

THE GOOD NEWS

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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:30pm

Worship Sundays @ 9:00am

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June Newsletter
deadline is **May 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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Questions?
Contact Dan Schmidt
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CHURCH COUNCIL

HOLY CROSS CHURCH COUNCIL	
President.....	Dave Hahn
Vice President.....	Kathy Owen
Secretary.....	Lisa Streu
Call Committee.....	Lisa Streu
Education.....	Kathy Owen
Evangelism.....	Dan Jones
Finance.....	Charles Polacek
Property.....	David Deterding
Stewardship.....	Kathy Scott
Worship & Music.....	Carol Wheeler

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

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATE: March 12, 2026 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: Dave Hahn, Dan Jones, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler Excused Absence: David Deterding Absent: None Observers: Judy Hoover

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Scott gave devotions based on Psalm 68, a psalm of deliverance and praise. It is good to remember that we should praise God even in difficult times. Kathy Owen will have devotions in April.

MINUTES: The minutes from February 12, 2026, were reviewed. Kathy Owen made a motion, seconded by Dan Jones to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathy Scott, financial secretary, gave the donations report; donations were down in February and below budget. This is not an issue currently, as we aren't paying for a pastor. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial reports. Expenses are slightly up from increases in utilities and software licensing costs. Insurance is due this month, so checking will be decreasing. Investments are doing well. Charles Polacek made a motion to approve the financial reports; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed.

VISIONING: Loads of Love clients need laundry baskets. Dan Jones offered empty tubs from the garage cleaning. They were going to be donated, so the donation of the baskets will now be going to Loads of Love. Kathy Scott will coordinate the process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 40th anniversary planning is going well. A petting zoo was secured. An invitation is being created to send to various people, i.e., previous members, homebound, etc. An advertising meeting will be set up shortly and Kathy Owen will go to the Chamber to the interview for their Spotlight. Kids bags will be put together. The website has been cleaned up, but members should come to the next council meeting with ideas to make the website more inviting. Dave Hahn presented a new draft of the brochure. Several changes have been

suggested that will be incorporated. He will then have a printer in town print 1000 copies for our church, the Chamber, and potentially realtors.

NEW BUSINESS: Gerald Franke's estate will be closed very soon and there is another check that will go to the Food Pantry (approximately \$600-700). The Synod gave a one-time grant to the Food Pantry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALL COMMITTEE: The Call Committee held a meeting where they identified areas of the MSP that needed to be revised, deleted, and added. These changes will be incorporated in the MSP and presented to council.

EDUCATION: There are 10-12 at Bible Study weekly.

EVANGELISM: Those involved are trying to see those who need visits. A list will be generated of those in need of visits, home Communion, etc., to make this process easier and track the work. Everyone can invite people to attend service or activities, and this is evangelism as well.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports.

PROPERTY: The men are cleaning the garage. The parlor floor work is arranged but cannot be started until the school picks up the large table in the parlor. The date is TBD.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Written food pantry report. Food pantry numbers are increasing.

STEWARSHIP: Kathy Scott is writing articles for the newsletter. Stewardship topics will be how to take care of ourselves, the environment, etc.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Carol asked 3 women to make Communion bread. Wafers will also be available at Communion. Easter breakfast sign up will be out shortly. Please bring flowers to decorate. The Holy Week services will be printed in the bulletin.

Motions made to accept Committee reports by Charles Polacek and seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 9:30am.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council



Men of Holy Cross Meeting 4/18/2026

There were 5 men and no guests present; breakfast was served at this meeting.

For the 40th Anniversary celebration, May 16th, the Men will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers to the visitors. The Men's Group will help set up the tables and we have people to cook the food on the grill. We will also have a table for our group to answer questions from visitors.

We discussed the Spaghetti Dinner and decided to table it for another month.

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

thank you

I want to thank everyone who presented me with birthday cards & gifts!! You ALL are a Blessing! Again, Thank You.

-Eileen DeMoulied



Altar Guild Request

This year Pentecost is Sunday, May 24th. The Altar area will be adorned in the color of red. To add to decorating this area, the Altar Guild is requesting parish members to donate red flowers to add to the beauty of the altar area. If you can donate a red flower, please have your flower of choice at the church Friday, May 22nd, or Saturday, May 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044. Thank you from The Guild.



Let's celebrate our 40th Anniversary! May 16th from 10am-2pm. We will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks for a donation. There will be a petting zoo for the children, and booths to spotlight our church. Kathy Scott will have information about Loads of Love, Barbara Kampen will give out information about our food pantry, WELCA will show our beautiful quilts, and Men's Group will spotlight their spaghetti dinners for charity. Bishop Becca will rededicate our church to celebrate our past and present members with the planting of a Blue Spruce. Please mark your calendars for May 16th and bring a friend, grandchildren, neighbors!



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



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
MARCH 2026

In March, the food pantry served thirty households which included six new families. There were fifty-eight individuals, 13 between the ages of 0-17, 26 between the ages of 18-59 and 19 at the age of 60 or older. We served two veterans.

Our food pantry volunteers are Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Sue Gust, and Jan Pomeranke. For the month of March, the total volunteer hours were 43.5. The time and effort these volunteers put into helping families that come to the food pantry is appreciated and important for this food pantry to continue to open.

The Love Offering for the month of May will go to Serenity, here in Mountain Home. Serenity offers outreach services to those affected by domestic violence. They offer emergency shelter, free of charge, for those escaping from domestic violence situations. While at the shelter, clients are offered direct services and help with indirect services, all in a structured, compassionate, and nurturing environment.

The HCLCFP credit account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$214.93. The HCLC food pantry checking account balance with First Security Bank as of 3/31/2026 is \$10,413.76 with deposits of \$1,370.00 and checks totaling \$236.26.



Serenity

Barbara Kampen
 Chairperson for HCLCFP



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17: 1-11

May 24

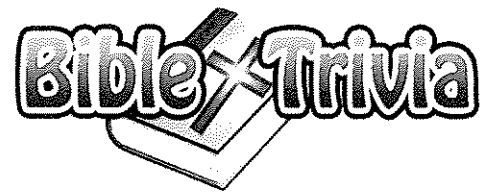
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

May 31

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) C. Ehud
- 2) A. Very fat
- 3) A. Tent nail

1. What lie was told about Naboth in 1 Kings 21?

- A) He had blasphemed against God.
- B) He had worshipped an idol.
- C) He had committed incest with his daughter.
- D) He had cured a leper.

Need a hint? Check out 1 Kings 21:10

2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace because they refused to worship a golden idol.

- A) True
- B) False

Need a hint? Check out Daniel 3:14-20

3. How many men did Moses send to explore Canaan?

- A) 2
- B) 12
- C) 36
- D) 100

Need a hint? Check out Numbers 13: 1-16

Prayer Requests



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 the list.

The Prayer Chain is handled by the One Call Tell All System. The Prayer Chain call list of just a select group of people has been eliminated. When you have a prayer chain request, everyone in the congregation will now receive these calls.

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain, you can do so by calling the office at 870-492-6636.

Faith & Fellowship

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

-WELCA's Monday Morning Workshop: The ladies gather every Monday morning at 9:00am to sew and share in fellowship.

-Senior Exercise Class: A gentle exercise class that accommodates senior aches and pains. Most exercises can be done sitting or standing. Join us for some fellowship, good stretching and movement.

-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.

How YOU can help

◆ 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.

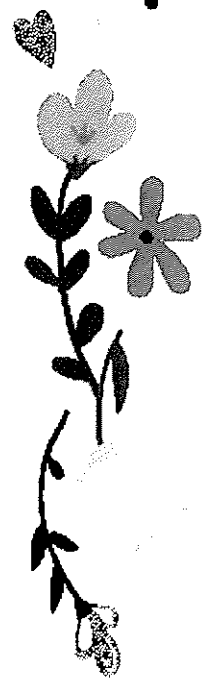


We are always looking for people to help with our ministries. Some jobs are "behind-the-scenes" — Altar Guild, Counting, Food Pantry, and Prayer Chain. Some jobs are an integral part of the service — Greeters, Ushers, Readers, and Communion Assistants.

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.....Sue Hahn, 254-768-9651

Happy Mothers Day



APPRECIATION

BEAUTIFUL

BREAKFAST

CANDY

CHARMING

COMFORT

DEVOTED

FLOWERS

FORGIVING

GIFTS

GUIDANCE

HUGS

JEWELRY

JOY

KISSES

LAUGHTER

LOVE

MATERNAL

MOM

MOTHER

NURTURE

PERFUME

PROTECTIVE

SHARE

TELEPHONE

TENDER

THE BEST

WARM

WISE

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

MAY



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
5/3/26 5th Sunday of Easter	Sue Hahn & Carol Wheeler	Charles Polacek & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	
5/10/26 6th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Owen & David Deterding	Kathy Scott	Lisa Streu & Judy Hoover
5/17/26 7th Sunday of Easter	Bishop Becca & Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
5/24/26 Pentecost Sunday	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Pat Jones & Judy Hoover
5/31/26 The Holy Trinity	Kathy Scott & Sue Hahn	David & Sue Hahn	Carol Wheeler	
	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Sue H. 254-768-9651	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Sue H. 254-768-9651	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Carol 870-488-5044	Questions? Willing to Serve? Call Kathy S. 870-492-2155



2-Pete Cvengros
4-Lenora Walejko
14-Bill Veith
30-Mary Baumann



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

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please inform the Church Office Secretary.

