

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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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: April 9, 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, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
 Excused Absence: Dan Jones Absent: David Deterding Observers: Judy Hoover

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP: Zoom meeting with Bishop Becca was held to discuss the call process and the 40th anniversary. She will be sent information regarding her role in the 40th anniversary so she can prepare. She is also going to be commissioned to administer Communion as she will be halfway through her ALM studies. She will give an update on call committee at the service on May 17, 2026. For now, we will push our lay-led ministry while continuing the search, as finding part time pastors is difficult.

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Owen gave the devotions focusing on keeping the Easter spirit going now that the festivities are over. We should focus on remembering that Christ loved us so much he suffered and died for us. His love for us is eternal and we have been given a mandate to "go and tell others of His love". Lisa has May devotions.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 12, 2026, council meeting were reviewed. Kathy Owen made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathy Scott, financial secretary, gave the donations report; Donations were down slightly in March. There were some special income sources this month, i.e., memorials and food pantry grant. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial reports. Investments are doing well. Income was a bit lower but overall, we did not lose much this month despite extraordinary large expenses. Those expenses came from the insurance bill being due, utilities,

and some subscriptions were due. The flooring in the parlor is complete, and that bill will be coming as well. Lisa Streu made a motion to accept the financial reports; seconded by Carol Wheeler. The motion passed.

VISIONING: The clients of Loads of Love were thrilled with the tubs the men donated from cleaning the garage. Kathy Scott has a few more to take this month. The brochures are done and will start being distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 40th anniversary planning is progressing. The advertising is set as is the petting zoo. Details of the meal are being finalized. A list of volunteer positions will be provided to the Men's Group who will divide up jobs. All volunteers are welcome. If you wish to help, please contact Kathy Owen, Judy Hoover, or Lisa Streu. The booths highlighting our various activities/community service are being organized as well. If you have ideas, please let the above people know that as well. We need large coolers for beverages. Initial schedule is to gather at 10am, ceremony at 10:30am, lunch from 11-1, enjoy from 10-2! Website update: We have some ideas to update the website and they will be implemented. If you take any new photos, please send them to Keisha and they may go on the website.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be looking to put together a strategic plan for the church to go forward. Ideas include membership, WELCA fundraising ideas, etc. Further information to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALL COMMITTEE: See message from Bishop. MSP will be updated. Bishop will address when she is here in May.

EDUCATION: No report.

EVANGELISM: No report.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports.

PROPERTY: Floor is done in the parlor and looks great. The office entryway will be cleaned before the May celebration, and the planters will be filled. Charles installed a backup battery on the chimes, so when we have a power outage, we will not have continuous chimes until someone gets here to reset the system.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Written food pantry report.

STEWARSHIP: Kathy will be writing more stewardship articles once her current SAM class is finished.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: No report.

Motion made to accept committee reports by Kathy Scott and seconded by Charles Polacek. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Carol Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:47am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together. The next council meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 9:30am.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council

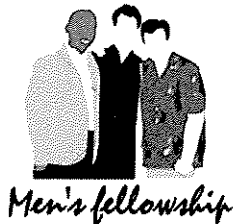
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Special Council Meeting
Sunday, April 12, 2026

ROLL CALL: Dave Hahn, Dan Jones, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absence: Dave Deterding

A special council meeting was called to order at 9:55am. Charles Polacek made a motion to remove Judy Hoover and Wanda Soutter as authorized signatories and approve Dave Hahn, Kathy Owen, and Charles Polacek as authorized signatories on the following accounts: Farmers and Merchants Bank checking (#182444), Mission Plus Investment Fund (#9180015598), Mission Plus CD (#XXXX65803), ELCA Ministry Growth Fund (#E272547), and Thrivent Fund from Ken Apel (#504755244). This was seconded by Kathy Scott. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streu, HCLC Council Secretary

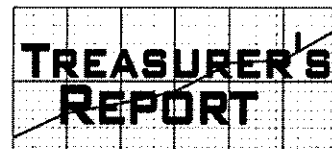


May 2026

There wasn't a Men's meeting in May. Instead, the 40th Anniversary celebration was held on our regular meeting day.

For the 40th Anniversary celebration, the men helped set up the tables and chairs for the gathering and cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone.

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



APRIL 2026

INCOME:

This month....\$9,013

This year.....\$32,284

EXPENSE:

This month....\$6,334

This year.....\$31,097



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



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
APRIL 2026

In April, the food pantry served 27 households which included 2 new families. There were 56 individuals. 15 between the ages of 0-17; 25 between the ages of 18-59; and 16 at age 60 or older. We served three veterans.

Our food pantry volunteers are Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Sue Gust and Jan Pomeranke. For the month of April, the total volunteer hours were 35.5. 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 be open.

All donated food and money have helped to purchase food for this pantry and keep the shelves stocked. During the month of April, we received 5.84 lbs. of donated food from individuals and 44.80 lbs. of donated baked goods from Harps grocery store. In April, our food pantry received \$500 from the Twin Lakes Community Foundation, which was added into our credit account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. It was a nice surprise when our pantry went to the Food Bank to pick up an order we had placed and found out about this.

The Love Offering for the month of June will go to the Arkansas Sheriff Youth Ranch in Batesville, AR. It is a non-profit organization that provides a safe, loving and stable home for vulnerable children in need of foster care, keeping siblings together. Founded in 1976, the original and main campus is located on nearly 600 acres near Batesville in Independence County.

The HCLCFP credit account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$572.15. The HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 4/30/2026 is \$10,153.43 with deposits of \$70.00 and checks totaling \$330.27.



**Arkansas Sheriff
 Youth Ranch**

Barbara Kampen
 Chairperson for HCLCFP



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

June 7

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

June 21

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-18

Romans 6:1-11

Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

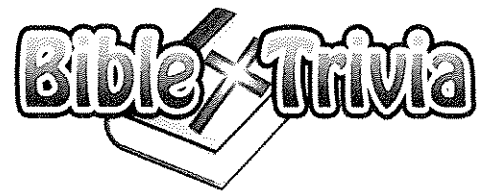
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. He had blasphemed against God.
- 2) A. True
- 3) B. 12

1. Which brother wanted to save Joseph?

- A) Issachar
- B) Naphtali
- C) Dan
- D) Reuben

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 37: 21-22

2. Which brother suggested selling Joseph into slavery?

- A) Reuben
- B) Judah
- C) Simeon
- D) Levi

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 37: 26-27

3. Which son was NOT sent by Jacob to Egypt for corn during the famine?

- A) Asher
- B) Benjamin
- C) Gad
- D) Zebulun

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 42: 1-4

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 can YOU 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



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

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ALEXANDRITE

GARDEN

LEMONADE

SOLSTICE

BARBECUE

GEMINI

LONGEST DAY

STRAWBERRY

D-DAY

GRADUATION

OUTDOORS

SUMMER

DIPLOMA

HONEYSUCKLE

PEARL

THIRTY DAYS

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE

PICNIC

VACATION

FLAG DAY

JUNETEENTH

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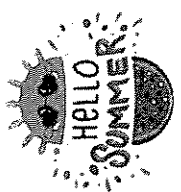
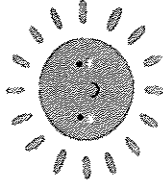
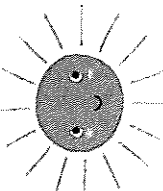
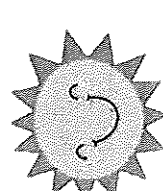
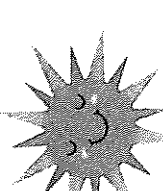
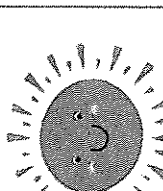
WEDDING

JUNE



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
6/7/26 2nd Sunday After Pentecost	Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler	Charles Polacek & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	
6/14/26 3rd Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Owen & David Deterding	Kathy Scott	Lisa Streu & Judy Hoover
6/21/26 4th Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
6/28/26 5th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Pat Jones & Judy Hoover
	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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	2 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	3 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	4 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	5 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	6	
7 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	8 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop 11:30am WELCA Monthly Birthday Celebration @ Pizza Hut	9 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	10 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am: 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	11 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council Mtg.	12 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	13
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21 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline* *Father's Day*	22 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	23 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Exercise Class	24 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am: 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	25 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	26 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	27
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1-Carol Wheeler
4-Kathy Owen
6-Barb Kerns
7-Cleo Holm
9-Keisha Henning
15-Charlie Cryts
23-Dale Wheeler
24-Nancy Thoren



6-David & Sue Hahn

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

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