

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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August Newsletter
deadline is **July 19th.**

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: May 14, 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, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absence: Kathy Owen Absent: Dave Deterding Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Lisa Streu gave devotions centered around God's gift of laughter and it's healing properties in our lives—emotional, spiritual, and physical. Joy and laughter is found throughout both the Old and New Testament—read many of Proverbs and even Job. Dave Hahn has June devotions.

MINUTES: Minutes from April 10 were reviewed with no changes. Charles Polacek made a motion; seconded by Dan Jones to approve the minutes. The motion passed. The special council minutes from April 12 were reviewed. The date on them was wrong so this will be corrected. Kathy Scott made a motion; seconded by Charles Polacek to approve the special council minutes. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathy Scott, financial secretary, gave the giving report. There were various special giving items this month. Regular giving was down—not unusual for the Easter month, plus March had a 5th Sunday so some of what might have been given in April was given in March. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial report. Expenses were lower than last year, so although donations were lower, revenue exceeded expenses in April. Expenses for pulpit supply are increased, but with no pastor we are alright. The bill was not received/paid for 2026 offering envelopes last fall, so that bill was paid in April. There will be two offering envelopes expenses this year.

VISIONING: Loads of Love is doing well. June will be the start of its second year. Church brochures are finished and will need to be taken to the Chamber to be distributed to new residents. Dan Jones is handing some of them out as part of the evangelism committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The 40th anniversary celebration is Saturday and planning is done. Radio ads, the video through the Chamber and other advertising were utilized. The website will have new updates with photos, one-time events, and further information

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion around a strategic plan (where we want to be in the future and how we will get there) occurred. Bishop Becca said some advertising of the pastor's position is acceptable. This will be researched, but updating the MSP will be the priority. Kathy Scott has been approached by congregants regarding the up/down, up/down nature of the service. It is difficult for some members to do this, and a request was made to have more designated sit times. Discussion occurred regarding sitting during prayers. Everyone is invited to sit at any time with no judgement if they have a need. This will be announced as well (i.e. stand as able). Please do not feel uncomfortable sitting when needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing new.

EDUCATION: None.

EVANGELISM: None.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports.

PROPERTY: Mike Clark power washed the office entry, front entry, and side of the garage to clean things up before the 40th anniversary.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Written food pantry report. A draft of a tri-fold bulletin for the Food Pantry is in the process of being finalized and will be printed. Copies of this draft will be available for the 40th anniversary.

STEWARSHIP: Once Kathy is finished with this sessions SAMs classes, she will write articles for the newsletter.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Request for red flowers for Pentecost have been made. Holy Trinity is the Sunday after Pentecost.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Charles Polacek and seconded by Carol Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Streu and seconded by Dan Jones. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next council meeting will be Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council



Men of Holy Cross
6/20/2026

There were 6 men and no guests presents; breakfast was served at this meeting.

For the 40th Anniversary Celebration, on May 16th, we judged the event a success, even though we would have liked to see more outside visitors attending.

We discussed the Spaghetti Dinner and set a tentative date of October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00pm. We will set up on Friday, October 16th at 10:00am and final preparations on Saturday at 2:00pm. We will need help from the ladies to make desserts and possibly assist as crew during the dinner. We wondered whether the ladies would like to incorporate a quilt sale at the same time as the dinner.

The next meeting will be at 9:00am on July 18th at Holy Cross. All are welcome.



MAY 2026

INCOME:

This month....\$7,494

This year.....\$39,778

EXPENSE:

This month....\$7,048

This year.....\$38,145



Pastor Mike Clark will be hosting a SAM mentoring meeting on Saturday, July 18th at 10:00am here at Holy Cross.



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



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
MAY 2026**

In May, the food pantry served 22 households. There were 40 individuals, 5 between the ages of 0-17; 21 between the ages of 18-59 and 14 aged 60 or older. We served two veterans.

Our food pantry volunteers are Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Jan Pomeranke, and Sue Gust. For the month of May, the total volunteer hours were 38.25. The time and effort these volunteers put into helping families that come in need of food is appreciated. The food is purchased from the Dollar Tree, Walmart, the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, donated food from individuals and donated baked goods from Harps. During the month of May we received 19lbs. of donated food.

On May 4, a representative from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas came to our food pantry for the annual inspection of our office, food storage in our three freezers and our stockroom. We passed the inspection. Our food pantry is a member of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas.

For the 40th anniversary of our church, our food pantry designed an informative pamphlet about our food pantry with the help of Dave Hahn. Thank you, Dave!

The Love Offering for the month of July will go to Loads of Love. Loads of Love is a free laundry ministry sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church and A+ Laundry at 1211 Commerce Drive in Mountain Home. Those in need can come to the laundromat from 4:30-7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month and do their laundry for free. All quarters, laundry detergent and dryer sheets are provided.

The HCLCFP credit account at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$158.47. The HCLCFP checking account with First Security Bank as of 5/26/26 is \$10,294.20 with deposits of \$646.00 and checks totaling \$505.23.

Barbara Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Loads of Love



Bible
Readings *for the Month*

July 5

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 12

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

July 19

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 26

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52



Bible Trivia

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. Issachar
- 2) B. Judah
- 3) B. Benjamin

1. Which Old Testament woman was a Philistine?

- A) Ruth
- B) Hagar
- C) Zipporah
- D) Delilah

Need a hint? Check out Judges 16:3-5

2. What name did Pharaoh give to Joseph?

- A) Pithom
- B) Potipherah
- C) Misrephothmair
- D) Zaphnathpaaneah

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 41:45

3. Whose name means "father of many nations"?

- A) Abraham
- B) Jacob
- C) Moses
- D) Joseph

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 17:3-5

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.

4TH OF JULY

- ADAMS
- AMERICA
- BARBECUE
- COLONIES
- CONGRESS
- DECLARATION
- EQUALITY
- FIREWORKS
- FOURTH
- FREEDOM
- HOTDOGS
- INDEPENDENCE
- JEFFERSON
- JULY
- LIBERTY
- NATION
- PARADE
- REVOLUTION
- RIGHTS

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- THIRTEEN
- UNITED

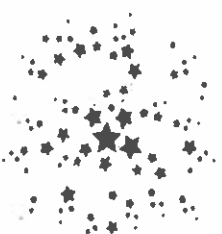
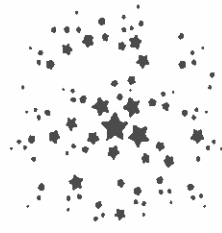
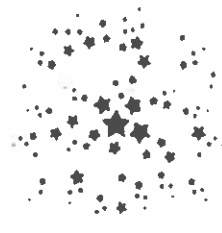




JULY



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
7/5/26 6 th Sunday After Pentecost	Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler	Charles Polacek & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	Marita Stanford
7/12/26 7 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Owen & David Hahn	Kathy Scott	Lisa Streu & Judy Hoover
7/19/26 8 th Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
7/26/26 9 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Carol Wheeler	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 July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	 Monday 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	 Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	1 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	2 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	3 Independence Day (Obs.) 	4 Independence Day
5 6th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	6 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	7 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	8 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am: 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	9 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council Mtg.	10 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	11
12 7th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Love Offering for Loads of Love	13 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop 11:30am WELCA Monthly Birthday Celebration @ Pizza Hut	14 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	15 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	16 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	17 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	18 9:00am Men's Group Mtg. 10:00am SAM Mentoring Mtg.
19 8th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship *Newsletter Deadline*	20 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	21 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	22 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am: 1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	23 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	24 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	25
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15-Janet Cryts



3-Charlie & Janet Cryts
21-Martin & Frances Bauman
23-Dan & Pat Jones

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

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