

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

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays — 6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays — 9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

FAITHBUILDERS

Faithbuilders' Sunday School classes are on break for the summer.

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!



CELEBRATION!

Sunday, July 23

Join us on Sunday, July 23, as we celebrate the paying off of our Sound & Streaming System Update project!

We will be having a sing-a-long of favorite gospel songs and hymns at 9:00 worship that morning (sign up sheet for your favorite song is in the narthex), are planning an activity following worship and then having a celebration potluck meal at 11:30 a.m. Pulled pork will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share. Looking forward to celebrating with you!

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.

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+

Ephesus Part 2 - Ephesus in Paul's time was not only the Roman capital of Asia but also home to the Temple of Artemis, one of the most magnificent temples of the ancient world, with only a column or two excavated remaining today. The temple was described by Philo of Byzantium:

I have seen the walls and Hanging Gardens of ancient Babylon, the statue of Olympian Zeus, the Colossus of Rhodes, the mighty work of the high Pyramids and the tomb of Mausolus. But when I saw the temple at Ephesus rising to the clouds, all these other wonders were put in the shade.



Model of the Temple of Artemis Photo By Zee Prime at cs.wikipedia, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=6347027>



Excavation site as it looks now. Photo by By FDV - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=65764603>

We certainly found Paul in the theater of Ephesus. The Book of Acts Chapter 19 provides such rich detail about Paul's presence and preaching nearly causing a riot in Ephesus. The artisans, led by silversmith Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis to sell to the local tourists, were incensed that Paul preached that "gods made with hands are not gods." Demetrius was afraid of a couple of things: that Paul would wreck his business AND that the goddess Artemis would be "deprived of her majesty" and very angry – and who knows what would happen when she is angered! The enraged group stirred up others and made their way through the crowded streets of Ephesus to the theater.

There was much confusion and they shouted in unison "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" for about two hours before the town clerk, who had to make his way from his office through the city streets, finally arrived and quieted them down. At the urging of Paul's companions and city officials, he did not go to the theater. I can't imagine the huge crowd shouting for 2 hours, but we did experience the great

acoustics of this well-preserved theater as our group read from Acts. Today this theater is host to modern concerts and presentations, including Elton John's concert in 2001 where he sang "Rocket Man". Anyone who tells me their favorite Elton John song in July gets a surprise!

The Celsus Library in Ephesus was built after Paul's visit, but has an interesting connection to Christianity. Learn more in Ephesus – Part 3.



Our Turkish guide, Cenk Eronat, describing the theater – excellent acoustics as we read from the book of Acts.

In Christ's Mission that we share,
Pastor Kathee Forrest



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will not be held during July or August. Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at worship this summer. Sunday School Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 10.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



CAMPERS LOVE MAIL!

Confirmation Camp Mail—If you would like to send notes of encouragement to one of our confirmation students at camp—please give them to Pastor Kathee before they leave on July 9. Also keep them in your prayers! Students going to confirmation camp this summer are Morgan Nielsen and Eloise Maurstad..

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The Nebraska Synod shared a theme of “Go And...” with attendees of the Nebraska Synod Assembly this summer and asks congregations to make it an emphasis. The theme for July is:

GO AND... LISTEN

How do we listen with our full selves? In reality, all of our senses are used when we listen – with our ears, our eyes, our mouths, and our bodies. As disciples, we listen to ourselves, our neighbors, and God. When we listen, we find new perspectives, shared history, and common ground.

Questions to Consider:

What is something you learned from listening to your heart?

What is something you learned from listening to a stranger?

In a year of GOING, how will you listen to those around you?

Prayer: Listening God, help me stay open to the surprises you provide while on the road this summer. Amen.

“Listen, God is Calling” ELW 513

Chorus: **Listen, Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Listen, listen, God is calling through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

1. Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free.

(Chorus)

2. Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God, go and baptize.

(Chorus)

3. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

(Chorus)

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Hope Circle met on Monday, June 12, for their monthly Bible Study. All women are invited to join for the monthly Bible Study.

Hope Circle is planning a luncheon outing for July's get together on Monday, July 10. We will gather at the Church parking lot before 11:00 am and carpool to Jeannie's

restaurant in Lewiston. Please advise Joyce or Nancy in advance if you are interested so we can give numbers to Jeannie .

The women served the funeral luncheon for Roxine Weichel on Thursday, June 15.

There is no WELCA Board meeting in July unless a special meeting is needed. Have a Blessed summer.

July Calendar:

Monday, July 10: Hope Circle luncheon at Jeannie's Restaurant in Lewiston. 11:00 am meet in church parking lot.

Wednesday, July 12: Blanket Sewing 9:00am to 3:00pm

Nancy C Johnsen and Joyce Haecker, WELCA Co Presidents

On Your
Ordination
Anniversary

BLESSINGS ON YOUR ORDINATION DAY! Pastor Larry Spomer, who served Holy Cross from 1969-1972, will be celebrating his 60th Ordination Anniversary this year. There is a card in the narthex for all Holy Cross members to sign.



Blank Spots in the Landscape

You may have noticed some blank spots in the Holy Cross landscape, especially on the south and west sides of the sanctuary. This may sound a little strange, but these blanks spots are something to be excited about. We had lots of volunteers on a nice day in early March and we removed several shrubs (barberry and burning bush) from our landscape. These

shrubs are not native to our area and are invasive, meaning they can escape from managed care and naturalize . This poses a threat to our native plants, shrubs, and trees because these may be very vigorous. There is also a nonnative invasive tree you need to be concerned about in your landscape and that is the Bradford Pear. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Master Gardeners in our congregation – Jenae Bauer, Denny Russell, or Gail Russell.

Thank You!



Thank you to the volunteers that have helped in our landscape so far in 2023! Our landscape looked great for the Wildflower Week Celebration. Thank you to Jeff Bauer, Jenae Bauer, Larry Cole, Jeremy Engelman, Michelle Engelman, Joyce Haecker, Robert Haecker, Terri Huls, Steve Janzen, Larry Kendall, Glennys Lienemann, Gloria Paben, Jolene Pike, Denny Russell, and Gail Russell. Thank you to the Property Committee, Council members, and others that helped with tree removal and assembly of the play equipment also! Thank you to everyone that helped with or attended the Wildflower Week Celebration!



OPEN HOUSE – JULY 15, 3:00-5:00 P.M.: You are invited to help celebrate Gary & Sheryl Harrington's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 15, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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!! 4 items and \$95.00 were donated during May.

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.



PLEASE HELP FILL OUR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS!

Our summer project this year is School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting items through July and then assembling them the first Sunday in August. Please add these needed items to your shopping lists and bring them to church. Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies sometimes mean the difference between getting an education or not. In the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more

than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Many of these school kits go to war torn countries where the children are affected through no fault of their own. The bags are sent with no symbols for their own safety. All items should be new and in good condition. You can leave your donations in the tub in the narthex. Thank you for your gifts to this ministry! This project is sponsored by Rosetta Swarthout.

Our goal this year is 100 School Kits! Each School Kit needs:

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener One box of 16 or 24 crayons One 2½" eraser

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers

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!

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!

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: Gloria Paben, Terri Huls
Door Greeters/Ass't Ushers: Ryan & Angie Vogel family
Reader: Gloria Paben; Communion: Terri Huls
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

Saturday, July 8

Ushers/Greeters: Adonna Otto
Reader: Denny Russell; 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
Audio/Video: Larry Cole
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

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; Audio/Video: Terri Huls
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Larry Hibbert

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
Audio/Video: Jackie Rinne
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Larry Hibbert

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
Audio/Video: Dallen Johnsen
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

Saturday, August 5

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

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
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

Saturday, August 12

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

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

PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

Saturday, August 19

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

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
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed

Saturday, August 26

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

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
PP Preparer/Presenter: Gail Russell/Volunteer Needed



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2	Logan Kreft
July 4	Rhonda Minzel
July 5	Joyce Jurgens
July 8	Melanie Laflin
July 9	Natalie Coffin
July 10	Jolene Pike
July 12	Matt Brommer
July 13	Steve Garton
	Cole Karlin
July 15	Fred Hoyle
	Ron Martin
July 17	Kendall Hein
	Bailey Ideus
July 19	Norah Bruguera
July 19	Franklin Belt
	Bryce Karlin
July 24	Helen Huls*
July 25	Nadine Hibbert
	Becky Smith
July 26	Sally Dickman
	Tony George
July 28	Jeanette Vitosh
	Ron Volle
July 30	Klarissa Hein
	Jane Martin
	Ron Paben
July 31	Neil Dunker

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Helen Huls who will be 85 on July 24. God's blessings to you —may you have a happy and healthy year!



JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7-4-91	Steve & Suzanne Bayless
7-4-03	Danny & Lorella Matulka
7-7-90	Steve & Becky Smith
7-15-72	Ron & Gloria Paben
7-15-73	Gary & Sheryl Harrington
7-28-73	Neil & Beth Dunker
7-28-84	Jeffrey & Jenae Bauer

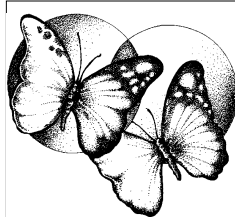


Those celebrating 25, 50, 60 and above years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary & Sheryl Harrington who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 15.

CONGRATULATIONS to Neil & Beth Dunker who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 28.

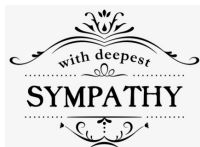
God's blessings to you all—may you have many more happy years together.



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Gary and Kathy Orth who were received as members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 25. Gary & Kathy come to us from Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas. Please take the time to introduce yourself the next time you see them and welcome them to Holy Cross!

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.



OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Roxine Weichel who passed away Monday, June 5. Roxine's memorial service was at Holy Cross on June 15. We commend Roxine to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Robert "Bobby" Dean Ames-Woolsey who passed away February 24, 2023 in Birch Bay, WA. A memorial service was held for Bobby at Holy Cross on June 24. We commend Bobby to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Shelly Schuldt, daughter of Rosetta Swarthout, who passed away November 26, 2022. Shelly's memorial service was held at Holy Cross on Sunday, June 25. We commend Shelly to God's care and ask His blessings on her family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Eugene Rosenthal who passed away Saturday, June 24. Eugene's memorial service was held at Holy Cross on June 28. We commend Eugene to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.



Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent a lovely arrangement, gave a memorial donation or helped out in any way, your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered. The Baumfalks

Thank you for your generous gift to Mother-to-Mother Ministry. Through your donation we are able to continue assisting families in Beatrice and the surrounding area. You truly make a difference for us and we are extremely grateful. With gratitude, Mother-to-Mother Ministry

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

Car time provides the opportunity to practice prayer and develop new prayer practices. Whether it's a road trip to a fun vacation destination or the memorized path to the ball field, you can use travel time for prayer.

Here's a few ideas to get you started:

- When you hear a siren the first thing you need to do is to look around and make sure you are not in the way of the emergency vehicle. When you know you are safely out of the way, take a deep breath and offer a prayer for the safety of those going to the emergency and for those who need assistance.
- When you are on state or county roads you may come on historical markers. Stop and read the sign and offer a prayer for those named and the big picture of their lives which may have included sacrifice, loneliness, danger, happy celebrations, goodbyes and hellos.
- Download a map showing the Native American tribes of Nebraska. As you travel over the sacred lands once home to specific tribes offer a land acknowledgement prayer. Your prayer may begin with "I/we want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of (nation/tribe names)". Or "We would like to honor all the ancestral stewards of this land on which we meet/stand/view and their descendants living in over 1,000 Tribes, Nations. Bands, Pueblos, Communities or Native Villages." The Indigenous people who lived/live in Nebraska include Omaha, Santee Sioux, Cheyenne, Ponca, Lakota, Otto, Winnebago, Pawnee, and Arapaho.
- Country roads often provide a place to stop the car and take in the land. Find a place to safely park, get out of the car and take in the 360-degree view of the land. Offer a prayer for the land, the people who once lived here and the signs of life that you see in the fields, houses, barns, equipment and mailboxes.
- Our Tanzania Lutheran friends (ELCT) always offer prayer when you climb in the car and at the end of the day when everyone piles out of the vehicle. Incorporate this ritual into your daily travel routine encouraging family members to take turns offering prayers.
- Many of us grew up playing the alphabet game when traveling in the car. That was long ago before we had movies and games on phones. Work your way through the alphabet, in order, looking for things that match the letter. Examples: A=Automobile, B=Bridges, C=Cadillac, D=Donkey, E=End of the irrigation pivot, etc. When you get to Z offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the diversity of things you found and for the diversity, we experience every day in our own lives.
- Have a prayer list in the car noting people, places, and things which you might name in your prayers at the end of the day. A spiral notebook will let you look back at your list. A small dry erase board in the car which you wipe clean each morning serves as a remind of the fact each new day our slate is wiped clean and we have the opportunity to engage as disciples in new and exciting ways.
- A walking prayer is fun when you are exploring an area on foot. You will need to have a coin. When you come to an intersection, flip the coin. Heads = right. Tails = left. Before you start head own a new path, head in a new direction, name signs of God at work. Warning: If you are on who easily gets lost you might want to make a map, use an app to track your route or record your turns.

Share your prayer stories at office@nebraskasynod.org

May 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
APRIL	-\$3,074.99	\$16,469.57	\$3,333.33		\$13,789.31	\$6,013.59	\$2,938.60
MAY	\$2,938.60	\$13,068.29			\$13,516.05	-\$447.76	\$2,490.84
TOTALS YEAR TO DATE:		\$68,524.58	\$5,833.33		\$71,867.07		\$2,490.84



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.

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
May 27/28	16-42	\$1706.30
June 3/4	16-42	\$5446.00
June 10/11	14-38	\$2335/90
June 17/18	18-40	\$2129.68
June 24/25	17-51	\$2078.30



Other income/donations: Benevolence-\$180.00, Holy Cross only-\$530.00, Oaks Indian Mission-\$710.00, Food Pantry-\$95.00, May/June Noisy Offerings (Mother to Mother Ministry)-\$124.28, Facilities Use-\$36.00

Holy Cross Lutheran
Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023

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

Absent: Inez Trauernicht

Council Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Guest: Terri Huls

Terri Huls presented three options for outdoor play sets to the council to review. After discussion on each play set a motion was made by Dallen Johnsen and a second by Larry Kendall to move \$1000.00 from memorials and gifts to purchase the playset. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Pastor Kathee Forrest and second by Ryan Vogel to move \$59.59 from Willy Hofeling Memorial for the purchase of 2 outdoor shrubs. Motion carried.

1. Devotions were presented by Pastor Kathee

2 Agenda

- a. Motion made by Larry K, second by Pastor K to approve agenda for 5/11/23. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Kodi H., second by Larry K to approve meeting minutes from April 2023. Motion carried.

3. Information

- a. A motion was made by Kodi H, second by Larry K to approve the Pastor's report. Motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Austin W, second by Larry K to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance: Kodi- went over the financials with the council. No issues.
- b. Memorials and Gifts: Kodi- Recently purchased a playset.
- c. Stewardship: Larry- Bill Behrends still working on getting a committee/project together.
- d. Nominating: Austin- nothing to report.
- e. Evangelism and Social Ministry: Austin- Nothing to report.
- f. Youth: Ryan- Nothing to report.
- g. Parish Education: Ryan- Nothing to report.

- h. Worship: Inez- Dallen reported for Inez that we are entering summer months and there are no issues with scheduling.
- i. Property: Rock was put on the North drive on 5/5/2023. Several other small tasks completed.
- j. Mutual Ministry: Pastor K- nothing to report.

5 . Unfinished business

- a. Playset purchase was approved on 5/11/23.
- b. Celebration of the sound system is set for 7/23/2023. Normal worship at **9AM**, Entertainment from 10AM-11AM, Meal at 11:30AM.
- c. Late Summer/ Early Fall Concert was discussed with suggested dates of August 19 or 26.
Church Service: 6-6:45PM
Entertainment provided by outside guest.
In lieu of a meal it was discussed to have cookies and tea/lemonade.
- d. Work continues on the photo directory
- e. Vision team was discussed with new council members to bring them up to speed on the goals and purpose of the vision team.

6.. New Business

- a. Duties for worship were discussed while the pastor is out. Discussion of who could potentially be present if there are church functions to make sure guests are welcomed and can find everything along with unlocking/locking the doors. Further discussion will happen at the next meeting.
- b. Motion was made by Larry K and Second by Ryan V to designate offering in the amount of \$250.00 for the Janzens to take to Synod Assembly. Motion carried.
- c. Motion was made by Austin W. and second by Ryan V to receive Gary and Kathy Orth into membership. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion was held on the need for financial approval up to \$200.00 for the property team without council approval. Motion made by Larry K and seconded by Kodi. Motion carried.

7.. Adjournment.

- a. Motion made by Larry K. to adjourn the Meeting and seconded by Ryan V. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by: Kodi Higgins Financial Officer

for Inez Trauernicht Council Secretary

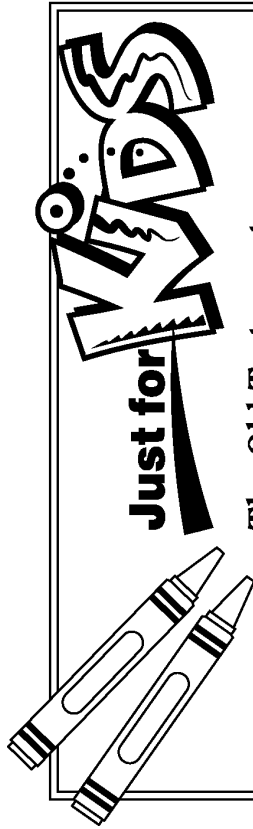
JOYFUL STEPS

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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
2 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	3 <div></div>	4 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	5 <div>Pastor on vacation</div>	6 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	7 8:00 p.m. N.A.	8 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education <div></div>	10 11:00 a.m. Hope Circle meets at Holy Cross to go to Jeannie's/ Lewiston Confirmation Camp—Carol Joy	11 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	12 9:00-3:00 Blanket Sewing	13 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	14 8:00 p.m. N.A. <div></div>	15 3:00-5:00 Gary/Sheryl Harrington 50th Wedding Anniv. Open House 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
16 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	17 NO WELCA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council	18 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps	19	20 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax NEWSLETTER articles due 8:15 p.m. N.A.	21 8:00 p.m. N.A.	22 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
23 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Education	24	25 10:00 a.m. Joyful Steps 5:00 p.m. Wholly Food	26	27 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ Across the Trax 8:15 p.m. N.A.	28 8:00 p.m. N.A.	29 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry Ingathering
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