

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist: Nadine Hibbert

***"Inspired by the Holy Spirit to Serve"***

Shared values of our Worshiping Community are:

**Community + Generosity + Hospitality + Serving**

**JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER**



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship



## **CELEBRATION!**

**Sunday, July 23**

We just have to celebrate paying off the debt of the Sound and Streaming System! Join us on Sunday, July 23, as we are planning an activity following worship and then having a celebration potluck meal at 11:30 a.m. Holy Cross council members Larry Kendall and Ryan Vogel will show their amazing talents by smoking up some amazing pork. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share. Council member Austin Wolken has some plans for ice cream to follow the meal. Looking forward to celebrating with you!

## **FAITHBUILDERS**

Faithbuilders' Sunday School classes are on 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 join us for an interesting discussion. No Adult Ed on June 11.



**Vacation Bible School—see page 3**

**Wildflower Week—see page 4**

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Saturday, August 26, we will have outdoor worship from 6-6:45 and then our 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONCERT at 7:00 p.m. with Bob Marshall singing and playing piano. Refreshments will be served. Invite friends and neighbors, bring a lawn chair and enjoy a musical evening at Holy Cross!

# CROSSROADS

## In Search of Paul 2023 - Did I find him?

Ephesus Part 1 - It was in Ephesus that our group got the best glimpse of the 1<sup>st</sup> century life in Roman Empire that the Apostle Paul would have experienced. The city of Ephesus, located on the Aegean Coast in modern Turkiye, was so well-excavated that you could imagine the throngs of people living there in the time of the Apostle Paul. There were certainly throngs of tourists as our group walked the city streets, but no togas. This ancient city was once home to 200,000 people. With easy access to the sea, it was a major economic center of Asia Minor. While today the site is 3 miles inland, the harbor continued as a port until 1244 ACE, serving as a loading point for all kinds of commodities.

Ephesus was indeed a Roman city in Paul's time as it was the permanent headquarters of the Roman provincial administration and capital city with ongoing Roman construction projects, even bigger than the construction projects here in Beatrice. I found Paul as I walked one of the main streets in Ephesus called "Curetes Street". He would have seen monuments, fountains, shops, and beneath the street a well-developed sewer system which supported the Roman baths and latrines. He would have passed beside terrace houses where the wealthy lived, which are similar to today's condominiums. These apartments are well preserved, with continued excavation to uncover their beauty, such as the mosaics. Many more people lived in cramped and crowded apartments.



Curetes street in Ephesus looking toward the famous Celsus Library.



Pastor Sonja Maclary took this photo showing the rooms and mosaics much better than my photos!



Curetes Street was a sacred route that led up to the Temple of Artemis. It takes its name from the pagan priests that would walk in processions up to the temple. When the apostle Paul preached between 52 and 55 ACE he was confronted by an active pagan cult of the goddess Artemis. More to come on Acts 19 next month in Ephesus - Part 2. Want to guess what the photo to the left is? Anyone who tells me the correct answer in the month of June gets a surprise!

In Christ's mission that we share,  
Pastor Kathee



Dear Holy Cross,

I would like to thank you for all you have done for me. I have grown up in this church and it is a wonderful place!

Thank you for picking me to receive a Matt 25 Scholarship. I truly appreciate it.

With Gratitude, Kasha Gartner

Sunday School classes will not be held during June, July or August. Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at Vacation Bible School!



### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Backpack Blessing  
Saturday, August 5, 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, August 6, 9:00 a.m.



### **STELLAR—SHINE JESUS' LIGHT—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH HOLY CROSS, CENTENARY, AND FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

Vacation Bible School will be June 12-16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
with a pool party on June 16  
608 Elk Street, Beatrice, NE 68310

**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.

Vacation Bible School Registration forms **for Preschool through 5th grade** are online here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dB9AT831EWEHvT1by-KS-1p9RVoihfG6739SaEWgoVQ/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dB9AT831EWEHvT1by-KS-1p9RVoihfG6739SaEWgoVQ/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Volunteers (**6th grade to Adult**) are here:

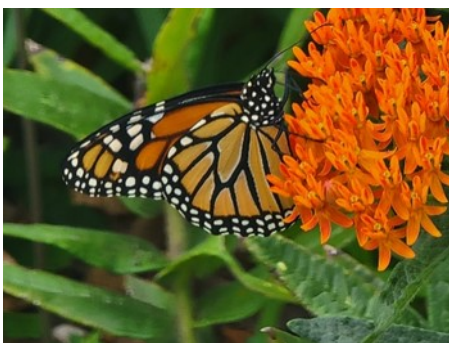
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Or paper registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

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.





## WILDFLOWER WEEK

Nebraska Wildflower Week is June 5-11. The Landscape Team will be serving special treats after worship on Saturday, June 10 and during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, June 11. Please join us outside to view the native plants in our landscape beds and along Hoyt Street. The plants will be marked, and we will be available to answer any questions you may have.



### **NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

As our Synod Assembly delegates Steve & Toni Janzen, along with Pastor Kathee, prepare to attend the gathering June 2-3 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, please keep all in prayer. The 2023 Nebraska Synod Assembly will gather this year under the theme 'Go and ...'. Participants from across the synod will have opportunities for continued learning, fellowship, interaction with our Synod ministry partners, and more! Voting members from congregations will vote on assembly business, vote on the budget, and consider resolutions.



### **NEEDED: ENCOURAGING CAMPER NOTES**

Mail time is an exciting part of each camp day. Would you share the love of Christ with campers who don't get mail from home by writing an encouraging note? Send your favorite Bible verse, share a joke, or simply remind them of the love of Jesus for them.

Mail your note(s) to:

NLOM  
c/o Program Team  
27416 Ranch Road  
Ashland, NE 68003

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with campers!



**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.

### **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.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the Church served a Graduation Reception on April 30 for the four graduates from Holy Cross Church: Carson Bagwell, Kasha Garton, Micaela Houseman & Ainsley Karlin. They each received a blanket which was made by the Blanket Sewing Group. The reception also honored those that received the Matt 25 Scholarship: Elizabeth Bartels, Kasha Gartner & Ainsley Karlin.

Hope Circle met on Monday, May 8, for their monthly Bible Study. All women are invited to attend the monthly Bible Study.

The Women of the Church gathered in the Church kitchen on Wednesday, May 17, to clean the kitchen. The kitchen is like at home, many use it so it was great to get it spruced up & organized.

The funeral luncheon for CJ Wehrbein was served by the Women of the Church on May 16.

There will be no WELCA Board meeting the months of May, June or July unless a special meeting is needed.

Everyone have a Blessed summer.



June Calendar:

Monday, June 12- Hope Circle Bible Study 10:00 am

Wednesday, June 14- Blanket Sewing 9:00am to 3:00 pm

Nancy C Johnsen & Joyce Haecker, WELCA Co-Presidents

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

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed diapers and wipes in the month of May for the Beatrice Sixpence Diaper Pantry. Missy Timmerman, Director of Early Childhood Development, wrote: "This is so kind of you!!! Thank you very much for thinking of us!"

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." -- Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist



***We will celebrate the life of Robert "Bobby" Dean Ames-Woolsey at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 24, at 2 p.m. with a meal to follow. Bobby died on February 24, 2023 in Birch Bay, Washington due to heart complications. As Matthew Ames-Woolsey planned this memorial, he wrote: "In the spirit of who Bobby was, he was NOT a morning person, so 2 p.m. seemed just right to honor his legacy." Bobby served at the Treasurer of Holy Cross before he and Matthew moved to Birch Bay, Washington in 2021. Matthew served on the Holy Cross Church Council as well as being the facilitator for the church council and Vision Team in mission and vision. They generously shared their gifts with this congregation in this and many other ways. May the light of Christ shine on Bobby as he has joined the saints eternal. Matthew writes that he is looking forward to seeing their Holy Cross family in June.***



## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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

June 1	Josh Houseman
June 2	Gloria Paben
June 4	Kylie Belt
June 5	Rose-Ann Parde*
June 6	Darlene Folkerts*
June 8	Mackenzie Higgins
June 9	Gary Orth
June 10	Ryker Hoxea Bethel Riens*
June 15	Brookelynn Bahnsen
June 17	Nichole White
June 19	Gerin Zimmerman
June 20	Kierra Higgins Misty Higgins Ruth Siems
June 21	Gary Harrington
June 22	Makenna Higgins
June 23	Ruth Legacie
June 24	Sharon Vrtiska
June 25	Darrel Freitag*
June 26	Olivia White
June 28	Jackie Rinne
June 29	Dianne Cole
June 30	Merle Ideus Matthew Jobman Journey Keck

### **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** to:

Rose-Ann Parde who will be 85 on June 5...  
 Darlene Folkerts, who will be 86 on June 6...  
 Bethel Riens, who will be 91 on June 10...  
 and Darrel Freitag who will be 88 on June 25.  
 God's blessings to you all—may you have a happy and healthy year!



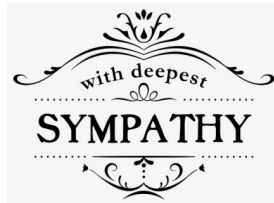
## **JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

June 2, 2001	Sherman & Linda Skala
June 5, 1955	Clarence & Joyce Parde*
June 12, 2021	Zachary & Natalie Coffin
June 20, 1969	Tom & Carol Karlin
June 22, 1991	Larry & Michelle Wolken
June 23, 2001	Russell & Michele Jobman
June 27, 1992	Eric & Pastor Kathee Forrest
June 27, 2009	Marc & Rochelle Hoxea
June 29, 1996	Greg & Jody Helton
June 29, 1968	Donald & Norma Huls (Happy 55th!)

*Those celebrating 25, 50, 60 and above years!*

### **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

- Clarence & Joyce Parde who will celebrate their 68th Wedding Anniversary on June 5.



**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of CJ Wehrbein who passed away Wednesday, May 10. CJ's funeral was at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 16. We commend CJ to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Raymond Johnsen, Rose-Ann Parde's brother, who passed away Monday, May 8. Raymond's funeral was Friday, May 12, at Christ Lutheran Church. We commend Raymond to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Herman Hofeling, our former organist Denise Lenners-Kleine's father and Dorothy Hofeling's brother-in-law, who passed away Saturday, May 6. Herman's funeral was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 13. We commend Herman to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Elsie Zimmerman, Kathy (Glen) Baete's mother and Emma Evers' sister-in-law, who passed away Saturday, May 20. Elsie's funeral was at Zion Lutheran Church, Pickrell on May 24. We commend Elsie to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Beverly Vitosh, Jeanette Vitosh's mother-in-law, who passed away Thursday, May 18. Bev's funeral was at Harman-Wright Chapel on May 22. We commend Bev to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.



## **WORSHIP HELPERS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP**

**HELPERS:** Please remember that if you cannot serve on the day that you are scheduled, it is your

responsibility to find someone else to take your place. The easiest way is usually to trade with someone on another date. Please make the church office **402-228-3172** aware of the change so the right names can be put in the church newsletter & bulletin. If you absolutely cannot find a replacement, for Saturday nights – please call 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, June 3—No communion**

Worship Leader: Beth Dunker

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman

Reader: Denny Russell

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

YouTube: Dallen Johnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, June 10—No communion**

Worship Leader: Pastor Fred Bredehoeft

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, June 11—No communion**

Worship Leader—Matt Schur

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Karen Jobman, Glennys Lienemann

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Susan Kreft, Melanie

Lafkin; Reader: Gloria Paben;

YouTube: 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; Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Madelyn & Morgan

Nielsen; Communion: Jackie Rinne

YouTube: Terri Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, June 24**

Ushers/Greeters: Kim & Kyle Bahnsen

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail 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; YouTube: Jackie Rinne

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, July 1**

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker; Communion: Denny Russell

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, July 2**

Greeters: Steve & Pam Garton

Ushers: Mary Schuster-Graff, Terri Huls

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

Reader: Mary Schuster-Graff; Communion: Terri Huls

YouTube: Dallen Johnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, July 8**

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Tom Karlin

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, July 9**

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins

Ushers: Bill & Rebecca Behrends

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kierra & Makenna Higgins

Reader: Bill Behrends; Communion: Rebecca Behrends

YouTube: Larry Cole

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, July 15**

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde; Communion: Norma Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, July 16**

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Susan Kreft

Ushers: Steve & Toni Janzen

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Austin Wolken, Karen

Jobman; Reader: Gloria Paben

Communion: Steve Janzen; YouTube: Terri Huls

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, July 22**

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, July 23**

Greeters: Stacie Bruns family, Barb Scott

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Jeff & Jenae Bauer

Reader: Jenae Bauer; Communion: Larry Cole

YouTube: Jackie Rinne

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

#### **Saturday, July 29**

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Berlita Grell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Denny Russell

#### **Sunday, July 30**

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Jeremy Engelman; Communion: Larry Hibbert

YouTube: Dallen Johnsen

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/

**APRIL 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Sandy Mahler, Treasurer**

<b>2023 General Operating</b>	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
APRIL	-\$3,074.99	\$16,469.57	\$3,333.33		\$13,789.31	\$6,013.59	\$2,938.60
<b>TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:</b>		<b>\$55,455.99</b>	<b>\$5,833.33</b>		<b>\$58,351.02</b>		<b>\$2,938.60</b>

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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](http://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.

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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<b>Faithbuilders</b>					
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Regular Offering</u></b>		<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Offerings</u></b>
April 29/30	19-46	\$2642.00		3	\$10.00
May 6/7	13-53	\$3594.90		5	\$10.00
May 13/14	18-41	\$4321.00			
May 20/21	16-53	\$2446.00			
Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$250.00, Holy Cross only-\$525.00, Easter-\$10.00, Food Pantry-\$55.00, ELCA World Hunger-\$10.00, Parking Lot Rock-\$500.00, Noisy Offering (LWR Earthquake Relief) -\$75.53, Continuing Ed Reimbursement-\$40.00, Facility Use-\$30.00.					



Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2023

Present: Kodi Higgins, Dallen Johnsen, Larry Kendall, Austin Wolken, Inez Trauernicht  
Absent: Ryan Vogel and Pastor Kathee Forrest

Council Meeting called to order at 6:58.

A. Opening Devotions by Dallen J. Hope with God. A Hope Prayer was also said.

1. Denny and Gail Russell were guests and discussed having 10 stumps removed. Larry K. will rent a stump grinder and take out the stumps with some help.
2. At our March 9, 2023 meeting it was suggested and approved that we hold an outdoor celebration of paying off the video and sound system on July 23, 2023. Denny and Gail Russell suggested an outdoor concert either Aug. 19th or 20th and having Bob Marshall providing entertainment. It was then suggested and agreed to combine the 2 concerts on July 23, 2023 and suggested that Bob Marshall provide entertainment.

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Larry K. to approve the agenda. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Austin W. to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second by Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. A motion was made by Inez T. with a second from Larry K. to use \$31.80 from Robert & Donna Johnsen Special Gifts for Choir music, \$400.00 from Alvina Lienemann Special Gifts for VBS material, \$41.06 from Doug Freitag and \$17.26 from Mark Jobman Memorials for Easter and Bible School material, up to \$85 from the Arleen Hippen Memorial for an oak tree, \$115.50 from Landscape funds for Landscape edging, and 1333.33 from Sunmart Special gifts to the general operating fund. Motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Larry K. and seconded by Kodi H. to move \$2000 from the over/short from previous years to the general checking account to cover expenses. Motion was approved.
3. A motion was made by Larry K. and seconded by Inez T. to amend the original motion from the March 9 meeting of investing \$25,000 from the Mission Investment Fund to a 18 month Investment fund and \$25,000 from the Mission Investment to a 12 month Investment fund with no less than 5% interest. It was amended to move \$50,000 at 4.25% for 3 years and \$25,000 at 4% for 1 year to Mission Investments. The balance of \$28,000 will be left in Demand Investments with check writing privileges. Motion was approved.
4. Work orders were discussed.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Gail Russell and Ryan Vogel are working on getting new play equipment.
2. Further discussion was held regarding the July 23, 2023 outdoor concert. discussion was held to add an Ice Cream social with the outdoor activities.
3. Photo Directory work continues.

4. Council Retreat will be May 3, 2023 at 6:15 at Holy Cross.
5. Outdoor Christmas decorations for the west side will be discussed with the Memorials and Gifts Committee.

F. New Business

1. On April 30, 2023 we will have a blessing of our graduates and a presentation of Matt 25 Scholarships.
2. We will leave WIFI with Spectrum.
3. 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.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer

1. A motion was made by Larry K. and seconded by Austin W. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht  
Council Secretary

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**FACEBOOK:** There is a link on the Holy Cross Website, [holycrossbeatrice.com](http://holycrossbeatrice.com), that will take you to the Holy Cross Facebook page. It is constantly being updated with new pictures and items of interest. You do not have to join the Holy Cross Group on Facebook to view the pictures or announcements. If you do join our group you will receive a notification whenever new announcements or photos are posted. Invite your Facebook friends to join!

**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 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.

**TO THE KIND AND GENEROUS PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN:**

Thank you for stepping out in faith and love to care for neighbors like Nadia. (Nadia Agarkova and her two year old son Kyrylo received a Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt and Personal Care Kit at a distribution in western Ukraine.) Your love and compassion is a reflection of God's love for all his people. Thank you for sharing the blessing of your ministry. In Christ, Janice, LWR

# June 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>2</b> <div>Nebraska Synod Assembly Kearney, NE, June 2-3</div> 8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>3</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps  6:30 p.m. Memorial & Gifts Team Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  7:00 p.m. Council  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>9</b>  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>10 Wildflower Week Celebration</b> 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Special Treats/Native Plants Viewing/Q & A
<b>11 Wildflower Week Celebration</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Special Treats/Native Plants Viewing/Q & A  <div>Pastor Kathee on vacation</div>	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>14</b> 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>16</b>  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>17</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
Vacation Bible School, June 12-16, with Pool Party on June 16						
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	<b>19</b>  NO WELCA Board Meeting	<b>20</b> Newsletter Articles Due  10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>23</b>  8:00 p.m. N.A.	<b>24</b>  6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship /Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax  8:15 p.m. N.A.	<b>30</b>	

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## **RECIPE FOR FATHERHOOD**

A man who wishes to be a great Christian father should consider the following:

- Let your children see that you treat your own parents with love and respect. Honor them.
- Let your children see that you love your heavenly Father.
- Show in various ways that you love their mother. A loving home is a secure, stable, supportive home where each person is treated with tender loving care.
- Listen to your children. Put down the paper, turn off the television, leave the computer and frequently ask what is going on in their lives.
- Plan and execute trips and recreational activities together.
- Take part in school, scouting, musical and drama activities with them. Praise sincerely whatever contribution the child has made to the event.
- Make your home cheerful. Tell funny stories and laugh. Laughter at the table creates a happy environment.
- When your children ask for it, give your best advice, but don't complain when they don't follow it. The school of hard knocks is still relevant.
- Take them to worship regularly. The church helps provide guidance, stability and unity for families. And God can seal together the family that honors Him.

