

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shared values of our Worshiping Community:

Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving
MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

See page 4 for Lenten worship schedule.

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. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. See page 3 for details.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins Sunday, March 12.

On Saturday, March 11, be sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed!



OPEN MY EYES, LORD

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays, March 1—March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten offerings will be divided between the Matt 25 Project and Holy Cross.

Mondays-in-Lent resumes—see pg. 4

Amazing Grace Lenten Worship series—see pg. 4

Lenten Collection—cleaning supplies for CASA families—see pg. 5

Pancake Feed to benefit Matt 25 Scholarship—Wednesday, March 1, 6:00-6:45 p.m.—see pg. 3

CROSSROADS+

In Search of Paul: I look forward to this upcoming pilgrimage after Easter, as I travel with others over some of the same roads Paul traveled, one passing through Philippi in northeastern Greece and another through Ephesus (now Selcuk) in western Turkey. The Roman road system was extensive. One of the goals of this study is to learn about the 1st century Roman empire and the world in which Paul lived, and from which his ministry was surrounded. We often hear of the Roman peace, or the Pax Romana, which made traveling along those roads much easier; in turn, allowing Paul to travel and spread the good news of Jesus Christ to many non-Jews.

The genuine letters written by Paul were written before the gospels. They are:

Several years after Christ's resurrection and ascension, Paul had a visionary experience he describes as "seeing" Jesus and received from him his Gospel message as well as his all to be an apostle to the non-Jewish world. This same story in Acts has differences from Paul's own account in his letters, and so we consider what Paul himself wrote first and foremost:

¹¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is



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not of human origin, ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:11.

In the book ***"The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon"*** we read that the peace of the Caesars was achieved through "violent victory"*, while "Christ not only proclaims but incarnates peace through nonviolent justice. There will be peace on earth, said Roman imperial theology,

when all is quiet and orderly. There will be peace on earth, said Pauline Christian theology, when all is fair and just."

The image above is the earliest image of Paul from a fresco in the "Cave of Paul and Tecla at Ephesus. It shows Paul with a book in his hand and his right hand raised as in preaching or possibly giving a blessing.

In Christ's Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



THE MATT 25 PROJECT

A Pancake Feed benefitting the Holy Cross Matt 25 Scholarship for high school seniors will be held on Wednesday, March 1, from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Vogel family and confirmation youth and families will be preparing and serving the food. Join us and bring a friend!



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



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

"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.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Three Holy Cross youth are preparing to Affirm their Baptism on Palm Sunday, April 2. Please keep in your prayers: Rylie Kreft, Sydnee Olson and Liberty Sejkora.

AMAZING GRACE

A WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Lent by the theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday • David (Psalm 51:1): We find comfort that King David confessed his sin to God and received amazing grace in God's forgiveness and a connection to Jesus, the Savior.

Week 1—February 26, • Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:7): We see God's amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God's people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant.

Week 2—March 5, • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:32): We hear of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father's lavish compassion toward us.

Week 3—March 12, • The Blind Man (John 9:24): We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

Week 4—March 19, • The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14): We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity..

Week 5—March 26, • Paul (1 Timothy 1:15): We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

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AMAZING GRACE: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT - Pick up a copy of these daily Lenten devotions that accompany our Lenten Worship Series.

MONDAYS-IN-LENT is a six week series of ecumenical worship services sponsored by churches of Beatrice. The series begins Monday, February 27, 2023, at 12:05 p.m. with a light lunch served at 12:30 p.m. This year's theme is "The Last Week". The host churches and guest pastors are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	
Feb. 27	First Presbyterian	Rev. Kathee Forrest	Introduction to Holy Week
Mar. 6	Centenary Methodist	Doris Martin, Commissioned	
	PCUSA Pastor - Palm Sunday		
Mar. 13	St Joseph Catholic	Pastor Paixao Baptista	Maundy Thursday
Mar. 20	Holy Cross Lutheran	Rev. Mike Hanneman	Good Friday
Mar. 27	St. John Lutheran	Rev. Leo Kosch	Holy Saturday
April 3	First Christian	Rev. Renae Koehler	Easter Sunday

The freewill offering for the luncheon goes to the Community Food Pantry.

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. The Vogels and Confirmation Youth and families will be having a Pancake Feed Wednesday, March 1.



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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



February was a busy month with the soup luncheon and serving soup again for Ash Wednesday supper. Thank you to everyone (including the men) who helped with food preparation, serving, & clean-up. Also, thanks for the donations of chicken noodle and vegetable beef soup and the many delicious desserts. The approximate profit was

\$1,000.00 which does not include Ash Wednesday supper. THANKS AGAIN for everyone's help!

March 20th the women will be preparing lunch for Monday's in Lent. The profit for this will go to the food pantry. Then Saturday, March 25th will be the Southeast NE Spring Gathering at Zion Lutheran, 10:00 – 2:30. This is for all women who would like to attend. Program speaker will be Christina Lyons, and Pastor Kathee will be the Bible Study Leader. There are registration sheets in the Narthex.

Carol Joy Holling will have their annual Quilt Auction July 29th. If anyone has a quilt they would like to donate, Quilts will be accepted beginning June 1st.

Joyce Haecker, Co-president

Calendar:

March 8 Blanket Sewing - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

March 13 Hope Circle - 10:00 AM

March 20 Mondays in Lent - 12:00 PM

March 20 Board Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 25 Spring Gathering 10:00 – 2:30; Registration begins @ 9:30 AM

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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SPRING GATHERING 2023 for the Women of the ELCA of Southeast Nebraska will be at Zion Lutheran Church, rural Pickrell, Saturday, March 25. Program 10 am—2:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee \$20 due 3/15. Pre-registration suggested but not required.

Tangible offering collected for CASA: Personal hygiene items—shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, toilet paper, Kleenex.

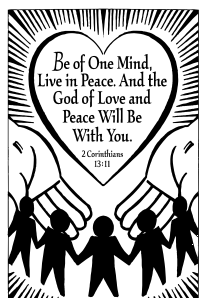
Program speaker: Christina Lyons. Bible Study with Pastor Kathee Forrest



We remember those in Turkey and Syria following the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Lutheran World Relief and local partners are providing relief to the survivors. From LWR Facebook Page: LWR is airlifting urgently needed supplies to the hardest hit towns. The emergency shipment includes LWR Quilts and Care Kits, and other critical supplies like heating stoves, thermal blankets and tents to comfort families who are sleeping outside in freezing temperatures and first aid kits to care for the injured. We are also procuring and distributing additional relief items in Turkey. Members of our Humanitarian Action team are traveling to Turkey to support our response operations. We will have more updates posted in the coming days and will expand our response to reach more earthquake survivors as we secure additional funding. If you feel called to help, please place your donation in a pew envelope marked "earthquake" and the funds will be gathered together for this relief effort. Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross.



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Willy Hofeling who passed away Friday, February 10. Willy's funeral was at Holy Cross on Friday, February 17. We commend Willy to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



POWERPOINT HELP NEEDED: We need one more volunteer to show PowerPoint about once a month on Sunday that could also be available to show PowerPoint as needed on Saturday evening. We also need someone to prepare PowerPoint. This could be as little once every month or two or as frequent as every other weekend. Please contact Gail Russell if you are interested or would like more information.

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. 54 items were donated to the Food Pantry in January.

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thank you to everyone who saved SunMart receipts during these past years. This program has been discontinued so we will not be collecting them anymore. Holy Cross was awarded \$1000 ten times so we are very grateful for having this program available to us during these times.

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.

DEAR HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN, Thank you for your continued participation in Mission Share. Through you, and because of you, so much good work is done in the world, and so many lives are changed out of God's deep and abundant love made real through you. Thank you for all that you do as Jesus' disciples in Beatrice. On behalf of all your siblings in Christ, near and far, thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Deacon Timothy Siburg, Nebraska Synod

DEAR FRIENDS Thank you for your donation of \$215.00. With your donation, not only are we able to properly care for children by providing them with all the essentials to grow, but also to show them and teach them of God's love. We get to teach them of an unending and grace filled love that surrounds them in all forms. You, our supporters, help reinforce this lesson through your gifts.

I wish the whole world could see through your eyes the care that you all have shown the Mission and the children. Blessings, Dan Cooper, Executive Director, Oaks Indian Mission

Create Habitat for Stem-Nesting Bees

Holy Cross has shown great interest and commitment in creating a pollinator friendly habitat in our landscape. It will be time for spring clean up near the end of March and the information below provides some suggestions for making your landscape more pollinator friendly. We let most of our dead flower stalks stand through the winter in the Holy Cross landscape and when we begin spring cleanup in late March, we will be leaving the stubble stand for the bees. We also hope to use some of the stems in our Bee Hotel.

How to Create Habitat for Stem-Nesting Bees

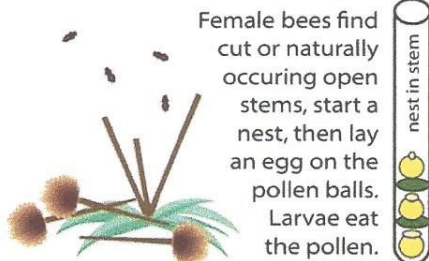


WINTER

Leave dead flower stalks intact over the winter

SPRING

Cut back dead flower stalks leaving stem stubble of varying height, 8 to 24 inches, to provide nest cavities.



Female bees find cut or naturally occurring open stems, start a nest, then lay an egg on the pollen balls. Larvae eat the pollen.

SUMMER

New growth of the perennial hides the stem stubble.



Bee larvae develop in cut dead stems during the growing season.

FALL



WINTER



Bees hibernate in stems during the winter

SPRING

Cut back dead flower stalks. Old stem stubble will naturally decompose.



Adult bees emerge and start nests in newly cut dead stems or in naturally occurring open stems.

Save the Stems

Many hollow or pithy plant stems and branches provide excellent places for cavity-nesting insects to call home. Small carpenter bees (*Ceratina* spp.) frequently carve out their nests in last year's dead raspberry (*Rubus* spp.) canes or wildflower stems, often only a few inches away from the blossoms that provide pollen to feed their young. Still tinier yellow-faced bees (*Hylaeus* spp.) use the hollow center of smaller stems, like bee balm (*Monarda* spp.) or roses (*Rosa* spp.), and larger leaf-cutter bees (*Megachile* spp.) prefer the larger stems of plants like native thistles (*Cirsium* spp.), cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*), or desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*). The biggest stem-nesting bees in North America, large carpenter bees (*Xylocopa* spp.), sometimes use the pithy stems of large plants like yucca (*Yucca* spp.) and agave (*Agave* spp.) in regions where wood is uncommon or unavailable. Other common occupants of dead stems and twigs include cavity-nesting wasps, stem-boring moths, and even some spiders. In addition, some beneficial insects insert their eggs into the stems of wildflowers and grasses for safe keeping over the winter.

Learn more about how you can help provide nesting habitat for native bees at:

xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/nesting-resources.

Print additional copies of this brochure at:

xerces.org/publications/brochures/save-the-stems



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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!

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/Mary Schuster-Graff

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/Terri Huls

Wednesday, March 22

Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Larry Hibbert

Saturday, March 25

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, March 26

Greeters: Eugene & Donna Rosenthal

Ushers: Austin Wolken, 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: Rhonda Minzel, Norma Huls

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Norma Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, April 2

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns family

Reader: Bill Behrends

Communion: Rebecca Behrends

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

Ushers: Terri Huls, Gloria Paben

Reader: Terri Huls; Communion Helper: Gloria Paben

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Eric Forrest

Reader: Larry Hibbert

Saturday, April 8

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Tom Karlin

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, April 9, 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Melanie Laflin

Reader: Joyce Haecker; Communion: Joyce Haecker

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship

Greeters: Gary & Sheryl Harrington

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Mary Schuster-Graff,

Shirley Wiens

Reader: Jeremy Engelman

Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



Mar 1 Lorraine Hoyle
Jill Jobman
Mar 2 Whitney Grabouski
Mar 3 Janet Cooper
Shawnee Ford
Sherman Skala
Mar 4 Tiffani Bayless
Mar 5 Sydney Sejkora
Mar. 6 Adalyn Smith
Mar 10 Sara Buss
Jon Zimmerman
Mar 12 Charlotte Belt
Mar 15 Brian Brauer
Mar 16 Dwayne Garrison
Ferdie Kimminau
Mar. 17 Renee Griffeth-Splitter
Jay Kreft
Mar. 18 Anne Frye
Mar 22 Carson Bagwell
Sheryl Harrington
Mar 25 Chris Paben
Sommer Sejkora
Mitch Waltke
Mar 26 Dawson Zimmerman
Mar. 31 Cole Miller

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Dwayne Garrison who will turn 87 on
March 16....and Ferdie Kimminau who
will turn 88 on March 16.

**Our best wishes to you for a year of
happiness, health and blessings!**



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

March 6, 1981 Richard & Lynn Pomajzl
March 6, 2004 Josh & Crystal Houseman
March 23, 2001 Kyle & Kimberly Bahnsen

Worship helpers...continued from previous page

Saturday, April 15

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, April 16

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Karen Jobman

Ushers: Larry & Keri Kendall

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family

Reader: Janet Byars

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, April 22

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, April 23

Greeters: Jeff & Jenae Bauer

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Alex & Cortney Ideus family

Reader: Jenae Bauer

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, April 29

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, April 30

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Karen Jobman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Gloria Paben

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Gloria Paben

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023**

Council Present: Tom Karlin, Kodi Higgins, Ryan Vogel, Bill Behrends, Inez Trauernicht, Pastor Kathee Forrest, and Dallen Johnson via phone

Council Meeting called to order at 7:00.

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, with a discussion of Holy Cross accomplishments of the previous year and opportunities for the coming year.

1. Noisy offering for February will go to the Food Pantry

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Bill B. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Bill B. with a second by Kodi H. to approve the Dec. 15. 2022 Minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. Tom made a motion with a second by Bill to approve the request of transfer by Susie Brown Pella to Centenary United Methodist Church. Motion was approved.

2. Inez T. made a motion with a second by Kodi H. to move \$3500. from the checking account to the over/short account. Motion was approved.

3. Tom K. made a motion with a second by Bill B. to approve the amended Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. Tom K. made a motion with a second by Ryan V. to move \$1052.82 to Sanctuary Improvement Funds. This was the amount that exceeded what was required to pay off the Sound/Streaming system. Motion was approved.

2. Tom K. made a motion with a second by Dallen J. to move the Carole Weber Memorial monies \$3000 to the over/short fund. This was the \$3000 gift from Carole Weber's Memorials designated to be used at the Council's discretion. Motion was approved.

3. The Stewardship Committee now has 4 members.

4. The Nominating Committee has all the positions filled.

5. Upon further discussion and input it was decided to continue using powerpoint during Lent as it will enhance the video live streaming.

6. The circuit breaker and lights were worked on.

7. Will begin getting a team together for the Mutual Ministry Committee.

E. Unfinished Business

1. The Playset will be replaced in the spring.

F. New Business

1. Tom K. made a motion with a second by Inez T. to approve the amended Budget. Motion was approved.

2. Annual Meeting will be Jan. 22, 2023 at 10:15.

3. Bill B. made a motion with a second by Ryan V. to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion was approved.

4. Next Council Meeting will be Feb. 9 at 7:00.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Bill B. with a second by Ryan V. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2023**

1. Meeting called to order at 10:15
2. Opening with a Litany and prayer by Pastor Kathee.
3. Declaration of a Quorum by Tom Karlin-(Confirmed, Communing, Contributing-
 $129 \times 15\% = 20$ members present to declare a quorum) - 29 present - quorum declared.
4. Tom presented the agenda for the meeting. Beth Dunker made a motion with a second by Dianne Cole to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
5. Pastor's Report - Pastor Kathee referred to her written report and also talked about the Planting Hope, Cultivating Generosity Committee that will meet in Feb. She thanked Tom Karlin for his many years on Council with applause from the congregation.
6. Secretary's Report - Tom Karlin asked everyone to read the minutes from Jan. 23, 2022 annual meeting. Joyce Parde made a motion with a second by Beth Dunker to approve the secretary's report. Motion was approved.
7. Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Report was presented by Kodi Higgins. He talked about using money from the over/short fund to help cover expenses for the year. Asked for any questions from the floor and there were none. Larry Cole made a motion with a second by Elsie Otto to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.
8. Audit Committee Report - Larry Cole from the audit committee stated that the audit committee found the Treasurer's report from 2022 for Holy Cross and WELCA to be correct.
9. Nominating Committee - Joyce Haecker said all the positions on the ballot were filled. Good job nominating committee.
10. Other Committee Reports - Refer to the annual report.
11. President's Report - Tom Karlin referred to the President's report.
12. New Business:
 - A. Nominations - Nominations were opened from the floor. Church Council: Bill Behrends, Larry Kendall, Kodi Higgins, and Austin Wolken were on the ballot for 2 years. Elected were Larry Kendall, Kodi Higgins, and Austin Wolken.
Mission Endowment Fund Committee: Stacie Bruns was on the ballot for a 3 year term.
Nebraska Synod Assembly Voting Members: Steve Janzen and Toni Janzen were on the ballot for a 1 year term.
Synod Assembly Alternate Voting Members: Larry Cole and Dianne Cole were on the ballot for a 1 year term.
Nominating Committee: Darlene Folkerts, Sheryl Harrington, Steve Janzen, Susan Kreft, Elsie Otto, and Tom Karlin was the outgoing church council member on the ballot.
 - B. Proposed Budget for 2023 - Kodi Higgins presented the proposed 2023 budget. Kodi explained the new budget. Elsie Otto made a motion with a second by Burley Copas to approve the 2023 budget. Motion was approved.
13. Adjournment - Motion was made by Beth Dunker and seconded by Dianne Cole to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved .
14. Meeting closed with reciting the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Submitted by Inez Trauernicht, Council Secretary

(Minutes to be approved at January 2024 Annual Meeting)

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.

JANUARY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

2023 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$9,573.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,936.71	-\$4,363.37	-\$4,363.37
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$9,573.34			\$13,936.71		-\$4,363.37

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Faithbuilders

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Jan. 21/22	15-40	\$2488.68	4	\$10.00
Jan. 28/29	21-35	\$1186.00		
Feb. 4/5	21-45	\$8916.90	5	\$10.00
Feb. 11/12	20-62	\$3094.00	2	\$10.00
Feb. 18/19	15-57	\$1930.68	3	\$10.00
Feb. 22	50	\$572.00 (Midweek Lenten service)		

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$280.00, Holy Cross only-\$744.00, Initial-\$63.00, Food Pantry-\$60.00, Sanctuary Improvement Fund-\$20.00, Noisy Offering (Sheepgate)-\$81.36, Earthquake-\$110.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$200.00, Living Lutheran reimb.-\$89.50, Souperbowl (Community Food Pantry)-\$201.98



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.

MARCH 2023

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 Pastor Kathee Forrest-Kathee.forrest@gmail.com;
 Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <i>Holy Cross Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion in worship each Saturday and Sunday unless noted..</i> </div>			1 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	2 9:00 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 12:05 p.m. Mondays-in-Lent @ Centenary Methodist	7 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	8 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 6:30 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	10 8:00 p.m. N.A.	11 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
12 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	13 12:05 p.m. Mondays-in-Lent @ St. Joseph Catholic 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	14 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	15 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	16 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	17 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	20 12:05 p.m. Mondays-in-Lent @ Holy Cross Lutheran NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	21 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	22 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	23 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	24 8:00 p.m. N.A.	25 WELCA Spring Gathering @ Zion Lutheran 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
26 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	27 12:05 p.m. Mondays-in-Lent @ St. John Lutheran	28 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	29 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	30 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	31 8:00 p.m. N.A.	

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and few self-centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgement of others.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

*In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen*

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