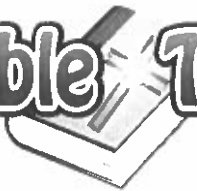
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 18- Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 25-Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. Darius
- 2) B. Belshazzar
- 3) B. False
- 4) D. Melchizedek

1. Who was the first person called a prophet in the Bible?

- A) Abraham
- B) Isaac
- C) Daniel
- D) Samuel

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 20:1-14

2. Who was the first female prophet mentioned by name in the Bible?

- A) Deborah
- B) Miriam
- C) Anna
- D) Noadiah

Need a hint? Check out Exodus 15:20

3. The prophet Isaiah was the son of King Solomon.

- A) True
- B) False

Need a hint? Check out 2 Kings 19:20

4. Who was the prophetess of Aser?

- A) Esther
- B) Anna
- C) Miriam
- D) Elizabeth

Need a hint? Check out Luke 2:36

PRAYER TEAM MESSAGE

Message from the Holy Cross Prayer Team Members: Jan Clark, Kathy Owen, Pamela Guth, John Eitenmiller, David Deterding, Fritz Cvangros, 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:

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



- ♦ 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.

Family Ties

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a special occasion for families.

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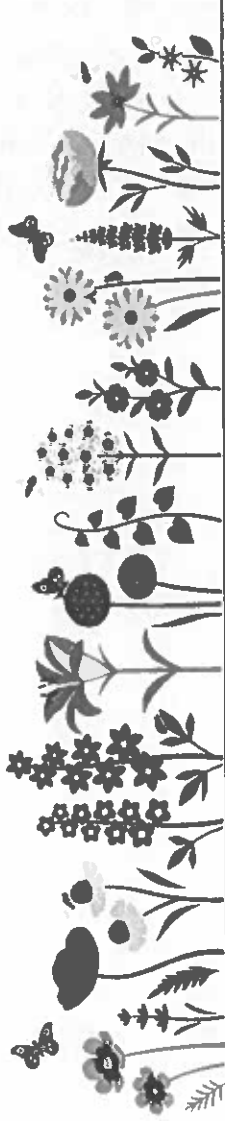

MAY



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
5/4/25 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Marilyn Poole & Carol Wheeler	Sue & Dave Hahn	Lisa Streu	
5/11/25 4 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Scott & Charles Polacek	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
5/18/25 5 th Sunday of Easter	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott	Kathy Owen & David Deterding	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
5/25/25 6 th Sunday of Easter	Tim Koenig & Charles Polacek	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Jane Smith	
	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 S. 870-492-2155

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar

May 2025

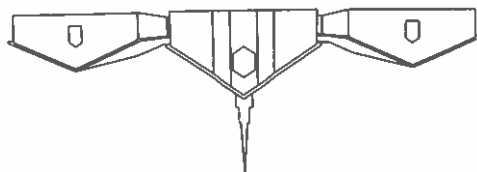
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SYNOD ASSEMBLY 11 Fourth Sun. of Easter 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Twin Lakes Shrine Club</i> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!	12 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	13 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	14 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	15 8:30am-12:30pm Office	16 8:30am-12:30pm Office	17 9:00am Men's Group Mtg.
18 Fifth Sun. of Easter 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	19 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	20 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	21 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	22 8:30am-12:30pm Office	23 8:30am-12:30pm Office	24
25 Sixth Sun. of Easter 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	26 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	27 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Senior Exercise	28 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	29 8:30am-12:30pm Office	30 8:30am-12:30pm Office	31



2-Pete Cvengros
 4-Lenora Walejko
 14-Bill Veith
 26-Dick Feicht

17-Charlie & Cheryl Newsom
 19-Dale & Carol Wheeler
 29-Marita & Dion Stanford

 * 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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