

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

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship
Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship

FAITHBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are no Faithbuilders classes during August. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 10. See page 3 for info on Backpack Blessing weekend.

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 come join us! (No Adult Ed on August 20)

EXCITING NEWS!



It's time for a new pictorial church directory!

SAVE THE DATES!

**Our photographer will be at Holy Cross
September 25, 26, and 27!**

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE
NEAR FUTURE!**

3RD ANNUAL OUTDOOR CONCERT

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!

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**ASSEMBLY OF
LUTHERAN WORLD
RELIEF SCHOOL KITS
AUGUST 5/6, 2023**

Saturday, August 5—You are asked to stay for 15-20 minutes following worship to help prepare items for the school kits (removing scissors, erasers & pencil sharpeners from packaging and banding up bundles of pens and pencils).

Sunday, August 6—Come and help assemble Lutheran World Relief School Kits on Sunday morning following worship.

We are hoping to put together 100 kits —everyone's help is much appreciated!!

CROSSROADS+



1Group photo at Library of Celsus

The ruins of the city of Ephesus in present day Turkiye (formerly Turkey) are so amazing, I hope you will read Part 3 of discoveries as I traveled "In Search of Paul". Paul addressed the citizens of Ephesus in the theater and John the Evangelist likely visited the city as well.

The famous Celsus Library stands by the entrance to the marketplace in Ephesus. While the Library was not built until 114 ACE, long after the Apostle Paul's visits, he undoubtedly would have walked through The Gate of Mazues, which stands beside the Celsus library, on his way to the large Agora (marketplace). *The Gate of Mazeus and Mithridates between the Celsus Library and the*

agora (marketplace) This gate was erected by two former slaves from Ephesus who had been freed by Ceasar August. The inscription is to "The God Caesar Augustus, Most High Priest." The designation, "Pontius Maximus" (Most high priest) comes from the words which mean "Great Bridge" between the divine and human. That is the Roman Empire in which Paul preached.

There is an account in stories of Ephesus of new believers collecting and publicly burning their books on magic. (see Acts 19:19). "The library and Christianity were closely connected since the new religion laid great emphasis on the written word in the form of sacred texts and commentaries, which was in marked contrast to the older pagan rites and rituals which were typically passed on orally by priests to initiates. Unfortunately, in 262 CE the library was destroyed by fire during a Gothic invasion. (1)

Ephesus remained an important Christian city hosting an ecumenical council of bishops in 431 CE and receiving a huge basilica for worship in the mid-6th century.



2The Gate of Mazeus and Mithridates, Ephesus

(1) https://www.worldhistory.org/Library_of_Celsus/Inscriptions_on_the_Gate

Graffiti? This graffiti carving on the steps of the library testifies to the presence of a significant Jewish community in Ephesus. Come by my office and let me know what the carving is in exchange for a treat!

In Christ's mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee





YOU'RE INVITED!!

Join us for the Blessing of the Backpacks at either one of our weekend worship services
Saturday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. or
Sunday, August 6, 9:00 a.m.

School is just around the corner! Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. Here at Holy Cross, on August 5 and 6, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks, bookbags, or lunch boxes to worship. The service will lift up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year. Teachers, aides, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, bus drivers, etc., come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work! Invite your family and friends!



“GO AND... SHARE YOUR STORY”

Something new for everyone! During the month of August the “Go and...” theme is Share Your Story! We all have a story to share: stories of families, friendships, histories, and faith. We connect the dots and see our connections. Let's do this together during Adult Education time following worship.

August 6 (we will meet after LWR school kits are assembled) – God's story includes you. We will read scripture about God and us from creation, Psalm 139, and Jesus. And we will listen to a story about Dave Isay, founder of StoryCorps to spark sharing our own story.

August 13 –We hear stories all the time, including Bible stories. We have heard the story today of Jesus walking on water and Peter's reaction. We all have a story to tell and often our stories share common themes with Bible stories. There is only one YOU and God loves you! Begin your story notes including milestones, themes, symbols -imagine how you will tell your story. Where is God working in your life?

August 20 – Pastor is out – no Adult Ed but you can continue to contemplate how you will tell your story.

August 27 – Tell your story. Perhaps you have created a collage, a timeline, a written story to share-maybe you have pulled out a photo album, found an item you hope to be a family heirloom, made a poster board or a video. Telling your story is as unique as you are.

WORSHIP MATTERS



What is the Offertory?

The worship service with communion is divided into 4 parts: Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending. Have you ever noticed that the Meal begins with setting the table as the offering is being gathered? We contemplate our response to all that God has given us while the organist plays a musical interlude or there is an offering hymn sung by the choir or congregation. But, what is the Offertory? The word “Offertory” comes from the Latin word *offerre*, which means “to give, or to present.”

The Offertory is sung as the gifts are being brought to the altar and the congregation stands in praise and preparation before the offering prayer and Holy Communion. Gifts include the monetary offerings and in some congregations the bread and wine for communion is also brought forward.

Most Sundays at Holy Cross there is an Offertory. Offertories at Holy Cross are sometimes the traditional songs from the liturgy such as “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” or “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God.” Other times the Offertory is a verse from a song such as “We Give Thee But Thine Own.”

Tips for our ushers: Check to see if there is an Offertory on the Sunday you serve as usher. If so, the offerings and tithes are brought to the altar following the offering music and/or song as the congregation stands to sing the Offertory in thanksgiving to God and in preparation to receive Holy Communion. Thank you for serving in this way!

Attention Readers

Please do not adjust the microphone on the lectern. We have had some problems with the microphone hitting against the light and causing some sound problems. The light fixture has been tightened. We are hoping this fixes the problem. The sound on the microphone has been adjusted so that it should work regardless of the height of the person reading. Thank you for helping with worship at Holy Cross!

Assisting Ministers: What, Why, How?

Holy Cross is seeking to reignite the ministry of “assisting minister” which was once a vibrant part of Sunday ministry at Holy Cross, but was put on hold during pandemic. And so we will share with the congregation here what this role is, why it exists and how one does it. When we know this together as a community, we can share the responsibility for raising up leaders for this role and support those who assist in this way in worship.

The assisting minister role has deep roots in Christian history. The early church commissioned deacons to take extra food from the offering at holy communion to those in need. In this role they came to serve as assisting ministers in worship: praying for the needs of the world, giving thanks for the offering, assisting the presiding minister at the table, serving the people bread or wine, and sending the people forth to love and serve their neighbor.

The assisting minister role requires an understanding of all parts of worship and how they work together. This ancient role has its own dignity and importance within worship and, along with the presiding minister, offers continuity of leadership throughout the worship service.

We hope this brief description of the assisting minister will encourage you to suggest people who might be good candidates for this important position – maybe yourself! We invite you to consider attending the training scheduled on Sunday, September 24, at 10:15 a.m. following worship to learn more. The training will provide an opportunity for further discernment and those attending the training can decide to continue or not after training is completed.

Nebraska Synod, ELCA—July 2023



“Go and... Pray”

Ready, Set, Go! In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. We are taking these words to heart.

The Nebraska Synod is embarking on a year-long focus to “Go and ...” We invite you to be part of this call to GO!

“Go and ...” themes for this coming year were shared at Assembly 2023. Rev.

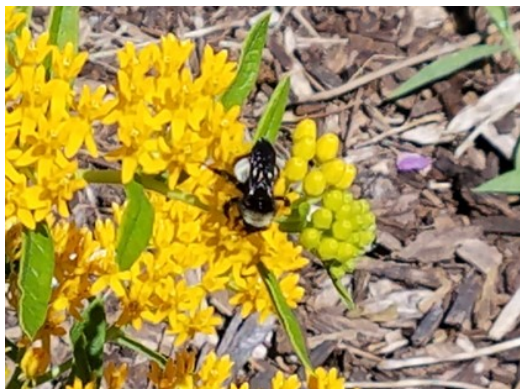
Maristela Freiberg, keynote speaker, asked participants to write their name on an image of feet as she delivered her presentations on the “Go and ...” theme. She invited all attending to take a name/image home to keep in prayer, but not everyone had a chance to take an image with them. The Synod staff has prayed over these names in staff meetings and wish to share with you. Please pray for this person during this year of “Go and ...” as we celebrate being church together.

To see all of the “Go and ...” resources available, visit <https://nebraskasynod.org/go-and/or> or click on the QR CODE (code can be found on our bulletin board).

Blessings on this year of “Go and ...”

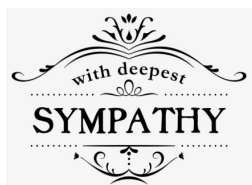
The Staff of the Nebraska Synod

Our person to pray for is Ralph Hanson. Ralph was one of the voting members at this year’s Nebraska Synod Assembly.



Our Pollinator Landscape is full of activity! We are expecting an increase in butterflies soon. Stop by and take a look!

SPECIAL THANKS to Gail and Denny Russell for their caretaking of the Pollinator Garden and the rest of our landscaping, especially in the heat of summer. You are invited to take a closer look to see the many pollinators that enjoy the plants and trees and you are always welcome to take a moment to sit and meditate on the benches.



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Anthony “Tony” George who passed away Sunday, July 23. Tony’s memorial service was at Holy Cross on July 27. We commend Tony to God’s care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

SAVE THE DATE for “*God’s Work. Our Hands.*” worship and service opportunities Sunday, Sept. 10.

NOISY OFFERING for August, September, and October will go toward the Discretionary Fund.

WHOLLY FOOD: Our Wholly Food team meets the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. to prepare casseroles for people who could use uplifting and comfort in the midst of life’s struggles. If you are interested in joining this team, please let Glennys Lienemann know. If you know anyone who could use a casserole to brighten their day, please fill out the paper in the jar in the narthex. While this is an outreach ministry of Holy Cross, delivery is open to anyone in our community.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Hope Circle met on Monday, July 10, at Jeannie's in Lewiston for lunch. Eight women had a great time of fellowship & food. It was decided that an annual luncheon out would be a good idea to continue.

Members of Holy Cross served a meal after the Memorial Service of Robert Ames-Woolsey on June 24.

The women served the memorial luncheon of Eugene Rosenthal on June 28.

There will be a WELCA Board meeting on August 21 & plans will begin for the Bake Sale that the women of Holy Cross will have at the Fall Craft Show at the Indian Creek Mall October 14 & 15.

August Calendar

Monday, August 14: Hope Circle 10:00am

Wednesday, August 16: Blanket Sewing 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Monday, August 21: WELCA Board meeting 7:00 pm

WELCA Co-Presidents Nancy C Johnsen & Joyce Haecker

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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. Thank you for your generosity to this ministry!! 10 items and \$20.00 were donated during June.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Plastic Shopping Bags - Used to make sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Aluminum Cans - Aluminum Cans - Proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Please put cans outside in the barrels in the enclosure east of the kitchen. Lids open easier if grabbed with both hands on front dimples.

Computer Ink Cartridges - Proceeds go to the Matt 25 Project Fund. Sorry - we are no longer able to recycle toner cartridges. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

Cell Phones - Donated to the Hope Crisis Center. Recycling bin is in the narthex.

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

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!



GO AND...

STORIES FROM THE NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023

“Go and...” initiative launched at assembly, but it will shape our year ahead in the Nebraska Synod.

The Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially gathered in assembly June 2-3, 2023. We gathered together under the theme, ***“Go and...”*** It’s drawn directly from the gospel lesson from the end of Matthew where we hear the familiar commissioning from Jesus, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Matthew 28:19-20, NRSV).

As a synod together, we are embarking on a year-long focus to ***“Go and...”*** inviting one another to be part of this call to GO, and lean in as God’s people who are called, gathered, and sent to ***“Go and...”*** The overall theme has twelve intentional focuses that we invite all disciples of the Nebraska Synod to join in with, as together we will ***“Go and...”***:

Pray (June), Listen (July), Share your story (August), Serve with neighbors (September), Ask (October). Be honest (November), Be present (December), Rest (January), Have the conversation (February), Be intentional (March), Tell the story (April), and Be church (May).

Bishop Scott Johnson presented his first Bishop's report as Bishop to the whole synod. He outlined the first year of discernment and the steps that the synod staff are taking as church together to lean into what God is inviting next.



Bishop Johnson showed emphasis on staffing decisions, Emmaus: Lifelong Learning, and the Vitality Initiative for Congregations. He showed gratitude for all who were gathered for assembly and for all the disciples and congregations who are the Nebraska Synod and make so much great ministry happen and possible as we are the church together.



The Rev. Christopher Otten, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop as Director for Chaplaincy was the ELCA churchwide representative at the 2023 Assembly.

Rev. Otten connected the *"Go and..."* theme with the larger call and challenge we all share, to *"Go and love!"* Which really is the umbrella for our call to *"Go and..."*

JUNE 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Sandy Mahler

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	\$14,184.73	-\$4,586.39	-\$4,586.39
FEBRUARY	-\$4,586.39	\$17,035.98			\$15,392.22	\$1,643.76	-\$2,942.63
MARCH	-\$2,942.63	\$12,352.40	\$2,500.00		\$15,232.78	-\$380.38	-\$3,323.01
APRIL	-\$3,323.01	\$16,469.57	\$3,333.33		\$13,789.31	\$6,013.59	\$2,690.58
MAY	\$2,690.58	\$13,068.29			\$13,516.05	-\$447.76	\$2,242.82
JUNE	\$2,242.82	\$11,877.68			\$13,830.22	-\$1,952.54	\$290.28
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$80,402.26	\$5,833.33		\$85,945.31		\$290.28

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP

Date	Attendance	Regular Offerings
July 1/2	19-47	\$3796.00
July 8/9	19-41	\$1720.90
July 15/16	14-39	\$1956.00
July 22/23	22-53	\$4191.68

Other offerings/income: Benevolence-\$70.00, Holy Cross only-\$635.00, School Supplies-\$5.00, Oaks-\$300.00, Food Pantry-\$20.00, Facilities Use-\$40.00

Memorials: Eugene Rosenthal Memorial-\$920.00



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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Solveig Bischoff
August 3	Dennis Russell
August 5	Kevin Otto
August 6	Willard Rippe
	Jessica Bruguera
August 8	Waylon Chenoweth
	Roma Garrison*
August 11	Larry Cole
	Betty George
August 13	Dorothy Hofeling*
August 16	Kodi Higgins
	Micaela Houseman
	June Kreft
August 21	Terri Huls
August 23	Courtney Kendall
	Teri Zimmerman
August 24	Chloe Brauer
August 25	Jody Bohling*
August 27	Beth Baete

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Roma Garrison who will turn 88 on August 8, Dorothy Hofeling who will turn 87 on August 13, and Jody Bohling who will turn 87 on August 25. God's blessings to you all—we wish you a happy and healthy year!!!



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

All Thrivent members are eligible to receive Thrivent Action Team money at no cost to them to help with church projects, community needs, etc. They can be a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Benefit members are eligible for two \$250.00 impact cards per calendar year. 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. Contact Nadine Hibbert at 402-239-8188 if you are interested or have any questions and for more information about Thrivent Action Team cards.



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 4, 2001	Sommer & Matt Sejkora
August 5, 1967	Pastor Bill & Jane Shaner
August 9, 1997	Duane & Inez Trauernicht
August 10, 2001	Henry & Denise Williford
August 20, 1982	Don & Deb Forke



ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (These are separate from Thrivent Action Teams) All it takes is a phone call or you can also do it online. If you have any questions on how to do it, please contact Nadine Hibbert for help.

HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

By phone

Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say

"Thrivent Choice."

Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent

Choice program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)

A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Online

Visit **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**.

In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, click

"Get started now."

Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)

Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.

Locate the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:

a. To direct to a previous organization:

Click **"Direct Now"** next to the organization's name, or

Click on the **"View activity history"** link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.

To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc.

Click **"Search."**

Choose **"Direct All"** or **enter a specific number** and click **"Direct Now."** Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

You have the power to recommend where Thrivent Financial gives back!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



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 or ask Pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Saturday, August 5

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Beth Dunker

Sunday, August 6

Greeters: Larry & Keri Kendall

Ushers: Robert & Joyce Haecker

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Darrell & Jackie Rinne

Reader: Peggy Johnsen

Communion: Jackie Rinne

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

Saturday, August 12

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, August 13

Greeters: Kodi & Misty Higgins

Ushers: Glennys Lienemann, Terri Huls

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

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Kendall Hein

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, August 19

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, August 20

Greeters: Ferdie & Vi Kimminau

Ushers: Aaron & Jackie Nielsen family

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

Reader: Jackie Nielsen

Communion: Bill Behrends

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, August 26

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Gail Russell

Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, August 27

Greeters: Steve Rippe, Lanny Ropers

Ushers: Larry Hibbert, Eric Forrest

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

Reader: Richard Schnaidt

Communion: Larry Hibbert

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

Saturday, September 2

Ushers/Greeters: Kyle & Kim Bahnsen

Reader: Denny Russell

Communion: Kyle Bahnsen

Sunday, September 3

Greeters: Barb Scott, Stacie Bruns

Ushers: Larry & Dianne Cole

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Kylie Belt, Ziel Tut

Reader: Janet Byars

Communion: Dianne Cole

Audio/Video: Terri Huls

Saturday, September 9

Ushers/Greeters: Sally Diekman, Beth Dunker

Reader: Beth Dunker

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, September 10

Greeters: Burley & Genell Copas

Ushers: Jeremy & Michelle Engelman

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Steve & Pam Norton

Reader: Jeremy Engelman

Communion: Mary Schuster-Graff

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

Saturday, September 16

Ushers/Greeters: Berlita Grell, Adonna Otto

Reader: Berlita Grell

Communion: Tom Karlin

Sunday, September 17

Greeters: Dorothy Hofeling, Karen Jobman

Ushers: Sheryl Harrington, Terri Huls

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

Reader: Sheryl Harrington

Communion: Kendall Hein

Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen

Saturday, September 23

Ushers/Greeters: Norma Huls, Rhonda Minzel

Reader: Rose-Ann Parde

Communion: Norma Huls

Sunday, September 24

Greeters: Steve & Toni Janzen

Ushers: Gloria Paben, Mary Schuster-Graff

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Eric Forrest, Susan Kreft

Reader: Gloria Paben

Communion: Gloria Paben

Audio/Video: Larry Cole

Saturday, September 30

Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Inez Trauernicht

Reader: Gail Russell; Communion: Inez Trauernicht

Sunday, October 1

Greeters: Shirley Wiens, Donna Rosenthal

Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel

Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Austin Wolken, Larry Hibbert

Reader: Jenae Bauer

Communion: Larry Hibbert

Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023**

Present: Dallen Johnsen, Kodi Higgins, Larry Kendall, Austin Wolken, Inez Trauernicht

Absent: Ryan Vogel and Pastor Kathee Forrest

Council Meeting called to order at 7:04.

A. Opening Devotions by Dallen Johnsen

B. Agenda

1. A motion was made by Inez T. 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 minutes. Motion was approved.

C. Information

1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second from Kodi H. for the June noisy offering to go to Mother to Mother Ministries.
2. Robert Ames-Woolsey, former treasurer of our church will have a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00.
3. A motion was made by Austin W. with a second by Larry K. to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. A motion was made by Kodi H. with a second from Larry K. to purchase candle lighter sticks with monies from the Wilfred Ideus Memorial and an oak tree from the Arleen Hippen Memorial. Motion was approved.
2. Austin W. is communicating with the high school counselors to help the children who need help.
3. The sinks in the kitchen are finished.

E. Unfinished Business

1. The Play Set is finished.
2. The Celebration of paying off the sound system is July 23, 2023.
3. The late summer concert will be August 26, 2023 with church starting at 6:00 and the outside concert starting at 7:00 p.m. Bob Marshall will be providing the entertainment. Cookies and drinks will be provided.
4. The work with the photo directory continues.
5. The Vision Team is working on getting new members.

F. New Business

1. The duties for worship while the Pastor is out of the office are being reviewed.

G. Adjournment and Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

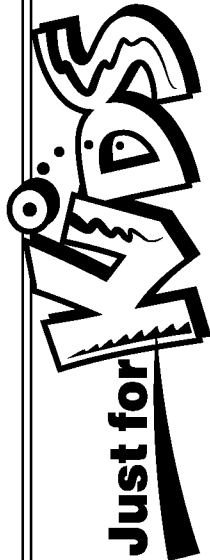
1. A motion was made by Larry K. with a second by Kodi H. to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Inez Trauernicht
Council Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	4 8:00 p.m. N.A.	5 Backpack Blessing 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 Backpack Blessing 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship/Assembly of LWR School Kits 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	7	8 6:30 p.m. Memorial & Gifts Team Meeting	9 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	10 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 7:00 p.m. Council 8:15 p.m. N.A.	11 8:00 p.m. N.A.	12 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	14 10:00 a.m. Hope Circle	15	16	17 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	18 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:00 p.m. N.A.	19 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Pastor Bill Shaner <div>Pastor out August 19-22</div>
20 9:00 a.m. Worship w/ Pastor Bill Shaner 10:15 a.m. Fellowship <div>Pastor out August 19-22</div>	21 7:00 p.m. WELCA Board Mtg	22	23	24 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	25 8:00 p.m. N.A.	26 <div>6:00-6:45 p.m. Outdoor Worship 7:00 p.m. 3rd Annual Community Concert</div>
27 9:00 a.m. Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	28	29 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	30	31 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.		



“Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation. Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

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(Matthew 26:36)

(Genesis 2:15)

(Matthew 4:18)

(Matthew 3:13)

(Exodus 19:20)

(John 4:6)

(Acts 18:2)

(Genesis 11:5-9)

(Daniel 6:16)

(Exodus 16:1)