

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m. Contemporary
Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

(check Holy Week/Easter schedule for added services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sundays — 10:15-11:00 a.m. Faithbuilders will meet in person each Sunday morning. (No Sunday School on April 9—we will be having an Easter Egg hunt after the 9:00 worship.)

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.

Adult Ed will use "Bright Shining as the Sun!" a Small Group Study which focuses on the scriptural inspiration for John Newton's "Amazing Grace" hymn. This study will accompany the worship series through Palm Sunday, 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.

EARTH DAY is April 22. We will be having a special film screening on Sunday, April 23, following worship. See the details on page 5! Also check out the Beatrice 2023 Great American Clean-up which Holy Cross will participate in on April 22 as we clean up our mile on the north side of Beatrice. Check page 4 for details.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Holy Week by 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 during Holy Week help us 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.

PALM SATURDAY/SUNDAY:

Saturday, April 1 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 – 9:00 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism Reception to honor our confirmands following worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY—Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.

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

Breakfast Pizza, Donuts, Coffee & Orange Juice – April 9, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt following our 9:00 a.m. worship service.



As I write this newsletter article, we are preparing for the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) on Palm Sunday of three young women, nearing the completion of two years of study and growing in faith. We have all learned together, Liberty, Rylie, Sydnee, Mary Schuster-Graff and me. Please keep these three students in your prayers as they write stories of their faith which will be shared at the Confirmation banquet, complete banners that represent their lives, and renew the promises made for them at their baptisms on April 2nd. Then join to congratulate them at a reception in their honor following worship.

And as I write, preparations for Holy Week and Easter here at Holy Cross are being made – all unique services representing the last week of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

I am also in the final weeks of preparation for the pilgrimage "In Search of Paul." At our final Zoom call, the group discussed the book *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide* by Warren Carter. After reading this book, the words of the New Testament take a very different perspective from our 21st century lens.



"The Roman Empire was an aristocratic empire...a small elite of about 2 to 3 percent of the population ruled. They shaped the social experience of the empire's inhabitants, determined the 'quality' of life, exercised power, controlled wealth, and enjoyed high status." That leaves 97-98 percent of the people in the non-elite category, used by the elites to create wealth.

Before entering this first century world through the books and discussion with this group, I had not thought that the first fishermen disciples would have been under contract to the Roman government to supply fish. The elites lived from the backs of the nonelites, whether peasant farmer or fisherman, who

would have handed over 20-40 of their goods off the top. To not pay taxes to the empire would be rebellious with severe consequences. Anyone who opposed the empire was subject to the Roman leaders' ruthless force.

Which brings us back to Holy Week. Jesus spoke of a new kingdom, the kingdom of God. In the book, Warren notes Paul's words: "This present age under Rome's rule (contrasted with the coming age of God's reign)is marked with "ungodliness and wickedness" (Rom. 1:18). Its wisdom is folly compared to God's ways (1 Cor. 2:6)" Love, not violence or capriciousness of Rome's gods...and Rome's many gods, well that's another part of the story.

The kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus threatened not only the Roman elite, but also those that worked side by side with them in the religious world. And so we enter Christ's passion and death, and living on the other side of Easter, we look to the resurrection hope, even as we say with certainty: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In Christ's mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee



Confirmation

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, April 2. Our youth being confirmed on that Sunday are Rylie Kreft, Sydnee Olson and Libert Sejkora.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be held Sunday, April 30. Our high school seniors, Carson Bagwell, Kasha Gartner, Micaela Houseman and Ainsley Karlin will be recognized at worship on April 30 followed by a reception. Matt 25 scholarships will also be announced on that day.



THE HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH MATT 25 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

will be held on April 30. Our thanks to everyone who has donated so generously to this project. We are able to present three \$500 scholarships this year.



EASTER EGG HUNT Easter Sunday during the Sunday School time following 9 a.m. worship. **There will be no regular Faithbuilders class that morning.** Faithbuilders classes will be held all other Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m. through May 7.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 7, will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday and Bring a Friend to Camp Sunday with friends from Camp Carol Joy Holling in Worship and during Faithbuilders.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this year will be June 12-16 from 5:30-7:30 at Centenary United Methodist Church. It is sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Church, First Christian Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. June 16th will be a pool party with details to be announced.

Youth Registration forms are online here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dB9AT83lEWEHvT1by-KS-1p9RVoihfG6739SaEWgoVQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

Volunteers are here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18InHcFDvNcrkNEvGqX9veRq_2kbKxgR5u3t8N5lsNqs/viewform?edit_requested=true

Or paper registration forms will be available on the table in the Narthex (which will be set up prior to Palm Sunday).

We are collecting empty 1 ltr plastic bottles and empty paper towel tubes. Collection box in narthex.

(You can copy and paste the link in your browser)

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Thank you to everyone that prepared, served & helped to clean up for the Mondays in Lent luncheon on March 20, 2023. 68 guests were served & we had 9 helpers. \$210 free will was collected & given to the Community Food Pantry. Food left over will be served at the March 22 Lenten supper.

Saturday March 25th will be the Southeast Nebraska Spring Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church.

Carol Joy Holling will have their Annual Quilt Auction on July 29th. If anyone has a quilt they would like to donate, quilts will be accepted beginning June 1, 2023.

The Board will be serving the Confirmation Banquet on Saturday April 1 and the Confirmation Reception following Confirmation at the Palm Sunday service on April 2, 2023.

Nancy C Johnsen Co- President

Calendar:

April 10- Hope Circle 10:00am

April 12- Blanket Sewing 9:00- 3:00pm

April 17- Board Meeting 7:00 pm

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to our newest members, Kevin & Karla Tranmer who were received on Sunday, March 26. Kevin & Karla come from Southwood Lutheran, Lincoln, NE. We also welcome Rick Koenig who has transferred in from St. Paul Lutheran, Beatrice.



**Beatrice 2023
Great American
Cleanup®**



JOIN US as Holy Cross participates in the Great American Cleanup® by covering our mile of Hwy 77 on Earth Day, April 22. We will help control litter in Beatrice and Gage County and make our community more attractive as part of the Great American Cleanup®. The City of Beatrice has partnered with Keep Beatrice Beautiful (KBB) to coordinate hundreds of volunteers to pick up litter in public areas. Litter cleanups not only make our city look beautiful but create healthy habitats for wildlife and provide education in practice as volunteers see what items are littered and think about how they can change their behaviors to reduce consumption.

Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this and come help on this day. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the road by Hoyle North 77 Mobile Homes and RV Park, 3800 N 6th St., Beatrice.

Please contact Bill Behrends with any questions.

Earth Day Adult Forum: Film Screening of “Do I Need This”

We are extremely blessed to be able to offer a screening of “Do I Need This” during the Adult Forum on April 23 at 10:15am. There is a great opportunity to view the film, before it is available to the general public! The film lasts 63 minutes. The Director, Kate Schermerhorn has graciously made this new documentary available to Holy Cross. She was impressed that we are focusing on Earth Day during worship on April 22 and 23.

Do I Need This? is a documentary film about American excess, and the stuff from which happiness is truly made. This timely, humorous, and moving film delicately interweaves the filmmaker's complicated relationship to her family possessions, together with a journey into the homes and minds of her fellow Americans - from a hoarder to a Buddhist monk and a colorful group of characters in between. On the surface, it is a joy ride through American excessive consumption habits; at its core, it is a deep and genuine reflection on aging, family, and happiness. While the film is motivated by the filmmaker's concern for the dire environmental challenges facing our planet, the focus is not on human consumers' impact on nature, but instead on our human nature to consume. Viewers will never again have the luxury of buying something new without stopping to ask themselves, “do I really need this?” To learn more about the film, visit doineedthis.org.

Kate has directed 100s of videos, won 1 Emmy, been nominated for 1 more, lived in 4 countries, jumped out a plane 27 times and is the mother of 2. Kate said “I am a photographer turned filmmaker. In both mediums, I see my job as the equivalent of a human sign spinner, dressed as a shiny Statue of Liberty, standing on the street corner and pointing a giant arrow at things that need attention.”

Invite your friends to join us for this screening. The film is so good and so important that it needs to be shared.





SPRING CLEANUP (OUTSIDE)

Come when you can. Stay as long as you want. An approximate schedule of tasks is below.

Please bring gloves, pruners, and other equipment for the tasks listed. If you have any questions, please contact Denny Russell at (402) 239-2386 or Gail Russell at (402) 239-4052.

Friday, March 31, 1-4pm - Cut back perennials and clean up landscape beds, clean up leaves in the fenced areas and the landscape.

Saturday, April 1, 9:30am-Noon – Finish up the Friday tasks, install edging, and apply preemergent to landscape beds.

Please Note - Saturday, April 1, 11:30am-1:30pm Confirmation banquet is in the Fellowship Hall. We will need to work in other areas and not use loud equipment during this time.

Saturday April 2 1:30-3:30pm – Mulch landscape beds.

SPRING CLEANUP (INSIDE)

Going on now through April 5—Please see the sheets in the narthex for things that need to be done to keep our church in good shape! Thank you for your time!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 23, 9:00 a.m. — Outdoor worship followed by food and music in celebration of completing the payments on the Holy Cross sound and streaming system debt! Many thanks to all who made this happen. And so we must celebrate! Details to follow.

CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR CASA FAMILIES – A LENTEN COLLECTION

We will be collecting items through Palm Sunday, April 2.

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

JOYFUL STEPS: Everyone is invited to come join us in the church basement at 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays for our weekly hour of fellowship and exercise. No equipment needed. Bring a friend or neighbor. You may wish to bring a bottle of water. See you all then!

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.

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

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.



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!

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/Denny Russell

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

Ushers: Terri Huls, Mary Schuster-Graff
Reader: Terri Huls
Communion Helper: Mary Schuster-Graff

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
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Terri Huls

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/

Saturday, April 15

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto
Reader: Berlita Grell
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail 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/Mary Schuster-Graff

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 & Courtney Ideus family
Reader: Jenae Bauer
Audio/Video: Terri Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Larry Hibbert

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/Larry Hibbert

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

Greeters: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeff & Jenae Bauer
Reader: Jenae Bauer; Communion: Bill Behrends
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Larry Hibbert

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas
Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Garton
Reader: Jeremy Engelman
Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff
Audio/Video: Larry Cole
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 Kim Bahnsen
Karen Stevens
Alyssa Wolken
April 5 Norma Huls
April 6 Marli Powell
Mavrick Powell
April 8 RoJane Wolken
April 10 Carol Karlin
April 11 Larry Kendall
April 14 LaNette Klostermeier
April 17 Jane Ideus
Eugene Wolken
April 24 Rochelle Smith
April 27 Michelle George
Karen Jobman
April 29 Karen Gartner
April 30 Kenneth Fritch
Michelle Manes



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 5, 1986 Bill & Rebecca Behrends
April 6, 2019 Larry & Keri Kendall
April 11, 2014 Larry & Dianne Cole
April 12, 2003 Coby & Kristen Buhr
April 29, 1972 Tom & June Seitz

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom & June Seitz who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 29! God's richest blessings be with you—may you have many more happy years together.



WHOLLY FOOD

The Wholly Food Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted names for someone who could use some uplifting and comfort in the midst of life's struggles. Also want to thank you for the inspirational thank you cards, verbal comments and texts sent. This is an outreach ministry to anyone in our community. The committee finds it very rewarding in our faith journey. We welcome anyone interested in joining us for great fellowship and fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Last of all I would like to thank the Wholly Food Committee (Janet Byars, Dianne Cole, Michelle Engelman, Rose-Ann Parde) and helpers for making this happen.

Sincerely, Glennys Lienemann

Worship helpers...continued from previous page

Saturday, May 20

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Rose-Ann Parde
Communion: Beth Dunker
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, May 21

Greeters: Gary & Sheryl Harrington
Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert
Reader: Joyce Haecker
Communion: Robert Haecker
Audio/Video: Terri Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Terri Huls
Ushers: Terri Huls, Karen Jobman
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kodi & Misty Higgins family
Reader: Terri Huls
Communion: Kendall Hein
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Second Tuesday of every month, starting at 2 p.m. Held at the Beatrice Senior Center, 101 N 25th St, Beatrice. This group is hosted by Whispering Winds Cottage, LLC.

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!

FEBRUARY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler, Treasurer

February 28, 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 General Operating	Balance Forward	Income	Transfer in	Transfer out	Expense	Monthly Balance	YTD Balance
JANUARY	\$0.00	\$9,598.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,936.71	-\$4,338.37	-\$4,338.37
FEBRUARY	-\$4,338.37	\$17,035.98			\$15,046.08	\$1,989.90	-\$2,348.47
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$26,634.32			\$28,982.79		-\$2,348.47

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Faithbuilders

Worship	Attendance	Regular Offerings	Attendance	Offerings
Feb. 25/26	21-47	\$2685.80	3	\$10.00
Mar. 1	60	\$345.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 4/5	19-54	\$2633.00	2	\$10.00
Mar. 8	50	\$290.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 11/12	18-52	\$2756.00	6	\$10.00
Mar. 15	49	\$335.00—Midweek Lenten Service		
Mar. 18/19	24-52	\$2886.98	7	\$20.00
Mar. 22	52	\$335.00—Midweek Lenten Service		

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$130.00, Holy Cross only-\$525.00, Food Pantry-\$50.00, Noisy Offering (Food Pantry)-\$111.55, Mondays-in-Lent (Food Pantry)-\$211.00, Earthquake Relief-\$30.00, Lenten Meals: Matt 25-\$367.00, Sheepgate-\$245.00, Property Upkeep-\$210.00, Wholly Food-\$228.00, Reimbursement-Palm Branches-\$61.98, Reimbursement-Confirmation gifts-\$35.16, Matt 25 Fund-\$25.00, Easter Lilies-\$70.00, Youth Fund (recycled cans)-\$60.60, Memorials: Willy Hofeling Memorial-\$1100.00

OUR THANKS to the following people for donating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Cross:
Bill Behrends, Pastor Kathee Forrest, Nadine Hibbert, Paul Jobman, Gloria Paben, Shirley Wiens.

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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.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

Council Present: Kodi Higgins, Ryan Vogel, Inez Trauernicht, Dallen Johnson, and Pastor Kathee Forrest

Absent: Larry Kendall and Austin Wolken

Council Meeting called to order at 7:05.

A. Opening Devotions by Pastor Kathee. Matthew 16:18 and Matthew 18:17 and 18:20. We had a discussion about expectations and being a part of the Council.

1. Ryan V. will be Vice President and Larry K. and Austin W. will be members at large.

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Pastor Kathee to approve the amended minutes. Motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to approve the Jan. 12, 2023 Minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to approve the transfer of Rick Koenig from St. Paul Lutheran Church to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Ryan V. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to move \$1000 of Carole Weber's Memorial monies to Mosaic. Motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to purchase Landscape Markers, \$246.77 from the Rondi Mettscher Memorial and Pavers, \$56.70 from the Hilda Dieckhoff Memorial. Motion was approved.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Playset was discussed.

F. New Business

1. Annual Report to ELCA was discussed.

2. Council Lenten Meal will be March 22, 2023 with a Potato Bar.

3. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Kodi H. to have the mid-week offerings split and half go to Matt 25 and half to the Holy Cross General Fund. Motion was approved.

4. Pastor Kathee made a motion with a second from Inez T. to have the noisy offering for March go to CASA. April's noisy offering will go to Lutheran World Relief, and May's will go to Mother to Mother.

5. A celebration for paying off the Sound/Video system will be held July 23, 2023 with a cookout and root beer floats.

6. A new Photo Directory was discussed.

7. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to have Dallen Johnson, President of Holy Cross Council authorized to sign on the Holy Cross Bank account at First Security. He will replace Tom Karlin. Motion was approved.

8. Next Council Meeting will be March 9, 2023 at 7:00.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer

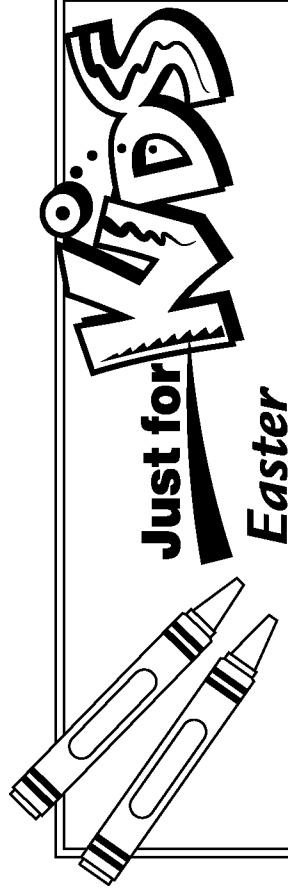
1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Ryan V. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

APRIL 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:30-1:30 Confirmation Banquet 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
2 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Worship/Affirmation of Baptism 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Confirmand Reception 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	3	4 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	5 7:00 p.m. Choir	6 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 8:00 p.m. N.A.	8 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	10 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	11 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 6:30 p.m. Memorials & Gifts Team	12 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	13 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14 8:00 p.m. N.A.	15 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
Pastor out April 11-29—"In Search of Paul" Journey						
16 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed	17 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Board Meeting	18 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	19	20 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	21 8:00 p.m. N.A.	22 9:00 a.m. Adopt-a-Street Litter Pickup Earth Day Worship 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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23 Earth Day Worship 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Film Screening	24	25 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	26	27 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	28 8:00 p.m. N.A.	29 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
Pastor out April 11-29—"In Search of Paul" Journey						
30 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Graduate Recognition/Matt 25 Scholarship Presentations/ Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering/ 10:15 a.m. Faithbuilders, Graduate Reception 10:30 a.m. Adult Ed						



Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

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great happiness	1	12
a place where plants grow	—	—
opposite of evening	13	7
a shape that means love	15	9
it rises every morning	8	4
a close companion	10	—
Jesus was nailed to it	—	—
it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb	—	—

