

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving

MAY 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 on May 7 as we celebrate "Bring a Friend to Camp" day and then take a break for the summer. Be sure to sign up for Vacation Bible School!

(see page 3 for details)

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!



DID YOU KNOW?

- You can't buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC
- 22% of children under five years old in the US live in poverty and **1 out of every 3** families struggle to afford diapers

•If a family can't afford diapers, a baby may spend extended periods of time in the same soiled diaper

•Diapers cost an average of **\$75-\$125** a month

Holy Cross is hosting a Diaper Drive during May—in honor of Mother's Day! We are one of many churches/organizations collecting diapers/wipes to help the Beatrice Community establish a Sixpence Community Diaper Pantry. Diapers/wipes donated to the Sixpence diaper pantry will be distributed to families in need once a month or as needed. All sizes of diapers and wipes are needed. There will be a basket in the narthex by the first of the month. If you have any other questions about this, you can call the Beatrice Community Preschool & Sixpence at 402-223-1585.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!

HOLY CROSS GRADUATES

Recognition of graduates took place on April 30. We ask God's blessings on these graduates and their families:



CARSON BAGWELL

After graduation I plan on enjoying my summer with friends prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus to study Engineering this fall.



KASHA GARTNER

I plan to go to Peru State College, continuing my cheerleading career, as well as majoring in Criminal Justice-Counseling. With this degree I hope to become a beacon of light for juveniles, while becoming a probation officer, getting them back on the right track.



MICAELA HOUSEMAN

I will be attending Peru State College beginning this fall. I plan to major in Psychology & Criminal Justice and will be participating and competing as a Bobcat Cheerleader.



AINSLEY KARLIN

I will be attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fall. While I'm there, I am going to study psychology and after college, I plan on being a counselor for young adults.

CROSSROADS+

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This is the greeting of First Corinthians written by the apostle Paul, and I greet you as I write this newsletter article on the bus as we head to Athens and the Areopagus or Mars Hill where we will read portion of Acts 17 and Paul's words to the Athenians. And tomorrow we visit Corinth. But for this newsletter article I return to our first day in Istanbul.

The country of Turkiye, or Turkey as it is known to us, is a secular nation with no official religion, but it is 99% Muslim. It is in the city of Istanbul, once named Constantinople after Emperor Constantine, who converted to Christianity, that we visited the famous church Hagia Irene (Holy Peace). It was here in 381 that the First Council of Constantinople met. This ecumenical council updated the Nicene Creed to what we profess today and which we professed at Easter worship! To be in this space of work so important to Christianity was deeply moving.

This is a photo of our group of both pastors and lay people from all over the world who are traveling in the steps of Paul. I am grateful to the Holy Cross congregation for this opportunity to learn so much on this pilgrimage. There will be much to share with you all in the coming weeks and months!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Kathee





MATT 25 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Three \$500 Matt 25 Scholarships have been awarded this year to the following Beatrice High School graduates:

- Elizabeth Bartels—Elizabeth plans on attending the University of Nebraska-Omaha and majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Spanish. She has always had a dream of becoming Bilingual and Spanish has been a passion of hers throughout high school. She is planning on obtaining a Doctoral of Physical Therapy degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center, and becoming a Physical Therapist full time.
- Kasha Gartner—Kasha plans to go to Peru State College and continue her cheerleading career, as well as major in Criminal Justice-Counseling. She hopes to become a beacon of light for juveniles, while becoming a probation officer, getting them back on the right track.
- Ainsley Karlin—Ainsley will be attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fall. While there, she is going to study psychology and after college plans on being a counselor for young adults.

We pray that the Lord bless these young people, and all graduates, on their journeys. Angie Vogel and the Middle School Sunday School class would like to thank our entire congregation for their support and contributions to the Matt 25 Scholarship. Without all of your help, we would not be able to make these scholarships happen. We plan to continue this good work next year, as well!

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



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY & BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Let your Faithbuilder teacher know you appreciate her on Sunday, May 7, at the 9:00 a.m. worship service! Our Parish Ed (Sunday School and Confirmation) teachers this past year were: Faithbuilders—Natalie Coffin, Toni Janzen, Jackie Nielsen, Angie Vogel
Confirmation—Pastor Kathee, Mary Schuster-Graff. Our appreciation to them for their time and dedication to our youth. May 7 will be the final day of Sunday School until next fall.

Camp Carol Joy Holling will be with us on **Sunday, May 7**, for "Bring a Friend to Camp" Sunday. During worship, summer leadership team members will give a temple talk about the wonders of camp for all generations. Then following worship, camp team members will join the Faithbuilders for some "high energy" camp excitement and fun treats as our youth end their year of Faithbuilders until the fall. Faithbuilders are encouraged to bring a friend!

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 are available on the table in the Narthex.

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

To make it easier for students and volunteers to register for VBS, links have been added to the Holy Cross Website Homepage and in the calendar for VBS Registration and for VBS Volunteer Registration.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The officers of WELCA Holy Cross were installed at the March 26, 2023 Sunday Worship Service.

On April 1 the women served at a Confirmation Banquet for the confirmands & family.

On Palm Sunday, April 2, Rylie Kreft, Sydnee Olson & Liberty Sejkora were Confirmed and the women served at a reception following the service.

The women will be serving a reception on April 30 following the Sunday service honoring our four high school graduates Carson Bagwell, Kasha Gartner, Micaela Houseman & Ainsley Karlin. The graduates will be receiving blankets sewn by the blanket sewing group. We will also be celebrating the Matt 25 Scholarship presentation.



Nancy C Johnsen, Co-President

Calendar:

Monday, May 8-Hope Circle 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 10- Blanket Sewing 9:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17- Kitchen cleaning by WELCA Board & Wholly Food Group. All women of Holy Cross are welcome to join. 9:00 am

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THANK YOU for your generous donation. You are helping women find TRUE freedom through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Following is a personal note from one of the women whose life is being transformed and impacted because of generosity like yours! Sincerely, Sheepgate-a division of Adult & Teen Challenge

My name is Kerri. I'm 34 years old. I've been at Sheepgate for 7 months. I struggled with drug and alcohol addiction with periods of being co-dependent in toxic, unhealthy relationships or around toxic people to completely isolating myself from everyone. I lost everything several times and kept ending up in bad situations where I felt powerless. I was at my mother's until I came to Sheepgate after calling her 4 months prior agreeing to the program because I wanted better for my life. I have rededicated my life to Christ and am learning that I am loved, no longer alone, to let others in, to allow myself to actually be loved and to believe that real freedom from the chains around my heart, mind, body and soul is possible through Jesus. God is love. Love, Kerri

DEAR HOLY CROSS: Thank you so much for your gift of \$383.53 to the Community Pantry and Emergency Services, Inc. Your gift is sincerely appreciated and will directly benefit the ministry of helping others seeking assistance from the Pantry. The Pantry is solely supported by donations of food, time, and monetary gifts. Thank you again for your generous support and making a difference in our community!

THANK YOU for your continued support and donations to CASA of Gage County. Your church family, council members, and Pastor Kathee all make this job a blessing. Thanks again, Amber Lovitt, CASA

DEAR FRIENDS, It feels like a new day here in Oaks Indian Mission.. The grass is green. Flowers have bloomed. The sun is shining brightly and the birds are singing! With that, you can guarantee that our campus is booming with the hustle and bustle of kids enjoying the beautiful weather. If you step outside here, just for a minute, you will almost instantly hear a basketball bouncing, children playing and laughing. Because of your help, this is our reality here at Oaks Indian Mission. Thank you for your gift of \$425.00. Helping us to fulfill the needs of our young people is very much appreciated and we thank God for your support every day. The impact you have on our children here at the Mission is overwhelming, it almost feels like we could never say thank you enough. Many thanks, Dan Cooper, Executive Director



Pollinator Gardens – Plant Markers

Are you ready to add some new perennials to your landscape? Perhaps you can get some ideas from the landscape at Holy Cross. We try to use native plants and pollinator friendly plants whenever possible. You can view the Plant Markers now in place in some of the landscape beds at Holy Cross. Markers will be added to the remaining landscape beds in the next few weeks. The additional plant markers are provided by the Rondi Mettscher memorial. Each marker includes the common name and scientific name of the plant. Remember, when you are looking for a plant, it is best to use the scientific name. Several different plants

may have the same common name. If you have any questions about any of the plants in landscape at Holy Cross, please ask our Master Gardeners – Jenae Bauer, Denny Russell, or Gail Russell.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the outside cleanup of the Holy Cross landscape, the removal of the dead Austrian pine tree, and with the outside Easter decorating.



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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. 62 items were donated to the Food Pantry in March. 28 items were donated in April.

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

(If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know. Thank you.)

May 1	Larry Wolken
May 5	Kirsten Baete
May 6	Jeffrey Bauer
May 8	Cecilia Dunker
	Alysia Karlin
May 9	Aaron Nielsen
May 10	Rebecca Behrends
	Ina Jurgens*
	Rick Koenig
May 12	Jackie Nielsen
	Chandra Vitosh
May 17	Steve Smith
	Bentley Wolken
May 18	Chris Baete
May 21	Braxton Gartner
	Matthew Griffith
	Alex Ideus
May 24	Glennys Lienemann
May 26	Jeremy Engelman
May 28	Ken Sillman
May 29	Morgan Nielsen
May 30	Deb Forke
May 31	Raven Mann
	CJ Wehrbein

Special Birthday Greetings to:

Ina Jurgens who will be 96 on May 10.
God's blessings to you—may you have a happy & healthy year!



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5- 1-1982	Ken & Lillian Fritch
5- 7-2004	Roger & Helen Huls
5- 8-1960	Burley & Genell Copas
5- 9-1981	Richard & Carol Fielder
5-16-1992	Jon & Teri Zimmerman
5-20-2000	Jeremy & Michelle Engelman
5-23-1965	Robert & Joyce Haecker
5-26-2007	Grant & Sara Buss
5-27-1972	Jay & Susan Kreft

Those celebrating 25, 50, 60 and above years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Burley & Genell Copas who will celebrate their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on May 8!

God's blessings to you—may you have many more happy and healthy years together!



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Ryker Everett Hoxea, son of Marc & Rochelle (Gartner) Hoxea, was welcomed into the family of God through the

Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter morning, April 9, worship service. Ryker was born June 10, 2022 in Beatrice, Nebraska and his sponsors are Michele Gartner and Kasha Gartner. God's blessings to you and your family, Ryker!



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Loretta McKibben, Ruth Siems' sister, who passed away March 29, 2023. Services were held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Elkhorn on

Wednesday, April 5. We commend Loretta to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Deborah Wells, daughter of Rose-Ann Parde, who passed away Tuesday, April 11. Deb's funeral was at Fox Funeral Home on Monday, April 17. We commend Deb to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Neil Brauch, Shirley Wiens' friend, who passed away Monday, April 17. Neil's funeral was Saturday, April 22, at Centenary United Methodist Church, Beatrice. We commend Neil to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Myron Baumfalk who passed away Monday, April 17. Myron's funeral was at Fox Funeral Home on Friday, April 21. We commend Myron to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



WORSHIP HELPERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP

HELPERS: Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office **402-228-3172** aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights – please call 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, 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/Mary Schuster-Graff

Saturday, May 20

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Deb Sillman
Reader: Denny Russell
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: Joyce 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/

Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4

Greeters: Alex & Cortney Ideus family
Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Stacie Bruns family
Reader: Janet Byars
Communion: Toni Janzen
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau
Ushers: Karen Jobman, Glennys Lienemann
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie Laflin
Reader: Gloria Paben
Communion: Gloria Paben
Audio/Video: Larry Cole
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

Saturday, June 17

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

Sunday, June 18

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

Saturday, June 24

Ushers/Greeters: Kim & Kyle Bahnsen
Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Kyle Bahnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

Sunday, June 25

Greeters: Elsie Otto, Lanny Ropers
Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve Rippe, Shirley Wiens
Reader: Richard Schnaidt
Communion: Rebecca Behrends
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

MARCH 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	\$9,598.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,936.71	-\$4,338.37	-\$4,338.37
FEBRUARY	-\$4,338.37	\$17,035.98			\$15,392.22	\$1,643.76	\$2,694.61
MARCH	\$2,694.61	\$12,352.40	\$2,500.00		\$15,232.78	-\$380.38	-\$3,074.99
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$38,986.72	\$2,500.00		\$44,561.71		-\$3,074.99

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.



With deep gratitude we thank all who support Christ's mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Our ministry continues to make a difference in the world by supporting so many ministries locally, nationally and around the world. There are many ways to give:

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Faithbuilders Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Mar. 25/26	19-65	\$2182.00	5	\$10.00
March 29	44	\$360.00 (Midweek Lent Service)		
April 1/2	16-90	\$3184.00	6	\$10.00
April 6	22	\$240.00 (Maundy Thursday)		
April 7	37	\$295.00 (Good Friday), \$2300.90 (regular)		
April 8/9	15-31-91	\$1645.00 (Easter), \$2854.00 (regular)		
April 15-16	14-48	\$1312.00	3	\$10.00
April 22/23	13-39	\$804.98		

Other offerings/donations include: Benevolence-\$305.00, Holy Cross only-\$340.00, Food Pantry-\$35.00, Easter Lilies-\$56.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$425.00, March Noisy Offering (CASA of Gage County)-\$162.53, 3/29 Lenten Meal (Property)-\$187.00, Property donation-\$200.00.

Memorials: Willy Hofeling Memorial-\$115.00

OUR THANKS to Glennys Lienemann and Rojane Wolken for donating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Cross!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Did you know that federal law allows tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA? Charitable taxpayers who are age 70 ½ or older can direct “qualified charitable distributions” from their fund administrator directly to the charities of their choice, including your church or favorite ministry. Please consider using your IRA as a way to give to Holy Cross or the Holy Cross Mission Endowment Fund. Here's how it works:

If you have an IRA and you’re 70 ½ years old, you can make a ‘tax-reducing’ gift today through an IRA Charitable Rollover. It helps you and it helps our shared ministry. How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution. How it helps our congregation: we can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries or for the future in the Mission Endowment Fund. If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to your church or favorite ministry. It will not count as taxable income and it can satisfy your “required minimum distribution”.

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation made permanent this charitable giving opportunity for individuals 70½ or older. You may make a direct distribution (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to a qualified charity, which includes our congregation, the Mission Endowment Fund or a ministry of your choice. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax. You will not receive a tax deduction for the distribution either.

Don’t miss the chance to make a charitable IRA gift this year! If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, please consider making a charitable rollover gift before December 31. Your gift will:

- not be included in your taxable income
- satisfy your required minimum distribution for the year
- reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- not be subject to the 50% limitation on charitable gifts
- help the work of the Church.

For more information about the benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator, accounting professional or tax preparer.

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OUR THANKS to Nadine Hibbert who has agreed to be Holy Cross’ Thrivent Project Coordinator. If you have any questions about Thrivent Action Teams or how to sign up for one, please see Nadine at church or give her a call at 402-239-8188/

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS: Please let Nadine Hibbert, 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.

**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

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 Sandy Mahler-smahleris@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	3	4 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	5 8:00 p.m. N.A.	6 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/ BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Faithbuilders/Camp Activities/Treats 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	8 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	9 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	10 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	11 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	12 8:00 p.m. N.A.	13 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	15 NO WELCA Board Meeting	16 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	17 9:00 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning	18 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	19 8:00 p.m. N.A.	20 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	22	23 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	24	25 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	26 8:00 p.m. N.A.	27 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/ Food Pantry Ingathering
28 PENTECOST 9:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	29	30 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	31	June 1 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	2 Nebraska Synod Assembly Kearney, NE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	3

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A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let your light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive your glory. Amen.

—St. Philip Episcopal Church, Rochester, Minnesota



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“WE GAVE
OUR TODAYS
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THAT YOU
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A Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives - for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.