

# THE GOOD NEWS

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA  
48 Carnation Drive  
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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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**November Newsletter**  
deadline is **October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**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  
or Charlie Newsom

# 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**.....TBD  
**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: August 13, 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: None    Observers: Dean Smith

**DEVOTIONS:** Dave Hahn gave the devotions about trusting in God. The future is unknown to all, but God is always there. Trust and pray to Him and His plan will be revealed.

**MINUTES:** The July 9, 2026, minutes were reviewed with no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Kathy Owen to accept the minutes; seconded by Kathy Scott. The motion was approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Kathy Scott, financial secretary, discussed donations for the month of July. Donations were once again down, partially a product of summer. An article was placed in the newsletter discussing giving, as the needs of the Church do not diminish during the summer months, even if giving is decreased. Loads of Love received a nice Love Offering to help their ministry. Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the financial reports. The CD was renewed at the end of July with \$5,000 removed and placed in the Mission Plus Market checking account. The building fund share of this account is now a positive amount. Regular checking is up, but September bills will be higher. Next year, Loads of Love will be separated into its own line item to better track that ministry's expenses and donations. Overall, we are doing fine as we don't have pastoral expenses. Expenses were stable. Organist's salary for July was paid in June, so nothing was removed for that. Pulpit supply was up as expected. This will be addressed with next year's budget. Musician supply was slightly higher, and our print budget was exceeded due to only large print bulletins. The initial budget summary was presented for information. The new insurance breakdown was reviewed. There are some questions about the insurance documents that will be addressed by the insurance agent in a meeting that will be scheduled before the next insurance bill is due in September.

Lisa Streu made a motion to accept the financial reports; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed.

**VISIONING:** Continue to consider inviting outside people to join us.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Keisha was able to embed the Chamber of Commerce video on the first page of the website to promote our church and provide information to interested people. A regular KTLO ad will be investigated. The Synod headquarters and several northern Synods have been contacted regarding potential pastors who are retiring and considering moving to a more favorable climate and messages were left; none have responded at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Adjourn to closed session; return to regular session. Kathy Scott provided new emergency contact information forms for the congregation, which will be passed out at service and taken to home bound members. Please provide current contact names and numbers for family members or those who are legally assigned to handle your affairs, instead of just a close friend. This allows that person to work with healthcare, etc. We need to select a new council member. There is a possible person to take the position, but if anyone feels they can do the position, please contact a council member.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CALL COMMITTEE:** See unfinished business.

**EDUCATION:** No report.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**FINANCE:** Written and oral reports.

**PROPERTY:** Property committee is taking care of grass. The parking lot needs striping, sealing, etc. They will get estimates and depending on pricing, the men may do it themselves.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Written Food Pantry report.

**STEWARSHIP:** No report.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** No report.

Submitted by Lisa Streu  
HCLC Council



Sue & Dave Hahn will be hosting a Church Family Picnic at their home on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> following church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate attendance and what side dish/dessert you will be providing. They will supply the meats. Any questions speak with Sue or Dave.



*Men's fellowship*

**Men of Holy Cross**

**Meeting on 9/19/2026**

There were 6 members present at this meeting and breakfast was served.

There wasn't much on the agenda beyond the Spaghetti Dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm. Tickets are \$10 and include spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. The ladies will have quilts for sale as well.

Due to the Spaghetti Dinner, there will not be a meeting in October. The next meeting will be Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. All are welcome.



**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

It's that time of year again!  
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following church service. If you have a report that is due, please submit it to the church office no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!



The Men's Group is hosting another Spaghetti Dinner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Invite a friend and come help support our church and community!

**Thank you!** ♥

I'd like to give many thanks to everyone in the congregation for assisting me in securing my own vehicle. It is a great starting point and helps relieve some of the pressure during this transitional period. I cannot express enough how much it means to me how generous you are all. How you have cared for me on such a deeper level than just an employee. I feel so blessed to know such an incredible group of people. Thank you, thank you, thank you! – Your Office Secretary, Keisha Henning



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



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

In August, the food pantry served 26 households. There were 49 individuals, 7 between the ages of 0-17; 26 between the ages of 18-59 and 16 at the age of 60 or older. We served 3 veterans.

Our food pantry volunteers are Barb Kampen, Bob Hamilton, Marita Stanford, Jan Clark, Sue Gust and Jan Pomeranke. For the month of August our total volunteer hours were 34.25. We appreciate the volunteers who help each month with serving the bagged food to our families, buying the food, doing inventory, and stocking the shelves. Our food pantry received 71.2 lbs. of donated food. We want to thank those who have donated food and money to help our food pantry to continue to serve families in need of food assistance.

The Love Offering for the month of October will go to ELCA World Hunger. The Love Offering for the month of September went to Into the Light. For the month of August, we donated \$138.00 to the Ozark Center of Hope in Mountain Home.

The credit balance for our food pantry at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is \$1,903.11. The HCLCFP checking account balance with First Security Bank as of 8/31/26 is \$9,466.03 with \$0.00 deposits and checks totaling \$333.60.



**ELCA World Hunger**

Barbara Kampen  
Chairperson for HCLCFP



**Bible**  
**Readings for the Month**

**October 4**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

**October 11**

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

**October 18**

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**October 25**

**Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



**Bible Trivia**

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

Last Month's Correct Answers:

- 1) A. Dorcas
- 2) D. Zacchaeus
- 3) A. Eutychus
- 4) D. Bernice

1. According to Peter, what covers a multitude of sins?

- A) Generosity
- B) Charity
- C) Kindness
- D) Forgiveness

\*Need a hint? Check out 1 Peter 4:8\*

2. Which disciple was also known as Didymus?

- A) Andrew
- B) Philip
- C) Thomas
- D) Matthew

\*Need a hint? Check out John 11:16\*

3. Who made shrines for Diana?

- A) Clement
- B) Demetrius
- C) Phinehas
- D) Amnon

\*Need a hint? Check out Acts 19:24-26\*



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.



◆ 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.

# Football

## Word Search



BACKFIELD

CENTER

CORNERBACK

DOWN

DRIVE

END ZONE

EXTRA POINT

FAIR CATCH

FIELD GOAL

FULLBACK

FUMBLE

GUARD

HALFBACK

HAND OFF

HUDDLE

INCOMPLETION

INTERCEPTION

KICKOFF

LINEBACKER

OFFENSIVE LINE

PUNT

QUARTERBACK

RED ZONE

RETURN

RUSHING

SACK

SAFETY

SNAP

SPECIAL TEAMS

TACKLE

TIGHT END

WIDE RECEIVER



# OCTOBER



| DATE                                                          | WORSHIP LDR. & ALM                                                | USHERS                                                            | ALTAR GUILD                                                      | COUNTERS                                                            |
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| 10/4/26<br><b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b>  | Kathy Scott &<br>Carol Wheeler                                    | Charles<br>Polacek &<br>David Hahn                                | Lisa Streu                                                       |                                                                     |
| 10/11/26<br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b> | Pastor Mike<br>Clark & Charles<br>Polacek                         | Kathy Owen &<br>David Hahn                                        | Kathy Scott                                                      | Judy Hoover                                                         |
| 10/18/26<br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</b> | Sue Hahn &<br>Kathy Scott                                         | Judy Hoover &<br>Pete Cvengros                                    | Carol Wheeler                                                    | Pat Jones                                                           |
| 10/25/26<br><b>Reformation<br/>Sunday</b>                     | Pastor Mike<br>Clark & Charles<br>Polacek                         | Dean & Jane<br>Smith                                              | Jane Smith                                                       |                                                                     |
|                                                               | Questions?<br>Willing to<br>Serve?<br>Call Sue H.<br>254-768-9651 | Questions?<br>Willing to<br>Serve?<br>Call Sue H.<br>254-768-9651 | Questions?<br>Willing to<br>Serve?<br>Call Carol<br>870-488-5044 | Questions?<br>Willing to<br>Serve?<br>Call Kathy S.<br>870-492-2155 |

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar

## October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                   | Thursday                                                             | Friday                                  | Saturday                                                                                        |
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| <b>4 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Fellowship<br>11:00am Church Picnic @ the Hahn's              | <b>5</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9:00am WELCA Workshop                                                            | <b>6</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>1:00pm Exercise Class                         | <b>7</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>10:00am Bible Study                               | <b>8</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9:30am Church Council Mtg. | <b>9</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open  | <b>10</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>11 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Fellowship<br><br><b>Love Offering for ELCA World Hunger</b> | <b>12</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9:00am WELCA Workshop<br>11:30am WELCA Monthly Birthday Celebration @ Pizza Hut | <b>13</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>1:00pm Exercise Class                        | <b>14</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry<br>10:00am Bible Study | <b>15</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open                              | <b>16</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open | <b>17</b><br>4-6pm Men's Group Fundraiser: Spaghetti Dinner                                     |
| <b>18 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Fellowship<br><br><b>*Newsletter Deadline*</b>               | <b>19</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9:00am WELCA Workshop                                                           | <b>20</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>1:00pm Exercise Class                        | <b>21</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>10:00am Bible Study                              | <b>22</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open                              | <b>23</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open | <b>24</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>25 Reformation Sunday</b><br>9:00am Worship<br>10:00am Fellowship<br><br><b>*Annual Reports Due*</b>                                    | <b>26</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9:00am WELCA Workshop                                                           | <b>27</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>10:00am Hope Circle<br>1:00pm Exercise Class | <b>28</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am; 1-3pm Food Pantry<br>10:00am Bible Study | <b>29</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open                              | <b>30</b><br>8:30am-12:30pm Office Open | <b>31</b><br> |



6-Jami Scott  
12-Dan Jones  
16-Barbara Anderson  
17-Marita Stanford  
27-Pam Guth  
29-Pat Jones



5-Barbara & Phil Anderson  
12-Mark & Pam Guth  
19-Paula & Alan Crawford

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

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