

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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September Newsletter
deadline is **August 23rd**.

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?
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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: June 11, 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: Dave Hahn, Kathy Owen, Charles Polacek, Kathy Scott, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absences: Dave Deterding, Dan Jones Absent: None Observers: None

DEVOTIONS: Dave Hahn gave devotions from *Our Daily Bread*. The theme is be prepared to share and illustrated how we can share God's love and make Christ known to others. Carol has July devotions.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 14, 2026, council meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Kathy Owen made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Charles Polacek. The motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathy Scott, financial secretary, reviewed the donations report. Loads of Love and the Food Pantry were beneficiaries of donations from the 40th anniversary. General giving was slightly above last month, but below the yearly average. Charles Polacek gave the financial reports. Giving was slightly down and expenses were up slightly due to additional offering envelope payment as bill came late, increased pulpit supply, an HVAC repair, increase in insurance, etc. We are still doing ok as our overall expenses are lower due to no pastor's salary/benefits. Lisa Streu made a motion, seconded by Kathy Owen to accept the financial reports. The motion was approved.

VISIONING: A suggestion was made to send a small group of 2 or 3 people to take our brochures and visit the permanent RV parks to spread word of our congregation and ministries. This will start shortly with Kathy Owen and Mike Clark and anyone else who wants to join in on this work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion of a strategic plan was tabled. The website was updated with old information removed and some new information added. A suggestion to talk to the Chamber to see if we are allowed to embed the video they put together on our website. Kathy Owen will call them and see if it is allowed. Advertising with a postcard is still a possibility, as is tabletop advertising in restaurants. The changes to the MSP were reviewed which included removing COVID protocols, adding new community information, and church information. The council approved the MSP and it will be submitted shortly to Synod for publication on their ministry jobs website.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Scott's semester tuition of \$225 to the North Louisiana/North Texas Synod for SAMs class will need to be approved and the check will be sent. Charles Polacek made a motion to approve the expenditure; seconded by Lisa Streu. The motion was approved.

Mike Clark has agreed to mentor the SAMs regarding ministries including hospital visits, home Communion for shut-ins, and potentially funerals. Thank you to Mike for this offer in helping the SAMs feel more comfortable in these ministries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALL COMMITTEE: See MSP information above.

EDUCATION: No report.

EVANGELISM: No report.

FINANCE: Written and oral reports.

PROPERTY: Grass cutting is ongoing. There is a light that needs to be fixed in the parlor.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Written food pantry report. Loads of Love will be starting its second year of ministry in June. Kathy is still in contact with the deacon from another local church who may be interested in joining us, supporting us financially, or starting their own program in the fall.

STEWARSHIP: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Ordinary time until Reformation Sunday. The sacristy refrigerator has a seal issue. It has been defrosted and cleaned, but the seal is not holding well. A new one may need to be purchased, but we will wait until the dorm fridges go on sale in late summer.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Lisa Streu and seconded by Kathy Scott. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Polacek and seconded by Kathy Owen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am. The next council meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 9:30am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council

SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME

Summer is upon us. It's time to visit family and friends, to reconnect. It is time to relax and fun. It is vacation time. This is about the only time that stewardship does a shameless plug for funds. The summer months are known for a decline in contributions. We may go on vacation, but the church does not. The utilities, insurance and salaries still need to be paid. So if you are gone for a week or two, please remember to double up on the next envelope. Your church thanks you.

One more thing. It is summer and it is hot. At our ages it is important that we hydrate, in other words, that we drink fluids. Please check on neighbors, family and friends. Please have that glass of ice tea or lemonade ready to share.



JUNE 2026

INCOME:

This month....\$6,970

This year.....\$47,544

EXPENSE:

This month....\$10,722

This year.....\$49,043



**Bible Study will not meet in August.
Class will resume September 9th.**

thank you

I would like to thank our volunteers that serve us after church on Sundays during our Fellowship Hour. I feel its an important part of Holy Cross for us and our visitors. We could use a few more names on the sign-up sheet, we have a lot of bare spots. Think about asking one another to share a Sunday. I would also like to thank our volunteers that help in our Food Pantry to Help Feed the Hungry. A special thanks to Bob Hamilton for shopping, loading and unloading their cars, etc. They work hard to keep the office and storeroom clean and orderly to pass inspections from the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas. That includes washing the floors in the office and storeroom. I personally thank Bob for cleaning the front of the area of the church doors for the Anniversary celebration. Please call Phyllis Hamilton if you have questions or need help serving.



Ladies Luncheon

Holy Cross Women's Luncheon Invitation

All Women of Holy Cross are invited to the August 20th lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Following our lunch, we will gather for our August General Meeting to discuss what's going on with the women here at Holy Cross. Join the gathering for food, fun, and fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex Sunday, August 9th and Sunday, August 10th to help Carol better plan the lunch needs. See you there and bring a friend! If you have any questions, call Carol Wheeler at 870-488-5044.



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



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
JUNE 2026

In June, the food pantry served 17 households. There were 32 individuals, 8 between the ages of 0-17; 12 between the ages of 18-59 and 12 at age 60 or over. We served 2 veterans.

Our food pantry volunteers are Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Sue Gust, and Jan Pomeranke. For the month of June, the total volunteer hours were 53.75. The hours the volunteers put in helping to serve the families that come to our food pantry monthly is appreciated. The food we give out to the families is purchased from the Dollar Tree, Walmart, the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, local businesses and baked goods from Harps. During the month of June, we received 67.35 lbs. of donated venison, 150 lbs. of donated cabbage and tomatoes from North Central Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and 153.3 lbs. of donated food from individuals.

The Love Offering from the month of May was for Serenity, Inc. and we collected \$80 for that organization. For the month of July, the Love Offering will go to Loads of Love. For the month of August, the Love Offering will go to Ozark Center of Hope. Ozark Center of Hope seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of individuals and families by assisting with personal care items, and utility assistance upon qualification. They do not distribute any food.

The HCLCFP credit account balance at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is at \$52.49. The HCLCFP checking account balance with First Security Bank as of 06/30/2026 is \$10,106.90 with deposits of \$145.00 and checks totaling \$332.30.

Barbara Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



Loads of Love



August 2
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 06-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 23
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28



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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) D. Delilah
- 2) D. Zaphnathpaaneah
- 3) A. Abraham

1. Which son of Leah brought her mandrakes?

- A) Issachar
- B) Joseph
- C) Reuben
- D) Zebulun

Need a hint? Check out Genesis 30:14

2. What young man rebuked Job's friends?

- A) Isaac
- B) Elihu
- C) Caleb
- D) Uriah

Need a hint? Check out Job 32

3. Who was sent along with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch?

- A) Lydia
- B) Timothy
- C) Silas
- D) Martha

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



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:

holycrossecretary.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.



◆ 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

ADVENTURE
 AMUSEMENT PARK
 AUGUST
 BACK TO SCHOOL
 BACKYARD
 BICYCLE
 CAMPFIRE
 CAMPING
 CORN ON THE COB
 FARMERS MARKET
 FIREFLY
 FLOWERS
 FRUIT
 FUN
 GRILLING
 HOT
 HUMID
 LAKE
 PLAYGROUND
 POPSICLE
 RELAXATION
 ROAD TRIP
 SAILBOAT
 STATE FAIR
 SUMMER
 SUNFLOWER
 SUNNY



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

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C	C	A	A	A	E	G	E	Q	N	Y	N	P	B	E	D	D	U	O
S	E	P	C	T	H	K	U	S	F	B	O	I	Q	C	Q	R	N	E
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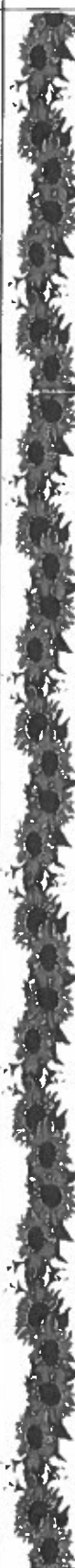
AUGUST



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
8/2/26 10 th Sunday After Pentecost	Kathy Scott & Carol Wheeler	Charles Polacek & David Hahn	Carol Wheeler	Marita Stanford
8/9/26 11 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark	Kathy Owen & David Hahn	Kathy Scott	Lisa Streu & Judy Hoover
8/16/26 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
8/23/26 13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Lisa Streu	
8/30/26 14 th Sunday After Pentecost		Sue & David Hahn	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

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	3 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	4 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	5 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPT. 9TH	6 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	7 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	8
9 11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <i>Love Offering for Ozark Center of Hope</i>	10 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop 11:30am WELCA Monthly Birthday Celebration @ Pizza Hut	11 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	12 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPT. 9TH	13 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council Mtg.	14 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	15 9:00am Men's Group Mtg.
16 12th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	17 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	18 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	19 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPT. 9TH	20 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 12:00pm WELCA Luncheon/General Mtg.	21 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	22
23 13th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship <i>*Newsletter Deadline*</i>	24 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	25 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Exercise Class	26 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPT. 9TH	27 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	28 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	29
30 14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	31 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop					



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



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

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

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