

"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

THE GOOD NEWS

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8:30a-12:30p

Worship Sundays @ 9:00a

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September Newsletter
deadline is August 24th.

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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Contact Dan Schmidt
or Charlie Newsom

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: June 12, 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, Judy Hoover, Steve Kampen, Kathy Owen, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler

Excused Absence: Dave Hahn and Charles Polacek

Absent: Frank Fusco

Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Carol Wheeler gave devotions entitled *Life Giving Spirit*. The Spirit helps us do God's work in the world despite troubles and hardships. We need to lean on the Spirit and trust in God to flourish in this world and help others flourish. The Spirit that was there in the beginning helps us today.

Judy Hoover has July devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Steve Kampen, financial secretary, gave the giving report. May's overall giving was down and below budgeted amounts. Kathy Scott is giving the treasurer's report. The funds are doing well, and cash assets continue to grow. The insurance policy bill will be taken out of the checking account this month. Other expenses are the same for the most part, although Evangelism advertising is quite high. This will be clarified with Charles. Kathy Owen made a motion; seconded by David Deterding to accept the financial reports. The motion passed.

MINUTES: There were 3 reports to review: the May 8 regular meeting, the May 16 special meeting, and the June 1 special meeting. There were no corrections. Steve Kampen made a motion to accept the 3 sets of minutes; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed.

VISIONING: There is nothing currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Update on the Loads of Love ministry. There is a collection bin for quarters for the machines. The handout has been put on Facebook and posted in various places around Mountain Home. Brandon Barnes, the owner of the laundromat, is providing the detergent for the start of the program and we still have the initial donation to cover dryer sheets. All of these will allow the donations to cover a longer trial period. Grants will be investigated to further fund the program. The first day will be from 4:30-7pm on Monday, June 16, 2025. Kathy Scott and Wanda Soutter will be the HCLC members monitoring the first month. Kathy Scott will put out a volunteer sheet for future months. Initially we will need staff with two volunteers per month, but if the program succeeds, we may need more volunteers.

The 40th HCLC Anniversary celebration was brought up. Carol found the HCLC brochure from the 30th and we have CBL's from their 45th to use as reference. We need ideas to start planning this celebration.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a letter from Rod and Lori Zuck requesting their removal from the church rolls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

EDUCATION: Nothing to report.

EVANGELISM: Contacting members via phone and visiting them is doing well. Everyone is helping with sending cards.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Carol provided information: Dale has been working on the hail damage by getting insurance adjusters and roofers to evaluate the damage. More information to come. Dean, Dale, and Mike spread the mulch after cleaning the areas. Geraniums from Pentecost were planted. Mike Clark power-washed the front walk/entrance and sanded/painted the front bench. The kitchen door is on order and will be installed when it arrives.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Dan is looking to potentially restart the choir on a casual basis. Look for more information.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting Saturday.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Steve Kampen and seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Steve Kampen and seconded by David Deterding. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, July 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
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



Meeting July 19, 2025

There were 5 men and 1 guest present and breakfast was served at this meeting.

We confirmed that the next Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, October 18th from 4:00 -6:00pm at Holy Cross.

We were advised that one of the local charities that we support, Kindness, Inc., will be ceasing operations at the end of August due to shortage of volunteers and volunteer cars to provide transportation assistance to the people who cannot drive themselves.

We learned that the Holy Cross council is planning an event to celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2026. We wondered how the Men's Group could help with this event. We concluded that we would have to await the formation of a committee and then see what part we could play.

The next meeting will be 9:00am on August 16th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Always be cautious of unsolicited calls (or in-person visits) to your home from companies claiming to conduct energy audits. These are typically telemarketing firms that claim to be a third-party company or pose as a representative from your electric utility to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates. North Arkansas Electric Cooperative personnel can conduct energy audits, but they are scheduled at a member's request.

Source: Better Business Bureau

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 2025

INCOME:

This month....\$9,293
This year.....\$50,941

EXPENSE:

This month....\$9,397
This year.....\$43,246



ATTENTION HOLY CROSS WOMEN

All women of Holy Cross are invited to a luncheon, quarterly Women's General meeting, and experience our special speaker, Nancy from Annette's Floral.

Food, fun, and fellowship are planned for Thursday, August 21st at Noon. Please mark your calendars! There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those who plan to attend. Watch for it on Sunday, August 10th. If you have any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 870-488-5044. See you at our women's gathering!



Bible Study on Wednesdays is on hiatus.

Class will resume sometime in September.



A BIG THANK YOU to My Church Family for your calls, cards, and prayers following my accident. God's Blessings

-Nancy Thoren



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



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

In June, the food pantry served 16 households which included one new family. There were 27 clients, 5 between the ages of 0-17; 9 between the ages of 18-59 and 13 at the age of 60 or older. We served 3 veterans.

Our volunteer staff worked a total of 33.5 hours for the month of June. Our volunteer food pantry staff consists of Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke and Sue Gust. I want to thank our volunteer staff 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 families that live in Baxter County. We received 29.95 lbs. of baked goods from Harp's. We received 18 lbs. of meat and eggs from a congregations member, which the families really appreciated. We received 38.38 lbs. of donated produce from the Farmer's Market and the Hunger Farms located at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.

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 Love Offering for the month of August will go to the Twin Lakes Literacy Council. They are a non-profit organization of volunteers working to promote literacy in Baxter County. They provide free one-to-one tutoring to people who need better reading, writing, English or math skills.

The credit balance account the HCLCFP has with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is at \$288.22. The current balance of the HCLCFP at First Security Bank is \$11,580.18 as of 06/30/25. The expenses were \$326.19 with \$0.00 deposits.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Twin Lakes Literacy
Council



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

August 3-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 10-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 17-Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 24-Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 31-Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7a
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) C. Solomon
- 2) D. She refused to appear before the king.
- 3) B. Ahaziah
- 4) B. Og

1. What did the prophet Zechariah see in his vision Zechariah 1:8?

- A) A child dancing around the altar of a false god.
 - B) A leviathan with broken eggs
 - C) A statue made of many metals
 - D) A man riding upon a red horse
- *Need a hint? Check out Zechariah 1:8*

2. Which prophet was instructed to take a wife of whoredom?

- A) Elijah
 - B) Hosea
 - C) Micah
 - D) Haggai
- *Need a hint? Check out Hosea 1:2*

3. Which prophetess was married to a king's wardrobe keeper?

- A) Noadiah
 - B) Huldah
 - C) Deborah
 - D) Miriam
- *Need a hint? Check out 2 Kings 22:14*

4. Who was NOT an Old Testament prophet?

- A) Isaiah
 - B) Daniel
 - C) Silas
 - D) Jeremiah
- *Need a hint? Check out Acts 15:32*



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.

Fruit

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

M R O D A C O V A H B A N A N A
U A P Y R R E B E U L B O O K N
L E M O N T A U Q M U K M N I S
P P L I M E E H C Y L M C O W T
T I U R F E P A R G I A O L I R
E Y Y R A G G I F S N E C E F A
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APPLES
APRICOT
AVOCADO
BANANA
BLACKBERRY
BLUEBERRY
CANTALOUPE
CHERRIES
CHOCHECHERRY
COCONUT
CRABAPPLE
CRANBERRY

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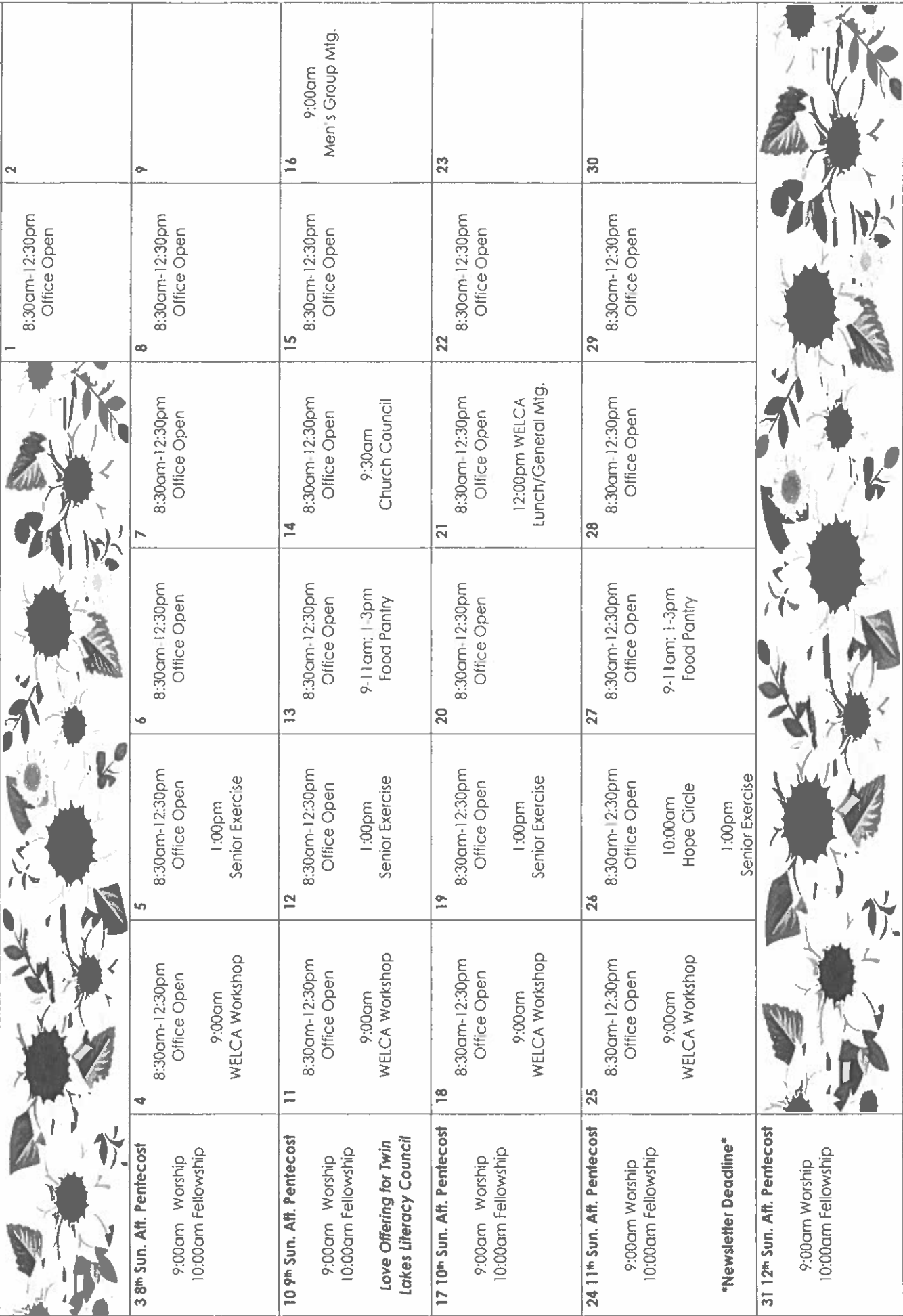
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PERSIMMON
PINEAPPLE
PLUM
POMEGRANATE
RASPBERRY
RHUBARB
STRAWBERRY
WATERMELON

AUGUST



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
8/3/25 8 th Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Carol Wheeler	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
8/10/25 9 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Charles Polacek & Kathy Scott	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
8/17/25 10 th Sunday After Pentecost	Marilyn Pool & Kathy Scott	Kathy Owen & David Deterding	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
8/24/25 11 th Sunday After Pentecost	Tim Koenig & Charles Polacek	Sue & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	
8/31/25 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	Linda Masters & Jan Clark	Judy Hoover & 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 S. 870-492-2155

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	2
3rd Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	4 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	5 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Senior Exercise	6 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	7 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	8 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	9
10th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Twin Lakes Literacy Council</i>	11 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	12 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Senior Exercise	13 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry	14 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council	15 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	16 9:00am Men's Group Mtg.
17th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	18 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	19 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Senior Exercise	20 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	21 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 12:00pm WELCA Lunch/General Mtg.	22 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	23
24th 11th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	25 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	26 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Senior Exercise	27 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry	28 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	29 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	30
31st 12th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship						

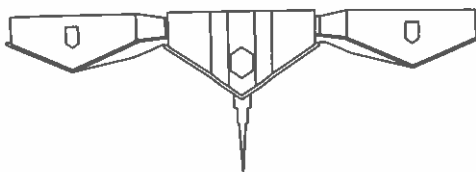


7-Fran Bauman
9-Mark Guth
19-Dan Schmidt
21-David Hahn
27-Mark Hunt
30-Marilyn Parbs



9-Mike & Kathy Owen
28-Dan & Donna Schmidt

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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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