

## ***"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"***

### **THE GOOD NEWS**

**JULY 2025**

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

**Worship Sundays @ 9:00a**

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**August Newsletter**  
deadline is July 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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# CHURCH COUNCIL



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: May 8, 2025  
9:40 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:** Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler  
Excused Absences: Frank Fusco and Dave Hahn  
Absent: Dave Deterding and Kathy Owen  
Observers: None

**DEVOTIONS:** Steve Kampen gave devotions from *Our Daily Bread* for today. The devotion was taken from Ephesians. We need to be "grafted" onto the love of Jesus as our source of power to bear fruit in this world. Carol Wheeler has June devotions.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. Donations are slightly down for the month, although in line with the YTD average.

Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Giving is below the YTD budget. As we do not have a pastor, we are still OK with the budget, but if we would get a pastor, income must increase. We will also have a non-budgeted item (SAMs pay) to account for and then put in the budget for next year, if needed. Expenses were in line. Steve Kampen made a motion; seconded by Kathy Scott to accept the financial reports. The motion was approved.

**MINUTES:** The April 10, 2025, minutes were reviewed. Discussion occurred on wording of a few items. The changes suggested will be made. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion passed.

**VISIONING:** Kathy Scott presented an idea used in Synod churches in western Oklahoma to provide a laundry ministry for homeless/low-income community members. The service is called Laundry with Dignity. The hope is that if these people are helped, the children may have less issues with bullying, etc. in school and have a potentially better outcome, in many aspects of their lives. It would involve approaching a laundromat and providing (once a month) quarters and laundry pods plus dryer sheets for the people using the service (they do their own laundry). It has worked well and expanded in those towns in which it has been initiated. Charles Polacek made a motion to investigate this idea further (Marita Stanford and Kathy Scott will check into this); seconded by Lisa Streu. The motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Judy Hoover spoke with Linda Masters from CBL. SAMs will be paid \$100 per service but no mileage. Tim Koenig has been paid for both for a few services. He asked that the mileage he was paid be taken from his next several checks (one mileage stipend he was paid per check).

**NEW BUSINESS:** HCLC 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2026. Ideas will be solicited to celebrate this important anniversary. Let council members know if you have any ideas. We are looking for an old report written by Gladys Lindeman which had a written history of the church from its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If anyone has a copy, let Judy know.

Linda Masters suggested having a combined council "meet and greet" quarterly to talk about what each church is doing and get to know others from CBL. This may also extend to having a combined WELCA "meet and greet" in the future.

Synod Assembly Report: Kathy Scott gave the report. She and Marita attended from HCLC. She stated that it was useful and a very good assembly. The various sessions were insightful, and some offered good suggestions to further church ministry in a practical manner (see visioning report). There were many ideas churches can use to help others without expecting a reward.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CALL COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report.

**EDUCATION:** Nothing to report.

**EVANGELISM:** Nothing to report.

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

**PROPERTY:** Cracks in the parking lot were noted. Dean and Dale are aware and will investigate getting them repaired.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Nothing to report.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Nothing to report.

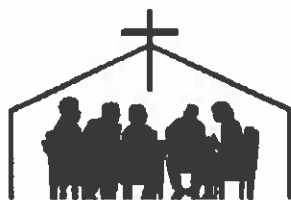
**WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** June 8 is Pentecost. Please bring a red geranium to decorate the church if you would like and wear red. They will then be used to decorate outside the church this summer.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Written report.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Their meeting is Saturday, May 17.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Steve Kampen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 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**

<b>President</b> .....	Judy Hoover
<b>Vice President</b> .....	Dave Hahn
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Lisa Streu
<b>Call Committee</b> .....	Lisa Streu
<b>Education</b> .....	Kathy Owen
<b>Evangelism</b> .....	Kathy Owen
<b>Finance</b> .....	Charles Polacek
<b>Property</b> .....	Dave Hahn
<b>Property</b> .....	David Deterding
<b>Social Ministries</b> .....	Steve Kampen
<b>Stewardship</b> .....	Kathy Scott
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b> .....	Carol Wheeler

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Special Council Meeting  
Sunday, May 18, 2025

**ROLL CALL:** Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler

Excused Absences: Frank Fusco

Guest: Dean Smith

A special council meeting was called to order at 10:03 am to discuss having the back door in the kitchen replaced. The property committee reported that the current door was examined and found to be rotting at the base and not repairable.

The property committee received a quote from Marchant's lumber for the replacement door, crash bar, and installation for approximately \$900. The punch code is to remain the same.

Kathy Owen made a motion, seconded by Kathy Scott to approve the purchase of a new kitchen door/installation. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Special Council Meeting  
Sunday, June 1, 2025

**ROLL CALL:** Dave Deterding, Frank Fusco, Dave Hahn, Judy Hoover, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler

Excused Absences: Steve Kampen

A special council meeting was called to order at 9:56 am to discuss the information gathered by Kathy Scott and Marita Stanford to initiate a laundry ministry as discussed at the last council meeting. Kathy gave a short synopsis of the program in western Oklahoma.

They have found a laundromat, A+ on Commerce in Mountain Home that is willing to try a similar program. The owner, Brandon Barnes, has two laundromats in town and is willing to work with HCLC. He suggested Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night. With council approval, Kathy and Marita will take signage/poster examples to him and confirm that this will be acceptable. The intent is to have this every third Monday of each month in the early evening, beginning in June.

A member(s) of HCLC will be there to put out quarters, laundry pods, and dryer sheets, and monitor usage of the service. There is a donor to cover the first several months of the project. The cost is estimated to be around \$200-250 per month. Discussion was had to take collections to receive quarters or other donations to keep the ministry going after the initial donation is used. The whole project will be reassessed when the donation runs out to assess actual costs, plus positives and negatives of the project.

Kathy Owen made a motion, seconded by Charles Polacek to approve moving forward with the laundry ministry at A+ laundromat starting in June 2025 using the donated money. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.



### Meeting 6/21/2025

There were 6 members and 1 guest present, breakfast was served at this meeting.

We voted to make donations a this time from our Spaghetti Dinner profits as follows:

- ⇒ \$200 Food Bank of North Central Arkansas
- ⇒ \$200 Ozark Center of Hope
- ⇒ \$200 Serenity
- ⇒ \$200 Oaks Indian Mission
- ⇒ \$200 Kindness, Inc.
- ⇒ \$200 Meals on Wheels
- ⇒ \$200 John 3:16 Ministry
- ⇒ \$200 Humane Society of NC Arkansas
- ⇒ \$200 Holy Cross Laundry Ministry
- Total: \$1,800

We will be holding another Spaghetti Dinner. The date is confirmed as October 18th. Carol Wheeler will supervise and Dean Smith will secure a Thrivent grant to buy the food supplies.

The next meeting will be 9:00am on July 19th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 2025

#### INCOME:

This month....\$7,507  
This year.....\$41,631

#### EXPENSE:

This month....\$5,585  
This year.....\$33,849



Check it out!

The church has a library located in the Parlor on the east end of the building.  
(Go through church office)

Thanks to some good helpers, it has been cleaned and straightened up. Feel free to borrow any books you like but kindly return them.

Happy  
Independence  
Day



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



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOOD PANTRY MAY 2025 REPORT**

In May, the food pantry served 18 households, which included two new households. There were 37 clients, 7 between the ages of 0-17; 17 between the ages of 18-59 and 13 at the age of 60 or older.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 31.75 hours during the month of May. 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.

All donated food and money are greatly appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve these families in Baxter County.

As a reminder, 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.

The Love Offering for the month June will go to Informed Choices of Mountain Home which provides support for pregnant women and their families through religious, charitable, and educational means. They provide counseling, parenting classes and emotional support. The Love Offering for the month of July will go to the Arkansas Sheriff Youth Ranch -Batesville. Working with at-risk children is a key component of focus at the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch. The ranch which first opened in 1976 is on 600 acres in the Batesville area. Children coming to the ranch are generally the products of abuse and neglect caused by broken homes. With kids coming to the ranch in such formative years, the ranch aims to create a safe, healthy, and permanent home for the children. While some children will stay until they're 18 or 21, often the ranch is a bridge for children from foster care to adoption.

The previous balance of the HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 04/30/25 was \$6,503.93. The expenses were \$242.86 and deposits were \$2,590.00. The current balance of the HCLCFP at First Security Bank is \$11,906.37 as of 05/30/25. The expenses were \$447.56 with deposits of \$5,850.00. Deposits for both months were from a generous memorial gift and individuals. The credit balance account the HCLCFP has with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is currently \$493.85. Barb Kampen attended a Food Bank of North Central Arkansas Member Agency meeting on May 13 in which our food pantry will receive \$250 credit for attending the meeting. This can only be used with purchasing food from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. Marita Stanford also completed a ServSafe class and received a certification which is good for five years. Since our food pantry is a member of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, it is required that we have at least one of our food pantry volunteers have a current ServSafe certification.

Barbara Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Arkansas Sheriff Youth  
Ranch- Batesville**



## Bible Readings *for the Month*

### **July 6-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 66:10-14  
 Psalm 66:1-9  
 Galatians 6:1-16  
 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

### **July 13-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 Colossians 1:1-14  
 Luke 10:25-37

### **July 20-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-10a  
 Psalm 15  
 Colossians 1:15-28  
 Luke 10:38-42

### **July 27-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 18:20-32  
 Psalm 138  
 Colossians 2:6-19  
 Luke 11:1-13




## Bible Trivia

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

### Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. Zimri
- 2) B. Vashti
- 3) A. True
- 4) C. Nebuchadnezzar

### 1. Which king married the pharaoh's daughter?

- A) Asa
- B) Darius
- C) Solomon
- D) Herod

\*Need a hint? Check out 1 Kings 3:1\*

### 2. Why did King Ahasuerus depose Queen Vashti?

- A) She murdered the king's favorite concubine.
- B) She worshipped false idols.
- C) She could not bear children.
- D) She refused to appear before the king.

\*Need a hint? Check out Esther 1:9-19\*

### 3. Which king fell from the balcony in his upper chamber?

- A) Saul
- B) Ahaziah
- C) Zimri
- D) Manasseh

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

### 4. Who was the king of Bashan?

- A) Hoshea
- B) Og
- C) Josiah
- D) Tibni

\*Need a hint? Check out Numbers 21:33\*



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  
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.



# Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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AUGUST  
BARBECUE  
BASEBALL  
BEACH  
BEES  
BICYCLE  
BLUE SKY  
BOATING  
BREEZE  
CAMPING

FISHING  
FLIES  
FLOWERS  
GARDENING  
GOLF  
GREEN GRASS  
HAT  
HIKING  
HOLIDAYS  
HOT  
ICE CREAM

JULY  
JUNE  
MOSQUITOES  
NO SCHOOL  
PICNIC  
ROLLER BLADES  
SANDALS  
SKATEBOARD  
SOCCER  
SOLSTICE  
SPRINKLERS

SUNBURN  
SUNGLASSES  
SUNSCREEN  
SUNSHINE  
SUNTAN  
SWEAT  
SWIMMING  
U V RAYS  
WASPS  
WATER FIGHTS  
WATERMELON





# JULY



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
7/6/25 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Linda Masters & Carol Wheeler	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
7/13/25 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	David Deterding & Judy Hoover	Lisa Streu	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
7/20/25 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott	Kathy Owen & Charles Polacek	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
7/27/25 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Tim Koenig & Charles Polacek	Pete Cvengros & Kathy Scott	Jane Smith	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 S. 870-492-2155

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar

## July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sun. Alt. Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	 <b>1</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	<b>2</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>4 Independence Day</b> 	<b>5</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sun. Alt. Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>7</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	<b>8</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	<b>9</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	<b>10</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:30am Church Council	<b>11</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>12</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sun. Alt. Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship  <b>Love Offering for</b> <b>Arkansas Sheriff Youth</b> <b>Ranch-Batesville</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	<b>15</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	<b>16</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	<b>17</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>18</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>19</b> 9:00am Men's Group Mtg.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sun. Alt. Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship  <b>*Newsletter Deadline*</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	<b>22</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Senior Exercise	<b>23</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9-11am, 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	<b>24</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>25</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office	<b>26</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sun. Alt. Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>28</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 9:00am WELCA Workshop	<b>29</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 1:00pm Senior Exercise	<b>30</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office 10:00-11:00am Bible Study	<b>31</b> 8:30am-12:30pm Office		

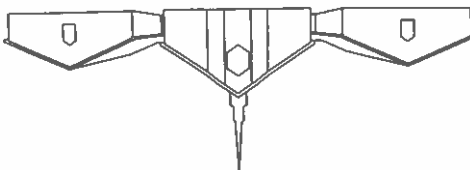


15-Janet Cryts



3-Charlie & Janet Cryts  
 21-Martin & Frances Bauman  
 23-Dan & Pat Jones  
 25-Pete & Fritzie Cvengros

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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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