THE GOOD NEWS
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"ALL ARE WELCOME HERE"

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Worship Sundays @ 9:00am

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

December Newsletter deadline is **November 22nd .**

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.....
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: September 10, 2026
9:27 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, Lisa Streu, Carol Wheeler
Excused Absence: Kathy Scott
Absent: None
Observers: Dean Smith

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Owen gave devotions from Our Daily Bread. All who believe are accepted at God's table. The invitation is offered to everyone, though not all accept that invitation.

MINUTES: Minutes from August 13, 2026, were reviewed with no additions or changes. Carol Wheeler made a motion; seconded by Charles Polacek to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Charles Polacek, church treasurer, gave the donations report and financial reports. The donations were around average for the year. The checking account balance is good, but insurance will still need to be paid this month. The insurance agent did a review of the bill, and several potential adjustments were noted. He is working to revise the bill before the final quarterly billing is issued. Other expenses were in line at this time. A request was made to provide the congregation with an update on the financial situation quarterly during church services. A motion was made by Kathy Owen; seconded by Lisa Streu to accept the financial reports. The motion passed.

VISIONING: A potential potluck idea was floated from the WELCA meeting as a regrouping session to look ahead as a whole church to discuss where our ministry is going and how we are going to get there. This will require some organization, so it will be researched and may occur sometime in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The website updates are complete for now but will be kept up to date. A question was asked regarding how we can find out the number of views of the website. The service that publishes the site should know.

KTLO has not returned calls regarding advertising. The Chamber has enough of our brochures.

There has been no response to calls made to other Synods regarding retiring pastors. Advertising for a new pastor will be put on hold at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: There has been no congregational interest in filling the open council spot at this time. Consider inviting new people to church!

The budget timeline and a budget worksheet were distributed to council. The annual congregational meeting has been set as of November 15, 2026. Charles, Kathy Scott, and Dave Hahn will be the budget committee and will meet and formalize the draft budget which will be submitted to the council for approval at the next meeting in October. The final budget proposal will then be taken to the annual congregational meeting in November for congregation approval. The annual meeting packet will be available to the congregation on November 8. Dan Jones made a motion to accept the budget timeline as submitted with a change of congregational meeting date to November 15; seconded by Kathy Owen. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALL COMMITTEE: Nothing further.
EDUCATION: Nothing to report.
EVANGELISM: Nothing to report.
FINANCE: Written and oral reports.
PROPERTY: Insurance adjustment meeting occurred. There are no parking lot work estimates at this time.
SOCIAL MINISTRY: Written food pantry report
STEWARDSHIP: No report.
WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Nothing to report.

Motion made to accept Committee reports by Kathy Owen and seconded by Dan Jones. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Owen and seconded by Dan Jones. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 9:30 am. All prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Submitted by Lisa Streu
HCLC Council



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again!
The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 15th immediately following church service.

Women of the ELCA

Attention Holy Cross Women:

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 19th at 1:00pm. We will have our quarterly Women's General Meeting with refreshments, devotions, discussion of fundraisers, nominating committee report, budget discussion, Christmas plans, and lots of fellowship!!



Mtn. Home Salvation Army



Food Pantry Hours:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

9-11a, 1-3p

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER 2026

In September, the food pantry served twenty-one households, which included three new households coming to our food pantry. There were thirty-four individuals, five between the ages of 0-17: fourteen between the ages of 18-59 and fifteen at the age of sixty 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 September, the total volunteer hours were 35.5. We received 1.5 lbs. of donated food.

The Love Offering for the month of November will go to the local Salvation Army here in Mountain Home.

The credit balance for our food pantry at the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas is $1,831.41 The HCLCFP checking account statement with First Security Bank did not come in the mail prior to this month's church council meeting. I will include in next month's report- the balance, checks amount and deposits to the church council.

Barbara Kampen
Chairperson for HCLCFP



November 1
All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
Christ the King Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Matthew 13:24-37



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

Last Month's Correct Answers:
1) B. Charity
2) C. Thomas
3) B. Demitrius

1. How many books in the New Testament did Paul write?
A) 5
B) 9
C) 13
D) 15

Need a hint? Check out Romans 1:1—Philemon 1:25

2. What married couple did Paul become friends with at Corinth?
A) Lamech & Adah
B) Joseph & Asenath
C) Aquila & Priscilla
D) Felix & Drusilla

Need a hint? Check out Acts 18:1-2

3. What were the names of Lazarus's sisters?
A) Sarah & Rachel
B) Mary & Martha
C) Rhoda & Prisca
D) Michal & Merab

Need a hint? Check out John 11:1-5

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 <u>One Call Tell All System</u>. 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.

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.

Faith & Fellowship

<u>ONGOING ACTIVITIES:</u>

-**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 senor 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.



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

V	U	J	D	D	Q	T	N	I	O	P	A	R	T	X	E	G	M	L	T	J
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FAIR CATCH

FIELD GOAL

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GUARD

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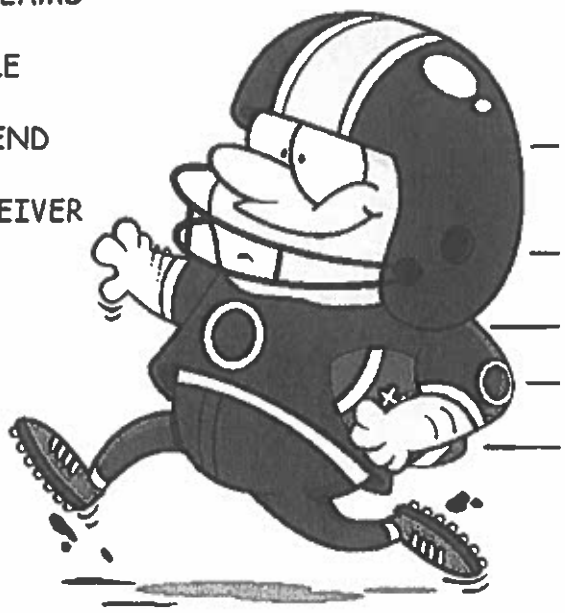
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SPECIAL TEAMS

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TIGHT END

WIDE RECEIVER



NOVEMBER



DATE	WORSHIP LDR. & ALM	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
11/1/26 **All Saints Sunday**	Pastor Jerry Wirtley & Sue Hahn	Charles Polacek & David Hahn	Lisa Streu	Marita Stanford
11/8/26 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Kathy Owen & David Hahn	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu
11/15/26 **25th Sunday After Pentecost**	Kathy Scott & Sue Hahn	Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros	Carol Wheeler	Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko
11/22/26 **Christ the King Sunday**	Pastor Mike Clark & Charles Polacek	Dean & Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Judy Hoover &
11/29/26 **First Sunday of Advent**	Sue Hahn & Dan Schmidt		Kathy Scott	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
November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	**2** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	**3** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	**4** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	**5** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	**6** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	**7**
8 24th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship ***Love Offering for Salvation Army-Mtn.Home***	**9** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop 11:30am WELCA Monthly Birthday Celebration @ Pizza Hut	**10** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	**11** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am;1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	**12** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:30am Church Council Mtg.	**13** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	**14**
15 25th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship **10:00am Annual Congregational Mtg.**	**16** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	**17** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm Exercise Class	**18** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9-11am;1-3pm Food Pantry 10:00am Bible Study	**19** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 1:00pm WELCA General Mtg.	**20** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	**21** 9:00am Men's Group Mtg.
22 Christ the King 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship ***Newsletter Deadline***	**23** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop	**24** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Hope Circle 1:00pm Exercise Class	**25** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 10:00am Bible Study	**26 Thanksgiving** 	**27** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open	**28**
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	**30** 8:30am-12:30pm Office Open 9:00am WELCA Workshop					





5-Jan Clark
10-Donna Schmidt
11-Charlie Newsom
19-Sue Hahn
30-Judy Hoover

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



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