

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shared values of our Worshiping Community:

Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving

FEBRUARY 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 each Sunday morning.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed is held each Sunday morning from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. See p.3 for details! Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 19

11 am—1 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to the Women of the ELCA Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 19. They will be serving Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soups, and desserts. Freewill donation. This is an annual fundraiser for the Holy Cross Women of the ELCA to support church and community projects. Hope to see you there!

Sign-up sheets for food donations and workers are available in the narthex.



ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. In our Ash Wednesday service, which will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, we will focus on the amazing grace of God King David experienced when he confessed his sins and was forgiven.

We experience that same amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

Amazing Grace: Devotions for Lent - Pick up a copy of these daily Lenten devotions that accompany our Lenten Worship Series.

LENTEN SUPPERS: You are invited for good food and fellowship at our Lenten suppers which are held each Wednesday evening from 6:00-6:45 before our midweek Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. There is a freewill offering taken. Thank you to everyone for your time and efforts in providing this ministry! If you would like to raise money for your group or organization, or if your group would like to take this opportunity to raise money for a cause that you would like to support, please sign the name of your group and what you will be serving on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

MONDAYS-IN-LENT RETURN: Have you missed the Monday mid-day ecumenical worship and a meal? In 2020, Holy Cross hosted the one and only service and meal before the pandemic put a stop to everything. Please put it on your radar for Mondays in Lent beginning February 27 at noon. The schedule will be out in coming bulletins and the March newsletter.

CROSSROADS

In Search of Paul – I am super excited after the first Zoom meeting last night with a group of people who are taking a journey called “In Search of Paul 2023”. Before the journey begins, leaving the Tuesday after Easter, the group is reading three books to get understand more deeply the life and ministry of Paul and the world in which he preached, which was overshadowed by the Roman Empire.

We will begin and end our journey in the ancient region of Thrace or what is now Istanbul, Turkey, and then make a route along the Roman roads of what is now Greece, some of which Paul would have traveled. We will visit some of the cities he visited: Philippi, Thessaloniki, Athens and Corinth, before heading back to Turkey and the cities of Ephesus, Assos and Troas.

Some of the questions we will consider both as we prepare and along the way are: How did Paul understand justice, righteousness, salvation, faith, law, and gospel as he wrote to diverse urban people living in a society dominated by patronage and Roman Imperial Theology? What does his 1st century gospel mean in a 21st century context?

The first Zoom gathering was a conversation on the first book we read, ***The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church’s Conservative Icon***, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. It is undisputed by scholars that the “first” Paul wrote seven letters to early Christian churches in this order: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, Philemon, Philippians, 2 Corinthians and Romans. Other letters attributed to Paul, most like were written by others in Paul’s name to address specific issues with Christian congregations: Colossians, Ephesians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.



Beginning to take a closer look at the life of Paul, we discussed what may have been the “thorn in his flesh” (possibly malaria based on the area in which he lived), and the Roman Empire. What would it be like to live in a world where the rulers, the Caesars, were considered gods and “sons of god”, and hear Paul’s message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. For example, engraved upon this Roman coin used in the time of Christ, it is written, Caesar Augustus, son of a god (the Divine Julius Caesar), father of the country.

I hope to share more in the coming months, both before and after this journey!

In Christ’s Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



THE MATT 25 PROJECT

We will be having a fundraiser for this project, but you can also donate to this scholarship at any time. Stay tuned for more details about our fundraiser! Thank you for your continued support of this scholarship!

We began this project 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 traveling. 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 student with financial need.

God has guided our youth group to see this scholarship project through and this is a project we are very passionate about. We hope to be able to provide this scholarship every year.

- Angie Vogel



FAITHBUILDERS CLASSES each Sunday morning at Holy Cross from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

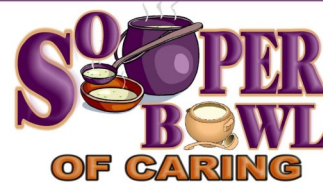
SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION



Adult Ed - Join us January 29 - February 19 as we "Get Wisdom" from studying the Book of

Proverbs. Proverbs is a collection of essays, poems and sayings expressing the wisdom of ancient Israel. What does it say to us today? And by the way, some of the Proverbs are really odd to our modern day ears.

Adult Ed in Lent - "Bright Shining as the Sun!" Small Group Study which focuses on the scriptural inspiration for John Newton's "Amazing Grace" hymn. This study will accompany the worship series during Lent, Holy Week and Easter, also based on this hymn, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of this beloved song. The worship series is written by Lutheran theologian Michael Hoy, who ties the words of the song to our lives today as Christ's disciples and those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God revealed most profoundly in the salvation of Jesus..



SOUPERBOWL OF CARING **FEBRUARY 11/12**

The vision of the Souper Bowl of Caring is to transform the big Game Day into a nationwide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. Bring your items for the food pantry and your dollars for the soup pot that we'll have in the narthex on Superbowl weekend. All donations will go to our local food pantry. Our Noisy Offering in February will also go to the Community Food Pantry.



CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

Dallen Johnsen – President, Inez Trauernicht – Secretary, Kodi Higgins– Finance Leader, Ryan Vogel, Larry Kendall, Austin Wolken

With thanks for council members who served in 2022: Tom Karlin & Bill Behrends

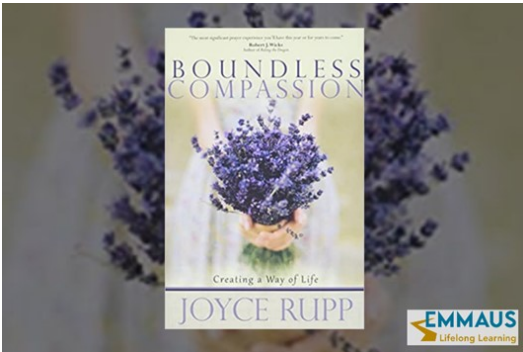
Other elections:

Mission Endowment: Stacie Bruns

Nebraska Synod Assembly: Steve & Toni Janzen

Alternates: Larry & Dianne Cole

Nominating Committee: Tom Karlin, Darlene Folkerts, Sheryl Harrington, Steve Janzen, Susan Kreft, Elsie Otto



ONLINE BOOK STUDY *Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life* by Joyce Rupp.

You are invited to join an online book study by one of Pastor Kathee's favorite spiritual mentors, Joyce Rupp through this Nebraska Synod Emmaus course. It is a seven-week transformation process for developing and deepening compassion by exploring the book *Boundless Compassion Creating a Way of Life* by Joyce Rupp. Sessions are Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m beginning February 20 – April 3.

The cost is \$20 plus the cost of the book, which you must purchase. You can sign up online at: <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/book-study-boundless-compassion-creating-a-way-of-life-emmaus-winter-2023/2023-02-27/> This link is also posted on the Holy Cross Facebook Group Page.

Facilitator Mary Mohr, a certified Spiritual Director and Boundless Compassion Facilitator, hopes that participants will find the book study to be a memorable prayer experience during their Lenten journey. Sessions will begin with a meditation followed by discussion in which participants benefit from each other's insights and experiences. Between weekly sessions, participants will read a 3-4 page meditation *each day* from the book followed by time for personal reflection. Any questions, please contact Pastor Kathee.

===== **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS AND THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

MINISTRY DOLLARS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE DESIGNATION: The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2022 is 3/31/2023. If you are an eligible Thrivent member please consider directing some or all of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. You can do it online or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. If you have any questions you may contact Thrivent or the church office.

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! You can also become a Thrivent Associate Member for \$19.95 and you will be eligible to use a \$250.00 debit card from Thrivent one time a year. Let us know if you are interested and/or if you have any questions.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



The Women of Holy Cross will be busy preparing for the annual Soup Luncheon which will be held February 19: 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets for donations of food and helpers. Everyone's help is much appreciated.

The ladies met in January to begin the new year for blanket sewing for Lutheran World Relief; however, please note there will not be blanket sewing in February.

Joyce Haecker Co-president

Calendar:

No Blanket Sewing in February

February 12..... WELCA 10:00 (Bible Study, good conversation & rolls)

February 19..... Soup Luncheon – 11:00 – 1:00

February 20..... Board Meeting – 7:00

February 22..... Ash Wednesday Supper, 6:00 – WELCA serves

March 25..... Spring Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church – 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.



CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR CASA FAMILIES – A LENTEN COLLECTION

After speaking with Amber Lovitt, Executive Director of CASA of Gage County, several needs for CASA families surfaced and one of them was cleaning supplies, which are not normally available at the Community Food Pantry. So let's fill some buckets with cleaning supplies!

For each week of Lent, bring one of the items below, or bring them all at one time! Buckets will be available in the Narthex. Many of these items can be found at Dollar Tree.

Lent 1 – a bottle of All purpose Spray cleaner (409, Lysol or generic)

Lent 2 – Toilet bowl cleaner and brush

Lent 3 – Sponges/cleaning rags, dishwashing liquid

Lent 4 – Steel Wool Cleaning Pads

Lent 5 – Broom/dustpan

Palm Sunday – Laundry Detergent (any brand)

Extras: Disinfectant wipes (any brand) or other cleaning items

We will not forget the Lutheran World Relief hygiene kits, which have been traditionally collected in Lent, but will collect them in the summer.

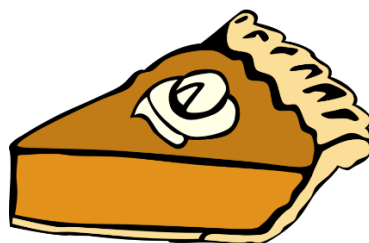
Soup Luncheon

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1918 Garfield St.

When: Sunday, February 19, 2023

Time: 11:00 – 1:00

Serving Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle,
or Vegetable Beef Soup, Dessert, Coffee,
Tea or Water



Free Will Offering – Funds used to support
community & church projects



THE COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET at First Christian Church, Beatrice, is in need of gently worn coats, especially children's coats. Sweatshirts, scarves, gloves and sweaters are also accepted. Take them to First Christian Sunday-Thursday 9-noon or bring them to Holy Cross and put them on the hangers on the hallway coat rack marked "COMMUNITY COAT CLOSET" and they will be delivered. Thank you!

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!

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. 27 items were donated during the month of December.

SUNMART RECEIPTS: We did it again! 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. When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached this goal **TEN** times so far! 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!

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.

THE POWER OF PRAYER: If you have a prayer request for our prayer team, please call or email Holy Cross at 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!

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.

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!

December 2022 Treasurer's Report

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2022 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
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
DECEMBER	\$1,503.64	\$15,551.22		\$3,500.00	\$13,331.47	-\$1,280.25	\$223.39
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$150,913.05	\$16,750.00	\$3,500.00	\$163,939.66		\$223.39
Our General Operating income was \$13,026.61 less than our General Operating expenses for the year. We transferred \$16,750.00 during the year to General Operating from our Prior Years Long/Short Account and then transferred \$3500.00 back into Prior Years Long/Short account at the end of the year.							

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, and click on the "GIVE TO HCLC" button at the bottom of the home page.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Worship	Attendance	Offerings	Faithbuilders	
			Attendance	Offerings
Dec. 14	27	\$113.00 (Midweek Advent)		
Dec. 17/18	16-41	\$2524.00		
Dec. 21	19	\$105.00 (Midweek Advent)		
Dec. 24	85	\$5265.71 (Reg) \$1675.00 (Christmas)		
Dec. 25	40	\$605.00 (Reg) \$240.00 (Christmas)		
Dec. 31/Jan. 1	22/22	\$3580.00		
Jan. 7/8	11/43	\$1499.90		
Jan. 14/15	24/38	\$2401.00	2	\$10.00

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$125.00, Holy Cross only-\$540.00, Food Pantry-\$95.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$1015.00, God's Good Gifts-\$165.00, Sound System-\$6125.00, Advent-\$15.00, Christmas-\$40.00, Staff Christmas-\$80.00, Facility Use-\$50.00, Backpack Program (Faithbuilders' Program)-\$148.00, Poinsettia-\$17.00, Spartan Nash-\$1000.00, Initial Envelopes-\$89.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$10.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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 Norma Huls at 402-223-3184, 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! (PP = PowerPoint)

Saturday, February 4

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Norma Huls
Reader: Denny Russell
Communion: Norma Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, February 5

Greeters: Jeff & Jenae Bauer
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns family
Reader: Jenae Bauer
Communion: Rebecca Behrends
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Mary Schuster-Graff

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

Greeters: Larry & Dianne Cole
Ushers: Burley & Genell Copas
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Susan Kreft
Reader: Janet Byars
Communion: Dianne Cole
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Mary Schuster-Graff, Terri Huls
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton
Reader: Natalie Coffin
Communion: Natalie Coffin
Audio/Video: Larry Cole
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Wednesday, February 22

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Reader: Rebecca Behrends
Communion: Bill Behrends

Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

Greeters: Gary & Sheryl Harrington
Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family
Reader: Sheryl Harrington
Communion: Joyce Haecker
Audio/Video: Terri Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Wednesday, March 1

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Reader: Janet Byars

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Melanie Laflin
Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Eric Forrest
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family
Reader: Larry Hibbert
Communion: Kendall Hein
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Wednesday, March 8

Ushers: Mary Schuster-Graff, Berlita Grell
Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen
Ushers: Karen Jobman, Glennys Lienemann
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall
Reader: Gloria Paben
Communion: Larry Kendall
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Wednesday, March 15

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Reader: Joyce Haecker

Saturday, March 18

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Norma Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, March 19

Greeters: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen
Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Madelyn & Morgan Nielsen
Reader: Jackie Nielsen
Communion: Jackie Rinne
Audio/Video: Larry Cole
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2-16-80 Larry & Carol Vetrovsky
2-28-04 Aaron & Jackie Nielsen

Feb. 1 Ray Buss
Chris George
Feb. 2 Elsie Otto
Carol Vetrovsky
Feb. 4 Christopher Dunker
Feb. 5 Lillian Fritch
Shawn Hein
Feb. 6 Todd George
Feb. 10 Kristen Buhr
Feb. 11 Ally Kreft
Feb. 13 Jenae Bauer
Dale Otto
Daniel Otto
Dillon Rinne
Feb. 14 Kyle Bahnsen
Austin Wolken
Feb. 15 Nick Vrtiska
Feb. 18 Deb Sillman
Feb. 23 Brandon Creek
Feb. 24 Erica Karlin
Feb. 26 Zachary Coffin
Feb. 27 Madelyn Nielsen
Mary Schuster-Graff
Feb. 28 Randy Johnson

Worship helpers, continued...

Wednesday, March 22

Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Larry Hibbert

Saturday, March 25

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, March 26

Greeters: Eugene & Donna Rosenthal

Ushers: Austin Woken, Steve Rippe

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family

Reader: Angie Vogel

Communion: Angie Vogel

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Wednesday, March 29

Ushers: Norma Huls, Terri Huls

Reader: Terri Huls

Saturday, April 1

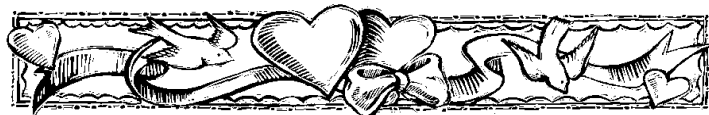
Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

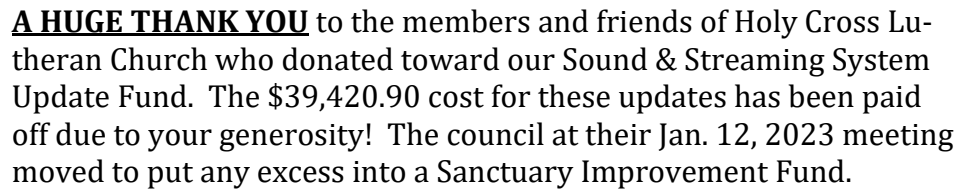
Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

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. 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.





Thank you so much for your gift of \$279.00 to the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.
Thank you so much for your gift of \$500.00 to the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.
(This was a grant for the Beatrice High School Mini-Mart which is funded through the Community Pantry).

- The Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc.

As we celebrate and remember the true meaning of Christmas, we find ourselves reveling in the joy of having so many people, near and far, thinking of us throughout the year, showing us the greatness of God's love through gifts and support. Thank you so very much for your gift of \$800.00 to the children of Oaks Indian Mission.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and throughout the coming year.

- Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director

We wanted to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for everything you do to support Sheepgate Women's Center. Your gifts last year enabled us to share the life-changing message of Jesus which produced true transformational life change in the lives of our students. One transformed life holds the potential for transformation to occur elsewhere, and we have seen the seeds you've sown radically change our students and MULTIPLY beyond them. Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to sowing seeds that multiply and bring hope for the future.

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2022

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

Council Meeting called to order at 7:00.

A Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee. Psalm 146:5-10, with a discussion about God's amazing goodness, protection, and love.

1. Noisy offering for Jan. will go to Sheepgate.

B Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Bill B. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Dallen and seconded by Bill B. to approve the Nov. 10, 2022 minutes. Motion was approved.

C Information

1. Advent services are going well.
2. The Children's Christmas Program was well attended. The kids did an amazing job.
3. A motion was made by Inez T. and seconded by Bill B. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D Committee Reports

1. A new Christmas tree for the Sanctuary will be purchased for next year. It will be purchased with monies from the Loren Beran and Stuart Weber Memorials. Bill B made a motion to approve the purchase of the tree with a second from Dallen J. Motion was approved.
2. Nominations for the new year were discussed and all positions were filled.
3. PowerPoint won't be used during Lent, to give us a chance to use the new hymnals.

E Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business.

F New Business

1. The budget was discussed.
2. Next Council Meeting will be Jan. 12 at 7:00.

G Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Dallen J. and seconded by Ryan V. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

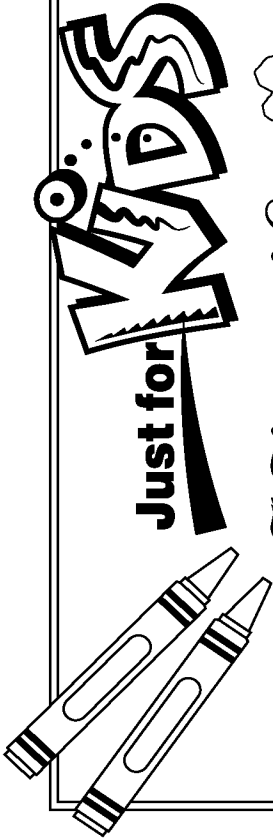
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Council Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	3 8:00 p.m. N.A.	4 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
5 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	6	7 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:30 p.m. Memorial & Gifts Team	8 NO Blanket Sewing 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Choir	9 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	10 8:00 p.m. N.A.	11 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
12 SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	13 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	14 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	15 5:30 p.m. Choir	16 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	18 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
19 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed 11:00-1:00 WELCA Soup Luncheon	20 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	21 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	22 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Choir 6:00-6:45 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	23 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	24 8:00 p.m. N.A.	25 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
26 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering-Community Food Pantry/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	27	28 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food				

*Holy Cross Lutheran Church
celebrates Holy Communion in
worship each Saturday and
Sunday unless noted..*



A Message of Love

Luke 10:27 has a wonderful message to live by.

Find the message by writing the opposite words next to the ones given.
Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines they match below.

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under	5	6	7	8		old	24	25	26	27	28	
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quiet	16	17	18	19								

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