

"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

THE GOOD NEWS

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

Worship Sundays @ 9:00a

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October Newsletter
deadline is September 21st.

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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or Charlie Newsom

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATE: July 14, 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, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absence: Steve Kampen and Kathy Scott
Absent: None
Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Dave Hahn gave devotions from *Our Daily Bread* entitled God provides. Everything we have comes from God. We need to trust in God for that provision and should use what God has provided to help others. The story of Elijah and the widow from the book of Isaiah illustrates this statement. Charles has September devotions.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial reports. Giving was significantly off average and off budget for July. Giving will need to improve if a pastor is obtained. Money was moved from Mission Plus CD to checking to allow for checks to be written to pay the roofing contractor. The first installment of \$28,000 was written. Other expenses were basically within budget except evangelism advertising, which needs to be adjusted on the next budget. Kathy Owen made a motion; seconded by Dave Hahn to approve the financial reports. Motion was approved.

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 10, 2025, regular council meeting and the special congregational meeting from July 27, 2025, were reviewed. Charles Polacek made a motion; seconded by Kathy Owen to approve the July 10 council minutes. The motion was approved. Kathy Owen made a motion; seconded by Dave Hahn to approve the congregational minutes. The motion was approved.

VISIONING: Loads of Love report was given by Judy Hoover (for Kathy Scott). The next day for this is Monday, July 18. Brandon Barnes, the owner of the laundromat will be there to see how things are going. Marita Stanford is the volunteer to work with Kathy Scott. Kathy deposited \$463 in quarters/donations from the congregation for this ministry. Thank you for your support. The buckets will be out so if you have quarters to spare, please consider helping. A volunteer sign-up sheet is out for one volunteer each month. Please consider helping on a Monday if able.

Kathy Owen brought up the possibility of having somebody speak on KTLO's Talk of the Town to help advertise other functions besides the bazaar. This is an option to help the community be aware of events. This will be explored to use before the 40th anniversary event and the Men's Group will discuss it at Saturday's meeting to potentially advertise the Spaghetti Suppers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The committee to organize this will be picked about 6 months prior to the event. Kathy Owen has at this time agreed to head the committee. The date that was picked last month coincides with the Synod Assembly, so a new date of May 9, 2026, was discussed. It is Mother's Day weekend, but the later we go, the hotter it gets. Charles Polacek made a motion;

seconded by Kathy Owen to change the date of the event to May 9, 2026. The motion was approved. Kathy will take advertising to KTLO's Talk of the Town two weeks prior to the event. The Men's Group had brainstormed at their last meeting about ideas. They came up with having KTLO and their Treasure Chest there and having a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce. The goody bags for kids were discussed again.

Roof repairs are almost complete. The roofing material is on, all the vents but one is complete, new flashing is complete. There were a few structural repairs with new plywood replacement required. The last vent will be put in place shortly.

The NAEC scam article was placed in the last newsletter. Future scam information articles will be placed in the newsletter periodically.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Hahn turned in a ministry conference receipt. This is usually for pastors, but Synod is now allowing SAMs to attend. It was \$350 for the conference with housing and meals in a camp setting. Charles Polacek made a motion; seconded by Kathy Owen to approve reimbursing the receipt. The motion was approved. Kathy Scott is beginning SAM training through the Northern Texas/Northern Louisiana Synod based in Irving, TX. The training is online. She needs a \$225 deposit to start the program. Dave Hahn made a motion; seconded by Lisa Streu to pay for this deposit. The motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: New Synod contact information was provided to the Synod and a return email received.

EDUCATION: No report.

EVANGELISM: Loads of Love report given earlier.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports given.

PROPERTY: Roofing report given earlier. No mowing occurring due to the dry weather.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

STEWARDSHIP: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing to report.

FOOD PANTRY: Written report.

MEN'S GROUP: Meeting is Saturday, July 16, 2025.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Kathy Owen; seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Lisa Streu. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 9:30 am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

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

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council Secretary



COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
SECOND THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 AM



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

A special congregational meeting to discuss and vote on replacing the roof was called to order by Council President Judy Hoover at 10 am on July 27, 2025. A quorum was present.

Dale Wheeler and Dean Smith presented information that after the hail storm on March 30, 2025 they noticed there were some shingles on the ground and also missing pieces from the roof. Our last roof was replaced 20 years ago.

The insurance company was informed of the problem. The insurance company has already sent us a \$13,000 check and possibly another check later.

There were 2 contractors contacted for estimates. Mountain Home Roofing and Pyramid Roofing. After reviewing the estimates, it was decided that we use Mountain Home Roofing. The cost will be approximately \$40,000 to replace the 5 sections of the roof with 30 architectural shingles and update the ridge vents. We have to pay 60% down when the job is accepted.

There was a question asked about our deductible. We currently have to pay 1% of the value of our building for wind and hail damage. This year our deductible will be \$18,000. After insurance payments this will leave us to pay approximately \$14,000 to \$16,000 for the job.

After discussions Dan Schmidt moved to accept the project as proposed and Dave Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Dan Schmidt moved and Dean Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Submitted by Judy Hoover
HCLC Council President



Meeting 8/16/2025

There were 7 men & 1 guest present and breakfast was served at this meeting.

Men's fellowship

We confirmed that the next Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, October 18th from 4:00-6:00pm at Holy Cross. Mike Clark will join Kathy Owen to speak about the event on KTLO.

We spoke about our 40th Anniversary event in 2026. We are awaiting the formation of a committee and then we'll see what part we could play.

The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Saturday, September 20th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



Church Picnic at the home of David & Sue Hahn on October 5 at 11am.

Look for the sign up sheet in the middle of September.



JULY 2025

INCOME:

This month....\$5,409
This year.....\$63,616

EXPENSE:

This month....\$4,653
This year.....\$47,899



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 3rd party company or pose as a representative from your electric company to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates. NAEC personnel can conduct audits, but they are scheduled at a member's request.



FROM CHRIST BY THE LAKE

Grace and peace to you from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.-Rms. 1:7

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our upcoming **Outside the Box Workshop**, a time of learning, reflection, and fellowship. Together, we will seek to grow in wisdom and strengthen our calling as disciples of Christ. **Theme Verse:** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."-Col. 3:23

Fresh Expressions 101-What is Fresh Expressions and Why do I want to know?

Discover how lay leaders can form spiritual communities in everyday spaces. We'll explore how "special interest" groups—built around shared passions (hiking, crafting, yoga)—can become places for authentic conversations about life and faith. Learn how to listen to your community and take the first steps toward something new.

AI Workshop (Internet Access Required)

In this workshop, we'll explore how church leaders can use AI tools intentionally—as a brainstorming partner, not just a content generator. We'll touch on ethical considerations and practical ways AI can help streamline writing, organizing, and communication. Bring a real project if you'd like—we'll work on it together!

Outside the Box Workshop @ Christ by the Lake
1304 C.S. Woods Blvd., Bull Shoals
September 27th
Please RSVP

Let us know if you are joining us that way food planning will be accurate. If you are arriving Friday evening, we will plan a evening gathering.
Call 870-445-4179

Email: callchristbtlakecheric@gmail.com

Schedule

9:00 am Greeting & Prayer
9:05 am Continental Breakfast- Coffee, Juice, Bagels, Fruit, Yogurt, Donuts
9:45 am Fresh Expressions Workshop
11:30 am Break for Lunch- Make your own sub; salad, desserts, coffee, ice tea, lemonade
12:15 pm AI Workshop
1:30 pm Break for Discussion/Q&A
Resource Sharing
3:00 pm Closing Prayer

Thank you for Attending!

Women of the **ELCA**



The WELCA general meeting was held August 21, 2025, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Carol Wheeler and Sue Hahn prepared a wonderful luncheon which was followed by the business meeting. At the meeting 3 more donations were approved, and the November bazaar was discussed. A meeting will be held at the church Wednesday, October 1, at 11:00 am to discuss the bazaar. We then had a speaker, Nancy Blomquist, from Annette's Flowers, who showed us how to arrange flowers and taught us many things about the flower business. It was enjoyed by all. Please come and join us at the next general meeting November 20, 2025, and don't forget to consider helping and coming to the bazaar.





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



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

In July, the food pantry served 16 households which included two new families. There were 25 clients, 8 between the age of 0-17; 8 between the age of 18-59 and 9 at the age of 60 or older. We served one veteran.

Our food pantry volunteer staff consists of- Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke and Sue Gust. Without the help of these volunteers, the food pantry would not exist. I want to thank each of them giving their time to help out volunteering here at the food pantry so that we can serve families here in Baxter County that need food assistance.

All donated food and money are appreciated so that our food pantry can continue to serve the families that come each month to our food pantry. We received 69.3 lbs. of donated baked goods from Harp's grocery store, 13 lbs. of produce from Hunger Gardens and 9 lbs. of food donated from individuals. If anyone would like to donate cereal to the food pantry, it would be appreciated.

The Love Offering for the month of September will go to Serenity which is located here in Mountain Home. Serenity offers outreach services to those affected by domestic violence who may need emergency shelter. Services include case management, advocacy services, connection with resources, some transportation and more. Serenity offers free of charge emergency shelter, a large kitchen, an outdoor play area, a computer for those staying in the shelter to use and completely secure kennels for those bringing their pets to shelter with them to utilize.

The HCLCFP credit balance account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$538.22. The current balance of the HCLCFP at First Security Bank is \$11,457.86 as of 07/31/25. The expenses were \$222.32 with \$100.00 deposits.

Barb Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Serenity



Bible Readings *for the Month*

September 7

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 14

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalms 51: 1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 28

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31




Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) D. A man riding on a red horse.
- 2) B. Hosea
- 3) B. Huldah
- 4) C. Silas

1. Which woman threatened to kill Elijah after he put the prophets of Baal to death?

- A) Jezebel
- B) Mary
- C) Sarah
- D) Delilah

Need a hint? Check out 1 Kings 19:1-2

2. What prophet said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land"?

- A) Amos
- B) Jonah
- C) Nathan
- D) Obadiah

Need a hint? Check out Amos 7:11

3. This prophetess was also a sister of Aaron.

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

Need a hint? Check out Exodus 15:20

4. God called Jeremiah a prophet before he was even born.

- A) True
- B) False

Need a hint? Check out Jeremiah 1:5



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.



- ◆ 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.



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

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.

Sports

Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.

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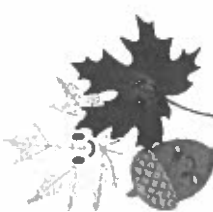


SEPTEMBER



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
9/7/25 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Tim Koenig & Carol Wheeler	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	Dan Alderman & Marita Stanford
9/14/25 14 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	David & Sue Hahn	Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
9/21/25 15 th Sunday After Pentecost	Linda Masters & Kathy Scott	David Deterding & Kathy Owen	Lisa Streu	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
9/28/25 16 th Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Charles Polacek	Pete Cvengros & Judy Hoover	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

September 2025

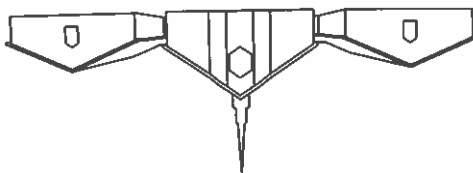
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21 15 th Sun. Aft. Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	22 First Day of Fall 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	23 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Senior Exercise	24 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am; 1-3 Food Pantry 10-11am Bible Study	25 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	26 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	27
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2-Paula Crawford
5-Mike Owen
7-Dan Alderman
9-Martin Bauman
11-Dean Smith

21-Bob & Phyllis Hamilton

* 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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