

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shared values of our Worshipping Community:

**Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving**

## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary  
Worship

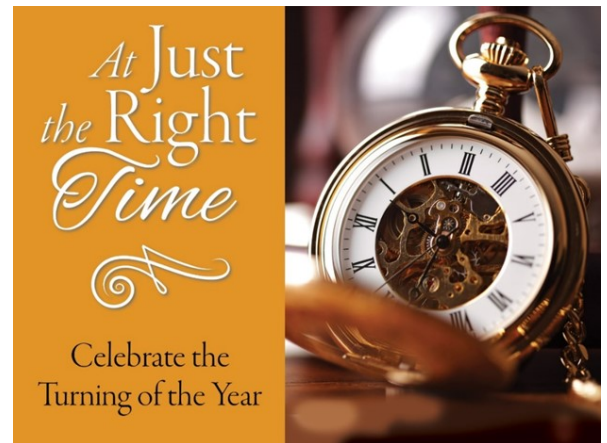
Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m. Faithbuilders will meet in person beginning again on Sunday, January 8.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed is held each Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



### ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023—10:15 A.M.**

Please come and be a part of the decision making for 2023! We will meet in the sanctuary—all members are welcome to attend the meeting—all CCC members (contributing, communing, confirmed) are eligible to be on the ballot and to vote! **Deadline for reports** is Tuesday, January 3. Please leave at the office or e-mail to Sandy at [smahleris@gmail.com](mailto:smahleris@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE/NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**6:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31**

**9:00 a.m., Sunday, January 1**

**Come and help celebrate  
the life of this congregation!**

# CROSSROADS

“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” From the Christmas Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” composed in 1818.

As I write this we are still in the Advent waiting, preparing for Christmas and yet, I am looking into the New Year with hope as I write this article. We prepare for the birth of Christ, and anticipate singing the beautiful Christmas hymn “Silent Night” at the Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service, and it makes me wonder: What ARE our hopes and fears are for the new year - 2023?

People of God throughout the centuries have always been people of hope. For Christians, our hope is met in Jesus Christ. As we think of our lives before 2019, we know that we are different people than we were at Christmas of 2019? The pandemic has turned our lives every which way and sideways. Yet we know with certainty that Jesus Christ was and is and is to come! Whatever the new year brings, let us clothe ourselves not only in sparkly party hats that say “Happy New Year!”, but as Paul wrote to the Roman church, let us clothe ourselves in Christ Jesus our Lord.



This New Years Eve and New Years Day bring a great opportunity during worship to ring in the year with our family of faith. Our worship service “At Just the Right Time” will follow the seasons of the calendar year as well as the church year. And we will have a few fun surprises that only New Year’s Day Celebrations can bring! On New Years Sunday, bring your leftover goodies to share at coffee fellowship after worship.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Christ Jesus on Christmas Day. Our Advent longing turns into Christmas joy for the one who will bring salvation to all creation at just the right time.

In Christ’s Mission that we share,  
Pastor Kathee



There will be no Faithbuilders on January 1.  
Classes will resume January 8.



### THE MATT 25 PROJECT

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In 2017 during our mini Middle School Gathering, our Holy Cross youth created an idea to provide a scholarship for a financially needy high school senior. The kids believed that the best thing we could do is to invest in someone's future. In Matthew 25, there is a story about a man who gives money to his 3 servants and goes travelling. When he returns, two of his servants have used their talents and wisdom to grow the money. God provides us with opportunities to help others and by doing so we are serving Him. He wants us to use our talents and passions to make the world a better, more loving place in His honor. With this story in mind, we were inspired to create a college scholarship for a financially needy student.

Angie Vogel and our Holy Cross youth will once again be raising money for the Matt 25 Scholarship for 2023 Beatrice High School grads. Watch for more information in the coming months.

**"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35**

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The Confirmation Class (Rylie Kreft, Liberty Sejkora, Sydnee Olson, and Morgan Nielsen) shopped for holiday gifts from the Blue Valley and Salvation Army Angel Trees along with Larry and Nadine Hibbert who sponsored a Thrivent Action Team. Great team work!



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA



It was decided at the November Board Meeting that WELCA will only do a bake sale at the Fall Craft Fair in the Mall. We will rent 2 booths then. Hope Circle meeting was changed to December 14 and the ladies put together 10 baskets to be delivered to our shut-ins.

Thanks to all who donated items for the baskets.

We will discuss preparations for the February 19, 2023 Soup Luncheon at the January Board Meeting. There will be no Board Meeting in December.

Blessed New Year to all!

WELCA President, Sheryl Harrington

Calendar:

January 9, 2023 – Hope Circle-10:00 am

January 11, 2023 – Blanket Sewing-9:00-3:00

January 14, 2023- Winter Retreat at Grand Island

January 16, 2023- WELCA Board meeting-7:00 pm

February 19, 2023 – Soup Luncheon

February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday Supper

March 25, 2023 – Spring Gathering at Pickrell

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated sheets for our blanket sewing ladies. They are very much appreciated. There is an ongoing need for new & used sheets so anytime you have extra during the year, please consider donating them to Holy Cross.

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**HOLY CROSS—THANK YOU** for the special reception with the wonderful gifts. I will always treasure it. I have not stopped giving thanks for you and remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16 Denise Lenners-Kleine

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What a great opportunity for our young people! The Nebraska Synod Journey is a week-long experience for youth who have completed grades 8-12 by the summer of 2023 and their adult leaders. The Journey is an opportunity to form relationships with people from all over the state and with service learning partners where we travel. It broadens our perspectives of what the church can do outside its walls and its community, and it's an opportunity to see where God is at work in the world and to join God in that work.

The Journey to Denver will be held July 10-15, 2023, and highlights will include service learning throughout the Denver metro area, worship, fellowship and other activities throughout the city. Travel will be by Windstar motorcoaches, and housing will be in residence halls at Colorado Christian University.

Youth would be responsible for \$100 of the total cost (\$525), plus spending money. The Holy Cross congregation will cover the remainder of the cost. Registration is due by January 31st, so if your young person is interested in attending, ***please let Pastor Kathee know by January 20<sup>th</sup> and links for the registration form and \$100 family portion deposit will be provided.***



# ONE ANOTHER HUNGER PROGRAM

During this season of giving and caring for others, Holy Cross Lutheran Church applied for and received a \$500 grant from the Nebraska Synod One Another Hunger Program. These funds are designated to the Beatrice High School Mini-Mart to support high school students who are food insecure.

One Another is a program aimed at engaging local mission centers in a discussion about the poverty and hunger in our midst and how we can respond as the church. The One Another Fund helps financially support local hunger relief efforts that are affiliated with the Synod and its congregations and ministries - such as food pantries and job skills ministries.

Our sincere thanks to the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA for recognizing the needs of our local high school youth as we work together to reduce food insecurity in our community.

Thank you, also, to Janet Byars for putting together the grant request.



**CLIPPINGS AND PICTURES WANTED!** One of the bulletin boards in the east entrance hallways is open for everyone's contributions. If you have any pictures or newspaper clippings you would like to share in this way, please go ahead and post it on that bulletin board or give to Sandy. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are out for the new year. If we missed your name or if you haven't used envelopes in the past but would like to at this point, please let the church office know.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Across the Trax. All men are welcome! For more information or for a ride contact Ferdie Kimminau at 331-276-7380.

**FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church gathers food and monetary donations for the Community Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice on an ongoing basis. All items are very much appreciated. NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE! If you would like to give to this ministry, please leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the narthex or your monetary donation in an envelope in the offering plate.

**UPDATE ON SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Yay! We did it again! We reached the goal of \$150,000.00 in receipt tapes and have submitted them to Spartan Nash who will award us with a check for \$1000.00. This is the 10th time we have reached this goal!! Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts. SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes. Our thanks to Terri Huls and Gloria Paben who add the receipts up and submit them to Spartan Nash Co. and to all of you who keep your receipts and put them in the collection box in the narthex! We have started over again!

## **RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES**

**Plastic Shopping Bags** - Used to make sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

**Aluminum Cans** - Aluminum Cans - Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Please put cans outside in the barrels in the enclosure east of the kitchen. Lids open easier if grabbed with both hands on front dimples.

**Computer Ink Cartridges** - Proceeds go to the Matt 25 Project Fund. Sorry - we are no longer able to recycle toner cartridges. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

**Cell Phones** - Donated to the Hope Crisis Center. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

*(If we missed your anniversary or birthday this month, please give the church office a call at 228-3172. Thanks!)*



Jan. 1 June Seitz  
Jan. 2 Roxine Weichel  
Jan. 3 Stacie Bruns  
Jan. 3 Tom Seitz  
Jan. 4 Robert Jurgens  
Jan. 5 Gale Buss  
Steve Rippe  
Jan. 6 Liberty Sejkora  
Shirley Wolken  
Jan. 7 Anna Pike  
Donna Rosenthal  
Jan. 8 Diane Waltke  
Jan. 9 Judson Kreft  
Jan. 10 Kasha Gartner  
Taylor Garton  
Keri Kendall  
Jan. 11 Glen Baete  
Jan. 12 Susie Pella  
Zachary Schmale  
Jan. 14 Pastor Kathee  
Jan. 15 Vi Kimminau  
Jan. 18 Joyce Parde\*  
Clayton Wells  
Jan. 19 Sydney Brauer  
Jan. 20 Lorella Matulka  
Jan. 21 Richard Pomajzl  
Jan. 22 Eli Miller  
Jan. 27 Cohen Buhr  
Jan. 31 Kathy Baete

### **Special Birthday Greetings to:**

Shirley Wolken who will celebrate her 85th birthday on January 6...  
Diane Waltke who will celebrate her 86th birthday on January 8...  
Joyce Parde who will celebrate her 88th birthday on January 18...  
God's blessings to you all—may you have a happy and healthy year!

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



January 2, 1999—Pastor David & Anne Frye  
January 10, 1976—Dennis & Gail Russell  
January 10, 2016—Jordan & Whitney Grabouski  
January 23, 1982—Randy & Brenda Johnson (Happy 40th!)  
January 24, 1975—Dallen & Nancy Johnsen

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*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Rena Fielder, Richard (Carol) Fielder's mother, who passed away Sunday, Dec. 4. Rena's graveside services were held Dec. 7 at Evergreen Home Cemetery. We commend Rena to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of LaVerne Wolken who passed away Tuesday, December 6. LaVerne's funeral was at Holy Cross on Saturday, December 10. We commend LaVerne to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Steve Newman who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6. Steve's funeral was at Fox Funeral Home on Monday, December 11. We commend Steve to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Betty Rozanek, Darlene Flowers' sister, who passed away Friday, December 9, in Omaha, NE. Funeral services are being planned. We commend Betty to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.



## **WORSHIP HELPERS** **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP**

**HELPERS:** Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office **402-228-3172** aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights – please call Tom or Carol Karlin at 402-223-3992, for Sunday mornings, please call Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 and they will find someone to replace you. Worship helpers – please be at church 30 minutes before worship begins. Instructions will be in the back window of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Johnsen 402-806-0376 or ask the Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

### **Saturday, December 31**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht  
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

### **Sunday, January 1**

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton  
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns, Kai Belt, Ziel Tut  
Reader: Natalie Coffin; Communion: Kendall Hein  
Audio/Video: Larry Cole  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/ Terri Huls

### **Saturday, January 7**

Ushers/Greeters: Beth Dunker, Sally Diekman  
Reader: Beth Dunker  
Communion: Denny Russell  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

### **Sunday, January 8**

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas  
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert  
Reader: Janet Byars  
Communion: Dianne Cole  
Audio/Video: Terri Huls  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/ Open

### **Saturday, January 14**

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto  
Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

### **Sunday, January 15**

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Terri Huls  
Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins, Makenna & Kierra  
Reader/Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff  
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/ Open

### **Saturday, January 21**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel  
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

### **Sunday, January 22**

Greeters: Karen Jobman, Susan Kreft  
Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family  
Reader: Jackie Nielsen; Communion: Toni Janzen  
Audio/Video: Larry Cole  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/ Open

### **Saturday, January 28**

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman  
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

### **Sunday, January 29**

Greeters: Vi & Ferdie Kimminau  
Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall  
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Melanie Laflin, Gloria Paben  
Reader: Gloria Paben; Communion: Glennys Lienemann  
Audio/Video: Terri Huls  
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/ Open

(February worship helpers will come out in the February newsletter.)

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*Thank You*

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who donated to the Caring and Sharing Tree projects this year—Toys and gift cards for CASA families and donations to ELCA World Hunger—Good Gifts. Your generosity to the ministries we support bring blessings to many people!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who brought items for the Beatrice High School Mini Mart Thrivent Action Project, Give Thanks and Give Back Challenge, and the Community Food Pantry. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who helped assemble green bean casseroles for the Community Christmas Dinner. Your support is much appreciated!

**NOVEMBER 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Sandy Mahler, Treasurer**

<b>2022 General Operating</b>	<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Transfer in</b>	<b>Transfer out</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Monthly Balance</b>	<b>YTD Balance</b>
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$10,251.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,981.80	-\$2,730.57	-\$2,730.57
FEBRUARY	-\$2,730.57	\$14,067.52			\$14,095.22	-\$27.70	-\$2,758.27
MARCH	-\$2,758.27	\$12,664.77	\$3,000.00		\$14,421.21	\$1,243.56	-\$1,514.71
APRIL	-\$1,514.71	\$13,856.53	\$1,600.00		\$13,574.92	\$1,881.61	\$366.90
MAY	\$366.90	\$15,704.15			\$13,552.47	\$2,151.68	\$2,518.58
JUNE	\$2,518.58	\$9,669.63			\$13,733.31	-\$4,063.68	-\$1,545.10
JULY	-\$1,545.10	\$11,462.42	\$1,600.00		\$14,825.44	-\$1,763.02	-\$3,308.12
AUGUST	-\$3,308.12	\$9,767.02	\$3,500.00		\$12,999.54	\$267.48	-\$3,040.64
SEPTEMBER	-\$3,040.64	\$12,350.38	\$3,050.00		\$13,872.67	\$1,527.71	-\$1,512.93
OCTOBER	-\$1,512.93	\$11,179.32			\$13,373.60	-\$2,194.28	-\$3,707.21
NOVEMBER	-\$3,707.21	\$14,388.86	\$4,000.00		\$13,178.01	\$5,210.85	\$1,503.64
<b>TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:</b>		<b>\$135,361.83</b>	<b>\$16,750.00</b>		<b>\$150,608.19</b>		<b>\$1,503.64</b>
Our income is \$15246.36 less than our expenses for the year. \$16,750.00 has been transferred in as of 11-30-22 to General Operating from our Prior Years Long/Short Account.							

# ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance/Offering</u>
Nov. 26/27	14-45	\$1356.00	
Nov. 30	22	\$200.00-reg, \$202.00 Midweek Advent	
Dec. 3/4	16-43	\$2708.90	6 \$10.00
Dec. 7	26	\$240.00-reg, \$94.00-Midweek Advent	
Dec. 10/11	16-40	\$2478.00	7 \$10.00

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$130.00, Holy Cross only-\$425.00, Thanksgiving-\$30.00, Food Pantry-\$85.00, ELCA God's Good Gifts-\$130.00, Poinsettias-\$173.00, Sound System-\$665.00, Confirmation Camp-\$217.00, Noisy Offering (Wholly Food)-\$70.58, NE Synod One Another Grant (BHS Mini-Mart)-\$500.00

## WAYS TO GIVE

Financial offerings may be given in a number of ways:

- ♦ You can send your donations by mail to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1918 Garfield St, Beatrice, NE 68310. If you would like pre-addressed envelopes, please call the church office.
- ♦ You can drop your offering off in the mail slot at the southeast end of the church.
- ♦ You can give online.....
  - Apps make life easier. With Give+ you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
  - Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
  - Make one-time or recurring donations using your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
  - Log in or donate as a guest.
  - To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.
  - Or, go to the Holy Cross website, [holycrossbeatrice.com](http://holycrossbeatrice.com), and click on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page.





**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 10, 2022**

Council Present: Tom Karlin, Bill Behrends, Kodi Higgins, Pastor Kathee Forrest, Inez Trauernicht, Dallen Johnsen

Absent: Ryan Vogel

Council Meeting called to order at 7:05.

- A Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee Forrest titled Abundance. A discussion on how we are blessed.
1. A motion was made by Bill B. and seconded by Kodi H. to give the Thanksgiving Eve collection  $\frac{1}{3}$  to the Food Pantry,  $\frac{1}{3}$  to the Salvation Army Food Bank,  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Holy Cross. Motion was approved.
  2. Mission Festival is Nov. 19 and 20.
  3. A motion was made by Dallen J. and seconded by Bill B. to approve the updated Usher, Readers, and Greeters Instructions. Motion was approved.
- B. Agenda
1. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Kodi H. to approve the amended agenda. Motion was approved
  2. A motion was made by Pastor Kathee Forrest and seconded by Tom K. to approve the Oct. 13, 2022 Council minutes.
- C. Information
- 1; A motion was made by Pastor Kathee Forrest and seconded by Dallen J. to approve the transfer of membership of Abbie Vitosh to Peace Lutheran Church in Pella, Iowa. Motion was approved.
  2. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Pastor Kathee Forrest to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.
  3. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Tom K. to move \$4000.00 from the over/short from previous years to the general checking account to cover expenses. Motion was approved.
- D. Committee Reports
1. A motion was made by Dallen J. and seconded by Tom K. to move \$177.00 from Thrivent Choice to the Sound and Streaming System Funding.
  2. Nominating is being done for next year.
  3. YouTube is working great.
  4. Hanging of the greens will be Nov. 26 and Nov. 27.
- E. Unfinished Business
1. Playset replacement is scheduled for spring.
  2. Jenae Bauer's application for PMA is on hold.
- F. New Business
1. The Vision Team will meet Dec. 1.
  2. Budget was discussed.
  3. Denise Lenners-Kleine reception will be Nov. 12 after church with a light dinner and cake.

4. Mission Investment Funds were discussed.

5. Next Council Meeting will be Dec.8, at 7:00.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Bill B. and seconded by Dallen J. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht  
Council Secretary.

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**JOYFUL STEPS:** Each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. come join us in the church basement for our weekly hour of fellowship and exercise. No equipment needed. You may wish to bring a bottle of water. See you all then!

**THE LIVE STREAM** of Holy Cross worship has moved to our YouTube Channel. To access the YouTube live stream go to the Holy Cross website [www.holycrossbeatrice.com](http://www.holycrossbeatrice.com). There is a link to the live stream on the homepage and also on the "Watch Live" page. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions as we work to improve the live stream experience for everyone.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER:** If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at [holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosselcabeatrice@gmail.com) or fill out a prayer slip found next to the prayer box located on the rack in the narthex. Thank you and God's blessings!

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS:** Please let Pastor Kathee or Sandy know if you are a Thrivent member. All Thrivent members are eligible to use a \$250.00 debit card from Thrivent two times a year for nonprofit use. This is an awesome way to support your church or community at no cost to you!

**KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON** by liking our Holy Cross Group Facebook Page, which can be accessed from the website [www.holycrossbeatrice.com](http://www.holycrossbeatrice.com).

**NEEDED:** Someone who could embroider on baptism napkins. Please check with the church office if you are interested or have questions about this. Our thanks to Genell Copas who had been doing this for us for the past many years!

**SOUND & STREAMING SYSTEM UPDATE:** In October of 2021, the congregation approved \$40,000.00 for the installation of a new Sound and Streaming System. Yandas Pro Audio and Video of Kearney was selected to install the system. This installation was completed in May of 2022. Yandas original bill was \$36,240.00 with extra costs in a second camera and a PowerPoint Laptop & DVD Drive bringing the total cost to \$39,420.90.

At this point we have received \$34,328.72 through donations, memorial gifts, Thrivent Choice dollars, SunMart/Spartan Nash dollars, a freewill offering at September's outdoor worship/cookout/concert and the All Saints Luncheon (thanks to Roger Huls for the use of his Thrivent card) leaving a balance of \$5092.18.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated toward this project so far. Prayerfully consider helping us complete raising funds for this addition to our church. Envelopes are available in the narthex for those who would like to donate toward the project.

In Christ's Name, The Sound and Streaming System Project Team

# January 2023

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, no Faithbuilders 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS DUE  10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>6</b>  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>7</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	<b>9</b>  10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	<b>10</b>  10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>11</b> 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing  2:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>13</b>  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>14</b> WELCA Winter Retreat at Grand Island  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	<b>16</b>  7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting	<b>17</b>  10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>20</b> NEWS-LETTER ARTICLES DUE  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>21</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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Everlasting Father,  
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