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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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July Newsletter
deadline is June 22nd.

Sunday Bulletin
announcements are due
Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like something included in the
Sunday bulletin or monthly newsletter,
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CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: April 10, 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: None

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Scott gave the devotions from Psalm 121, which is a psalm of assurance, and a reading from *The Word in Season*. God has everything ordered and is in control, so despite things that are occurring around us, we can be assured that His will shall be done. He is our protector no matter what.

May devotions are David Deterding.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report for March which is above the average. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The Mission Plus Building account has been spent so only a general fund Mission Plus will now be available. ECLA Fund quarterly report will come in April. First quarter insurance payment was the largest expense this month. Other expenses are in line, so the budget is good currently. Special reports for Mission Plus, Food Pantry, and Handbell funds were reported. Dave Hahn made a motion to accept the financial reports; seconded by Steve Kampen. The motion was approved.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 13, 2025, meeting had a typo. A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes by Steve Kampen; seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion was approved.

VISIONING: Nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Question** was raised if Rod Zuck needed to be replaced by the council. His term runs out as of December 31, 2025, so his spot will be left open until the end of year.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion of payment for the SAMs was held. First a clarification will occur with the bishop. Suggestion from CBL was for \$100 plus mileage for each service. Sue Hahn is refusing payment, but others may wish to be paid if acceptable with the Synod. If payment is acceptable with the bishop, Dave Hahn made a motion to approve this to make sure we have continuity with the SAMs. The motion was seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion was approved. Judy Hoover will check with the bishop and have a discussion regarding the amounts with Linda Masters from CBL. This is contingent on receiving a W-9 form from each one. Tim will get paid for his two services in March.

Frank Fusco is in the Lake Forest Senior Living skilled nursing facility, in room 106. He would appreciate visitors.

Mike Clark will continue serving on the second Sunday of each month at HCLC and the 4th Sunday of each month at CBL.

Food pantry received first check from the Gerald Franke estate. Another check will be coming when the estate is finalized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new currently. MSP is up to date until February 2026.

EDUCATION: Bible study is steady at 14-15 people.

EVANGELISM: There is a small committee that is checking on congregants that are unable to attend services.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Members are starting to cut grass.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Holy Week coming up with Easter Brunch.

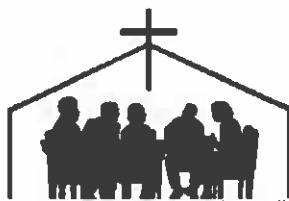
FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Spaghetti supper is April 12. The group is having a speaker from the Center of Hope at their May 17, 2025, meeting. All members of the Men's Group and WELCA are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by David Deterding. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

The next council meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 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 Meeting 5/17/2025

Men's fellowship

There were 9 men and 10 ladies present, breakfast was served at this meeting.

Ozark Center of Hope has a new director. Deborah Parsons spoke to the group, including the ladies of WELCA, about the mission of their organization. They strive to provide help to people in Baxter and Marion counties who are living under the poverty level. There are about 1,500 people who receive assistance. This includes help with utilities and rent, distributing fans and blankets seasonally, personal hygiene items and working with individuals to get additional assistance from other organizations.

We reviewed the results of the April Spaghetti Dinner. We had sales of \$1,638.00 and costs of \$109.09. We have already started making plans for another dinner in the fall. The date we have chosen is October 18th.

We decided to make donations from the dinner profits at the next meeting, instead of waiting until the end of the year.

A question was raised about paying guest speakers. Our decision was not to make payments for speaking, but to consider adding their group to our list of donations in the future.

The next meeting will be 9:00am on June 21st at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



I celebrated my birthday back in April and I want to thank everyone for making my 96th birthday fun. To Wanda, Doris and

Lenora for the pretty cake with Butterflies enjoyed by all. To Nancy, for my hummingbird feeder, to Carol & Marita for the flowers and visit. Many thanks for the cards, gifts, and phone calls. God's Blessings to all & looking forward to my journey to "97" with my Monday Morning Workshop family.

Love to All,
Dorothy Meyer

Women of the ELCA



WELCA GENERAL MEETING WRAPUP

WELCA's general meeting was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We had a great discussion regarding the annual bazaar, and it was decided to hold it again in 2025. The dates will be November 7 and 8. Carol Wheeler has graciously accepted the position of chairperson. There will be a continuation of the lunch, bake sale, craft and quilt sale, silent auction, Christmas area, and possibly more.

Our next meeting will feature a lunch provided by Carol at 12:00pm on August 21 followed by a short meeting to solidify bazaar plans. We will then have a speaker from Annette's Flowers to show us more about flower arrangements. Please come and enjoy lunch, social time, and a chance to learn.

Altar Guild



The Day of Pentecost

The third most important festival of the church year is Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after Easter. Pentecost celebrates the time when the Holy Spirit came to believers. It is therefore, a day when decorations and ceremonies should suggest sound and fire as symbols of the Spirit. Bright red paraments are used on the day of Pentecost. Red gladioli may be used for altar flowers, since their shape suggests tongues of fire. To emphasize the importance of this festival, the chancel may be adorned with red geraniums. They should be arranged to call attention to the altar. Following Pentecost worship services, the geraniums may be planted on the church grounds. Holy Communion is normally celebrated on this festival.

The Holy Trinity

This festival occurs on the 1st Sunday after Pentecost, and it honors the doctrine of the Trinity. Paraments are white, and white altar flowers are fitting.

Attention Parish Members: Sun., June 8th is Pentecost this year. If you would like to adorn the Altar with a geranium, please bring it to the church Fri., June 7th and altar ladies will place them in the altar area. Geraniums that are not taken after the church service will be planted on the church property. Any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044. Thank you for helping adorn our church Altar area.



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



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2025**

In April, the food pantry served 25 households, which included 4 new households. There were 50 clients, 11 between the ages of 0-17; 22 between the ages of 18-59 and 17 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 41 hours during the month of April. Those volunteer hours include shopping for the food pantry at Walmart and the Dollar Tree, travel time and stocking the shelves. We also make trips to Jordan, AR to pick up donated food from Harp's that Dennis Baker provides to our food pantry. 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 inputting the information in the computers, helping taking the food outside to the clients cars and stocking the shelves in the food pantry. The food pantry helps serve families in need of food, especially with the rise in cost of food. Many of the clients have limited income and we even have homeless individuals coming to our food pantry.

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

The Love Offering for the month of June will go to Informed Choices Women's Center of the Ozarks, a 501c3 non-profit organization located here in Mountain Home. They provide support for pregnant women and their families through religious, charitable and educational means. Informed Choices helps pregnant women of all ages by providing counseling, parenting classes and emotional support.

Our credit balance with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$493.85. The HCLC food pantry checking account statement with First Security was not available to include in this monthly report. It will be included in next month's report to the church council.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson of HCLCFP



**Cereal
Saltine Crackers**



**Informed Choices
Women's Center**



June 1-Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
 John 17:20-26

June 8-Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34,35b
 Romans 8:14-17
 John 14:8-17,25-27

June 15-The Holy Trinity

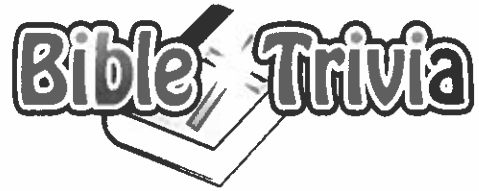
Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
 Psalm 8
 Romans 5:1-5
 John 16:12-15

June 22-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9
 Psalm 22:19-28
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39

June 29-Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21
 Psalm 16
 Galatians 5:1,13-25
 Luke 9:51-62



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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. Abraham
- 2) B. Miriam
- 3) B. False
- 4) B. Anna

1. Which king of Israel ruled only for seven days?

- A) Zimri
- B) David
- C) Ahab
- D) Cyrus

Need a hint? Check out 1 Kings 16:18

2. What was the name of King Ahasuerus's wife who was deposed?

- A) Jezebel
- B) Vashti
- C) Ruth
- D) Sheba

Need a hint? Check out Esther 1:11

3. King Jehoiakim was the son of King Josiah.

- A) True
- B) False

Need a hint? Check out Jeremiah 1:3

4. Which king went insane and ate grass?

- A) Jehu
- B) Hezekiah
- C) Nebuchadnezzar
- D) Zechariah

Need a hint? Check out Daniel 4:33



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.

Wedding

Find and circle all of the Wedding words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell a quote from William Lyon Phelps.

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AFFECTION
 BEST MAN
 BOUQUET
 BRIDE
 BUDGET
 CAKE
 CARING
 CATERER
 CELEBRATION
 CEREMONY
 CHURCH
 CONGRATULATIONS
 COUPLE

DANCE
 DIAMOND
 DINNER
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 PARTNER
 PHOTOGRAPHER
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 VEIL
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JUNE



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
6/1/25 7 th Sunday of Easter	Linda Masters & Carol Wheeler	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	
6/8/25 Pentecost Sunday	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover &
6/15/25 The Holy Trinity	Marilyn Pool & Kathy Scott	David Deterding & Kathy Owen	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
6/22/25 2 nd Sunday After Pentecost	Tim Koenig & Sue Hahn	Sue & Dave Hahn	Lisa Streu	
6/29/25 3 rd Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & 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

June 2025

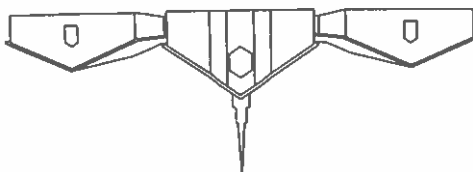
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1-Carol Wheeler
4-Kathy Owen
6-Barb Kerns
7-Cleo Holm
15-Charlie Cryts
23-Dale Wheeler
24-Nancy Thoren

6-David & Sue Hahn

* If your birthday or anniversary is *
* missing or incorrect, please put *
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